

php

or why you won't code nice things





comparing things one diamond hidden in php

- the comparision operator compares and converts things
 - 123456 == "123456"
 - "1e3" == "1000"
 - "61529519452809720693702583126814" == "615295194528097200000000000000000"
 - array(" foo", " bar") == true
 - array() == false
- All of above statements are evaluated as true
- '0' == false, 0.0 == false, 0.0' == true

php is teached wrong

- An example of a php book
 - 1 Learn ALL the features of php
 - 2 use them in examples
 - 3 and on the last page: the code in the examples isn't safe
- using obscure handlers instead of frameworks
- oop is teached the same way as your parents introduced you to your grandgrandgrand-mother
- php is often selfteached by bad examples found on strange webpages

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Conclusion

- php isn't a bad language
- yes, it has design flaws
- using frameworks will reduce problems
- but php makes it easy to do things wrong
- so the user must take care about what he/she/it is doing.

Questions?

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