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Cache - PHP - OPCache

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# Planning



Cache

What and Why?

Web Caches

PHP

What is PHP?

How It Works?

PHP OPcache

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OPcache

Cache?

“

T'as bien vidé ton cache?

”

- Joe la prod digitale

# Cache computing?



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*In computing, a cache is a component that **transparently stores data** so that **future requests** for that data **can be served faster**.*

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- Wikipedia([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cache\\_\(computing\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cache_(computing)))

# Why web caching?



## For one HTTP Request, we need:

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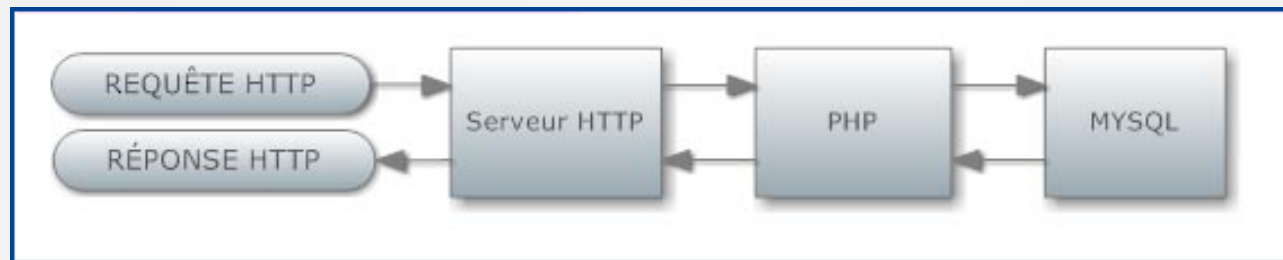
- ✦ Speed data processing
- ✦ Reduce the amount of information transmitted across Network
- ✦ Least solicit web server
- ✦ Good referencing
- ✦ Better User Experience

# Web caches



## HTTP Request on PHP website

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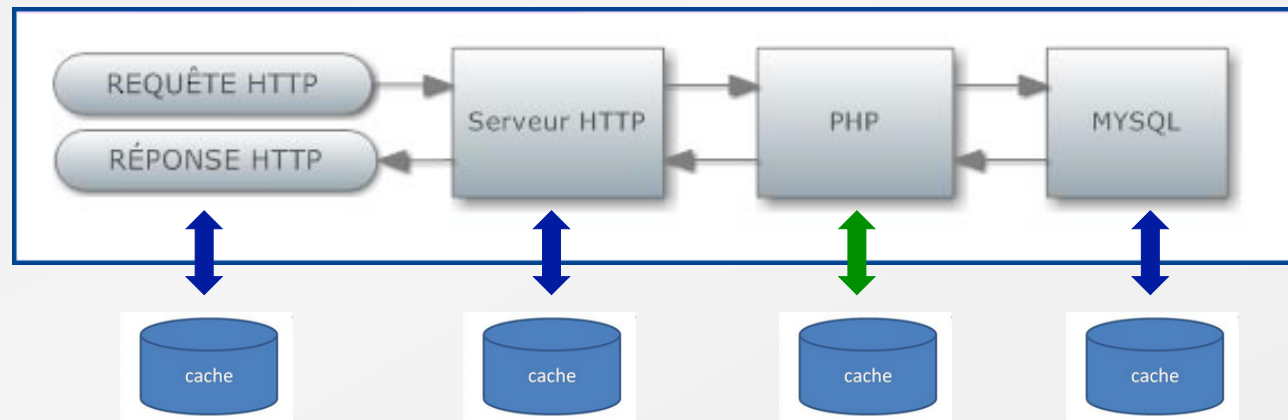


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## Request on PHP website

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PHP?

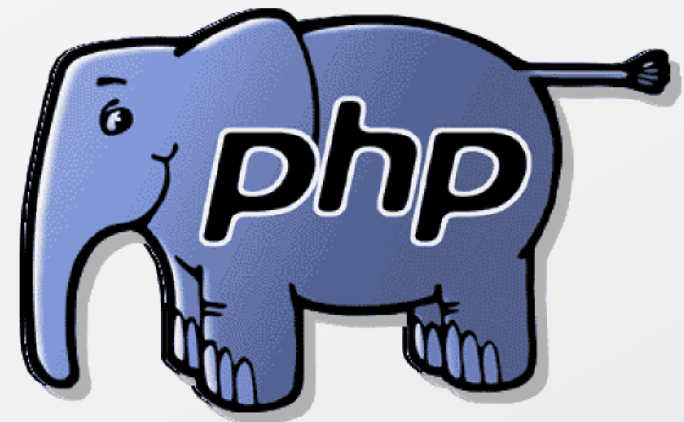
# What is PHP?



## PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor

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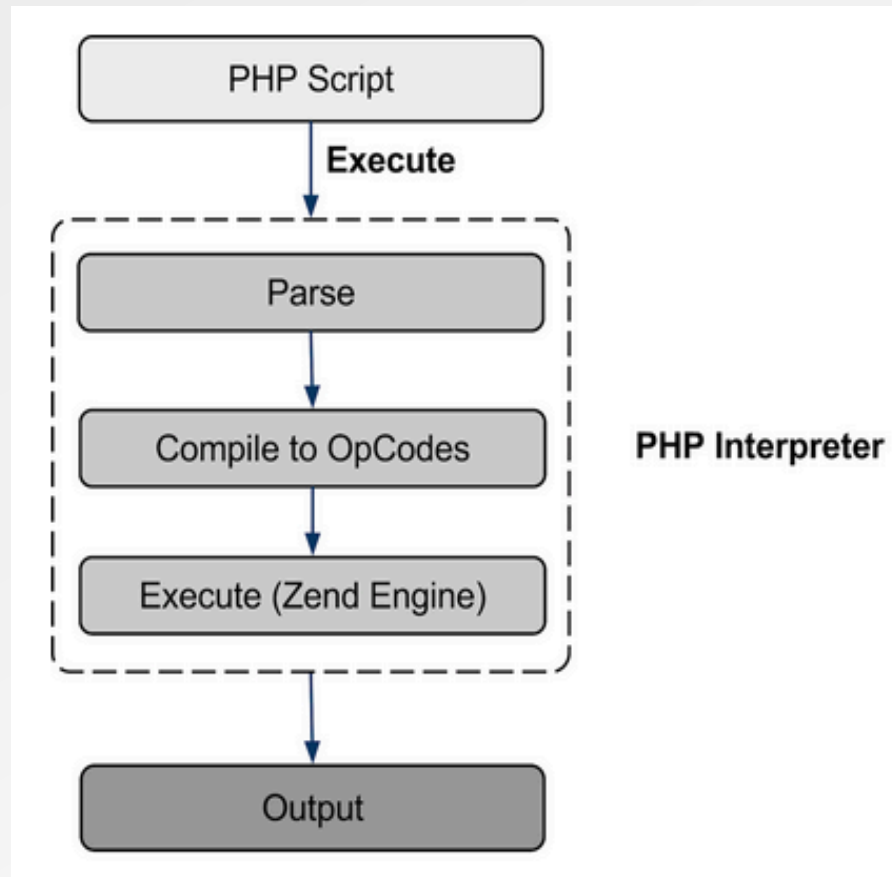
- ✦ Programming Language
- ✦ No « manual » compilation needed
- ✦ Fire and Forget
- ✦ Automatic memory management
- ✦ No strong typing
- ✦ OOP features
- ✦ Highly dynamic, extensible



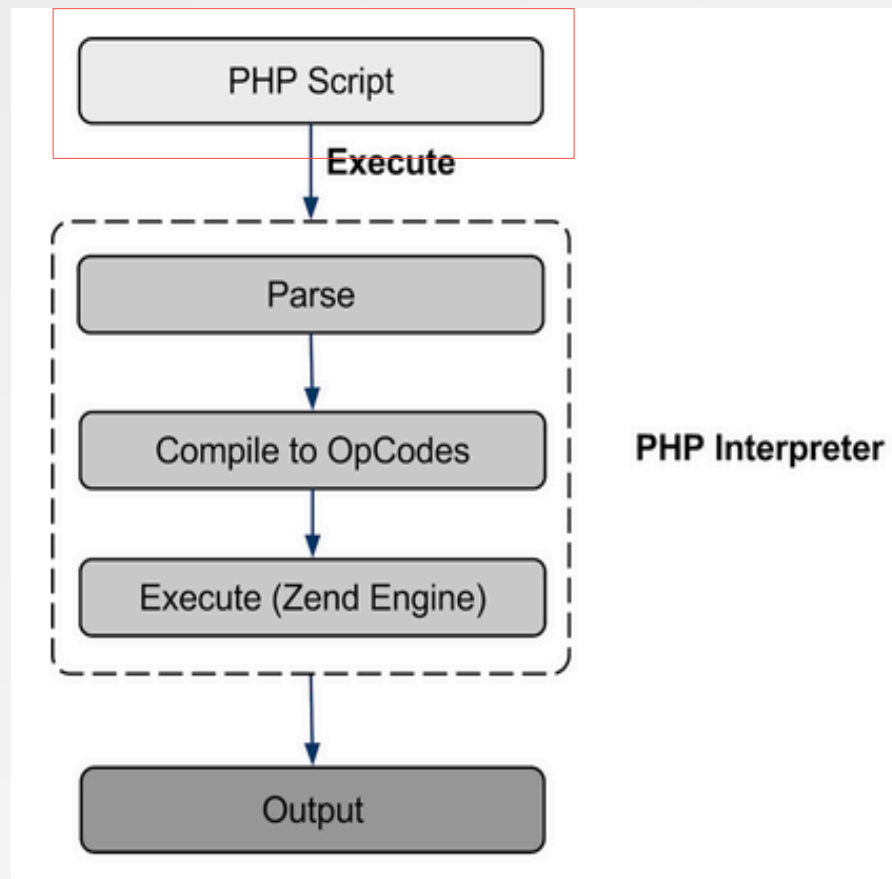
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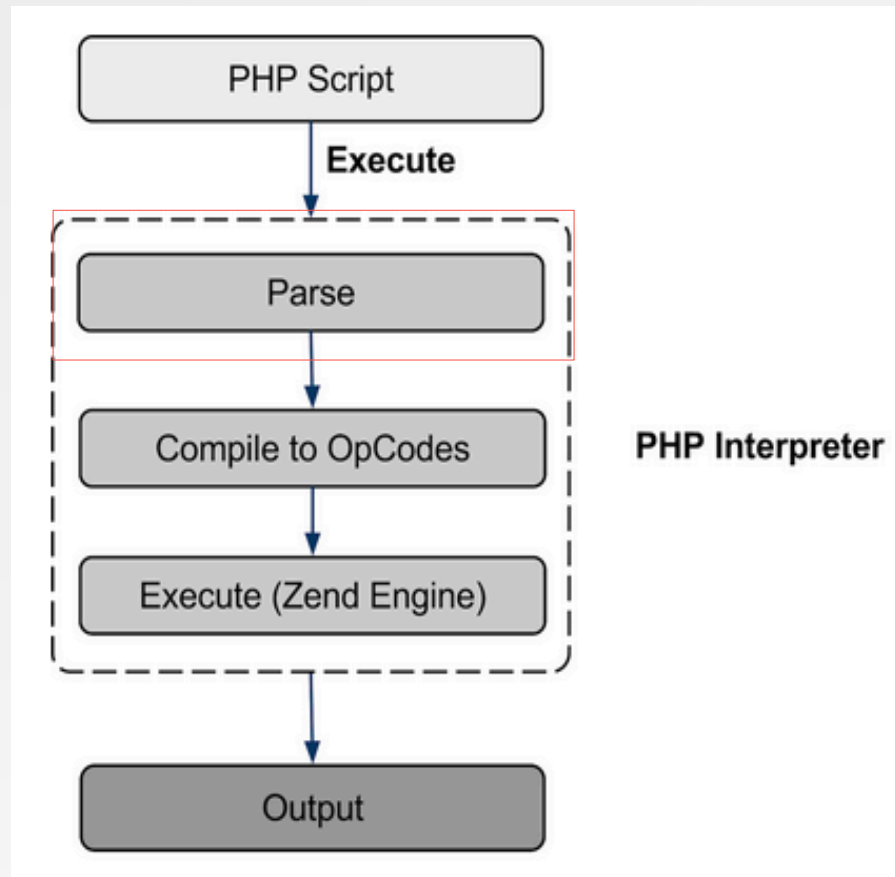
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```
<?php
class Greeting {
    public function sayHello($to)
    {
        echo "Hello $to";
    }
}

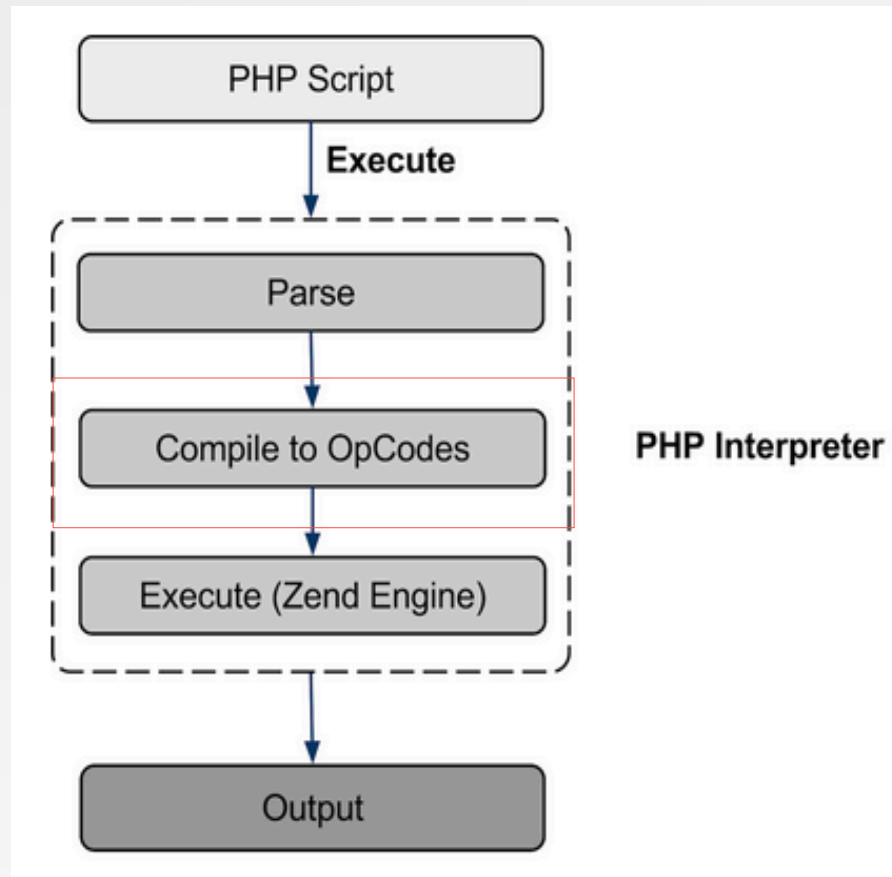
$greeter = new Greeting();
$greeter->sayHello("World");
?>
```

# The PHP execution Life-cycle



Token Name	Value
T_OPEN_TAG	<?php
T_CLASS	class
T_WHITESPACE	
T_STRING	Greeting
T_WHITESPACE	
	{
T_WHITESPACE	
T_PUBLIC	public
T_WHITESPACE	
T_FUNCTION	function
T_WHITESPACE	
T_STRING	sayHello
	(
T_VARIABLE	\$to
	)
T_WHITESPACE	
	{
T_WHITESPACE	
T_ECHO	echo
T_WHITESPACE	
	"
T_ENCAPSED_AND_WHITESPACE	Hello
T_VARIABLE	\$to
	"

# The PHP execution Life-cycle



```
Class Greeting:
Function sayhello:
number of ops: 8
compiled vars: !0 = $to
```

line	#	*	op	fetch	ext	return	operands
3	0	>	EXT_NOP				
	1		RECV			!0	
5	2		EXT_STMT				
	3		ADD_STRING		~0		'Hello+'
	4		ADD_VAR		~0	~0, !0	
	5		ECHO			~0	
6	6		EXT_STMT				
	7	>	RETURN				null

*"In computing, an opcode (operation code) is the portion of a machine language instruction that specifies the operation to be performed." - Wikipedia*

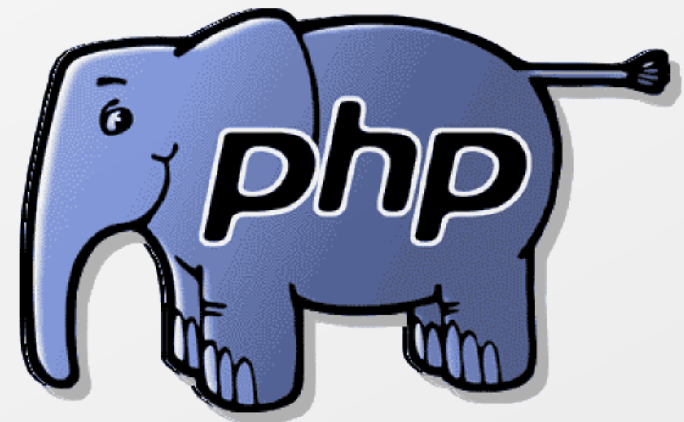
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## An elephant without memory

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- ✦ Compile, execute, forget - Compile, execute, forget - Compile, execute, forget - Compile, execute, forget - Compile, execute, forget ...
- ✦ By default, PHP discards all the code it just executed
- ✦ Request  $n+1$  knows nothing about request  $n$





# The PHP execution Life-cycle



## Why web caching?

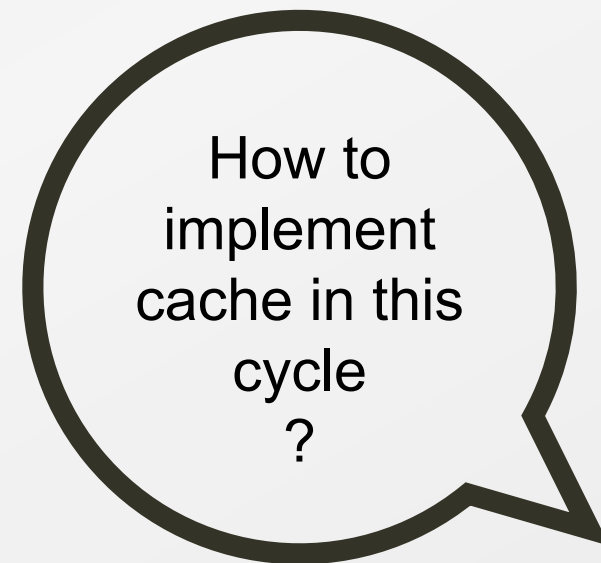
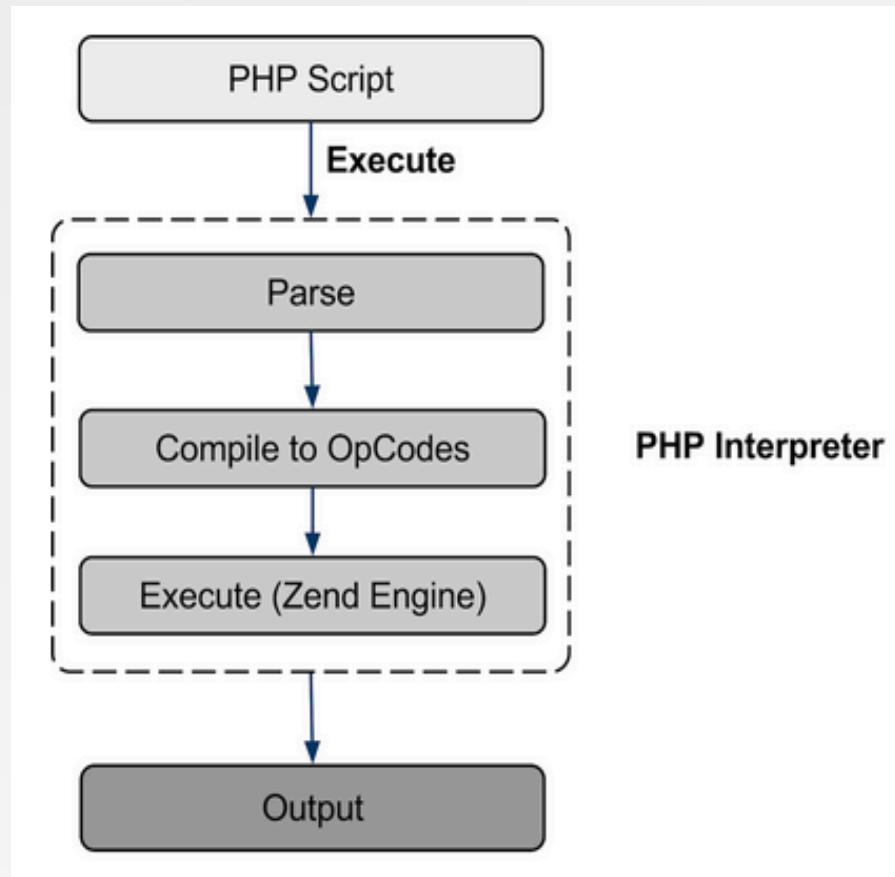


### **For one Request, we need:**

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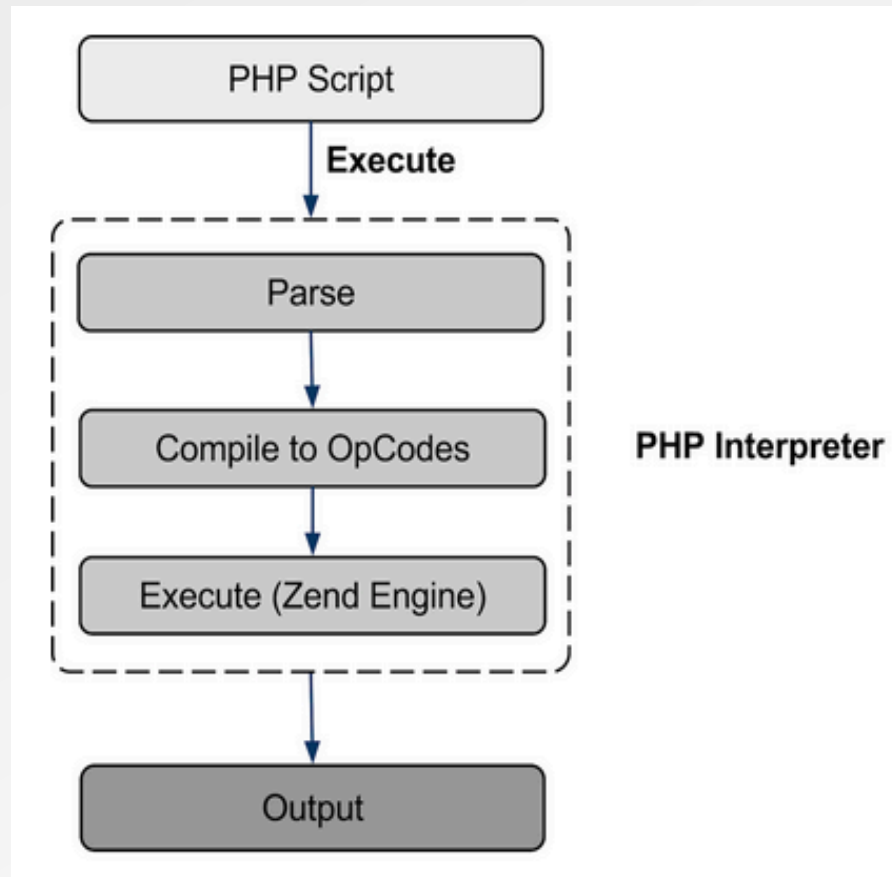
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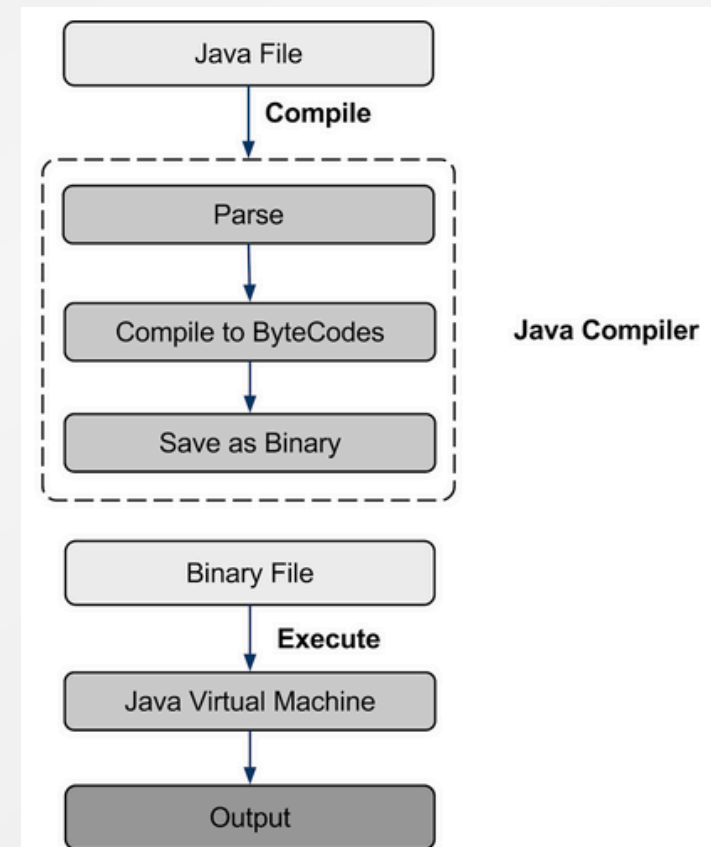
# OPCache?

<http://fr.slideshare.net/jpauli/yoopee-cache-op-cache-internals>

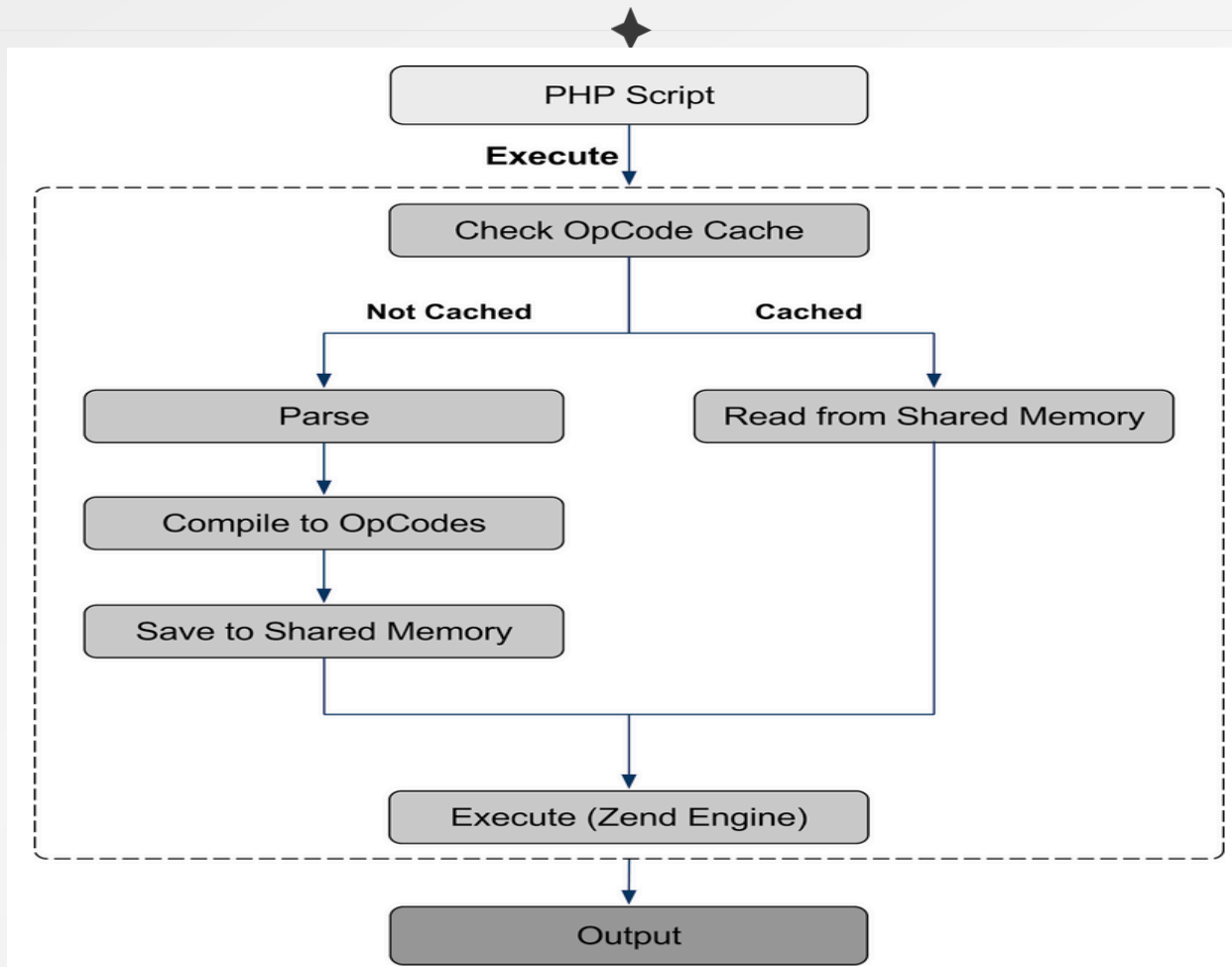
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# The execution Life-cycle with OPCode Cache



## Many PHP Accelerators



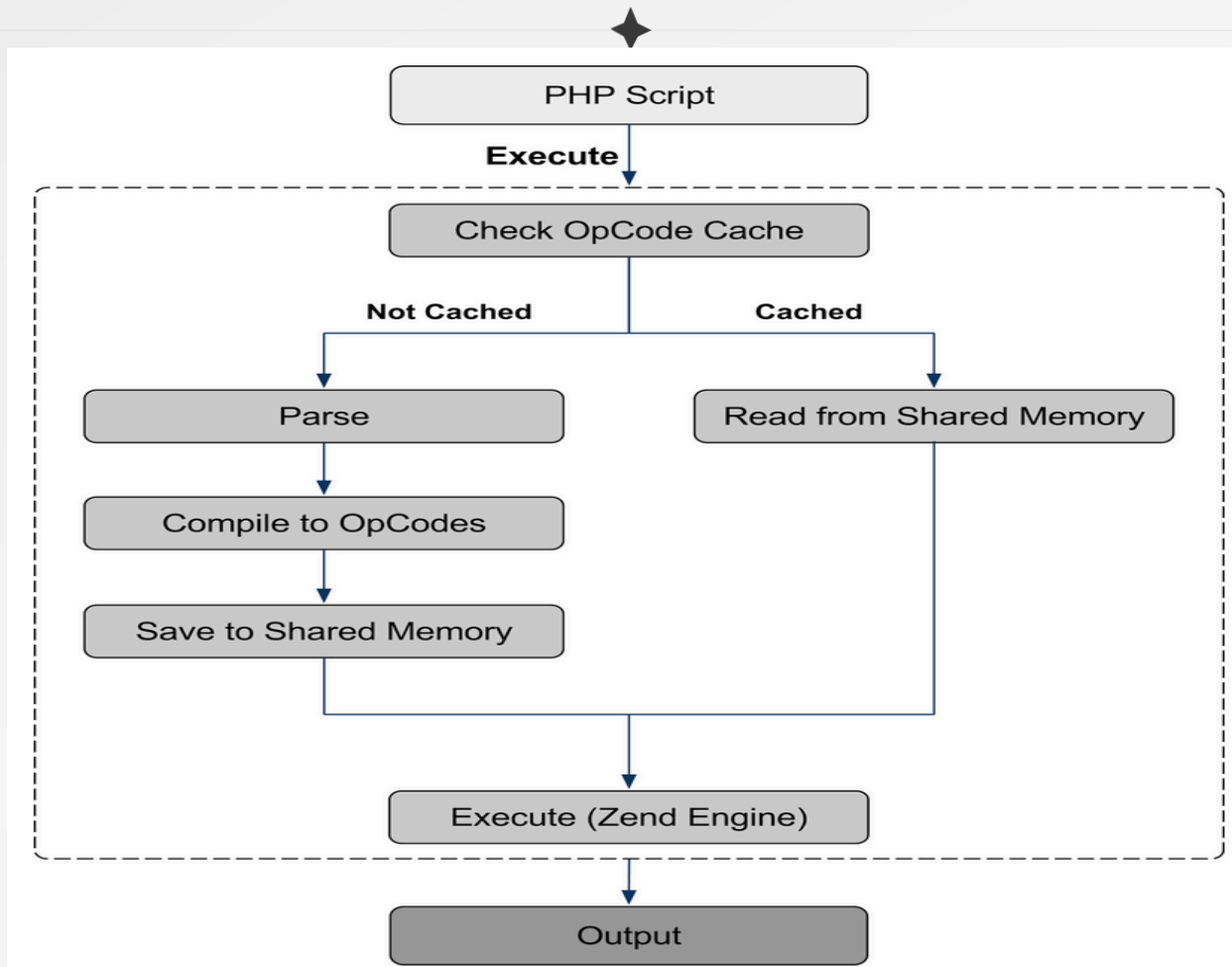
**PHP5.5**  
**Zend OPcache**



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# The execution Life-cycle with OPCode Cache



# Many PHP Accelerators



## Same Problems

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- ❖ « *The more code to parse, the longer the compilation phase* »
- ❖ « *The more OPCODEs generated, the longer execution* »



# Many PHP Accelerators



## **Same Answers... well almost**

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*« Let's optimize the OPCode array »*

# Optimize compilation



- ✦ « *The more code to parse, the longer the compilation phase* »
- ✦ OPCode cache compile any script just once

# Optimize Execution – The OPCache Way



- ❖ « *The more OPCODEs generated, the longer execution* »
- ❖ Tries to simplify/optimize OPCODEs so that there are less of them and they are more efficient
  - ❖ *Works on code branch(if, try, switch...)*
  - ❖ *Optimize constant expressions*
  - ❖ *Look for dead code*
  - ❖ *Look for ways to reuse things*

# Optimize Execution – The OPCache Way



```
if (false) {  
    echo "foo";  
} else {  
    echo "bar";  
}
```

Classic compilation :

line	#	*	op	fetch	ext	return	operands
3	0	>	>	JMPZ			false, ->3
4	1	>		ECHO			'foo'
5	2	>		JMP			->4
6	3	>		ECHO			'bar'
8	4	>	>	RETURN			1

Optimized compilation :

line	#	*	op	fetch	ext	return	operands
6	0	>		ECHO			'bar'
8	1	>		RETURN			1

# Optimize Execution – The OPCache Way



```
$a = 4 + "33";  
echo $a;
```

## Classic compilation :

compiled vars: !0 = \$a							
line	#	*	op	fetch	ext	return	operands
<hr/>							
3	0	>	ADD			~0	4, '33'
	1		ASSIGN				!0, ~0
5	2		ECHO				!0
19	3	>	RETURN				1

## Optimized compilation :

compiled vars: !0 = \$a							
line	#	*	op	fetch	ext	return	operands
<hr/>							
3	0	>	ASSIGN				!0, 37
5	1		ECHO				!0
19	2	>	RETURN				1

# Optimize Execution – The OPCache Way



```
$i = "foo";  
$i = $i + 42;  
echo $i;
```

## Classic compilation :

compiled vars: !0 = \$i				fetch	ext	return	operands
line	#	*	op				
3	0	>	ASSIGN				!0, 'foo'
5	1		ADD			~1	!0, 42
	2		ASSIGN				!0, ~1
7	3		ECHO				!0
22	4	>	RETURN				1

## Optimized compilation :

compiled vars: !0 = \$i				fetch	ext	return	operands
line	#	*	op				
3	0	>	ASSIGN				!0, 'foo'
5	1		ASSIGN_ADD			0	!0, 42
7	2		ECHO				!0
22	3	>	RETURN				1

# OPCache API – Extension in PHP >= 5.5.0



## OPcache

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# PHP 5.7



The PHP core guys have refactored the Zend Engine (which drives PHP).

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*Some benchmarks we ran so far:*  
  
Wordpress 3.6 - 20.0% gain (253 vs 211 req/sec)  
  
Drupal 6.1 - 11.7% gain (1770 vs 1585 req/sec)  
  
Qdig - 15.3% gain (555 vs 482 req/sec)  
  
ZF test app - 30.5% gain (217 vs 166 req/sec)
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<http://news.php.net/php.internals/73888>



