

Apache: How do I configure different PHP settings for one subdomain or subdirectory

By default, your account's PHP configuration file resides at `/conf/php.ini` and the settings are applied globally for your account. If you need to override the default settings for one subdomain or subdirectory, follow these steps:

1. [SSH](#) into your account.
2. Copy the complete file `/conf/php.ini` to the subdomain folder or sub-directory in which you'd like the custom settings applied.
3. Edit the new `php.ini` with the custom setting(s) you want applied to the subdomain or sub-directory.
4. Inside the same folder where you copied the `php.ini`, create a `.htaccess` file that contains the following line:

```
SetEnv PHPRC .
```

This will instruct Apache to make that environmental variable available to all scripts in that directory, and PHP will check it to determine where to find the `php.ini`.

****THE NEXT STEP IS VERY IMPORTANT****

Obviously, we don't want the outside world to have access to your settings in your `php.ini` file. The solution? Add the following lines to the `.htaccess` file in the same directory with the following lines in it:

```
<Files ~ "\.ini$">  
Order allow,deny  
Deny from all  
</Files>
```

This will deny any web requests to any file in that directory ending in `.ini`; thus preventing your PHP settings from being seen by others.

Now you have a secure `php.ini` file that you can modify settings in to affect the `.php` files within that directory.

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