**Installing Apache web server with the Windows .msi file**

* Point your browser to the [http://httpd.apache.org/download.cgi (Links to an external site.)](http://httpd.apache.org/download.cgi)
* Scroll down to locate **Win32 Binary without crypto (no mod\_ssl) (MSI Installer)**. Click on the link beside to download the file to your computer.
* Move to the folder to which the .msi file was downloaded and double-click on it to **start Apache installation**. If you have an anti-virus running on the system, it may display a warning in a pop-up. Ignore it and click the Run button to continue.
* Click on Next in the introductory screen.
* Select the I accept the terms in the license agreement radio button and hitNext.
* Skip the following screen by clicking Next
* Enter localhost for both Network Domain and Server Name. In theAdministrator's Email Address field I generally type in webmaster@localhost. Move to the next screen.
* Proceed with **Typical** installation type, unless you want to be adventurous!
* By default, Apache is installed deep inside the Program Files folder.   
    
  The installation folder will now be modified. Move to the next screen.
* To start installing Apache on Windows 7, click on the Install button and sit back.
* By the way, if the installation process is interrupted by the anti-virus program on your computer, just provide permissions for it to continue. Also, you may get to see some terminal windows which will open and close quickly on their own.
* In less than a minute, the Apache [web server (Links to an external site)](http://www.webdevelopersnotes.com/basics/what_is_web_server.php) will be installed on your Windows 7 computer. Click the Finish button.
* To confirm whether the server is running, click the small arrow in the Notification Area and note the small Apache service icon.
* To test the installation, open a web browser window, enter http://localhost/ in the address bar and hit the Enter key. If an "**It works!**" page is displayed, celebrate, because you now have the Apache web server running successfully on your Windows OS computer.  
    
  **For the newly initiated, this 'It works!' page is the index.html file located inside the htdocsfolder in the Apache install directory.**
* Note: Didn't get the "It works!" page? You may need to start Apache. Go to All Programs -> Apache HTTP Server 2.2 -> Control Apache Server and select either Start or Restart. The Apache server can also be started and stopped from Services under the Control Panel.