PHP Cookbook: Solutions And Examples For PHP Programmers
When it comes to creating dynamic web sites, the open source PHP language is red-hot property: used on more than 20 million web sites today, PHP is now more popular than Microsoft’s ASP.NET technology. With our Cookbook’s unique format, you can learn how to build dynamic web applications that work on any web browser. This revised new edition makes it easy to find specific solutions for programming challenges. PHP Cookbook has a wealth of solutions for problems that you’ll face regularly. With topics that range from beginner questions to advanced web programming techniques, this guide contains practical examples -- or "recipes" -- for anyone who uses this scripting language to generate dynamic web content. Updated for PHP 5, this book provides solutions that explain how to use the new language features in detail, including the vastly improved object-oriented capabilities and the new PDO data access extension. New sections on classes and objects are included, along with new material on processing XML, building web services with PHP, and working with SOAP/REST architectures. With each recipe, the authors include a discussion that explains the logic and concepts underlying the solution.

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Customer Reviews

This is my first O’Reilly book in the "Cookbook" series. At first I thought this book would probably contain the code and instructions for building a couple of web applications such as a shopping cart or a blog engine. This isn’t that book. Rather it provides the reader with code snippets that can be used as building blocks for all kinds of applications. If I had to describe this book in one sentence I
would say it is as if the author took down all the “Hmm..., I wonder how that is done?” questions and
created an answer key. One thing I like about this book is that the authors don’t waste the first few
chapters trying to teach or give an overview of the language. Instead they hop right into the usage of
the language that relates to real world stuff. So here is a brief overview. The book covers PHP 5 and
goes over many of the new and improved features. The first six chapters provide recipes for more
basic subjects (strings, numbers, dates & times, arrays, variables, and functions. Again, this isn’t an
intro to PHP, that is another book such as Programming PHP from O’Reilly. This is that book you
reach for once you have moved from PHP basics and are ready to build some real world stuff. By
chapter seven the authors are discussing classes and objects. I like using classes when coding in
C++, so this is a good chapter for those who like OOP. The next nine chapters go over web stuff
starting out with basic things like cookies, forms, and databases. Then the authors go into more
advanced areas like session management, XML, automation and web services (REST, SOAP, Mail,
FTP, LDAP, and DNS to name a few). The next chapter [17] is on the topic of graphics. This is a cool
chapter if you like to create dynamic images.

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