An Introduction to PHP

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Outline

- What is PHP?
- Some PHP numbers
- Who is using PHP
- Lets PHP
- The future of PHP
- Two words on NYPHP
- Questions (about PHP)

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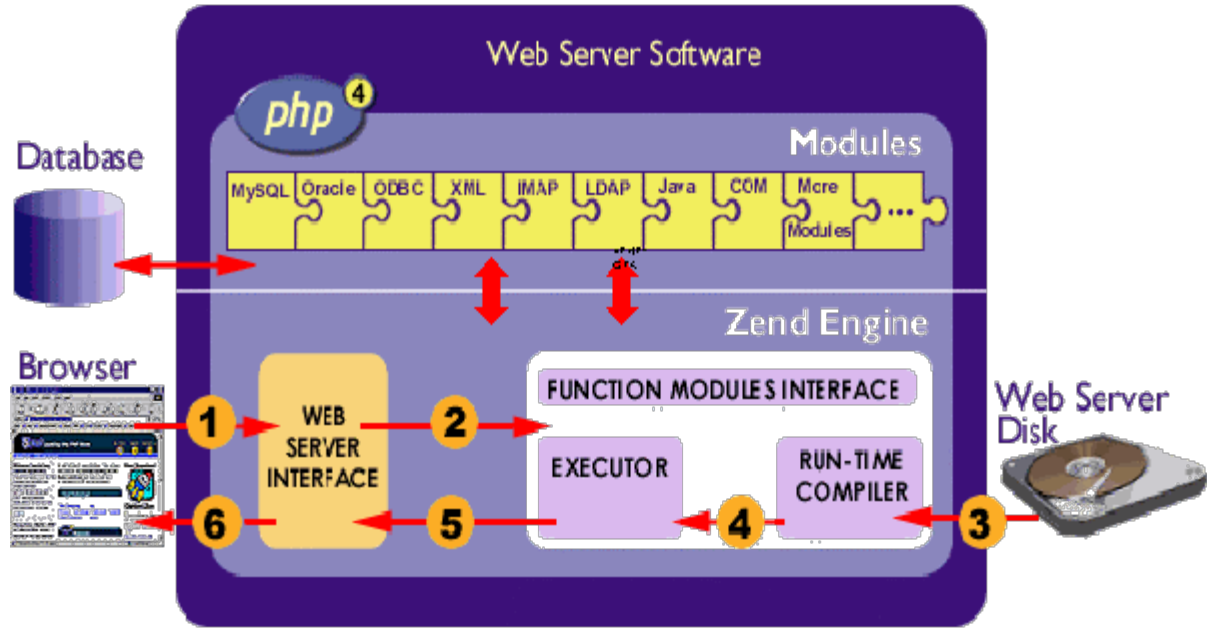Slide 3 of 48

What is PHP?

- PHP Hypertext Preprocessing
- History
  - 1994/1995 Rasmus Lerdorf
  - 1995 PHP/FI Version 2
  - 1997 Zeev Suraski & Andi Gutmans
  - 2001 PHP4
  - 2004 ?

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What is PHP?

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What is PHP?

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title>PHP Test</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <?php
      echo "<p>Hello World</p>";
    ?>
  </body>
</html>
```

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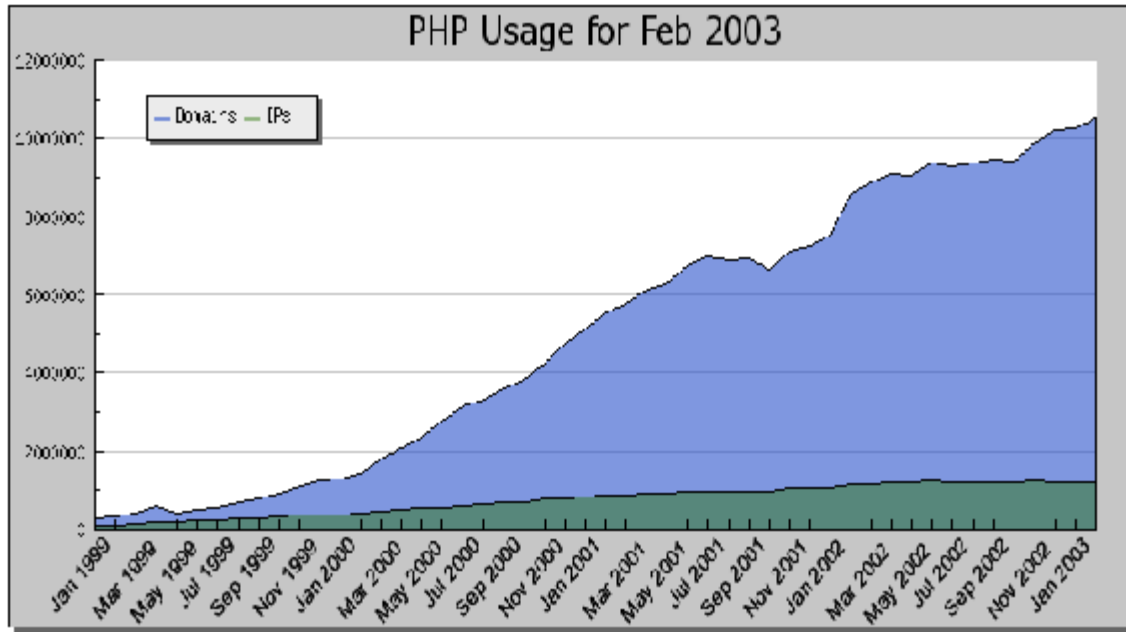- Lets PHP
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Some Numbers

PHP: 10,519,623 Domains, 1,220,927 IP Addresses

PHP Usage for Feb 2003

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Source: Netcraft

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Who is Using PHP?

Alice

Bob

Charles

and…

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Who is Using PHP?

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Lets PHP

- HTTP and Web pages
- What is HTTP?
- HTML
- Protocols (FTP, SMTP)
- Static vs. Dynamic
- Data

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Client Server

Server

Protocol

Coming right up

One pie please

Client

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Client Server

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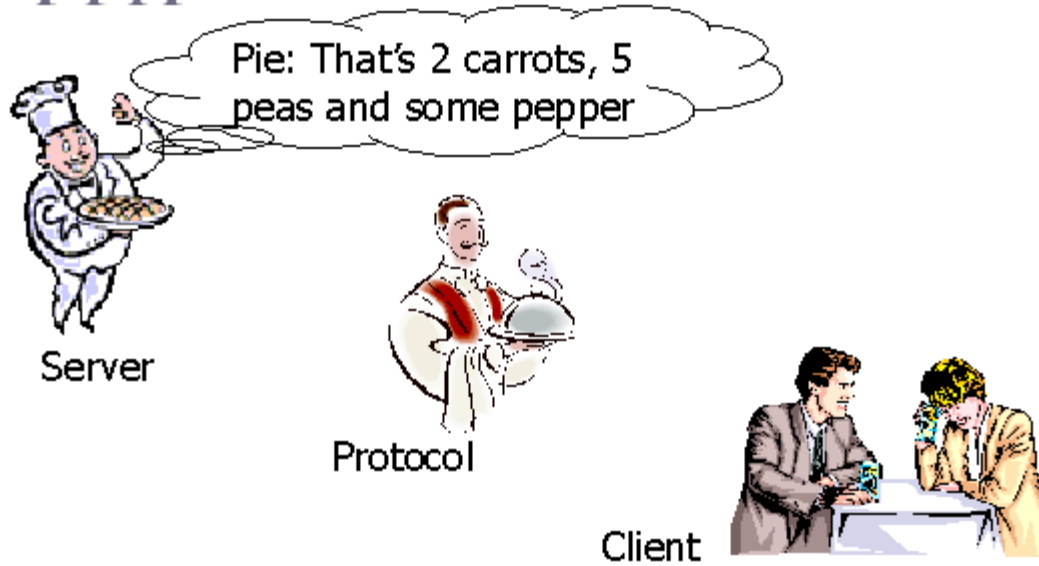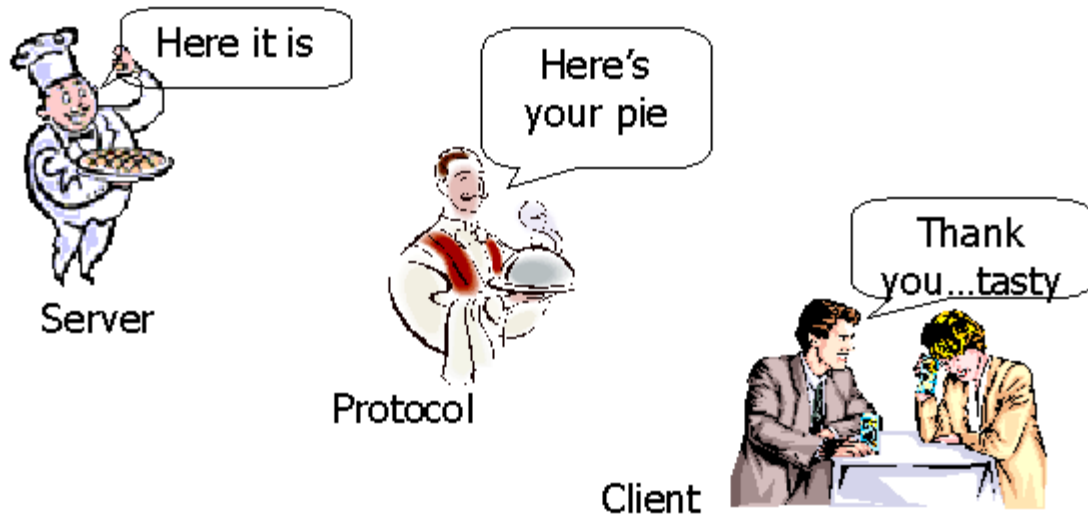An Introduction to PHP

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Client Server

Pie: That's 2 carrots, 5 peas and some pepper

Server

Protocol

Client

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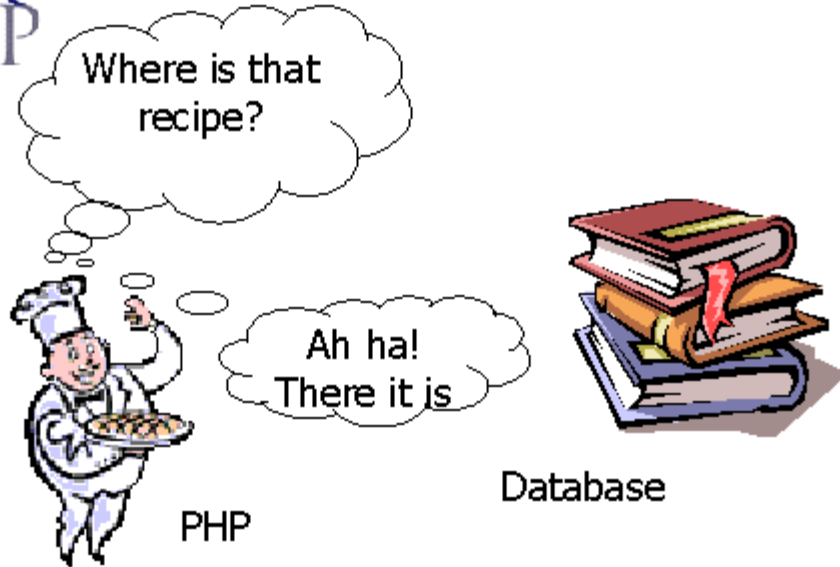An Introduction to PHP

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Client Server

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Data

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Client Side vs. Server Side

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Client Side vs. Server Side

Client   **Server**

← Flying brick

Catalog Page →

← Page refresh

← Form validity check →

Authentication →
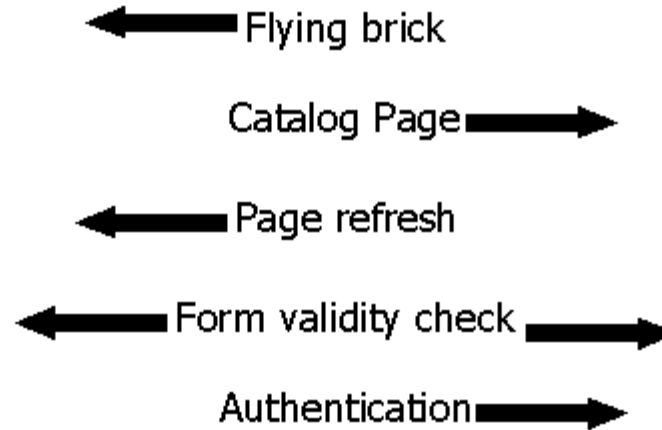
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Language Reference

- Basic syntax
- Types
- Variables
- Constants
- Expressions

- Operators
- Control Structures
- Functions
- Classes and Objects

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Language Reference
Basic syntax

- `<? echo ("this is the simplest, an SGML processing instruction\n"); ?>`
  `<?= expression ?>` This is a shortcut for `"<? echo expression ?>"`

- `<?php echo("if you want to serve XHTML or XML documents, do like this\n");`
  `?>`

- `<script language="php">`
  `echo ("some editors (like FrontPage) don't like processing instructions");`
  `</script>`

- `<% echo (" You may optionally use ASP-style tags"); %> <%= $variable; # This`
  `is a shortcut for "<% echo . . ." %>`

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Language Reference
Basic syntax

Comments

```php
<?php
    echo "This is a test"; // This is a one-line c++ style comment
    /* This is a multi line comment
        yet another line of comment */
    echo "This is yet another test";
    echo "One Final Test"; # This is shell-style style comment

?>
```

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Language Reference
Types

Primitive Types

Scalar Types	Compound Types	Special Types
•Boolean	•Array	•Resource
•Integer	•Object	•NULL
•Float		
•String		

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Language Reference
Types

- A **boolean** expresses a truth value. It can be either **TRUE** or **FALSE**.

- An **integer** is a number of the set Z = {..., -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, ...}.

- Floating point numbers (AKA "floats", "doubles" or "real numbers")

- A **string** is a series of characters. In PHP, a character is the same as a byte, that is, there are exactly 256 different characters possible. This also implies that PHP has no native support of Unicode.

- An **array** in PHP is actually an ordered map. A map is a type that maps *values* to *keys*.

- The special **NULL** value represents that a variable has no value. **NULL** is the only possible value of type NULL.

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Language Reference
Variables

- Variables in PHP are represented by a dollar sign followed by the name of the variable.

- The variable name is case-sensitive.

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Language Reference
Variables (cont.)

- $var = "Bob";

- $Var = "Joe";

- echo "$var, $Var";

- $4site = 'not yet';

- $_4site = 'not yet';

- $täyte = 'mansikka';

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Variables (cont.)

PHP Superglobals

- $GLOBALS
- $_SERVER
- $_GET
- $_POST

- $_COOKIE
- $_FILES
- $_REQUEST
- $_SESSION

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Language Reference
Constants

You can define a constant by using the **define()** function. Once a constant is defined, it can never be changed or undefined.

```
define("CONSTANT", "Hello world."); echo CONSTANT; // outputs "Hello world."
```

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Language Reference
Expressions

An expression is "anything that has a value".

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Language Reference
Operators

- Arithmetic Operators
- Assignment Operators
- Bitwise Operators
- Comparison Operators
- Error Control Operators

- Execution Operators
- Incrementing/ Decrementing Operators
- Logical Operators
- Operator Precedence
- String Operators

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Language Reference
Operators (cont.)

Arithmetic Operators

Example	Name	Result
$a + $b	Addition	Sum of $a and $b.
$a - $b	Subtraction	Difference of $a and $b.
$a * $b	Multiplication	Product of $a and $b.
$a / $b	Division	Quotient of $a and $b.
$a % $b	Modulus	Remainder of $a divided by $b.

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Language Reference
Operators (cont.)

Assignment Operators

=

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Language Reference
Operators (cont.)

Bitwise Operators

$a & $b	And
$a | $b	Or
$a ^ $b	Xor
~$a	Not
$a << $b	Shift left
$a >> $b	Shift right

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Operators (cont.)

Comparison Operators

$a == $b	Equal
$a === $b	Identical
$a != $b	Not equal
$a > $b	Greater than
$a < $b	Less than
$a >= $b	Greater than or equal to
$a <= $b	Less than or equal to

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Operators (cont.)

Incrementing / Decrementing Operators

++$a	Pre-increment
$a++	Post-increment
--$a	Pre-decrement
$a--	Post-decrement

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Language Reference
Operators (cont.)

Logical Operators

$a && $b	And
$a || $b	Or
!$a	Not
$a xor $b	Xor

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Language Reference
Operators (cont.)

String Operators

There are two string operators. The first is the concatenation operator ('.'), which returns the concatenation of its right and left arguments.

The second is the concatenating assignment operator ('.='), which appends the argument on the right side to the argument on the left side.

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Language Reference
Control Structures

- •if
- •else
- •elseif
- •while
- •do...while
- •for
- •foreach

- •break
- •continue
- •switch
- •declare
- •return

- •require
- •include
- •require_once
- •include_once

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Language Reference
Functions

Arguments

```
function foo ($arg_1, $arg_2, ..., $arg_n) {
        echo "Example function.\n";

        return $retval;                    Return value
}
```

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Language Reference
Classes and Object

Later (4/21/03)!

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The PHP Manual

- http://www.php.net/manual/en/
- Quick ref: php.net/count
- Downloadable:
    - HTML
    - PDF
    - CHM
    - (http://www.php.net/download-docs.php)
- User comments

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April 21 – 22: PHP Training (http://nyphp.org/training.php)

April 22: NYPHP Monthly Meeting with Special Guest Zeev Suraski

April 23 – 24: PHP-Con (http://nyphp.org/phpcon)

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exit(0);

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