

PHP: How Servers Speak

- PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor
 - according to its website, “a popular general-purpose scripting language that is especially suited to web development”
 - generates HTML and scripts for websites
 - used primarily on web servers to generate HTML for blogs and other similar types of sites to serve to visitors
- Problems with integrating PHP:
 - I don't own a web server, nor can I really afford one
 - GitHub (my website's host) only hosts static files, not PHP-generated fluid HTML files
- Workarounds:
 - Enter XAMPP:
 - A free local web server package to develop PHP on
 - Solves Problem #1: the lack of a web server
 - Solving Problem #2: how to host PHP files to generate HTML
 - partly solved by XAMPP, but how do I turn in assignments?
 - Ideas:
 - PHP code hosted on GitHub
 - Screenshots sent via email
 - Live demos
- Plan for the Rest of the Semester:
 - Clone each page in PHP (basically)
 - Work out how to clean up the existing HTML using PHP
 - Add a form section on one of the pages as a PHP exercise