

Re: Feedback wanted: new PHP template engine

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Egbert Teeselink wrote:

Hi all,

The last few months I've worked on making a template engine because the ones out there didn't serve my needs. I guess everybody knows Smarty and has an opinion on it; I like many things about it, but dislike many others. The thing I made is called 'Farty' (sorry, I suck at names) and is in many ways a simpler version of Smarty. It keeps the good (compiling to php files, clean syntax) and fixes the bad (having to learn a new language, limited flexibility). I also added some pretty nifty extensibility features, and I even wrote some docs! I believe that right now it's just about as powerful as Smarty except for some missing pre-packaged template functions – otherwise it should be pretty mature already.

Anyway, I've hesitated for a while because that's the shy guy I am, but I'd really want some feedback on it now, and see if the PHP community thinks that this is a project worth continuing (and given a better name, maybe).

As such, any comments, good or bad, either here or on the website, will be more than appreciated.

The URL is <http://e.teeselink.nl/farty>

Any feedback is very appreciated!

I'm a really experienced Smarty user and i must say that i like your syntax more than the syntax Smarty uses.

I like the tag library syntax.

I didn't testet Farty but absolute requirements are for me:

1. Good error messages if a compile failed
2. Stability
3. Ability to use objects in the template (not visible in the website or in the samples)
4. Method chaining

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And you should change the name asap. It's a marketing disaster.

Joe

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