



Exercise – Create a rendering engine with buffer in PHP



Objective

Set up a mini PHP templating system using **output buffering** to separate content from layout and display **simulated dynamic data**.



Instructions

1. Create the following files:

- `index.php`: the main entry file
- `page.php`: contains the specific content to display
- `layout.php`: the general HTML layout
- `db.php`: database connection file

2. In `db.php`, create a product array:

Connect to the "bière" database.

3. In `index.php`:

- Initialize the page title in a variable
- Start the buffer (`ob_start()`)
- Include `page.php`
- Capture the buffer into `$content` with `ob_get_clean()`
- Display `layout.php`

4. In `page.php`:

- Include `db.php`
- Retrieve articles from the database
- Loop through the products and display their name and price in an HTML list

5. In `layout.php`:

- Display a basic HTML layout (`<!DOCTYPE html>`, `<head>`, `<body>`, etc.)
- Display the page title
- Dynamically insert the content with `<?= $content ?>`



Expected result

The user accesses `index.php` and sees an HTML page with a list of products displayed dynamically from the PHP array.

Bonus (optional)

- Integrate Bootstrap to improve styling
- Add a condition in `page.php` if no products are found
- Create a second page (e.g., `contact.php`) and allow page selection via `index.php?page=...`