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What is PHP?

PHP (Hypertext Preprocessor) is a server-side scripting language mainly used for developing dynamic web pages and applications. It is embedded into HTML and processed on the web server before being sent to the user’s browser.

PHP powers millions of websites and frameworks like WordPress, Laravel, and Drupal.

Advantages and Disadvantages of PHP

Aspect	Advantages	Disadvantages
1. Cost	Free and open-source — no licensing cost.	None significant here.
2. Learning Curve	Easy to learn for beginners.	Beginners may develop poor structure without guidance.
3. Community Support	Huge community; plenty of tutorials and libraries.	Sometimes outdated code examples online.
4. Platform Independence	Runs on all major operating systems and servers.	Some environment-specific configuration issues.
5. Database Integration	Connects easily to databases like MySQL, PostgreSQL, and Oracle.	Slightly weaker with NoSQL databases.
6. Performance	Fast for small to medium apps; supports caching.	Slower for large-scale or real-time systems.

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7. Frameworks	Many mature frameworks (Laravel, Symfony) for speed and security.	Some old frameworks have poor support.
8. Security	Built-in security tools if used properly.	Vulnerable if developers neglect sanitization or validation.
9. Maintenance	Supports and maintains legacy projects worldwide.	Old codebases are difficult to modernize.

Summary

PHP remains a powerful, flexible, and cost-effective tool for web development. With good coding practices, it can deliver enterprise-grade apps quickly and securely.
