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PHP (programming language)

What simple PHP projects should I tackle in order to learn PHP? For my first PHP project, I made a bunch of calculators. What other kinds of projects should I build that are easy for a beginner in order to become an intermediate PHP programmer?

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I think you need programming foundations in order to build more complex applications, and then get yourself into programming challenges.

I would suggest that you tap into a simple project of database manipulation using multipledimension arrays. But you should do it not using examples found on Google or going for the simplest way to achieve it. No, you should do it using some PHP foundations, as follows:

- database handling (connect to a database / execute and evaluate queries / build and execute updates)
- includes / requires (create a separate .php file with your own database access functions - learn the difference between include and require and use that in you project)
- array manipulation (make use of associative, multi-dimensional arrays to store and manipulate the query results and the updates you make on the database)
- HTML dynamic form building and processing of the request variables, namely
   S\_GET and S\_POST. Learn how to use them and how NOT to use them

Do not use ANY Javascript on form validation. Validate everything in your PHP code and learn how to use PHP's error handling facilities.

If you can come up with a very simple form that inserts and updates data in, say, two or three different and related tables, and successfully build an PHP application for it, you are on your way to create anything you want with that language.

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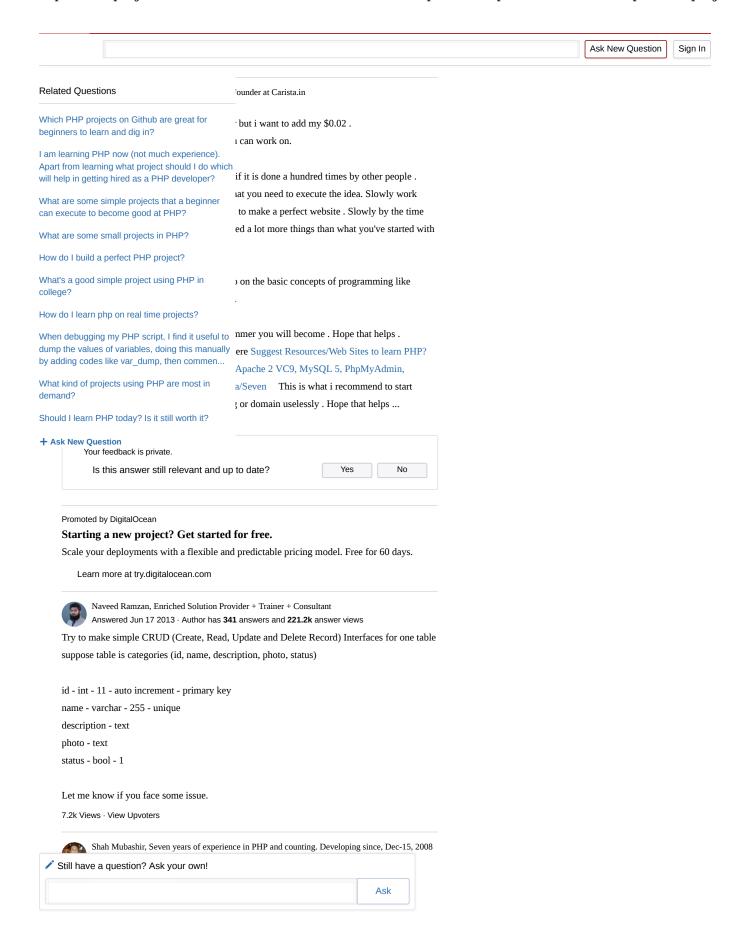
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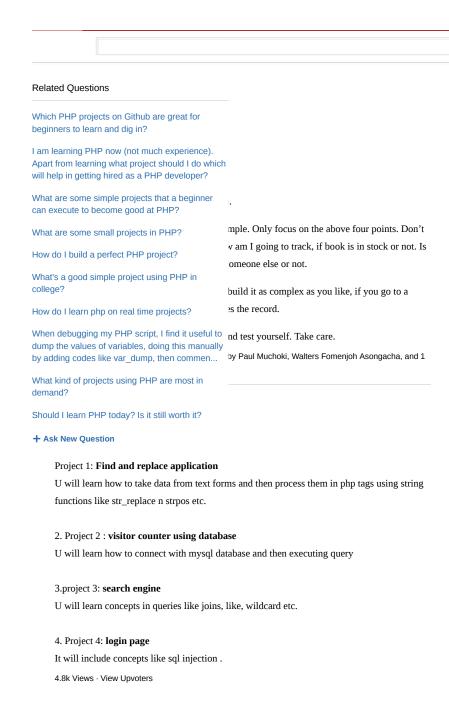
So, it is good for you that you tried to create a bunch of calculators. How was that?What about other tasks, it will be a little bit difficult to advise you something as everything I know about your level is what that your first project was. But nevertheless, you can find more using Google or maybe you will be interested in following:

- Write a script which will change the first word of each character
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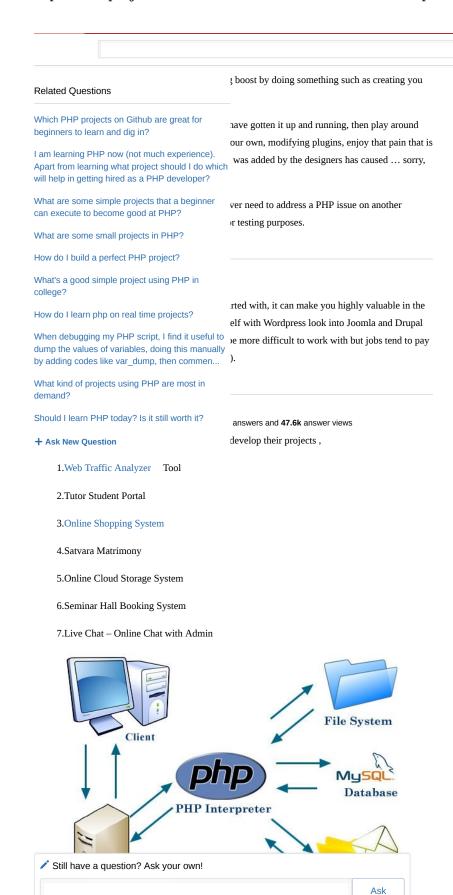


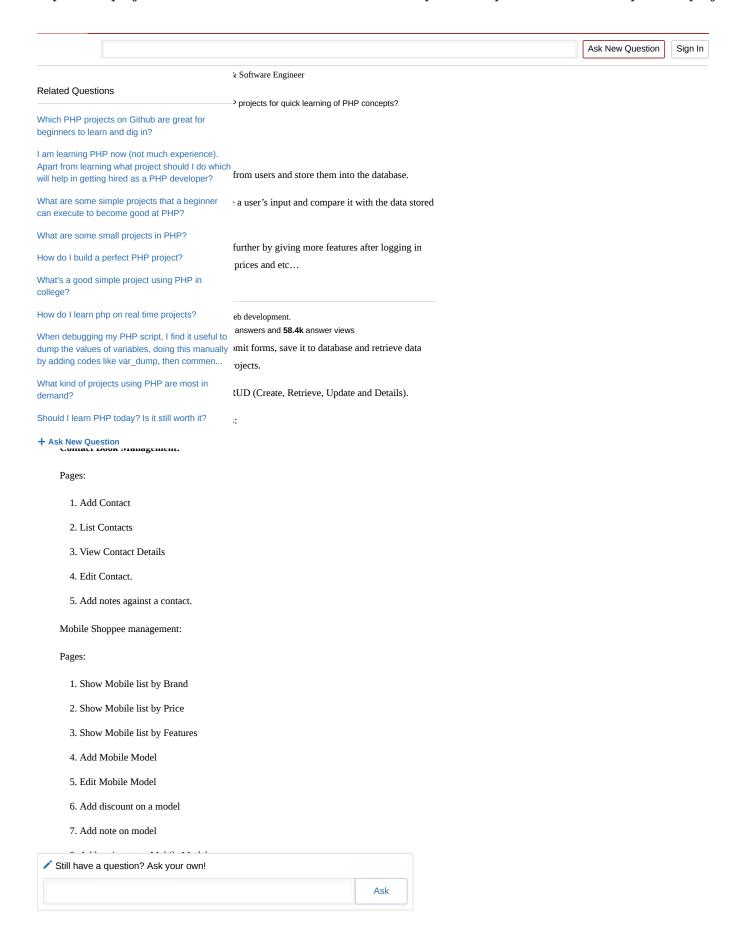
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