



50 shades of PHP

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Chapter 1

PHP: The Protoduction Way?

Protoduction — A prototype that ends up in production.



Rasmus Lerdorf

Announce: Personal Home Page Tools (PHP Tools)

These tools are a set of small tight cgi binaries written in C.

They perform a number of functions including:

- Logging accesses to your pages in your own private log files
- Real-time viewing of log information
- Providing a nice interface to this log information
- Displaying last access information right on your pages
- Full daily and total access counters

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The tools also allow you to implement a guestbook or any other form that needs to write information and display it to users later in about 2 minutes.

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```
01. <!-- ===== PHP/FI Code Example ===== -->
02. <!--include /text/header.html-->
03.
04. <!--getenv HTTP_USER_AGENT-->
05. <!--ifsubstr $exec_result Mozilla-->
06.     Hey, you are using Netscape!<p>
07. <!--endif-->
08.
09. <!--sql database select * from table where user='$username'-->
10. <!--ifless $numentries 1-->
11.     Sorry, that record does not exist<p>
12. <!--endif exit-->
13.     Welcome <!--$user-->!<p>
14.     You have <!--$index:0--> credits left in your account.<p>
15.
16. <!--include /text/footer.html-->
```




Zeev Suraski



Andi Gutmans

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- **PHP — PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor**
- Ace — Ace Code Editor
- cURL — Curl URL Request Library
- GNU — GNU's Not Unix
- Nano — Nano's ANOther editor
- PIP — PIP Installs Packages
- YAML — YAML Ain't Markup Language



I don't know how to stop it, there was never any intent to write a programming language [...] I have absolutely no idea how to write a programming language, I just kept adding the next logical step on the way.

— Rasmus Lerdorf

List: [php-general](#)
Subject: [Re: \[PHP3\] how to escape <INPUT TYPE=TEXT VALUES... \(slightly offtopic\)](#)
From: [Rasmus Lerdorf <rasmus \(\) lerdorf ! on ! ca>](#)
Date: [1998-09-15 16:07:47](#)

```
> i do not know how to do escaping so i can enter (INCLUDING the "  
> characters)  
>  
> "it's time" ---- and get ----- "it's time"  
> or  
> 'i love "dogs"' and get 'i love "dogs"'  
>  
> i can either try ..VALUE='<?php echo $hallo; ?>'  
> or VALUE="<?php echo $hallo; ?>"  
>  
> but anyway that's not as flexible as i want to be....
```

You should always have quotes around your value element unless you are absolutely sure it is only a single word. And you should probably have a look at the `url_encode()` function.

-Rasmus

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| May 2000 | PHP 4.0 |
| July 2004 | PHP 5 |

Conclusions

1. Solve real tasks — this may result in something useful.
2. Don't be afraid to re-implement.
3. Modularity rules.
4. Share — open-source is a power.

Chapter 2

PHP: Dynamic typing

Why do we love it so much?



A language is dynamically typed if the type is associated with run-time values, and not named variables/fields/etc.

— Paul Biggar

```
Ø1. $foo = 5; // int
Ø2. $foo = "hello"; // string
Ø3. $foo = [1.2, 3.89]; // array of floats
```

```
01. # Python
02. >>> foo = "10"
03. >>> print foo - 5
04. Traceback (most recent call last):
05.   File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
06. TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for -:
07.                                     'str' and 'int'
```

```
Ø1. // PHP
```

```
Ø2. php > $foo = "10";
```

```
Ø3. php > print $foo - 5;
```

```
Ø4. 5
```

Conclusion

When developing an application aim to help your end user.

Try to solve side-problems for them and provide them with ability to focus on really important things.

Chapter 3

PHP and Unicode

Do we have at least a chance?

```
Ø1. php > echo strlen("Hello");  
Ø2. 5  
Ø3. php > echo strlen("Привет");  
Ø4. 12
```



Andrei Zmievski

STRINGS

- ❖ String literals are Unicode
- ❖ String offsets work on code points

```
$str = "大学"; // 2 code points  
echo $str[1]; // result is 学  
$str[0] = 'サ'; // full string is now サ学
```

IDENTIFIERS

- ❖ Unicode identifiers are allowed

```
class コンポーネント {  
    function ກຸ້ນ ແລະ ບັບບັບ() { ... }  
    function சிவாஜி கணேசன்() { ... }  
    function അളിയാലി() { ... }  
}  
  
$プロバイダ = array();  
$プロバイダ['שָׁנָה רַעֲיוֹנִית'] = new コンポーネント;
```

FUNCTIONS

- ❖ Functions understand Unicode text and apply appropriate rules
- ❖ i.e. case manipulation

```
$str = strtoupper("fußball"); // result is FUSSBALL
```

```
$str = strtolower("ΣΕΛΛΑΣ"); // result is σελλάς
```

TRANSLITERATION

```
$names = "  
    김, 국삼  
    김, 명희  
    たけだ, まさゆき  
    おおはら, まなぶ  
    Горбачев, Михаил  
    Козырев, Андрей  
    Καφετζόπουλος, Θεόφιλος  
    Θεοδωράτου, Ελένη  
";  
$r = strtotitle(str_transliterate($names, "Any", "Latin"));
```

```
Gim, Gugsam  
Gim, Myeonghyi  
Takeda, Masayuki  
Oohara, Manabu  
Gorbačev, Mihail  
Kozyrev, Andrej  
Kaphetzópoulos, Theóphilos  
Theodōrátou, Elénē
```

UTF-8

vs

UTF-16

vs

UTF-32

UTF-8

vs

UTF-16

vs

UTF-32

Intl

- **Collator:** provides string comparison capability with support for appropriate locale-sensitive sort orderings.
- **Number Formatter:** allows to display number according to the localized format or given pattern or set of rules, and to parse strings into numbers.
- **Message Formatter:** allows to create messages incorporating data (such as numbers or dates) formatted according to given pattern and locale rules, and parse messages extracting data from them.
- **Normalizer:** provides a function to transform text into one of the Unicode normalization forms, and provides a routine to test if a given string is already normalized.
- **Locale:** provides interaction with locale identifiers in the form of functions to get subtags from locale identifier; parse, compose, match(lookup and filter) locale identifiers.

Multibyte String

mbstring provides multibyte specific string functions that help you deal with multibyte encodings in PHP. In addition to that, *mbstring* handles character encoding conversion between the possible encoding pairs. *mbstring* is designed to handle Unicode-based encodings such as UTF-8 and UCS-2 and many single-byte encodings for convenience.

Conclusions

(All taken from Andrei Zmievski's speech)

- People matter.
- Rewriting large existing code base is hard.
- Making people do tedious stuff is hard.
- Waiting for results of long iterations is hard.
- Stay committed.

Chapter 4

PHP Nowadays

The quick overview of features released with PHP 5.1–5.6.

Version 5.1.0 (24 Nov 2005)

- Added support for class constants and static members for internal classes.
- Added array type hinting.
- Added a lot of new functions for arrays, streams processing, PostgreSQL v3, etc.
- Many performance improvements

Version 5.2.0 (02 Nov 2006)

- Added Zip Archive extension.
- Added JSON and Filter extensions.
- Added support for constructors in interfaces.
- Many-many new improvements

Version 5.3.0 (30 Jun 2009)

- Added lambda functions and closures.
- Added "jump label" operator (limited "goto"). 🤪
- Added NOWDOC & HEREDOC syntax.
- Added "?:" operator.
- Added support for namespaces.
- Added support for Late Static Binding.
- Added `__DIR__` constant.

Version 5.4.0 (01 Mar 2012)

- Added short array syntax support ([1,2,3])
- Added support for Class::{expr}() syntax.
- Added support for Traits.
- Added closure \$this support back.
- Added callable typehint
- Added array dereferencing support.
- Added class member access on instantiation (e.g. (new foo)->bar()) support.

Version 5.5.0 (20 Jun 2013)

- Added generators and coroutines.
- Added "finally" keyword.
- Added simplified password hashing API.
- Added support for constant array/string dereferencing.
- Added Class Name Resolution As Scalar Via "class" Keyword
- Added support for non-scalar Iterator keys in foreach

Version 5.6.0 (28 Aug 2014)

- Added constant scalar expressions syntax.
- Added dedicated syntax for variadic functions.
- Added an exponentiation operator (**).
- Added use function and use const.

It's up to you

Chapter 5

PHP 7

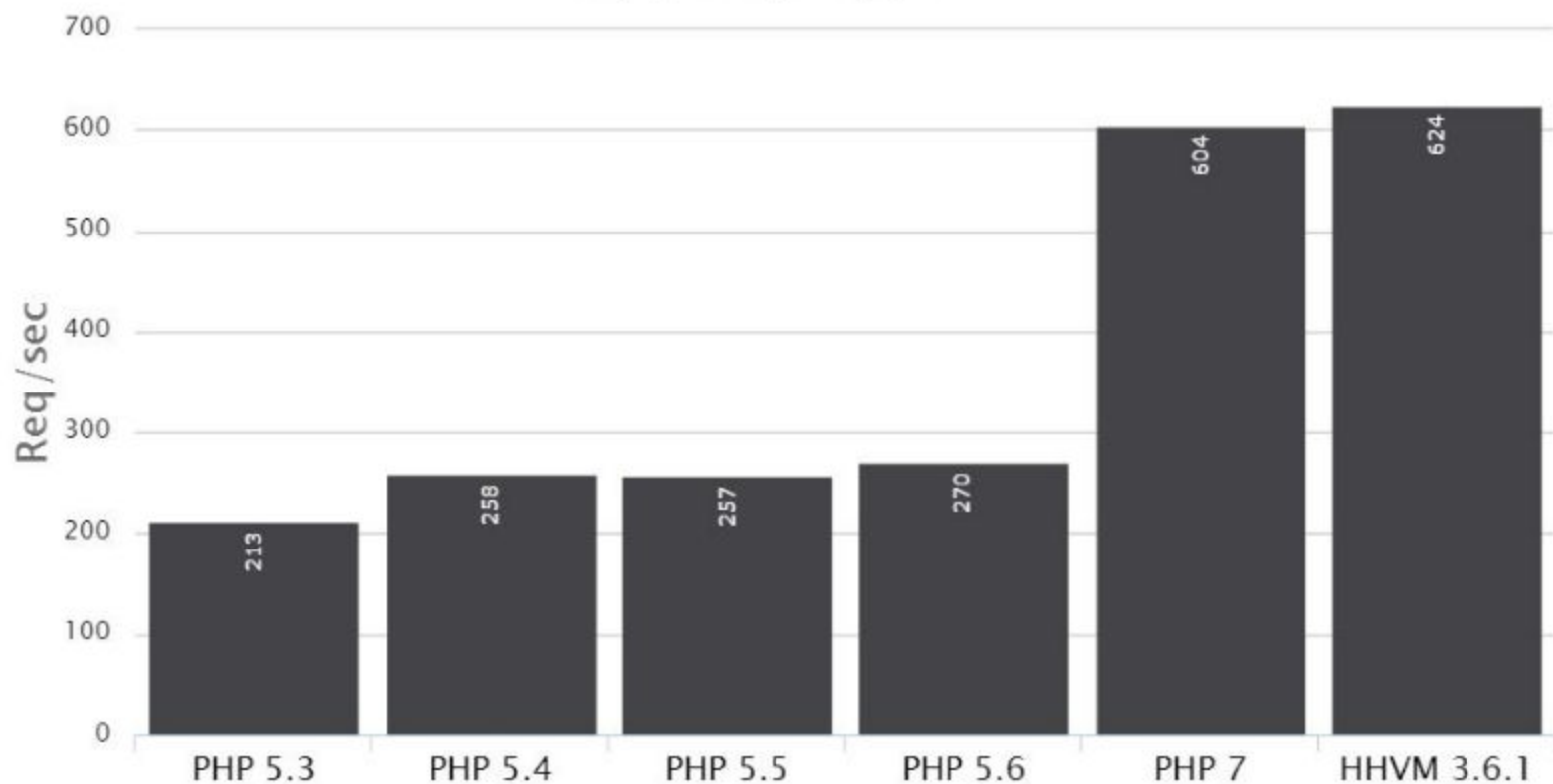
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Oct 29 2015 PHP 7 RC 6

Nov 12 2015 PHP 7 Final

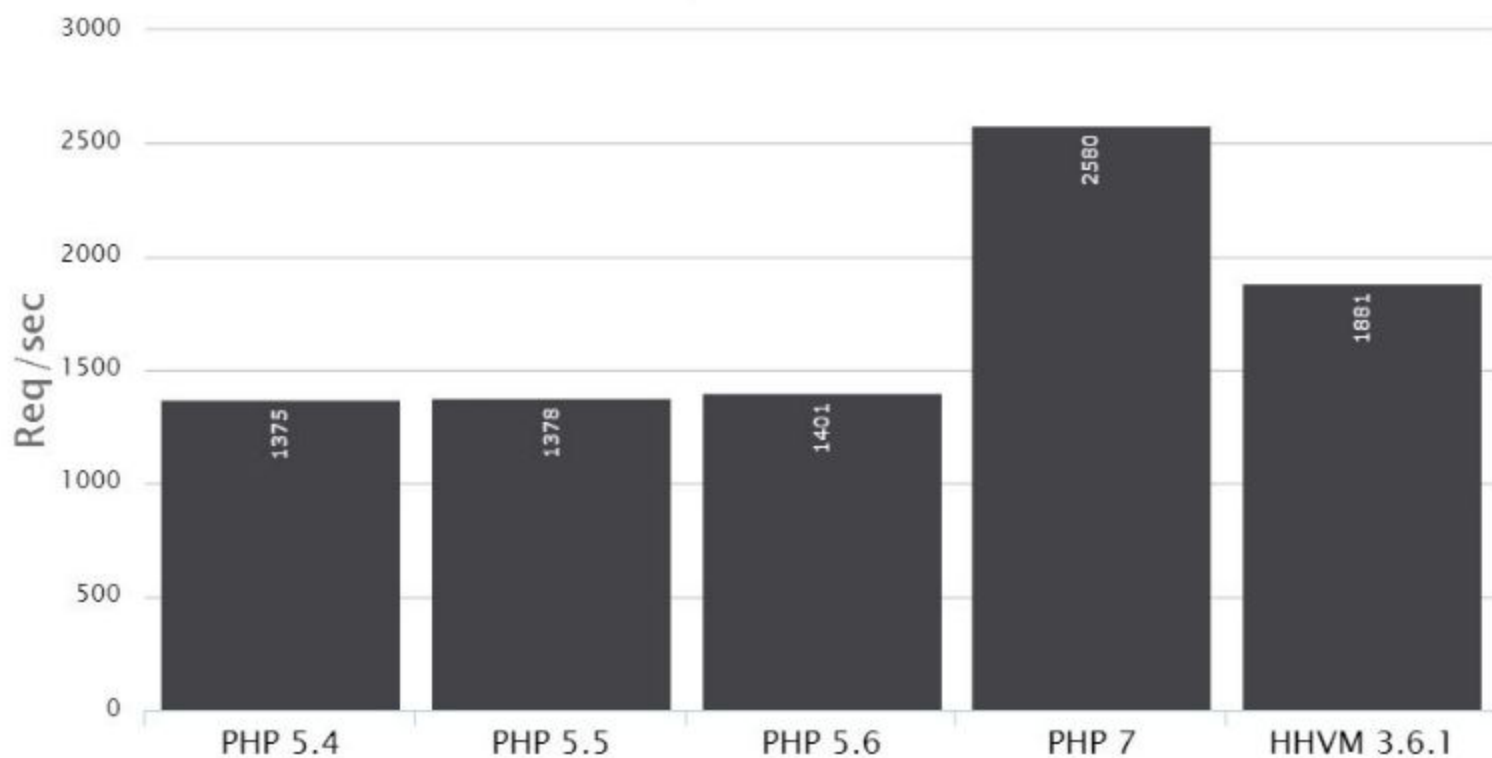
Wordpress-4.1.1

<http://wordpress/?p=1>



Drupal 8-git

node w/ 5 comments



PHP 7 New Features

- Abstract syntax tree & Uniform Variable Syntax
- Scalar Type Hints & Return Types

```
Ø1. <?php
Ø2. (function(string $a) {
Ø3.     var_dump($a);
Ø4. })(15);
Ø5. // string(2) "15"
```

```
Ø1. <?php
Ø2. (function(array $a) {
Ø3.     var_dump($a);
Ø4. })(15);
Ø5. // Fatal error: Uncaught TypeError:
Ø6. //     Argument 1 passed to {closure}()
Ø7. //     must be of the type array, integer given ...
```



```
Ø1. <?php
Ø2. $a = (function(string $a) : int {
Ø3.     return $a; // string
Ø4. })(15);
Ø5. var_dump($a); // int(15)
```

```
01. <?php
02. declare(strict_types=1); // must be the first line
03.
04. (function(string $a) {
05.     var_dump($a);
06. })(15);
07. // Fatal error: Uncaught TypeError:
08. //     Argument 1 passed to {closure}()
09. //     must be of the type string, integer given ...
```

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- **Combined Comparison Operator**



```
Ø1. $a <=> $b;  
Ø2. // instead of:  
Ø3. ($a < $b) ? -1 : (($a > $b) ? 1 : Ø);
```

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- **Null Coalesce Operator**

??

```
Ø1. $config = $this->config ?? static::$defaultConfig;
Ø2. // instead of:
Ø3. $config = isset($this->config)
Ø4.     ? $this->config : static::$defaultConfig;
```


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- Combined Comparison Operator
- Null Coalesce Operator
- **Bind Closure on Call**

```
01. class Person {  
02.     public $name = 'Bob';  
03. }  
04. (function() {  
05.     echo $this->name;  
06. })->call(new Person);  
07. // Bob
```

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- Bind Closure on Call
- **Grouped Use Declarations**

```
Ø1. use God\Save\{  
Ø2.     TheQueen,  
Ø3.     TheKing,  
Ø4.     Whatever  
Ø5. }
```

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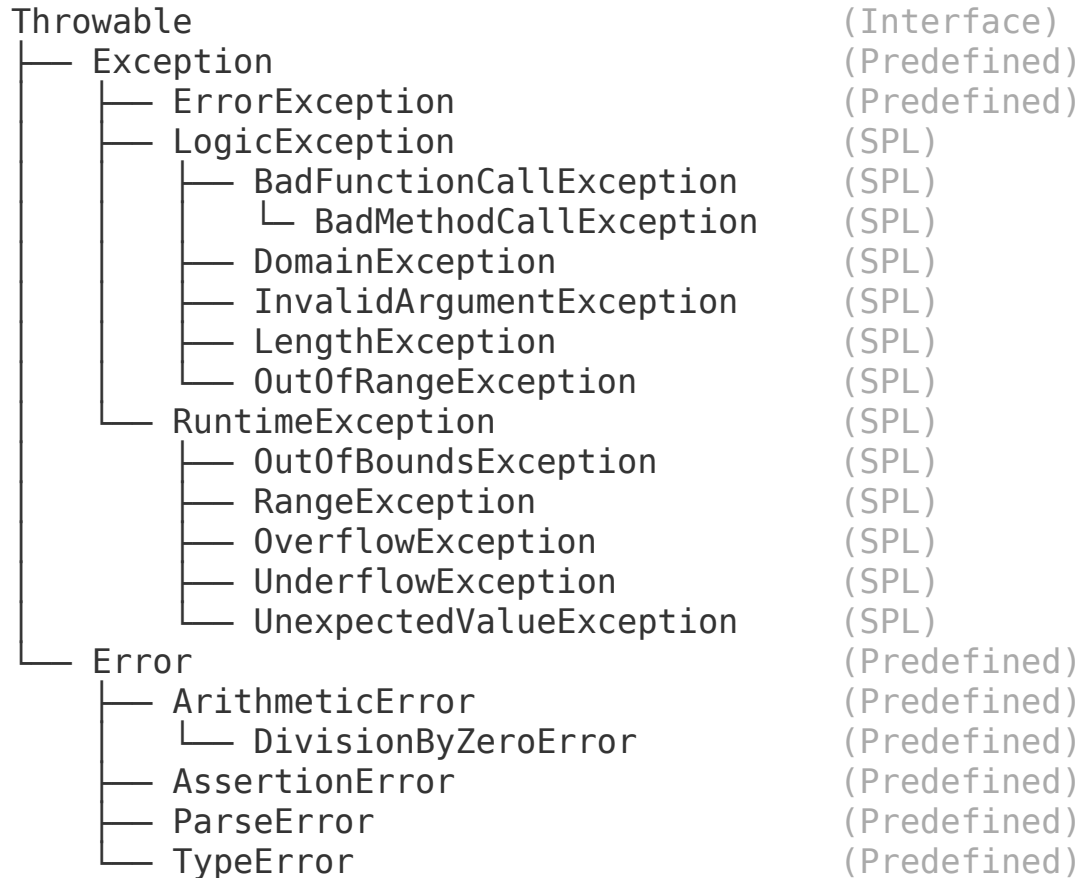
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- **Generators return expressions and delegation**

```
01. function hello() {  
02.     yield "Hello";  
03.     yield "World!";  
04.     yield from goodbye();  
05.     return "Whew!";  
06. }  
07. function goodbye() {  
08.     yield "Goodbye";  
09.     yield "Moon!";  
10. }  
11. $gen = hello();  
12. foreach ($gen as $value) {  
13.     echo $value, ' '; // Hello World! Goodbye Moon!  
14. }  
15. echo $gen->getReturn(); // Whew!
```

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- **New Exceptions Hierarchy**

Exceptions Hierarchy




```
01. try {
02.     nonexistentFunction();
03. } catch (\Exception $e) {
04.     echo 'Exception: '; var_dump($e);
05. } catch (\Error $e) {
06.     echo 'Error: '; var_dump($e);
07. }
```

```
Error: object(Error)#1 (7) {
    ["message":protected]=>
    string(48) "Call to undefined function nonexistentFunction()"
    ["string":"Error":private]=>
    string(0) ""
    ["code":protected]=>
    int(0)
    ...
}
```

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- New Exceptions Hierarchy
- ... and a lot of other stuff

That's all Folks!