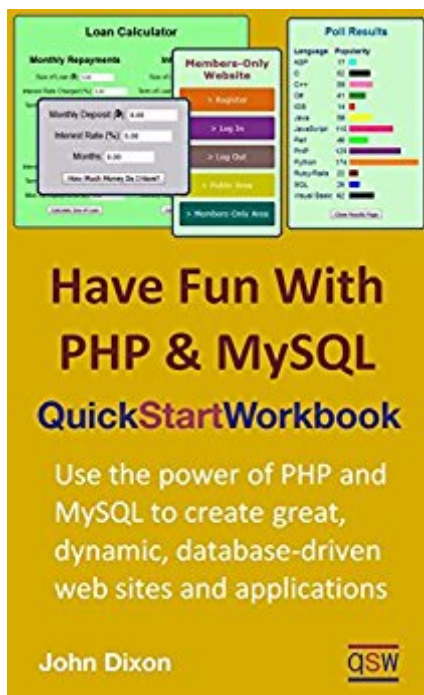# Have Fun With PHP And MySQL Quick Start Workbook

Synopsis

Bring your website to life by including great features such as calculators, online polls (surveys), feedback/registration forms, web page hit counters, and a members-only area (user authentication system). Download all the code quickly and easily from the Quick Start Workbook website, enabling you to modify the applications to suit your own needs, and to learn a lot about PHP and MySQL web development along the way.Have Fun With PHP and MySQL Quick Start Workbook is a practical, easy-to-follow, introduction to PHP and MySQL web development. The book begins by working through the basic building blocks of PHP - variables, arrays, use of cookies, looping, sessions, functions, object-oriented programming (OOP), processing and validating HTML forms, and so on - and then describes in detail how to set up a WAMP (Windows Apache MySQL PHP) test and development environment for your projects. The book then goes on to describe how to develop a selection of useful and interesting web applications and systems as listed above. The approach of the book is to learn by doing, and all of the applications are available as free downloads from the Quick Start Workbook website. The book concludes by working through how to perform MySQL database administration from the Windows Command Prompt.The book is aimed at web developers who have had some basic experience of developing simple websites using HTML and CSS, but want to take their development skills to the next level by incorporating PHP code and the use of MySQL databases into their websites. No prior knowledge of PHP and MySQL is assumed.At-a-Glance Table of Contents:Chapter 1 â " Getting Started with PHPChapter 2 â " Setting Up a PHP and MySQL Development EnvironmentChapter 3 - Setting Up PHP and MySQL Websites and Applications on a Web ServerChapter 4 â " Developing a Compound Interest CalculatorChapter 5 â " Developing a Loan CalculatorChapter 6 â " Adding a Hit Counter to a Web PageChapter 7 â " Creating an Online Poll (or Survey)Chapter 8 â " Creating a Simple Email Form Handler / Feedback FormChapter 9 â " Creating a Members-Only WebsiteChapter 10 â " Troubleshooting TipsAppendix â " Working with MySQL at the Command LinePHP is the most popular server-side scripting language in the world and, together with MySQL, forms the backbone of millions of dynamic database-driven websites. As a web professional, it is pretty much essential to have at least a good working knowledge of PHP and MySQL web development. At the end of working through this book you will be able to confidently create powerful websites and applications.

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