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Jump Start PHP Environment



Synopsis

Many entry level PHP developers want a quick path to glory, a shortcut to "knowing PHP." Too many books and tutorials go straight into a pre-made, awful environment that just wants you to code, with no regard for security, version control, or other absolutely essential practices. This book is aimed at the absolute beginner who wants to start learning PHP, but aims to set you up with a thorough understanding of what makes for a good, modern, adaptable PHP environment before you start diving into PHP itself. This book will cover the essential building blocks of a good PHP environment, including covering topics such as:

- The anatomy of a web request
- The importance of a good IDE
- Using Composer for package management
- Version control with Git and GitHub
- Deployment and hosting options
- Using virtual machines
- Build a sample app from scratch and deploy it -- the right way
- And much more!

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Who is this book for? Developers of beginner to intermediate level will benefit from this book. Even for those familiar with some of the concepts, this book will hold some value. Remember, everyone you ever meet will know something you don't. You can always learn more, even if most of it sounds familiar. If you are interested in improving your current development workflow and often find yourself confused by missing PHP extensions or features while developing applications, and frequently running into errors about software you need but are yet to install—this book is for you. If your computer is so full of software used to make other people's code run well on your

machine, this book is definitely for you. By reading it, you'll be able to restore your computer to an almost factory level of performance while keeping all apps you come across compatible with it.

If you're just starting out with PHP, this book should be the very first resource you read. It will explain not only isolated development environments and conflict prevention, but also the inner workings of web requests and what happens when you actually type an address into a browser's address bar. You'll learn why a server is important, what PHP's role is, and how it all fits into the grand scheme of development environments and setups that can help you achieve a smooth development experience. Note that this is not a programming book, per se. There will be very little PHP coding in this book, at least until the very end of it. This book is a guide to setting up your computer so that it obeys you, rather than the other way around. You want programming to be a pleasant, relaxing, and predictable experience you can train yourself in, day by day, rather than a source of endless frustration. That is what this book is for—laying the foundation for a pleasant programming career.

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