

PHP Fundamentals

INTRODUCTION



History of PHP

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Common Gateway Interface

Written in C

Renaming of PHP

Personal

Home

Page

PHP

Hypertext

Preprocessor

Recursive Acronym/Backronym

What's Possible?

Server-side scripting
(creating web sites)



Command line scripting



Example PHP program

- Simple script
- Simple web script

```
<?php
$message = "Hello World!";
echo $message;
?>
```

Output

Hello World!

Simple Web Script

```
<?php
$message = "Hello World!";
$title = "HTML Sample";
?>

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <title>PHP Fundamentals - <?=$title?></title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1><?php echo $message ?></h1>
  </body>
</html>
```

Comments

```
// C++ line comment
```

```
/*
C-style comment block
*/
```

Case Sensitivity - Variables

In PHP, variable names are case-sensitive but function names are not case sensitive.

```
$caseSensitive = "I am unique.";
$CaseSensitive = "I'm different.";
```

```
echo $caseSensitive;
```

```
echo $CaseSensitive;
```

Case Sensitivity - Functions

```
function companyName()
{
    ...
}
```

```
companyname();
```

```
CompanyName();
```

```
COMPANYNAME();
```

Summary



- History of PHP
- What's possible
- Case Sensitivity