

# Introduction to Symfony

Symfony is a reusable set of standalone, decoupled, and cohesive PHP 5.3 components that solve common web development problems. Symfony is also a full stack web framework. It is an Open Source software.

eZ Publish 5 uses Symfony2 in order to create website templates.

You can see the Requirements for installing/using Symfony by clicking on the following link: [Installing Symfony - Requirements and Checks](#).

To download Symfony, go to [www.symfony.com](http://www.symfony.com) and click on the "Download Now" button. You will see the following page:

The screenshot shows the Symfony website's 'Download' page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Symfony logo, a 'a SensioLabs product' tag, and a 'DOWNLOAD NOW' button. Below the navigation bar, there's a sidebar with links: 'Download Symfony', 'Symfony Distributions', 'Symfony Components', 'Quick Tour', and 'symfony1 Legacy'. The main content area is titled 'Download' and features a large image of a Symfony box. To the right of the box, it says 'Symfony Standard Edition' and describes it as the best distribution for starting a new project. Below this, there's a dropdown menu showing 'Symfony Standard 2.1.3 (.tgz)' and a 'DOWNLOAD NOW' button. At the bottom, there's a link to the download page: [http://symfony.com/download?v=Symfony\\_Standard\\_Vendors\\_2.1.3.tgz](http://symfony.com/download?v=Symfony_Standard_Vendors_2.1.3.tgz).

You can also find an extensive documentation about Symfony on the following link: [Symfony Documentation](#).

The screenshot shows the Symfony website's 'Learn' page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Symfony logo, a 'a SensioLabs product' tag, and a 'DOWNLOAD NOW' button. Below the navigation bar, there's a sidebar with links: 'The Book', 'The Cookbook', 'The Components', 'Reference', 'Glossary', 'Index', 'Bundles', and 'Symfony CMF'. The main content area is titled 'Learn Symfony' and features a large image of a book. To the right of the book, it says 'The Book' and describes it as the Symfony bible, prepared by the core team. Below this, there's a 'READ THE BOOK' button.