

Placement Empowerment Program

Cloud Computing and DevOps Centre

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 and Overview

In this POC, we will learn how to host a static website locally using the Apache HTTP Server. This process involves setting up a local web server, configuring it correctly, and hosting a simple HTML page. By following these steps, you'll get hands-on experience with configuring and running a local Apache server, which is a foundational skill for web hosting and server management.

Objective

The goal of this project is to:

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

Importance of Local Hosting

Local hosting is an essential skill for developers, as it allows them to test and experiment with web applications in a controlled environment. It offers several advantages, such as:

Hands-On Learning: Gain practical experience with server setup and configuration.

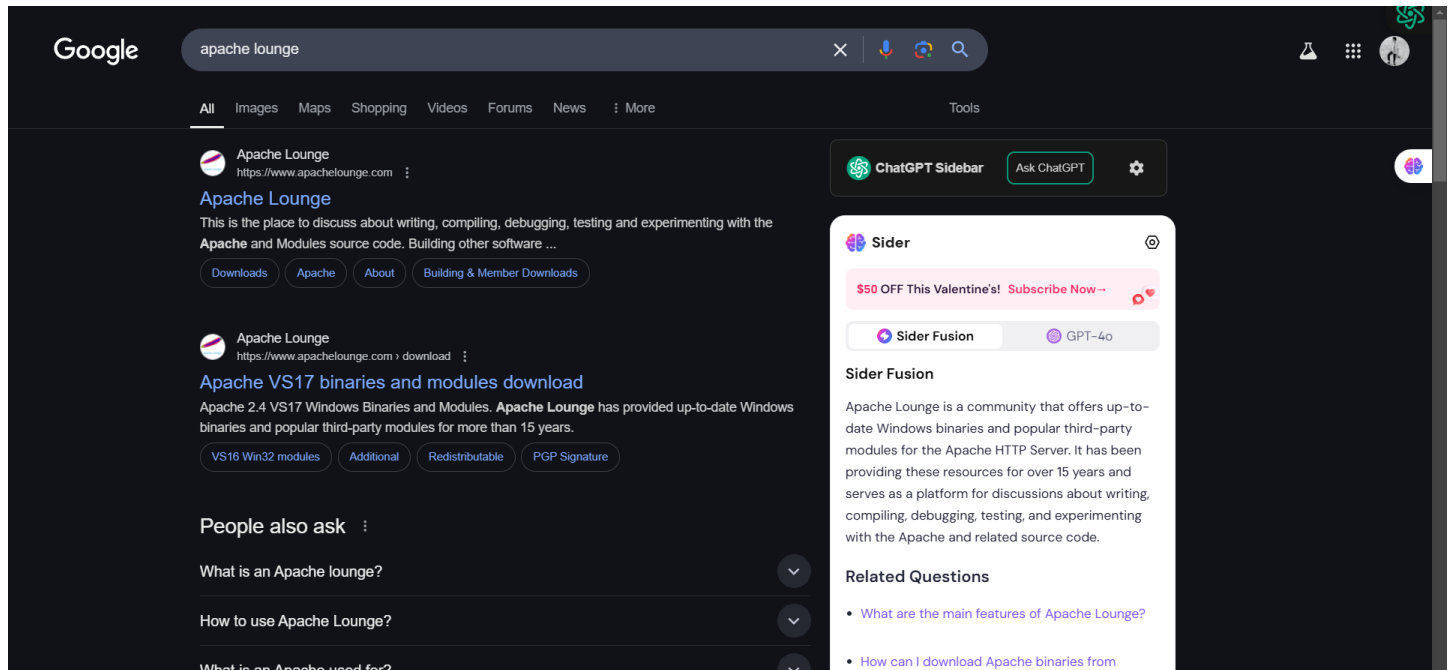
Testing Ground: Safely test and debug websites before deploying them to a live server.

Offline Development: Work on web projects without requiring an active internet connection.

Step-by-Step Overview

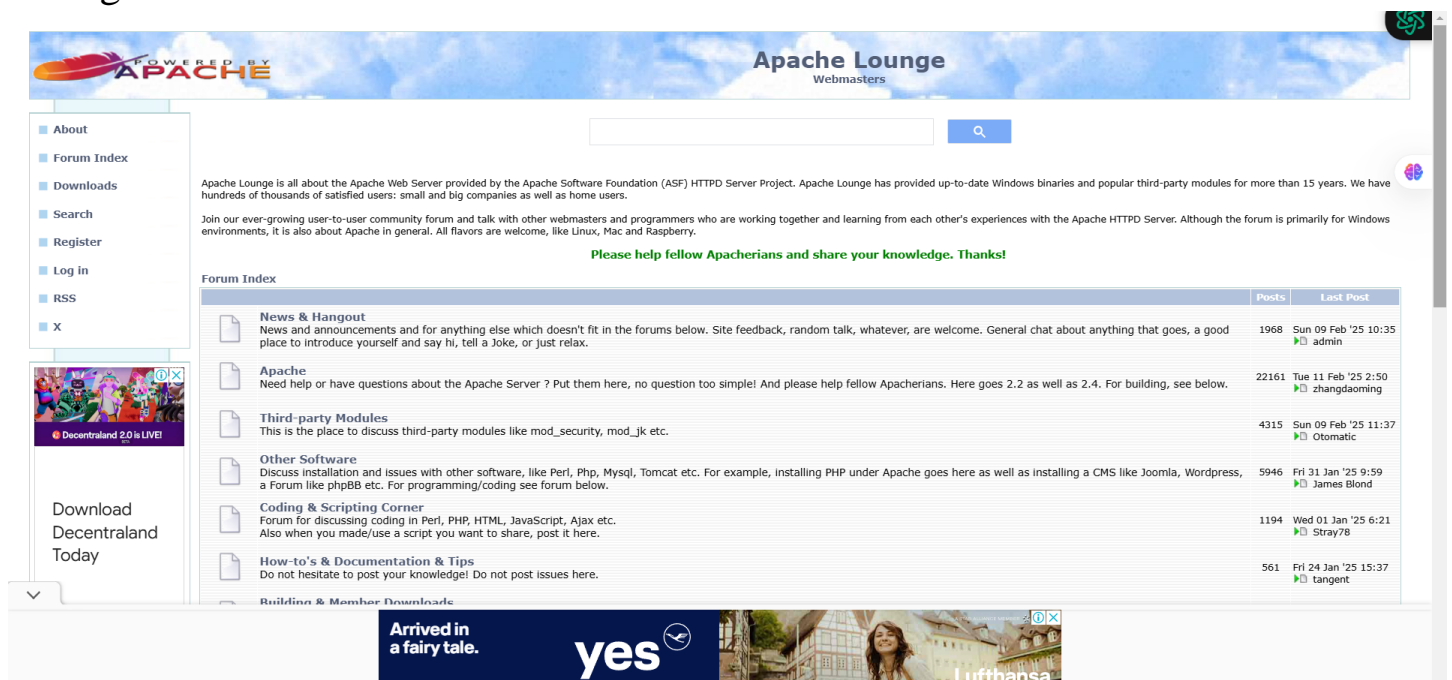
Step1:

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



Step 2 :

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



Step 3 :

Click on the link "**Apache 2.4.63-250207 Win64**" (Windows version), download the file, and extract all its contents.

The screenshot shows the Apache Lounge website. The header includes the Apache logo and the text "Apache Lounge Webmasters". The main heading is "Apache 2.4 VS17 Windows Binaries and Modules". Below this, there is a paragraph explaining that Apache Lounge provides up-to-date Windows binaries and popular third-party modules. It mentions that the binaries are referenced by the ASF, Microsoft, PHP, etc. and are more actual than downloads from other places. The binaries do not run on XP and 2003. They run on: 7 SP1, Vista SP2, 8/8.1, 10, 11 Server 2008 SP2 / R2 SP1, Server 2012 / R2, Server 2016/2019/2022.

The sidebar on the left lists updates:

- 07 February 2025** **NEW**
httpd 2.4.63 **Fix Crash Windows?**, see [here](#)
- 23 January 2025**
httpd 2.4.63
- 17 November 2024**
New C++ Redistributable
- 06 November 2024**
mod_security Update
- 21 October 2024**
mod_evasive Update
- 18 October 2024**
Libcurl update, see [here](#)
- 04 September 2024**
httpd 2.4.62 update
- 13 August 2024**
mod_jk Update
- 18 July 2024**
httpd 2.4.62

The main content area has a section titled "Apache 2.4 binaries VS17" with a link to "Info & Changelog". It lists two download links:

- 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**
● [httpd-2.4.63-250207-win32-VS17.zip](#) 07 Feb '25 10.549k
PGP Signature (Public PGP key), SHA1-SHA512 [Checksums](#)

Below the download links, there is a note: "To be sure that a download is intact and has not been tampered with, use PGP, see [PGP Signature](#)".

The footer of the page contains two Exness advertisements. The first one says "800,000+ active traders every month trade with Exness." and the second one says "Stop paying more than you should". Both have a "Go" button.

Step 4 :

Open Command Prompt as Administrator (Windows + R, type cmd, right-click and select 'Run as Administrator') and use the command `cd C:\path\to\apache\bin` to set the path to the Apache bin folder.

```
C:\Windows\System32>cd C:\Users\findm\OneDrive\Documents\website\httpd-2.4.63-250207-win64-VS17\Apache24\bin
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Step 5 :

Then Run the installation command :

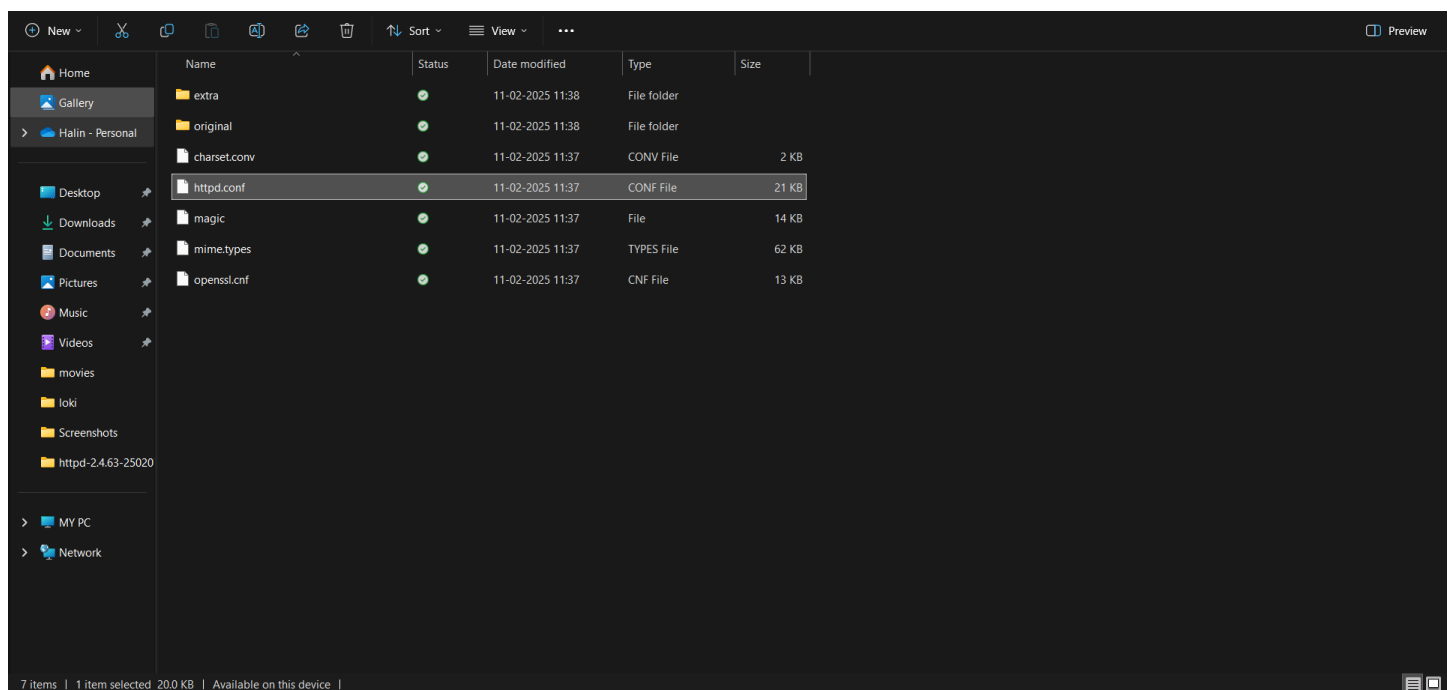
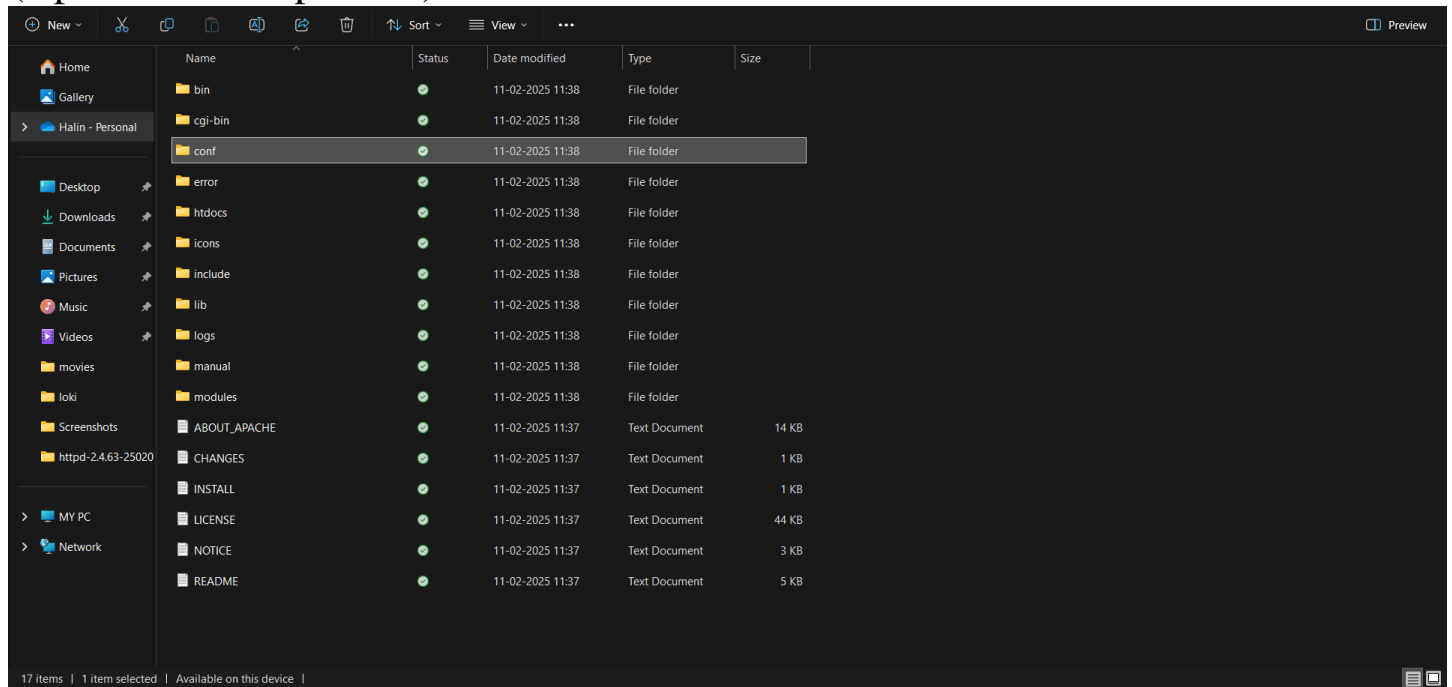
httpd.exe -k install

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C:\Users\findm\OneDrive\Documents\website\httpd-2.4.63-250207-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 folder you downloaded, go to the **conf** folder, and right-click on the httpd.conf file; select 'Edit with Notepad'

(Apache/conf/httpd.conf)



Step 7 :

Inside the **httpd.conf** file, replace the content with the provided configuration. Ensure you update the **SRVROOT** directive with your Apache installation path. This configuration defines the server's root directory, listening port, modules, document root for serving web files, logging paths, and basic permissions, ensuring Apache serves content correctly from the specified htdocs directory.

Step 8 :

Open Command Prompt and type the command **httpd.exe -t** to test the configuration file. If the configuration is correct, you should see '**Syntax OK**'.

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C:\Users\HP\Downloads\httpd-2.4.62-240904-win64-VS17\Apache24\bin>httpd.exe -t  
Syntax OK
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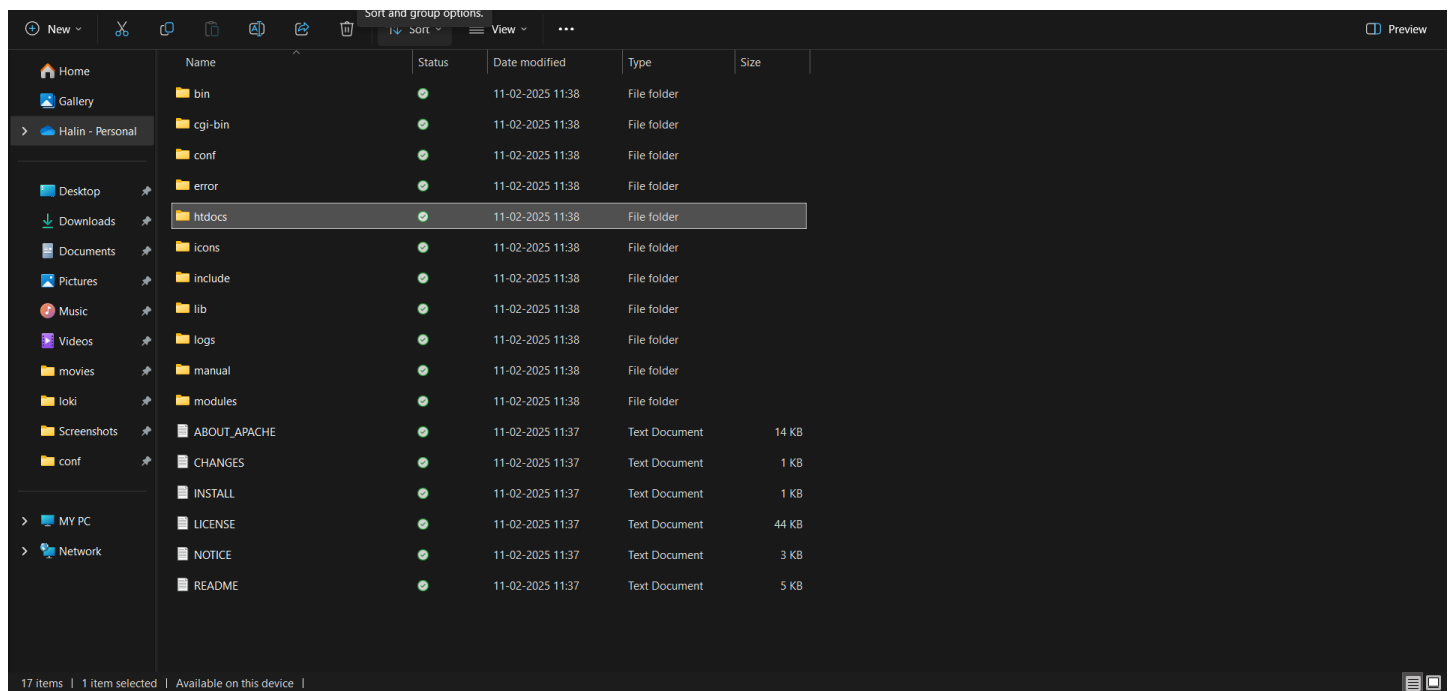
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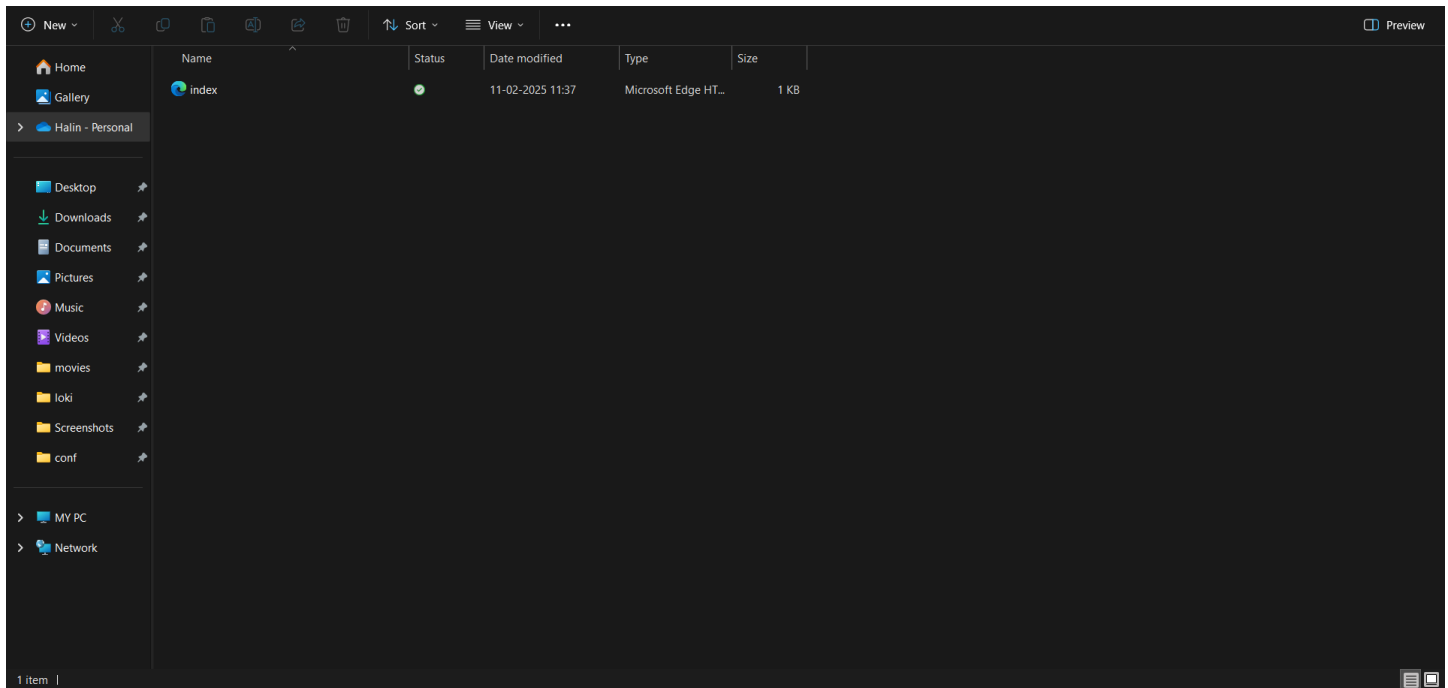
Run the command **httpd.exe -k start** to start the Apache server.

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Step10:

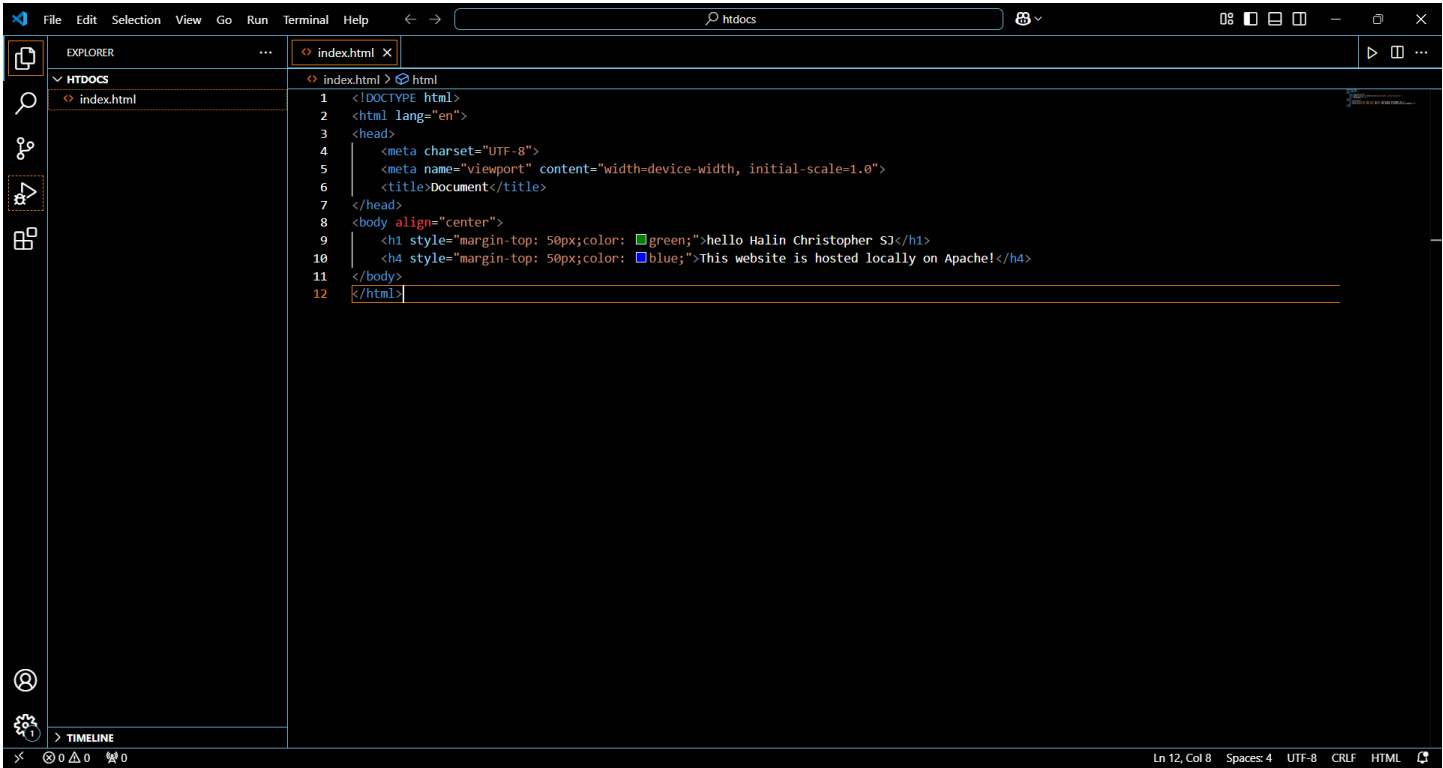
Go to the Apache folder, navigate to the **htdocs** folder, and find the **index.html** file. Right-click on it and select 'Edit with Notepad'.





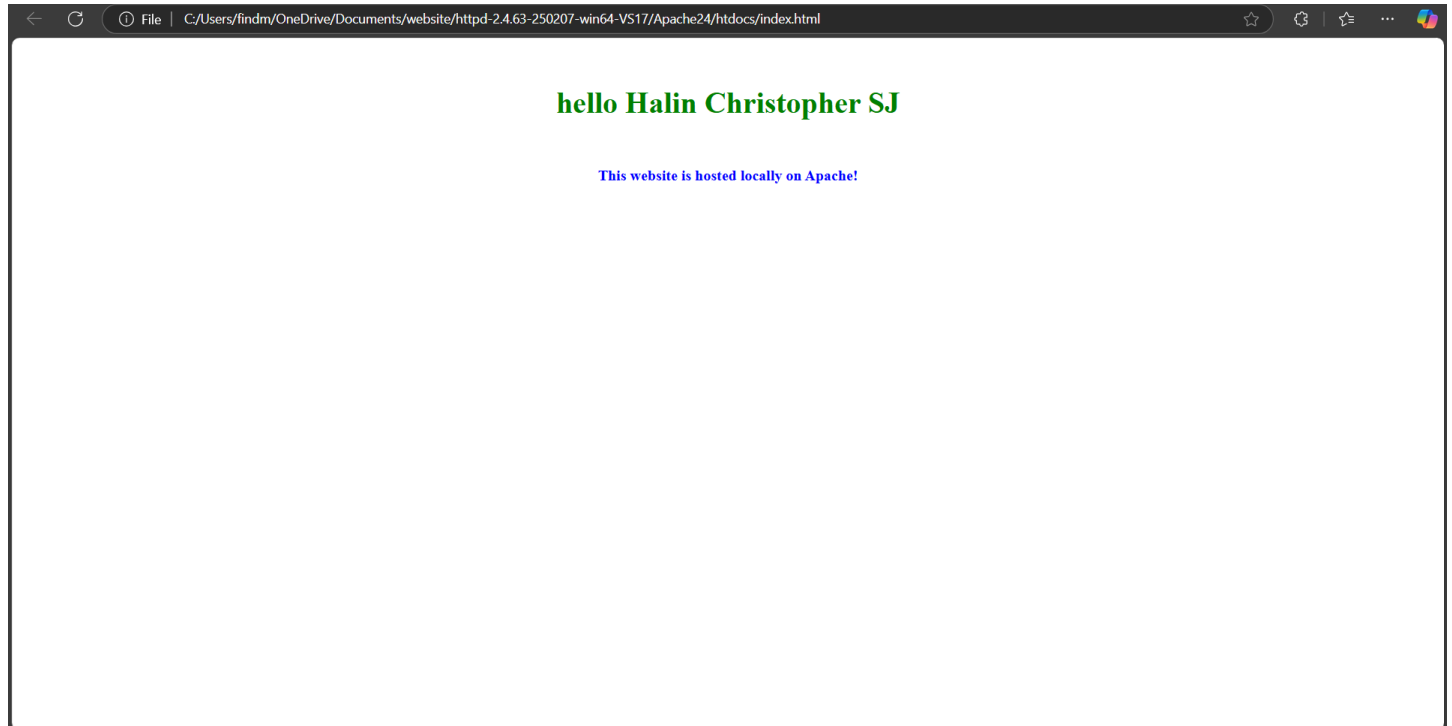
Step 11 :

Create a simple model to display your name in HTML (you may optionally add CSS for styling).



Step 12 :

Open the Chrome browser and type **localhost/index.html** in the address bar. You should be able to see the website hosted successfully.



Outcome

By completing this POC, we will:

1. Successfully configure and run an Apache server locally.
2. Host a static HTML website that displays your name.
3. Understand the basics of web server configuration and file hosting.