

PHP Fundamentals

INTRODUCTION



History of PHP

1994

Common Gateway Interface

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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()
{
    ...
}

companynam();
CompanyName();
COMPANYNAME();
```

Summary



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