

Build a PHP Safety Net

Streamline and Safeguard: Automated Checks
Before You Commit

Why?

Why Have a Safety Net?

- Cleaner, more consistent, safer code
- Unified coding standard is auto-applied
- Automatically perform static analysis of code and help PREVENT an entire range of bugs
- Automatically run unit, integration or acceptance tests

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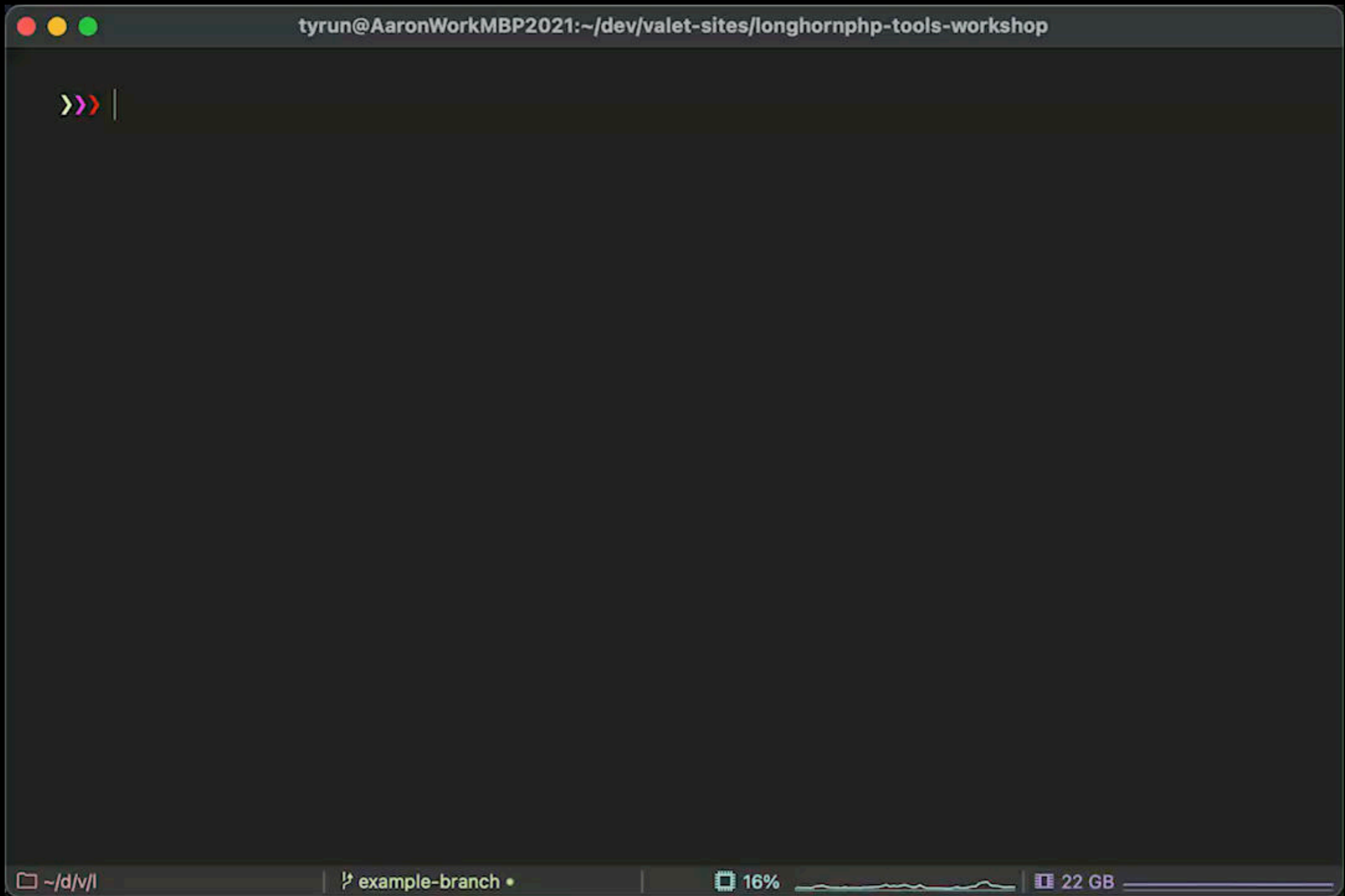


Your Debugging Expert for the Day

Prerequisites: Developer Workflows

- **Bash/Shell Terminal:** Ensure you have access to a Bash or Shell terminal. Windows users may consider using WSL or Git Bash.
- **PHP Locally Installed:** Make sure you have PHP installed on your local machine. We will be running various PHP-based commands. PHP 8.2 is recommended.
- **Composer:** This package manager for PHP is essential for some of the tools we'll be using. You can download it here (<https://getcomposer.org>).
- **GitHub Account:** If you don't have a GitHub account yet, please create one as we will be working with Git repositories (and automating GitHub Actions).
- **SSH Keys:** Generate an SSH private/public key pair if you haven't already. This is crucial for secure communication with GitHub. Here's a guide on how to do this (<https://docs.github.com/en/authentication/connecting-to-github-with-ssh/generating-a-new-ssh-key-and-adding-it-to-the-ssh-agent>).
- **GitHub Authentication:** Make sure you're locally authenticated with GitHub using your SSH keys. This will allow us to easily clone repositories and push changes.
- **GNU Make (Command-Line Utility Installed):** GNU Make is a build automation tool that we'll be using to manage and streamline various tasks in our PHP project. Here's how to install it based on your operating system:
 - Windows: You can install GNU Make through Cygwin or WSL (Windows Subsystem for Linux).
 - Linux: Generally available by default. If not, you can install it using the package manager for your specific distro, usually with a command like `sudo apt-get install make` for Debian-based distributions or `sudo yum install make` for Red Hat-based distributions.
 - Mac: It can be installed using Homebrew with the command `brew install make`.

What Does it Look Like in Action?



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PHP Quality Tools

- PHP CS Fixer (for automatic code styling fixes)
- PHP Linter (for syntax checking)
- PHP Mess Detector (detect code smells and possible errors)
- PHPStan (static analyzer that looks at code typing and logic issues)
- Pest / PHPUnit
- Rector (automated refactoring)

PHP CS Fixer

A tool to automatically fix PHP Coding Standards issues

The PHP Coding Standards Fixer (PHP CS Fixer) tool fixes your code to follow standards.

You can also define your (team's) style through configuration.



Install

```
> composer require friendsofphp/php-cs-fixer --dev
```


Simple, default example

```
> vendor/bin/php-cs-fixer fix src
```


Complex, verbose example

```
> vendor/bin/php-cs-fixer fix src/ --diff --  
rules=@PSR12,@Symfony,-return_type_declaration --  
exclude=vendor,tests --cache-file=/path/  
to/.php_cs.cache
```

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php-cs-fixer.dist.php x

1  <?php
2
3  $appDir = dirname(__DIR__, 2);
4
5  $finder = PhpCsFixer\Finder::create()
6      ->in($appDir.'/app')
7      ->in($appDir.'/config')
8      ->in($appDir.'/database')
9      ->in($appDir.'/routes')
10     ->name('*.php')
11     ->notName('*.blade.php')
12     ->ignoreDotFiles(true)
13     ->ignoreVCS(true)
14     ->exclude('vendor');
15
16  $config = new PhpCsFixer\Config();
17
18  return $config->setRules(
19      [
20          '@PSR12'                => true,
21          'indentation_type'      => true,
22          'array_indentation'     => true,
23          'braces'                 => true,
24          'method_chaining_indentation' => true,
25          'no_extra_blank_lines'  => true,
26          'align_multiline_comment' => true,
27          'array_syntax'          => ['syntax' => 'short'],
28      ]
29  )->setFinder($finder)
30     ->setUsingCache(true)
31     ->setCacheFile(__DIR__.'/php-cs-fixer.cache');
32
```


Example using a configuration file

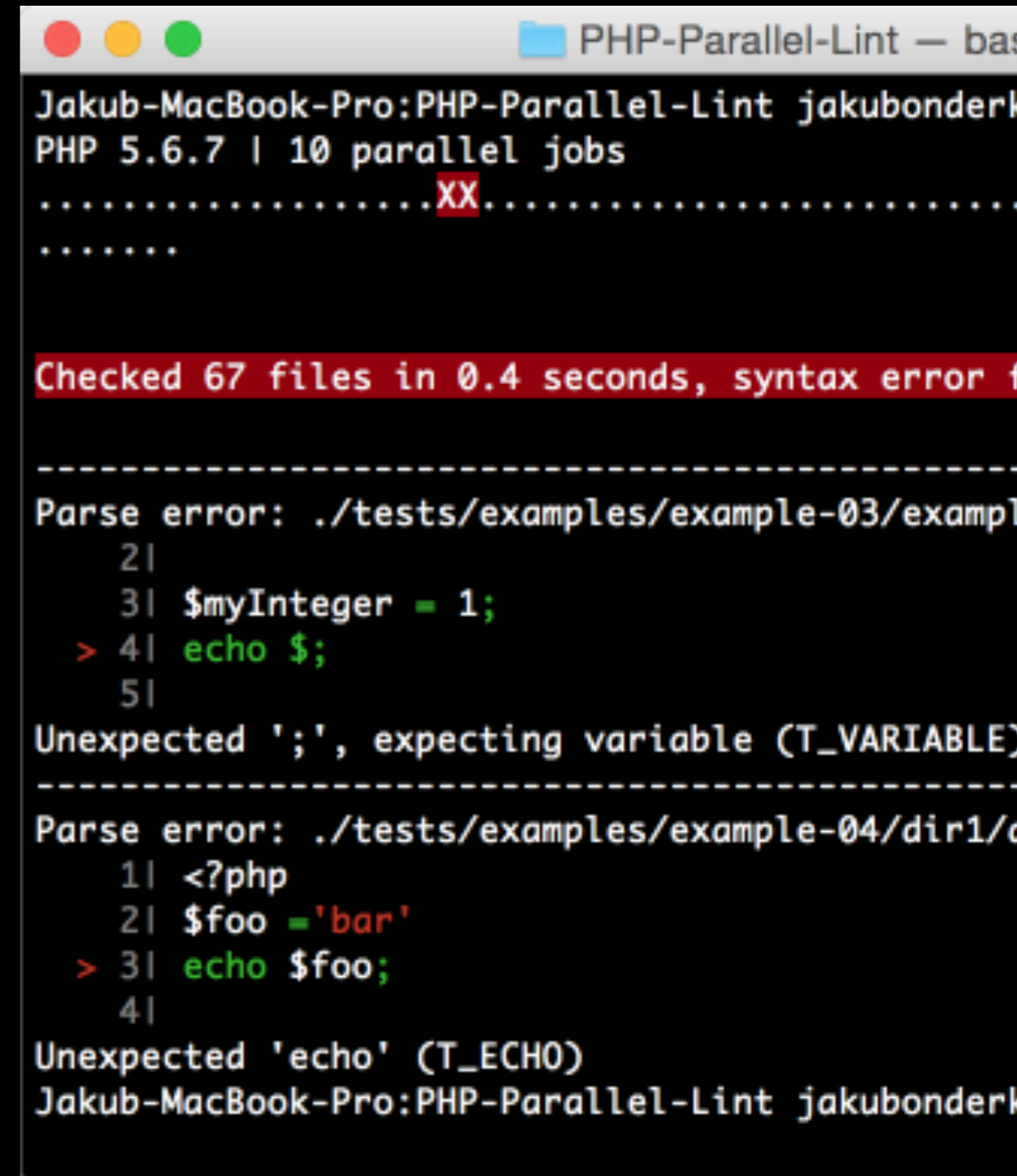
```
> vendor/bin/php-cs-fixer fix --config=build/php-cs-fixer/php-cs-fixer.dist.php --quiet
```

PHP Parallel Linter

This application checks the syntax of PHP files in parallel

Linting's purpose is to identify syntax errors in PHP files.

Syntax errors are basic mistakes in the code that prevent it from running, like missing semicolons or mismatched brackets.



```
Jakub-MacBook-Pro:PHP-Parallel-Lint jakubonderk
PHP 5.6.7 | 10 parallel jobs
.....XX.....
.....

Checked 67 files in 0.4 seconds, syntax error

-----
Parse error: ./tests/examples/example-03/example1
  2|
  3| $myInteger = 1;
> 4| echo $;
  5|
Unexpected ';' , expecting variable (T_VARIABLE)
-----
Parse error: ./tests/examples/example-04/dir1/c
  1| <?php
  2| $foo = 'bar'
> 3| echo $foo;
  4|
Unexpected 'echo' (T_ECHO)
Jakub-MacBook-Pro:PHP-Parallel-Lint jakubonderk
```


Install

```
> composer require php-parallel-lint/php-parallel-lint --dev
```


Simple, default example

```
> vendor/bin/parallel-lint --exclude .git --exclude  
app --exclude vendor .
```


Slightly more complex example

```
> vendor/bin/parallel-lint -j 10 app config routes --  
no-progress --colors --blame
```

PHP Mess Detector

This application checks for code smells and best practices

PHPMD looks for several potential problems:

- Possible bugs
- Suboptimal code
- Overcomplicated expressions
- Unused parameters, methods, properties



Install

```
> composer require phpmd/phpmd --dev
```


Simple, default example

```
> vendor/bin/phpmd src text codesize,unusedcode,naming
```


Complex example

```
> vendor/bin/phpmd src xml unusedcode,design,codesize  
--exclude vendor/,tests/ --strict --ignore-  
violations-on-exit --exclude NPathComplexity --  
minimumpriority 300
```

```
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```



```
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phpmd.xml ×
1 <?xml version="1.0"?>
2 <ruleset name="Zeek Standards"
3     xmlns="http://pmd.sf.net/ruleset/1.0.0"
4     xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
5     xsi:schemaLocation="http://pmd.sf.net/ruleset/1.0.0
6         http://pmd.sf.net/ruleset_xml_schema.xsd"
7     xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="
8         http://pmd.sf.net/ruleset_xml_schema.xsd">
9     <description>Ruleset for PHP Mess Detector that enforces coding standards</description>
10
11     <rule ref="rulesets/unusedcode.xml" />
12     <rule ref="rulesets/design.xml" />
13
14     <!-- Import entire code size rule set, modify NPath Complexity rule -->
15     <rule ref="rulesets/codesize.xml">
16         <exclude name="NPathComplexity" />
17     </rule>
18     <rule ref="rulesets/codesize.xml/NPathComplexity">
19         <properties>
20             <property name="minimum">
21                 <value>
22                     300
23                 </value>
24             </property>
25         </properties>
26     </rule>
27 </ruleset>
28
```


Example using a configuration file

```
> vendor/bin/phpmd app ansi build/phpmd/phpmd.xml
```


Install

```
> composer require phpstan/phpstan --dev
```


Simple, default example

```
> vendor/bin/phpstan analyse src tests
```


Complex example

```
> vendor/bin/phpstan analyse --level=4 --  
configuration=phpstan-baseline.neon --no-progress --  
paths=../.. /app --error-format=table --report-  
unmatched-ignored-errors=false
```



```
1 includes:
2   - phpstan-baseline.neon
3
4 parameters:
5   reportUnmatchedIgnoredErrors: false
6   paths:
7     - ../../app
8
9   # The level 8 is the highest level
10  level: 4
11
```


Example using a configuration file

```
> vendor/bin/phpstan analyse --error-format=table -c  
build/phpstan/phpstan.neon.dist
```


Pest / PHPUnit

The elegant PHP testing framework

Pest is a testing framework with a focus on simplicity, meticulously designed to bring back the joy of testing in PHP.

```
<?php

it('has a welcome page', function() {
    $response = $this->get('/');

    expect($response->status())
});
```

Install

```
> composer require pestphp/pest --dev --with-all-  
dependencies  
> vendor/bin/pest --init
```


Simple, default example

```
> vendor/bin/pest
```


Complex example

```
> vendor/bin/pest --bootstrap=../vendor/autoload.php  
--colors --filter="Test\.php$" --env=APP_ENV=testing  
--env=CACHE_DRIVER=array --env=DB_CONNECTION=sqlite  
--env=MAIL_DRIVER=array --env=QUEUE_CONNECTION=sync  
--env=SESSION_DRIVER=array tests
```



```
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phpunit.xml x
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <phpunit xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
3     xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="../../vendor/phpunit/phpunit/phpunit.xsd"
4     bootstrap="../../vendor/autoload.php"
5     colors="true"
6 >
7     <testsuites>
8         <testsuite name="Test Suite">
9             <directory suffix="Test.php">../../tests</directory>
10        </testsuite>
11    </testsuites>
12    <coverage processUncoveredFiles="true">
13        <include>
14            <directory suffix=".php">../../app</directory>
15        </include>
16    </coverage>
17    <php>
18        <server name="APP_ENV" value="testing"/>
19        <server name="BCRYPT_ROUNDS" value="4"/>
20        <server name="CACHE_DRIVER" value="array"/>
21        <server name="DB_CONNECTION" value="sqlite"/>
22        <server name="MAIL_MAILER" value="array"/>
23        <server name="QUEUE_CONNECTION" value="sync"/>
24        <server name="SESSION_DRIVER" value="array"/>
25        <server name="TELESCOPE_ENABLED" value="false"/>
26    </php>
27 </phpunit>
28
```


Example using a configuration file

```
> vendor/bin/pest --colors=always -c build/pest/  
phpunit.xml
```


Consistency Across Projects

Introducing Make



GNU Make

What is GNU Make?

- Automated Build Tool
- Reads `Makefile` for build rules
- Ideal for automating repetitive tasks



GNU Make

Inside a Makefile



- Rules with targets, prerequisites, and commands
- Variables and macros for flexibility
- Comments for clarity # This is a comment

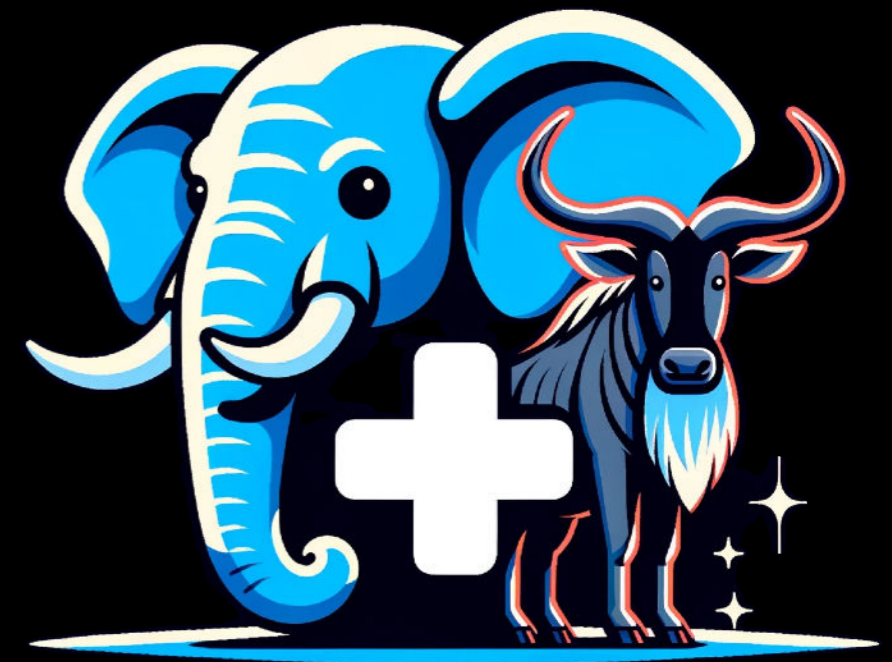
```
Simple Makefile

deploy:
    @echo "Deploying the application..."
```


GNU Make

Why Use Make for PHP?

- Simplify multiple command execution
- Combine PHP tools like phpstan, cs-fixer, and more
- Set up advanced flags per subcommand



```
# Build Tooling
cs-fixer: ## Code styling fixer
—— @$(bin)/php-cs-fixer fix --config=build/php-cs-fixer/php-cs-fixer.dist.php --quiet
```

```
lint: ## PHP Syntax Checking
—— @$(bin)/parallel-lint -j 10 app config routes --no-progress --colors --blame
```

```
phpstan-baseline: ## PHP Static Analyzer. Generate Baseline.
—— @$(bin)/phpstan analyse --error-format=table -c build/phpstan/phpstan.neon.dist
    --generate-baseline=build/phpstan/phpstan-baseline.neon --allow-empty-baseline
```

GNU Make

Building a Safety Net with Make

- Unified command for linting, testing, and analyzing
- Easy addition of new tools and flags
- Ensure consistent build and testing environment



Introducing Git Hooks



Git Hooks

(client side)

- `pre-commit`: Runs before a commit is created, useful for performing local checks.
- `prepare-commit-msg`: Runs before the commit message editor is opened but after default message is created. Useful for editing the default commit message.
- `commit-msg`: Runs after the commit message is entered but before the commit is made, generally to validate or modify the commit message.
- `post-commit`: Runs after the commit is made; often used for notifications or other post-commit actions.
- `pre-rebase`: Runs before a rebase is executed, often used to disallow rebasing of published commits.
- `post-rewrite`: Runs after a commit is amended or rebased; typically used for notification or to refresh status.
- `pre-push`: Runs before a `git push`, useful for doing server-side validation without making a round-trip.
- ... the list goes on ...

pre-commit

Runs before a commit is created, useful for performing local checks.

- **Common Uses**
 - Code Linting
 - Unit Testing
 - Code Formatting

pre-commit

Runs before a commit is created, useful for performing local checks.

- **Benefits**
 - Ensures code quality
 - Prevents bad commits
 - Streamlines workflow

pre-commit

Runs before a commit is created, useful for performing local checks.

- **Setup**
 - Navigate to ``.git/hooks``
 - Create & make ``pre-commit`` file executable
 - Add your script



Introducing GitHub Actions


```
34
35     - name: Cache composer dependencies
36     uses: actions/cache@v3
37     with:
38       path: vendor
39       key: composer-${{ hashFiles('composer.lock') }}
40
41     - name: Validate composer.json and composer.lock
42     run: composer validate --strict
43
44     - name: Add HTTP basic auth credentials
45     run: echo '${{ secrets.COMPOSER_AUTH_JSON }}' > $GITHUB_WORKSPACE/auth.json
46
47     - name: Run composer install
48     run: composer install --no-interaction --no-progress --ansi --prefer-dist
49
50     - name: Syntax Checking
51     run: make lint-ci
52
53     - name: Show linting results in PR
54     run: cs2pr ./report.xml
55
56     - name: PHP Mess Detector
57     run: make phpmd-ci
58
59     - name: Static Analysis
60     run: make phpstan-ci
61
```

Summary

Jobs

build

Run details

Usage

Workflow file

build

Started 14s ago

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Setup cache environment 7s

```
57 Processing triggers for man-db (2.10.2-1) ...
58 NEEDRESTART-VER: 3.5
59 NEEDRESTART-KCUR: 6.2.0-1015-azure
60 NEEDRESTART-KEXP: 6.2.0-1015-azure
61 NEEDRESTART-KSTA: 1
62
63 ✓ libaio-dev Added libaio-dev
```

Cache extensions 0s

```
1 ▶ Run actions/cache@v3
11 Cache not found for input keys: Linux-jammy-8.2-19143e7058473044a31860d1000836f0aefc70b0f486220ef978535a8a9f5085-20220831, Linux-jammy-8.2-19143e7058473044a31860d1000836f0aefc70b0f486220ef978535a8a9f5085-20220831
```

Setup PHP 2s

```
1 ▶ Run shivammathur/setup-php@v2
10 /usr/bin/bash /home/runner/work/_actions/shivammathur/setup-php/v2/src/scripts/run.sh
11 ==> Setup PHP
```

- Cache composer dependencies
- Validate composer.json and composer.lock
- Add HTTP basic auth credentials
- Run composer install
- Syntax Checking

Summary

Jobs

build

Run details

Usage

Workflow file

build

succeeded now in 38s

- > ✓ Setup cache environment
- > ✓ Cache extensions
- > ✓ Setup PHP
- > ✓ Cache composer dependencies
- > ✓ Validate composer.json and com
- > ✓ Add HTTP basic auth credential
- > ✓ Run composer install
- > ✓ Syntax Checking
- > ✓ Show linting results in PR
- > ✓ PHP Mess Detector
- > ✓ Static Analysis
- > ✓ Post Cache composer dependen
- > ✓ Post Cache extensions
- > ✓ Post Run actions/checkout@v4
- > ✓ Complete job

Search logs



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2 workflow runs

Event Status Branch Actor

✓ **add baseline**
Build #2: Commit [324aa79](#) pushed by AaronHolbrook

✗ **Add zbp, test github actions**
Build #1: Commit [0571d87](#) pushed by AaronHolbrook

The Zeek Build Process



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Zeek Build Process [↗](#)

What It Does [↗](#)

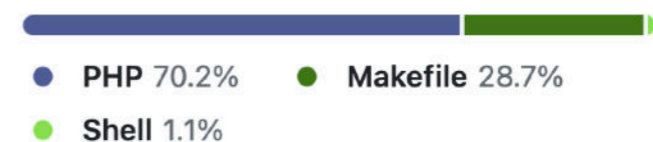
This package helps to set up a project with the following tools:

- Composer Packages
 - [PHP CS Fixer](#) (for automatic code styling fixes)
 - [PHP Linter](#) (for syntax checking)
 - [PHP Mess Detector](#) (detect code smells and possible errors within the analyzed source code)
 - [PHPStan](#) (static analyzer that examines code and looks for issues)
 - [Pest](#) (unit/feature testing framework)
- a `.node-version` file which sets the base `node` version for your project (useful for [fnm](#))
- GitHub action workflow for automatic scanning on pushes/pull requests
- a `Makefile` to assist in running build and scanning commands in a consistent and simple manner
- installation to a `git` pre-commit hook that will automatically run the `cs-fixer`, `linter` and `phpstan`

📦 Change PHP version to ... Latest
5 hours ago


+ 7 releases


Languages




Suggested Workflows

Based on your tech stack

 **Laravel** Configure
Test a Laravel project.

 **Symfony** Configure
Test a Symfony project.

 **SLSA Generic generator** Configure
Generate SLSA3 provenance for your existing release workflows

A terminal window with a dark background and three colored window control buttons (red, yellow, green) in the top-left corner. The terminal displays a single line of text: a pink prompt character followed by the command 'composer require zeek/zeek-build-process --dev'.

```
> composer require zeek/zeek-build-process --dev
```













A terminal window with a dark background and a light gray title bar. The title bar has three colored window control buttons (red, yellow, green) on the left. The terminal content shows a command prompt with a pink prompt character followed by the command `./vendor/bin/zbp install`.

```
> ./vendor/bin/zbp install
```


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Join our Team!

-  Flexible Work Environment
-  Innovative Projects
-  Growth and Development Opportunities
-  Work-Life Balance
-  100% remote
-  Seasoned company history with top talent
-  Competitive Compensation
-  Flexible Fridays Program
-  Flexible PTO
-  401k, Health, Dental, Vision Insurance
-  Fun as a Core Value: We believe life's too long to be so serious— enjoy the journey with us!

*Inspired or curious?
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Scan To Explore Opportunities