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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

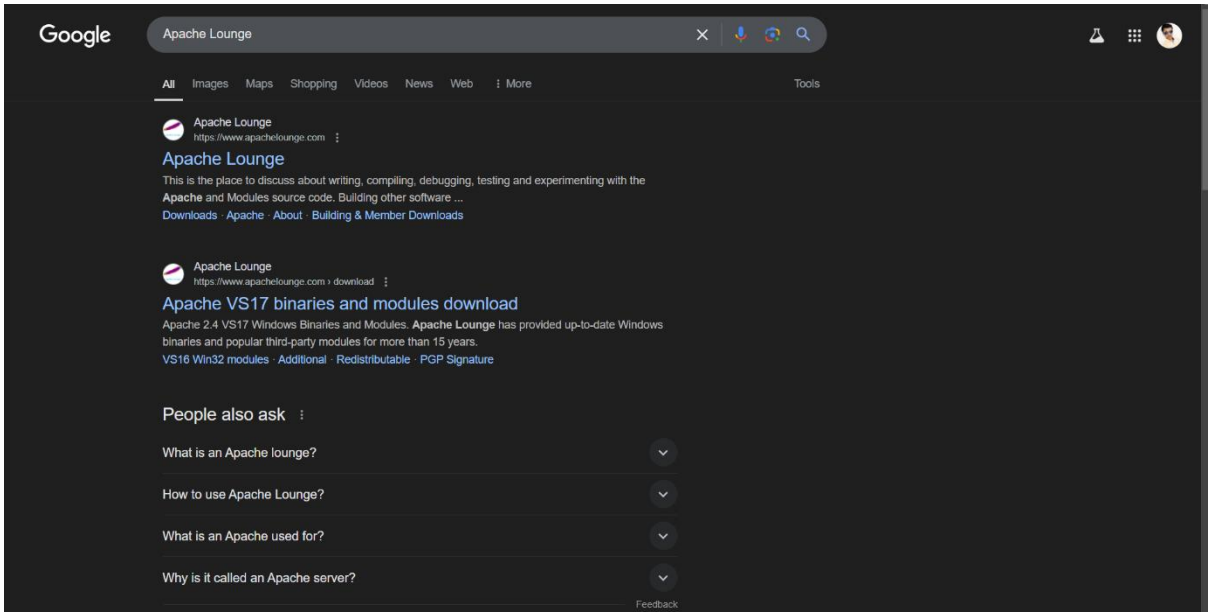
Local hosting is a fundamental skill for developers, enabling them to test and refine web applications in a controlled environment. It provides several key benefits:

- **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.

Step-by-step Overview

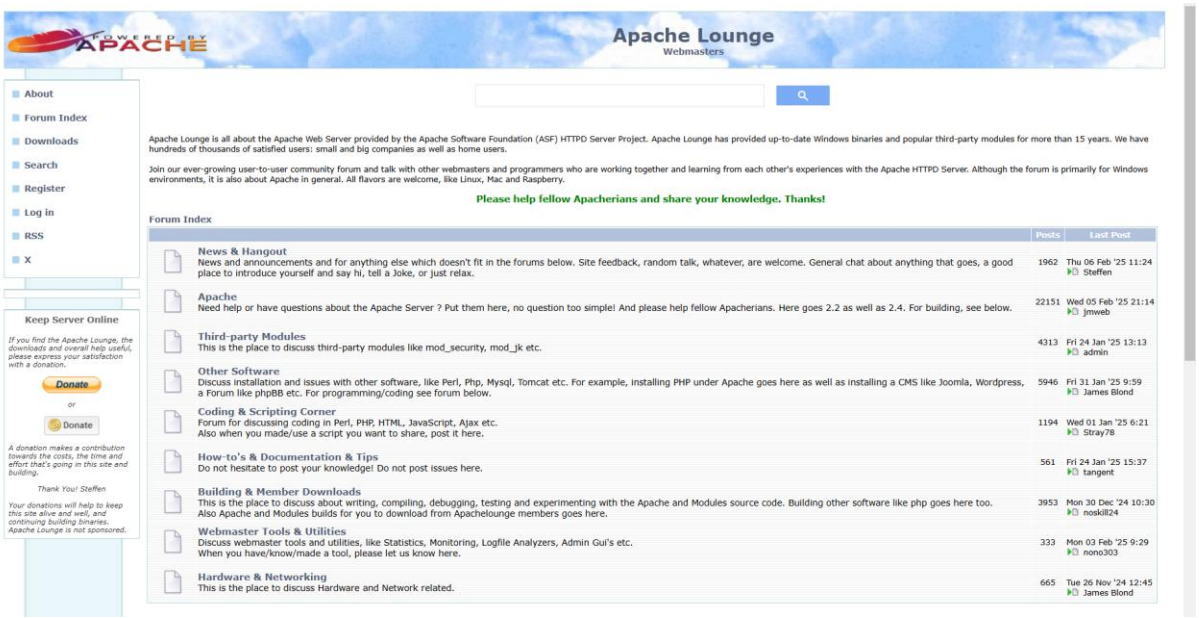
Step 1:

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



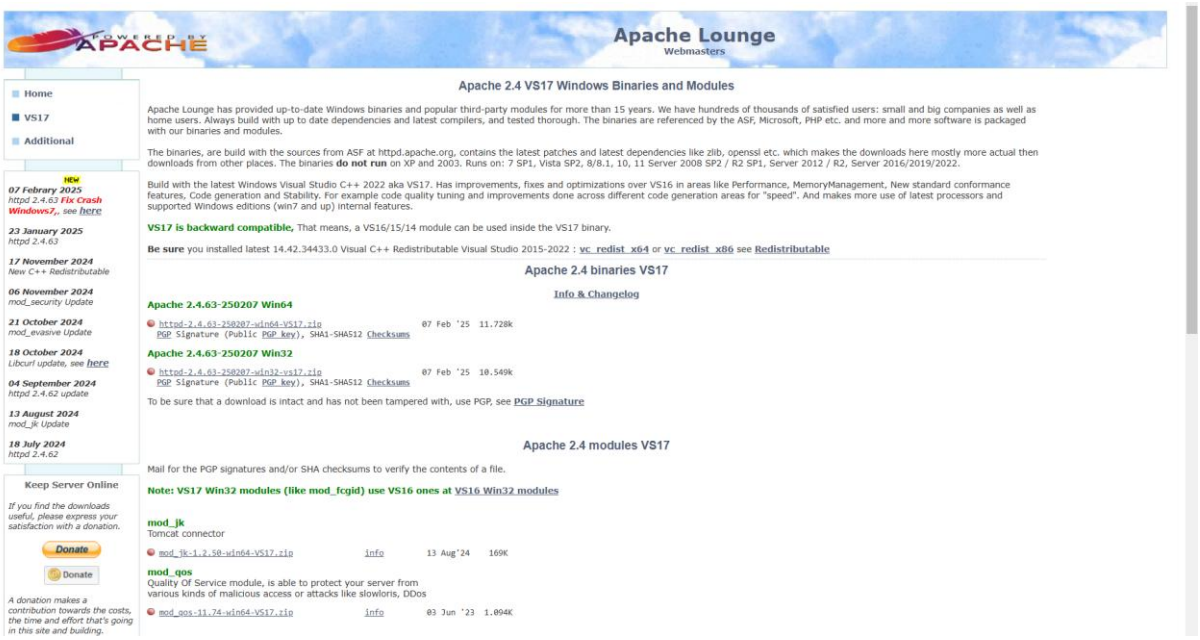
Step 2:

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.



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:

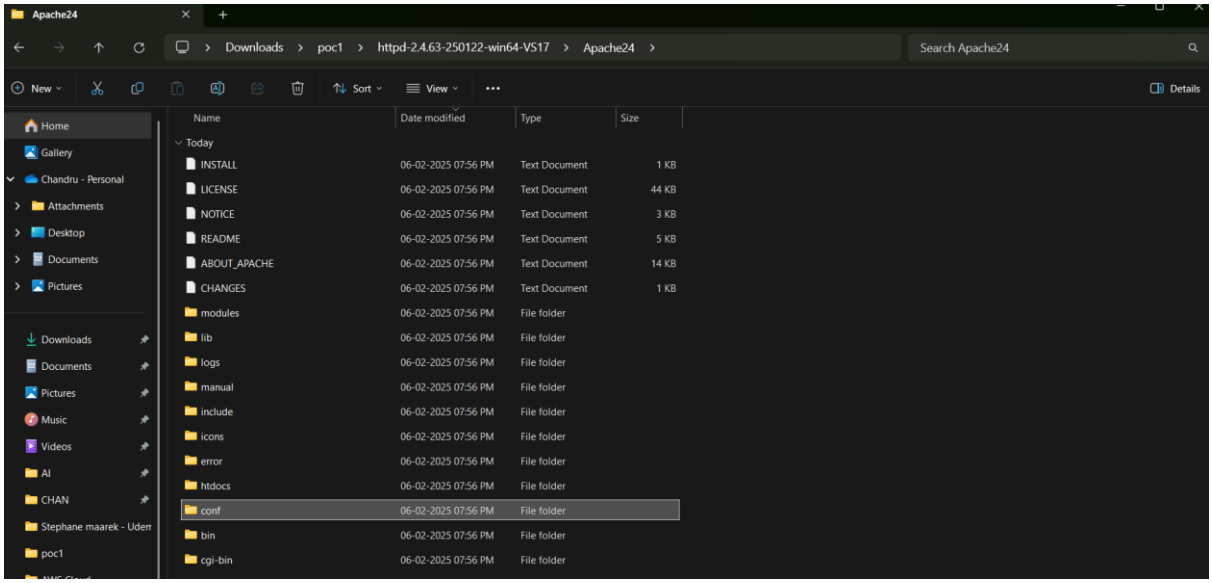
Run the following command to install Apache:

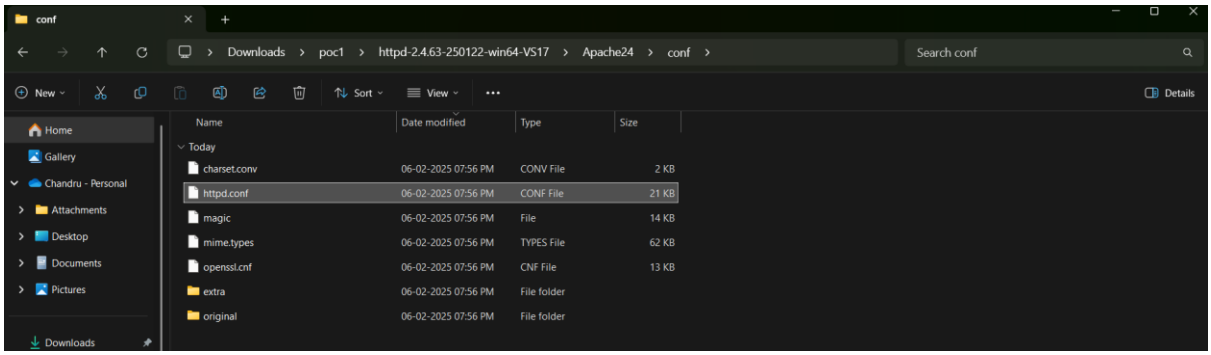
httpd.exe -k install

```
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
```

```
# 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:

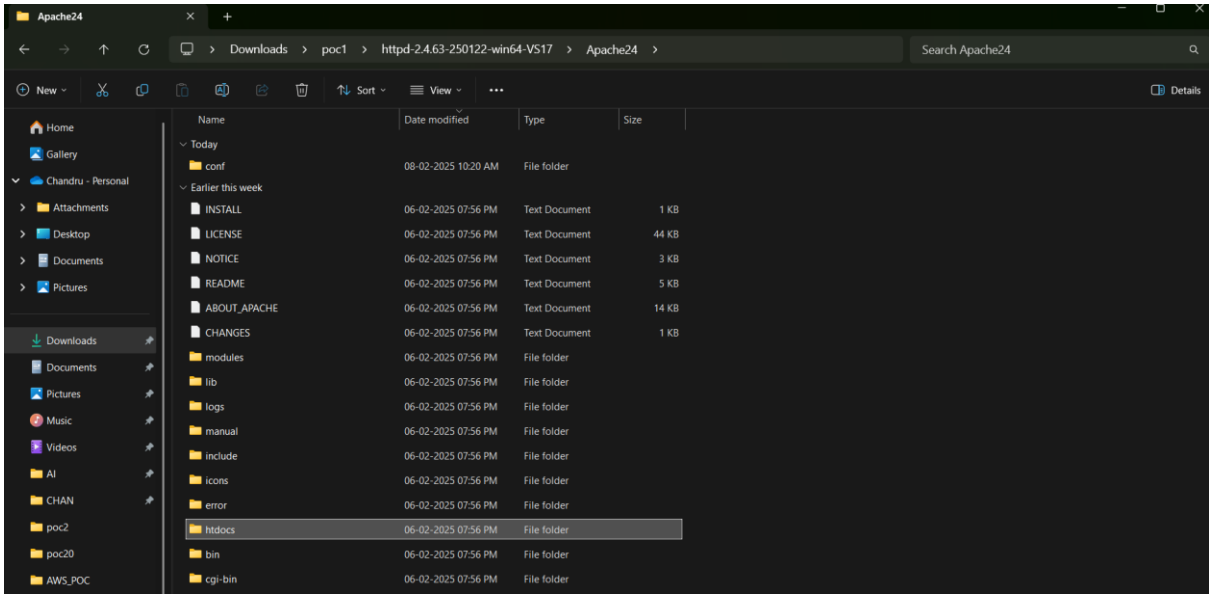
Run the following command to start Apache:

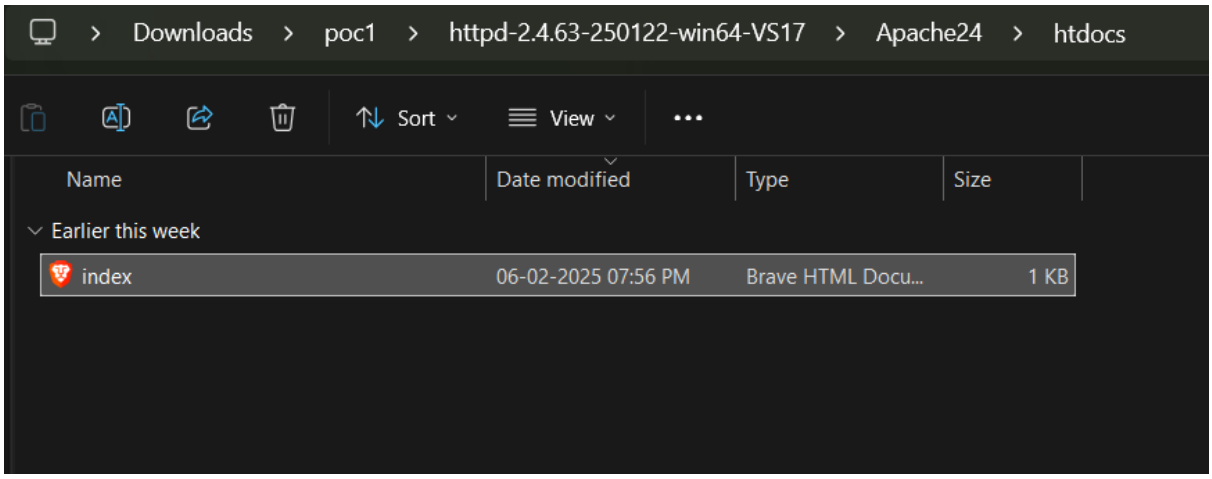
httpd.exe -k start

```
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'**.





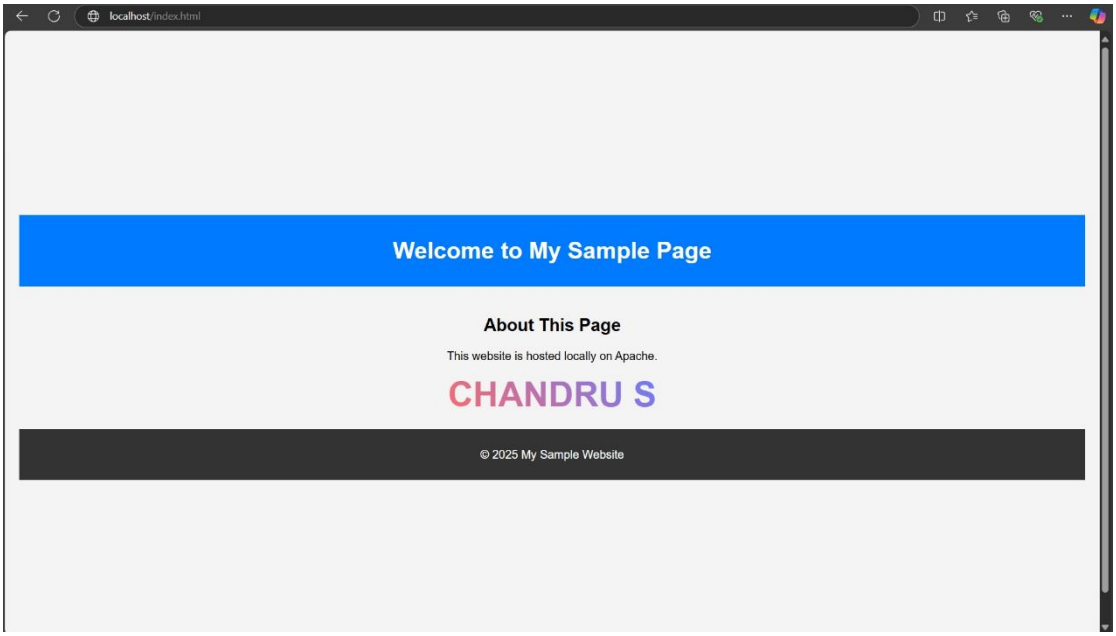
Step 11:

- 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%;
        }
        a {
```

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.