Autoloading Your Code



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Summary

Autoloading Standards
Autoloading Code WITHOUT Composer
Autoloading With Composer
Under The Hood

PHP-FIG

The PHP Framework Interop Group

PSR

PHP Standard Recommendation

PSR-0 vs. PSR-4

PSR-0

```
vendor/
    vendor_name/
        package_name/
            src/
                Vendor_Name/
                    Package_Name/
                        ClassName.php
                                            # Vendor_Name\Package_Name\ClassName
            tests/
                Vendor_Name/
                    Package_Name/
                                            # Vendor_Name\Package_Name\ClassNameTest
                        ClassNameTest.php
```

PSR-4

```
vendor/
vendor_name/
package_name/
src/
ClassName.php # Vendor_Name\Package_Name\ClassName
tests/
ClassNameTest.php # Vendor_Name\Package_Name\ClassNameTest
```

Differences Between Autoloading Standards

PSR-0

Can determine exact path from class

Underscores designate directories

Potentially chaotic folders

"Clarity Oriented"

PSR-4

Must look at namespace

Map namespaces to arbitrary folders

Concise folder structure

"Package Oriented"

```
spl_autoload_register
spl_autoload_extensions
spl_autoload_functions
spl_autoload_unregister
```

```
spl_autoload_register([ callable $autoload_function [,
bool $throw = true [, bool $prepend = false ]]])
spl_autoload_extensions
spl_autoload_functions
spl_autoload_unregister
```

```
spl_autoload_register
spl_autoload_extensions([ string $file_extensions ])
spl_autoload_functions
spl_autoload_unregister
```

```
spl_autoload_register
spl_autoload_extensions
spl_autoload_functions( void )
spl_autoload_unregister
```

```
spl_autoload_register
spl_autoload_extensions
spl_autoload_functions
spl_autoload_unregister( mixed $autoload_function )
```

```
{
    "autoload": {
        "psr-4": {
            "Monolog\\": "src/"
            }
    }
}
```

```
{
    "autoload": {
        "psr-4": {
            "Monolog\\": ["src/", "lib/"]
        }
}
```

```
{
    "autoload": {
        "psr-4": {
            "Monolog\\": ["src/", "lib/"],
            "Vendor\\Namespace\\": ""
        }
}
```

```
"autoload": {
    "psr-4": {
        "Monolog\\": ["src/", "lib/"],
        "Vendor\\Namespace\\": ""
        },
        "files": ["src/functions.php"]
}
```

Benefits of Autoloading Only load the code you need
Code is easy to find
No more require statements