Download the new version of php from <https://windows.php.net/download/>

We can use Non Thread Safe (NTS) when running PHP as Fast-CGI instead of a module and the NTS version does not have the same gettext issues as the Thread Safe version!

Create a new directory under C:/PHP to house the new version.

Extract the files from the download into this directory.

/\*\* not necessary to change the path unless you want to use this PHP version in the Apache web server. Until the Acct app is upgraded, you do not want to change the PHP version on the web server) \*\*/

Go into computer properties and change the system path to point to the new php.exe (in the new directory).

Copy the existing php.ini file from the old version of PHP to the new version

Download the correct version of xdebug from <https://xdebug.org/wizard.php>

Put the xdebug dll into the ext subdirectory of the new php version

Edit the PHP.ini file right at the very bottom and change the directory / filename of the line which references the xdebug dll.

Test at the command line by typing php –v (should give you updated version number and no problems with loading xdebug or any other extension).

Work on getting these to load if you need them

Redis: php\_redis.dll

Uopz: php\_uopz.dll

Amqp: php\_amqp.dll

Stop the apache web service

Update httpd.conf to point to the new version of PHP

Restart apache using apache monitor

Make sure the mysql extensions are enabled in the php.ini