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**Host a Static Website Locally: Set Up a Local
Server Apache and Host a Simple HTML page with
your name**

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Introduction

This proof of concept (POC) demonstrates how to locally host a static website using the Apache HTTP Server. The process includes setting up a local web server, configuring it properly, and hosting a basic HTML page. By completing these steps, you will gain practical experience in configuring and managing an Apache server, a fundamental skill for web hosting and server administration.

Objective

The objective of this project is to:

1. Install and set up a local web server using Apache.
2. Configure the server to host static files.
3. Create and host a basic HTML page displaying your name.

Importance

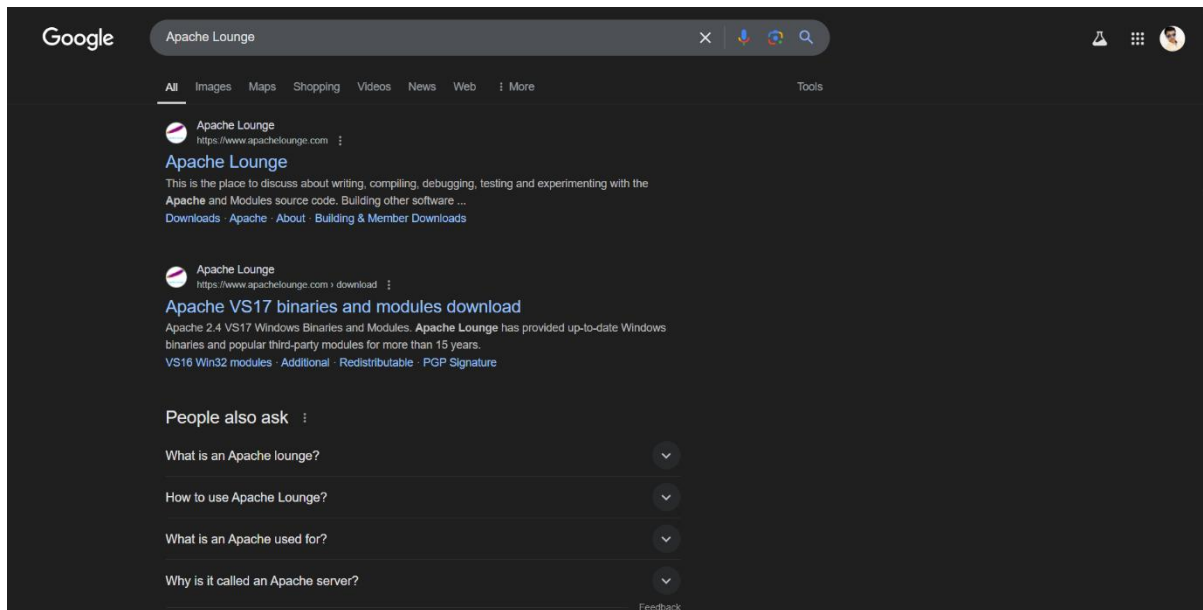
Local hosting is a fundamental skill for developers, enabling them to test and refine web applications in a controlled environment. It provides several key benefits:

- **Hands-On Learning:** Develop practical experience with server setup and configuration.
 - **Testing Environment:** Safely test and debug websites before deploying them to a live server.
 - **Offline Development:** Work on web projects without relying on an internet connection.
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Step-by-step Overview

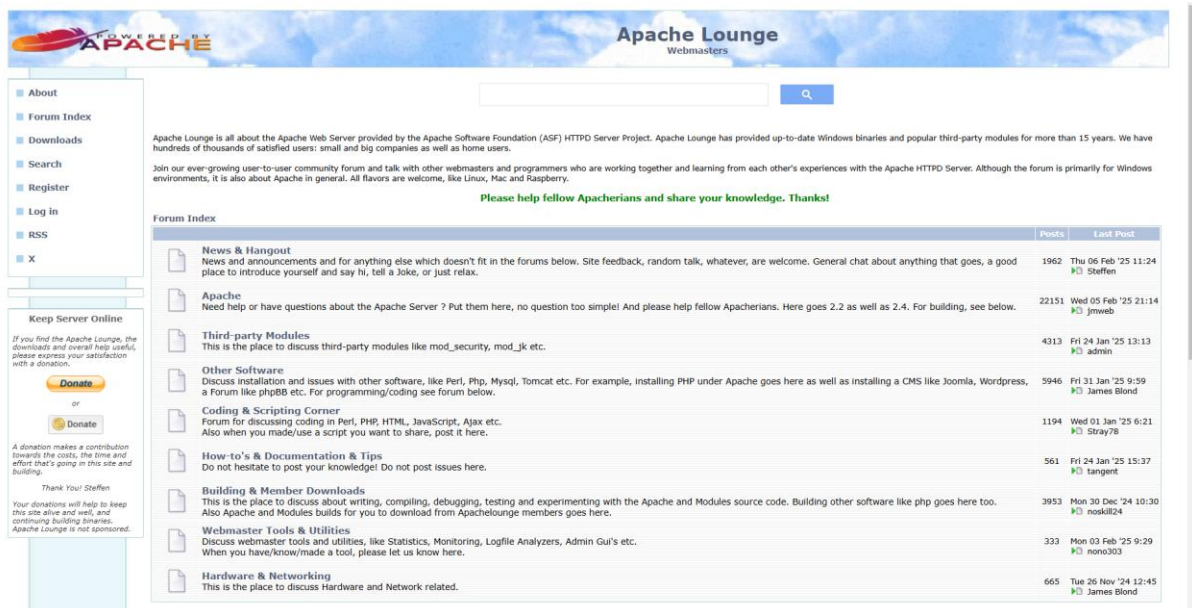
Step 1:

Search for "**Apache Lounge**" on Google and click the first link to access the official website.



Step 2:

Click on the "**Downloads**" option on the left-hand side of the Apache Lounge website.



Step 3:

- Download "**Apache 2.4.62-240904 Win64**" (Windows version).
- Extract all its contents to a preferred location on your system.

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Apache 2.4 VS17 Windows Binaries and Modules

Apache Lounge has provided up-to-date Windows binaries and popular third-party modules for more than 15 years. We have hundreds of thousands of satisfied users: small and big companies as well as home users. Always build with up to date dependencies and latest compilers, and tested thorough. The binaries are referenced by the ASF, Microsoft, PHP etc. and more and more software is packaged with our binaries and modules.

The binaries, are build with the sources from ASF at <http://httpd.apache.org>, contains the latest patches and latest dependencies like zlib, openssl etc. which makes the downloads here mostly more actual then downloads from other places. The binaries **do not run** on XP and 2003. Runs on: 7 SP1, Vista SP2, 8/8.1, 10, 11 Server 2008 SP2 / R2 SP1, Server 2012 / R2, Server 2016/2019/2022.

Build with the latest Windows Visual Studio C++ 2022 aka VS17. Has improvements, fixes and optimizations over VS16 in areas like Performance, MemoryManagement, New standard conformance features, Code generation and Stability. For example code quality tuning and improvements done across different code generation areas for "speed". And makes more use of latest processors and supported Windows editions (win7 and up) internal features.

VS17 is backward compatible, That means, a VS16/15/14 module can be used inside the VS17 binary.

Be sure you installed latest 14.42.34433.0 Visual C++ Redistributable Visual Studio 2015-2022 : [vc_redist_x64](#) or [vc_redist_x86](#) see [Redistributable](#)

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Info & Changelog

Apache 2.4.63-250207 Win64

- [httpd-2.4.63-250207-win64-vs17.zip](#) 07 Feb '25 11.728K
PGP Signature (Public PGP_key), SHA1-SHA512 Checksums

Apache 2.4.63-250207 Win32

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Apache 2.4 modules VS17

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Note: VS17 Win32 modules (like mod_fcgid) use VS16 ones at VS16 Win32 modules

Module	Description	Download	Info	Date	Size
mod_jk	Tomcat connector	mod_jk-1.2.50-win64-VS17.zip	Info	13 Aug '24	169K
mod_qos	Quality Of Service module, is able to protect your server from various kinds of malicious access or attacks like slowloris, DDOS	mod_qos-1.14-win64-VS17.zip	Info	03 Jun '23	1.094K

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Step 4:

- Open **Command Prompt as Administrator** (Press **Windows + R**, type cmd, right-click, and select '**Run as Administrator**').
- Set the path to the Apache bin folder using:

```
C:\Users\HP\Downloads\httpd-2.4.62-240904-win64-VS17\Apache24>cd C:\Users\HP\Downloads\httpd-2.4.62-240904-win64-VS17\Apache24\bin
```

Step 5:

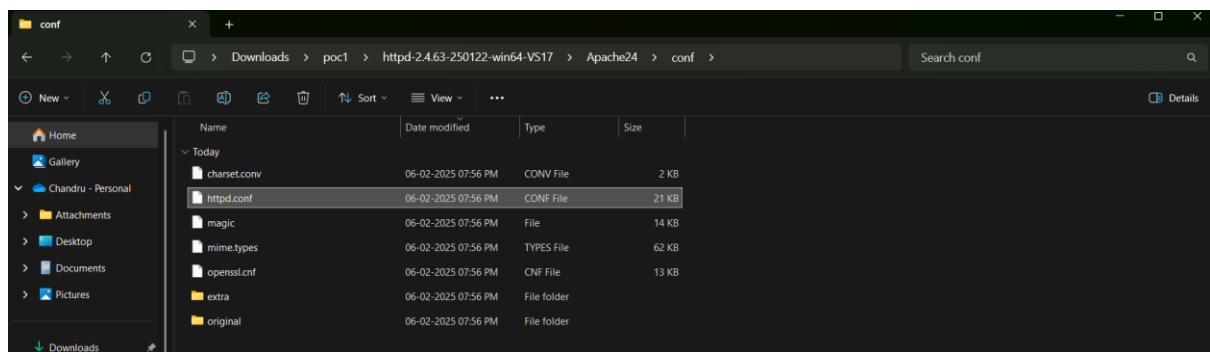
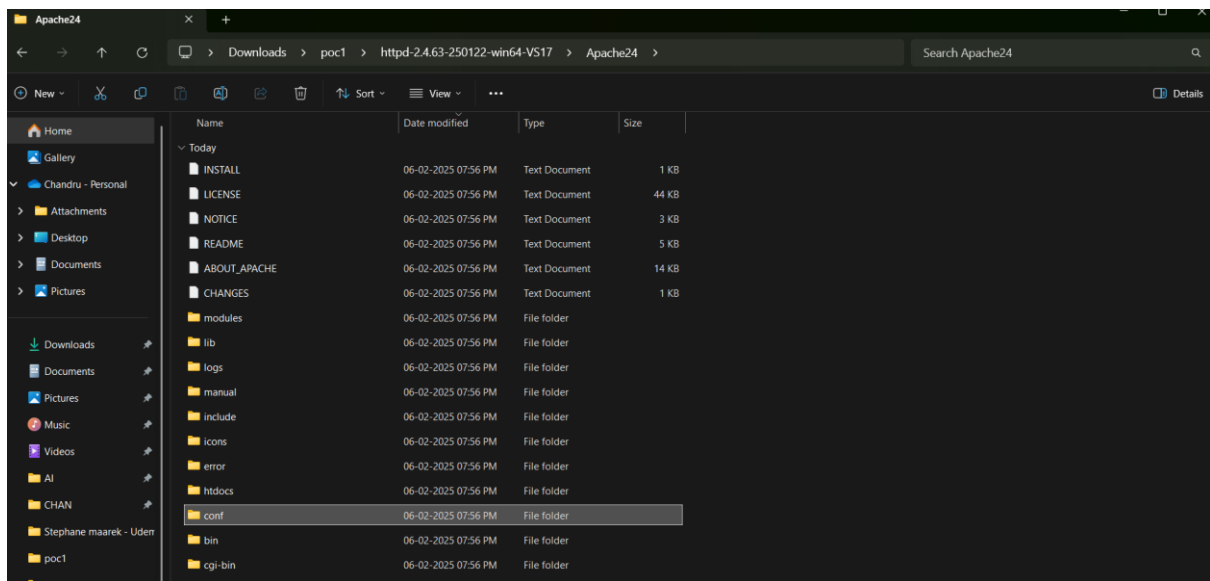
Run the following command to install Apache:

httpd.exe -k install

```
C:\Users\HP\Downloads\httpd-2.4.62-240904-win64-VS17\Apache24\bin>httpd.exe -k install
Installing the 'Apache2.4' service
The 'Apache2.4' service is successfully installed.
```

Step 6:

- Navigate to the **Apache installation folder**, open the conf folder, and locate httpd.conf.
- Right-click on httpd.conf and select '**Edit with Notepad**'.



Step 7:

- Replace the content with the provided configuration.
- Update the **SRVROOT** directive with your Apache installation path.
- Ensure settings like the **server's root directory, listening port, document root, logging paths, and permissions** are correctly defined.

```
# Define SRVROOT
Define SRVROOT "C:/Users/Hi/Downloads/httpd-2.4.62-240904-win64-VS17/Apache24"

# Ensure the path resolves correctly for DocumentRoot
ServerRoot "${SRVROOT}"

# Listening Port
Listen 80

# ServerName (optional, but recommended for local testing)
ServerName localhost:80

# LoadModules (essential modules)
LoadModule access_compat_module modules/mod_access_compat.so
LoadModule actions_module modules/mod_actions.so
LoadModule alias_module modules/mod_alias.so
LoadModule allowmethods_module modules/mod_allowmethods.so
LoadModule auth_basic_module modules/mod_auth_basic.so
LoadModule authn_core_module modules/mod_authn_core.so
LoadModule authz_core_module modules/mod_authz_core.so
LoadModule dir_module modules/mod_dir.so
LoadModule log_config_module modules/mod_log_config.so
LoadModule mime_module modules/mod_mime.so
LoadModule rewrite_module modules/mod_rewrite.so
LoadModule setenvif_module modules/mod_setenvif.so

# DocumentRoot and Directory configuration
DocumentRoot "${SRVROOT}/htdocs"
<Directory "${SRVROOT}/htdocs">
    Options Indexes FollowSymLinks
    AllowOverride None
    Require all granted
</Directory>

# Logs (you can adjust the paths as needed)
ErrorLog "${SRVROOT}/logs/error.log"
CustomLog "${SRVROOT}/logs/access.log" common
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# Additional settings for MIME types, DirectoryIndex, etc.
<IfModule mime_module>
    TypesConfig conf/mime.types
    AddType application/x-compress .Z
    AddType application/x-gzip .gz .tgz
</IfModule>

<IfModule dir_module>
    DirectoryIndex index.html
</IfModule>
```

Step 8:

- Open **Command Prompt** and run: **httpd.exe -t**
- If the configuration is correct, you should see 'Syntax OK'.

```
C:\Users\HP\Downloads\httpd-2.4.62-240904-win64-VS17\Apache24\bin>httpd.exe -t
Syntax OK
```

Step 9:

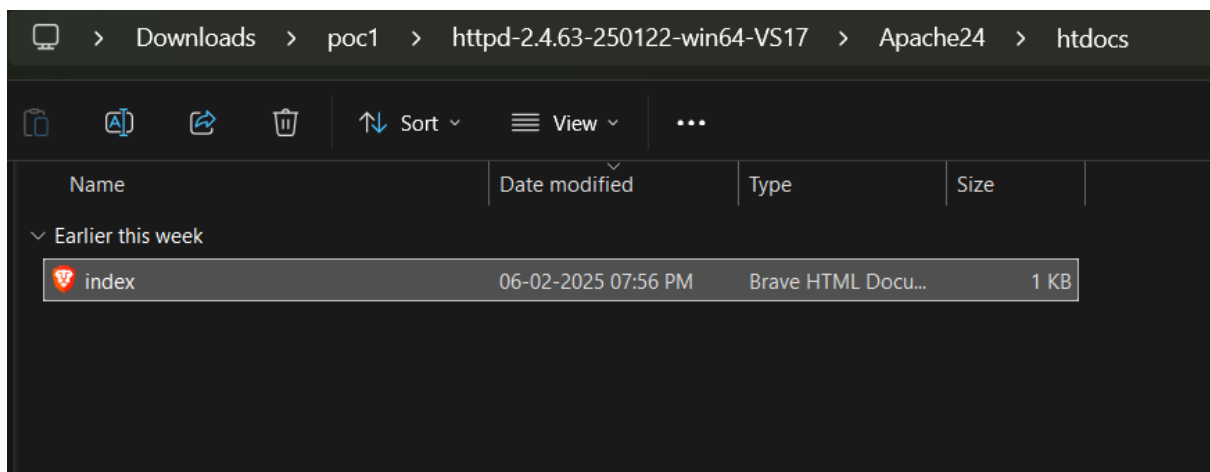
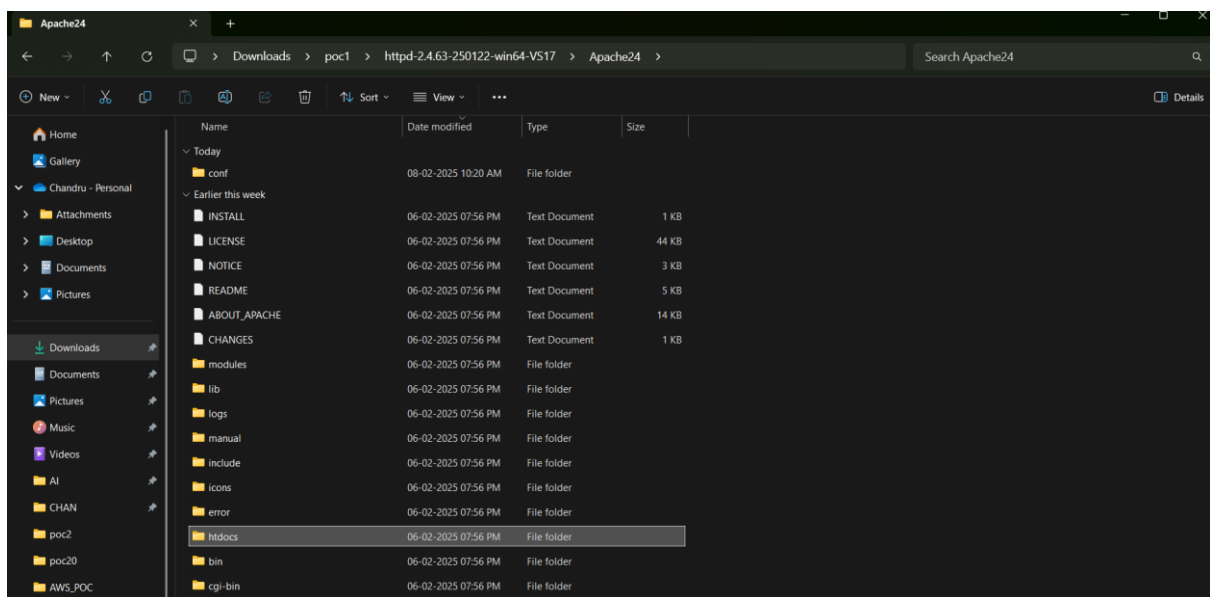
Run the following command to start Apache:

httpd.exe -k start

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C:\Users\HP\Downloads\httpd-2.4.62-240904-win64-VS17\Apache24\bin>httpd.exe -k start
```

Step 10:

- Navigate to the **htdocs** folder inside your Apache directory.
- Right-click on index.html and select 'Edit with Notepad'.



Step 11:

- Create a basic HTML page to display your name.
- Optionally, add **CSS** for styling.

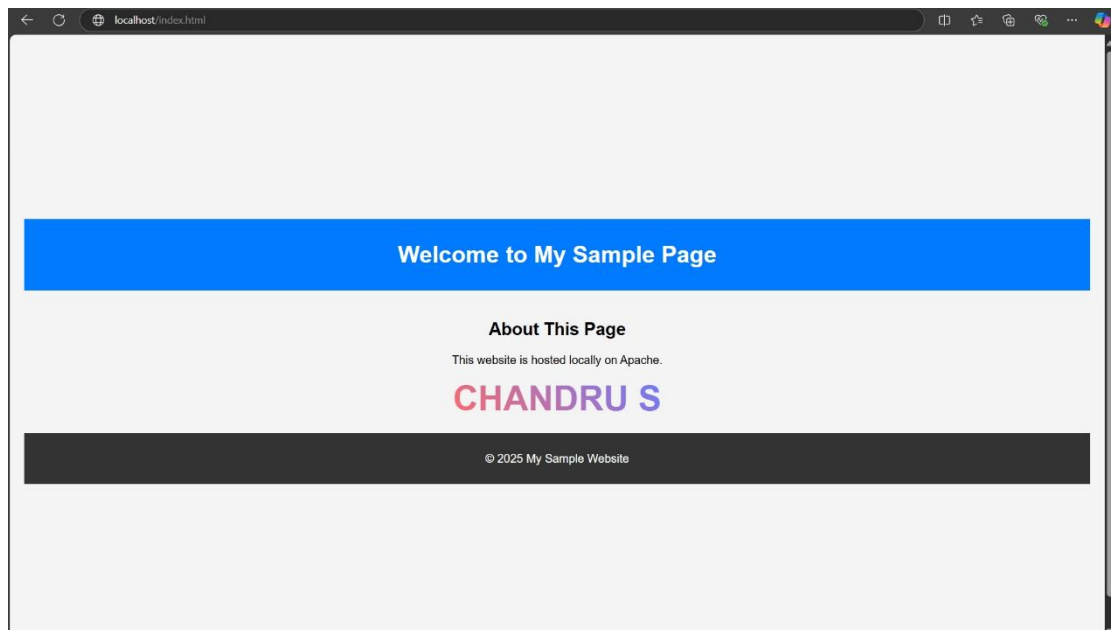
```

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
  <title>Sample HTML Page</title>
  <style>
    body {
      font-family: Arial, sans-serif;
      margin: 20px;
      background-color: #f4f4f4;
      display: flex;
      flex-direction: column;
      align-items: center;
      justify-content: center;
      height: 100vh;
    }
    header {
      background-color: #007bff;
      color: white;
      padding: 10px 0;
      text-align: center;
      width: 100%;
    }
    main {
      margin: 20px 0;
      text-align: center;
    }
    .name {
      font-size: 3rem;
      font-weight: bold;
      color: #333;
      text-transform: uppercase;
      background: linear-gradient(45deg, #ff6b6b, #6b7bff);
      -webkit-background-clip: text;
      -webkit-text-fill-color: transparent;
    }
    footer {
      text-align: center;
      padding: 10px 0;
      background-color: #333;
      color: white;
      width: 100%;
    }
  </style>
</html>

```

Step 12:

- Open **Google Chrome** and type: **localhost/index.html**
- You should now see your website hosted successfully.



Expected Outcome

By completing this proof of concept (POC), you will:

1. Successfully set up and configure an Apache server on your local machine.
2. Host a static HTML webpage that displays your name.
3. Gain a foundational understanding of web server configuration and file hosting.