Composer & Frameworks

How they make development easier



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Frameworks - Do not reinvent the wheel

What is a Framework?

[...] a software framework is an abstraction in which software providing generic functionality [...]

- Wikipedia (Software framework)

What is a Framework?

- Reusable code (DRY)
- Design pattern applied
- Server-side / Client-side

Why should I use a Framework?

- + Faster Coding
- + Security Functions included
- + Tested and frequently used
- + ORM

But ...

- Time to learn
- Forced application structure
- Multiple files to load, Execution time

How to choose

- Company standard
- License
- Closed / Open Source

Symfony







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CakePHP





Massachusetts Institute of Technology



Flow



Other important frameworks

- Laravel
- Horde Framework
- Yana Framework
- Yii Framework

Composer - Dependency Management for PHP

What is Dependency Management?

- Centralized dependency management
- Manage dependencies versions
- Automate parts of the build process

Dependency Management in other languages

- Maven (Java)
- gem / bundler (Ruby)
- pip (Python)
- npm / bower (Javascript)

Why composer makes your life easier

- Same versions on different environments
- It is easy to update dependencies
- Composer generates Autoloader
- Only use parts of frameworks

Important files

- composer.json
- composer.lock
- vendor/autoload.php

composer.json

```
{
    "name": "vendorName/projectName",
    "require": {
        "important/package": "2.*",
    }
}
```

Versioning Schemas

Constraint	Meaning
2.0.1	exactly 2.0.1
2.0.*	>= 2.0.0 <2.1.0
>= 2.0	
~2.0	>= 2.0.0 < 3.0.0
~2.0.0	>= 2.0.0 <2.1.0
^2.0.0	>= 2.0.0 < 3.0.0
1.0 - 2.0	>= 1.0.0 <2.1
>= 2.0.*	illegal

Workshop

Installing composer

OSX

brew install composer

Linux

Package Manager: composer or php-composer

Download .phar at https://getcomposer.org/download

Windows

Installation package on https://getcomposer.org/download

Existing PHP Installation required (e.g. XAMPP)

Using composer

General command

composer OR php composer.phar

Create project

composer create-project vendor/projectname target_dir

Install package

composer require [--dev] package_name

Use existing project

composer install

composer update

Start CakePHP Project

Create Project

composer create-project --prefer-dist cakephp/app AppName

Thank you for your attention.

Any Questions?

This talk is freely available on GitHub.

https://github.com/lukeelten/typo3camp2016

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