# Template Engine

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#### Intro

As PHP provides a lot of opportunities to process HTML/CSS/etc., a lot of BAD approaches exist. Still, there are good approaches as well...

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This approach also leads to a lot of security problems ("malicious templates"), problems with code maintainability and so on... And it looks ugly...

```
<?php
echo "<!DOCTYPE html>\n";
echo "<html>\n";
echo "<head>\n";
echo " <title>News for " . date('Y.m.d') . "</title>\n";
echo "</head>\n";
echo "<body>\n\n";
echo "<h1>Today is " . date('Y.m.d') . "</h1>\n\n";
echo "</body>\n";
echo "</html>";
```

#### CATASTROPHY! Jumbling PHP and HTML

For sure, there should be a special place in hell for authors of a code that looks like this:

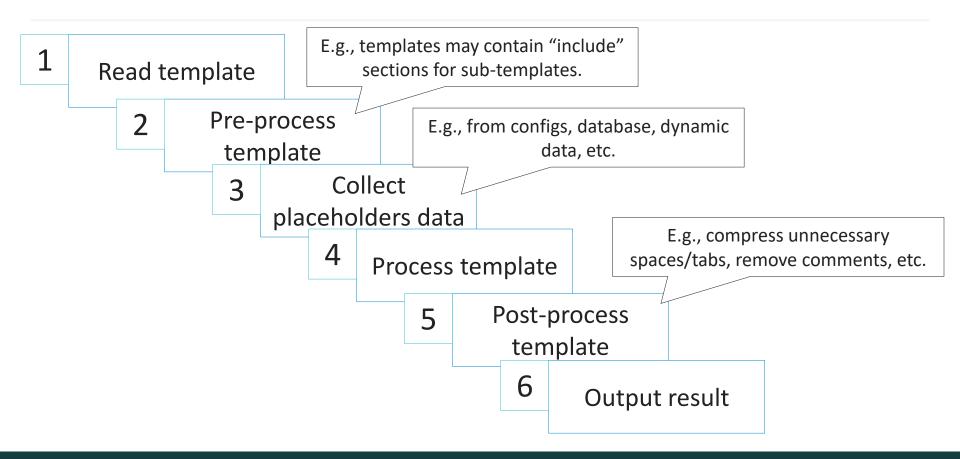
```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <title>News for <?php echo date('Y.m.d') ?></title>
</head>
<body>
<?php if ((date('N') >= 6) && (date('N') <= 7)) { ?>
    <h1>Today is a weekend, no news!</h1>
<?php } else { ?>
    <h1>Today is <?php echo date('Y.m.d') ?></h1>
<?php } ?>
</body>
</html>
```

## Nano-templater © sample

OK, so... what? How to do things right? This is the simplest sample ever, still it follows all basic rules: we use a template and a template engine ("templater"):

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
                                                                       Template. It should NEVER contain a single PHP
<h+m1>
                                                                         expression. Never. NEVER! No exceptions!
<head>
   <title>News for {YEAR}.{MONTH}.{DAY}</title>
</head>
                                                                        Template engine. It should NEVER contain a
<body>
                                                                       single HTML/CSS/JS expression. No exceptions!
<h1>Today is {YEAR}.{MONTH}.{DAY}</h1>
                                              <?php
</body>
</html>
                                              // Template reading
                                              $templateData = file get contents('04 nano templater.tpl');
                                              // Placeholders replacement
There is an "unwritten rule": a good
                                              $templateData = str replace('{YEAR}', date('Y'), $templateData);
                                              $templateData = str replace('{MONTH}', date('m'), $templateData);
 PHP web application contains only
                                              $templateData = str replace('{DAY}', date('d'), $templateData);
           one echo call.
                                              // Results output
                                              echo $templateData;
```

### General algorithm



### Template engine sample

This sample contains several rather big files, so, please see the handouts ("05\_template\_engine\_sample" folder).

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