Installing Stand Alone SQL Database Admin Tools

This document uses PhpMyAdmin as an example of setting up an SQL Database administration tool outside of OpenEMR.   In versions before 4.2 phpMyAdmin was embedded inside OpenEMR, this was considered a security risk as well as hard to maintain. As there are many tools available for administration and reporting from MySQL database we modified OpenEMR to allow the user to install and configure a customer preference.
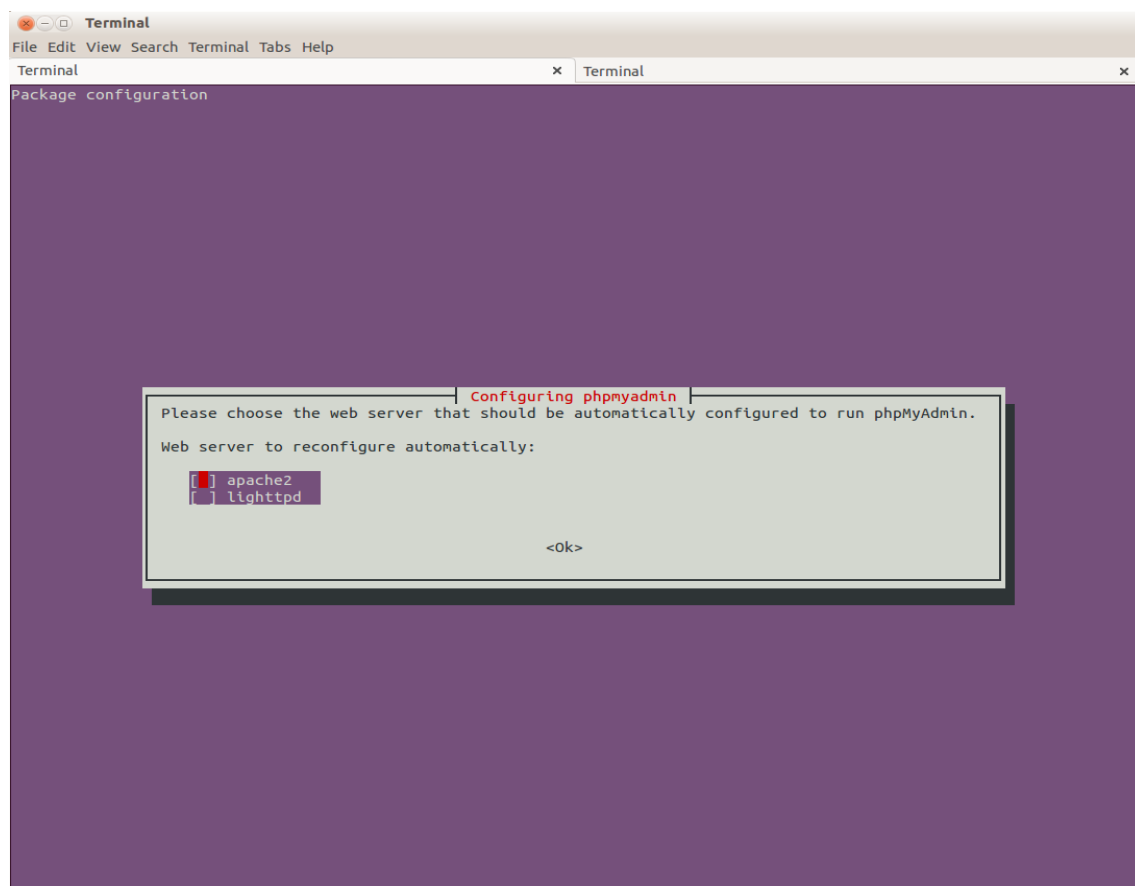
First, Install the tool of choice. Shown below are the steps for installing phpMyAdmin on an Ubuntu or other debian based Linux installation.
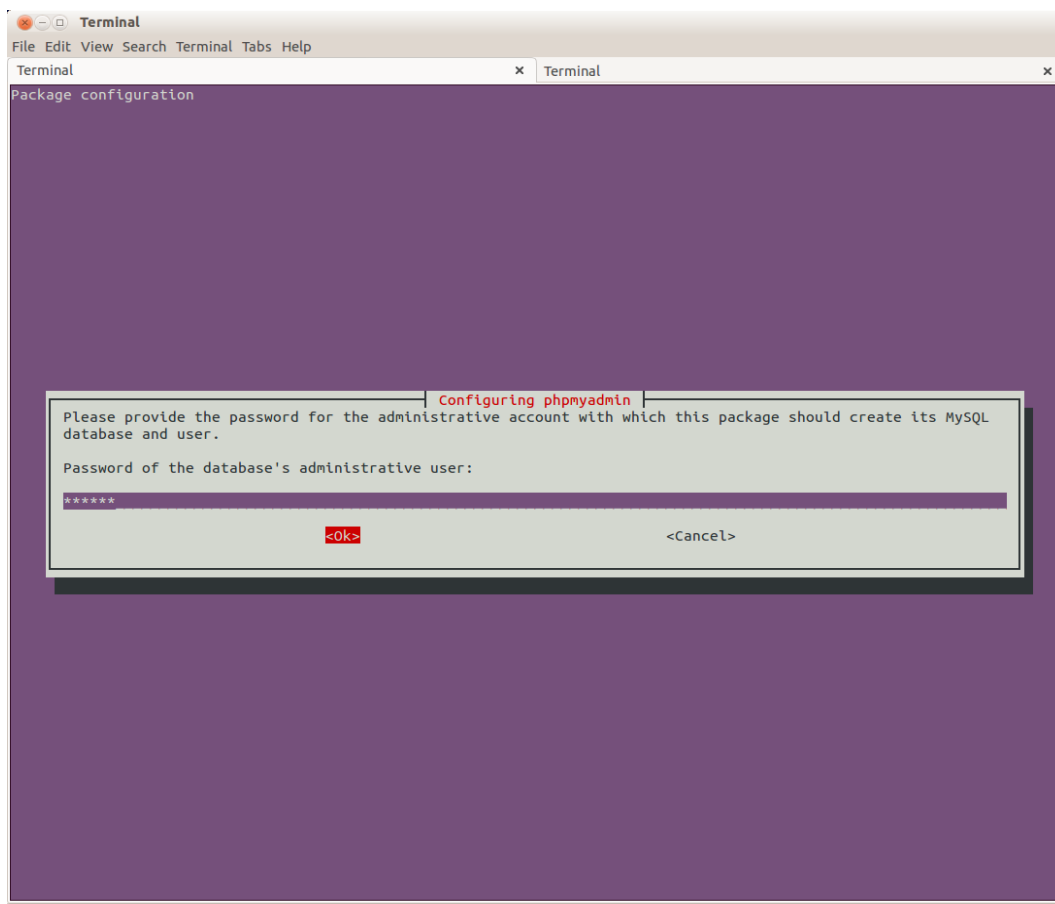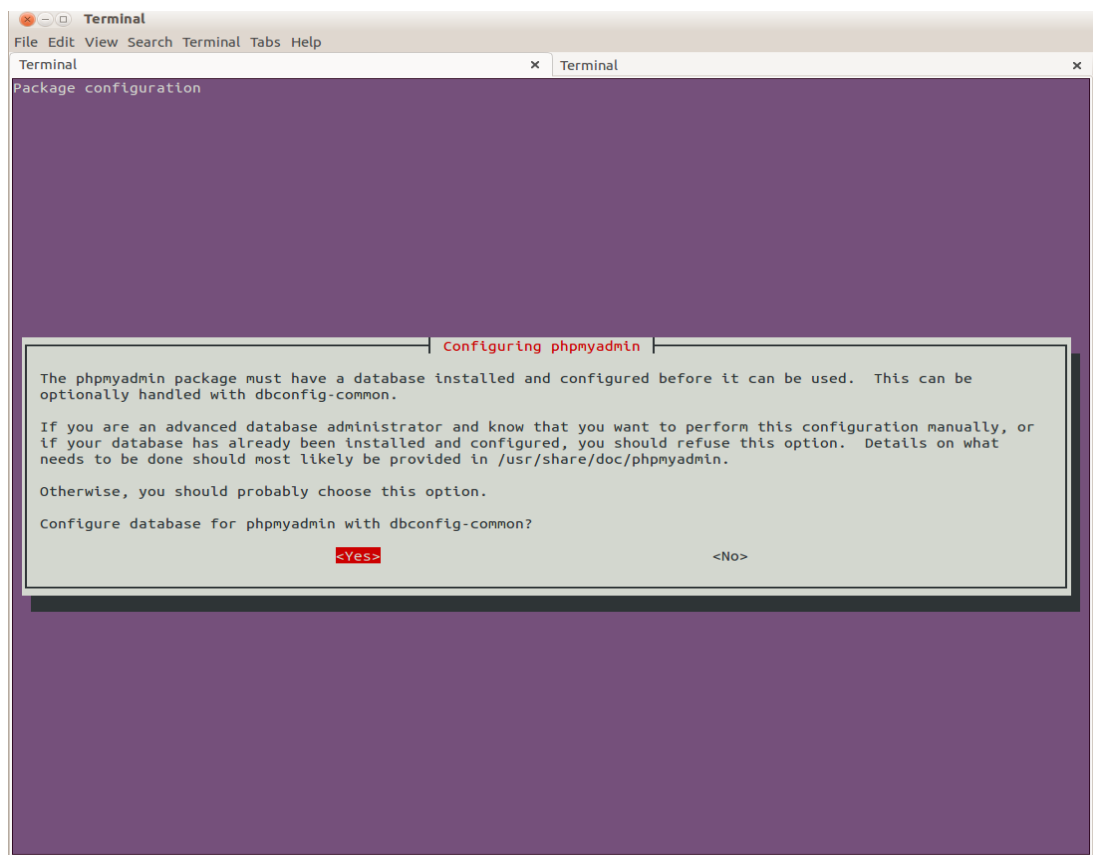
You will need to know the root password for your MySQL installation and the super-user password of the account you use to install from
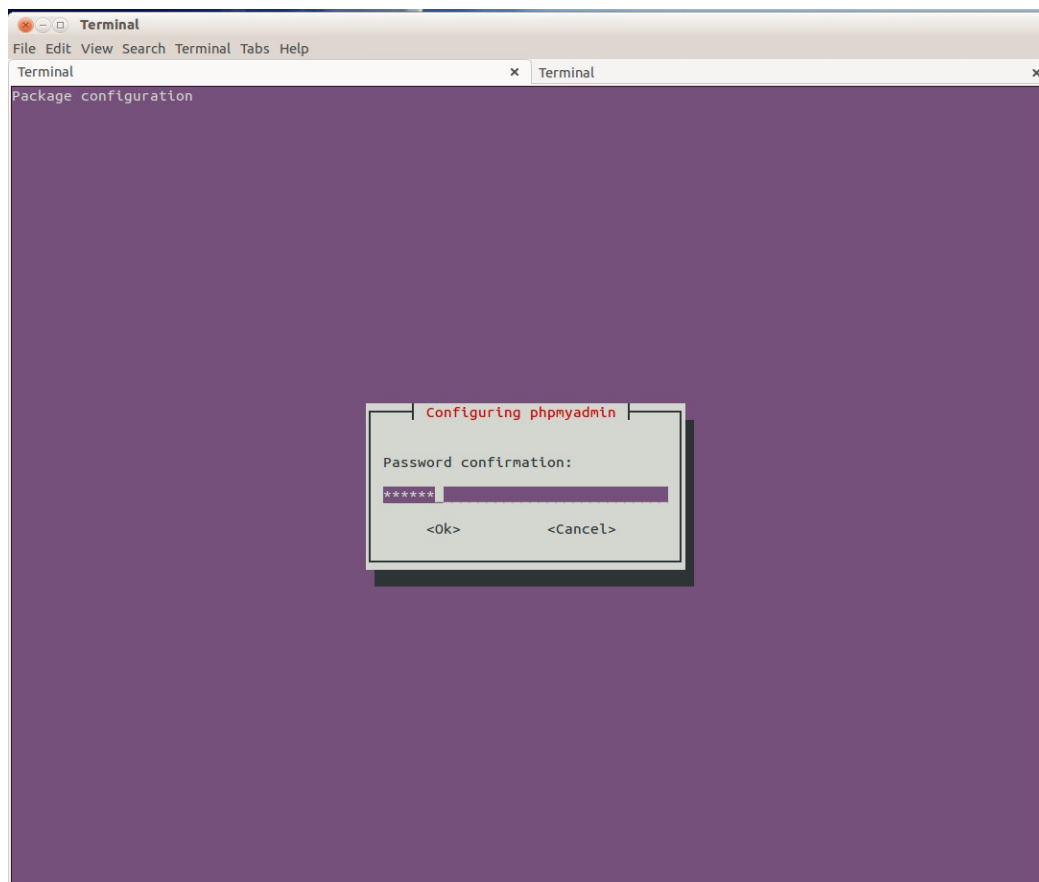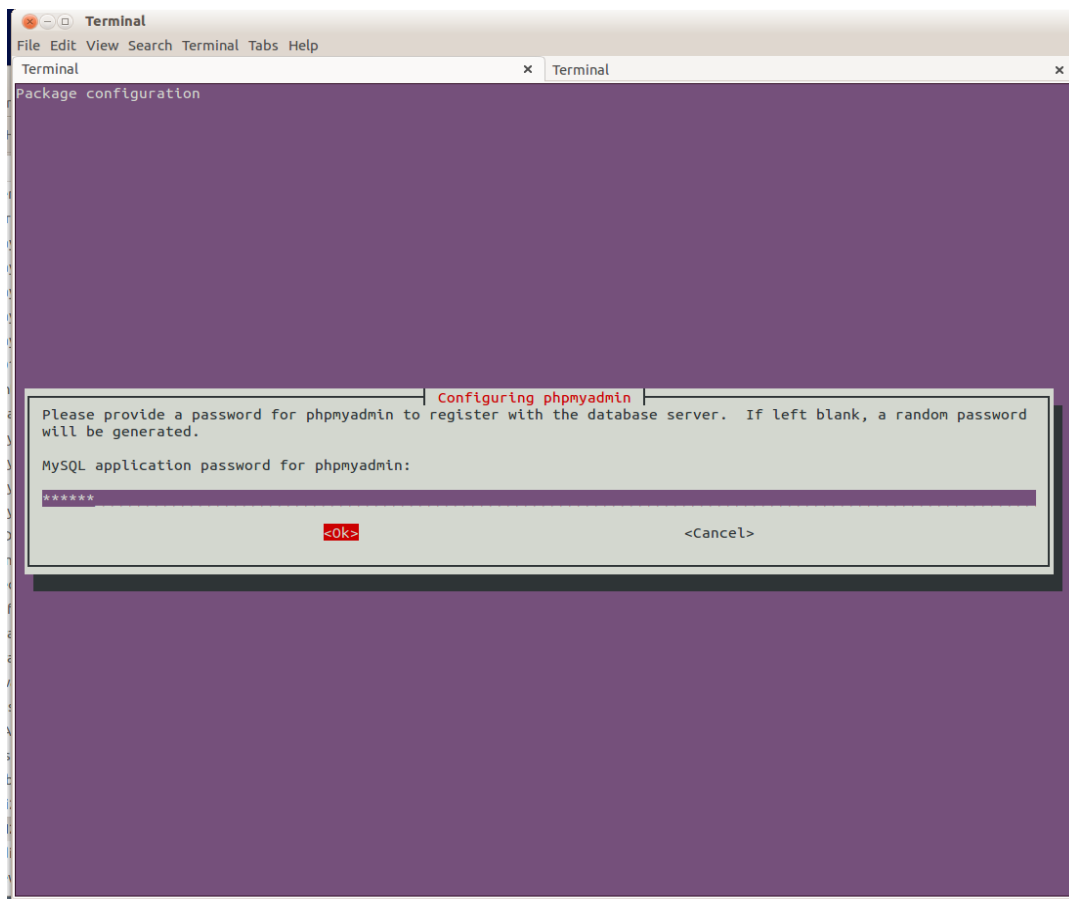
From the command (or from the graphical Ubuntu Software Center) install the phpmyadmin package

sudo apt-get install phpmyadmin

You will see a series of screens, it is safe to take the defaults, use the tab key to move in the text boxes and the space bar to select [OK] or to change a value.

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The phpmyadmin package must have a database installed and configured before it can be used. This can be optionally handled with dbconfig-common.

If you are an advanced database administrator and know that you want to perform this configuration manually, or if your database has already been installed and configured, you should refuse this option. Details on what needs to be done should most likely be provided in /usr/share/doc/phpmyadmin.

Otherwise, you should probably choose this option.

Configure database for phpmyadmin with dbconfig-common?

                    <Yes>   <No>

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Please provide the password for the administrative account with which this package should create its MySQL database and user.

Password of the database's administrative user:

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                    <Ok>   <Cancel>

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Configuring phpmyadmin

Please provide a password for phpmyadmin to register with the database server. If left blank, a random password
will be generated.

MySQL application password for phpmyadmin:

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<Ok>   <Cancel>

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Password confirmation:

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<Ok>   <Cancel>

When installation is complete test your access. The usual local access URL for this will be http://localhost/phpmyadmin if you are accessing it from a designated OpenEMR server then test using that servers IP address or DNS name.

You may need to enable the installed config file in apache.

cd /etc/apache2/sites-enabled

sudo ln -s /etc/phpmyadmin/apache.conf 001-phpmyadmin.conf

sudo service apache2 restart

Now login to you OpenEMR instance and go to the Administration->Globals:Miscellaneous TAB and change the URL Path to SQL Admin Tool to the URL you tested above.

Now when you select Adminstration->Other->Database phpMyAdmin will open in a new tab or browser window. Login with either your root MySql user and password or better, with the OpenEMR user and password you created for this installation.