

# Upgrade to PHP v 5.4 on CentOS 6

I'm going to show you how to upgrade PHP 5.3 to PHP 5.4 on CentOS 6.7. This article is assuming that you are running the CentOS 6.7 default version of PHP 5.3.

All the credit goes to this blog post, I am just reposting here for my records, but for once, the guide worked perfect without needing changes and it wasn't long and "overexplained" which I don't like, really well done, thank you!

<https://www.zerostopbits.com/how-to-upgrade-php-5-3-to-php-5-4-on-centos-6-7/>

## 1. Confirm your version of PHP is the CentOS 6.7 default

Type in the following:

```
rpm -qa | grep php
```

Should output similar to the following

```
php-cli-5.3.3-46.el6_6.x86_64
php-common-5.3.3-46.el6_6.x86_64
php-5.3.3-46.el6_6.x86_64
```

Great, let's move on.

## 2. Install and activate the REMI and EPEL RPM Repositories

Type in the following to download and install the required files:

```
wget https://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/epel-release-latest-6.noarch.rpm && rpm -Uvh epel-release-latest-6.noarch.rpm
wget http://rpms.famillecollet.com/enterprise/remi-release-6.rpm && rpm -Uvh remi-release-6*.rpm
```

Now to enable the REMI repository globally:

```
nano /etc/yum.repos.d/remi.repo

[remi]
#enabled=0
enabled=1
```

## 3. Update PHP from 5.3 to 5.4

Easy as pie, simply type in the following:

```
yum -y update php*
```

Once that's done, we can verify:

```
rpm -qa | grep php
```

And we should see something similar to the below:

```
php-common-5.4.45-1.el6.remi.x86_64
php-5.4.45-1.el6.remi.x86_64
php-cli-5.4.45-1.el6.remi.x86_64
```

Make sure PHP is working correctly:

```
php -v
```

You should see something similar to the following:

PHP 5.4.45 (cli) (built: Sep 2 2015 18:54:00)  
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