

Software Installation Tutorials

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Local Host Testing a Web Service Locally

How do you set up a local testing server?

- Local files versus remote files
- The problem with testing local files
- Running a simple local HTTP server
- Running server-side languages locally



Browser (Client)







The "loopback" address

- •There is a special range of IP addresses that can always be used to connect a computer to itself, regardless of what its IP address is.
- •These are called "**loopback**" addresses, the most common of which is **127.0.0.1**.
- •So if you want to test connecting two programs on your own machine, you can use **127.0.0.1** to do that. (This also explains T-shirts and bumper stickers that you may have seen that say "There's no place like **127.0.0.1**.")
- •Note that the "loopback" address has its own name: **localhost**. The name localhost always resolves to a "**loopback**" address.





Add a subdomain to Local Host

Steps to create a subdomain (ex: http://mysub.localhost) for development reasons on IIS

- Right click on the IIS and click on "add website"
- Fill all the fields and press ok (in host name put mysub.localhost)
- under the created website open Authentication
- Edit Anonymous Authentication and check Application pool identity Ok
- in the notepad open C:\Windows\System32\drivers\etc\hosts
- in the last line add 127.0.0.1 mysub.localhost
- save and close





Installing IIS

To install IIS:

1.In Windows, access the Control Panel and click **Add or Remove Programs**.

2.In the Add or Remove Programs window, click Add/Remove Windows Components.

3.Select the Internet Information Services (IIS) check box,

click **Next**, then click **Finish**.

4.To learn how to use IIS, you can view the documentation at http://localhost/iishelp/iis/misc/default.asp.





Configuring IIS

To configure IIS:

1.Right-click the **My Computer** icon on your server computer desktop, and then click **Manage**.

2.In the **Computer Management** dialog box, open the **Services and Applications** node.

3.Click Internet Information Services, and then click Web Sites.

4.Right-click the **Default Web Site** node to start it, if it is not started already.

5.If a secure Internet connection is required, set up Secure Sockets Layer (SSL). For more information, see <u>How to: Set Up Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)</u>.