

NAME

a2ensite, a2dissite - enable or disable an apache2 site / virtual host

SYNOPSIS

a2ensite [[-q|--quiet] *site*]

a2dissite [[-q|--quiet] *site*]

DESCRIPTION

This manual page documents briefly the **a2ensite** and **a2dissite** commands.

a2ensite is a script that enables the specified site (which contains a <VirtualHost> block) within the **apache2** configuration. It does this by creating symlinks within **/etc/apache2/sites-enabled**. Likewise, **a2dissite** disables a site by removing those symlinks. It is not an error to enable a site which is already enabled, or to disable one which is already disabled.

Apache treats the very first virtual host enabled specially as every request not matching any actual directive is being redirected there. Thus it should be called **000-default** in order to sort before the remaining hosts to be loaded first.

OPTIONS

-q, --quiet

Don't show informative messages.

-m, --maintmode

Enables the maintainer mode, that is the program invocation is effectuated automatically by a maintainer script. This switch should not be used by end users.

-p, --purge

When disabling a module, purge all traces of the module in the internal state data base.

EXIT STATUS

a2ensite and **a2dissite** exit with status 0 if all *sites* are processed successfully, 1 if errors occur, 2 if an invalid option was used.

EXAMPLES

a2dissite 000-default

Disables the **default** site.

FILES

/etc/apache2/sites-available

Directory with files giving information on available sites.

/etc/apache2/sites-enabled

Directory with links to the files in **sites-available** for enabled sites.

SEE ALSO

[apache2ctl\(8\)](#).

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