CSSE 290 – Set up XAMPP and Aptana Studio for PHP Programming

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Disclaimer: Aptana Studio is new to me. There may be better ways to do some things, but the way described here seems to work.

1. Make sure that the XAMPP server works

- a. Installation of XAMPP should have added the XAMPP Control Panel to the programs in your Start Menu.
 This is its icon: .
 Otherwise, try typing xampp in the start menu search box, or find the program in C:\xampp\xampp-control.exe.
- b. Start the XAMPP Control Panel. XAMPP Control Panel v3.2.1 [Compiled: May 7th 2013] XAMPP Control Panel v3.2.1 Modules Module PID(s) Port(s) Service Actions Apache Start Admin Config MySQL Start Admin Config FileZilla Start Admin Config
- c. Click the first Start button (for Apache). Port numbers should then appear at the left of the button.
 Port(s) Actions

80, 443	Stop	Admin	
	Start	Admin	

- d. If this does not work, it might be a problem with the port number Apache is using (the default is 80, also used by Skype and some other programs).
 - i. If it is Skype, try this: <u>http://www.mydigitallife.info/disable-skype-from-using-opening-and-listening-on-port-80-and-443-on-local-computer/</u>.
 - ii. If it is not Skype, you might try the steps found here: <u>http://www.howtogeek.com/howto/28609/how-can-i-tell-what-is-listening-on-a-tcpip-port-in-windows/</u>
 - iii. Otherwise you can try changing the port numbers that Apache uses. <u>http://stackoverflow.com/questions/11294812/how-to-change-xampp-apache-server-port</u>
- e. If it seems to work, test it out by going to a browser and entering <u>http://localhost</u>.
 - If you changed Apache's port number (say, to 8080), you will need to enter <u>http://localhost:8080</u>.

You should see:



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2. Try serving a static page

- a. The default location for pages is C:\xampp\htdocs.
- b. Copy an HTML file (for example, it might be called start.html) to that folder.
- c. In your browser, <u>http://localhost/start.html ,</u>. You should see the page.

3. Try serving a php page.

- a. In that same htdocs folder, make a file test1.php whose entire content is the following line <?php phpinfo(); ?>
- IN your browser, enter <u>http://localhost/test1.php</u> (or, if you are using a different port, <u>http://localhost:8080/test1.php</u>) You should see a **lot** of info about the PHP configuration.
- 4. Make a new EclipseWorkspace inside htdocs.
 - a. In Windows Explorer, create a new folder called PHP-290 in htdocs.
 - b. In Aptana Eclipse plug-in, choose File→Switch Workspace→Other. Browse to your new folder and select it.
 - c. When the new workspace window appears, click Workbench, and change the perspective to Web.
- 5. Make a PHP project in Aptana Studio:
 - a. From File menu, choose New ... PHP project. Call the project FirstPHPproject Click Finish.
 - b. In Project Explorer view, right-click FirstPHPproject and choose New → File. In the dialog, enter the filename Hello.php Press Next.
 - c. Accept the default PHP template, and press Finish.
 - d. Open the Hello.php file in the editor and replace phpinfo(); by print "Hello, CSSE290"; .Save the file.
 - e. Try it in your browser: <u>http://localhost/PHP-290/FirstPHPproject/Hello.php</u>
 - f. Configure the project. Right-click the FirstPHP project and choose Properties:
 - i. Project Natures: Make sure that PHP is checked.
 - ii. Preview Settings. Click NEW. Simple Web Server. Fill in the form as follows:

🖨 Edit			X		
Edit External Web Server Configuration					
Name:	PHPFirst				
Base URL:	http://localhost/PHP-290/				
Document Root:	C:\xampp\htdocs\PHP-290\		Browse		

- iii. OK. OK.
- g. Run your program
 - i. Right-click and choose Run as→Run Configurations. You should see the following. If not, change it to be like this. Then press Run.

PHP Server:	PHPFirst	•	
File			
Initial Script:	/FirstPHPproject/Hellophp		Browse
Breakpoint √ Break at Fir	st Line		
URL 📝 Auto Gene	rate		
URL: ht	tp://localhost/	/PHP-290//FirstPHPproject/Hello.php)

- ii. You should now see the output from your program.
- iii. As usual, if you now click the green "Play" button, it will run your program again.
 - 1. Modify what the program prints, save it, and click the "Play" button.