



The Handbook

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Finding Server Info

What version of [PHP](#) are you using? What server software is your site host using? What version of [MySQL](#) do you have? What operating system does your site host use?

A screenshot of the PHP Version 4.3.10 information page. The page has a blue header with the PHP logo. Below the header is a table with two columns: 'System' and 'Value'. The table contains the following information: System: Windows NT FRONTIER 5.2 build 3790; Build Date: Apr 14 2004 17:17:11; Server API: CGI/FastCGI; Virtual Directory Support: enabled; Configuration File (php.ini) Path: C:\Program Files\PHP\php.ini; PHP API: 20020812; PHP Extensions: 20020424.

System	Value
System	Windows NT FRONTIER 5.2 build 3790
Build Date	Apr 14 2004 17:17:11
Server API	CGI/FastCGI
Virtual Directory Support	enabled
Configuration File (php.ini) Path	C:\Program Files\PHP\php.ini
PHP API	20020812
PHP Extensions	20020424

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These are questions often asked by WordPress users as they prepare to [install WordPress](#). Other times, these questions are asked while [troubleshooting](#) a problem with a WordPress installation. But don't spend a lot of time searching your site, or your host's site, for the answers--there's a very easy way to get that information.

The easiest way to collect the information is to make use of a pHP function called `phpinfo()`. The `phpinfo()` function will query your (or your host's) server and generate a report with a long list of data. Note: Remember to bookmark this page, because, in the future, a volunteer in the [WordPress Support Forum](#) (<http://www.wordpress.org/support>) may ask you to use this method to get information to assist them in [troubleshooting](#) a question you asked on the Support Forum.

In a text editor, copy and paste the following command:

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<?php phpinfo(); ?>
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Make sure there are no spaces before or after the command, just the command, and save the file as something like `testinfo.php` or `phpinfotest.php`. Use a name that reminds you of this file's purpose, because you may need to use it again.

Upload the file to the root directory of your site. Then type in the address to the file in your browser:

<http://example.com/testphp.php>

The result will be several pages long and it will contain a ton of information. Though your data may be in a different order, for the most part, you just need the summary items that lists things like this:

PHP	Version 4.3.10
System	Windows NT FRONTIER 5.2 build 3790
Build Date	Apr 14 2004 17:17:11
Server API	CGI/FastCGI
Apache Version	Apache/1.3.31 (Unix) mod_log_bytes/0.3 FrontPage/5.0.2.2635 PHP/4.3.10 mod_ssl/2.8.19 OpenSSL/0.9.7d
Apache Release	10331100

Under MySQL: Client API version	3.23.49
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That's it. Again, keep the file where you can find it, because you might need this information again. That way, it can be run any time from your browser.

Information and Resources

- [PHP.net's phpinfo Manual](http://us3.php.net/phpinfo) (<http://us3.php.net/phpinfo>)
- [Zend's PHP Manual on phpinfo](#)