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Who makes up the
PHP Community?



What is happening in the community?

- there are lots of places to look
 - phpdeveloper.org - For those that can only follow one site - this is it.
 - Zend Developer Zone - <http://devzone.zend.com>
 - Planet PHP - <http://www.planet-php.net/> - feed of various PHP blogs
 - PHP.net of course
 - And other places
 - Twitter
 - IRC



Why give to the community?

- Volunteering in the community has many advantages.
 - Learning opportunities
 - Learn from more than those you are geologically close to
 - Exposure to new ideas/methodologies/techniques
 - Learn best practices
 - By teaching others you solidify what you know
 - Mentorship opportunities
 - Find a mentor
 - Become a mentor
 - Hear about new information quickly



Why give to the community?

- Exposure to others in the field
 - Build your professional network
 - For getting a job
 - For hiring people
 - For knowing about available positions
 - Not just what you know - but who you know
 - Peers to “bounce” ideas off of
 - More minds == better solutions
 - Provide feedback on projects
 - More professional opportunities
 - Writing articles for technical magazines
 - Writing books
 - Speaking at conferences
 - Working on exciting new projects



How do I join the community?

- We want you to be involved!
- Lots of ways to become involved
 - PHP Official Projects
 - Forums
 - Mailing Lists
 - IRC (Internet Relay Chat)
 - Blogs
 - Sub-Communities
 - PHPCommunity
 - PHPWomen
 - PHP User groups
 - PHP Open Source Applications



Official PHP Projects

- php.net - The PHP core language
- pear.php.net - PHP Extension and Application Repository
- pecl.php.net - The PHP Extension Community Library
- gtk.php.net - implements PHP language bindings for GTK+
- qa.php.net - PHP Quality Assurance
- doc.php.net - documentation team for PHP



Forums

- There are lots of forums to ask questions on and help others on. To name just a few:
 - phpfreaks.com
 - codewalkers.com
 - phpbuilder.com
 - devshed.com/c/b/PHP/
 - devnetwork.net
 - pear-forum.org
 - sitepoint.com



Mailing Lists

- There are various mailing lists for differing needs -
<http://www.php.net/mailling-lists.php>
- Some of the mailing lists
 - General - most active
 - Windows - PHP on Microsoft Windows
 - Unicode and Internationalization
 - Internals



IRC

- Freenode.net
 - ##php, #phpc, #phpwomen
- EFnet.org
 - #php, #pear.php

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[22:18] * rikki_max (n=rikki_ma@119.224.24.77) has joined ##php
[22:18] innociv I typed in something different, but it shows what is already there. That is what I was saying my problem
is.
[22:19] TML innociv: whatever is in $_POST['profile'] will be what was posted. You're obviously mistaken about what's
getting posted.
[22:19] TML innociv: Is your form posting back to itself?
[22:19] innociv Yes
[22:19] TML Why?
[22:19] TML That's why you're having so much trouble.
[22:20] TML Stop posting back to yourself. Separate the concerns. You'll get fewer bugs.
[22:20] * Radon has quit ("Gone")
[22:21] TML You keep running into problems where you don't know where you are in the cycle of request/response. If
you separate them, you'll (presumably) get confused less.
[22:22] * safruhani (n=orko@88.250.232.234) has joined ##php
[22:23] * OxDeadC0de (n=OxDeadC0@unaffiliated/oxdeadc0de) has joined ##php
[22:23] * daniel2 has quit (Read error: 104 (Connection reset by peer))
[22:24] innociv but it's not going to get this page without the GET submit.. I know when it's requesting to submit
because the url.
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Blogs

- Start blogging!
- Talk about new things you learn, technologies you use, things you have done, things you are considering doing and more
- Allows you to easily interact with the community - through your blog posts and their comments
- Again - gets your name out there



Sub-Communities

- There are lots of other PHP Sub-Communities you can become involved with as well
 - PHPCommunity
 - PHPWomen
 - PHP User groups
 - Like JaxPHP
 - PHP Open Source Applications
 - Joomla
 - Drupal
 - phpMyAdmin, etc



Questions?