

Lesson 1-3. Introduction to PHP

Objectives

- To understand what PHP is and how a PHP script works with a Web Browser and a Web Server
- To learn what software and components you need to get started with PHP
- To create and run a simple PHP script



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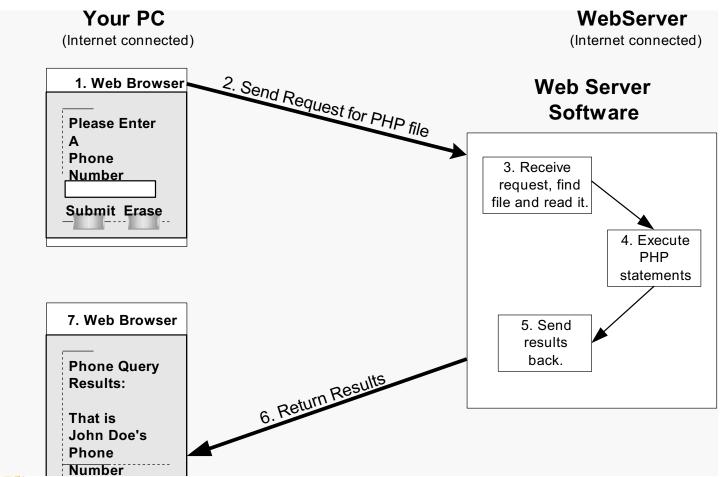


1. What is PHP?

- Hypertext Preprocessor
- Advantages of Using PHP to enhance Web pages:
 - Easy to use
 - Open source
 - Multiple platform
- What about JSP & Servlet, ASP.NET...?



How PHP Pages are Accessed and Interpreted



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2. Develop and publish PHP script

To develop and publish PHP scripts all you need is:

- A Web server with PHP built into it
- A client machine with a basic text editor and Internet connection
- FTP or Telnet software



Exploring the Basic PHP Development Process

The basic steps you can use to develop and publish PHP pages are:

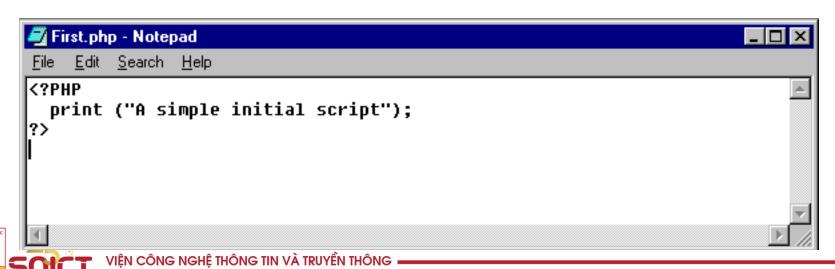
- 1. Create a PHP script file and save it to a local disk.
- 2. Use FTP to copy the file to the server.
- 3. Access your file using a browser.



Creating a PHP Script File and Saving It to a Local Disk

You can use a number of different editors to create your PHP script files.

- The PHP script starts with a <?php tag and ends with ?>.
- Between these tags is a singlePHP print statement.



Alternative PHP Delimiters

• You can alternatively start your PHP scripts with the <script> tag as follows:

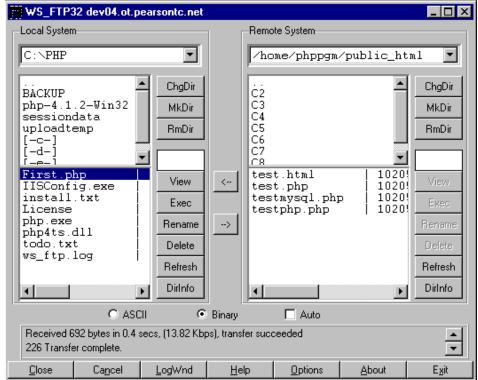
```
<script language="PHP">
print ("A simple initial script");
</script>
```

- If have short_open_tag enabled in its configuration file, you can use <? and ?>.
- If asp_tags is enabled in the PHP configuration file, you can use <% and %> as delimiters.



Copying Files To A Web Server with FTP

- 1. Connect to the Internet and start FTP.
- 2. Connect to your Web server with FTP.
- 3. Copy files to the Web server.





Accessing Your File Using a Browser



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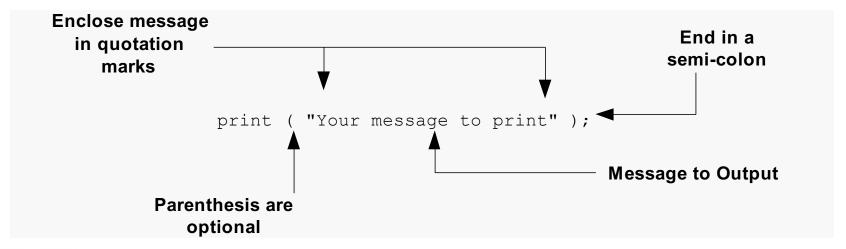


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3. Proper Syntax

- If you have a syntax error then you have written one or more PHP statements that are grammatically incorrect in the PHP language.
- The print statement syntax:





If Use Improper Syntax

• Suppose you use the wrong syntax:

```
1. <?php
2. print ( "A simple initial script);
3. ?>
```





A Little About PHP's Syntax

- Some PHP Syntax Issues:
 - Be careful to use quotation marks, parentheses, and brackets in pairs.
 - Most PHP commands end with a semicolon (;).
 - Be careful of case.
 - PHP ignores blank spaces.

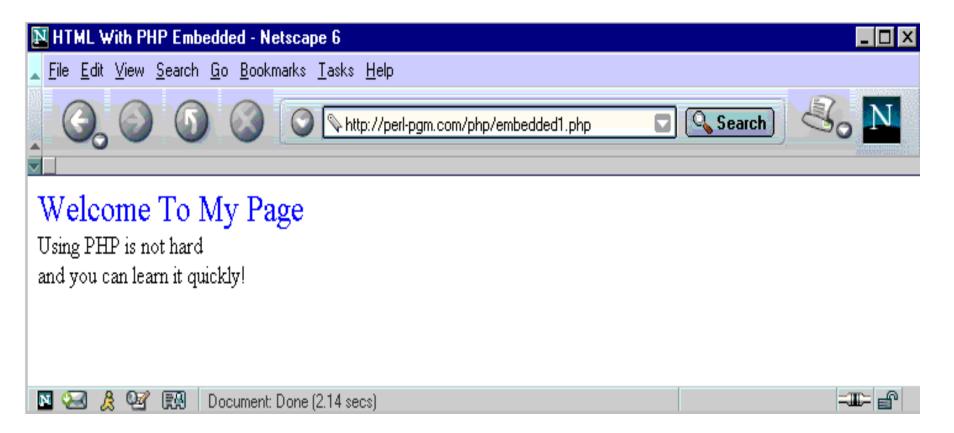


Embedding PHP Statements Within HTML Documents

• One way to use PHP is to embed PHP scripts within HTML tags in an HTML document.

```
1.
     <html>
2. <head>
3. <title>HTML With PHP Embedded</title> </head>
4.
     <body>
5.
     <font size=5 color="blue">Welcome To My Page</font>
6.
     <?php
7.
          print ("<br> Using PHP is not hard<br>");
8.
      ?>
9.
      and you can learn to use it quickly!
10. </body></html>
```

Would Output The Following ...





Using Backslash (\) to Generate HTML Tags with print()

- Sometimes you want to output an HTML tag that also requires double quotation marks.
 - Use the backslash ("\") character to signal that the double quotation marks themselves should be output:

```
print ("<font color=\"blue\">");
```

• The above statement would output:

```
<fort color="blue">
```



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4. PHP Comments

- Comments enable you to include descriptive text along with the PHP script
 - Comment lines are ignored when the script runs; they do not slow down the run-time.
 - Comments have two common uses.
 - Describe the overall script purpose.
 - Describe particularly tricky script lines.



Using Comments with PHP Scripts

• Can place on Same line as a statement:

```
<?php
//Output a line
print ("A simple initial script");
?>
```



Example Script with Comments

```
1. <html> <head>
2. <title> Generating HTML From PHP</title> </head>
3. <body> <h1> Generating HTML From PHP</h1>
4. <?php
5. //
6. // Example script to output HTML tags
7. //
8. print ("Using PHP has <i>some advantages:</i>");
9. print ("SpeedEase of use
Functionality"); //Output bullet list
10. print ("</body></html>");
```

Alternative Comment Syntax

• PHP allows a couple of additional ways to create comments.

```
<?php
phpinfo(); # This is a built-in
function
?>
```

• Multiple line comments.

```
<?php
/* A script that gets information about
  the PHP version being used. */
phpinfo(); ?>
```



Summary

- You can embed a PHP script within an HTML document or run it as a stand-alone script.
- To begin working with PHP you need a Web server with built-in PHP, a client machine with a basic text editor, and FTP or Telnet software.
- PHP script process: write the PHP script, copy its file to the Web server, and access the file with a Web browser.
- Comments can be proceeded two forward slashes (//).

Question?



