



Five tools every PHP programmer should know (and love)

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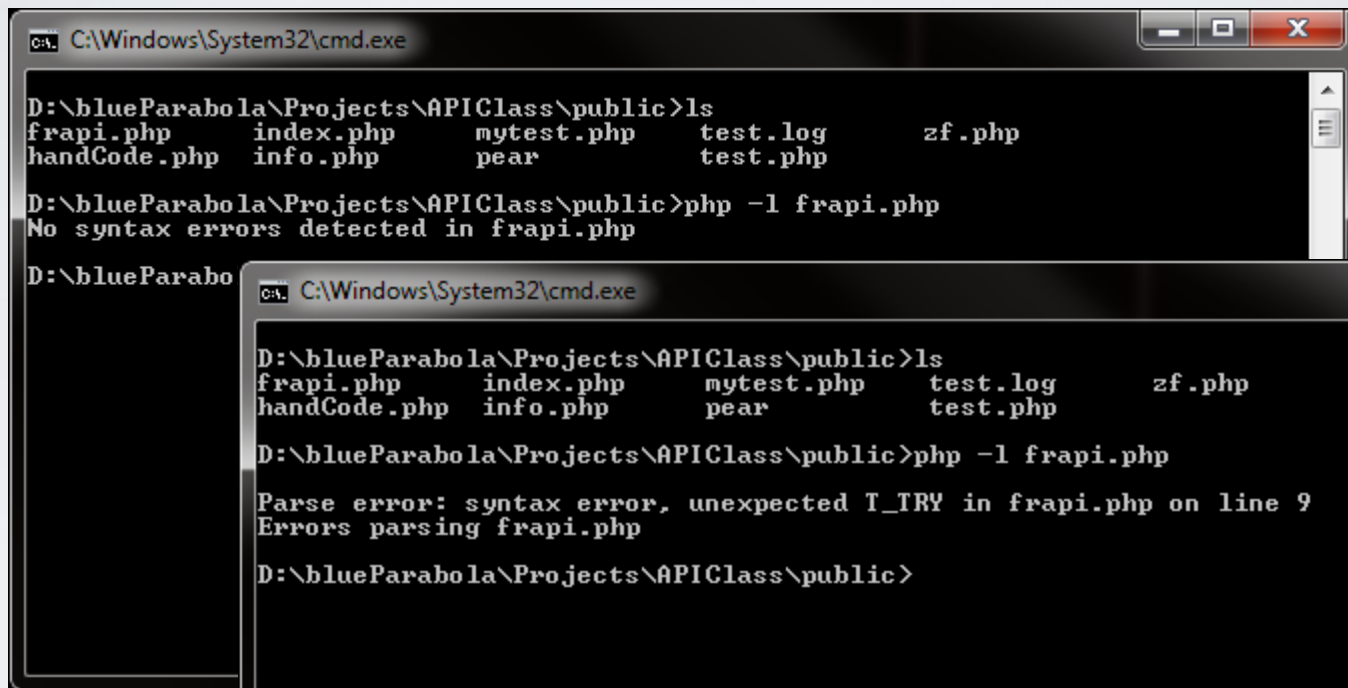
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- Author/Project Lead:
PHP Core Team

- Website:

<http://www.php.net/manual/en/features.commandline.options.php>

- Installation:
Included in PHP
- MYLALH Scale:
0 (Actually Helpful)



The image shows two overlapping Windows command prompt windows. The top window shows a successful linting result, while the bottom window shows a syntax error.

```

C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe

D:\blueParabola\Projects\APIClass\public>ls
frapi.php    index.php    mytest.php   test.log     zf.php
handCode.php info.php     pear         test.php

D:\blueParabola\Projects\APIClass\public>php -l frapi.php
No syntax errors detected in frapi.php

D:\blueParabola\Projects\APIClass\public>
  
```

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frapi.php    index.php    mytest.php   test.log     zf.php
handCode.php info.php     pear         test.php

D:\blueParabola\Projects\APIClass\public>php -l frapi.php
Parse error: syntax error, unexpected T_TRY in frapi.php on line 9
Errors parsing frapi.php

D:\blueParabola\Projects\APIClass\public>
  
```

Overview

- Built into PHP
- Not true lint, just a syntax checker
- Life saver if you are in a hurry

- Author/Project Lead:
Sebastian Bergman
- Website:
<http://github.com/sebastianbergmann/phploc>
- Installation:
PEAR
- MYLALH Scale:
1 (Not painful)

phploc is a tool for quickly measuring the size of a PHP project.

The goal of **phploc** is not to replace more sophisticated tools such as phpcs, pdepend, or phpmd, but rather to provide an alternative to them when you just need to get a quick understanding of a project's size

```

C:\ Command Prompt

D:\xampp\php>phploc d:/zf-full/library/Zend
phploc 1.5.1 by Sebastian Bergmann.

Directories:                                481
Files:                                       2328

Lines of Code (LOC):                        460771
  Cyclomatic Complexity / Lines of Code:    0.11
Comment Lines of Code (CLOC):              214776
Non-Comment Lines of Code (NCLOC):          245995

Namespaces:                                0
Interfaces:                                120
Classes:                                    2206
  Abstract:                                 188 <8.52%>
  Concrete:                                 2018 <91.48%>
  Average Class Length (NCLOC):             114
Methods:                                    15471
  Scope:
    Non-Static:                             14402 <93.09%>
    Static:                                  1069 <6.91%>
  Visibility:
    Public:                                  12239 <79.11%>
    Non-Public:                             3232 <20.89%>
  Average Method Length (NCLOC):            16
  Cyclomatic Complexity / Number of Methods: 2.79

Anonymous Functions:                       2
Functions:                                  0

Constants:                                  3731
  Global constants:                         2
  Class constants:                         3729

D:\xampp\php>_

```

- Measures
 - Raw Lines of Code (LOC)
 - Lines of comments (CLOC)
 - Non-Comment Lines of Code (NCLOC)
 - Namespaces
 - Classes
 - Methods

Cyclomatic Complexity

“Cyclomatic complexity (or conditional complexity) is a software metric (measurement). It was developed by Thomas J. McCabe, Sr. in 1976 and is used to indicate the complexity of a program. It directly measures the number of linearly independent paths through a program's source code.”

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclomatic_complexity

Overview

- Easy to use tool
- Provides quick overview of your project's size and complexity
- Great stats

- Author/Project Lead:
Manuel Pichler
- Website:
<http://pdepend.org>
- Installation:
PEAR *
- MYLALH Scale:
1 (Benign)

- PHP_Depend is a small program that performs static code analysis on a given source base.
- PHP_Depend first takes the source code and parses it into an easily processable internal data structure called an [AST](#) (Abstract Syntax Tree)
- Then it takes the generated AST and measures several values, the so called software metrics.
 - Cyclomatic Complexity
 - Npath Complexity
 - CodeRank
 - Lines of Code

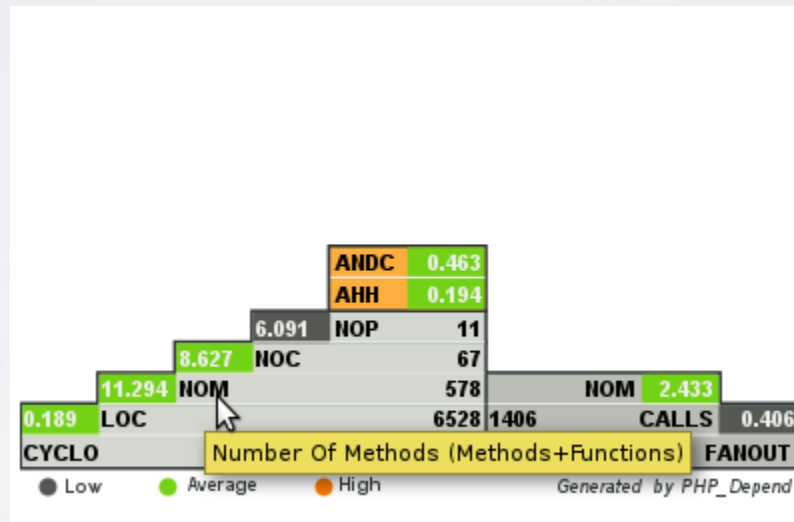
Overview

- Duplicates some of phploc
- Gives a slightly different view of the code view
- Generates pretty graphics if you can get *&^% imageick installed.
- Because it is more complete, it is more complex and takes much longer to run.
- Great cron job tool to add some nice graphics and info to your project's web page.
- Documentation is very incomplete. If you understand what it does and like it, then use it. Otherwise, it may not be the best tool for your project.

```

C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe - pdepend --summary-xml=/tmp/summary.xml --jdepend-chart=...
..... 4800
..... 4925
Executing Dependency-Analyzer:
..... 1200
..... 2200
Executing Hierarchy-Analyzer:
..... 1200
..... 2400
..... 3600
..... 4743
Executing Inheritance-Analyzer:
..... 1200
..... 2400
..... 3600
..... 4800
..... 6000
..... 6216
Executing NPathComplexity-Analyzer:
..... 1200
..... 2400
.....

```



- Author/Project Lead:
Sebastian Bergman
- Website:
<http://github.com/sebastianbergmann/phpcpd>
- Installation:
PEAR
- MYLALH Scale:
2 (PEAR Hell)

The goal of phpcpd is not to replace more sophisticated tools such as phpcs, pdepend, or phpmd, but rather to provide an alternative to them when you just need to get a quick overview of **duplicated code** in a project. (Copy and Paste Detector)

```

C:\ Select C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
- D:\zf-full\library\Zend\Search\Lucene\Storage\File\Memory.php:495-537
  D:\zf-full\library\Zend\Search\Lucene\Storage\File.php:377-419
- D:\zf-full\library\Zend\Service\Amazon\Authentication\S3.php:50-85
  D:\zf-full\library\Zend\Service\Amazon\S3.php:663-698
- D:\zf-full\library\Zend\Service\WindowsAzure\Storage\Blob.php:1339-1346
  D:\zf-full\library\Zend\Service\WindowsAzure\Storage\Blob.php:1566-1573
- D:\zf-full\library\Zend\Translate\Adapter\Tbx.php:59-66
  D:\zf-full\library\Zend\Translate\Adapter\XmlTm.php:59-66
- D:\zf-full\library\Zend\Barcode\Object\Royalmail.php:61-74
  D:\zf-full\library\Zend\Validate\Barcode\Royalmail.php:47-60
- D:\zf-full\library\Zend\Validate\Hostname\Biz.php:749-2850
  D:\zf-full\library\Zend\Validate\Hostname\Cn.php:31-2132
- D:\zf-full\library\Zend\Validate\Hostname\Biz.php:42-681
  D:\zf-full\library\Zend\Validate\Hostname\Jp.php:33-672
1.35% duplicated lines out of 466517 total lines of code.
Time: 31 seconds, Memory: 147.75Mb

```

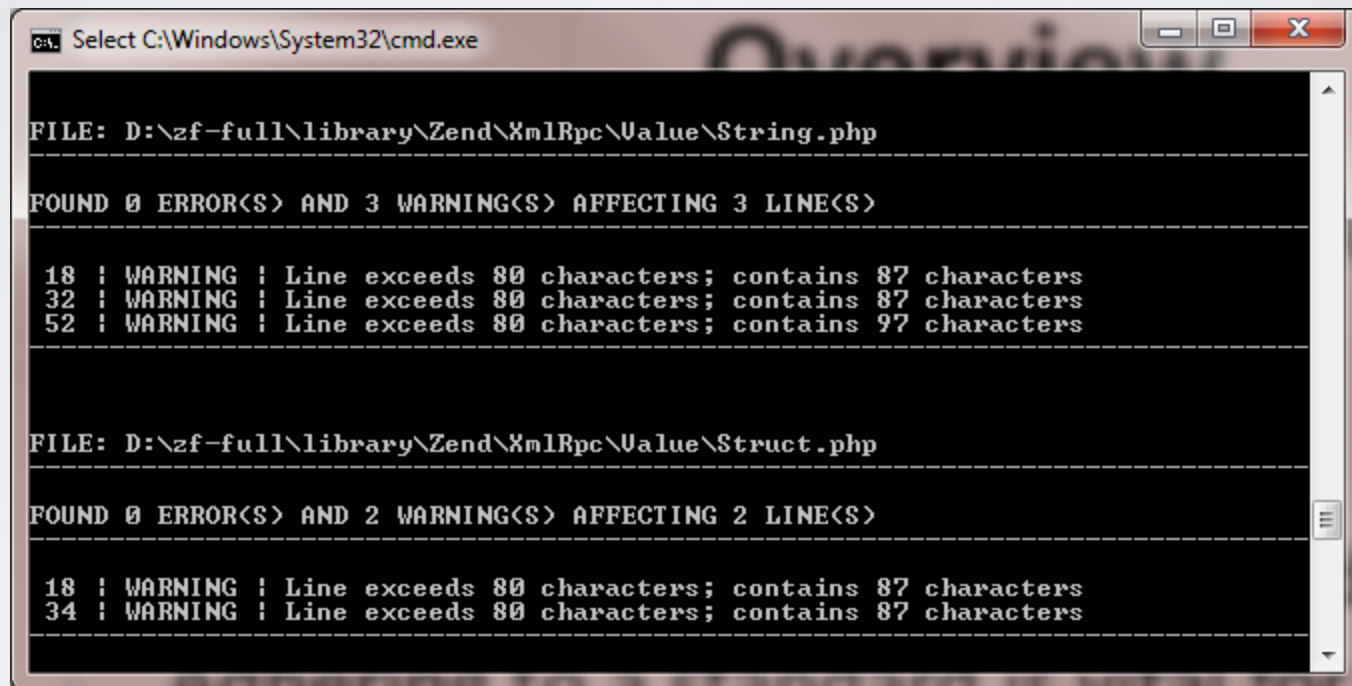
Overview

- Quick tool but one you won't run often
- Memory hog
- Useful for team leads and project managers to keep an eye on things.

- Author/Project Lead:
Greg Sherwood
- Website:
http://pear.php.net/package/PHP_CodeSniffer
- Installation:
PEAR
- MYLALH Scale:
7 (Curly Brace Hell)

PHP_CodeSniffer is a PHP5 script that tokenises and “sniffs” PHP, JavaScript and CSS files to detect violations of a defined coding standard.

- 5 coding standards
 - PEAR
 - PHPCS
 - Squiz
 - WordPress
 - Zend
- You can create your own



```

Select C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe

FILE: D:\zf-full\library\Zend\XmlRpc\Value\String.php
-----
FOUND 0 ERROR(S) AND 3 WARNING(S) AFFECTING 3 LINE(S)
-----
18 : WARNING : Line exceeds 80 characters; contains 87 characters
32 : WARNING : Line exceeds 80 characters; contains 87 characters
52 : WARNING : Line exceeds 80 characters; contains 97 characters
-----

FILE: D:\zf-full\library\Zend\XmlRpc\Value\Struct.php
-----
FOUND 0 ERROR(S) AND 2 WARNING(S) AFFECTING 2 LINE(S)
-----
18 : WARNING : Line exceeds 80 characters; contains 87 characters
34 : WARNING : Line exceeds 80 characters; contains 87 characters
-----

```

FILE: D:\zf-full\library\Zend\Amf\Parse\Resource\MysqlResult.php

FOUND 8 ERROR(S) AFFECTING 7 LINE(S)

51		ERROR		Opening brace should be on a new line
54		ERROR		Variable "fields_transform" is not in valid camel caps format
55		ERROR		Expected "for (...) {\n"; found "for(...) {\n"
57		ERROR		Expected "if (...) {\n"; found "if(...) {\n"
58		ERROR		Variable "fields_transform" is not in valid camel caps format
62		ERROR		Expected "while (...) {\n"; found "while(...) {\n"
63		ERROR		Expected "foreach (...) {\n"; found "foreach(...) {\n"
63		ERROR		Variable "fields_transform" is not in valid camel caps format

```
public function getIncludedSniffs()  
{  
    return array(  
        'Generic/Sniffs/Functions/OpeningFunctionBraceBsdAllmanSniff.php'  
        ,  
        'Generic/Sniffs/PHP/DisallowShortOpenTagSniff.php',  
        'Generic/Sniffs/WhiteSpace/DisallowTabIndentSniff.php',  
        'PEAR/Sniffs/Classes/ClassDeclarationSniff.php',  
        'PEAR/Sniffs/ControlStructures/ControlSignatureSniff.php',  
        'PEAR/Sniffs/Files/LineEndingsSniff.php',  
        'PEAR/Sniffs/Functions/FunctionCallArgumentSpacingSniff.php',  
        'PEAR/Sniffs/Functions/FunctionCallSignatureSniff.php',  
        'PEAR/Sniffs/Functions/ValidDefaultValueSniff.php',  
        'PEAR/Sniffs/WhiteSpace/ScopeClosingBraceSniff.php',  
        'Squiz/Sniffs/Functions/GlobalFunctionSniff.php',  
    );  
} //end getIncludedSniffs()
```

Overview

- Powerful tool in the right hands. (Instrument of torture in the wrong hands)
- Run early and run often
- The output is not just so your code is pretty. Adhering to a standard is vital for any project
- You can create your own standards file.

- Author/Project Lead:
Hans Lellelid, Michiel Rook/Community
- Website:
<http://phing.info/trac/wiki/Development/Contributors>
- Installation:
PEAR
- MYLALH Scale:
1 (XML Quagmire)

Phing is a project build system based on Apache ant [ant]. You can do anything with Phing that you could do with a traditional build system like Gnu make [gnumake], and Phing's use of simple XML build files and extensible PHP "task" classes make it an easy-to-use and highly flexible build framework.

Snippet from a sample build.xml

```
<!-- ===== -->
<!-- Target: build -->
<!-- ===== -->
<target name="build" depends="prepare">
    <echo msg="Copying files to build directory..." />

    <echo msg="Copying ./about.php to ./build directory..." />
    <copy file="./about.php" tofile="./build/about.php" />

    <echo msg="Copying ./browsers.php to ./build directory..." />
    <copy file="./browsers.php" tofile="./build/browsers.php" />

    <echo msg="Copying ./contact.php to ./build directory..." />
    <copy file="./contact.php" tofile="./build/contact.php" />
</target>
```

Secret Sauce

Phing/Phing.php:1087 (ish)

```
$dataDir = dirname(__FILE__).  
    DIRECTORY_SEPARATOR .  
    '..\' .  
    DIRECTORY_SEPARATOR .  
    'data';
```

Extending Phing: A new task

```
<?php
```

```
require_once "phing/Task.php";
```

```
class CheckTwitter extends Task {
```

```
    /**
```

```
     * The message passed in the buildfile.
```

```
    */
```

```
    protected $hashtag = null;
```

```
    protected $url = 'http://search.twitter.com/search.json';
```

```
    /**
```

```
     * The setter for the attribute "message"
```

```
    */
```

```
    public function setHashtag($str) {
```

```
        $this->hashtag = $str;
```

```
    }
```

Extending Phing: A new task

```
public function init() {  
    // nothing to do here  
}  
  
/**  
 * The main entry point method.  
 */  
public function main() {  
    $json = file_get_contents($this->url .  
        '?q=' .  
        urlencode('#' . $this->hashtag));  
  
    $myFeed = json_decode($json);  
  
    foreach ($myFeed->results as $stuff=>$tweet) {  
        echo $tweet->text . "\n---\n";  
    }  
}  
}
```


Overview

- PHP doesn't really need make or ant, however phing is useful for a lot of repetitive tasks like packaging and distribution.
- Surprisingly easy to use tool.
- Somewhat difficult to get working on Windows

- Small tools make big tools
- It's fun when everything works together.

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