The switch statement in PHP is used to perform different actions based on different conditions. It's an alternative to using multiple if-else statements when you need to compare a single value against multiple possible values.

```
$dayOfWeek = 3;
switch ($dayOfWeek) {
    case 1:
        echo "Monday";
        break;
    case 2:
        echo "Tuesday";
        break;
    case 3:
        echo "Wednesday";
        break;
    case 4:
        echo "Thursday";
        break;
    case 5:
        echo "Friday";
        break;
    case 6:
        echo "Saturday";
        break;
    case 7:
        echo "Sunday";
        break;
    default:
        echo "Invalid day";
```

