

Further Resources for PHP

[PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor](#)

www.php.net

This is the PHP site from the PHP people. Included here are downloads and the all-important PHP manual (us2.php.net/manual/en), which defines all functions, provides examples, and includes comments from PHP users on problems and solutions to PHP issues. Note: www.php.org is an unrelated commercial site selling PHP software.

[PHP Freaks: Get Addicted!](#)

www.phpfreaks.com/

A great place for PHP lovers. Full of tutorials, sample code, articles on PHP, and more. You can submit questions and answer other people's questions, as well. Best of all, you don't need to register to view.

[MySQL: The World's Most Popular Open Source Database](#)

www.mysql.com

The MySQL site from the MySQL people. Go here to download the MySQL client, and read documentation and articles.

[SQL.org](#)

www.sql.org

The SQL site from the SQL people. Tutorials and resources for SQL from different vendors.

[Codewalkers: Resource for PHP and SQL Developers](#)

codewalkers.com/

Great tutorials and collections of code for useful database applications. See the Captcha tutorial for its excellent documentation. The "Printer Friendly Version" is an easy-to-read pdf file.

[SQL.org](#)

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The SQL site from the SQL people. Tutorials and resources for SQL from different vendors.

[PHP Security Guide](#)

shiflett.org/php-security.pdf

A 37-page booklet discussing security, forms, and databases.

[WeberDev.com - Latest PHP Articles and Tutorials](http://www.weberdev.com)

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Collections of articles, code, and feedback from others.

Recommended Texts

Larry Ullman's books from the Visual Quickpro series

The Visual Quickpro series are a newbie techie's best friend. They do a wonderful job of displaying both the code you will use and how it will look on the screen after it's run.

PHP & MySQL for Dummies

A friendly place to begin your studies. Known for comic strips and humor.

Beginning PHP 5 and MySQL: From Novice to Professional

by W. Jason Gilmore

This is more advanced and dense than the others, but great to read once you've finished the easier books. One of the best definition/description of object oriented programming I've read.

Not the first book you should go to, but this book impressed me with its organization.

Once you know a few array functions, for example, go to the section on array functions to learn more of them. Great book to develop a familiarity with functions you don't know exist.