

PHP OVER ERLANG

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THE JOURNEY

1. What's **PHP**?
2. **BEAM** and, why **PHP**?
3. **PHP** over **Erlang** (a.k.a. ephp)

1.

WHAT'S PHP?



WHAT'S PHP?

Some features

- ▶ “Accepted” syntax (yes, Java and C like)
- ▶ Easy to understand and very simple (arrays are everything)
- ▶ A lot of examples. Working examples. Some of them:



- ▶ Most of the servers in Internet run PHP:



WHAT'S PHP?

Hello world code example

You can think this is a typical “hello world!” example for PHP:

```
<?php print "Hello world!" ?>
```

Actually, it's NOT. You can use this one instead:

```
Hello world!
```

PHP is a **template language**... on steroids!

WHAT'S PHP?

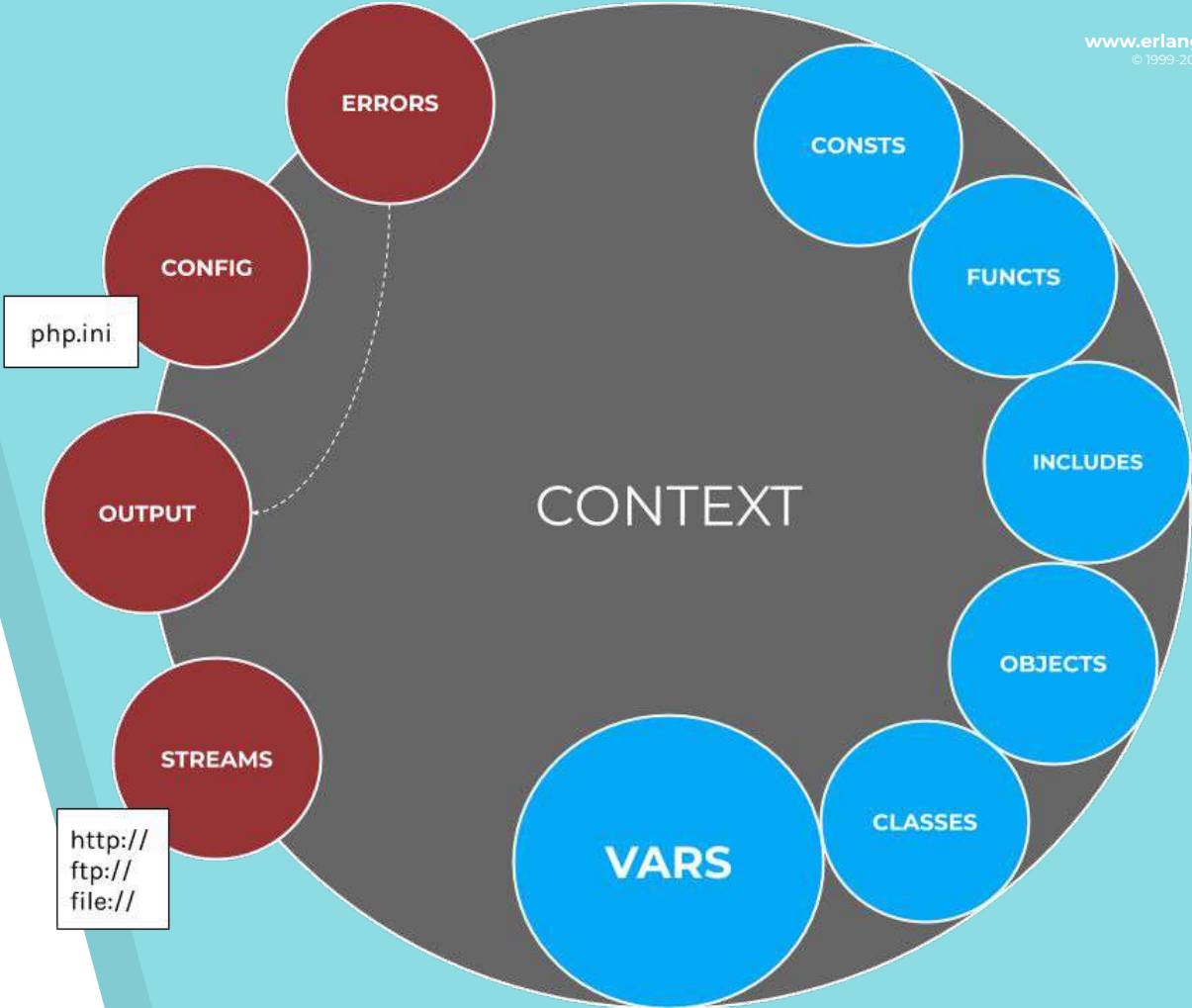
Another code example

```
<?php

$fruits = [
    ... "banana" => [
        ... "es" => "plátano",
        ... "en" => "banana",
        ... "nl" => "banaan",
        ... "se" => "banan",
    ],
    ... "apple" => [
        ... "es" => "manzana",
        ... "en" => "apple",
        ... "nl" => "appel",
        ... "se" => "äpple",
    ],
];

?>
```

```
<table>
<thead>
    ... <th>Fruit</th>
    ... <th>Language</th>
    ... <th>Name</th>
</thead>
<tbody>
    ... <? foreach ($fruits as $fruit => $i18n) { ?>
    ... <tr>
    ... <td rowspan="<? count($i18n) + 1 ?>"><? $fruit ?></td>
    ... </tr>
    ... <? foreach ($i18n as $lang => $name) { ?>
    ... <tr>
    ... <td><? $lang ?></td>
    ... <td><? $name ?></td>
    ... </tr>
    ... <? } ?>
    ... <? } ?>
</tbody>
</table>
```



WHAT'S PHP?

Architecture

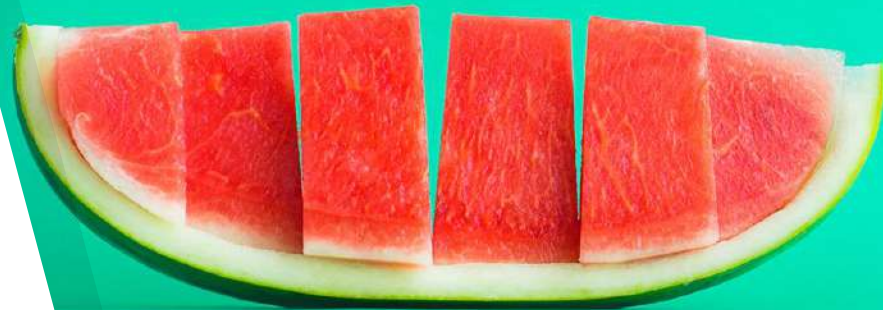
WHAT'S PHP?

Another more code example

```
1 <?php
2
3 include(__DIR__ . "../config.php");
4
5 if ($_SERVER["REQUEST_METHOD"] != "POST") {
6     header("Location: " . MAIN_URL);
7     die;
8 }
9
10 $action = $_GET["uri"];
11 $_POST = json_decode(file_get_contents("php://input"), true);
12
13 $client = new SoapClient(WSDL_FILE);
14 try {
15     $result = call_user_func_array([$client, $action], $_POST);
16 } catch (SoapFault $fault) {
17     $result = ["error" => $fault->getMessage()];
18 }
19
20 header("Content-type: application/json");
21 print json_encode($result);
22
```


2.

BEAM AND WHY PHP?



BEAM AND WHY PHP?

Telco companies use it!

- ▶ Because of **VoiceXML**:

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="iso-8859-1"?>
2 <?xml version="2.0" xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/xml"
3   xml:lang="en-UK">
4   <property name="fetchtimeout" value="60s" />
5   <form>
6     <input>
7       <reprompt/>
8     </input>
9     <prompt>Bad recording.</prompt>
10    <reprompt/>
11    </prompt>
12    <var name="caller" expr="session.connection.remote.uri"/>
13    <block>
14      <prompt>Welcome to the Karaoke service :</prompt>
15    </block>
16    <field name="access">
17      <property name="timeout" value="10s" />
18      <prompt>To record your message, press 1.</prompt>
19      <option dtmf="1" value="1" />
20    </field>
21    <record duration="true" maxtime="240s" type="audio/x-wav"
22    name="record" beep="true">
```

- ▶ Because of integration with **Asterisk**
- ▶ Because of integration with **FreeSwitch**
- ▶ Easy to learn → Lot of developers to hire



BEAM AND WHY PHP?

PHP Technology is limited...

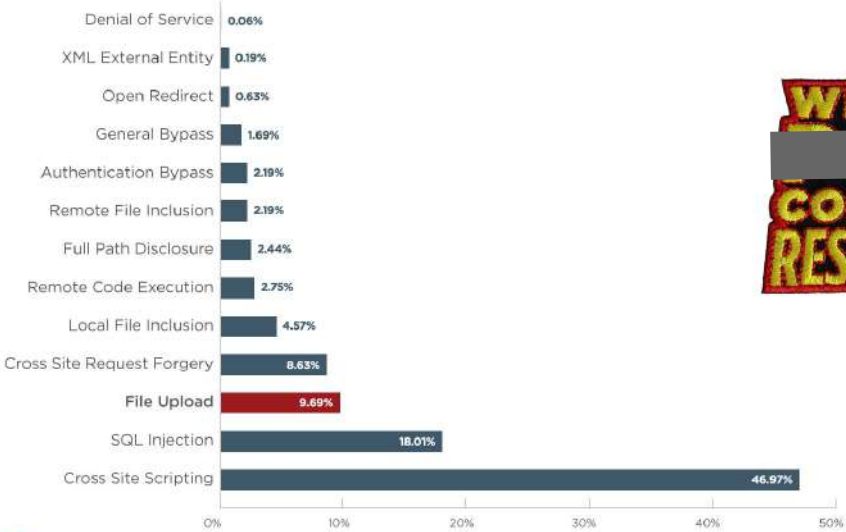
- ▶ No concurrency control (**no!** Using Redis isn't concurrency development)
- ▶ Single-thread (no background tasks, **no!** cron isn't a good solution)
- ▶ No real-time, even PHP running is usually time limited
- ▶ Limited to the Operating System processes / threads
- ▶ Websockets... what's that?



BEAM AND WHY PHP?

PHP Technology is very flexible and then very insecure

Vulnerabilities by Type



WITH GREAT FLEXIBILITY COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY!



BEAM AND WHY PHP?

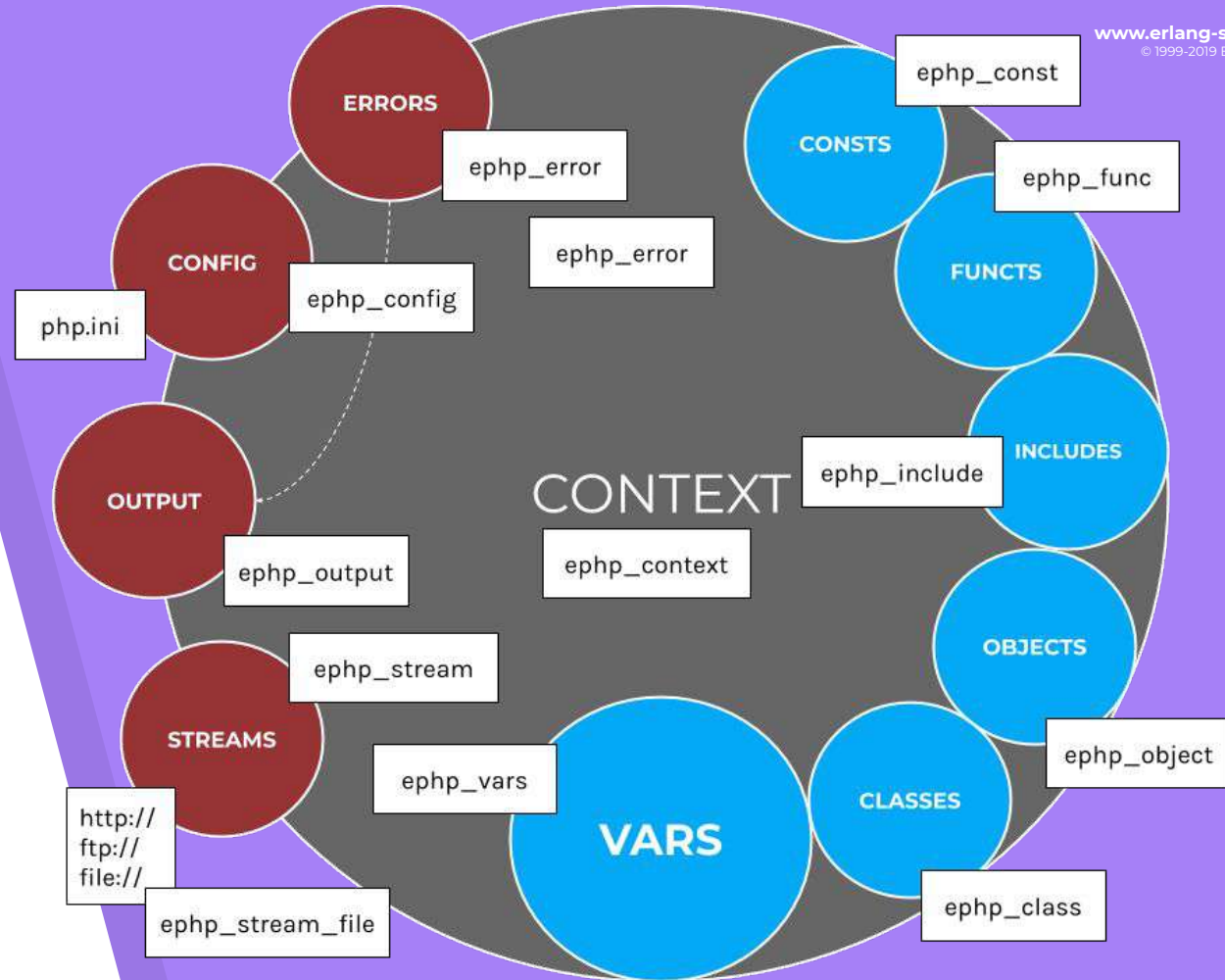
... then BEAM saves the day!

- ▶ **BUT** even if it's easy to learn, OTP isn't
- ▶ **BUT** it hasn't an "accepted" syntax... it's weird
- ▶ **BUT** there are no working code (maybe only Zotonic these days)
- ▶ **BUT** workarounds are better than start from scratch
- ▶ **BUT** needs to be more simple, flexible and have more examples



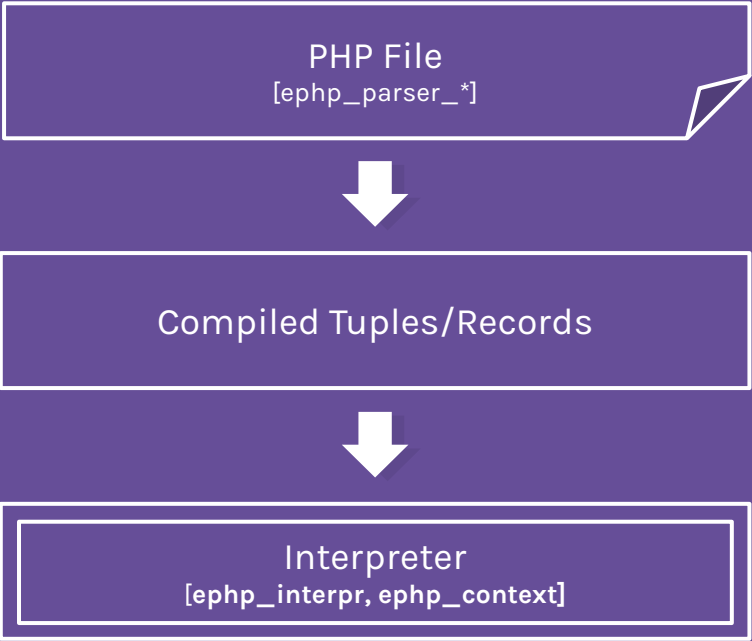
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PHP over ERLANG

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Architecture

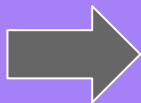


PHP over ERLANG

(ephp)
Architecture


```
<?php
```

```
$stack = [  
    "orange",  
    "banana",  
    "apple",  
    "strawberry"  
];  
$fruit = array_pop($stack);  
var_dump($fruit, $stack);
```



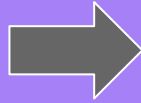
PHP over ERLANG

(ephp)
Architecture

```
[{eval,  
  [{assign,  
    {variable,normal,undefined,<<"stack">>,[],undefined,undefined,  
      {{line,2},{column,2}}},  
    {array,  
      [{array_element,auto,  
        {text,<<"orange">>,{line,2},{column,16}}},  
        {line,2},{column,16}}},  
      {array_element,auto,  
        {text,<<"banana">>,{line,2},{column,26}}},  
        {line,2},{column,26}}},  
      {array_element,auto,  
        {text,<<"apple">>,{line,2},{column,36}}},  
        {line,2},{column,36}}},  
      {array_element,auto,  
        {text,<<"strawberry">>,{line,2},{column,45}}},  
        {line,2},{column,45}}},  
      {{line,2},{column,10}}},  
      {{line,2},{column,8}}},  
    {assign,  
      {variable,normal,undefined,<<"fruit">>,[],undefined,undefined,  
        {{line,3},{column,2}}},  
      {call,normal,undefined,<<"array_pop">>,  
        [{variable,normal,undefined,<<"stack">>,[],undefined,undefined,  
          {{line,3},{column,21}}},  
          {{line,3},{column,10}}},  
          {{line,3},{column,8}}},  
        {call,normal,undefined,<<"var_dump">>,  
          [{variable,normal,undefined,<<"fruit">>,[],undefined,undefined,  
            {{line,4},{column,11}}},  
            {variable,normal,undefined,<<"stack">>,[],undefined,undefined,  
              {{line,4},{column,19}}},  
            {{line,4},{column,1}}},  
          {{line,1},{column,1}}}]
```

```
<?php
```

```
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];  
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PHP over ERLANG

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Architecture

```
[#eval{  
  statements =  
    [#assign{  
      variable =  
        #variable{  
          type = normal,class = undefined,name = <<"stack">>,  
          idx = [],default_value = undefined,  
          data_type = undefined,  
          line = {{line,2},{column,2}}},  
        expression =  
          #array{  
            elements =  
              [#array_element{  
                idx = auto,  
                element =  
                  #text{  
                    text = <<"orange">>,  
                    line = {{line,2},{column,16}}},  
                    line = {{line,2},{column,16}}},  
                #array_element{  
                  idx = auto,  
                  element =  
                    #text{  
                      text = <<"banana">>,  
                      line = {{line,2},{column,26}}},  
                      line = {{line,2},{column,26}}},  
                #array_element{  
                  idx = auto,  
                  element =  
                    #text{  
                      text = <<"apple">>,  
                      line = {{line,2},{column,36}}},  
                      line = {{line,2},{column,36}}},
```



PHP over ERLANG (ephp)

Extensibility... ephp_func behaviour

- ▶ `init_func` (**required**) list of functions to use
- ▶ `init_config` (**required**) configuration parameters (php.ini)
- ▶ `init_const` (**required**) list of constants with their values
- ▶ `handle_error` (**optional**) let us define new error messages
- ▶ `get_classes` (**optional**) list of classes added by the module

PHP over ERLANG (ephp) Extensibility

```
init_func() -> [
  {in_array, [{args, {2, 3, undefined, [mixed, array, {boolean, false}]}}]},
  count,
  {count, [{alias, <<"sizeof">>}]},
  {array_merge, [pack_args]},
  {list, [pack_args, {args, no_resolve}]},
  {array_unique, [
    {args, {1, 2, undefined, [array, {integer, ?SORT_STRING}]}}
  ]},
  {array_change_key_case, [
    {args, {1, 2, undefined, [array, {integer, ?CASE_LOWER}]}}
  ]},
  {array_chunk, [
    {args, {2, 3, undefined, [array, integer, {boolean, false}]}}
  ]},
  {array_column, [
    {args, {2, 3, undefined, [array, mixed, {mixed, undefined}]}}
  ]},
  {reset, [{args, {1, 1, undefined, [array]}}]},
  {current, [{args, {1, 1, undefined, [array]}}]},
  {current, [{args, {1, 1, undefined, [array]}}, {alias, <<"pos">>}]},
  {php_end, [{args, {1, 1, undefined, [array]}}, {alias, <<"end">>}]},
  {prev, [{args, {1, 1, undefined, [array]}}]},
  {next, [{args, {1, 1, undefined, [array]}}]},
  {next, [{args, {1, 1, undefined, [array]}}, {alias, <<"each">>}]},
  {key, [{args, {1, 1, undefined, [array]}}]},
  {ksort, [{args, {1, 2, false, [array, {integer, ?SORT_REGULAR}]}}]},
  {array_keys, [array]},
  {array_pop, [array]}
]
```

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    count,
    {count, [{alias, <<"sizeof">>}]},
    {array_merge, [pack_args]},
    {list, [pack_args, {args, no_resolve}]},
    {array_unique, [
```

```
-spec in_array(
    ... context(), line(),
    ... Key::var_value(), Array::var_value(), Strict::var_value()
) -> boolean().
```

```
in_array(_Context, _Line, {_, Value}, {_, Array}, {_, Strict}) ->
    ... member(Value, Array, ephp_data:to_bool(Strict)).
```

```
{next, [{args, {1, 1, undefined, [array]}]},
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Extensibility

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- ephp_lib_class.erl
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- ephp_lib_file.erl
- ephp_lib_func.erl
- ephp_lib_info.erl
- ephp_lib_math.erl
- ephp_lib_misc.erl
- ephp_lib_ob.erl
- ephp_lib_pcre.erl
- ephp_lib_spl.erl
- ephp_lib_string.erl
- ephp_lib_vars.erl

The image displays three overlapping screenshots of GitHub repository pages for the 'bragful' organization, showcasing different PHP-over-Erlang modules:

- Left Screenshot (bragful / ephp_xml):** Shows the repository structure with files like `ephp_lib_xml.erl`, `ephp_xml.app.src`, and `ephp_xml.erl`. A commit by `manuel-rubio` is visible with the message `[skip ci] add ex`.
- Middle Screenshot (bragful / ephp_mysql):** Shows files such as `ephp_class_mysql.erl`, `ephp_class_mysql_result.erl`, `ephp_lib_mysql.erl`, `ephp_mysql.app.src`, and `ephp_mysql.erl`. A commit by `manuel-rubio` is visible with the message `implement my`.
- Right Screenshot (bragful / ephp_json):** Shows files like `ephp_json.app.src`, `ephp_json.erl`, and `ephp_lib_json.erl`. A commit by `manuel-rubio` is visible with the message `add preserve_zero_fraction, p`.

PHP over ERLANG (ephp)

Developing a Bot using TDD on Erlang without writing a single line of code in Erlang



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May 8, 2018 · 6 min read ★

Or more specifically: using Bragful (PHP) to write Bot clients in a TDD thanks to snatch and its experimental extension snatch-php.



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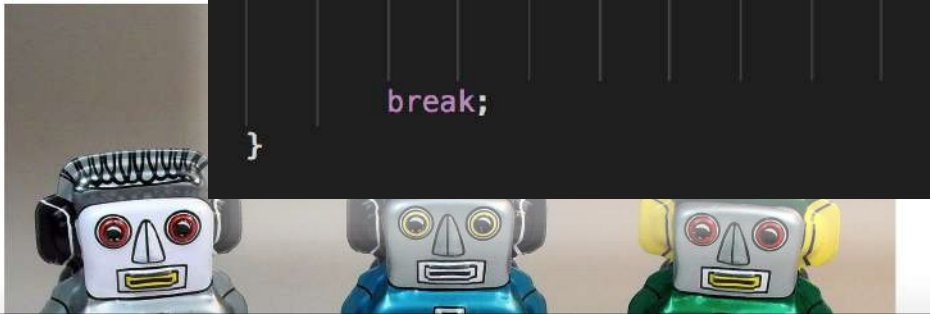
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Or more specifically
snatch and its exper

```
<?php
switch ($_REQUEST["name"]) {
  case "message":
    $attrs = &$_REQUEST["attrs"];
    $payload = $_REQUEST["children"];
    snatch_send_binary(snatch_message($attrs["to"],
                                     $attrs["from"],
                                     $attrs["id"],
                                     $attrs["type"],
                                     $payload));
    break;
}
```



PHP over ERLANG (ephp)

```
<message type="chat"
  from="bob@localhost/pc"
  to="alice@localhost"
  id="test_bot">
  <body>Hello world!</body>
</message>
```



```
<message type="chat"
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  to="bob@localhost/pc"
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</message>
```

TDD on
single line of

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  $REQUEST["attrs"];
  $REQUEST["children"];
  binary(snatch_message($attrs["to"],
    $attrs["from"],
    $attrs["id"],
    $attrs["type"],
    $payload));
```



PHP over ERLANG (ephp)

```
<message type=  
  from=  
  to="a  
  id="t  
  <body>Hell  
</message>
```

```
<message type=  
  from=  
  to="b  
  id="t  
  <body>Hell  
</message>
```

snatch-xmpp / snatch_php

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Branch: master ▾ snatch_php / src /

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@bragful_php is possible to use now PHP templates with @elixirphoenix [github.com/bragful/ephp_t...](https://github.com/bragful/ephp_templates)



Welcome to Phoenix
A productive web framework that does not compromise speed and maintainability.

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```

$_SERVER:
array(12) {
  ["argc"]=>
  int(1)
  ["argv"]=>
  array(1) {
    [0]=>
    string(8) "app.html"
  }
  ["PHP_SELF"]=>
  string(0) ""
  ["SERVER_NAME"]=>
  string(7) "0.0.0.0"
  ["REQUEST_METHOD"]=>
  string(3) "GET"
  ["QUERY_STRING"]=>

```

```

11 <body class="page">
12 <div class="container">
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Phoenix Framework

[Get Started](#)

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```
$_SERVER:
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  ["SERVER_NAME"]=>
  string(7) "0.0.0.0"
  ["REQUEST_METHOD"]=>
  string(3) "GET"
  ["QUERY_STRING"]=>
  string(6) "data=1"
  ["DOCUMENT_ROOT"]=>
  string(1) ""
}
```

```
18     <ul class="nav nav-pills pull-right">
19         <li><a href="http://www.phoenixframework.org/docs">Get Started</a>
20     </li>
21 </ul>
22 </nav>
23 <span class="logo"></span>
24 </header>
25 <main role="main">
26     <?> include_once(__DIR__ . '/../page/index.html.php"); ?>
27 </main>
28
29 </div> <!-- /container -->
30 <script src="/js/app.js"></script>
31 </body>
32 </html>
```

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Phoenix

Welcome

A product
does not compromise

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```
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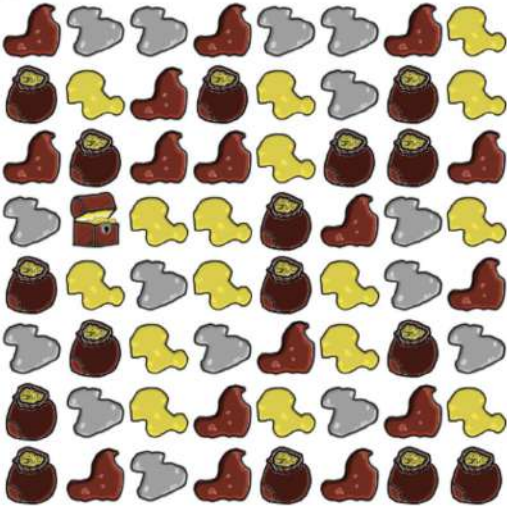
```
1 <div class="jumbotron">  
2   <h2>Welcome to Phoenix</h2>  
3   <p class="lead">  
4     A productive web framework that<br />  
5     does not compromise speed and maintainability.<br />  
6     <?php date_default_timezone_set("UTC"); ?>  
7     <h1><?= date("Y-m-d H:i") ?></h1>  
8   </p>  
9 </div>  
10  
11 <pre>$_SERVER:  
12 <? var_dump($_SERVER); ?></pre>  
13  
14 <pre>$_REQUEST:  
15 <? var_dump($_REQUEST); ?></pre>  
16  
17 <pre>$_GET:  
18 <? var_dump($_GET); ?></pre>  
19  
20 <pre>$_POST:  
21 <? var_dump($_POST); ?></pre>  
22  
23 <pre>$_COOKIE:
```

PHP over ERLANG (ephp)

Game Code Logs

Mute How to play HiScore Restart Game

Score: 0
Turns: 10




Game Code Logs

Run

```

1 <?php
2
3 $move = [];
4 $points = 0;
5
6 $options = [ [0, -1],
7             [-1, 0],
8             [0, 1],
9             [1, 0] ];
10
11 function get_points($matches) {
12     $points = 0;
13     foreach ($matches as $match) {
14         foreach ($match[1] as $coords) {
15             $points += leprechaun_get_points($coords[0], $coords[1]);
16         }

```



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ePHP

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PHP Interpreter pure 100% Erlang. This interpreter was made for enhance and give flexibility to projects that requires an interface for plugins or addons without new compilations.

In the same way, you can use for server PHP pages in an easy way.

The port is not 100% complete, please refer to [compatibility table](#).

THANK YOU

Q&A

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