



APACHE HTTPD BASICS

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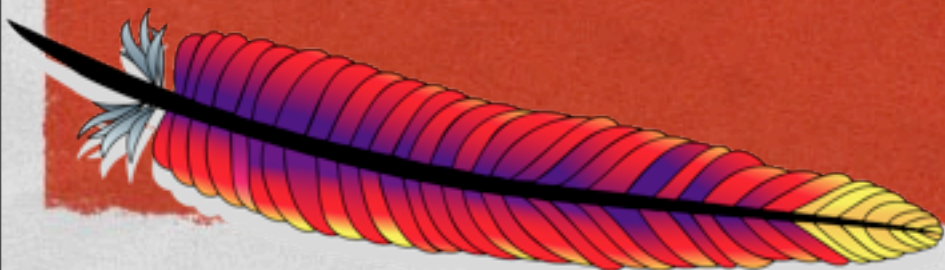
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Slides are at: **[tm3.org/](http://tm3.org/httpd-ac2013)**
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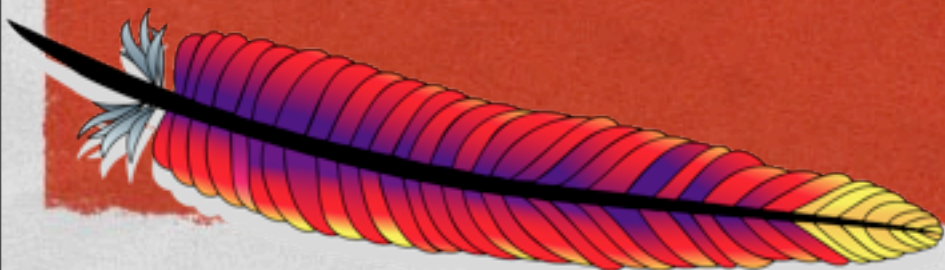
OVERVIEW

- Architecture
- Installation
- Configuration
- Modules
- Community/Development



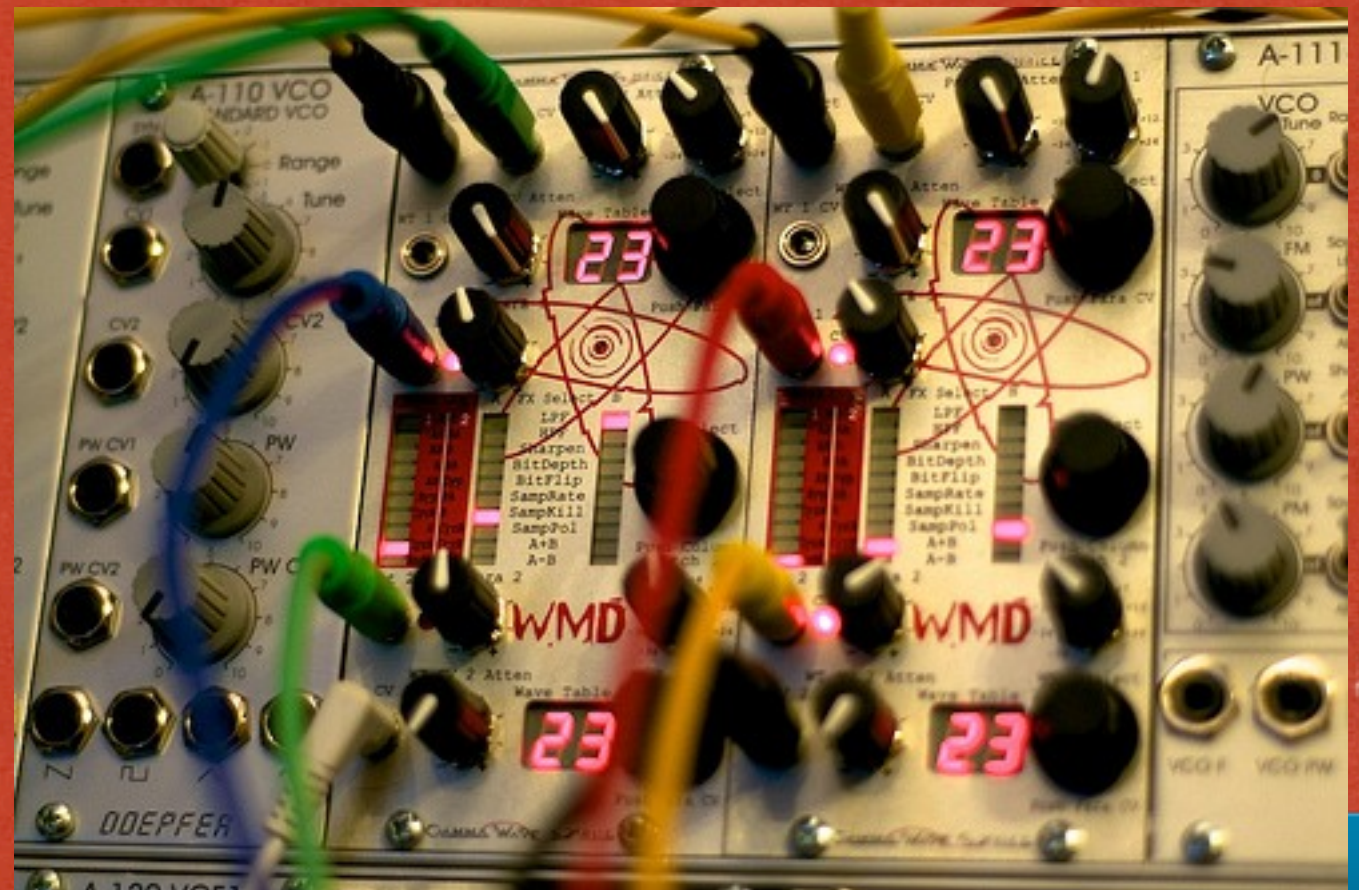
TL;DR

- <http://httpd.apache.org/docs/current>

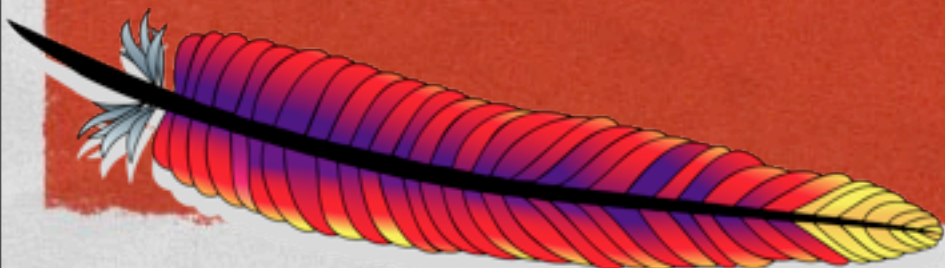


ARCHITECTURE

- Modular "plugin" architecture
- Small core
- Everything in optional modules
- MPMs



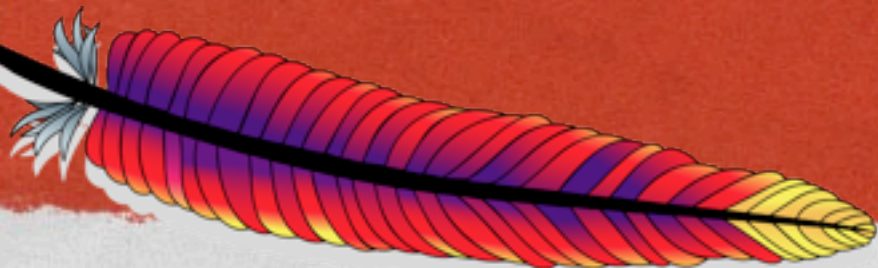
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MPM



- Multi-Processing Modules
- Your server receives multiple requests at the same time. MPMs provide different ways of handling that concurrency



PREFORK



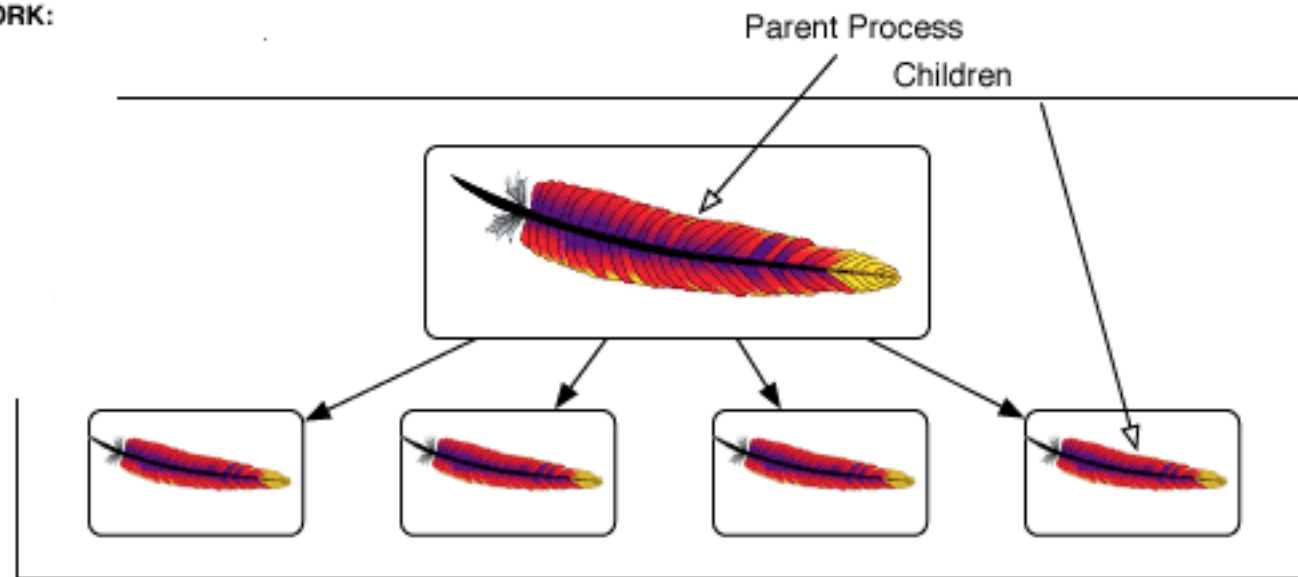
- Default for 2.2 and earlier
- One parent, multiple forked child processes
- Each child process can answer a single request
- Create/Destroy child processes as load dictates



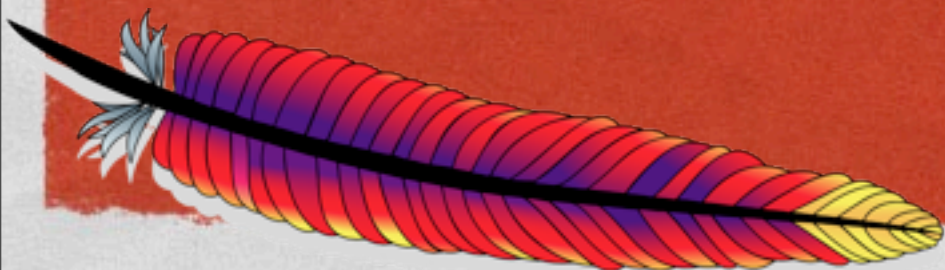
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PREFORK:



- Advantages: Very stable
- Disadvantages: Not very scalable, perhaps a little slow



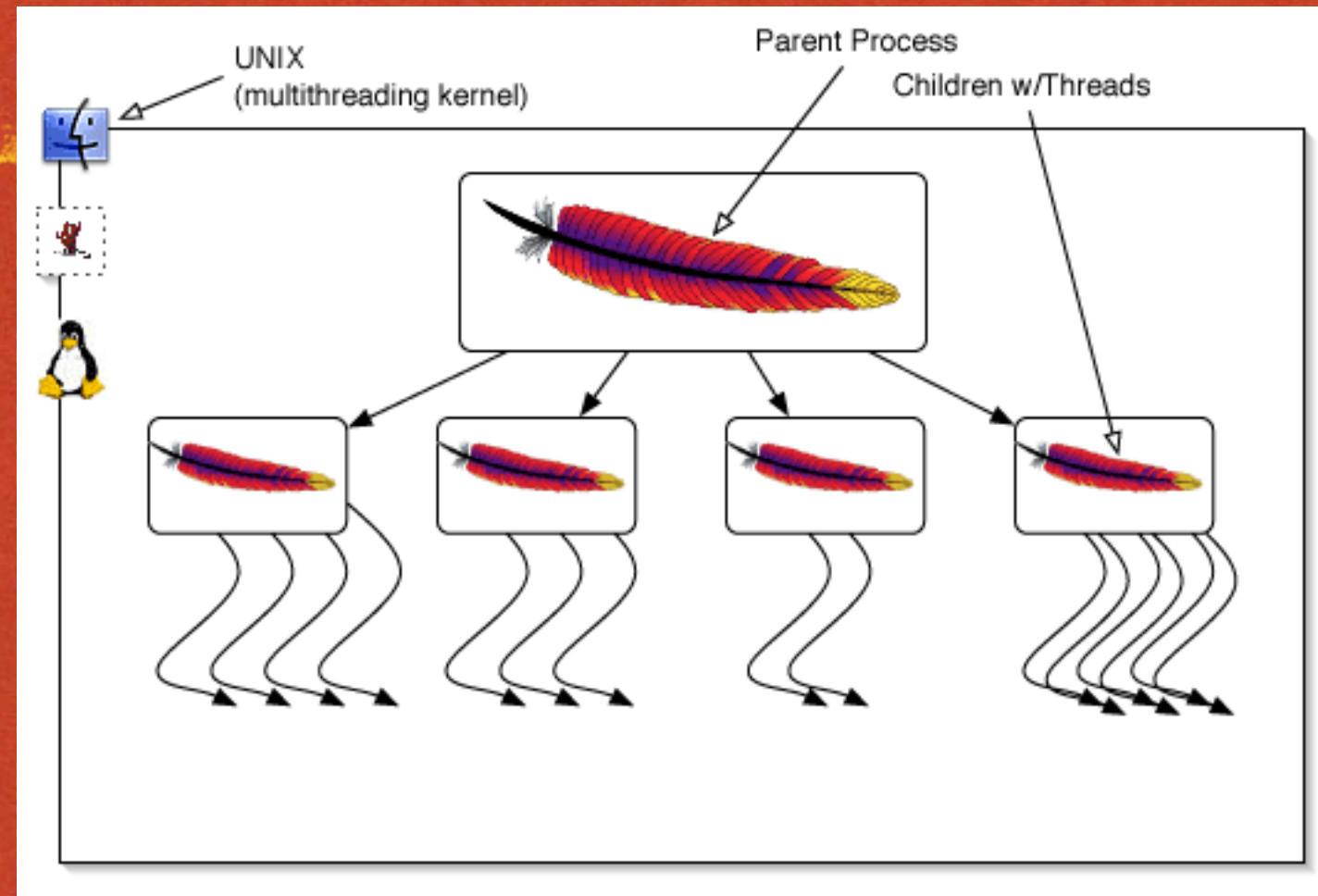
CHILD PROCESSES



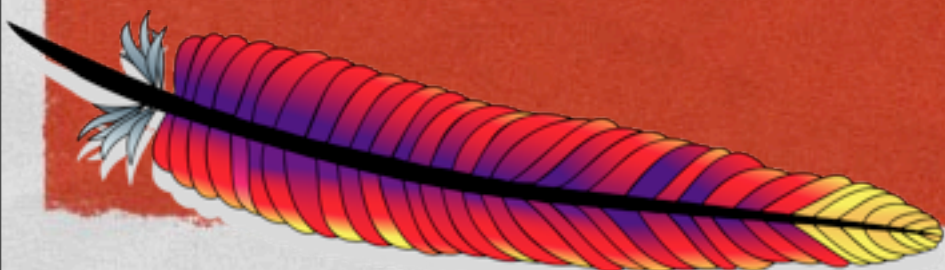
- Processes created, reaped, as required by server load
- MinSpareServers
- MaxSpareServers
- MaxClients (MaxRequestWorkers on 2.4)



WORKER



- Advantage: Fast and very scalable
- Disadvantage: Need to think about thread safety



THREAD MANAGEMENT



- Similar to prefork:
- ThreadsPerChild
- MinSpareThreads
- MaxSpareThreads
- MaxRequestWorkers



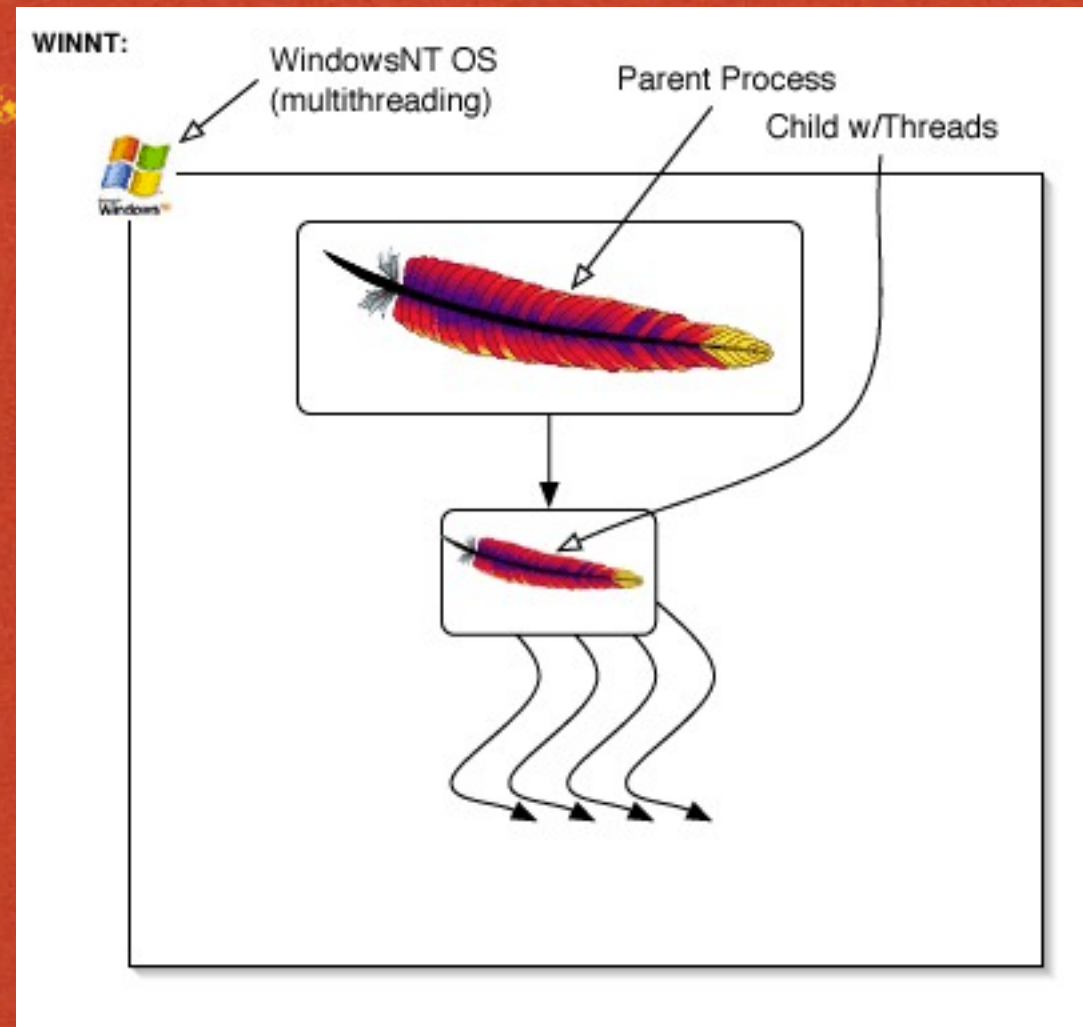
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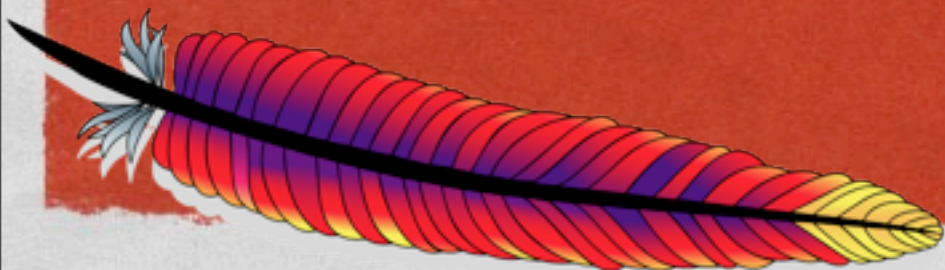
- Like worker, but with some added shinyness
- Default on most modern Unix operating systems



WINNT



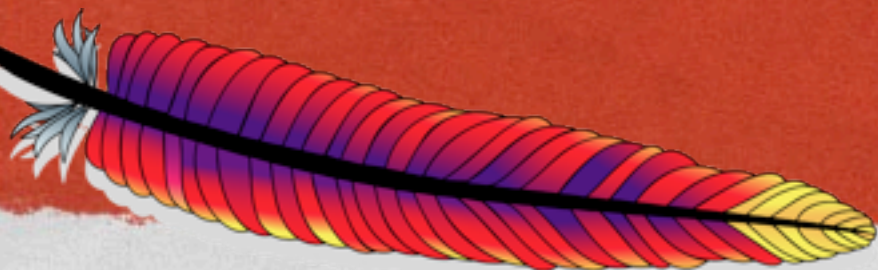
- Like worker, but only one child process



CHOOSING AN MPM



- Prior to 2.4, you choose the MPM at build or install time. Changing MPM requires rebuild/reinstall
- `./configure --with-mpm=worker`
- See configure section in a moment



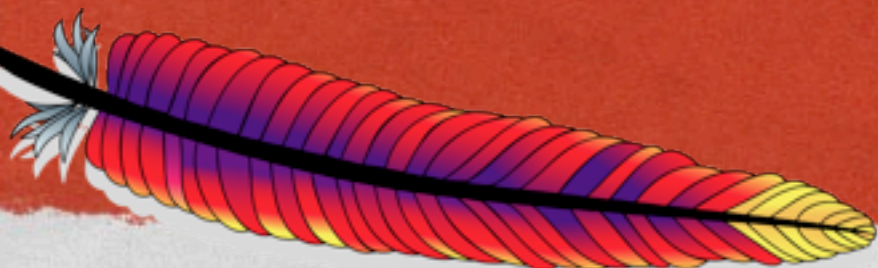
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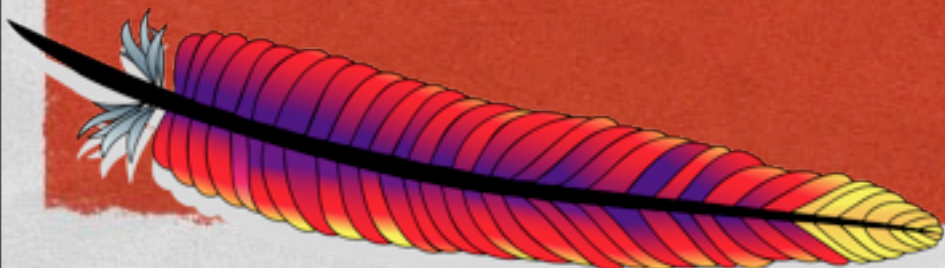


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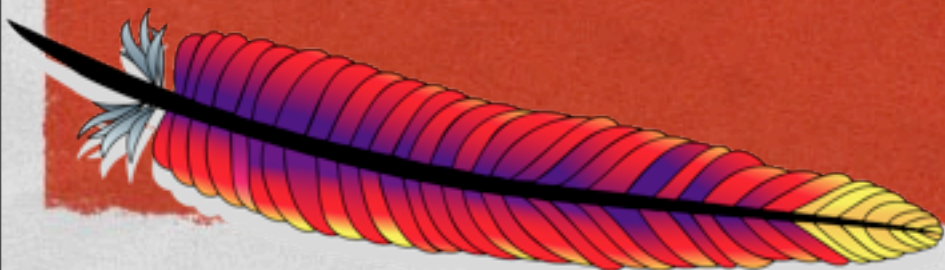
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`LoadModule mpm_event_module modules/mod_mpm_event.so`



WHICH MPM?

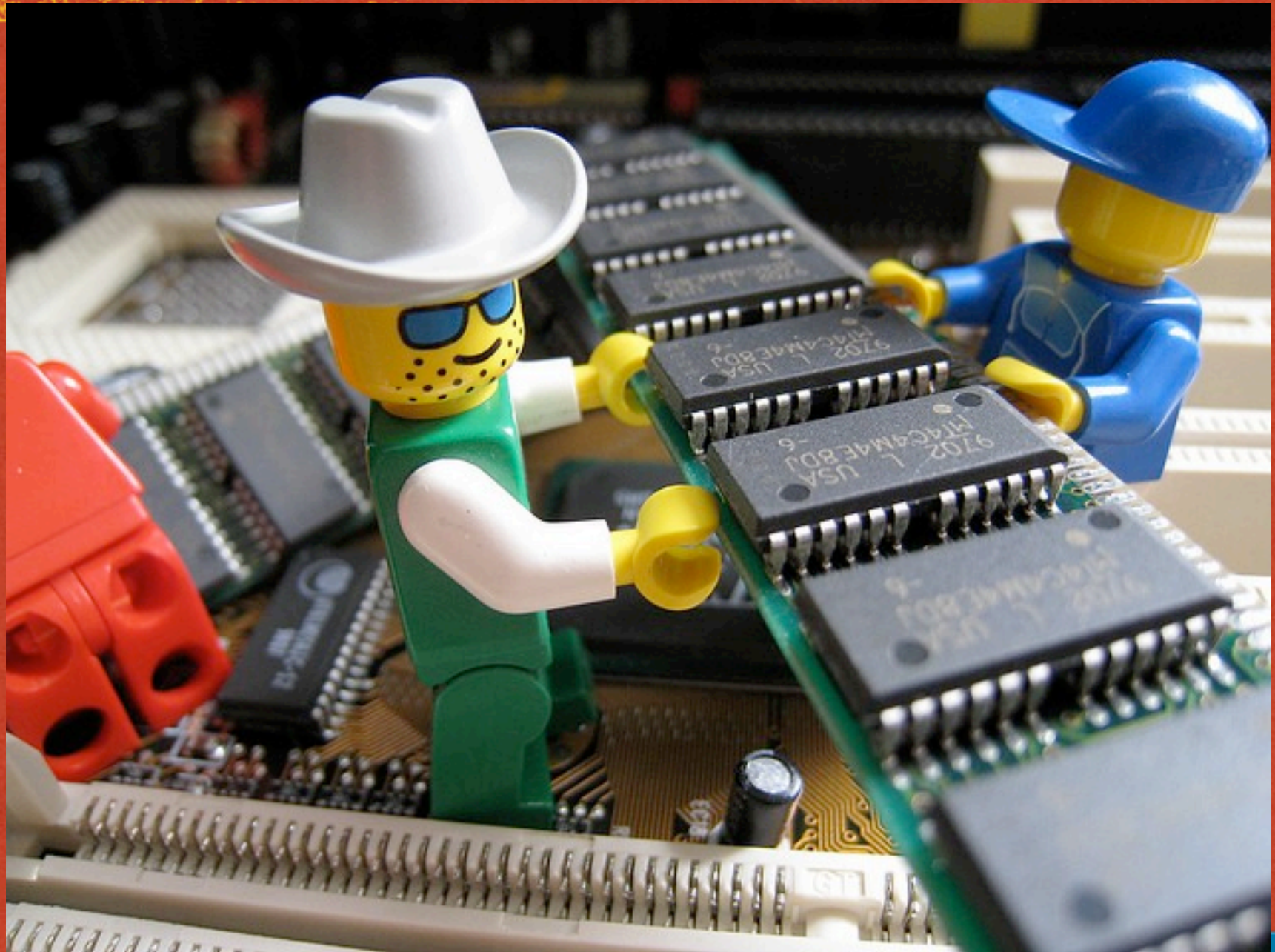
- If possible, go with the default, which will most likely be Event
- Use Prefork if you're doing something that might not be threadsafe



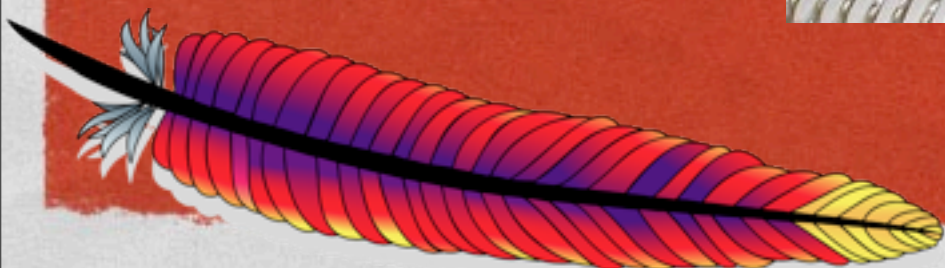
INSTALLATION

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- Packages
- Source



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INSTALLATION - PACKAGES



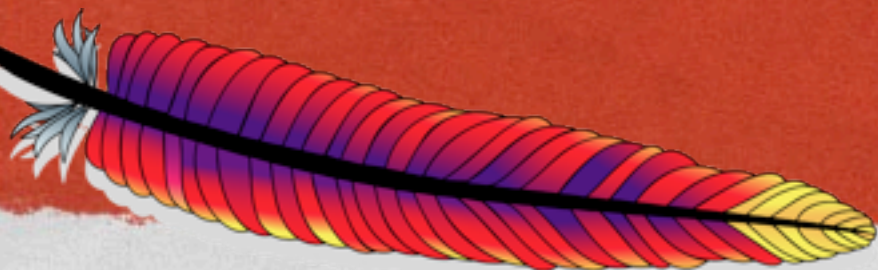
- Most of you will install from a package
- This used to be something of a debate - those days are thankfully past



PACKAGE INSTALL



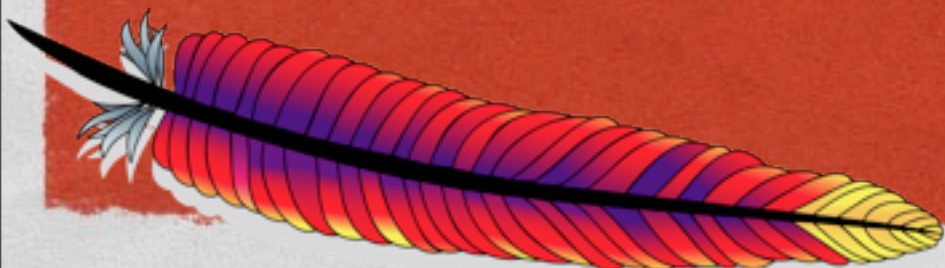
- apt-get install apache2 apache2-dev
- yum install apache2 apache2-dev
- Download installer from
www.apachelounge.com/download



BUILDING FROM SOURCE



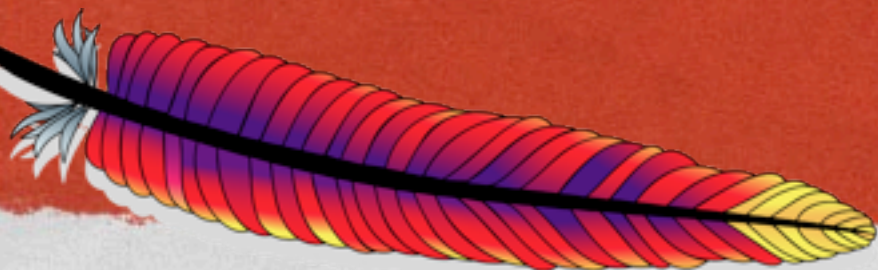
- There are still many reasons to build from source
- It helps you be more familiar with how httpd fits together



CONFIGURE



- The ./configure script sets up how httpd will be built
- Options include:
 - File locations
 - Modules to be built
 - Other settings



[rbowen@NCC1701:apache/httpd-trunk]\$ **./configure --help**
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- help=short display options specific to this package
- help=recursive display the short help of all the included packages
- V, --version display version information and exit
- q, --quiet, --silent do not print `checking...' messages
- cache-file=FILE cache test results in FILE [disabled]
- C, --config-cache alias for `--cache-file=config.cache'
- n, --no-create do not create output files
- srcdir=DIR find the sources in DIR [configure dir or `..']

Installation directories:

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[`/usr/local/apache2`]
- exec-prefix=EPREFIX install architecture-dependent files in EPREFIX
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Where does it go?



--enable-modules=MODULE-LIST

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"most" | "few" | "none" | "reallyall"

--enable-mods-shared=MODULE-LIST

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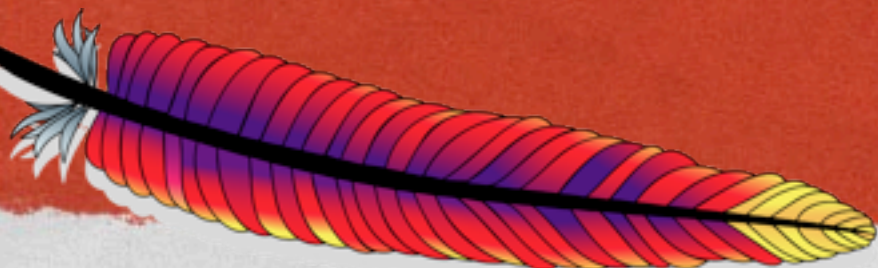
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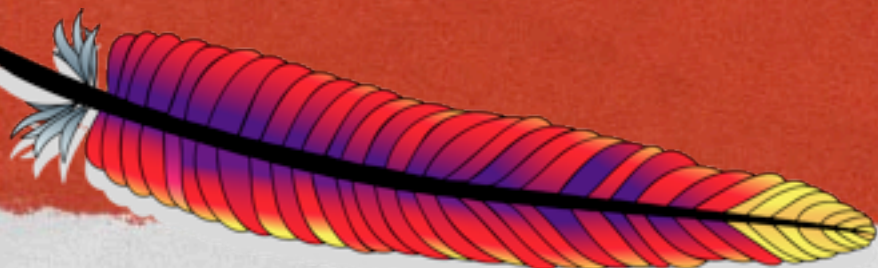
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and decide later

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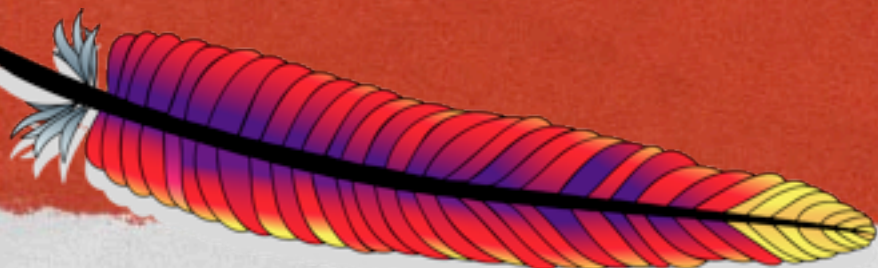
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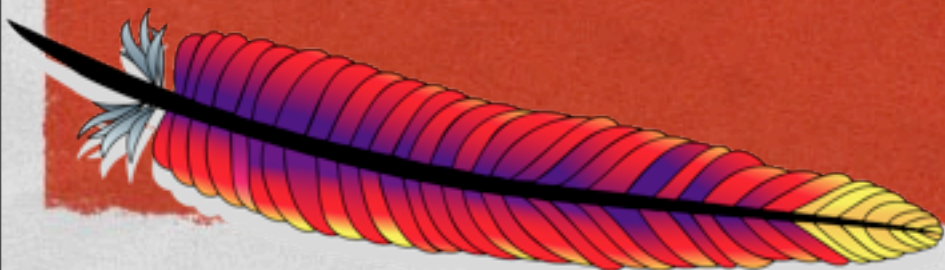
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LOADMODULE

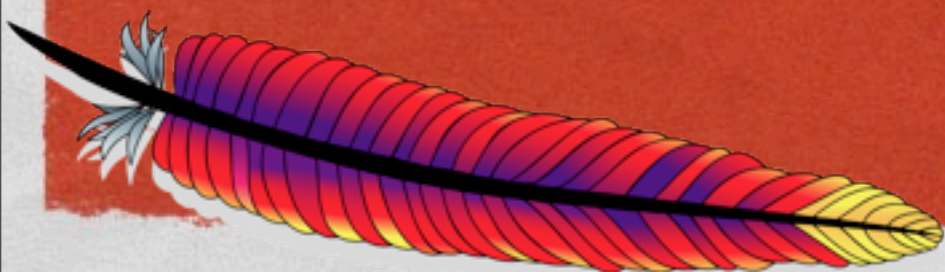
```
#LoadModule slotmem_shm_module modules/mod_slotmem_shm.so
LoadModule mpm_event_module modules/mod_mpm_event.so
LoadModule unixd_module modules/mod_unixd.so
#LoadModule heartbeat_module modules/mod_heartbeat.so
#LoadModule heartmonitor_module modules/mod_heartmonitor.so
#LoadModule dav_module modules/mod_dav.so
LoadModule status_module modules/mod_status.so
LoadModule autoindex_module modules/mod_autoindex.so
#LoadModule asis_module modules/mod_asis.so
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DEMO GOES HERE



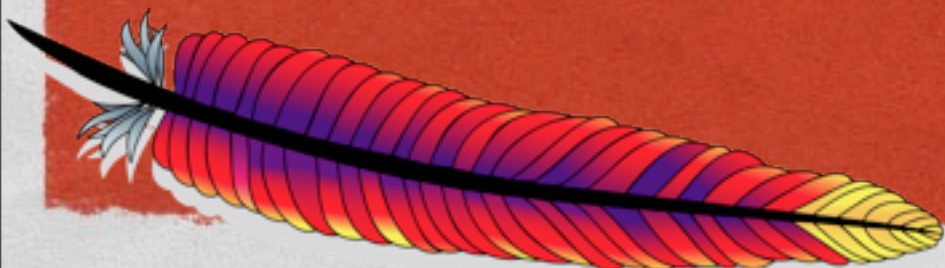
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CONFIG.NICE



- When you run `./configure`, the options you selected are saved in a file called `config.nice` which you can then run again later to get the same options
- Or add additional options
- `./config.nice --prefix=/usr/local/apache-alt`

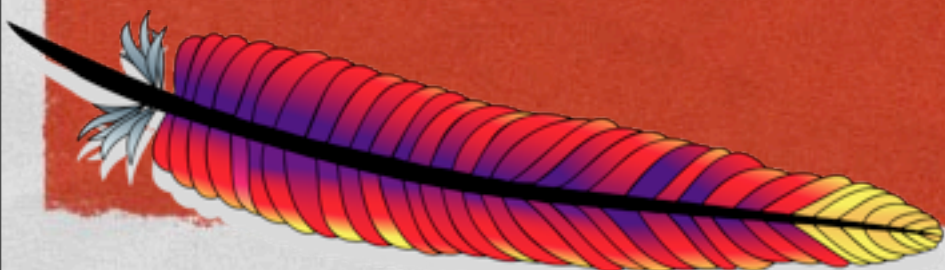


MODULES

- aaa
- cache
- dav
- debugging
- filters
- generators
- loggers
- mappers
- metadata
- proxy
- session
- ssl

CONFIGURATION FILES

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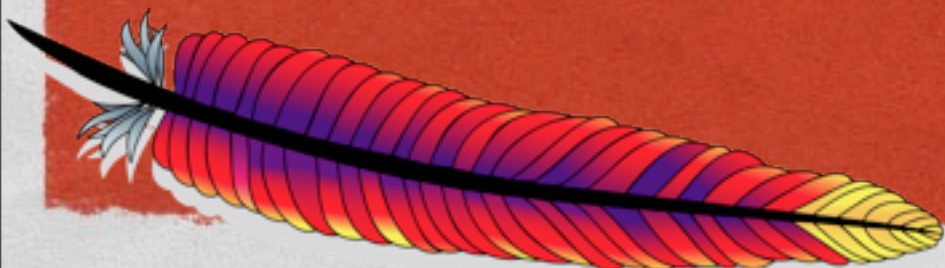
- Plain text configuration files loaded at server start/restart
- Edit with your favorite configuration file
- No, there's no GUI configuration manager tool



HTTPD.CONF



- The main configuration file is usually called httpd.conf
- By default, located in /usr/local/apache2/conf but this varies from one distribution to another
- httpd -V will tell you where it is




```
[rbowen@NCCI701:apache/httpd-trunk]$ /usr/local/apache2/bin/httpd -V  
(02-14 20:38)
```

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Server built: Mar 8 2012 11:17:43

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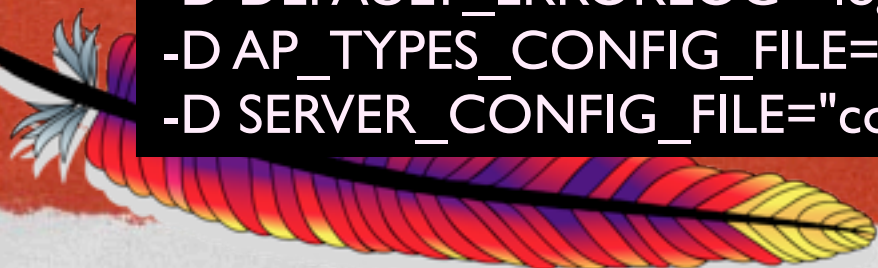
Server MPM: event

threaded: yes (fixed thread count)

forked: yes (variable process count)

Server compiled with....

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- D APR_HAS_MMAP
- D APR_HAVE_IPV6 (IPv4-mapped addresses enabled)
- D APR_USE_SYSVSEM_SERIALIZE
- D APR_USE_PTHREAD_SERIALIZE
- D SINGLE_LISTEN_UNSERIALIZED_ACCEPT
- D APR_HAS_OTHER_CHILD
- D AP_HAVE_RELIABLE_PIPED_LOGS
- D DYNAMIC_MODULE_LIMIT=256
- D HTTPD_ROOT="/usr/local/apache2"
- D SUEXEC_BIN="/usr/local/apache2/bin/suexec"
- D DEFAULT_PIDLOG="logs/httpd.pid"
- D DEFAULT_SCOREBOARD="logs/apache_runtime_status"
- D DEFAULT_ERRORLOG="logs/error_log"
- D AP_TYPES_CONFIG_FILE="conf/mime.types"
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COMMENTS



- Line starts with #
- Comments can't start mid-line
- No block comment characters

```
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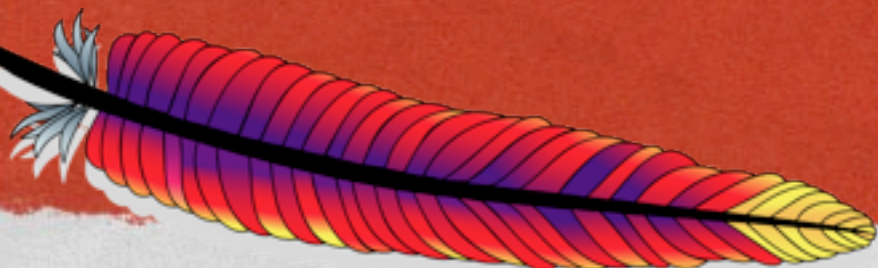
```
# ServerName gives the name and port that the server uses to identify itself.  
# This can often be determined automatically, but we recommend you specify  
# it explicitly to prevent problems during startup.
```

```
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```

```
# If your host doesn't have a registered DNS name, enter its IP address here.
```

```
#
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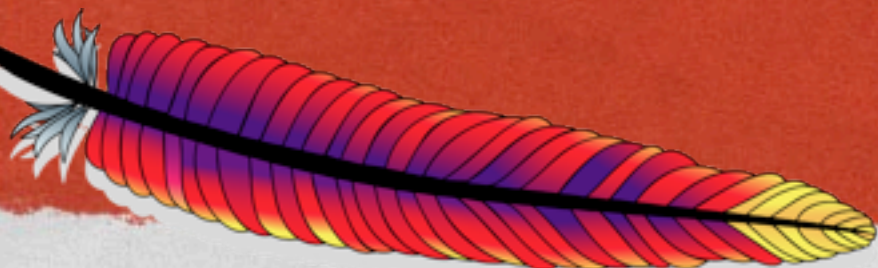
```
ServerName localhost:80
```



DIRECTIVES



- Keyword followed by one or more arguments
- Directives are permitted in various contexts:
 - server config
 - virtual host
 - directory
 - .htaccess



SECTIONS/CONTAINERS



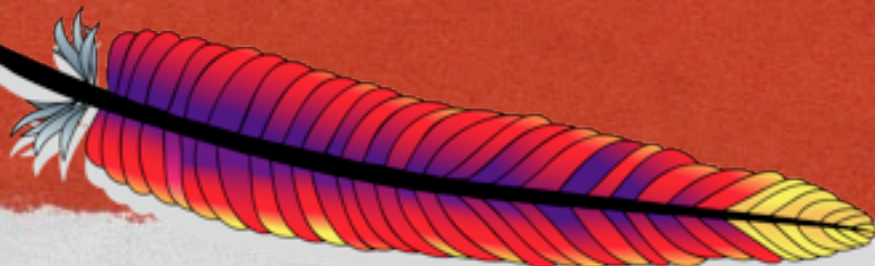
- Encloses one or more directives
- Designates the scope in which those directives are active.
- Look like XML containers



CONTAINER



```
<Directory "/usr/local/apache2/htdocs">  
  Options Indexes FollowSymLinks Includes  
  XBitHack On  
  
  AllowOverride None  
  
  Require all granted  
</Directory>
```



.HTACCESS FILES



- Per-directory configuration files
- Override server-wide configuration
- Applied at request time when a request is mapped to a particular directory



ALLOWOVERRIDE



- AllowOverride specifies what is permitted in .htaccess files
- 'None' is default in 2.4 and later
- 'All' is default in 2.2 and earlier



ALLOWOVERRIDE



If you want to use it you need at least ...



CGIMapExtension Directive

Description: Technique for locating the interpreter for CGI scripts

Syntax: CGIMapExtension *cgi-path* *.extension*

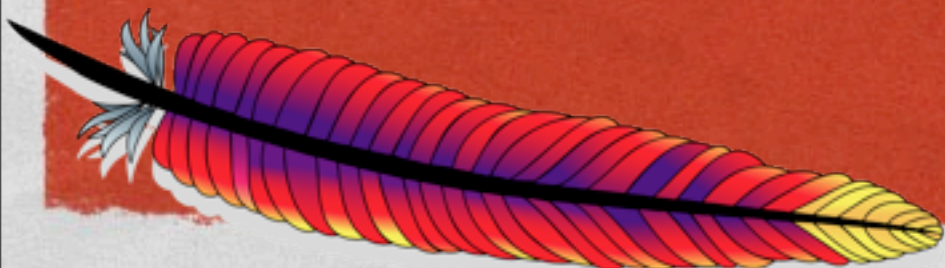
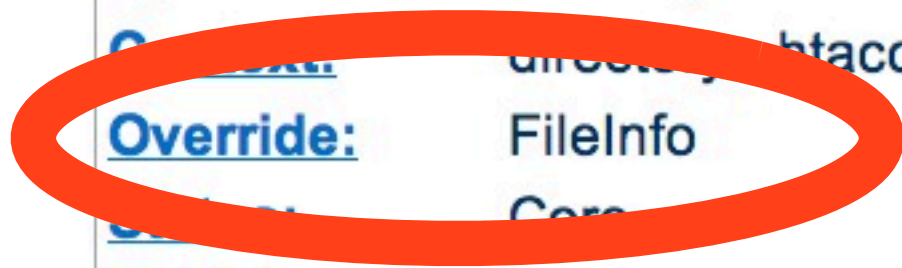
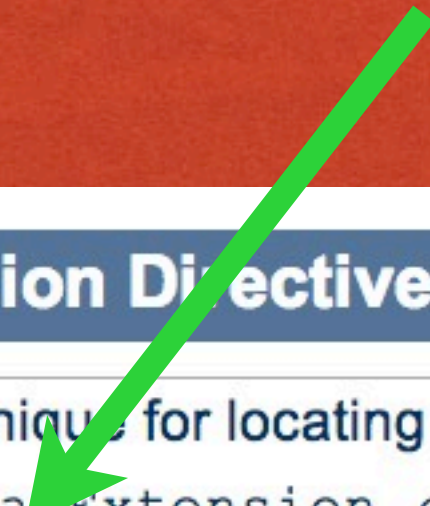
Options: *directly* *htaccess*

Override: FileInfo

Core: Core

Module: core

Compatibility: NetWare only



HTACCESS USE



- For people who don't have access to the main config
- Rapid prototyping without restarting httpd
- Significant performance impact of using them
- Each directory in patch checked



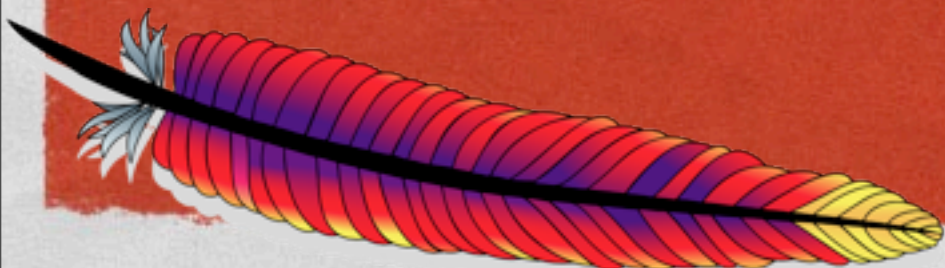
DON'T DO THIS:



```
<Directory />  
  AllowOverride All  
</Directory>
```

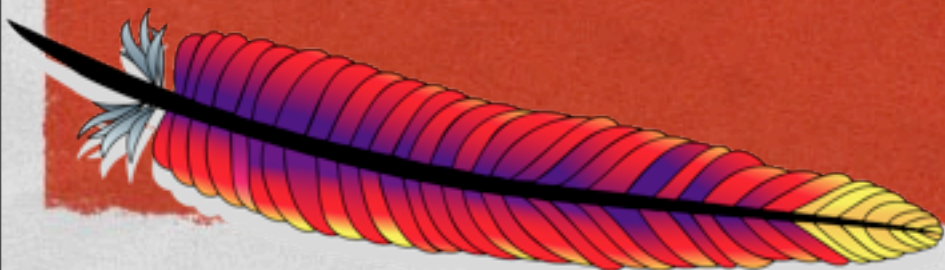


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/.htaccess  
/www/.htaccess  
/www/htdocs/.htaccess  
/www/htdocs/example/.htaccess
```



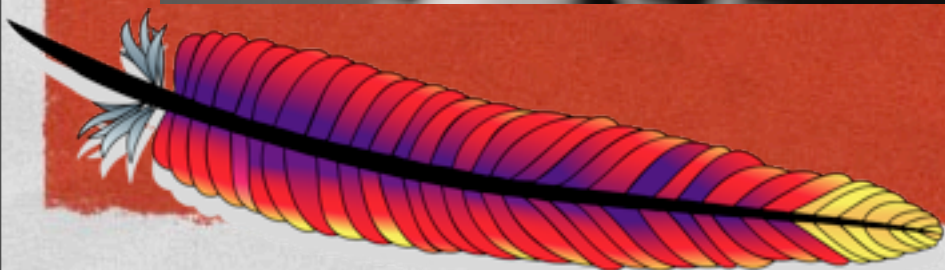
REWRITERULES

- RewriteRule syntax can vary greatly from main-config context to .htaccess context



MIME

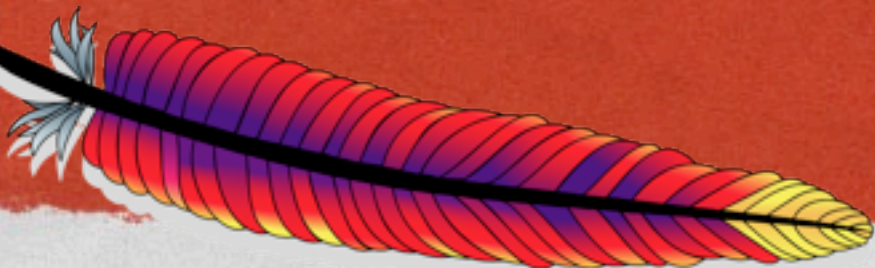
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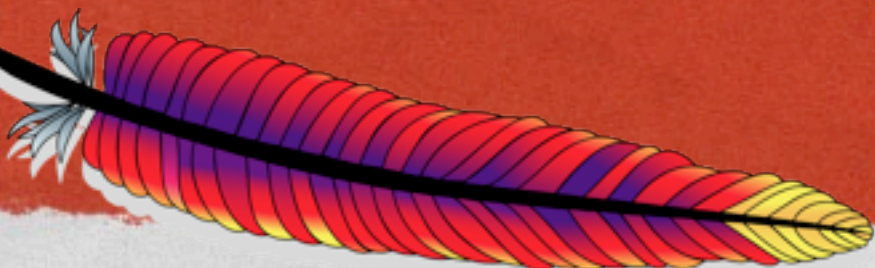
- Multipart Internet Mail Extension
- Headers that tell what's coming in the body





HEADERS

- Content-type: text/html
- Content-length: 34248
- Content-language: en_UK
- Headers ended with a newline





CONTENT-TYPE

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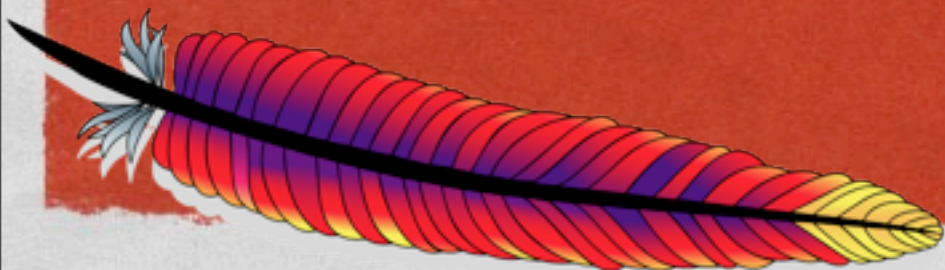




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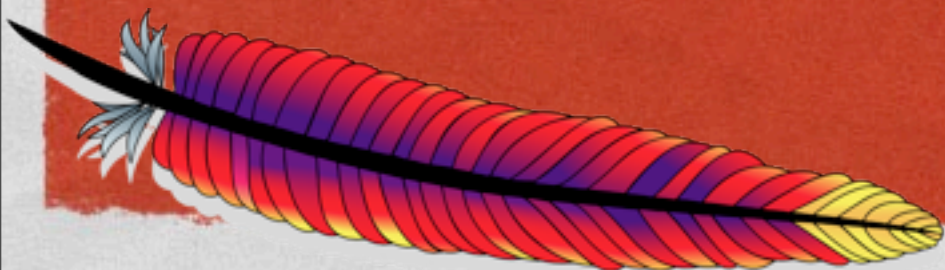


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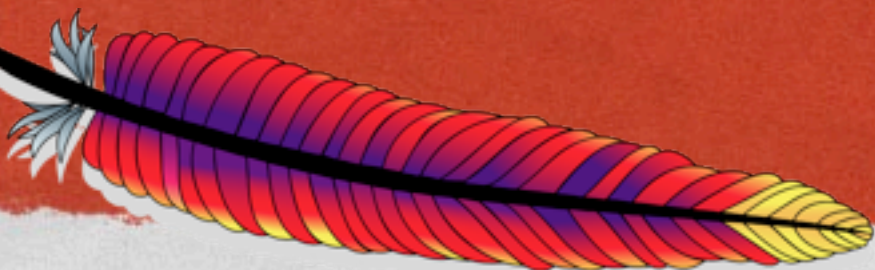
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MOD_MIME

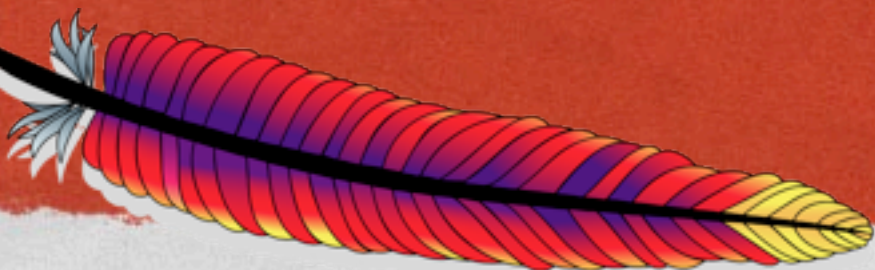
- mod_mime sets MIME headers for resources
- Also associates resources with handlers, which then produce output





ADDTYPE

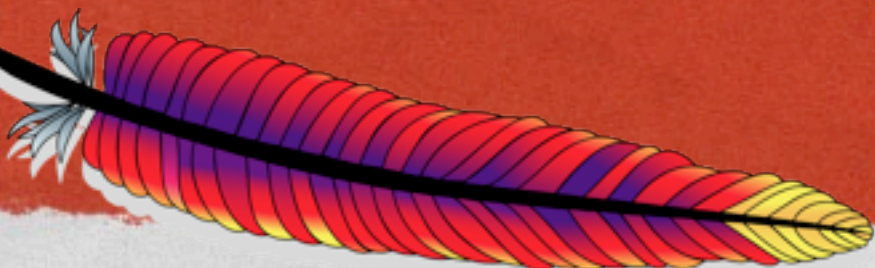
- AddType image/gif .gif
- Associates a mime type with a file extension



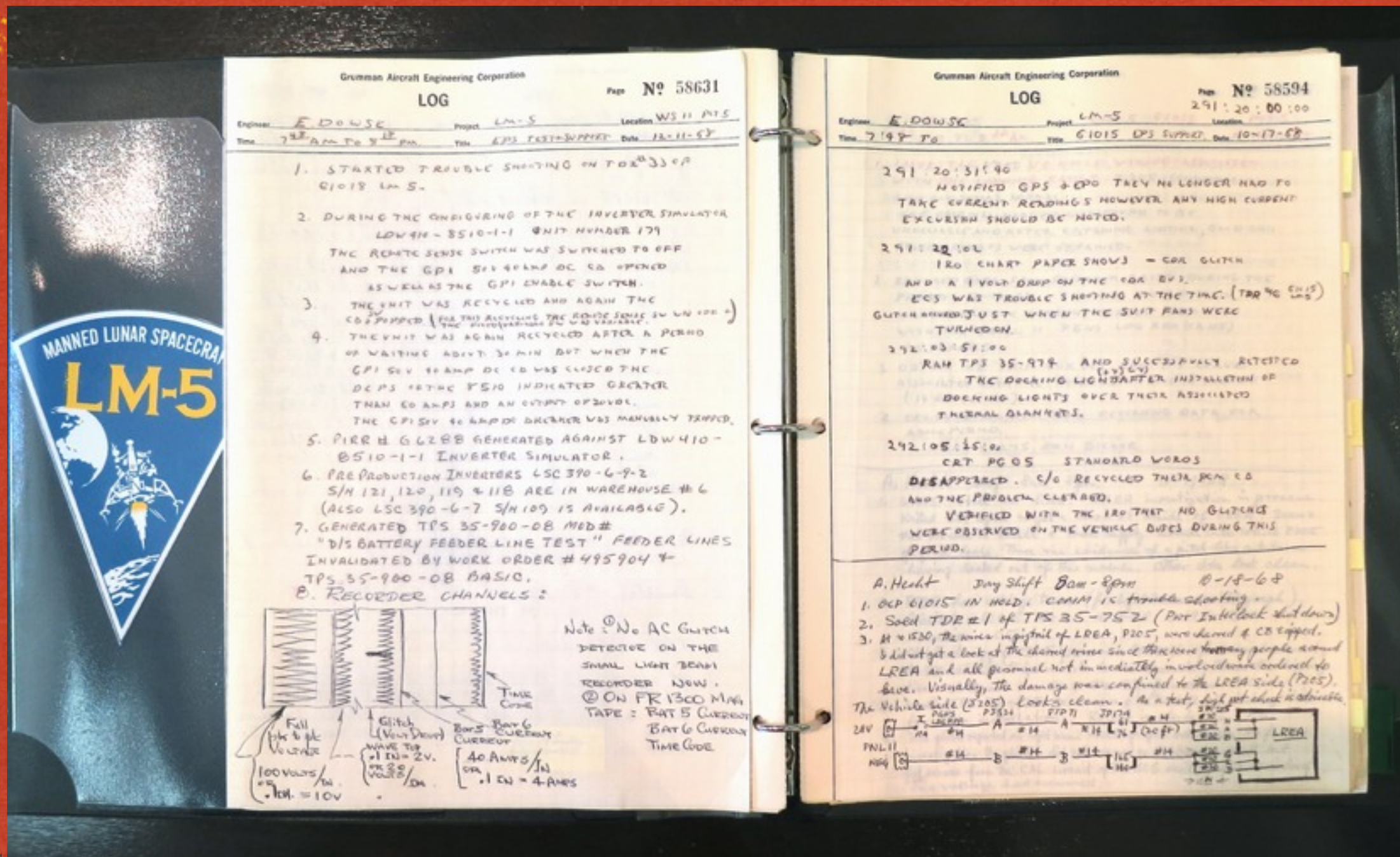


ADDHANDLER

- AddHandler cgi-script .cgi
- Associates a handler to a file extension
- A handler processes a resource to produce content



LOGGING



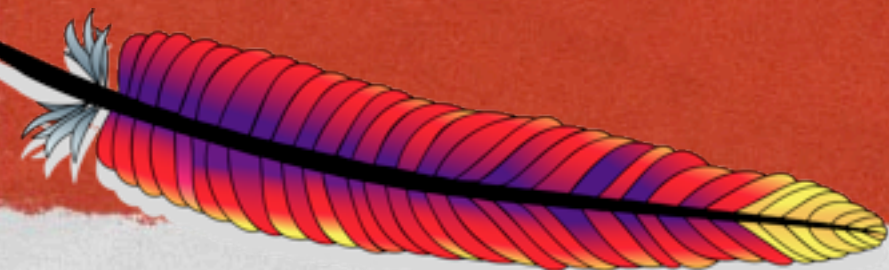
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ACCESS LOG

- Each request to the server is logged to the server access log files
- Log files are configurable
 - Location
 - Format

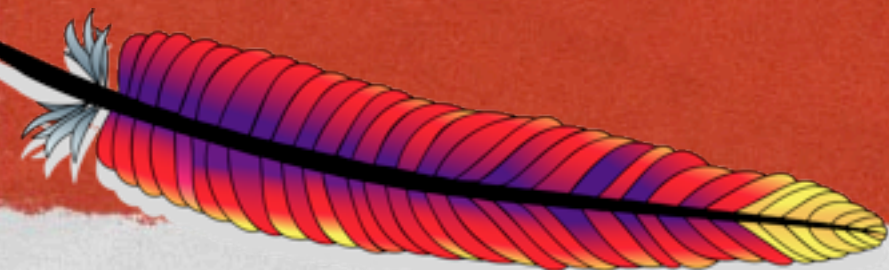




LOGFORMAT

- Defines the format of the log file

`LogFormat "%h %l %u %t \"%r\" %>s %b" common`



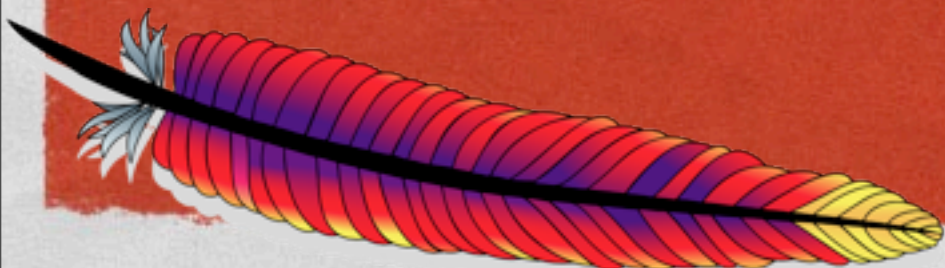


CUSTOMLOG

- Defines where the log goes, and which format to use

```
LogFormat "%h %l %u %t \"%r\" %>s %b" common
```

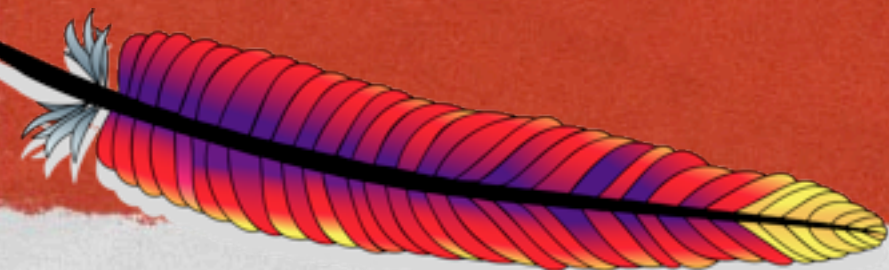
```
CustomLog /var/log/httpd/access_log common
```





PIPED LOGS

CustomLog |/usr/loca/bin/log_process common





COMMON LOG FORMATS

Common Log Format (CLF)

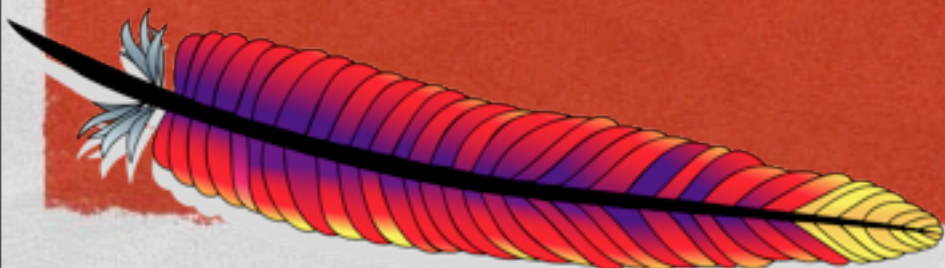
```
LogFormat "%h %l %u %t \"%r\" %>s %b" common
```

Common Log Format with Virtual Host

```
LogFormat "%v %h %l %u %t \"%r\" %>s %b" vhost
```

NCSA extended/combined log format

```
LogFormat "%h %l %u %t \"%r\" %>s %b \"%{Referer}i\" \"%{User-agent}i\"" \
combined
```

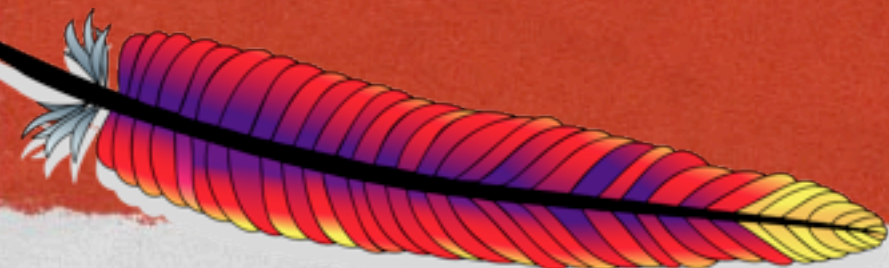




ERRORLOG

- The ErrorLog directive specifies where the error log should be placed

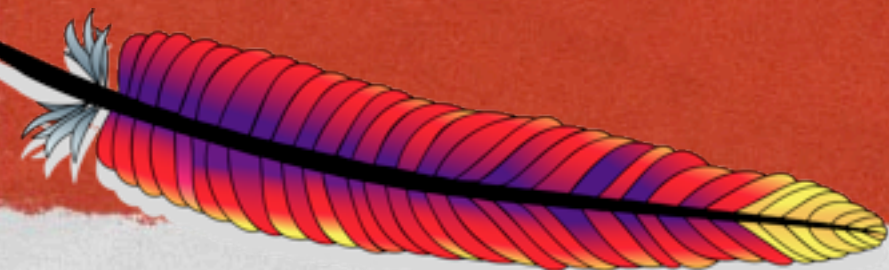
```
ErrorLog /var/log/httpd/error_log
```





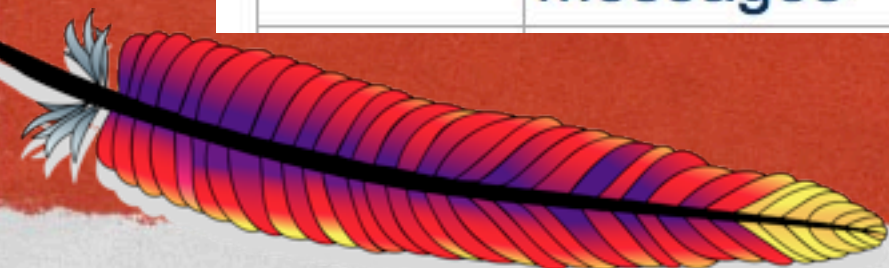
LOGLEVEL

- Specifies how loud the error log should be





Level	Description	Example
emerg	Emergencies - system is unusable.	"Child cannot open lock file. Exiting"
alert	Action must be taken immediately.	"getpwuid: couldn't determine user name from uid"
crit	Critical Conditions.	"socket: Failed to get a socket, exiting child"
error	Error conditions.	"Premature end of script headers"
warn	Warning conditions.	"child process 1234 did not exit, sending another SIGHUP"
notice	Normal but significant condition.	"httpd: caught SIGBUS, attempting to dump core in ..."
info	Informational.	"Server seems busy, (you may need to increase StartServers, or Min/MaxSpareServers)..."
debug	Debug-level messages	"Opening config file ..."

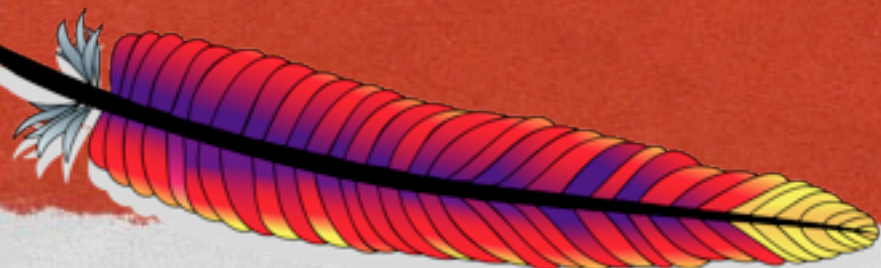




LOGLEVEL (2.4)

- In 2.4 you can specify LogLevel per directory (ie, in `<Directory>` blocks)
- Also, can specify LogLevel per module

LogLevel info ssl:warn





LOGLEVEL (2.4)

- 2.4 adds several new log levels
- This functionality eliminates the need for a separate RewriteLog





trace1	Trace messages	"proxy: FTP: control connection complete"
trace2	Trace messages	"proxy: CONNECT: sending the CONNECT request to the remote proxy"
trace3	Trace messages	"openssl: Handshake: start"
trace4	Trace messages	"read from buffered SSL brigade, mode 0, 17 bytes"
trace5	Trace messages	"map lookup FAILED: map=rewritemap key=keyname"
trace6	Trace messages	"cache lookup FAILED, forcing new map lookup"
trace7	Trace messages, dumping large amounts of data	" 0000: 02 23 44 30 13 40 ac 34 df 3d bf 9a 19 49 39 15 "
trace8	Trace messages, dumping large amounts of data	" 0000: 02 23 44 30 13 40 ac 34 df 3d bf 9a 19 49 39 15 "





ERRORLOGFORMAT (2.4)

- 2.4 also adds a configurable error log format (format is fixed in 2.2 and earlier)

```
ErrorLogFormat "[%{u}t] [%-m:%l] [pid %P:tid %T]  
%7F: %E: [client\ %a] %M% ,\ referer\ %{Referer}i"  
# All one line
```





ERRORLOGFORMAT (2.4)

Module



```
ErrorLogFormat "[%{u}t] [%-m:%l] [pid %P:tid %T]  
%7F: %E: [client\ %a] %M% ,\ referer\ %{Referer}i"  
# All one line
```

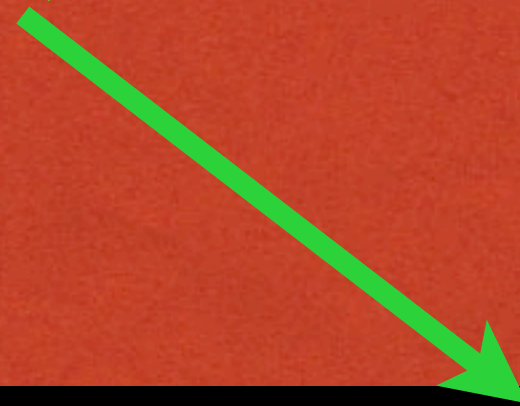


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ERRORLOGFORMAT (2.4)

Process ID, Thread ID



```
ErrorLogFormat "[%{u}t] [%-m:%l] [pid %P:tid %T]  
%7F: %E: [client\ %a] %M% ,\ referer\ %{Referer}i"  
# All one line
```





ERRORLOGFORMAT (2.4)

The error message

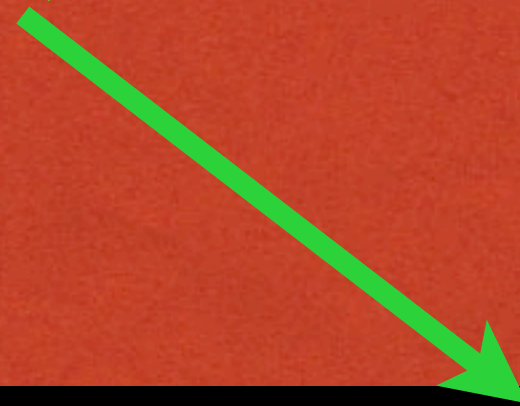
ErrorLogFormat "[%{u}t] [%-m:%l] [pid %P:tid %T]
%7F: %E: [client\ %a] %M% ,\ referer\ %{Referer}i"
All one line





ERRORLOGFORMAT (2.4)

Process ID, Thread ID



```
ErrorLogFormat "[%{u}t] [%-m:%l] [pid %P:tid %T]  
%7F: %E: [client\ %a] %M% ,\ referer\ %{Referer}i"  
# All one line
```

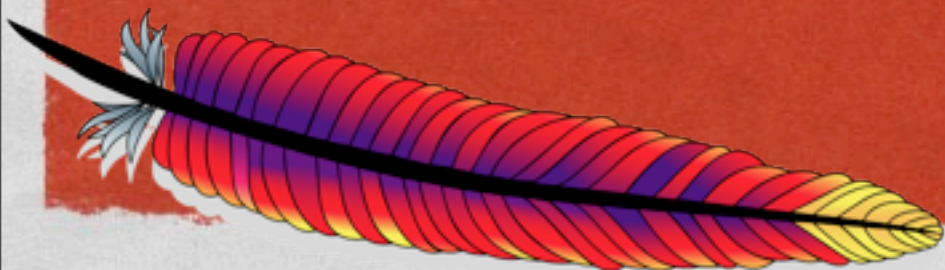




ERRORLOGFORMAT (2.4)

Log ID

```
ErrorLogFormat "[%{u}t] [%-m:%l] [pid %P:tid %T]  
%7F: %E: [client\ %a] %M% ,\ referer\ %{Referer}i %L"  
# All one line
```



TAIL -F

- Because the module name is right there in the log file:

```
tail -f /var/log/httpd/error_log | grep rewrite
```



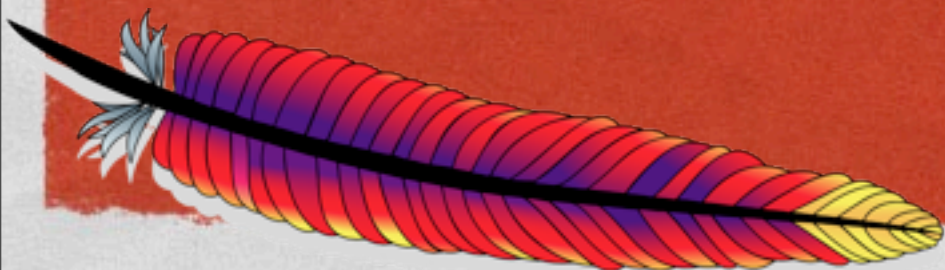


MOD_LOG_FORENSIC

```
+yQtJf8CoAB4AAFNXBIEAAAAA|GET /manual/de/  
images/down.gif HTTP/1.1|Host:localhost%3a8080|User-  
Agent:Mozilla/5.0 (X11; U; Linux i686; en-US; rv%3a1.6)
```

...

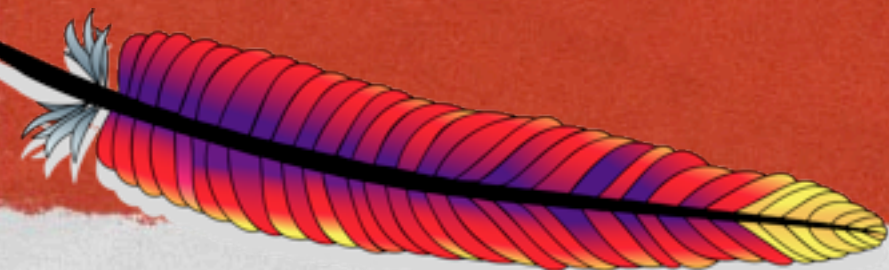
```
-yQtJf8CoAB4AAFNXBIEAAAAA
```





MOD_LOGIO

- Adds a %I, %O log format variables to LogFormat
- %I = Input
- %O = Output
- Logs total bytes in/out, including headers



LOG ROTATION

- Logs get big



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LOG ROTATION

- Archive them off periodically, or when they reach a particular size
- Most OSes provide some kind of log rotation utility
- Requires a restart of the httpd process

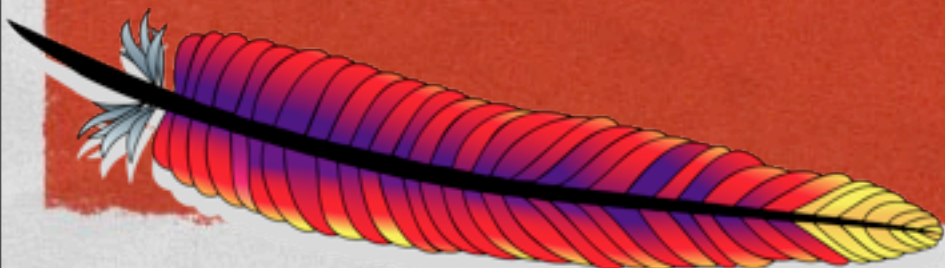




ROTATELOGS

- rotatelog script is a piped log handler that handles log rotation
- Can rotate by time (eg every day or week) or by size (eg when it reached 500M)

CustomLog "|bin/rotatelog /var/logs/logfile 5M" common

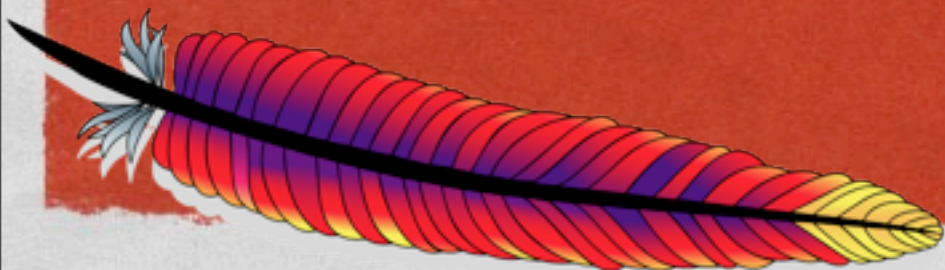


ROTATELOGS

```
CustomLog "|bin/rotatelogs /var/logs/logfile 86400" common
```

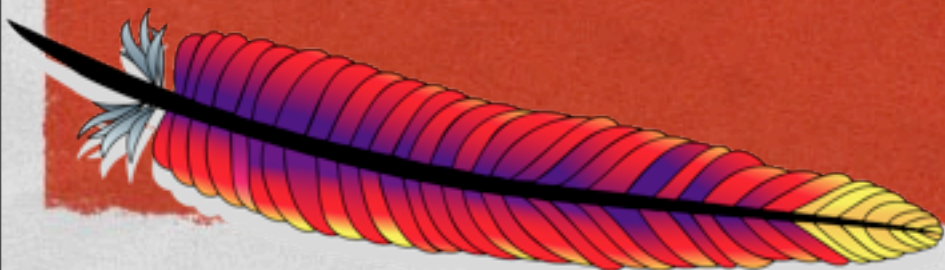
```
CustomLog "|bin/rotatelogs /var/logs/logfile.%Y.%m.%d 86400" common
```

```
ErrorLog "|bin/rotatelogs /var/logs/errorlog.%Y-%m-%d-%H_%M_%S 5M"
```



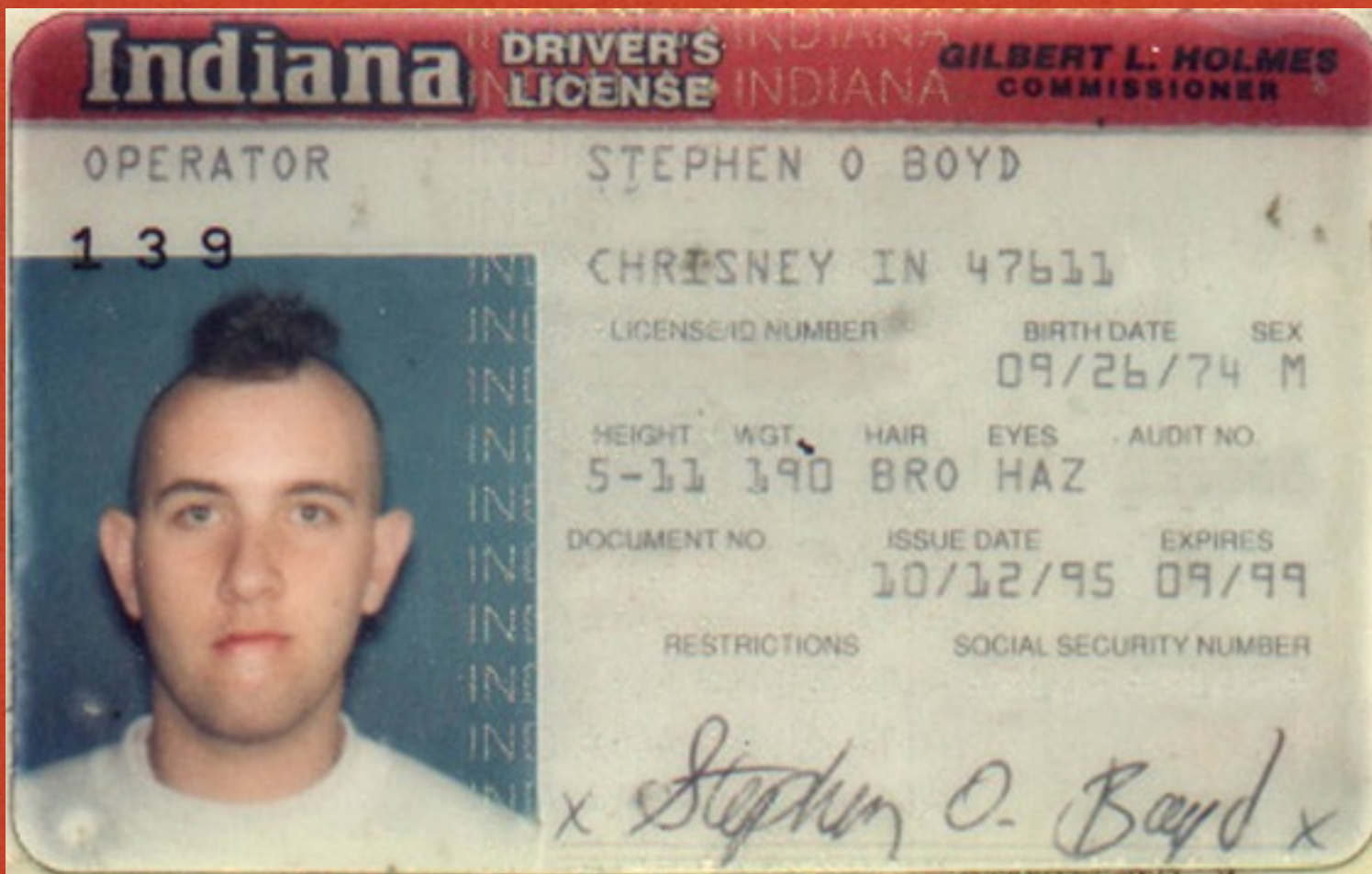
ROTATELOGS (2.4)

- -p program -- Run a program post-rotate
- -L linkname -- Creates a hard link to a consistently-named file so that you can `tail -F` that filename
- -f -- Create the file immediately, even if no request has been received yet



AUTHENTICATION

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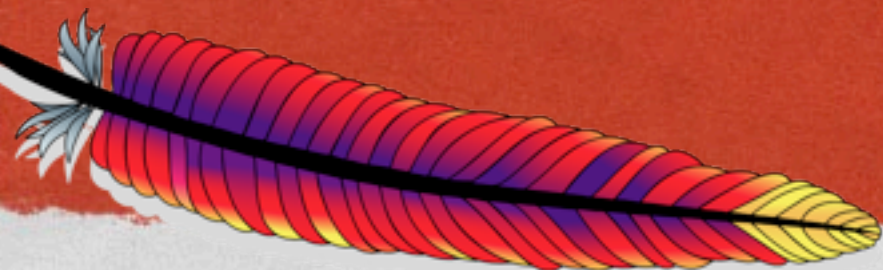


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WHO ARE YOU?

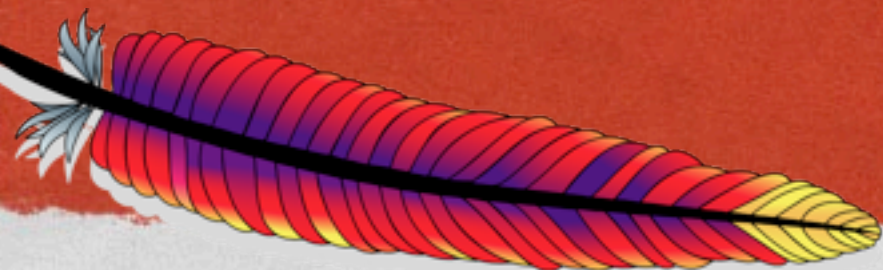
- Passport or driver's license
- Retinal scan
- Username/password





AUTHORIZATION

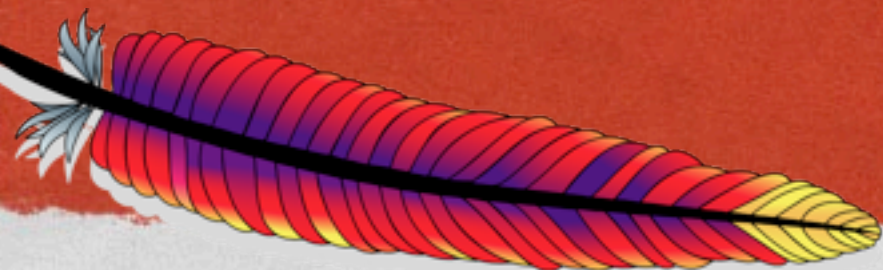
- Separate from *Authentication*
- Are you allowed to be here?
- Security clearance
- Invitation list
- Can be revoked, and this doesn't change your authentication





ACCESS CONTROL

- Access control can be a separate thing
- Do you have a key?
- Is it during business hours?
- Do you know the secret handshake (overlap with Authentication)





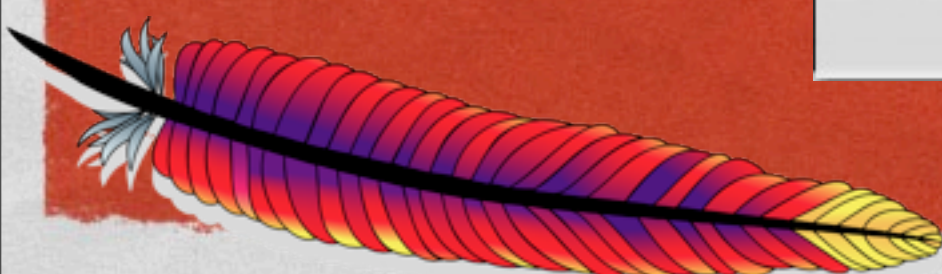
BASIC AUTH

- Apache httpd implements HTTP Basic Authentication, which is a simple username/password protocol
- Browser challenges you for a username and password

The server <http://sourceforge.net:80> requires a username and password. The server says: Corp LDAP.

User Name:

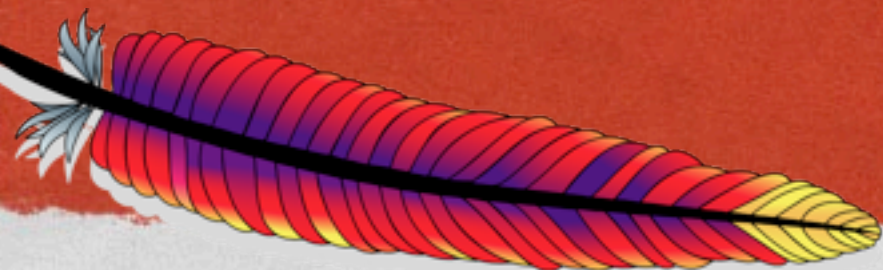
Password:





BASIC

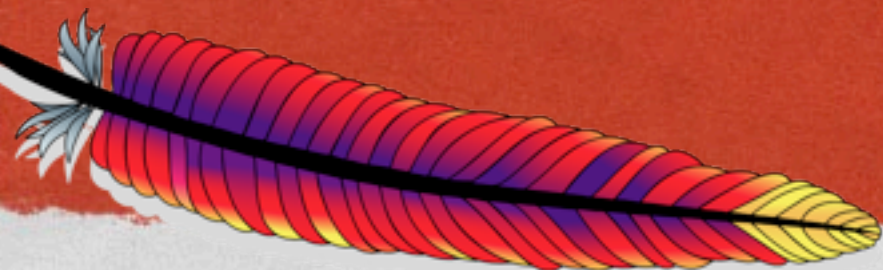
- Credentials then passed plaintext with each subsequent request
- Not terribly secure





DIGEST AUTH

- Digest auth improves things by passing credentials hashed
- If you use HTTP auth, this is the preferred one
- Either one over SSL is a zillion times better

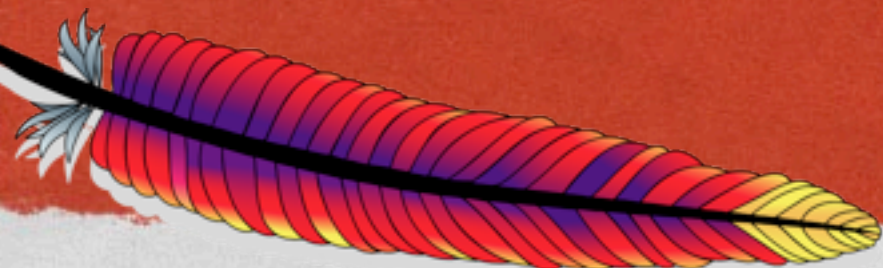




REQUIRE

- You can then Require a particular user or group

```
AuthType Basic
AuthName "Restricted Files"
# (Following line optional)
AuthBasicProvider file
AuthUserFile /usr/local/apache/passwd/passwords
Require user rbowen
```

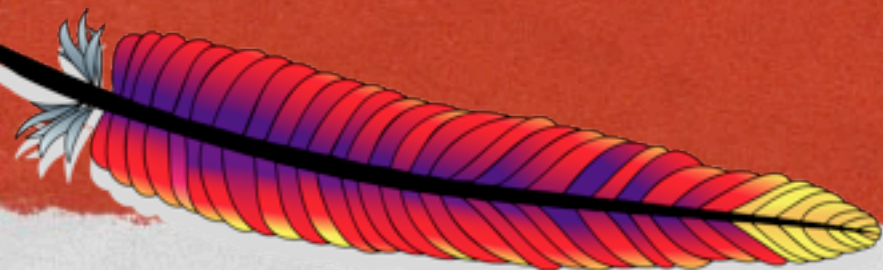




HTPASSWD

- Password file created using the htpasswd utility

```
# htpasswd -c /usr/local/apache/passwd/passwords  
rbowen  
New password: mypassword  
Re-type new password: mypassword  
Adding password for user rbowen
```





HTPASSWD

```
[rbowen@NCC1701:~]$ htpasswd -h
```

Usage:

```
htpasswd [-cmdpsD] passwordfile username
```

```
htpasswd -b[cmdpsD] passwordfile username password
```

```
htpasswd -n[mdps] username
```

```
htpasswd -nb[mdps] username password
```

-c Create a new file.

-n Don't update file; display results on stdout.

-m Force MD5 encryption of the password (default).

-d Force CRYPT encryption of the password.

-p Do not encrypt the password (plaintext).

-s Force SHA encryption of the password.

-b Use the password from the command line rather than prompting for it.

-D Delete the specified user.

On other systems than Windows, NetWare and TPF the '-p' flag will probably not work. The SHA algorithm does not use a salt and is less secure than the MD5 algorithm.



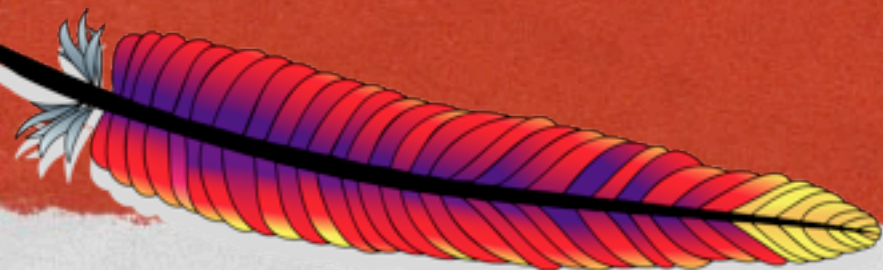
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LDAP

- Authn can also be against LDAP

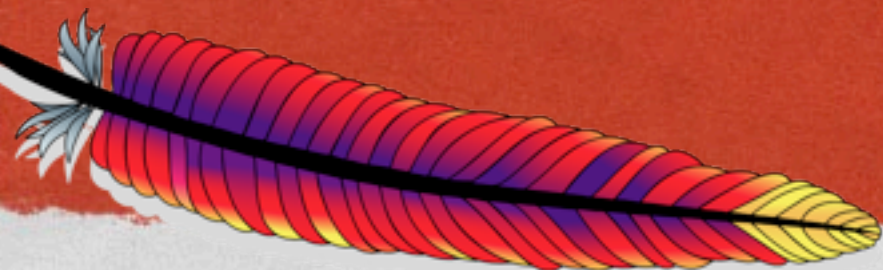
AuthLDAPURL ldap://ldap.example.com/o=Example?uid
Require ldap-group cn=Administrators, o=Example





ROLL YOUR OWN

- These days most people do application-based authentication
- Username and password requested in web form, and processed by some back-end logic
- Often done very poorly, and the source of many security breaches

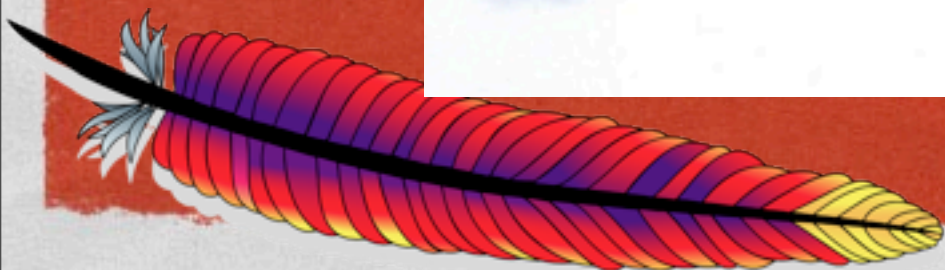


ACCESS CONTROL



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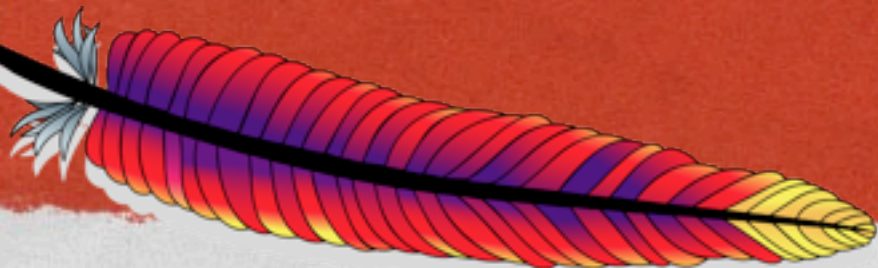
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ACCESS CONTROL

- Can be based on anything
- Can be related to authentication, but doesn't need to be
- Often related to client attributes, such as address

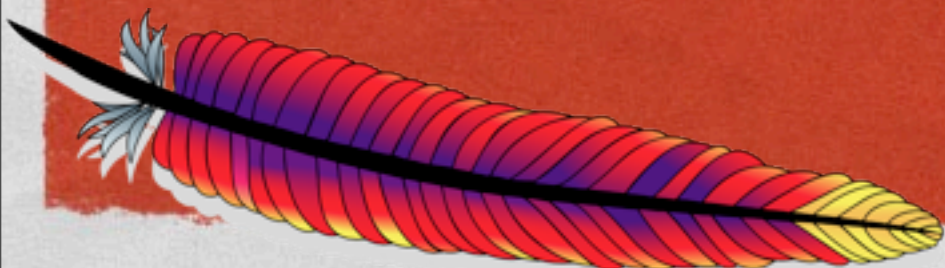




2.2 AND EARLIER

- Order, Allow and Deny
- Order specifies the order in which restrictions will be applied - allow,deny or deny,allow
- Then you can allow or deny requests

Order deny,allow
Order allow,deny





ALLOW

Allow from .example.com

Allow from 192.168

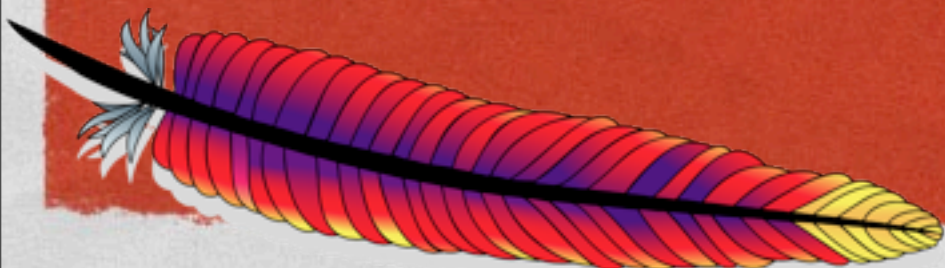
Allow from 10.0.4.12

Allow from 10.1.0.0/255.255.0.0

Allow from 2001:db8::a00:20ff:fea7:ccea/10

Allow from env=let_me_in

Allow from all





DENY

- Ditto

Deny from .example.com

Deny from 192.168

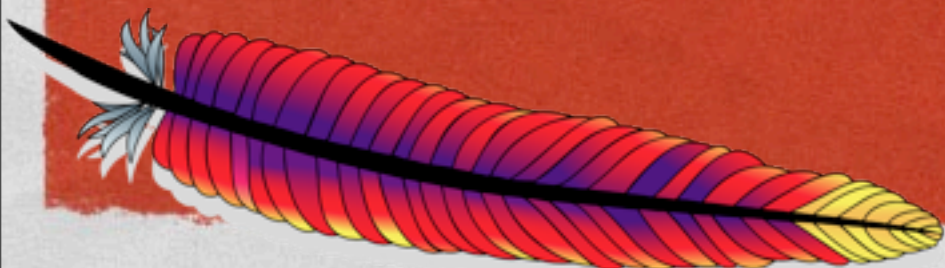
Deny from 10.0.4.12

Deny from 10.1.0.0/255.255.0.0

Deny from 2001:db8::a00:20ff:fea7:ccea/10

Deny from env=let_me_in

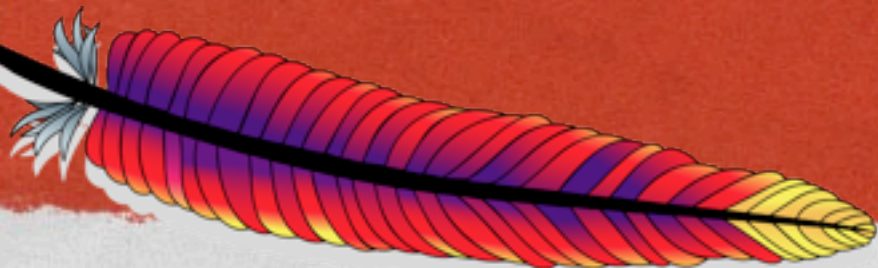
Deny from all





2.4 AND LATER

- Tuesday 4 p.m.–5 p.m.
- Access control in Apache httpd 2.4
- Be there





SIMPLER, YET MORE FLEXIBLE

- Order, Deny, and Allow go away
- Require does everything





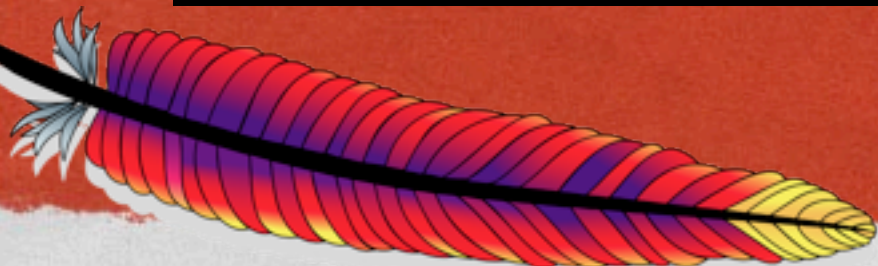
REQUIRE

Require all granted
Require all denied

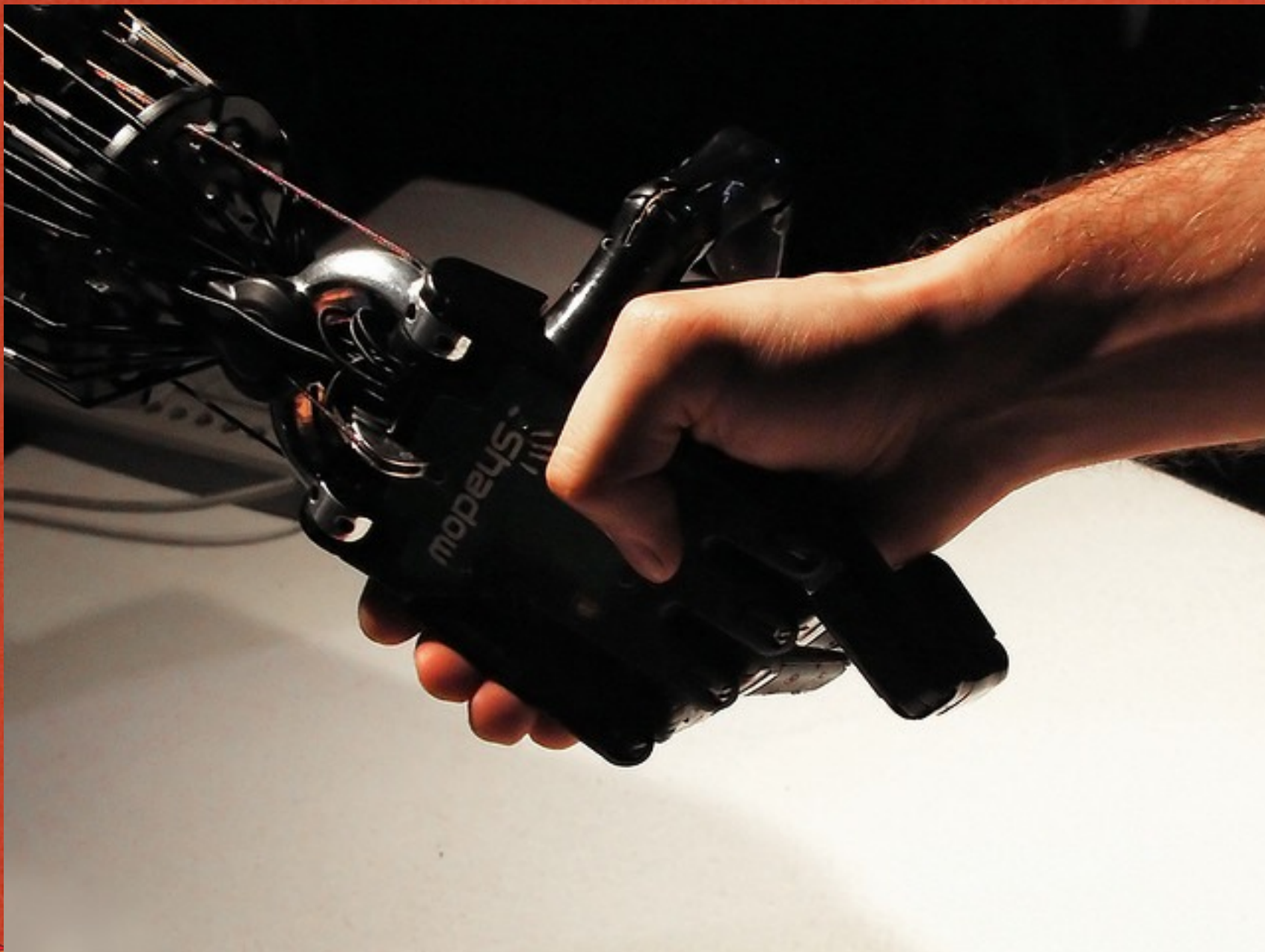
Require env *env-var* [*env-var*] ...
Require method *http-method* [*http-method*] ...
Require expr *expression*

Require user *userid* [*userid*] ...
Require group *group-name* [*group-name*] ...
Require valid-user

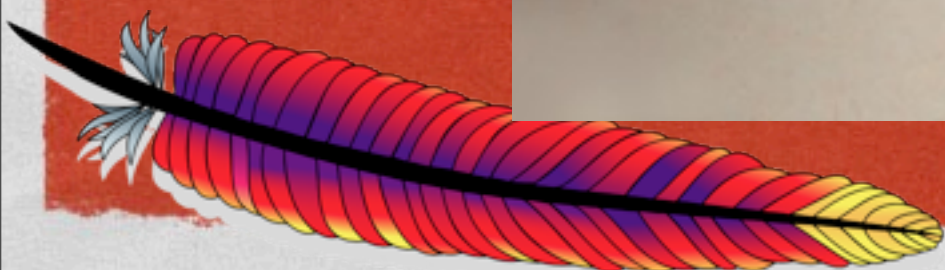
Require ip 10 172.20 192.168.2



NEGOTIATION



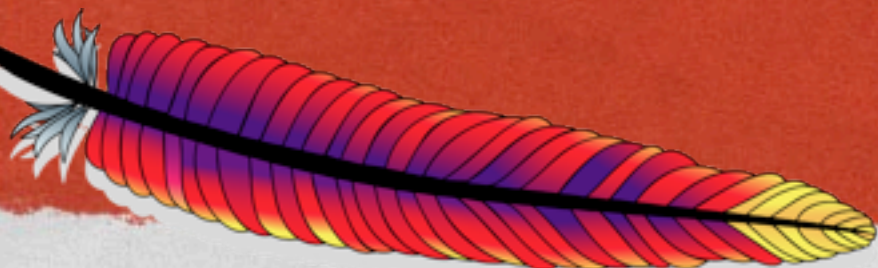
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CONTENT NEGOTIATION



- Serve different content based on request (client) attributes
- Language
- File type



TYPE MAPS



- Defines:
 - what resource to negotiate
 - what to negotiate on
 - what files (or other content) represent that resource





File: document.html.var
URI: document.html

Content-language: en
Content-type: text/html
URI: document.html.en

Content-language: fr
Content-type: text/html
URI: document.html.fr

Content-language: de
Content-type: text/html
URI: document.html.de





File: document.html.var

URI: document.html

Requested URI

Content-language: en

Content-type: text/html

URI: document.html.en

Content-language: fr

Content-type: text/html

URI: document.html.fr

Content-language: de

Content-type: text/html

URI: document.html.de



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File: document.html.var
URI: document.html

Content-language: en
Content-type: text/html
URI: document.html.en

Content-language: fr
Content-type: text/html
URI: document.html.fr

Request header on
which to negotiate

Content-language: de
Content-type: text/html
URI: document.html.de





File: document.html.var
URI: document.html

Content-language: en
Content-type: text/html
URI: document.html.en

Content-language: fr
Content-type: text/html
URI: document.html.fr

Content-language: de
Content-type: text/html
URI: document.html.de

Variant of resource to
deliver

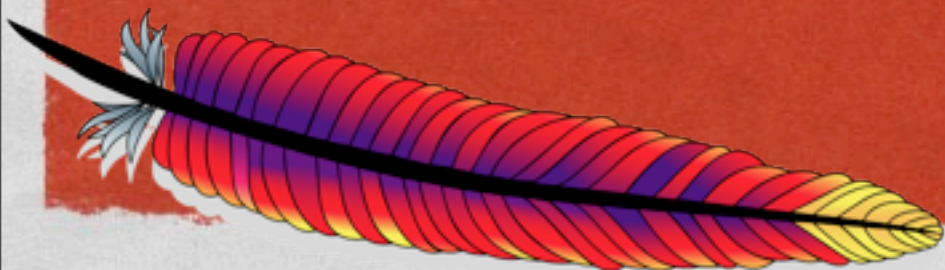


CONFIGURATION



AddHandler type-map .var

- Then the map file in this case would be called document.html.var (ie, the name of the resource, plus .var)





File: document.html.var

URI: document.html

Content-language: en

Content-type: text/html

Note that this is a relative URI:

URI: en/document.html.en

Content-language: fr

Content-type: text/html

URI: fr/document.html.fr

Content-language: de

Content-type: text/html

URI: de/document.html.de




```
Content-language: cs
Content-type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
Body:-----cs--
<!--#set var="CONTENT_LANGUAGE" value="cs"
--><!--#set var="TITLE" value="Objekt nenalezen!"
--><!--#include virtual="include/top.html" -->
```

Požadované URL nebylo na tomto serveru nalezeno.

```
<!--#if expr="-n v('HTTP_REFERER')" -->
```

Zdá se, že odkaz na

[odkazující stránce](<!--#echo encoding=) je chybný nebo zastaralý. Informujte, prosím, autora

[této stránky](<!--#echo encoding=) o
chybě.

```
<!--#else -->
```

Pokud jste zadal(a) URL ručně, zkontrolujte, prosím, zda jste zadal(a) URL správně, a zkuste to znovu.

```
<!--#endif -->
```

```
<!--#include virtual="include/bottom.html" -->
-----cs--
```

```
Content-language: de
Content-type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
Body:-----de--
<!--#set var="CONTENT_LANGUAGE" value="de"
--><!--#set var="TITLE" value="Objekt nicht gefunden!"
--><!--#include virtual="include/top.html" -->
```

Der angeforderte URL konnte auf dem Server nicht gefunden werden.

```
<!--#if expr="-n v('HTTP_REFERER')" -->
```

Der Link auf der

[verweisenden](<!--#echo encoding=)



INLINE NEGOTIATED CONTENT



- Rather than pointing to a URI, the Body: line specifies the actual content to be served

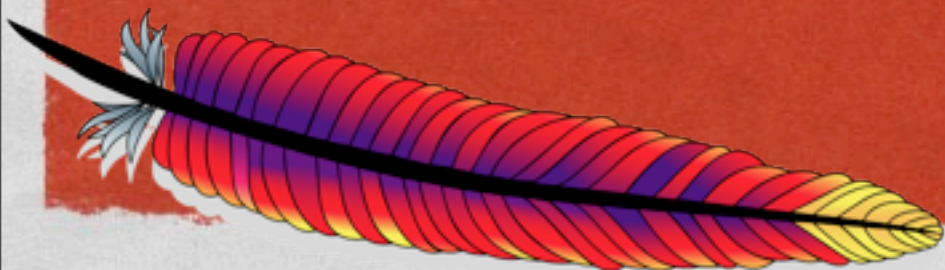


MULTIVIEWS



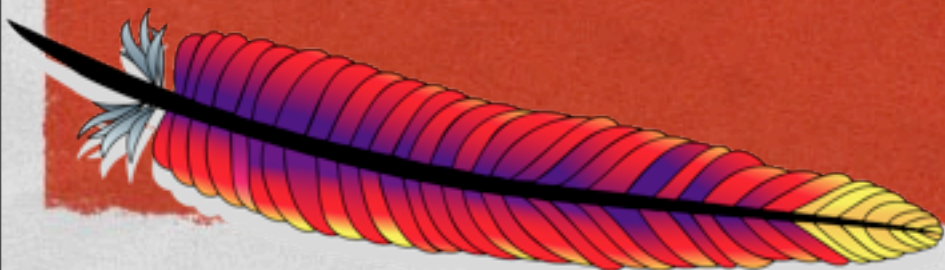
Options +MultiViews

- Instead of a typemap, the mapping is dynamic
- Directory is scanned for matching resources



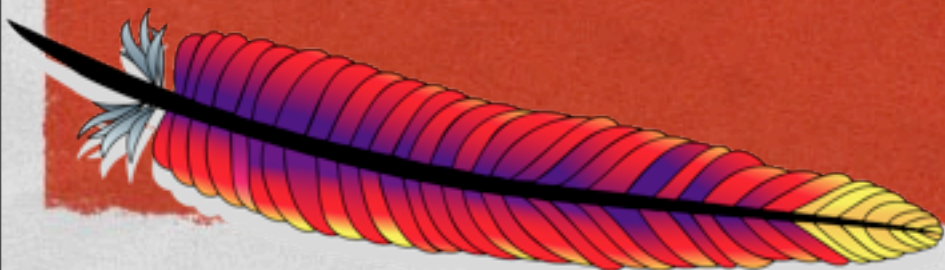
MULTIVIEWS

- A resource 'foo' is requested
- The directory is scanned for foo.* and a type-map is faked up with appropriate media types and content encoding information
- The resource is then negotiated



TYPE MAPS VS MULTIVIEWS

- Type maps is more hassle to set up
- Multiviews is much slower at request time



CLIENT CONFIGURATION



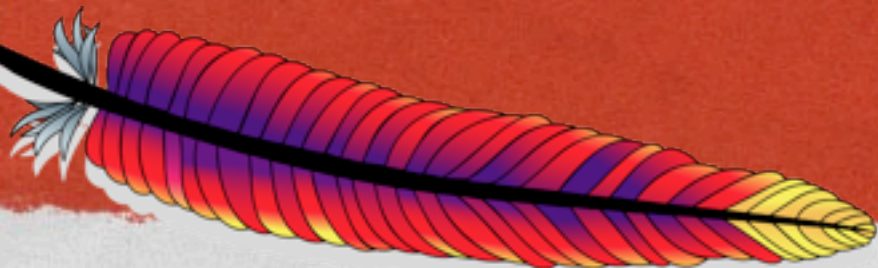
- Demo here



NEGOTIATED MANUAL



- httpd manual is provided in several languages
- Requests are negotiated by client language configuration



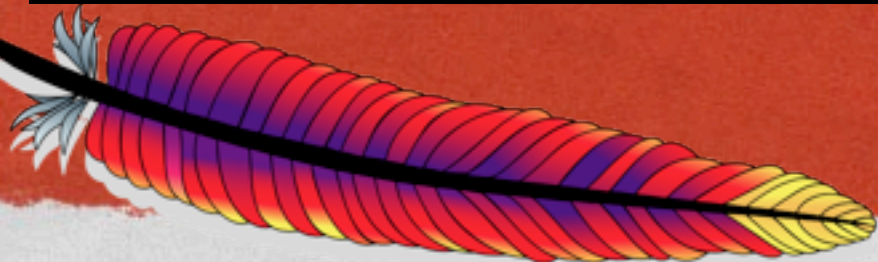

```
AliasMatch ^/manual(?:/(?:da|de|en|es|fr|ja|ko|pt-br|ru|tr|zh-cn))?(/*.*)?$ "/usr/local/apache2/manual$1"
<Directory "/usr/local/apache2/manual">
    Options Indexes FollowSymLinks
    AllowOverride None
    Require all granted

    <Files *.html>
        SetHandler type-map
    </Files>
    # .tr is text/troff in mime.types!
    <Files *.html.tr.utf8>
        ForceType text/html
    </Files>

    AddLanguage da .da

    SetEnvIf Request_URI ^/manual/(da|de|en|es|fr|ja|ko|pt-br|ru|tr|zh-cn)/ prefer-language=$1
    RedirectMatch 301 ^/manual(?:/(da|de|en|es|fr|ja|ko|pt-br|ru|tr|zh-cn)){2,}(/*.*)?$ /manual/$1$2

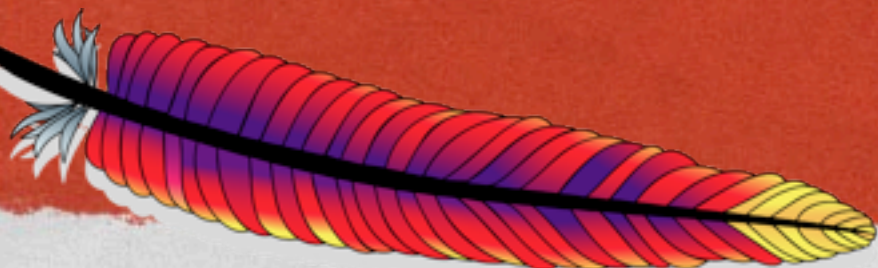
    LanguagePriority en da de es fr ja ko pt-br ru tr
    ForceLanguagePriority Prefer Fallback
</Directory>
```



NEGOTIATED ERROR DOCS



- Error messages are served in the language configured in the requesting client
- Messages are negotiated in-line content



Alias /error/ "/usr/local/apache2/error/"

<Directory "/usr/local/apache2/error">

AllowOverride None

Options IncludesNoExec

AddOutputFilter Includes html

AddHandler type-map var

Require all granted

LanguagePriority en cs de es fr it ja ko nl pl pt-br ro sv tr

ForceLanguagePriority Prefer Fallback

</Directory>

ErrorDocument 400 /error/HTTP_BAD_REQUEST.html.var

ErrorDocument 401 /error/HTTP_UNAUTHORIZED.html.var

ErrorDocument 403 /error/HTTP_FORBIDDEN.html.var

ErrorDocument 404 /error/HTTP_NOT_FOUND.html.var

ErrorDocument 405 /error/HTTP_METHOD_NOT_ALLOWED.html.var

ErrorDocument 408 /error/HTTP_REQUEST_TIME_OUT.html.var

ErrorDocument 410 /error/HTTP_GONE.html.var

ErrorDocument 411 /error/HTTP_LENGTH_REQUIRED.html.var

ErrorDocument 412 /error/HTTP_PRECONDITION_FAILED.html.var

ErrorDocument 413 /error/HTTP_REQUEST_ENTITY_TOO_LARGE.html.var

ErrorDocument 414 /error/HTTP_REQUEST_URI_TOO_LARGE.html.var

ErrorDocument 415 /error/HTTP_UNSUPPORTED_MEDIA_TYPE.html.var

ErrorDocument 500 /error/HTTP_INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR.html.var

ErrorDocument 501 /error/HTTP_NOT_IMPLEMENTED.html.var

ErrorDocument 502 /error/HTTP_BAD_GATEWAY.html.var

ErrorDocument 503 /error/HTTP_SERVICE_UNAVAILABLE.html.var

ErrorDocument 506 /error/HTTP_VARIANT_ALSO_VARIES.html.var




```
Content-language: sv
Content-type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
Body:—————sv—
<!--#set var="CONTENT_LANGUAGE" value="sv"
—><!--#set var="TITLE" value="Tj&auml;nsten ej tillg&auml;nglig!"
—><!--#include virtual="include/top.html" —>
```

Servern är för tillfälligt oförnmögen att utföra din förfrågan på grund av underhåll eller kapacitetsbegränsningar. Vänligen försök igen senare.

```
<!--#include virtual="include/bottom.html" —>
—————sv—
```

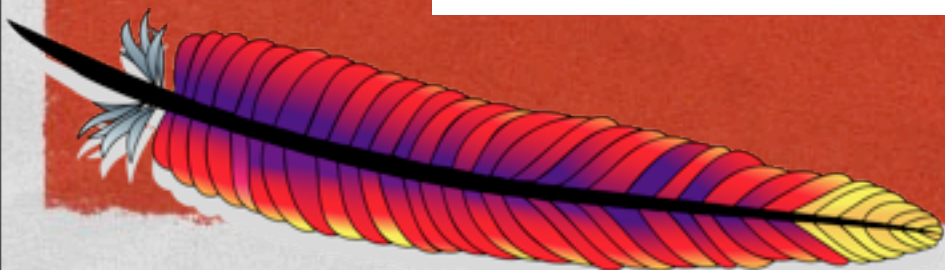
```
Content-language: tr
Content-type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
Body:—————tr—
<!--#set var="CONTENT_LANGUAGE" value="tr"
—><!--#set var="TITLE" value="Hizmet sunulamıyor!"
—><!--#include virtual="include/top.html" —>
```

Sunucu, bakım gerektiren çeşitli sorunlardan ötürü, bir süreliğine taleplerinize yanıt veremiyor. Lütfen daha sonra tekrar deneyin.

```
<!--#include virtual="include/bottom.html" —>
HTTP_SERVICE_UNAVAILABLE.html.var
```


FILTERS

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FILTERS



- Modify content as it passes through
- Can stack multiple filters to produce an aggregate result



MOD_SPELING



- Corrects simple URL typos
- Letter transposition
- Upper/Lower case
- o/0, l/i/I, 3/E, etc

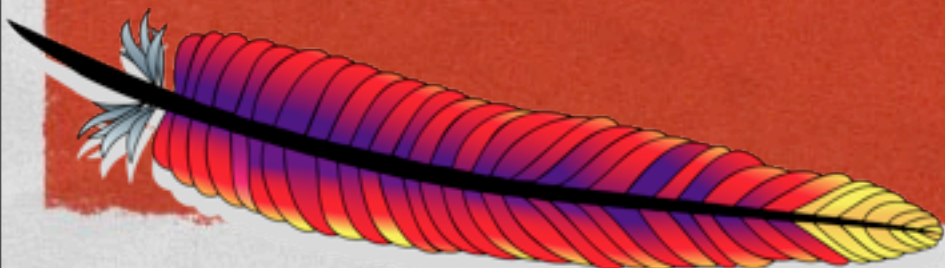


MOD_SPELING

```
LoadModule spelling_module modules/mod_speling.so
```

```
CheckSpelling On
```

```
CheckCaseOnly on
```



DEFLATE



- gzip content compression
- Client decompresses on arrival
- Much faster delivery, and so results in lower server load, in spite of computational effort required to compress



DEFLATE



```
AddOutputFilterByType DEFLATE \  
    text/html text/plain text/xml
```

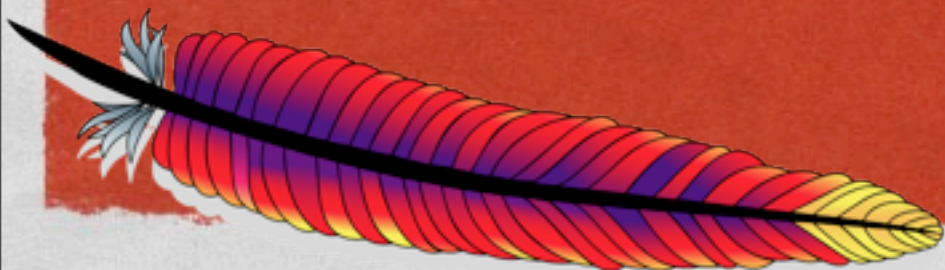


LOGGING



DeflateFilterNote ratio

```
LogFormat "%r" %b (%{ratio}n) "%{User-agent}i" deflate  
CustomLog logs/deflate_log deflate
```



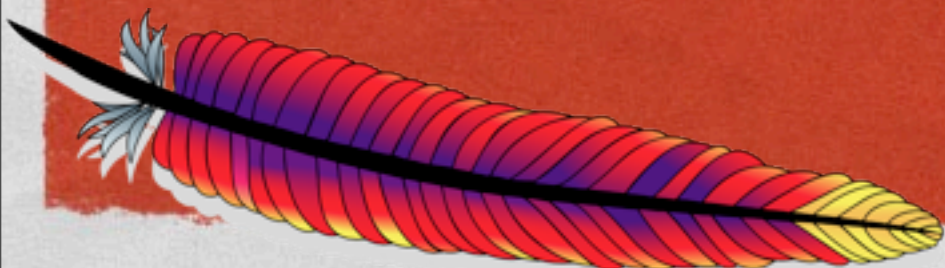
LOGGING



```
DeflateFilterNote Input instream  
DeflateFilterNote Output ostream  
DeflateFilterNote Ratio ratio
```

```
LogFormat \
```

```
    "%r" %{{ostream}}n/%{{instream}}n (%{{ratio}}n%%)' deflate  
CustomLog logs/deflate_log deflate
```



INCLUDE



- Server-side includes
- Macros placed inline in HTML pages which are evaluated at request time



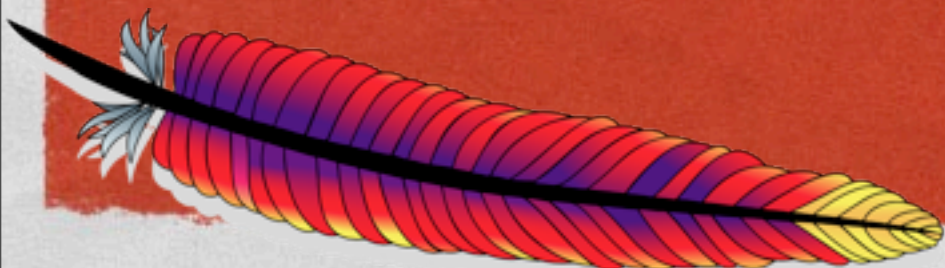
<!--# -->



```
<!--#echo var="DATE_LOCAL" -->
```

- Replaced at request time with:

Tuesday, 15-Jan-2013 19:28:54 EST

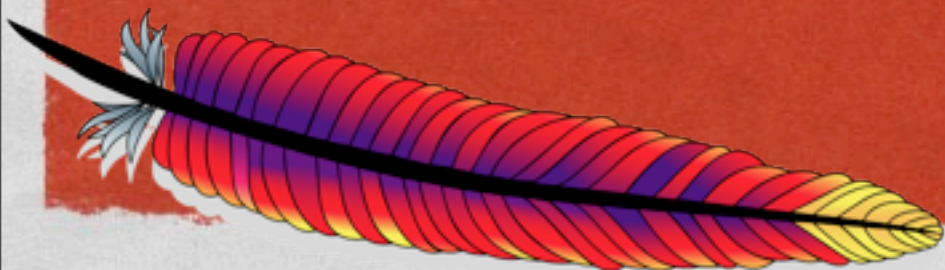


CONFIG



```
AddType text/html .shtml  
AddOutputFilter INCLUDES .shtml
```

XBitHack on

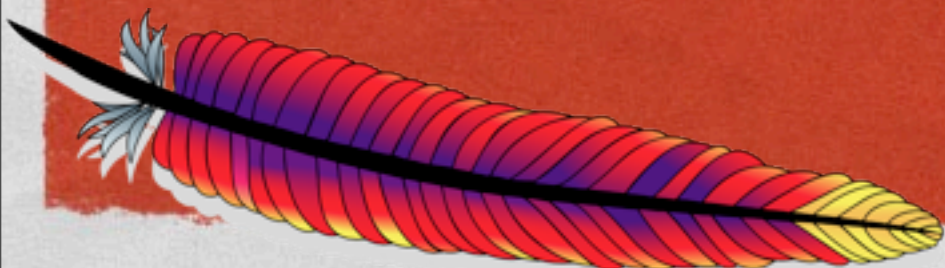


INCLUDE



```
<!--#include virtual="/footer.html" -->
```

```
<pre>  
<!--#exec cmd="ls" -->  
</pre>
```

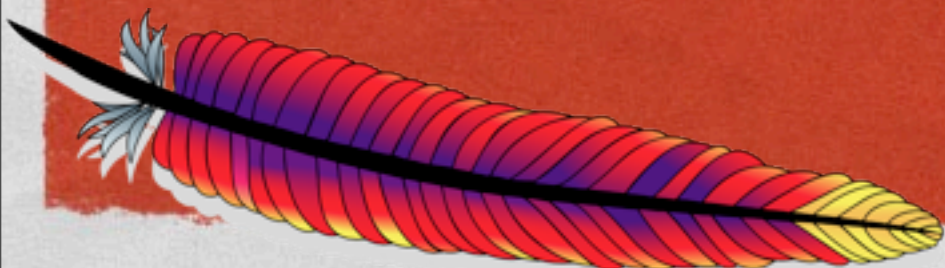


RATELIMIT



- Slow down a particular directory resource so that it doesn't overwhelm your available bandwidth.

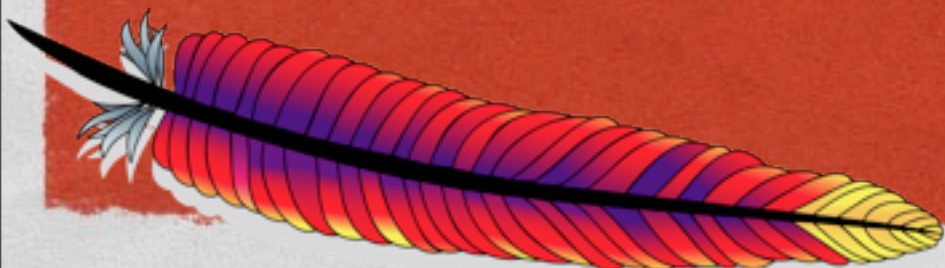
```
<Location /downloads>  
  SetOutputFilter RATE_LIMIT  
  SetEnv rate-limit 400  
  # KB/s  
</Location>
```



SUBSTITUTE



```
<Location />  
  AddOutputFilterByType SUBSTITUTE text/html  
  Substitute s/foo/bar/ni  
</Location>
```

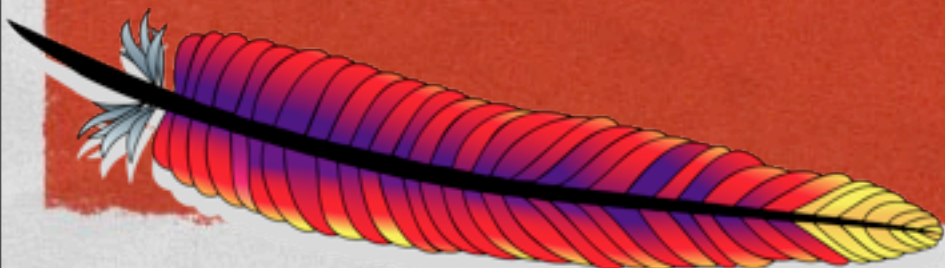


SUBSTITUTE



```
ProxyPass /blog/ http://internal.blog.example.com  
ProxyPassReverse /blog/ http://internal.blog.example.com/
```

```
Substitute \  
"s|http://internal.blog.example.com/|http://www.example.com/blog/|i"
```



SECURITY ISSUES

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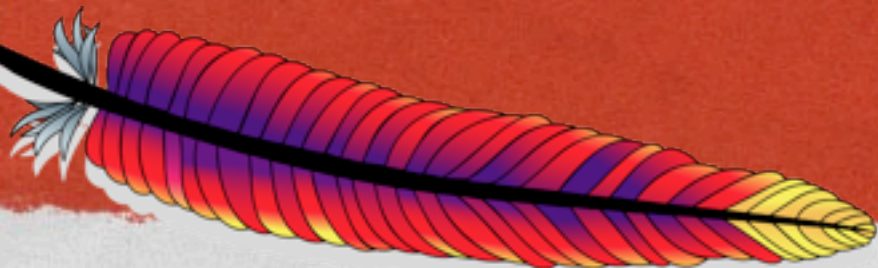


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USER/GROUP



- The User and Group directive define what permissions the server process has
- Ensure that that user, and that group, is impotent to do harm



FILE PERMISSIONS

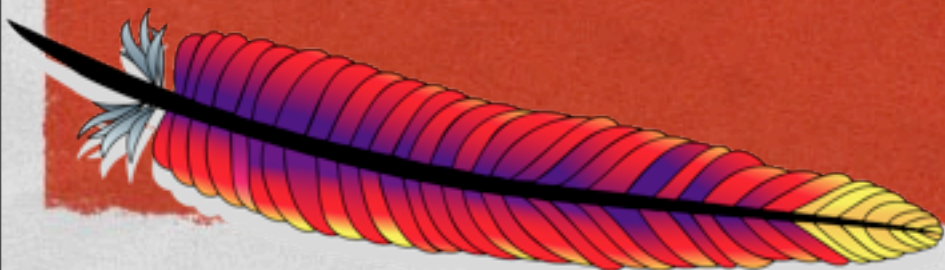


- NO FILES SHOULD BE OWNED BY THE SERVER USER
- Content files owned by the server user are vulnerable to be overwritten by any compromised php/cgi/whatever
- Correct file permissions don't guarantee safety, but they are a required first line of defence



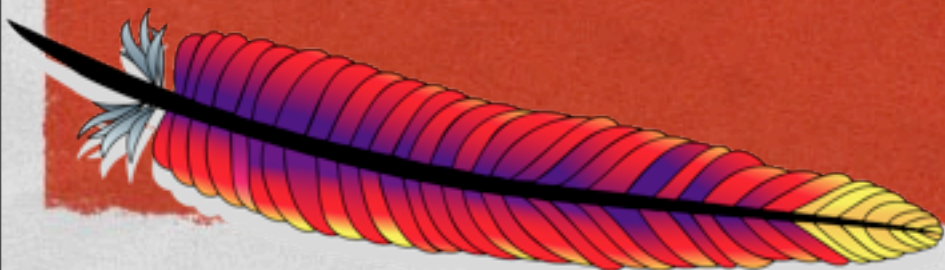
SO, WHO SHOULD OWN FILES?

- Config files should be owned by root, and only readable/writable by root
- Content files should be owned by the content author (you?) or by root
- Files should be 644. Directories should be 755.



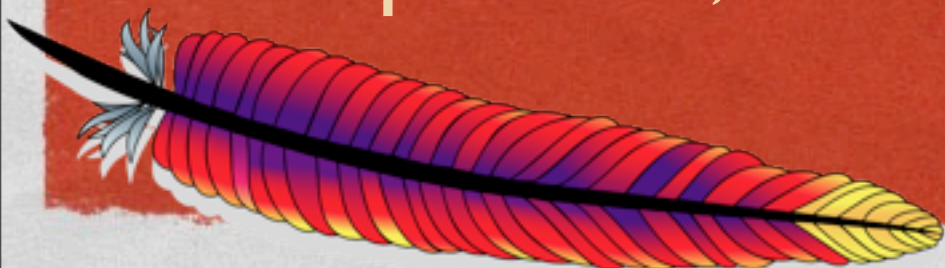
WHAT ABOUT ...

- Sometimes, files must be writable by the server
- Try to find a way around it
- If you can't, find the minimal number of files, and the minimal permissions



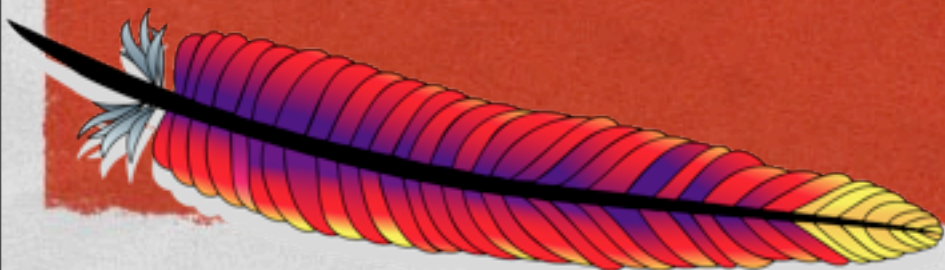
PREVENTING DOS ATTACKS

- KeepAliveTimeout should be set as low as possible, or KeepAlive turned off entirely
- In 2.4, you can set KeepAliveTimeout in ms
- Set MaxRequestWorkers to balance between maximum number of workers without exhausting server resources
- If possible, use a threaded MPM

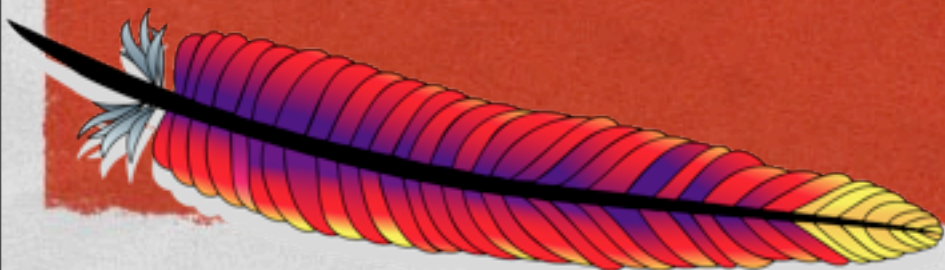


DYNAMIC CONTENT SECURITY

- Third party web apps the #1 source of server exploits
- Keep up on security reports and update immediately
- Be aware of common security exploits

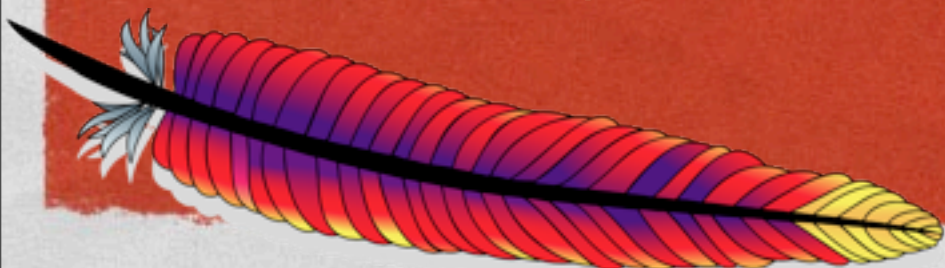


SQL INJECTION



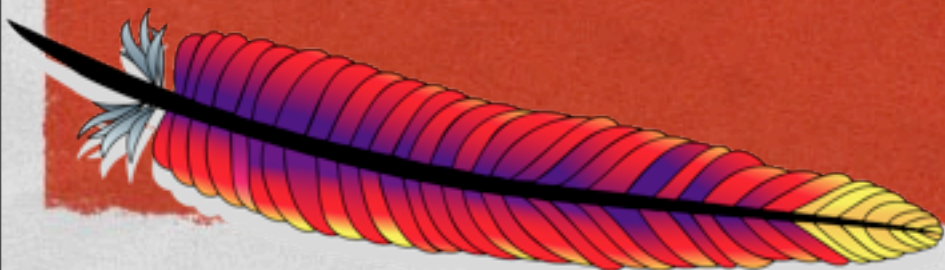
BOOKS

- There are *lots* of books about this
- Most of them are outdated, because they focus on specific techniques
- Recommended: Essential PHP Security by Chris Shiflett. Focuses on PHP, but covers concepts rather than specific code
- Also: Simson Garfinkel's web security book (2012 edition)



ATTEND IGOR'S TALK

- Wednesday 11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- SSL: "Securing" the Web with Apache

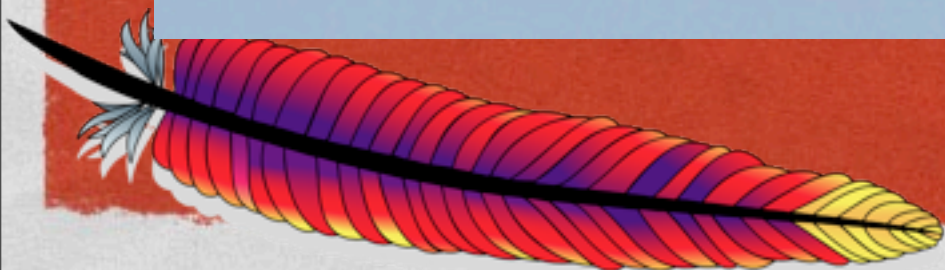


PERFORMANCE

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DEFAULTS



- We try to have sane defaults
- There's a lot you can do to make it slower

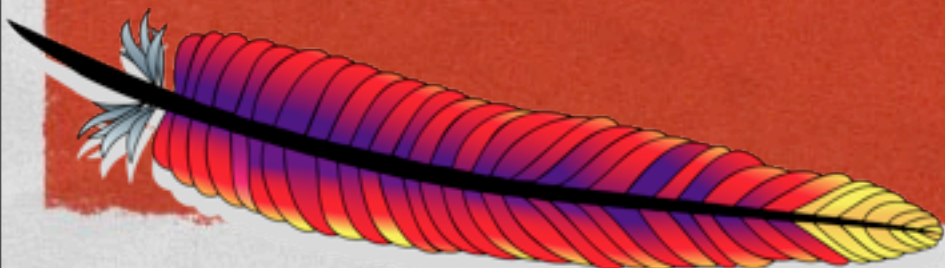


DNS



- Try to avoid DNS lookups
- HostNameLookups Off
- Name-based access control

```
Deny from example.com  
# Or, in 2.4  
# Require not example.com
```



SYMLINKS

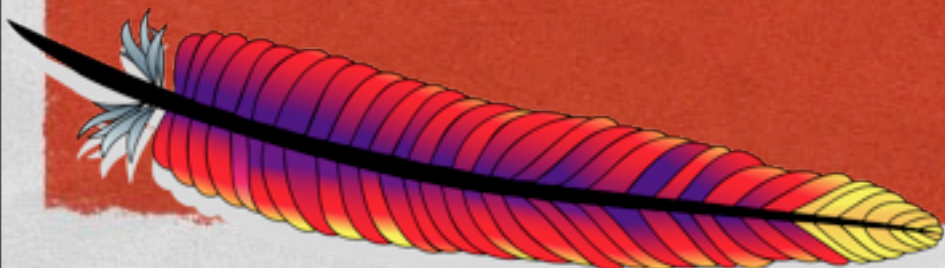


Options -FollowSymlinks

OR

Option SymlinkselfOwnerMatch

- Has to stat each directory in the path to the file, and the file itself, to see if it's a symlink
- stat isn't cached, so occurs with every request



ALLOWOVERRIDE



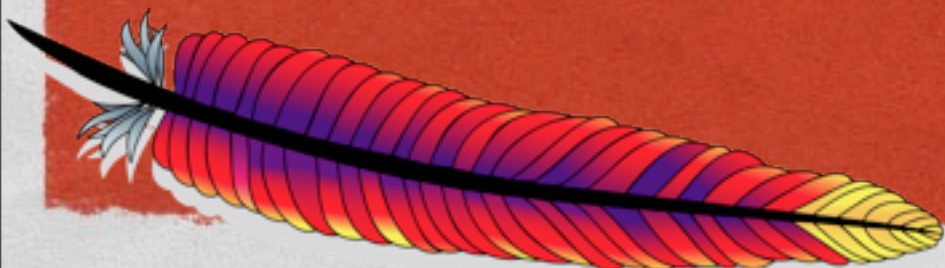
- .htaccess files are the performance killer
- If AllowOverride is on, httpd will have to `stat .htaccess` in each directory in the path to any requested resource, for every request. (Even if there's no .htaccess file there - it has to check.)
- This is not cached. Happens every request.



ALLOWOVERRIDE



- Disable .htaccess files wherever and whenever possible
- AllowOverride None
- Move configurations to <Directory> blocks in the main config instead of in .htaccess files



DIRECTIVE ORDERING

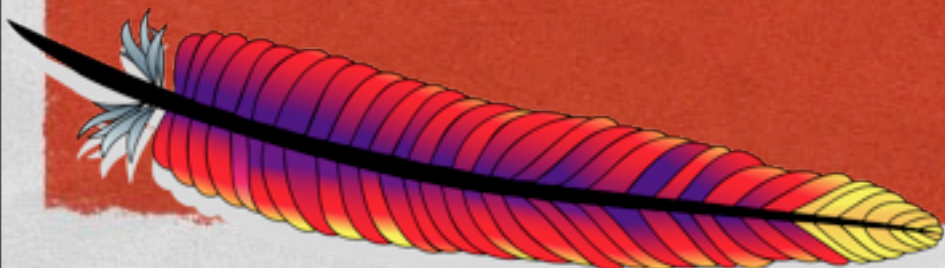


- Put stuff in the most likely order, so that you can avoid unnecessary processing

```
RewriteRule ^/products/widgets/grobnit.html /out_of_stock.html [R]  
RewriteRule ^/index.html /index.php [R]
```

VS

```
RewriteRule ^/index.html /index.php [R]  
RewriteRule ^/products/widgets/grobnit.html /out_of_stock.html [R]
```



CONTENT NEGOTIATION



- Very cool feature
- Avoid it if you don't actually need it
- Use a Type map rather than MultiViews if possible



MODULES



- You probably have modules loaded that you're not using
- They're taking up memory space, and may be taking processing time, unnecessarily




```
[rbowen@NCC1701:local/apache2]$ ./bin/httpd -M
```

Loaded Modules:

```
core_module (static)
so_module (static)
http_module (static)
authn_file_module (shared)
authn_dbm_module (shared)
authn_anon_module (shared)
authn_dbd_module (shared)
authn_core_module (shared)
authz_host_module (shared)
authz_user_module (shared)
authz_dbm_module (shared)
authz_owner_module (shared)
authz_dbd_module (shared)
authz_core_module (shared)
auth_digest_module (shared)
allowmethods_module (shared)
file_cache_module (shared)
socache_shmcb_module (shared)
socache_dbm_module (shared)
socache_memcache_module (shared)
watchdog_module (shared)
dbd_module (shared)
dumpio_module (shared)
buffer_module (shared)
ratelimit_module (shared)
reqtimeout_module (shared)
request_module (shared)
include_module (shared)
filter_module (shared)
```

```
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```

Loaded Modules:

```
core_module (static)
so_module (static)
http_module (static)
authn_core_module (shared)
authz_host_module (shared)
authz_core_module (shared)
request_module (shared)
include_module (shared)
filter_module (shared)
deflate_module (shared)
ssl_module (shared)
log_config_module (shared)
env_module (shared)
setenvif_module (shared)
mpm_event_module (shared)
unixd_module (shared)
status_module (shared)
autoindex_module (shared)
info_module (shared)
cgid_module (shared)
negotiation_module (shared)
dir_module (shared)
alias_module (shared)
rewrite_module (shared)
```


URL MAPPING

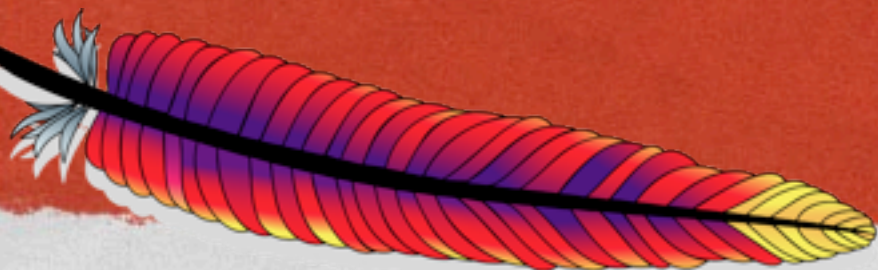
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URL MAPPING



- The process of translating a request URL into an actual resource location

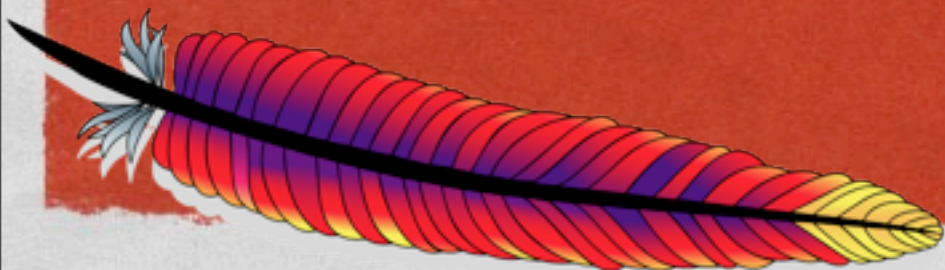


DOCUMENTROOT



DocumentRoot /usr/local/apache/htdocs

- Maps a request for `http://example.com/` to a directory path
- Other requests are then mapped to subdirectories of that path

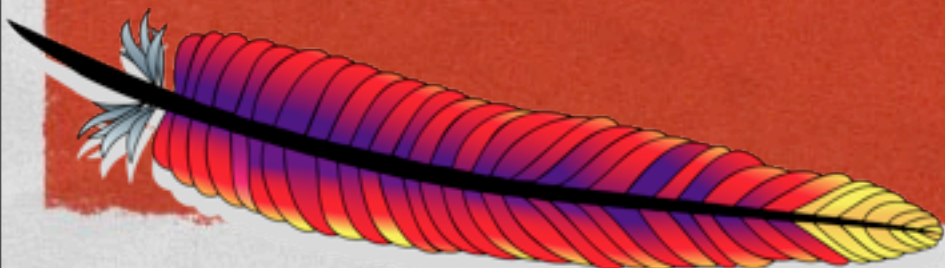


ALIAS



Alias /errors /usr/local/apache/errors

- Maps a URL path to a directory, usually outside of the DocumentRoot
- Don't use 'Alias /' - that's what DocumentRoot is for
- Don't use Aliases that overlap, or httpd will scold you

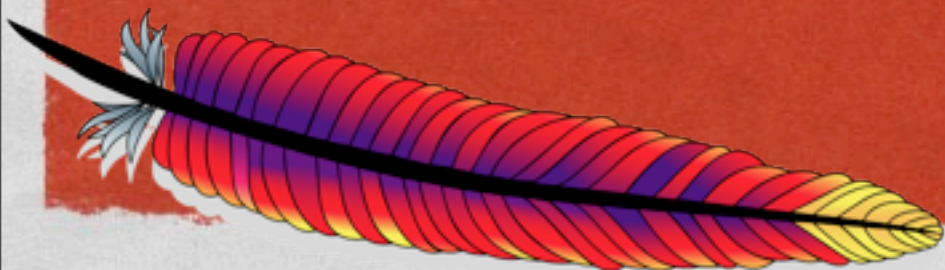


ALIASMATCH



- Like Alias, but with super powers

```
AliasMatch /(image|pic)s? /usr/local/apache/img
```



SCRIPTALIAS



- Like Alias, but also implies that everything in the target directory is a CGI program
- See CGI, in a few minutes



REDIRECT

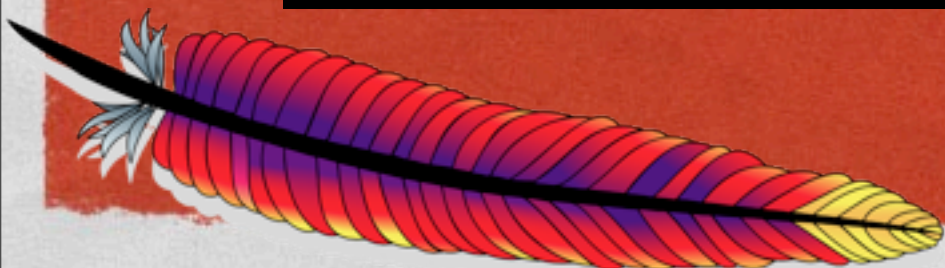
Redirect /fish/ <http://aquarium.com/here/>



- Redirects a request somewhere else - usually a fully-qualified URL.
- The client receives a Location: header, and then makes a second HTTP request
- Sub-paths are also redirected, so the trailing slash is important

`/fish/guppy.html --> http://aquarium.com/here/guppy.html`
without the trailing slash ...

`/fish/guppy.html --> http://aquarium.com/hereguppy.html`



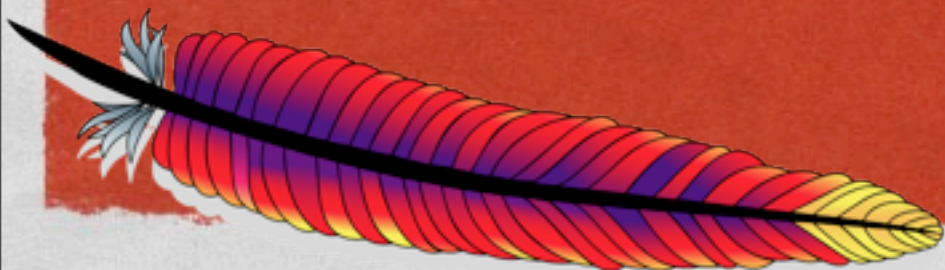
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REDIRECTMATCH



- Like Redirect, but with super powers

```
RedirectMatch (*.*)\.gif$ http://other.example.com$I.jpg
```

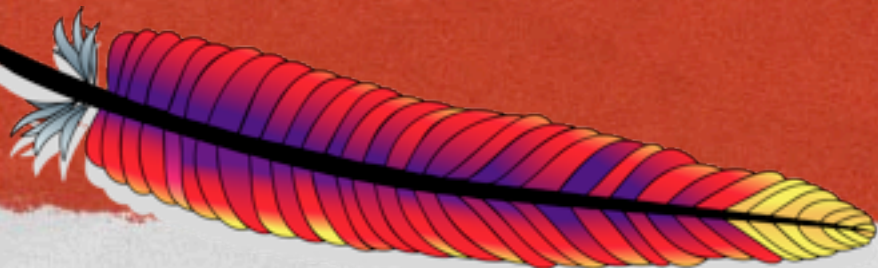


REDIRECTMATCH



- Like Redirect, but with super powers

RedirectMatch **(.*)**\.gif\$ http://other.example.com**\$1**.jpg



PROXYPASS



- Makes a request, transparently, to another server, and then returns the response to the client
- See Proxy section in a moment



USERDIR



- Maps a request for `/~username` to that user's home directory, or some other user-controlled space
- Easy way to give web-site hosting to users on your system without giving them access to the server `DocumentRoot`



USERDIR

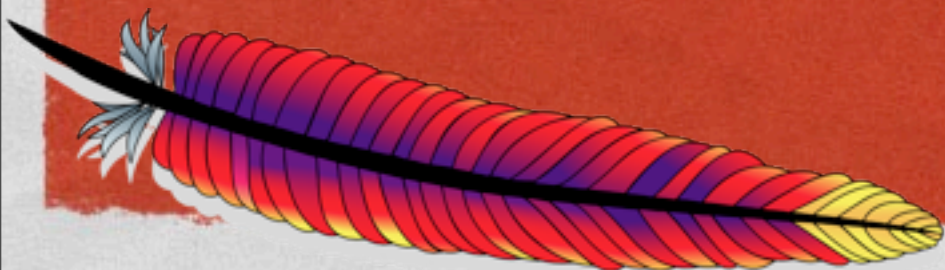


`http://www.example.com/~bob/one/two.html` will be translated to:

UserDir directive used	Translated path
UserDir public_html	<code>~bob/public_html/one/two.html</code>
UserDir /usr/web	<code>/usr/web/bob/one/two.html</code>
UserDir /home/*/www	<code>/home/bob/www/one/two.html</code>

The following directives will send redirects to the client:

UserDir directive used	Translated path
UserDir	<code>http://www.example.com/users/bob/one/two.html</code>
<code>http://www.example.com/users</code>	
UserDir	<code>http://www.example.com/bob/usr/one/two.html</code>
<code>http://www.example.com/*/usr</code>	
UserDir <code>http://www.example.com/~*/</code>	<code>http://www.example.com/~bob/one/two.html</code>



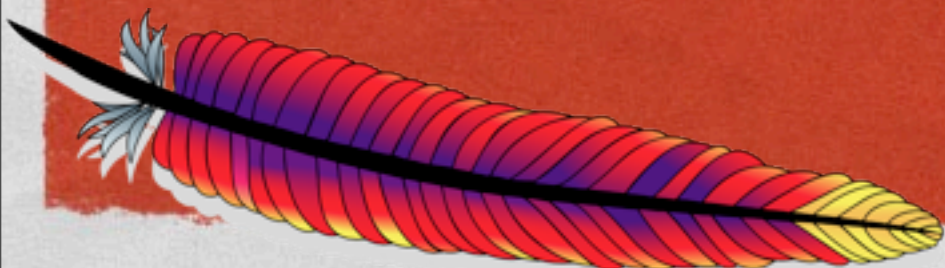
<LOCATION>



- Maps a URL space to something - often a handler

```
<Location /server-info>  
  SetHandler server-info  
</Location>
```

- Requests starting with "/server-info" will be handled by the server-info handler, even if there's a directory called /server-info. (More about this later.)



REWRITE



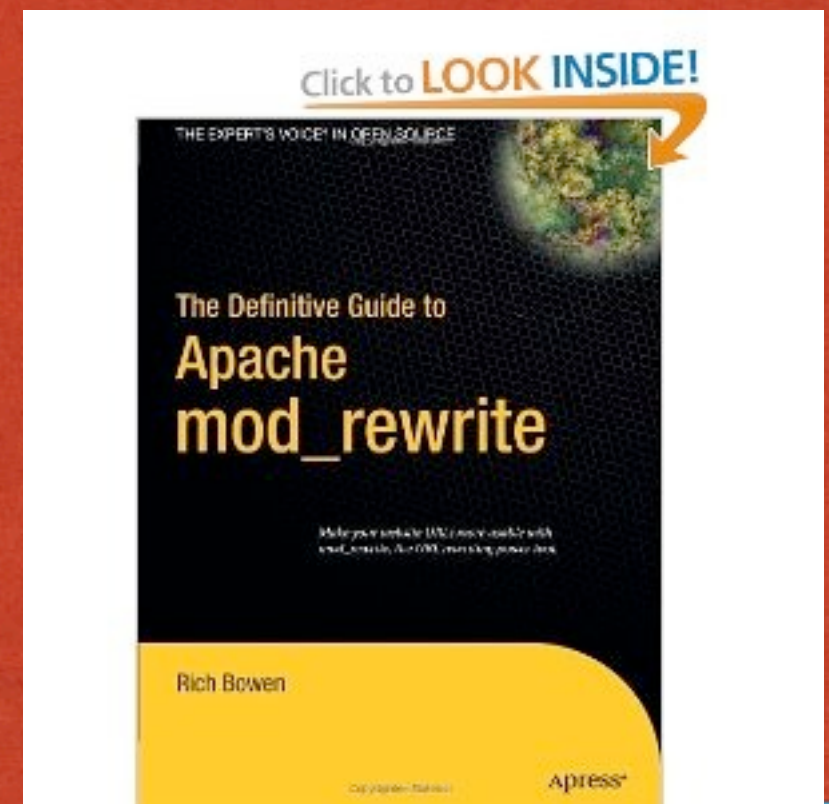
- All super powers
- Applies the powers of regular expressions to your URLs, and does anything you want
- Comes with a side of fries



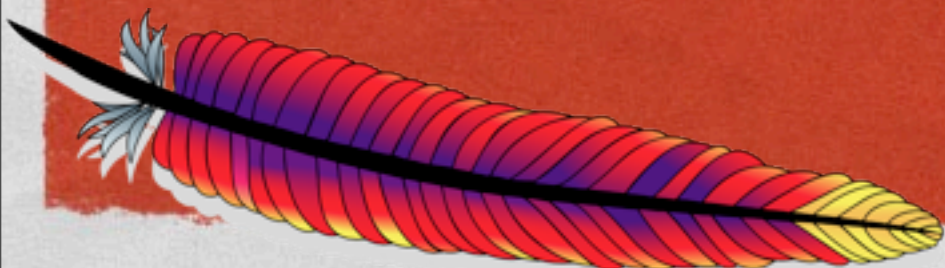
MOD_REWRITE



- Tomorrow: mod_rewrite boot camp
- How many of you will be there?



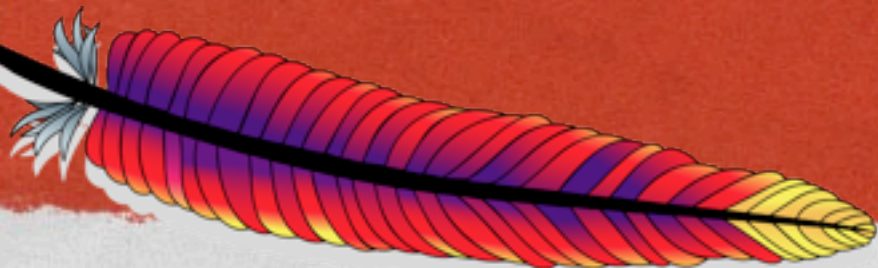
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REWRITERULE



```
RewriteBase /  
RewriteCond %{REQUEST_URI} !=/index.php  
RewriteRule ^(.*) /index.php?req=$1 [L,PT]
```



REWRITERULE

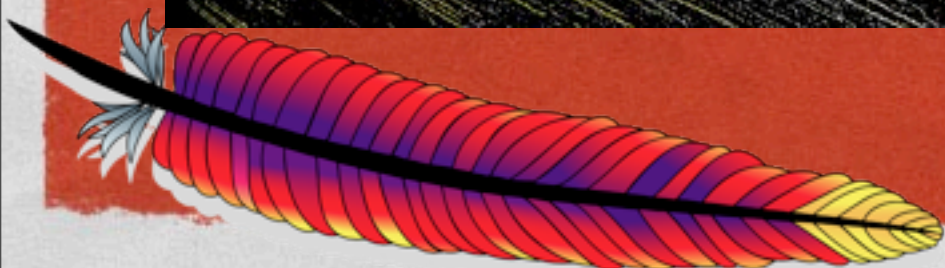
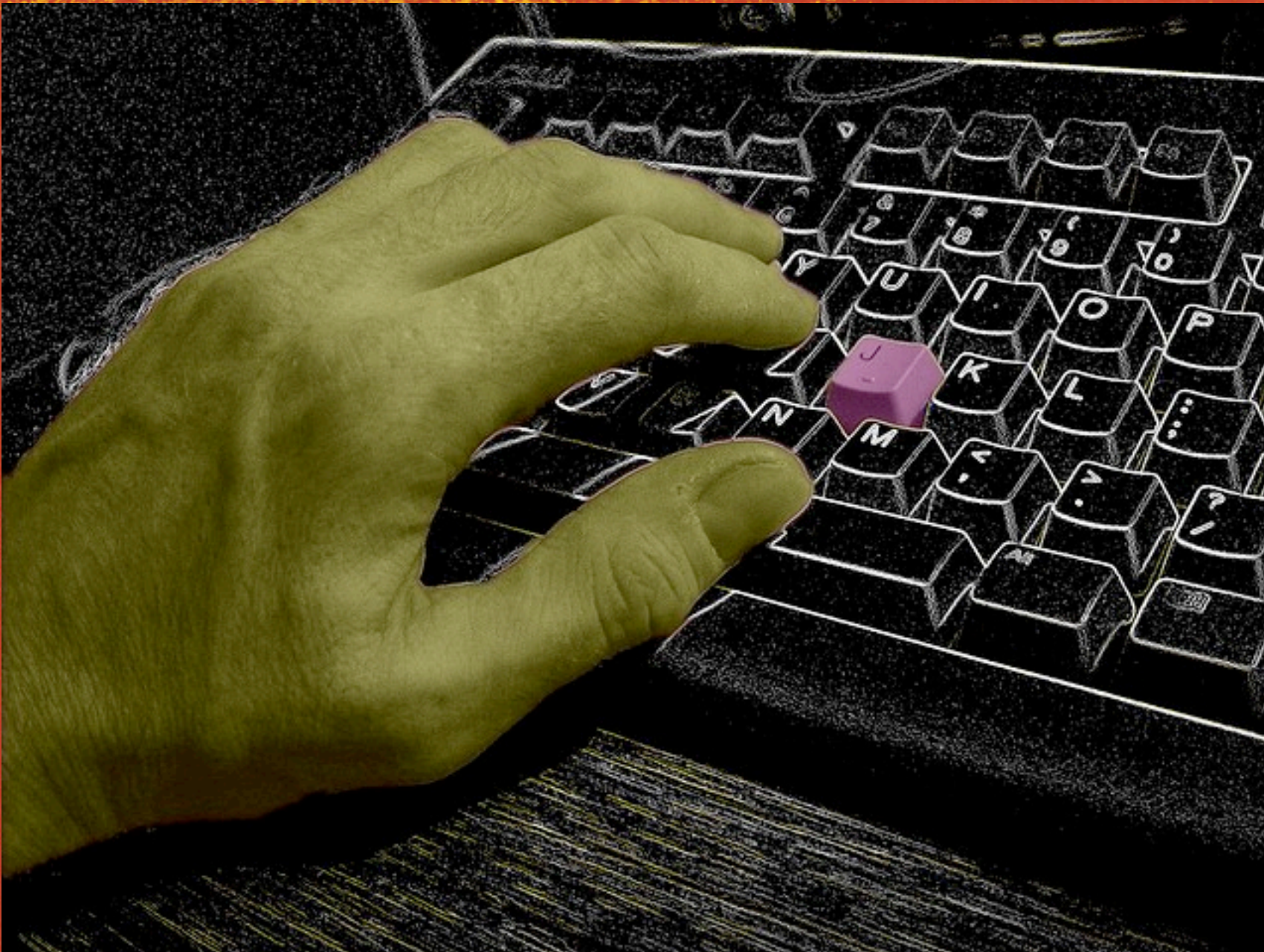


- Can also map requests to resources using external programs, database queries, or plain-text one-to-one mappings
- And can have side-effects such as cookies, proxy requests, handlers, HTTP status codes, and so on



CGI

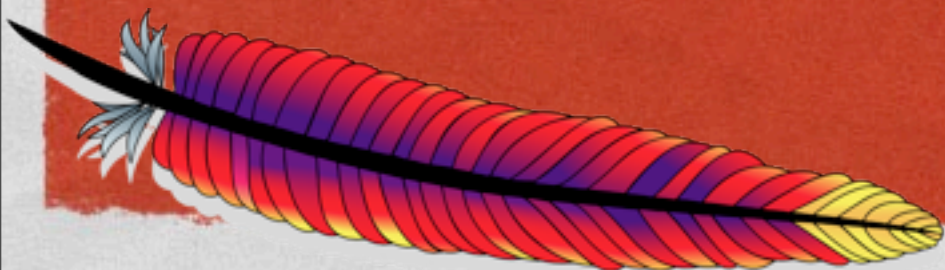
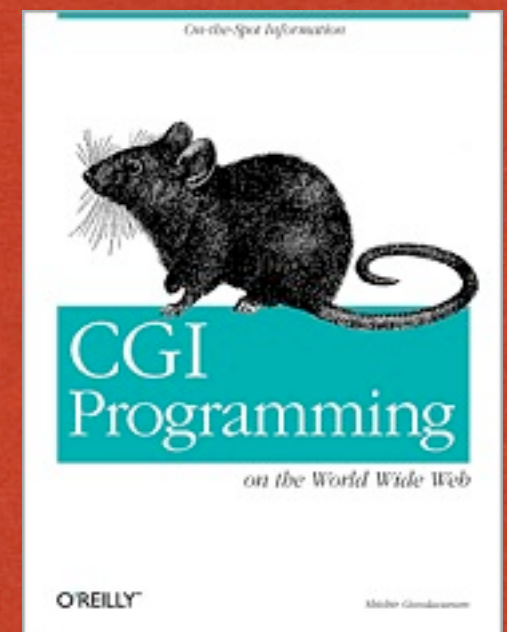
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CGI



- Common Gateway Interface
- Defines how programs should behave in order to send their output through a server and back to the client



CGI



- Simplest way to provide dynamic content on your website
- Just need to know a few rules



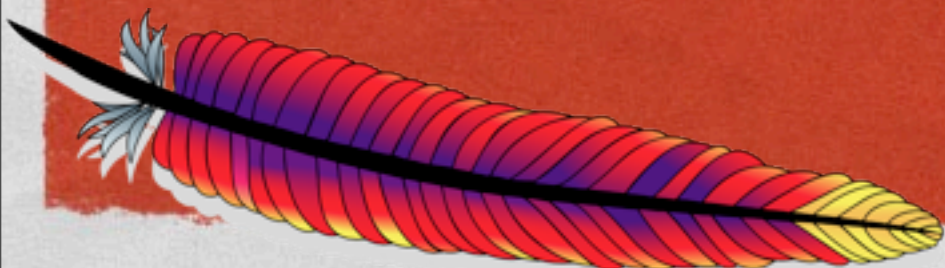
HEADERS



- A CGI program needs to send valid HTTP headers before it sends any content

```
#!/usr/bin/perl
```

```
print "Content-type: text/html\n\n";  
print "Hello, World!<br />";
```



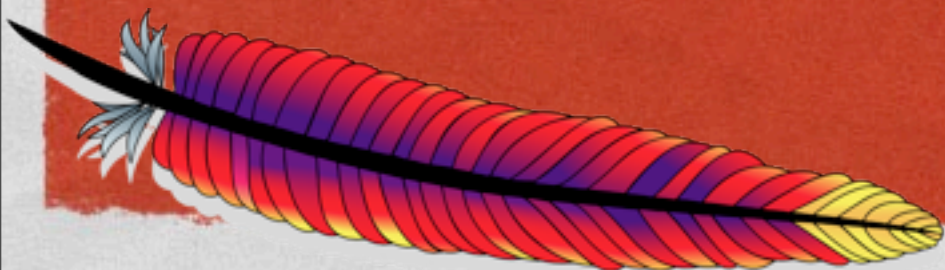
CONFIGURATION



- ScriptAlias:

```
ScriptAlias /cgi-bin/ /var/www/cgi/
```

- Anything in that directory is now assumed to be a CGI program, and httpd will attempt to execute it



AND ...



- The script/program file must be executable by the server User
- CGI programs are executed with the privileges of the server user. This is why you don't want content files owned by that user, or writable by that user



LANGUAGE



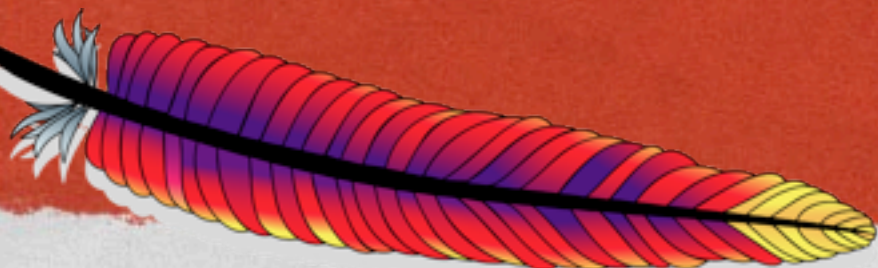
- CGI programs may be written in any language



DEBUGGING CGI



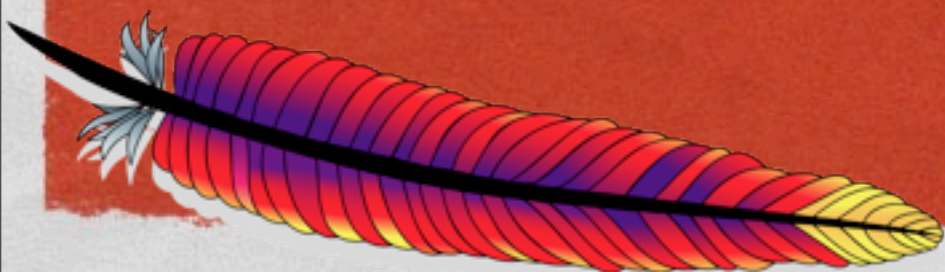
- 500 Internal Server Error
- Means something bad happened
- Details are in the error log



DEMO GOES HERE



- CGI program demo here



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MOD_AUTOINDEX



HEADER GOES HERE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Last modified</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Description</u>
<hr/>			
 Parent Directory		-	
 one.gif	2013-02-20 22:29	32	
 three.png	2013-02-20 22:29	1.4K	
 two.jpg	2013-02-20 22:29	1.0K	

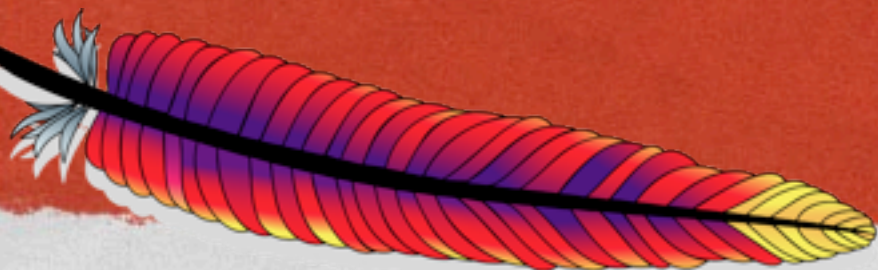
FOOTER GOES HERE



AUTOINDEX



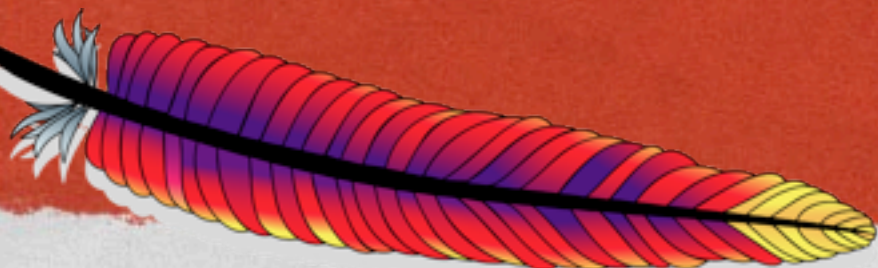
- Provides a directory listing with a few simple features
- Sorting. Searching. Links. Icons.



OPTIONS



- <http://localhost/upload/?C=S;O=A> - Order by size, ascending
- <http://localhost/upload/?C=D;O=D> - Order by description, decending
- http://localhost/upload/?P=t* - Just the files starting with t



DEMO

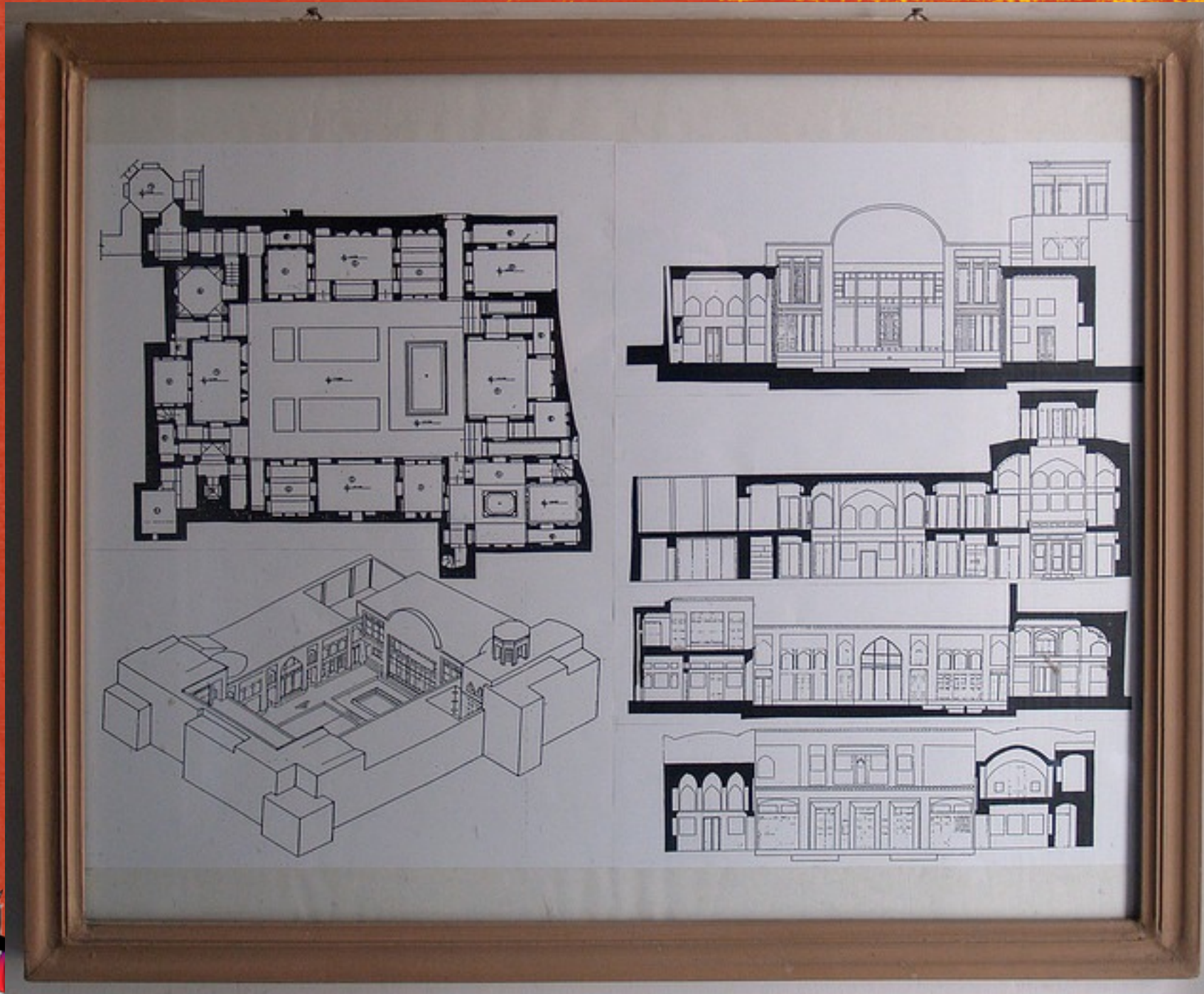


- Demo goes here



MOD_INFO

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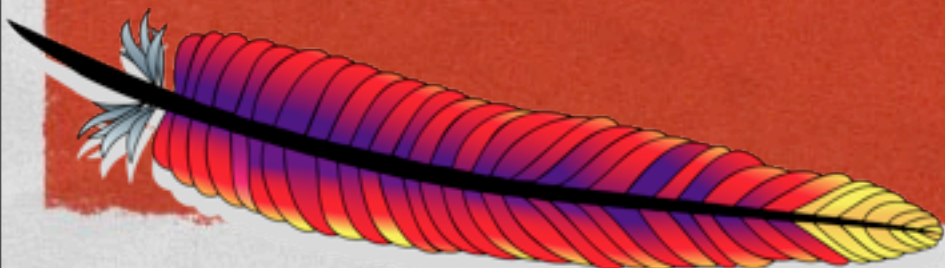


MOD_INFO



- Dump configuration information about your server

```
<Location /server-info>  
  SetHandler server-info  
  Require host example.com  
</Location>
```



EASIER TO SHOW YOU ...



- Demo Goes Here



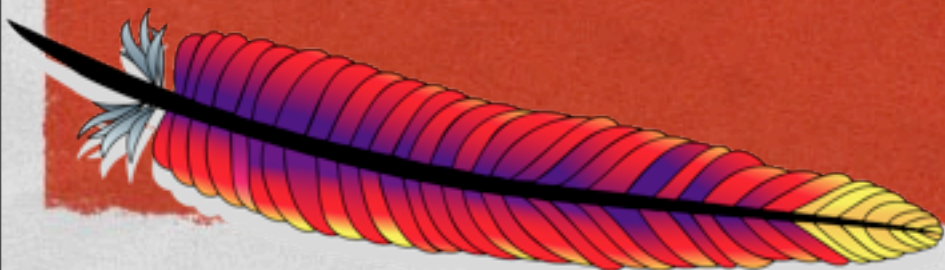
MOD_STATUS

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- Shows current activity on your server



EASIER TO SHOW YOU ...



- Demo Here (<http://httpd.apache.org/server-status>)



SSL

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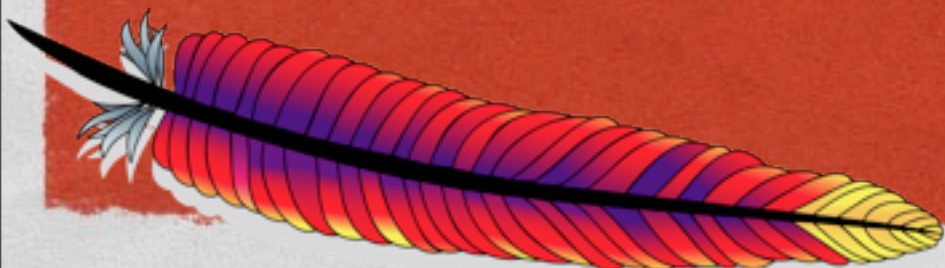
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PURPOSE



- Secure the connection: Client and Server negotiate an encrypted connection, rendering all traffic between them secure
- Authenticate the request: A certificate ensures that you are talking with the server that you expect to be



CONFIG



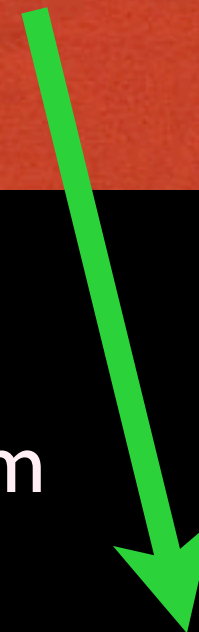
```
Listen 443
<VirtualHost *:443>
    ServerName www.example.com
    SSLEngine on
    SSLCertificateKeyFile /path/to/www.example.com.key
    SSLCertificateFile /path/to/www.example.com.cert
</VirtualHost>
```



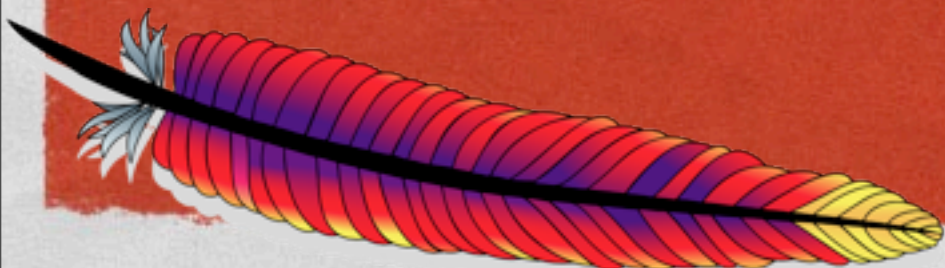
CONFIG



Make yourself



```
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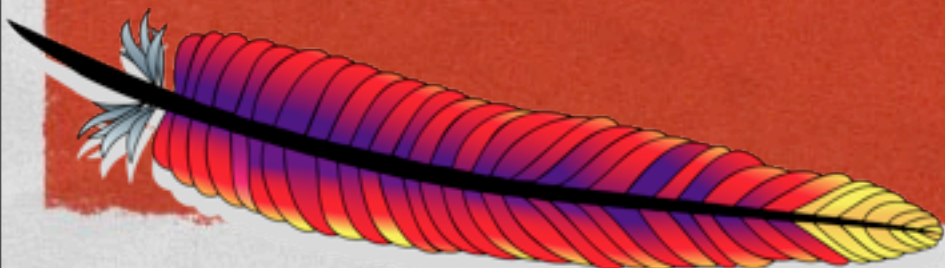


CONFIG



Usually, purchase from
third-party vendor

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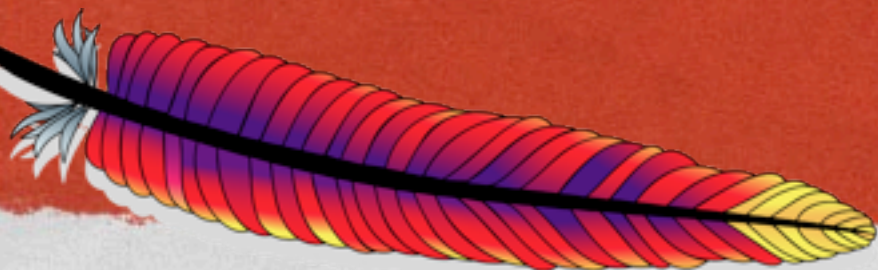


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HTTPS://



- Requests to `https://example.com` will connect to `:443` by default, expecting an SSL connection



PROXYING

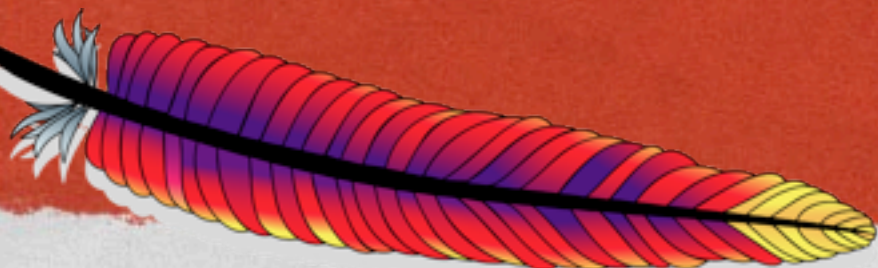
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PROXYPASS



- A request received by the server results in a proxy request to another server. The response is then returned to the client
- The client is (usually) unaware that this is going on



REASONS



- Single front-end to multiple back-end servers
- Load balancing
- Infrastructure hiding

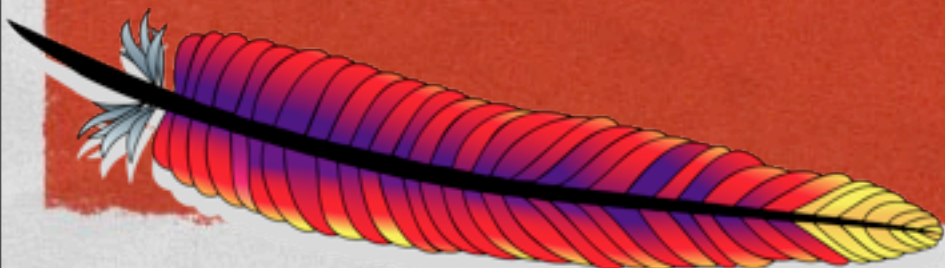


CONFIGURATION



```
ProxyPass /images http://images.example.com/img  
ProxyPassReverse /images http://foo.example.com/img
```

- Image requests are sent to a back-end image server
- ProxyPassReverse ensures that any Location (redirect) headers sent from the back-end are rewritten to refer to the front-end server, keeping the client unaware that proxying is going on



LOOKING BACK ...



- Remember this slide from earlier:

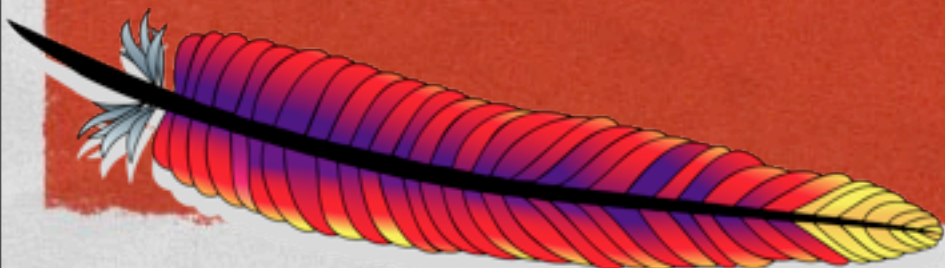


SUBSTITUTE



```
ProxyPass /blog/ http://internal.blog.example.com/  
ProxyPassReverse /blog/ http://internal.blog.example.com/
```

```
Substitute \  
"s|http://internal.blog.example.com/|http://www.example.com/blog/|i"
```



FIXUP HTML

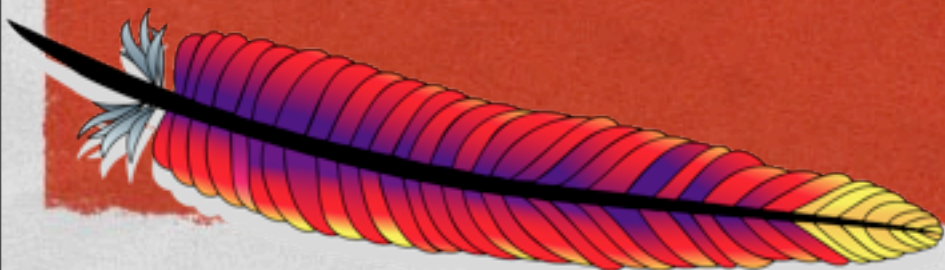


- Do that if the content contains hard-coded links including the back-end server name



MOD_PROXY_HTML

- More sophisticated rewriting of response, including headers, cookies, javascript obfuscation, and CSS



COMING SOON TO A CONFERENCE NEAR YOU

- Tomorrow: mod_rewrite boot camp
- Tuesday 10:15 am: New in 2.4
- Tuesday 4pm: Access Control
- Wednesday 11:45am: Securing the web (Igor Galic)
- Wednesday 1:45pm: N things you didn't know httpd could do
- Wednesday 5:15pm: mod_lua (Daniel Gruno)



FIN

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