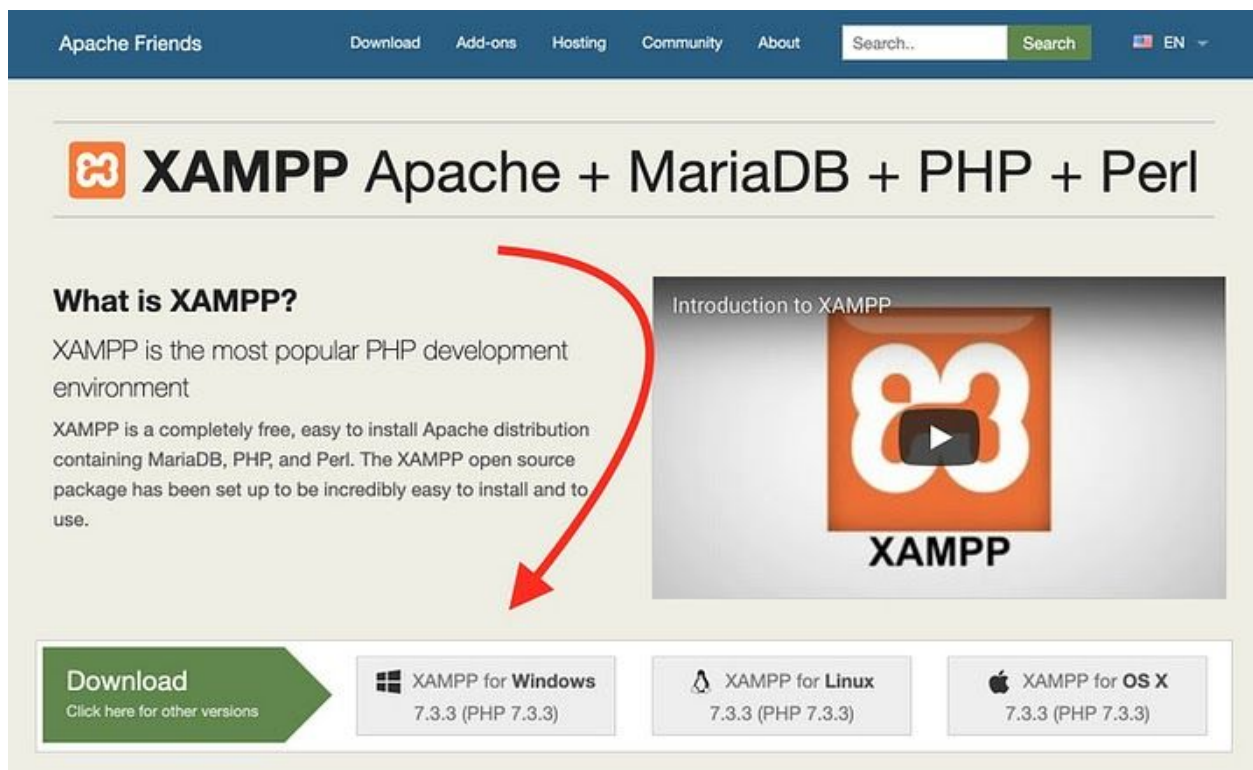


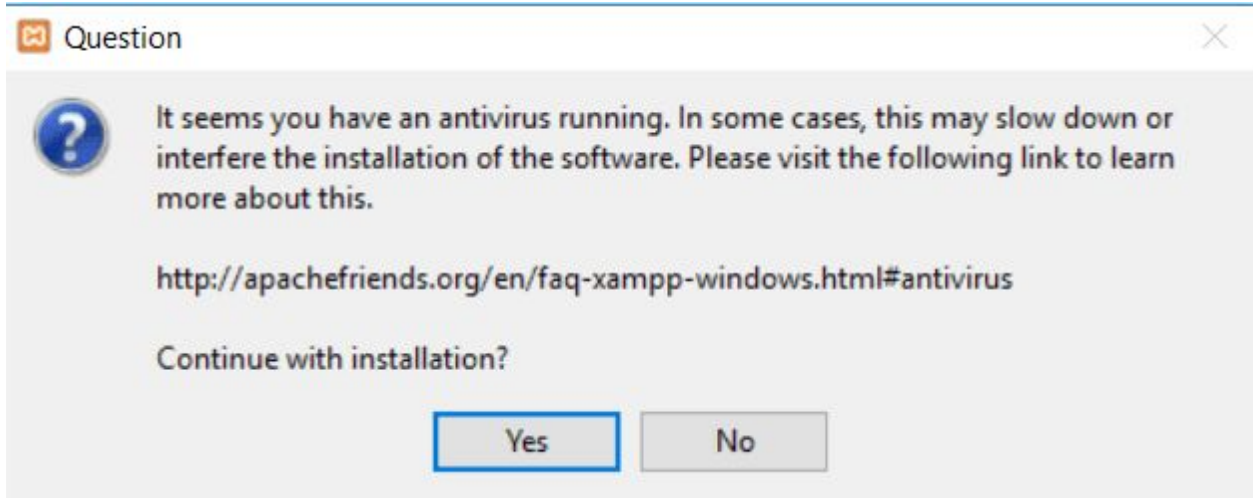
Step 1: Download and install XAMPP on your computer

The first step on your way to install WordPress locally is to download and install the XAMPP software. You can download the Windows installer file [from Apache Friends](#). It's a big file, about 110 MB, so it might take a minute or so depending on your connection:

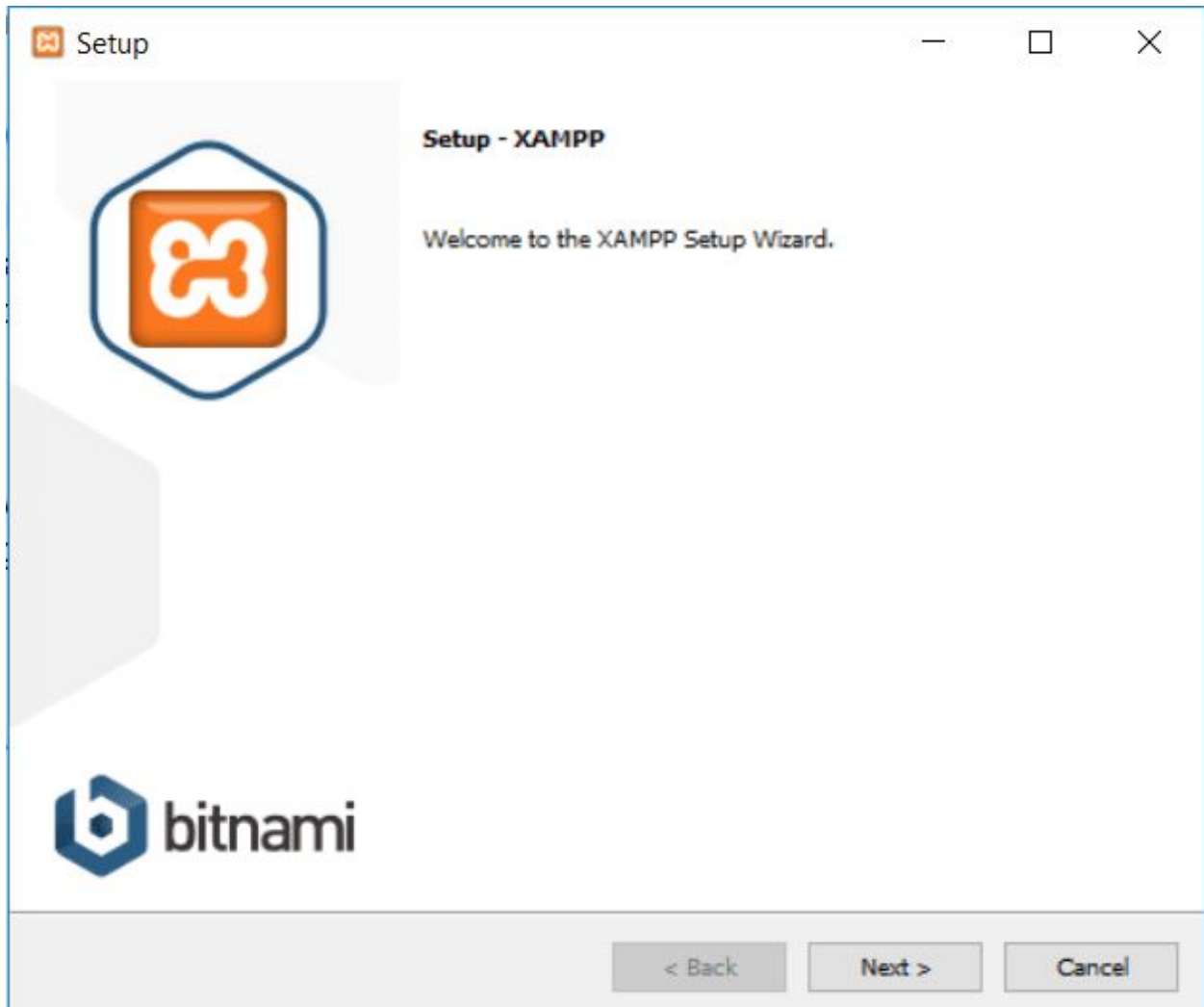


The screenshot shows the Apache Friends website for XAMPP. The header includes navigation links: Apache Friends, Download, Add-ons, Hosting, Community, About, a search bar, and a language selector (EN). The main heading is "XAMPP Apache + MariaDB + PHP + Perl". Below this, there is a "What is XAMPP?" section with text describing it as a popular PHP development environment. To the right is a video player titled "Introduction to XAMPP" with a play button. A red arrow points from the video player to the "Download" button. The "Download" button is a green arrow pointing right, with the text "Download" and "Click here for other versions". Below the "Download" button are three buttons for different operating systems: "XAMPP for Windows 7.3.3 (PHP 7.3.3)", "XAMPP for Linux 7.3.3 (PHP 7.3.3)", and "XAMPP for OS X 7.3.3 (PHP 7.3.3)".

Once the download finishes, run the file you downloaded to launch the XAMPP installer. If you're running antivirus software, you might get a warning like this:



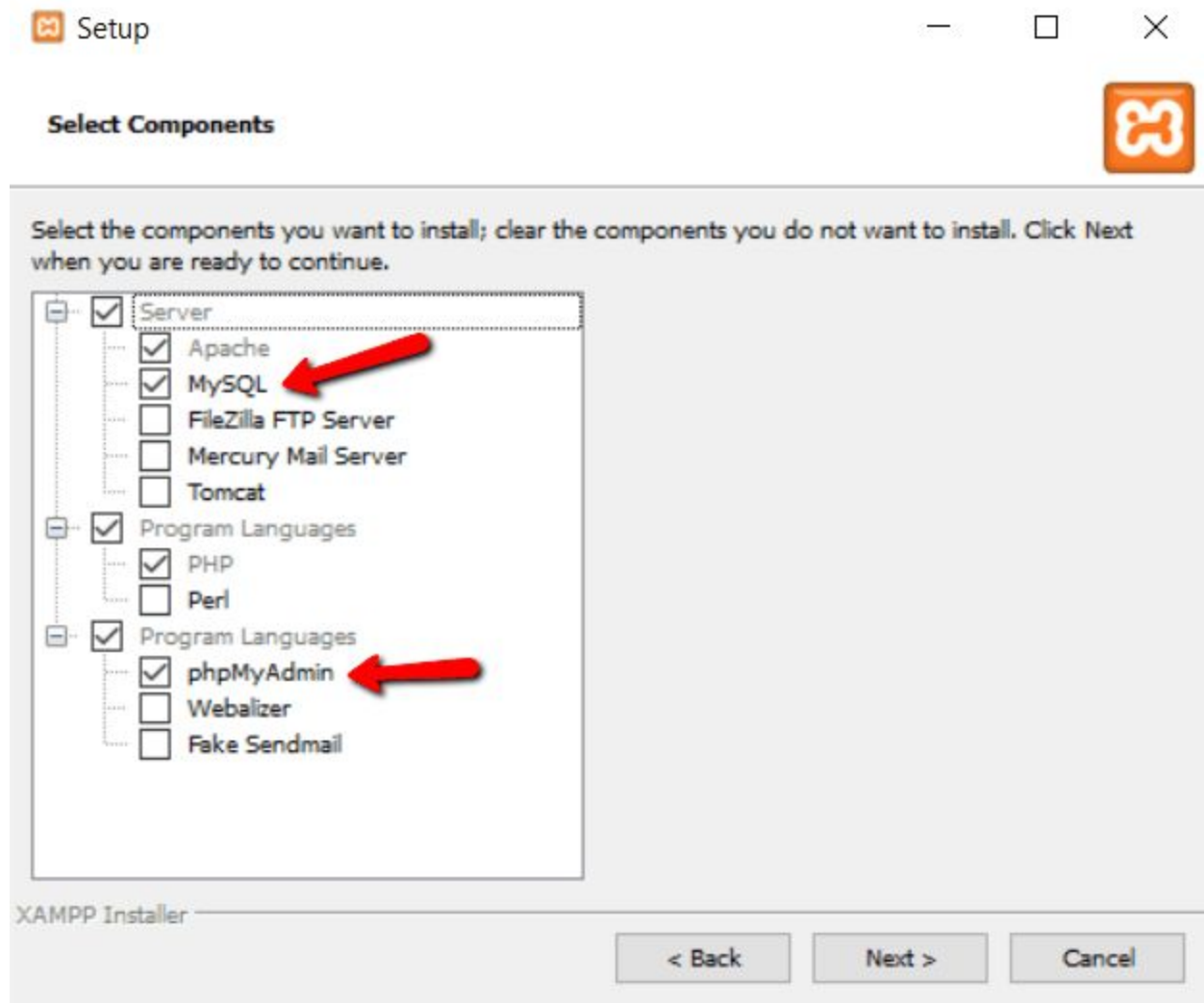
Just click **Yes** to continue. Depending on your Windows configuration, you might also get a prompt about User Account Control (UAC). Just continue through that prompt as well. Once you get through all of the prompts, you should see the standard installer screen:



Just click **Next** to continue.

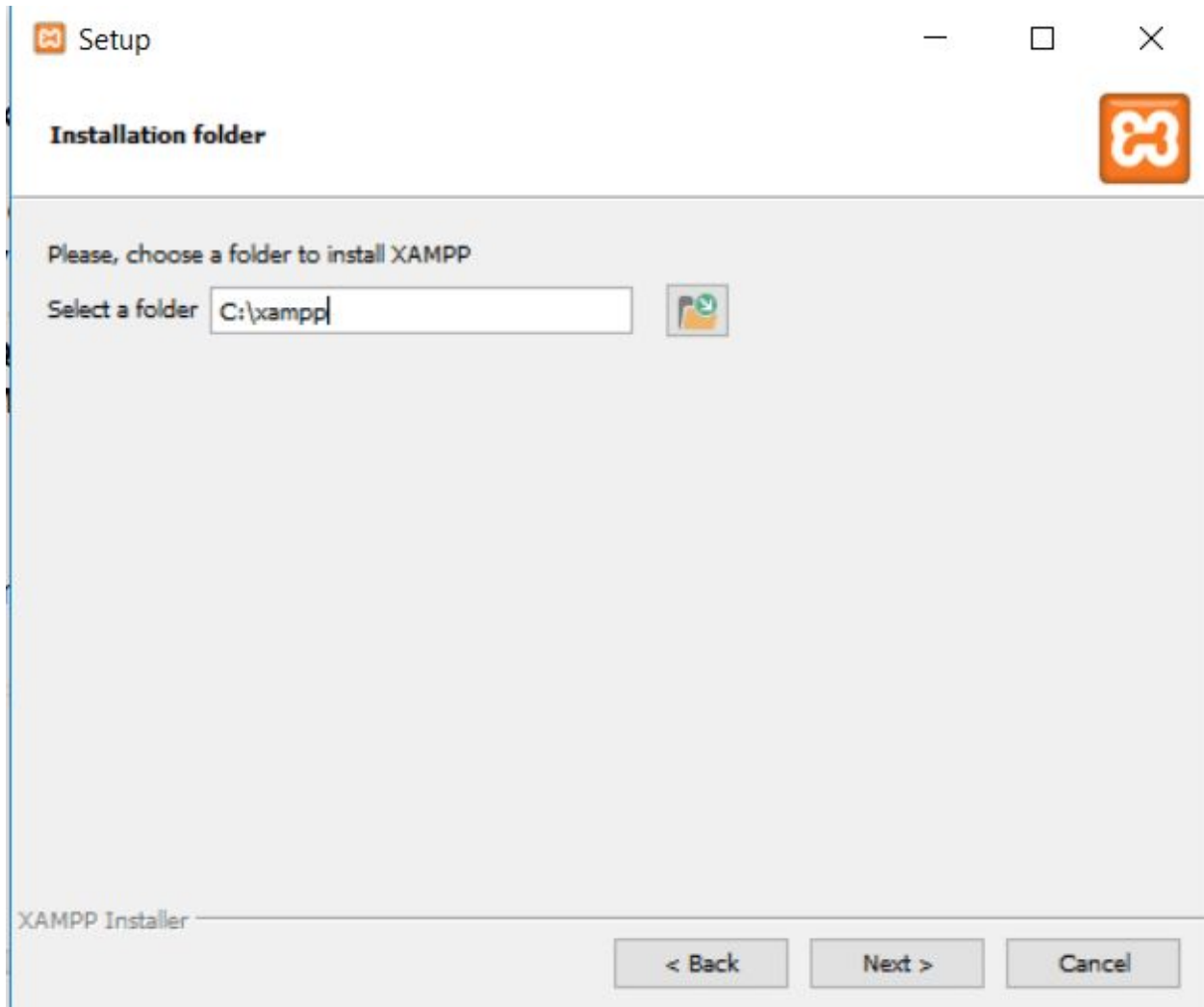
On the next screen, you can choose which components to install. To install XAMPP and WordPress, **you do not need all of the components. In addition to the required components, all you need are:**

- **MySQL**
- **PHPMyAdmin**

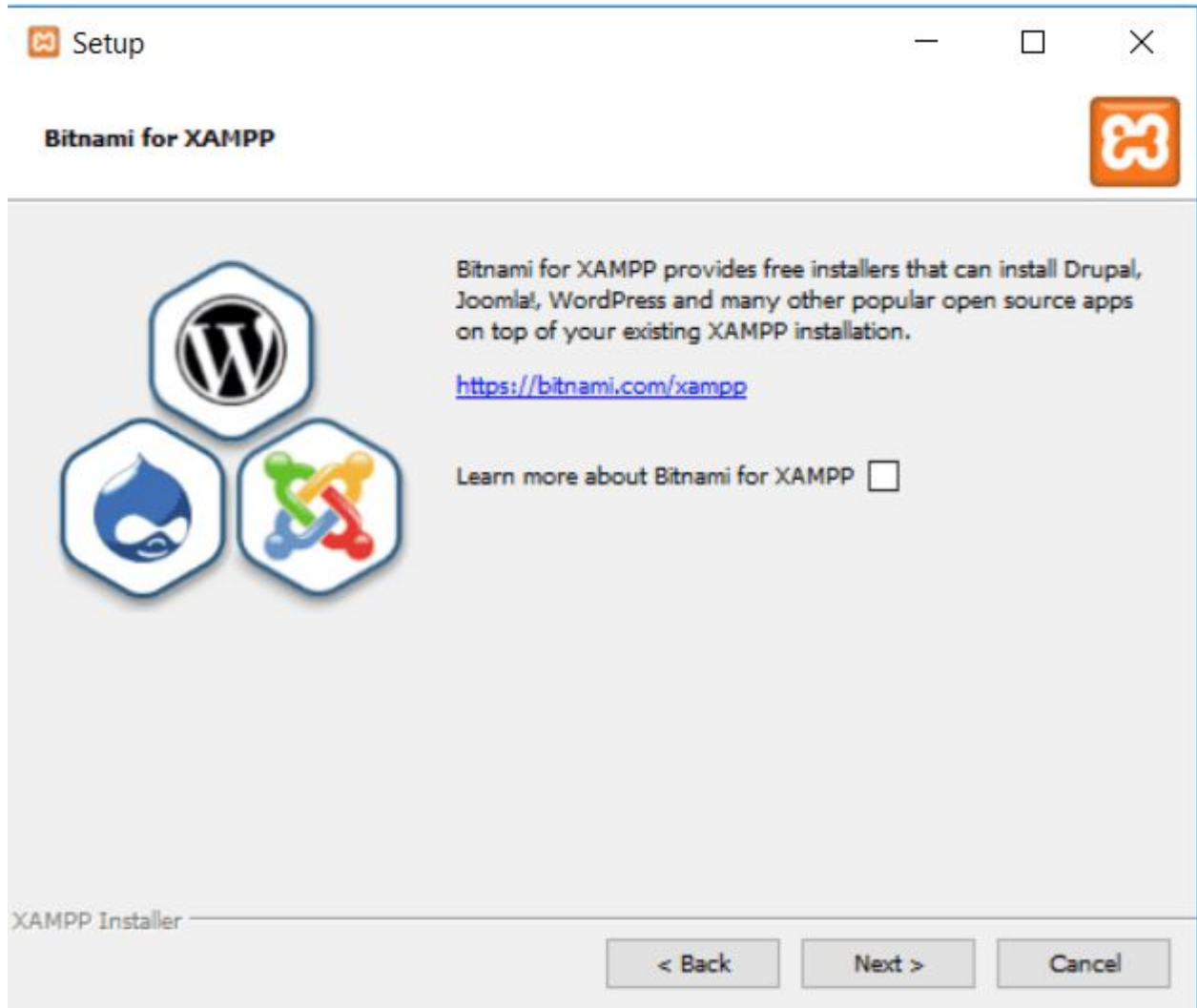


Again, this is all that's needed to install WordPress locally. Uncheck everything else and click **Next**.

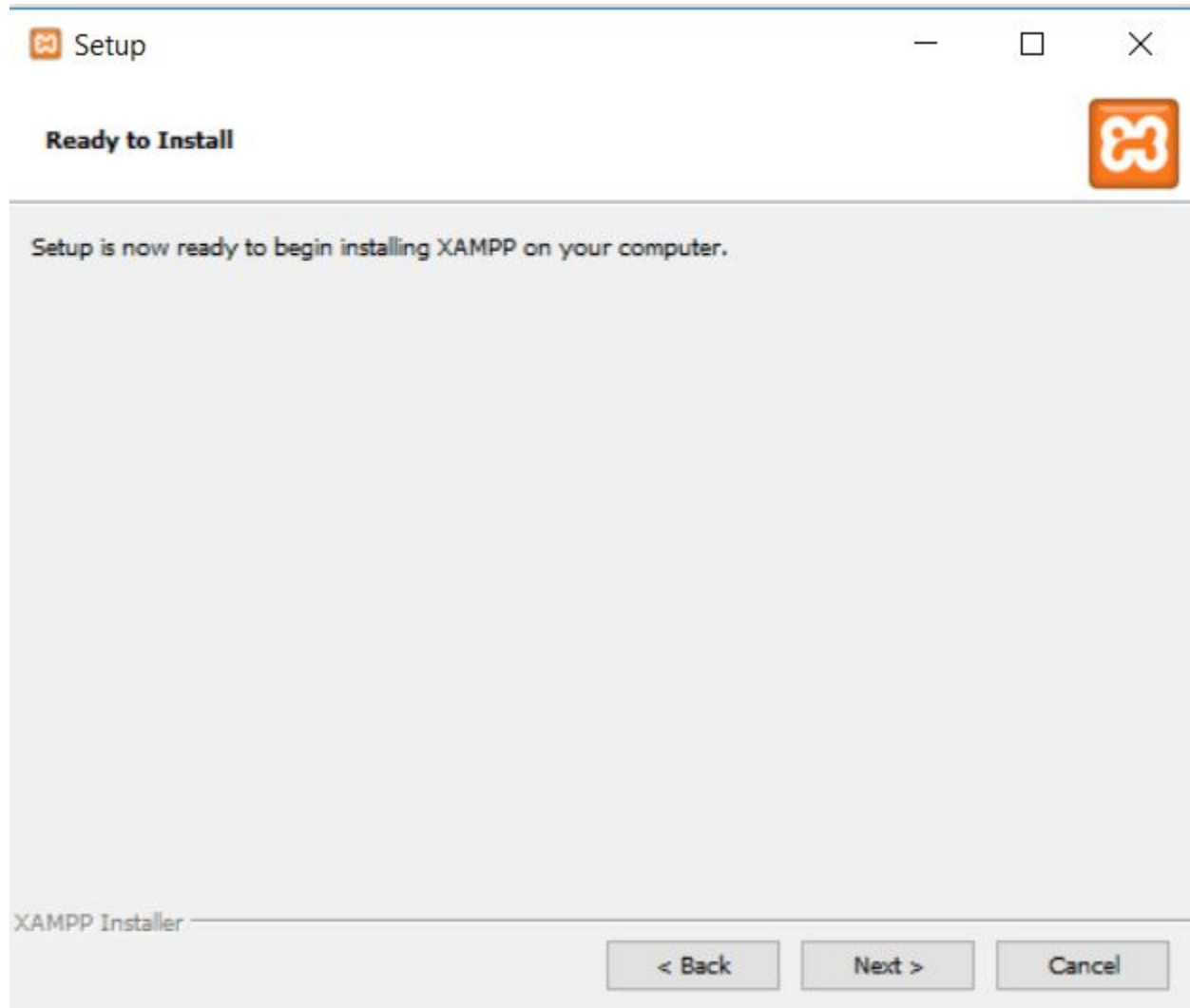
You can now select which folder to install XAMPP in. I always leave it as the default:



On the next screen, you'll get a prompt asking you to install **Bitnami for XAMPP**. You do **not** need this to install XAMPP and WordPress, so just uncheck the box:



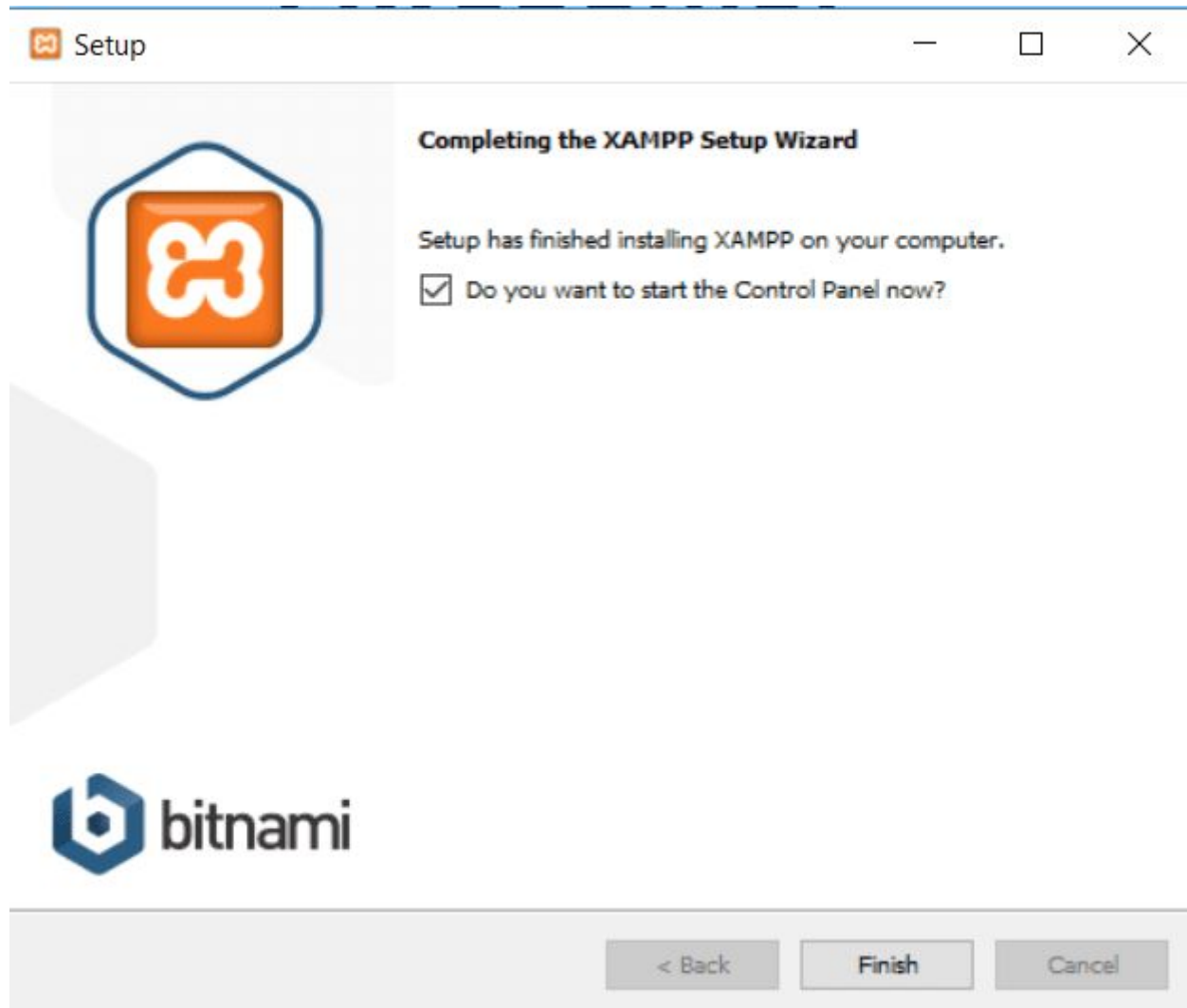
Once you click **Next**, you're ready to run the install:



The install process might take a few minutes:



Once it finishes, you can launch the control panel to start working with XAMPP:

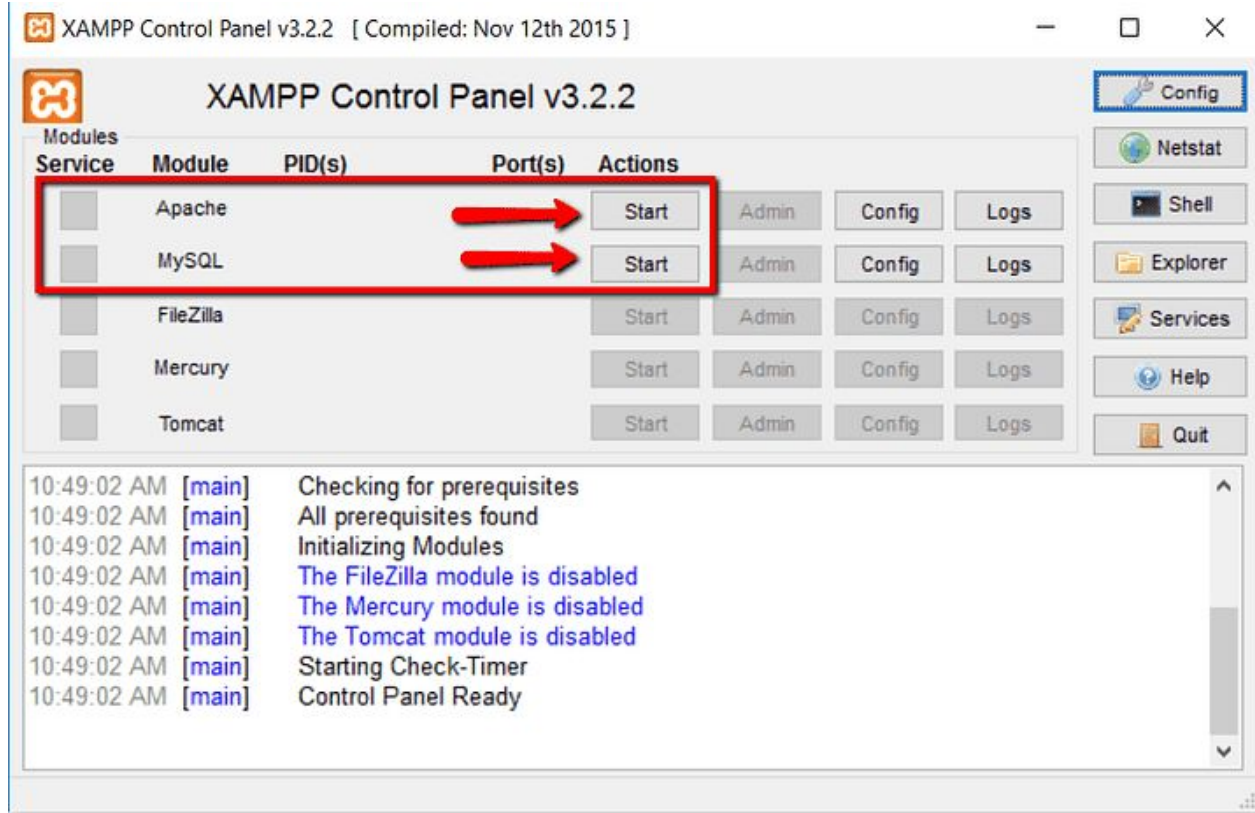


Step 2: Start the modules and test your server

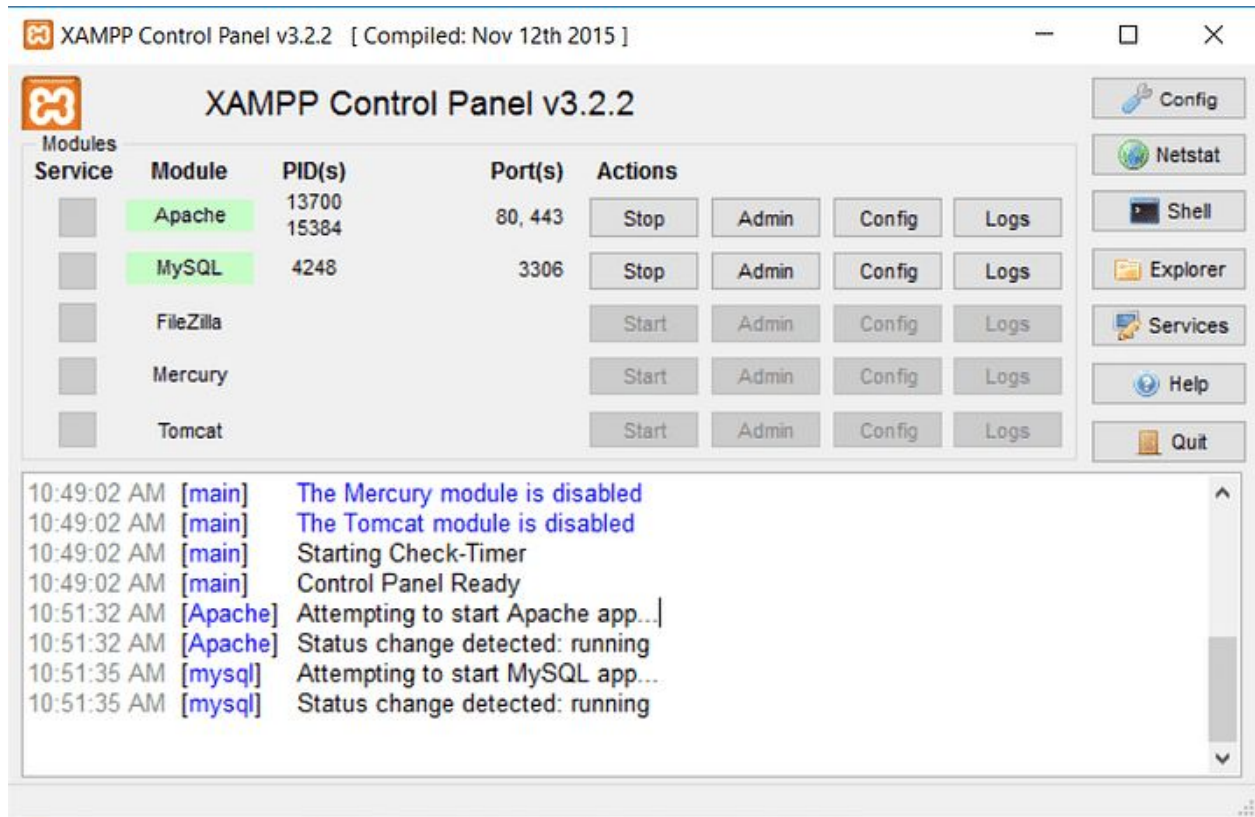
To install XAMPP and WordPress properly, you'll need to run two modules:

- Apache
- MySQL

You can start both modules from the XAMPP control panel:



Once you launch them, you should see their status turn to green:



And now you should be able to test that your local server is working by going to <http://localhost/> in your web browser of choice: