

Hello World

This lesson gets you acquainted with the Hello World program in PHP.

We'll cover the following ^

- Why “Hello World”?
- Syntax

Why “Hello World”?

The first program that most aspiring programmers write is the classic “**Hello World**” program. The purpose of this program is to display the text “**Hello World!**” to the user.

The “**Hello World**” example is somewhat famous as it is often the first program presented when introducing a programming language.



Syntax

Try running the code below:

```
<?php
echo "Hello, World!\n";
?>
```



The most widely used language construct to print output in PHP is `echo`.

Alternatively, you can also use `print`:

```
<?php
print "Hello, World!\n";
?>
```



PHP also provides C-style `printf` and related functions. Run the following code:

```
<?php
printf("%s\n", "Hello, World!");
?>
```



Now in the next lesson, we will discuss the syntax of the “**Hello World!**” code in detail to get you familiarized with the basic syntax in PHP.