

# PHP FAQ

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## How do I change the version of PHP on my server?

### Systems that run EasyApache 3

cPanel & WHM **only** supports PHP 5 on systems that run EasyApache 3. You can **only** install one version of PHP 5 on your server, unless you install a customization (for example, the CloudLinux™ PHP selector).

You can install a different minor version of PHP on your server in WHM's *EasyApache 3* interface (*Home >> Software >> EasyApache 3*). After Apache fully compiles, you can access the new PHP installation.

### Systems that run EasyApache 4

cPanel & WHM supports **both** PHP 5 and PHP 7 on systems that run EasyApache 4.

To install multiple versions of PHP on your system, use WHM's *EasyApache 4* interface (*Home >> Software >> EasyApache 4*) to configure your system and WHM's *MultiPHP Manager* interface (*Home >> Software >> MultiPHP Manager*) to assign PHP versions to your users. You can also install a new PHP version with yum. For more information, read our [How to Locate and Install a PHP Version or Extension](#) documentation.

## How can I ensure that the homepage of a folder automatically defaults to the index.php file?

Some lines in the `/usr/local/apache/conf/httpd.conf` file allow the `index.php` file to display automatically. If the following lines exist, the `index.php` file displays:

```
# DirectoryIndex is set via the WHM -> Service Configuration -> Apache
Setup -> DirectoryIndex Priority
DirectoryIndex index.html.var index.htm index.html index.shtml index.xhtml
index.wml index.perl index.pl index.plx index.ppl index.cgi index.jsp
index.js index.jp index.php4 index.php3 index.php index.phtml default.htm
default.html home.htm index.php5 Default.html Default.htm home.html
```

Apache searches for a file that matches one of these names. The search starts with the `index.html.var` file, searches from left to right, and ends with the `home.html` file. If a file matches one of those names, the system uses that file. If the `index.php` file is in the list, Apache uses the

the `index.php` file, unless Apache first reaches a file that matches a name in the `/usr/local/apache/conf/httpd.conf` file.

If those lines are **not** present, add the following line to an `.htaccess` file:

```
DirectoryIndex index.php
```

For more information about `.htaccess` files, read the [Apache documentation](#).

## Which PHP modules and plugins does cPanel & WHM support?

You can find a list of supported modules and plugins for EasyApache 3 in the in our [PHP Options](#) documentation, or for EasyApache 4 in our [PHP Options](#) documentation.

## How can I add or remove support for different features on my Apache webserver?

### Servers that run EasyApache 3

You can add or remove support for features from the Apache webserver with WHM's [EasyApache 3](#) interface (*Home >> Software >> EasyApache 3*).

You can also run EasyApache from the command line with the `/scripts/easyapache` command.

### Servers that run EasyApache 4

You can add or remove support for features from the Apache webserver with WHM's [EasyApache 4](#) interface (*Home >> Software >> EasyApache 4*).

You can also install or remove features with yum. For more information, read our [Yellowdog Updater, Modified \(yum\) Basics](#) documentation.

## Which PHP version shows in the end user's cPanel interface?

The cPanel interface displays information for the system's default version of PHP.

On systems that run EasyApache 3, click the *Server Statistics* link in the *Statistics* section of the cPanel *Home* interface to view this information.

On systems that run EasyApache 4, the system displays this information in cPanel's [MultiPHP Manager](#) interface (*Home >> Software >> MultiPHP Manager*).

## How can cPanel users choose to use a different version of PHP than the system?

Unless your server runs CloudLinux, you can **only** select a different version of PHP if your system uses EasyApache 4.

To select a different version of PHP, use cPanel's [MultiPHP Manager](#) interface (*Home >> Software >> MultiPHP Manager*).