

LECTURE 3: WHAT DOES PHP DO?

Hey everybody! Welcome back to Code Dynamic Websites with PHP. This lecture is called "What does PHP do?"

PHP can do a whole bunch of really neat things, such as:

- Access information typed into a web form and do something with it, like:
 - Send an email
 - Navigate to a specific page based on the info submitted in the form
 - Create a user account
 - Log a user in, etc.
- Find out what browser and operating system your visitors are using.
- Display alternate versions of a web page to users who are using mobile devices, or specific browsers (like Internet Explorer).
- Do math!
- And most importantly (in my opinion), create templates for your website so you don't have to hand-code your headers, footers, and sidebars for every single page!

There is so much that PHP can do, but I don't want to go into all the details right now, because I'd like to show you by jumping right in — I think it's much more fun that way!

Next up: You're going to need to have some specific tools in order to get the best out of your PHP learning experience. I'll cover those in the next lecture.

See you there!