

Setting Up A Bitnami LAMP Stack

Server Housekeeping

Update Software

Unlike using a traditional hosting provider there is no one else doing software updates for you when you are running a virtual machine, you need to keep things up to date yourself. This sequence of four commands will update the software on your Linux virtual machine and then restart the server. Your websites will be offline for a few seconds as the server reboots.

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get upgrade
sudo apt-get dist-upgrade
sudo reboot
```

Set Timezone

```
sudo dpkg-reconfigure tzdata
```

Make master conf folder easier to find

If you are going to setup virtual hosts or make other conf changes, you are going to need to get to this folder a lot, and it's hard to find. Creating a symlink in your home directory will make it easier.

```
sudo ln -s /home/bitnami/stack/apache2/conf/bitnami/ /home/
bitnami/conf-bitnami
```

Change Root SQL User Password

```
/opt/bitnami/mysql/bin/mysqladmin -p -u root password
NEWPASSWORD
```

Replace "NEWPASSWORD" with your chosen password