

Why I Teach PHP At Columbia University

Why I Teach at All

- Teaching is Altruistic, isn't it?
- It Builds my Presentation Skills!
- Sure, it's a job so it pays.
- I truly enjoy working with students!
- Because none of my students would have a chance to go to Columbia without the program I teach in.

Who Do I Teach?



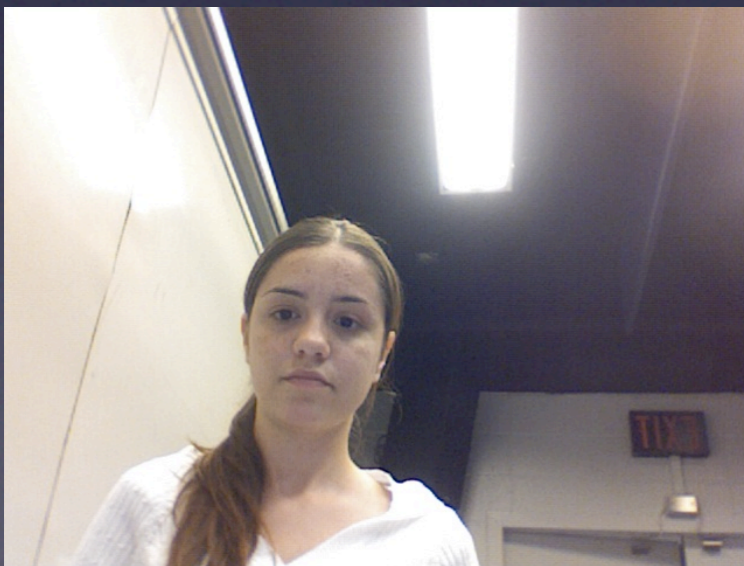
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Why PHP?

It's grown...and growth shows improvement!

1994: Rasmus Lerdorf

1995: PHP/FI is released

1997: Zend (Zeev Suraski and Andi Gutmans) releases PHP/FI2

1999: Zend engine released

2000: PHP4

2004: PHP5

Why PHP?

Because there is a danger!
open source breeds complacency

1. Why would individual programmers try to better these programs?
2. Am I going to invest time in writing a better bulletin board system?
3. And students should not use these until they master the coding techniques these are based upon.



Questions?

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