


```
sudo systemctl is-enabled apache2
sudo systemctl status apache2
```

The following result will be shown, which confirms that apache2 service is running and enabled.

```
root@debian12:~#
root@debian12:~# sudo systemctl is-enabled apache2
enabled
root@debian12:~# sudo systemctl status apache2
• apache2.service - The Apache HTTP Server
  Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/apache2.service; enabled; preset: enabled)
  Active: active (running) since
  Docs: https://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/
  Main PID: 17071 (apache2)
  Tasks: 6 (limit: 4642)
  Memory: 17.7M
  CPU: 303ms
  CGroup: /system.slice/apache2.service
          └─17071 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
```

Now verify the **mariadb** service using the following command.

```
sudo systemctl is-enabled mariadb
sudo systemctl status mariadb
```

The displayed output below confirms that the mariadb service is running and enabled.

```
root@debian12:~#
root@debian12:~# sudo systemctl is-enabled mariadb
enabled
root@debian12:~# sudo systemctl status mariadb
• mariadb.service - MariaDB 10.11.4 database server
  Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/mariadb.service; enabled; preset: enabled)
  Active: active (running) since
  Docs: man:mariadb(8)
        https://mariadb.com/kb/en/library/systemd/
  Main PID: 15155 (mariabdd)
  Status: "Taking your SQL requests now..."
  Tasks: 10 (limit: 4642)
  Memory: 86.1M
```

Lastly, run the following command to verify your PHP version and list enabled extensions.

```
php -v
php -m
```

You should see that **PHP 8.1** is installed on your Debian machine with the list extensions enabled.

```
root@debian12:~#
root@debian12:~# php -v
PHP 8.1.23 (cli) (built: Oct 6 2023 10:18:33) (NTS)
Copyright (c) The PHP Group
Zend Engine v4.1.23, Copyright (c) Zend Technologies
    with Zend OPcache v8.1.23, Copyright (c), by Zend Technologies
root@debian12:~#
root@debian12:~# php -m
[PHP Modules]
bcmath
calendar
Core
ctype
curl
date
dom
exif
FFI
fileinfo
filter
ftp
gd
gettext
gmp
hash
iconv
igbinary
imagick
intl
```

Configuring MariaDB Server

Now that you've installed dependencies for PrestaShop, the next step is to secure your MariaDB Server installation via the *mariadb-secure-installation* utility. Then, you will need to create a new database and user for PrestaShop.

Execute the *mariadb-secure-installation* command below to secure your MariaDB Server installation.

```
sudo mariadb-secure-installation
```

Input **Y** to confirm and apply the new configuration, or **n** for No, and reject it. Below of MariaDB Server configurations that you will be asked for:

- Switch to unix_socket authentication?. Input **n** and press ENTER. The default MariaDB root user is already protected. optionally, you can also enable it by typing **y** for yes.
- Change the root password?. Input **y** to confirm and set up your new MariaDB root password.
- Remove anonymous user?. Input **y** to confirm.
- Disallow root login remotely? Input **y** to confirm. Only local connection will be allowed if you are using the MariaDB root user.
- Remove test database and access to it?. Input **y** to confirm and remove the default database 'test'.
- Lastly, input **y** again to reload all tables privileges on your MariaDB server and apply new changes.

Next, run the *mariadb* client command below to log in to the MariaDB Server. Input your MariaDB root password when prompted.

```
sudo mariadb -u root -p
```

Once logged in, execute the following queries to create a new database **prestashopdb**, a user **prestashop**, with the password is **password**. The new MariaDB database and user here will be the user for PrestaShop installation.

```
CREATE DATABASE prestashopdb;
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON prestashopdb.* TO 'prestashop'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'password';
FLUSH PRIVILEGES;
```

```
MariaDB [(none)]> CREATE DATABASE prestashopdb;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.001 sec)

MariaDB [(none)]> GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON prestashopdb.* TO 'prestashop'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'password';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.004 sec)

MariaDB [(none)]> FLUSH PRIVILEGES;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.001 sec)
```

Next, run the following query to verify the MariaDB user **prestashop**.

```
SHOW GRANTS FOR 'prestashop'@'localhost';
```

The displayed output below reveals that the MariaDB user **prestashop** is allowed to access the database **prestashopdb**.

```
MariaDB [(none)]> SHOW GRANTS FOR 'prestashop'@'localhost';
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Grants for prestashop@localhost |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO 'prestashop'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY PASSWORD '*2478C0C06DEE42FD1618BB99005ADCA2EC9D1E19' |
| GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON `prestashopdb`.* TO 'prestashop'@'localhost' |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.000 sec)

MariaDB [(none)]> quit
Bye
root@debian12:~#
```

Lastly, type quit to exit from the MariaDB Server.

Configuring PHP

After configuring MariaDB Server, you will configure your PHP installation by modifying the `php.ini` file. Then, you will also verify your environment to ensure that everything related to PHP configuration is met with PrestaShop requirements.

Open the default PHP configuration `/etc/php/8.1/apache2/php.ini` using the following nano editor command.

```
sudo nano /etc/php/8.1/apache2/php.ini
```

Change the configuration below and be sure to adjust the `date.timezone` and `memory_limit` parameters with your server environment.

```
date.timezone = Europe/Amsterdam
max_execution_time = 130
memory_limit = 256M
allow_url_fopen = On
allow_url_include = Off
post_max_size = 128M
upload_max_filesize = 128M
max_input_vars = 5000
```

Save the file and exit the editor when you're done.

Next, run the following `systemctl` command to restart the `apache2` service and apply the changes.

```
sudo systemctl restart apache2
```

Now that you've configured PHP, you will verify that your server environment is ready for PrestaShop installation. This can be done by using the environment checker provided by PrestaShop.

Move to the `/var/www/html` directory and download the environment check script via the `wget` command below. You will see the file **v1.1.tar.gz** on your current working directory.

```
cd /var/www/html
wget https://github.com/PrestaShop/php-ps-info/archive/refs/tags/v1.1.tar.gz
```

Extract the file **v1.1.tar.gz** and rename the extracted directory to **check-ps**.

```
tar -xf v1.1.tar.gz
mv php-ps-info-1.1 check-ps
```

Lastly, open your web browser and visit the server IP address followed by the path **check-ps** to access the PrestaShop environment checker script, such as <http://192.168.10.15/check-ps/phpppsinfo.php>.

Input the default username `prestashop` and password `prestashop`, then click **Sign in**.

192.168.10.15

This site is asking you to sign in.

Username

prestashop

Password

Sign in Cancel

Ensure that your dependencies, PHP configurations, and PHP extensions are met with the PrestaShop requirements. If not, you can adjust your settings based on the recommendation on the page.

PHP PrestaShop Info

General information & PHP/MySQL Version

#	Required	Recommended	Current
Web server		Apache	
PHP Type		Apache Module (low performance)	
PHP Version	5.6	7.1	8.1.23
MySQL Extension	5.5	5.6	mysqlnd 8.1.23
Internet connectivity (Prestashop)	No	Yes	Yes

PHP Configuration

#	Required	Recommended	Current
allow_url_fopen	Yes	Yes	Yes
expose_php	No	No	No
file_uploads	Yes	Yes	Yes
register_argc_argv	No	No	No
short_open_tag	No	No	No
max_input_vars	1000	5000	5000
memory_limit	64M	256M	256M
post_max_size	16M	128M	128M
upload_max_filesize	4M	128M	128M
set_time_limit	Yes	Yes	Yes

PHP Extensions

#	Required	Recommended	Current

Downloading Prestashop

Now that the MariaDB Server and PHP are configured, the next step is to download the PrestaShop source code and configure the installation directory with proper permission and ownership.

Move your working directory to `/var/www/` and download the PrestaShop source code via the `wget` command below. Be sure to check the PrestaShop release page to get the latest version of PrestaShop.

```
cd /var/www/  
wget https://github.com/PrestaShop/PrestaShop/releases/download/8.1.2/prestashop_8.1.2.zip
```

Now extract the PrestaShop source code via the `unzip` command below. You should see the PrestaShop source within the zip file **prestashop.zip**.

```
unzip prestashop_8.1.2.zip
```

Extract the file **prestashop.zip** using the `unzip` command below to the target directory `/var/www/prestashop`. The PrestaShop source code will be extracted to the **prestashop** directory, so your Prestashop installation directory should be `/var/www/prestashop`.

```
unzip prestashop.zip -d /var/www/prestashop
```

Lastly, run the following command to set up the proper ownership and permission for the PrestaShop installation directory `/var/www/prestashop`. The ownership should use **www-data** with the permission **u+rw**, which means the owner can read and write to the target directory.

```
sudo chown -R www-data:www-data /var/www/prestashop
sudo chmod u+rw /var/www/prestashop
```

Configuring Apache2 Virtual Host

In the following step, you will create a new Apache2 virtual host configuration that will be used to run prestaShop. So before that, ensure that you've your domain name pointed to a server IP address.

To start, run the following command to enable the **rewrite** module for Apache.

```
sudo a2enmod rewrite
```

```
root@debian12:~#
root@debian12:~# sudo a2enmod rewrite
Enabling module rewrite.
To activate the new configuration, you need to run:
  systemctl restart apache2
root@debian12:~#
root@debian12:~#
```

Then, create a new virtual host configuration `/etc/apache2/sites-available/prestashop.conf` using the nano editor command.

```
sudo nano /etc/apache2/sites-available/prestashop.conf
```

Insert the following configuration and be sure to change the domain name within the **ServerName** parameter.

```
<VirtualHost *:80>

  ServerAdmin admin@hwdomain.io
  DocumentRoot /var/www/prestashop
  ServerName hwdomain.io

  <Directory /var/www/prestashop>
    # enable the .htaccess rewrites
    AllowOverride All
    Options +Indexes
    Require all granted

    # Disable back office token
    # SetEnv _TOKEN_ disabled
  </Directory>

  ErrorLog /var/log/apache2/prestashop.error.log
  CustomLog /var/log/apache2/prestashop.access.log combined
</VirtualHost>
```

Save and close the file when you're done.

Next, run the following command to activate the virtual host file `prestashop.conf` and verify your Apache configuration.

```
sudo a2ensite prestashop.conf
sudo apache2ctl configtest
```

If you've proper Apache configuration, the output **Syntax OK** will be displayed.

```
root@debian12:~#
root@debian12:~# sudo nano /etc/apache2/sites-available/prestashop.conf
root@debian12:~#
root@debian12:~# sudo a2ensite prestashop.conf
Enabling site prestashop.
To activate the new configuration, you need to run:
  systemctl reload apache2
root@debian12:~#
root@debian12:~# sudo apache2ctl configtest
AH00558: apache2: Could not reliably determine the server's fully qualified
ve globally to suppress this message
Syntax OK
root@debian12:~#
root@debian12:~# sudo systemctl restart apache2
root@debian12:~#
```

Now run the `systemctl` command below to restart the `apache2` service and apply the changes.

```
sudo systemctl restart apache2
```

Lastly, generate the SSL/TLS certificates for your PrestaShop domain name by executing the following `certbot` command. Be sure to change the email address and the domain name with your information.

```
sudo certbot --apache --agree-tos --no-eff-email --redirect --hsts --staple-ocsp --email alice@hwdomain.io -d hwdomain.io
```

Once the process is finished, your virtual host file `prestashop.conf` will automatically configured with HTTPS and your SSL/TLS certificates will be available at `/etc/letsencrypt/live/hwdomain.io` directory.

Installing PrestaShop via Command Line

At this point, you can now finish up your PrestaShop installation via web UI or command line. In this example, you'll finish your PrestaShop installation via the command line.

Go to the PrestaShop installation directory `/var/www/prestashop/install`.

```
cd /var/www/prestashop/install
```

Run the `index_cli.php` script like the following to start PrestaShop installation via the command line. Be sure to change the details of a domain name, MariaDB database host, name, username, and password. Also, be sure to change the email address and password that will be used as admin for PrestaShop.

```
sudo -u www-data php index_cli.php --domain=hwdomain.io --db_server=127.0.0.1 --db_name=prestashopdb --db_user=prestashop --db_password=password --prefix=myps_ --email=alice@hwdomain.io --password=Passw0rd
```

Once the installation is finished, the output "**Installation successful**" will be shown like the following.

```
root@debian12:~#
root@debian12:~# cd /var/www/prestashop/install
root@debian12:/var/www/prestashop/install#
root@debian12:/var/www/prestashop/install# sudo -u www-data php index_cli.php \
--domain=hwdomain.io \
--db_server=127.0.0.1 \
--db_name=prestashopdb \
--db_user=prestashop \
--db_password=password \
--prefix=myps_ \
--email=alice@hwdomain.io \
--password=Passw0rd
-- Installation successful! --
```

Next, run the following command to set up proper permission for some PrestaShop directories. This will allow the `www-data` as the owner to read and write to those target directories.

```
sudo chmod u+rw /var/www/prestashop/var/cache
sudo chmod u+rw /var/www/prestashop/var/logs
sudo chmod u+rw /var/www/prestashop/img
sudo chmod u+rw /var/www/prestashop/mails
sudo chmod u+rw /var/www/prestashop/modules
sudo chmod u+rw /var/www/prestashop/translations
sudo chmod u+rw /var/www/prestashop/upload
sudo chmod u+rw /var/www/prestashop/download
sudo chmod u+rw /var/www/prestashop/app/config
sudo chmod u+rw /var/www/prestashop/app/Resources/translations
```

Now run the command below to remove the `/var/www/prestashop/install` directory and secure your PrestaShop installation.

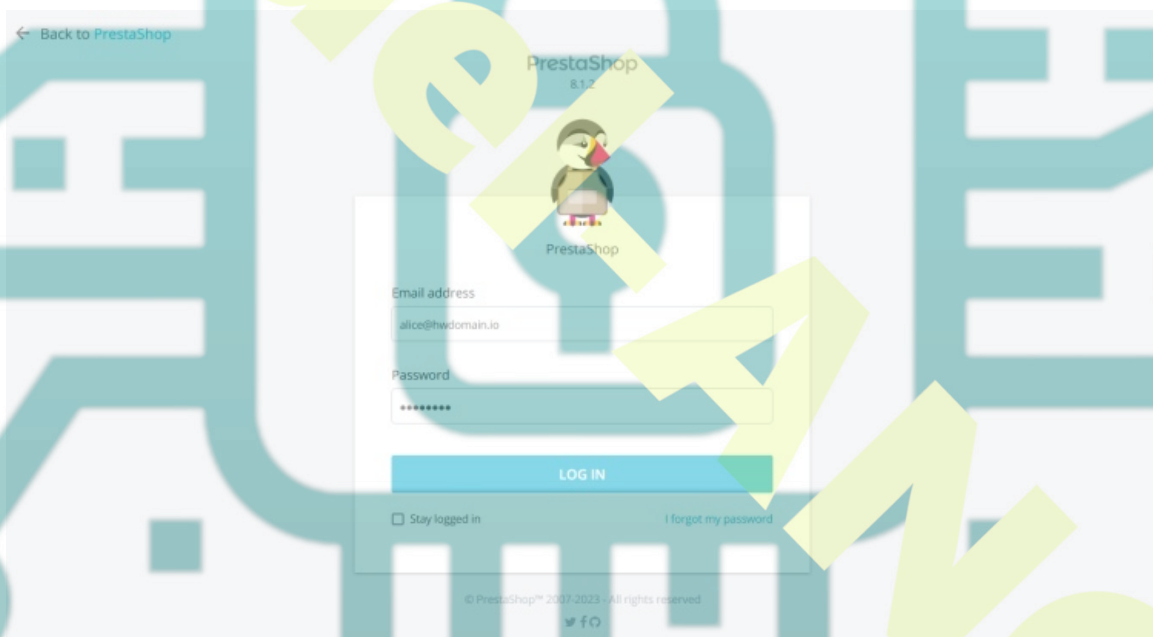
```
sudo rm -rf /var/www/prestashop/install
```

Then, open your web browser and visit your PrestaShop domain name, such as <http://hwdomain.io/>. Once the installation is successful, you should be redirected to a secure HTTPS connection, and you should see the default homepage of your PrestaShop installation.

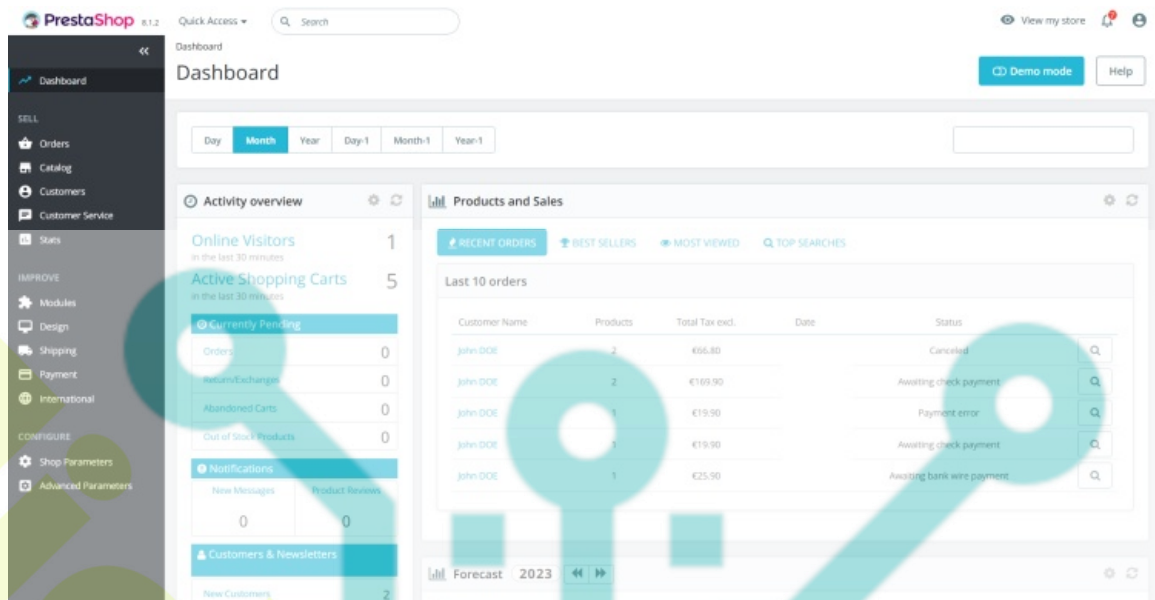


Next, visit the PrestaShop domain name followed by the admin path, such as <https://hwdomain.io/admin/>. If everything goes well, you should be redirected to the PrestaShop login page. Also, you can see the default URL path for PrestaShop has changed to **admin051rgjztgkvgcie6dp**.

Input your admin user and password, then click **Login**.



If you have a proper admin user and password, you should be presented with the PrestaShop administration dashboard.



Another consideration, you can run the following command to check the PrestaShop login admin.

```
ls /var/www/prestashop
```

The output below shows that the PrestaShop admin page is available at **admin051rgjztgkvgcie6dp**.

```
root@debian12:/var/www/prestashop#  
root@debian12:/var/www/prestashop# sudo rm -rf /var/www/prestashop/install  
root@debian12:/var/www/prestashop#  
root@debian12:/var/www/prestashop# ls /var/www/prestashop  
admin051rgjztgkvgcie6dp  classes          download         INSTALL.txt      Makefile         robots.txt      translations  
app                      composer.lock   error500.html   js              modules         src            upload  
autoload.php            config          img             LICENSES        override        templates      var  
bin                     controllers     index.php       localization    pdf             themes         vendor  
cache                   docs           init.php        mails           phpstan.neon.dist  tools         webservice  
root@debian12:/var/www/prestashop#  
root@debian12:/var/www/prestashop#
```

Conclusion

To conclude, you've now successfully installed PrestaShop on Debian 12 step-by-step. You've installed PrestaShop 8 with LAMP Stack (Apache2, MariaDB, and PHP) and secured PrestaShop installation with SSL/TLS certificates. Furthermore, you've also learned how to start PrestaShop installation via the command line. Now you can add new themes and additional extensions to extend your PrestaShop installation.