

PHP 7.4 New Features

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Typed properties
Supported types:
bool, int, float, string, array, object
iterable

```
<?php
class User {
    public int $id;
    public string $name;
?>
```



Arrow functions

```
<?php
$factor = 10;
$nums = array_map(fn($n) => $n * $factor, [1, 2, 3, 4]);
// $nums = array(10, 20, 30, 40);
?>
```



Limited return type covariance and argument type contravariance

```
<?php
class A {}
class B extends A {}
class Producer {
    public function method(): A {}
class ChildProducer extends Producer {
    public function method(): B {}
```



Null coalescing assignment operator



Unpacking inside arrays

```
<?php
$parts = ['apple', 'pear'];
$fruits = ['banana', 'orange', ...$parts, 'watermelon'];
// ['banana', 'orange', 'apple', 'pear', 'watermelon'];
?>
```



Numeric literal separator

```
var_dump(1_000_000); // int(1000000);

$time = (int) ($adTime / 10000000 -
   11644473600); // without separator

$time = (int) ($adTime / 10_000_000 -
   11_644_473_600); // with separator
```



Weak references

```
<?php
$obj = new stdClass;
$weakref = WeakReference::create($obj);
var_dump($weakref->get());
unset($obj);
var_dump($weakref->get());
?>
```



Allow exceptions from __toString()

```
class CustomException
 extends Exception
 class Foo
     public function toString()
        throw new CustomException('oops!');
$foo = new Foo();
/try {
    var_dump((string) $foo);
catch (CustomException $e) {
    var_dump($e);
 >>
```

```
Outcome:
object(CustomException)#2 (7) {
    ["message":protected]=>
    string(5) "oops!"
    ["string":"Exception":private]=>
   string(0) "" ["code":protected]=>
    int(0) ["file":protected]=>
    string(27)
    "/var/www/ggeorgiev/test.php"
    ["line":protected]=> int(12)
    ["trace": "Exception": private] => array(1)
    \{ [0] \Rightarrow array(5) \}
        { ["file"]=> string(27)
            "/var/www/ggeorgiev/test.php"
            ["line"]=> int(19)
            ["function"]=> string(10)
            "__toString" ["class"]=>
            string(3) "Foo" ["type"]=>
            string(2) "->" } }
            ["previous":"Exception":private]=> NULL }
                                              0
```



Filter

```
<?php
if (filter_var(12,2, FILTER_VALIDATE_FLOAT , array("options" => array("min_range"=>1, "max_range"=>200))) === false) {
    echo("Variable value is not within the legal range");
} else {
    echo("Variable value is within the legal range");
}
```



Foreign Function Interface



Foreign Function Interface Installation

To enable the FFI extension, PHP has to be configured with --with-ffi .

Windows users have to include php_ffi.dll into php.ini to enable the FFI extension.



php.ini

ffi.enable=preload

opcache.preload=preload.php



preload.php

```
<?php
FFI::load(__DIR__ . "/dummy.h");
opcache_compile_file(__DIR__ . "/dummy.php");
?>
```



dummy.h

```
#define FFI_SCOPE "DUMMY"
#define FFI_LIB "libc.so.6"

int printf(const char *format, ...);
```



dummy.php

```
<?php
final class Dummy {
    private static $ffi = null;
    function __construct() {
        if (is_null(self::$ffi)) {
            self::$ffi = FFI::scope("DUMMY");
    function printf($format, ...$args) {
       return (int)self::$ffi->printf($format, ...$args);
```



```
test.php
 <?php
 $d = new Dummy();
 $d->printf("Hello %s!\n", "world");
 ?>
```



IMG_FILTER_SCATTER

imagefilter (resource \$image , int \$filtertype [, int \$arg1 [, int \$arg2 [, int \$arg3 [, int \$arg4]]]]) : bool

```
<?php
// Load the image
$logo = imagecreatefrompng('./php.png');
// Apply a very soft scatter effect to the image
imagefilter($logo, IMG_FILTER_SCATTER, 3, 5);
// Output the image with the scatter effect
header('Content-Type: image/png');
imagepng($logo);
imagedestroy($logo);
```



IMG_FILTER_SCATTER





Hash Added *crc32c* hash using Castagnoli's polynomial

```
<?php
$checksum = crc32("The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog.");
printf("%u\n", $checksum);
?>
//2191738434
```



Multibyte String

```
<?php
$string = 'Я люблю тебя';
$chars = mb_str_split($string);
print_r($chars);
?>
```

```
Array
               [7] =>
               [8] => T
R <= [0]
               [9] => e
[1] =>
               [10] => б
[2] => л
               [11] => я
[3] => ю
[4] => б
[5] => л
[6] => ю
           ③
```



OPcache

Here's how you'd link to this script in php.ini:

```
opcache.preload=/path/to/project/preload.php
```

And here's a dummy implementation:

```
$files = /* An array of files you want to pre
foreach ($files as $file) {
    opcache_compile_file($file);
}
```



PDO

```
$dbh = new PDO('mysql:host=localhost;dbname=test', $user, $pass); //before 7.4
$dbh = new PDO('mysql:host=localhost;dbname=test;username=root;password=""'); //after 7.4
```



PDOStatement::getColumnMeta

```
<?php
$select = $DB-
>query('SELECT COUNT(*) FROM fruit');
$meta = $select->getColumnMeta(0);
var_dump($meta);
?>
```

```
array(6) {
 ["native_type"]=>
 string(7) "integer"
 ["flags"]=>
 array(0) {
 ["name"]=>
 string(8) "COUNT(*)"
 ["len"]=>
 int(-1)
 ["precision"]=>
 int(0)
 ["pdo_type"]=>
 int(2)
```



PDOStatement::getColumnMeta Example for ENUM column

```
if($conn-
>query("CREATE TABLE shirts (name VARCHAR(40),s
ize ENUM('x-
small', 'small', 'medium', 'large', 'x-
large'))")){
        echo 'Query Successfull';
echo '<br/>';
$sql='SELECT * FROM `shirts` WHERE 1';
$select = $conn->query($sq1);
$meta = $select->getColumnMeta(1);
var_dump($meta);
//Output: array(7) { ["native_type"]=> string(6)
"STRING" ["pdo_type"]=> int(2) ["flags"]=> array(0) { }
["table"]=> string(6) "shirts" ["name"]=> string(4) "size"
["len"]=> int(28) ["precision"]=> int(0) }
```



SQLite3

SQLite3::lastExtendedErrorCode() // 7.4



strip_tags() with array of tag names

```
<?php
$text = '<p>Test paragraph.<!-- Comment --> <a href="#fragment">Other text</a>';
// Allow  and <a>
echo strip_tags($text, ['a','p']); //before 7.4: strip_tags($text, '<a>')
```

Test paragraph.

Other text



Custom object serialization 7.4

```
<?php
class Test {
  public $prop;
  public $prop2;
  public function __serialize() {
    return ["value" => $this->prop, 42 => $this->prop2];
  public function __unserialize(array $data) {
    $this->prop = $data["value"];
    $this->prop2 = $data[42];
$test = new Test;
$test->prop = "foobar";
$test->prop2 = "barfoo";
var_dump($s = serialize($test));
var_dump(unserialize($s));
?>
```

```
//string(58) "O:4:"Test":2:{s:5:"value";s:6:
"foobar";i:42;s:6:"barfoo";}"
//object(Test)#2 (2) { ["prop"]=> string(6)
"foobar" ["prop2"]=> string(6) "barfoo" }
                    0
```



Custom object serialization before 7.4

```
class obj implements Serializable
  private $data;
   public function __construct()
     $this->data = "My private data";
  public function serialize()
     return serialize($this->data);
  public function unserialize($data)
     $this->data = unserialize($data);
  public function getData()
     return $this->data;
$obj = new obj;
$ser = serialize($obj);
var_dump($ser);
$newobj = unserialize($ser);
var_dump($newobj->getData());
?>
```

```
* Output:
  string(38) "C:3:"obj":23:{s:15:"
My private data";}"
   string(15) "My private data"
 */
                 0
```



Array merge functions without arguments

```
<?php
$result = array_merge();
var_dump($result);
//array(0) { }</pre>
```



proc_open() function



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```
<?php
$descriptorspec = array(
   0 => array("pipe", "r"), // stdin is a pipe that the child will read from
   1 => array("pipe", "w"), // stdout is a pipe that the child will write to
   2 => array("file", "/tmp/testfile.txt", "a") // stderr is a file to write to
cwd = '/tmp';
$env = array('some_option' => 'aeiou');
$process = proc_open(['php', '-r', 'echo "Hellow World\n";'], $descriptorspec, $pipes, $cwd, $env);
if (is_resource($process)) {
   fwrite($pipes[0], '<?php print_r($_ENV); ?>');
   fclose($pipes[0]);
   echo stream get contents($pipes[1]);
   fclose($pipes[1]);
   $return value = proc close($process);
    echo "command returned $return value\n";
 * root@ggeorgiev server:/var/www/ggeorgiev# php test.php
 * Hello World
 * command returned 0
```



