

# Configuring PEAR on Windows

[PEAR](#) is the PHP Extension and Application Repository. Applications written in PHP often include references to external libraries and PEAR is a way to manage these. On Windows if PEAR hasn't already been configured log in to the server and run `go-pear.bat` in the PHP directory (C:\php in this case). This adds the PEAR settings to `php.ini`:

```
include_path=". ; C: \php\pear"
```

It also creates "`pear.bat`" which can be used to search for and install components. For instance:

```
pear search Requestpear install HTTP_Request
```

If you use the Apache Web Server after running `go-pear.bat` it's necessary to restart Apache (as with any other changes to `php.ini`).

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