

Re: Running Web Server

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anil chada said:

> *Hi --*
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> *Recently i was able to build RedHat Linux machine. Currently this*
> *machine is standalone at my home.*
> *Now i want to run web server on that machine so that i can host some*
> *web sites.*
> *I am just wondering some one can guide me towards setting up web*
> *server.*
> *I want to use apache web server for this purpose.*
> *Does anyone have any suggestions about any books which provide details*
> *about setting up web server?*
> *Currently i have High Speed Internet through cable. Can i use this*
> *cable service to connect my machine to outside world? do i need to*
> *take any special service with cable provider for hosting web sites?*
> *I am looking for any book or document which has details about some of*
> *the steps involved in setting up web server.*
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> *Thank you all in advance for your time*
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> *Anil*

i've been doing this for demo versions of sites i'm designing, and it works ok mostly. (Though annoying sometimes to have to have a machine running in my house 24/7)

One thing is you need (ideally, though you can work round this) one or more fixed IP addresses (the numerical address your machine has to the rest of the internet). If you're happy for people to find your site using just a number (e.g. 234.54.125.87/index.html), you can just use this; otherwise you also need to pay for a domain name registration, which points a www.yourname.org address at the IP address.

I've found the virtual linux desktop at www.workspot.org useful for testing your site from outside the router – you can use this to look back at your own site and see it as the rest of the net does.

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apache isn't too hard to set up for a basic site – the config files are well commented with lines explaining each of the options. It has a 'virtual server' option, which lets you run more than one domain name from a single address if you want to host more than one site.

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