

Getting Set Up with PHP

Setup tutorial and all materials at:

[https://github.com/sketchings/
beginning-php-training](https://github.com/sketchings/beginning-php-training)

About PHP

Why PHP?

- ▷ It's the easiest and cheapest to deploy
- ▷ Low barrier to entry
- ▷ Duck typing (If it walks/talks/quacks like a duck...)
- ▷ Built for the web - current versions are *fast*
 - ▷ Built-in HTML templates
 - ▷ Easy access to server environment, cookies, sessions, form input
- ▷ Familiar C-like syntax (Perl, Java, C++, JavaScript)

Why Not PHP?

- ▷ Evolved, not designed
 - ▷ Like English, lots of exceptions to rules and inconsistencies
 - ▷ No benevolent dictator
- ▷ PHP projects, over time, often show same tendency
 - ▷ Leave cleanup / technical debt for next iteration
 - ▷ Scrum backlog substitutes for design/architecture

Why Not PHP?

- ▷ Built for the web, not for anything else
- ▷ Low barrier to entry
- ▷ Conveniences like duck typing create opportunities for insecure code and unexpected behavior that trips up the inexperienced

Don't Worry...

- ▷ That's why we're here.

Life of a PHP Script

1. Browser requests something from web server
2. Web server hands request to PHP
3. PHP interpreter does stuff (next slide)
4. Web server sends response to browser

PHP Interpreter Handles Web Request

1. Web server fires up PHP interpreter
 1. Parse PHP script(s)
 2. Execute code
 3. Hand response to web server
 4. Shut completely down
2. Web server sends response to browser

Life in the PHP Interpreter

- ▷ Web server passes request to PHP when it encounters a file with a PHP file extension (almost always `.php`).
- ▷ PHP treats everything as HTML until it encounters a PHP open tag:
 - ▷ `<?php` “open tag” starts it processing as PHP
 - ▷ `?>` “close tag” means stop parsing as PHP
 - ▷ Only use close tag if you have more HTML

Setup Starting Point

What elements do we need, to start?

Think about building a fire.
Without these three elements
there's no fire!

- Oxygen
- Heat
- Fuel



Three Things Power a PHP Website

- ▷ PHP
- ▷ Database (MySQL)
- ▷ Web server (Apache/nginx)

Like the three elements needed to start a fire - you need all three or there's no fire!

- Oxygen
- Heat
- Fuel



Why Do We Care About Elements?

- ▷ Many possible setups
- ▷ Many possible environments
- ▷ But you always need the three elements

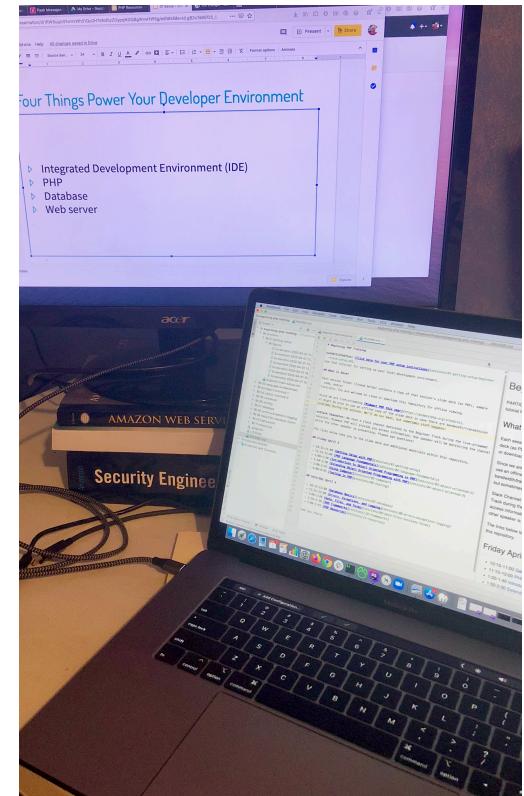
Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to get **(PHP, Database, Server)** working in whatever environment you have available



Four Things Power Your Developer Environment

- ▷ Integrated Development Environment (IDE)
- ▷ PHP
- ▷ Database
- ▷ Web server

No matter your setup, you need these four things



Install

Easy Start - Have You Done These Steps?

<https://github.com/sketchings/beginning-php-training>

- ▷ IDE - Visual Studio (free) or PhpStorm (30-day trial)
- ▷ MAMP (free) for integrated PHP, MySQL, Apache, nginx

Above options available Windows or Mac

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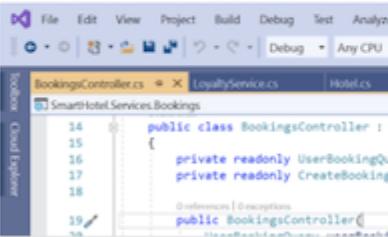
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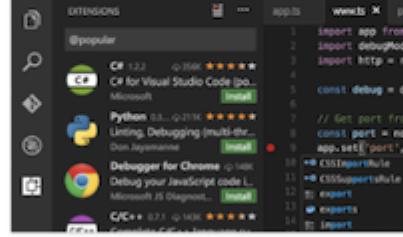


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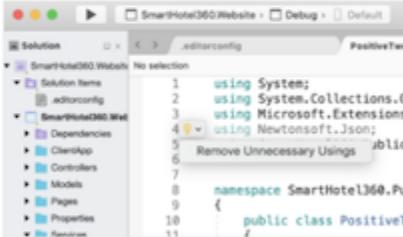


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Visual Studio Code for PHP Developers



Out of the blue, Microsoft jumps into the editor wars with an incredible offering that gives Sublime Text an overwhelming run for its money. In fact, it just might surpass it! So come along, as I demonstrate the ins, the outs, the tips, the techniques. Say hello to your new best friend: **Visual Studio Code**.

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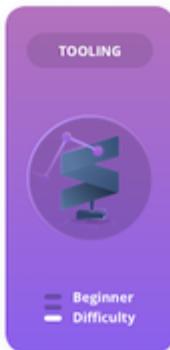
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The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the SymfonyCasts website at <https://symfonycasts.com/screencast/phpstorm>. The page title is "Lean and Mean Dev with PhpStorm (for Symfony)". The main content area features a large image of the PhpStorm logo (a stylized "PS" inside a purple hexagon) on a grey background. To the left of the image is a teal button with the number "48:53". To the right, there is a call-to-action button that says "Login or register to track your progress!". Below this, a list of video lessons is shown:

Lesson Title	Duration
01. Setup	5:12
02. Annotations	2:47
03. Twig	5:01
04. Namespaces	4:05
05. Doctrine	5:00

What you'll be learning

Tip: This course is built on Symfony 2, but the important concepts of

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Getting Started



Step Into Debugging with PhpStorm

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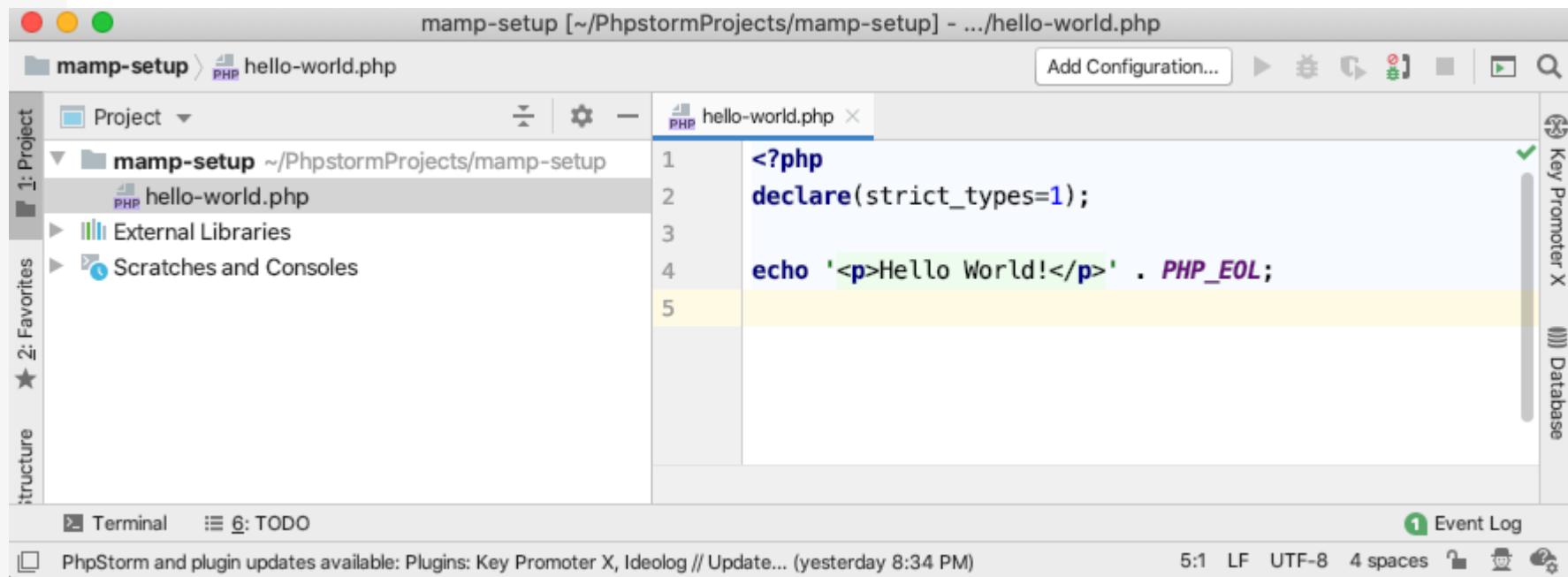
Basic PhpStorm Editor Actions and Navigation - PhpStorm 2:28

Resources

- [PhpStorm Tutorials](#)
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Create a Project in Your Editor / IDE

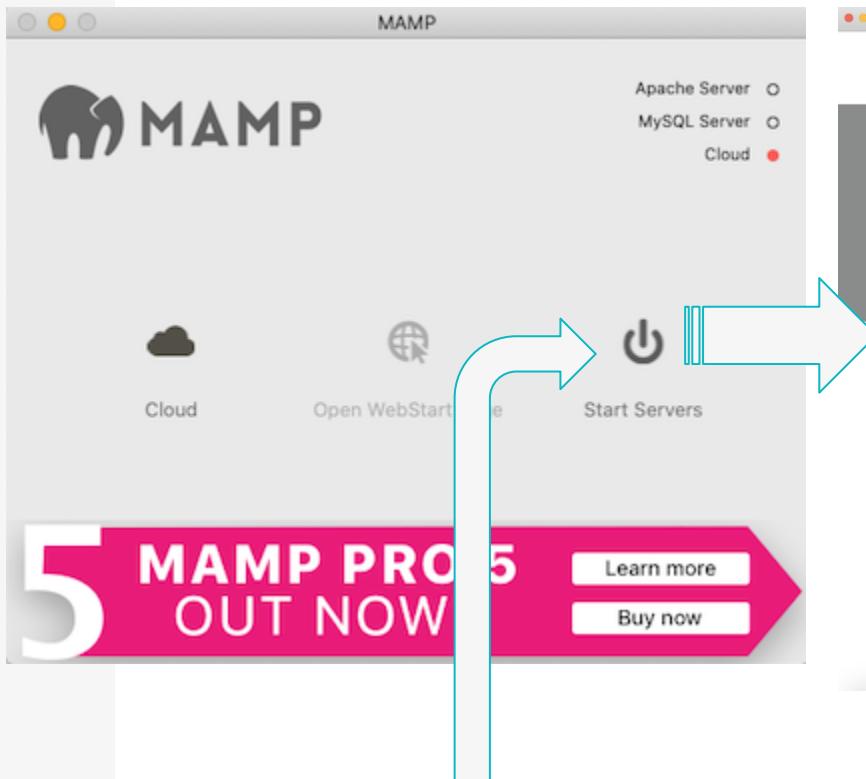


The screenshot shows the PhpStorm IDE interface. The title bar reads "mamp-setup [~/PhpstormProjects/mamp-setup] - .../hello-world.php". The left sidebar shows a project structure with a "Project" view expanded, displaying a folder "mamp-setup" containing a file "hello-world.php". Below this are sections for "External Libraries" and "Scratches and Consoles". The main editor area contains the following PHP code:

```
<?php
declare(strict_types=1);
echo '<p>Hello World!</p>' . PHP_EOL;
```

The code editor has syntax highlighting for PHP keywords and punctuation. The status bar at the bottom shows "Terminal", "6: TODO", "Event Log", "PhpStorm and plugin updates available: Plugins: Key Promoter X, Ideolog // Update... (yesterday 8:34 PM)", and file encoding information "5:1 LF UTF-8 4 spaces".

Install MAMP - Start Servers - localhost:8888



The screenshot shows the MAMP website at `localhost:8888/MAMP/?language=English`. The page title is "Welcome to MAMP" and it states "Your version is 5.7 and up to date." There are three main sections: "BUY MAMP PRO", "GET MAMP CLOUD", and "MAMP NEWS". The "BUY MAMP PRO" section features a "MAMP PRO" button. The "GET MAMP CLOUD" section features a "MAMP Cloud" button. The "MAMP NEWS" section includes a "Tweets by @mamp_en" link, a "MAMP" icon with the handle "@mamp_en", and a note about a new font designed for developers. A small note at the bottom left says "With MAMP PRO you can create a separate host for each of your web projects. Install WordPress with one click and after completion of your page, publish it directly from MAMP PRO on your live server. Learn more".

START MY WEBSITE TOOLS MAMP WEBSITE BUY MAMP PRO

Welcome to MAMP

Your version is 5.7 and up to date.

BUY MAMP PRO

Be more productive: unlimited hosts, unlimited possibilities.

MAMP PRO

With MAMP PRO you can create a separate host for each of your web projects. Install WordPress with one click and after completion of your page, publish it directly from MAMP PRO on your live server. [Learn more](#)

GET MAMP CLOUD

Save your hosts' data and database to Dropbox.

MAMP Cloud

You can easily save your host and database data in the cloud and later retrieve it on another Mac, when backing up data before making changes on your host. [Learn more](#)

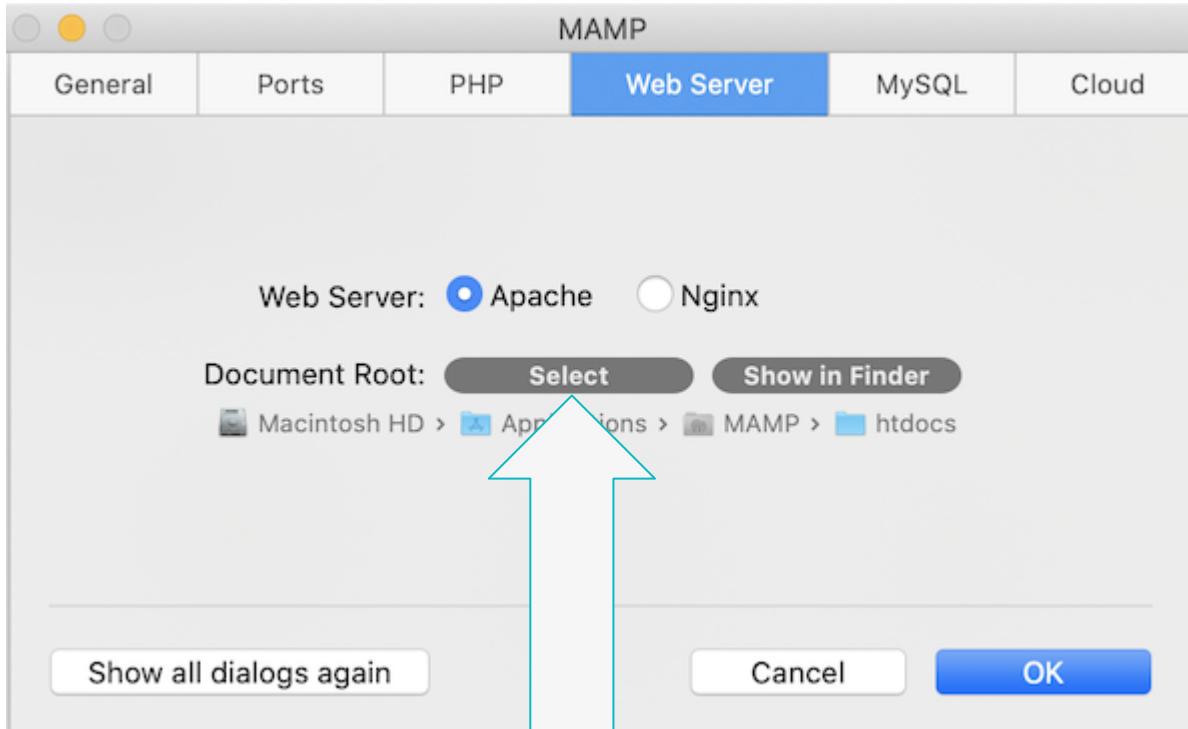
MAMP NEWS

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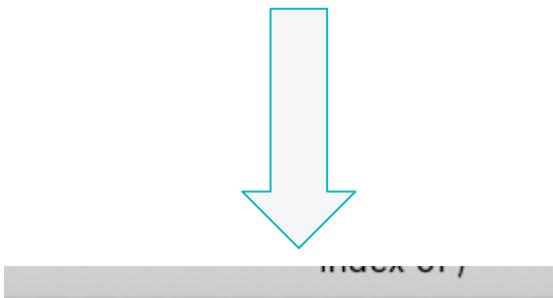
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Preferences - Document Root



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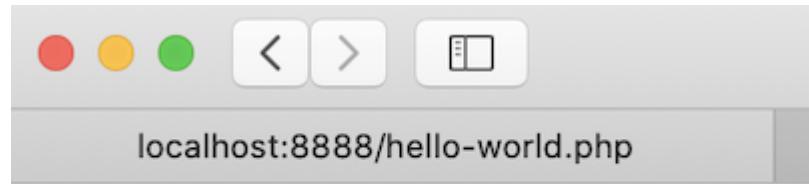
“My Website”



A screenshot of the 'Welcome to MAMP' page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'START', 'MY WEBSITE', 'TOOLS', 'MAMP WEBSITE', and a red 'BUY MAMP PRO' button. Below the navigation is a large white arrow pointing upwards. The main heading is 'Welcome to MAMP' with the subtext 'Your version is 5.7 and up to date.' To the left of the main content area is a large blue downward-pointing arrow. The main content area contains three sections: 'BUY MAMP PRO', 'GET MAMP CLOUD', and 'MAMP NEWS'. Each section has a small icon, a title, and a brief description.

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Hello World!

Easiest Exercise Ever

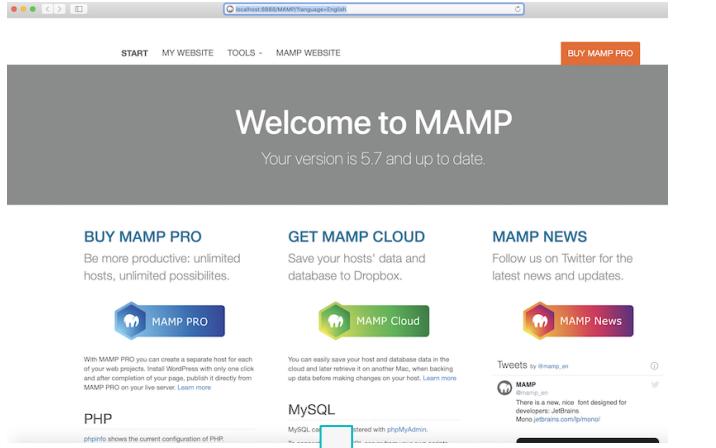
1. Create a file called `hello.php`
2. Inside it, type `Hello World!`
3. Save the file to your project directory for your local web server.
4. Navigate to the page on your local website.
5. Easiest. Hello. World. Ever.

Hello World with PHP Code

- ▷ In hello.php, instead of Hello World! , write this and then reload the web page on your localhost:

```
<?php  
Echo 'Hello World!';
```

MySQL



The screenshot shows the MAMP welcome page with a large downward arrow pointing to the MySQL section. The MySQL section contains the following connection parameters:

- Host**: localhost
- Port**: 8889
- User**: root
- Password**: root
- Socket**: /Applications/MAMP/tmp/mysql/mysql.sock

Below these parameters, there is a section titled "Examples:" with tabs for PHP >= 5.6.x, PHP <= 5.5.x, Python, and Perl. A large blue arrow points from the bottom left towards the code examples.

```
$user = 'root';
$password = 'root';
$db = 'inventory';
$host = 'localhost';
$port = 8889;

$link = mysqli_init();
$success = mysqli_real_connect(
    $link,
    $host,
    $user,
```

The screenshot shows the phpMyAdmin interface version 4.9.3. At the top, the URL bar displays "localhost:8888/phpMyAdmin/?lang=en". The main menu bar includes links for Databases, SQL, Status, User accounts, Export, Import, Settings, Replication, Variables, and More. On the left, a sidebar lists recent databases: information_schema, mysql, performance_schema, and sys. A large blue arrow points from the bottom-left towards the "Console" button at the bottom center.

General settings

- Server connection collation: utf8mb4_unicode_ci

Appearance settings

- Language: English
- Theme: Original
- Font size: 82%

Database server

- Server: Localhost via UNIX socket
- Server type: MySQL
- Server connection: SSL is not being used
- Server version: 5.7.26 - MySQL Community Server (GPL)
- Protocol version: 10
- User: root@localhost
- Server charset: UTF-8 Unicode (utf8)

Web server

- Apache/2.2.34 (Unix) mod_wsgi/3.5 Python/2.7.13 PHP/7.4.2 mod_ssl/2.2.34 OpenSSL/1.0.2o DAV/2 mod_fastcgi/mod_fastcgi-SNAP-0910052141 mod_perl/2.0.11 Perl/v5.24.0
- Database client version: libmysql - mysqlnd 7.4.2
- PHP extension: mysqli curl mbstring
- PHP version: 7.4.2

phpMyAdmin

- Version information: 4.9.3

Success!

- ▷ Editor / IDE
- ▷ PHP
- ▷ Database
- ▷ Web server

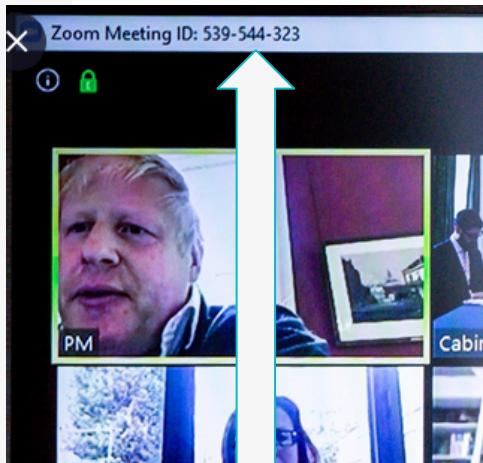


Development Environment

Policy

- ▷ Remember your laptop could be stolen
 - ▶ What constitutes a reportable data breach?
 - ▶ Can you keep sensitive passwords/keys OFF of your laptop?
 - ▶ Don't allow sensitive production data onto your laptop copy of the database (PII, HIPAA, GDPR)

Don't Be Like the Prime Minister



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Boris Johnson #StayHomeSaveLives 
@BorisJohnson

This morning I chaired the first ever digital Cabinet.

Our message to the public is: stay at home, protect the NHS, save lives. **#StayHomeSaveLives**



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Remember - Web Images Contain Meta Data

- ▷ Meta data can reveal more than you intended
- ▷ Photos that include computer screens or sticky notes can prove embarrassing
- ▷ Well-intentioned screen shots... well... don't be like the Prime Minister
- ▷ Not a PHP problem? Still is YOUR problem!



Ways to Build that “Fire” (dev environment)

- ▷ Integrated environments MAMP, WAMP, XAMPP:
 - ▶ Install and configure PHP, database, web server
 - ▶ Might not duplicate production env closely enough



Containerized - Vagrant, Docker

- ▷ Rapid setup for new members of a team
- ▷ Specific environment(s) pre-built
- ▷ “Spin up” multiple experimental environments

Virtual Machine

- ▷ Virtual Box (free) or VMWare
- ▷ Complete operating system and filesystem
- ▷ Can run
 - ▶ Windows on Mac
 - ▶ Linux on Windows
 - ▶ Et cetera

Build Your Own

- ▷ Many ways to install PHP, including building from source
- ▷ Can be necessary for specific language extensions, specific versions, database drivers, etc.
- ▷ The XDebug extension is important - and is included in most packaged environments such as MAMP
- ▷ HomeBrew for the Mac

Case-Sensitive Filesystem

- ▷ Linux servers tend to have case-sensitive file system
- ▷ Mac tends to NOT have case-sensitive file system
- ▷ Windows... reports vary

This disparity will become a problem when...

PHP Does Not Care... Or Does It?

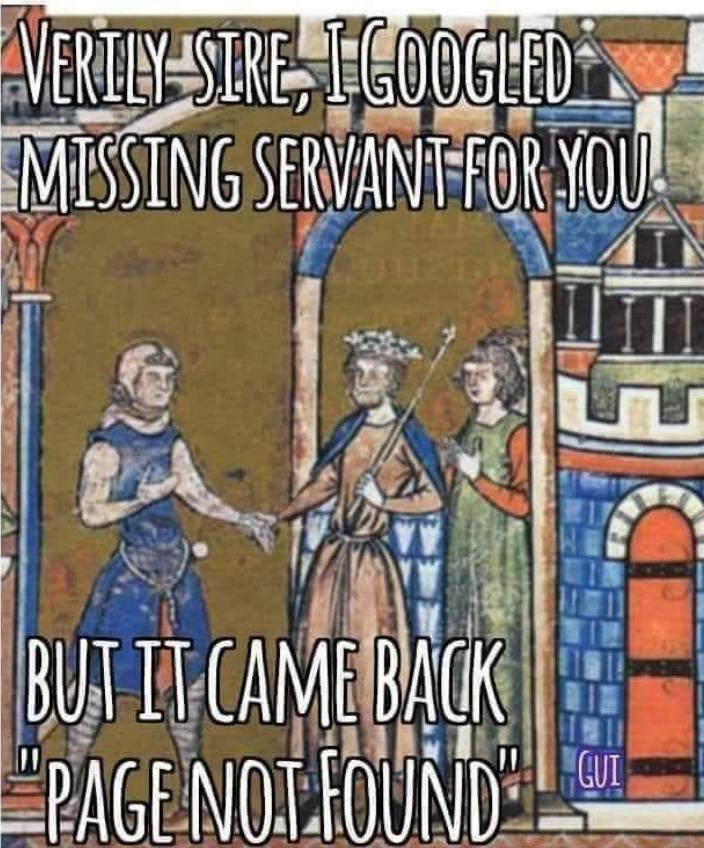
- ▷ PHP class names are NOT case sensitive
 - ▶ Class **FireBuilder** and **class firebuilder** are the same
- ▷ The linux filesystem DOES care
 - ▶ **FireBuilder.php** and **firebuilder.php** are NOT the same file
- ▷ The Mac filesystem DOES NOT care
 - ▶ **FireBuilder.php** and **firebuilder.php** ARE the same file

What Happens?

1. Suppose real **class FireBuilder** declared in **FireBuilder.php**
2. Other code invokes **\$fire = new Firebuilder();**
3. Works fine in dev environment
4. Push to production... **class Firebuilder** not found
 - a. Mac autoloader finds **Firebuilder.php** when looking for **FireBuilder.php**
 - b. Linux autoloader cannot find **Firebuilder.php** because only **FireBuilder.php** exists
5. “Works for me”

Blank Page

- ▷ “500” error in dev environment
- ▷ Often blank white page in production
- ▷ Find and check error logs
 - ▶ Coding error
 - ▶ Failed database connection
 - ▶ Unsuccessful deployment
- ▷ Recent code change most likely



Remember Your Mission

- ▷ Get the four elements installed and playing-well with each other:
 - ▶ Code editor / IDE
 - ▶ PHP
 - ▶ Web server
 - ▶ Database
- ▷ Web pages are plain text (html and css) - you can edit them with your code editor / IDE

Thank You

Build that fire!

- ▷ Code Editor / IDE
- ▷ PHP (7.2 or newer)
- ▷ Database (MySQL)
- ▷ Web server (Apache or nginx)

Easy route:

- ▷ Visual Studio / PhpStorm
- ▷ MAMP

