

**How do I make the
php.ini file available to
PHP on windows?**

There are several ways of doing this. If you are using Apache, read their installation specific instructions ([Apache 1](#), [Apache 2](#)), otherwise you must set the *PHPRC* environment variable:

On Windows NT, 2000, XP and 2003:

- Go to Control Panel and open the System icon (Start -> Settings -> Control Panel -> System, or just Start -> Control Panel -> System for Windows XP/2003)
- Go to the Advanced tab
- Click on the 'Environment Variables' button
- Look into the 'System variables' pane
- Click on 'New' and enter 'PHPRC' as the variable name and the directory where *php.ini* is located as the variable value (e.g. *C:\php*)
- Press OK and restart your computer