**1) Please tell us a bit about yourself**

My name is Taylor Otwell, and I’m a 26 year old developer living in the United States.

**2) How you started with PHP**

I began writing PHP at nights as a quick way to test out product ideas. I’m almost always thinking of new product ideas, and PHP allows me to implement and test them very quickly.

**7) The IDE that you use**

I currently use the “dev” builds of **Sublime Text 2**. I love it! I can’t imagine programming without Sublime Text.

**8) How do you debug your PHP code?**

I try to thoroughly unit test any new PHP code I write. This saves time later since I don’t have to re-test every aspect of the application when something changes. If tests aren’t an option, I start writing “echo” statements.

**11)  You are a .NET developer during the day, why did you choose PHP to build your framework amongst other languages.**

**I chose PHP because it is basically totally ubiquitous amongst shared web hosts, and its documentation is excellent**. Even though PHP as a language is inferior to many other languages, its easy of use and thorough documentation make it very nice to quickly develop applications.

**12) How do you find PHP as compared to C#.NET**

However, a static environment like **C#** or **VB.NET** allows you find many more “compile time” bugs, and **Microsoft’s Visual Studio IDE** is by far the best IDE I have ever used.

**15) If you have to choose between PHP and .NET**

I think both environments are great. It’s honestly a difficult decision. It’s definitely possible to write great applications in either environment. However, personally, I find the dynamic environment of languages like PHP and Ruby more enjoyable. Yet, in a very large code base the compile time checking of an environment like .NET could be very beneficial.

**17) How is Laravel different from other framework**

**Laravel has a very simple and expressive syntax**. It also has some of the most thorough documentation available for any PHP framework, rivaling that of CodeIgniter’s.

**18) How is Laravel better than other framework**

Laravel provides you with great tools to start writing your application as fast as possible. This includes the beautiful Eloquent ORM, dead simple authentication, great pagination, and more.

**19) Why should someone choose Laravel instead of, let’s say, symfony or zend framework**

**It is very easy to get started using Laravel**. Many other larger frameworks are harder to learn and often don’t have as much documentation as Laravel, making them take even longer to learn.