



Lost in CMS Translation

Custom Plugin Development across Craft, Drupal,
and WordPress

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We built a CLI tool to interact with all of our clients' sites.

o3-cli

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Solution: A plugin that does the same thing, for multiple CMSs



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Get ready...



The Basics



THE BASICS | OVERVIEW

| | Craft CMS | Drupal | WordPress |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| License | Proprietary | Open-Source | Open-Source |
| Language | PHP | PHP | PHP |
| Framework | Yii | Symfony | N/A |
| Templating language | Twig | Twig | PHP |
| Initial Release Date | 2013 | 2000 | 2003 |
| Plugin pricing model | Free/Paid | Open-Source | Free/Paid |
| Composer-managed | Yes | Can be | No |
| Market Share (whaticms.org) | 0.23% | 1.80% | 28.09% |
| Name for "Unit" | Plugin | Module | Plugin |

THE BASICS | CODING GUIDELINES

- Conditions that span multiple lines should have logical operators (`||`, `&&`, etc.) at the end of lines.
- Use type hinting & new-line open-parentheses:

```
public function foo(string $bar = null)
{
}
```

- Chained method calls should each be placed on their own line, with the `->` operator at the beginning of each line.

<https://docs.craftcms.com/v3/extend/coding-guidelines.html>

- No need for a `@file` docblock in a class file
- `else` and `elseif` should be on new lines
- Use *same-line* open-parentheses (type-hinting is optional):

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<https://www.drupal.org/docs/develop/standards/coding-standards>



THE BASICS | CODING GUIDELINES - WORDPRESS

- ! Must use *long* `array()` syntax (WP supports PHP 5.3+)
- `else` and `elseif` should be on the *same* line as the previous closing `}`
- Use tabs not spaces

<https://make.wordpress.org/core/handbook/best-practices/coding-standards/php/>

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Where you register your services/event subscribers at runtime. (like `add_action('init')` in WordPress)

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Tell Craft about your plugin!

- Add your plugin as a repository in your project root's `composer.json`
- Run `composer install`
- Run `./craft plugin/install plugin-handle`

```
"repositories": [  
  {  
    "type": "path",  
    "url": "../custom_plugins/cmsphilly",  
    "options": {  
      "symlink": true  
    }  
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]
```

The plugin (*MODULE*) directory - Drupal 8



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New in Drupal core versions > 8.7.7 → Says that this module is compatible with all versions of Drupal 8 & 9

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As an example, here's one of the most popular hooks in Drupal, to alter forms

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Tell Drupal about your module!

- Run `drush en modulename`
(or install manually in the admin)



The plugin directory - WordPress

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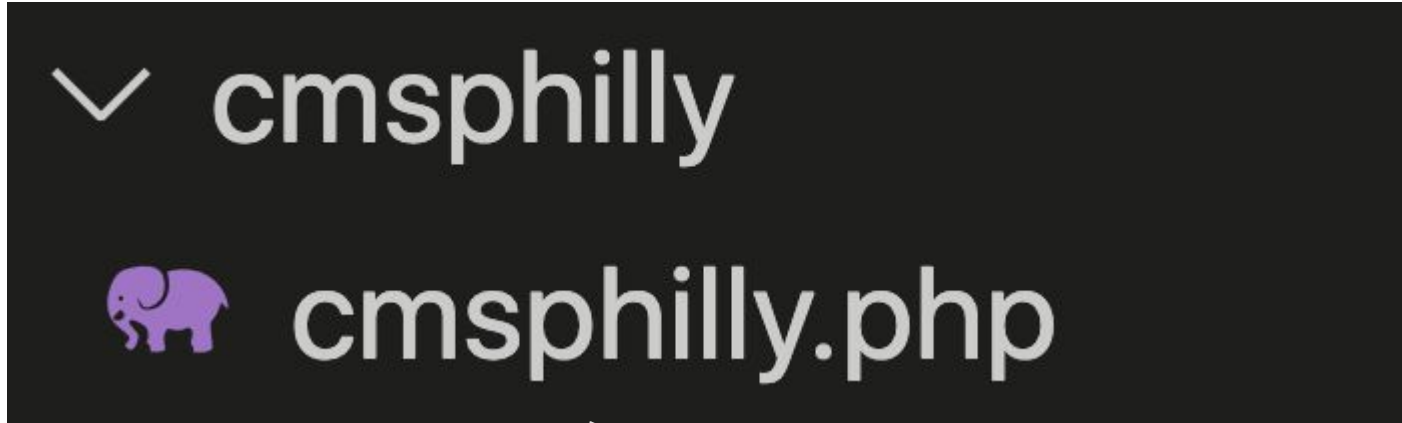


cmsphilly.php



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**WordPress plugin
development is the
Wild West**





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**If you've filled out the above docblock,
you can find & install your plugin in the WP
Admin dashboard**

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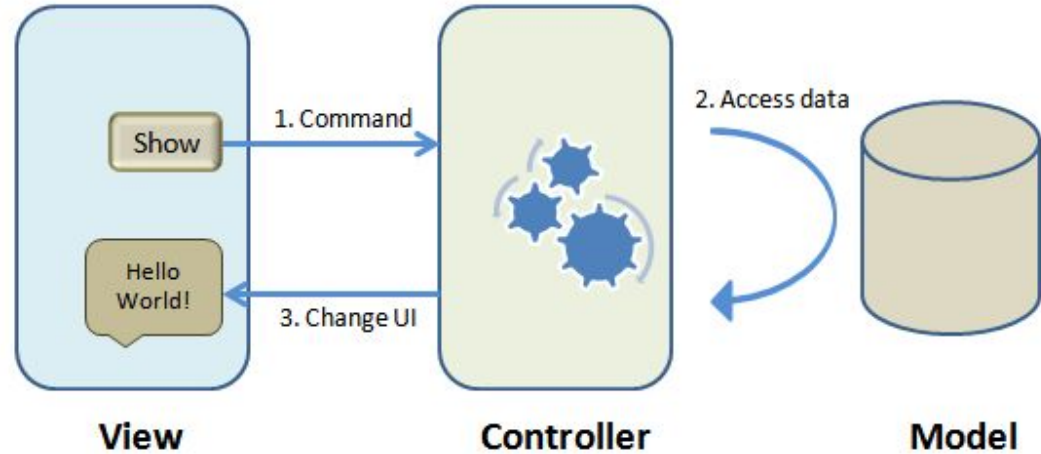


PROGRAMMING
BUILDING BLOCKS

Routing - Controllers



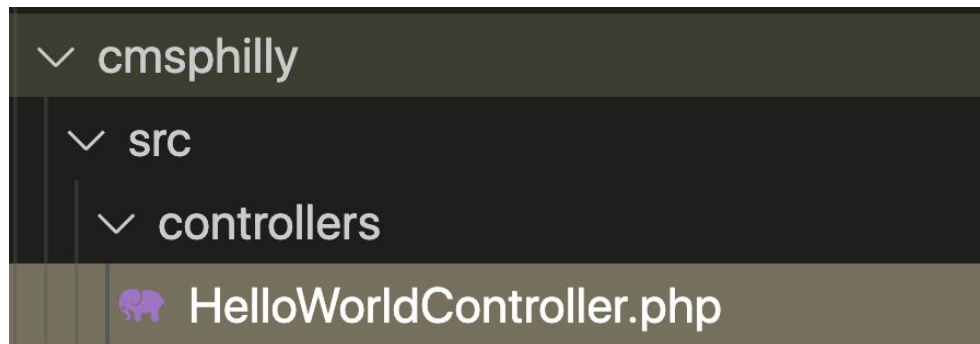
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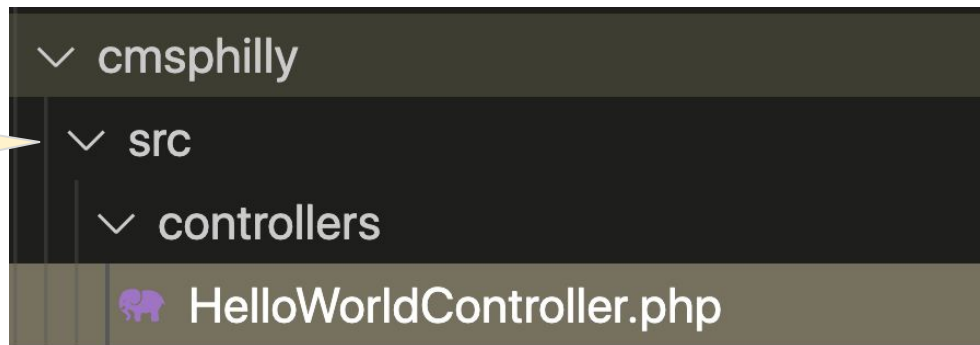


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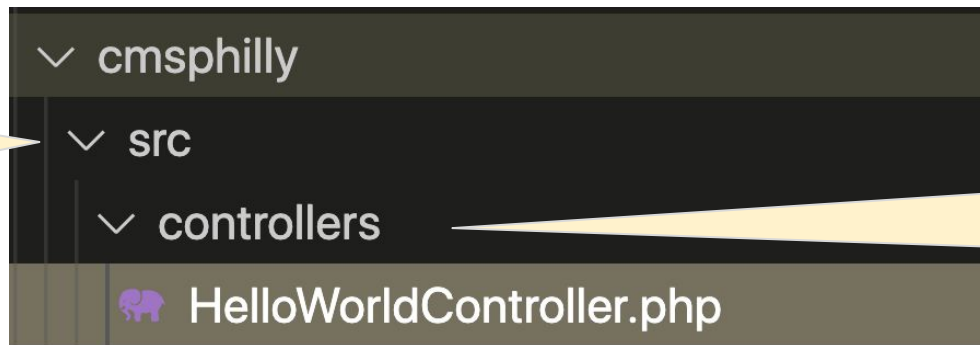
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- Raw text
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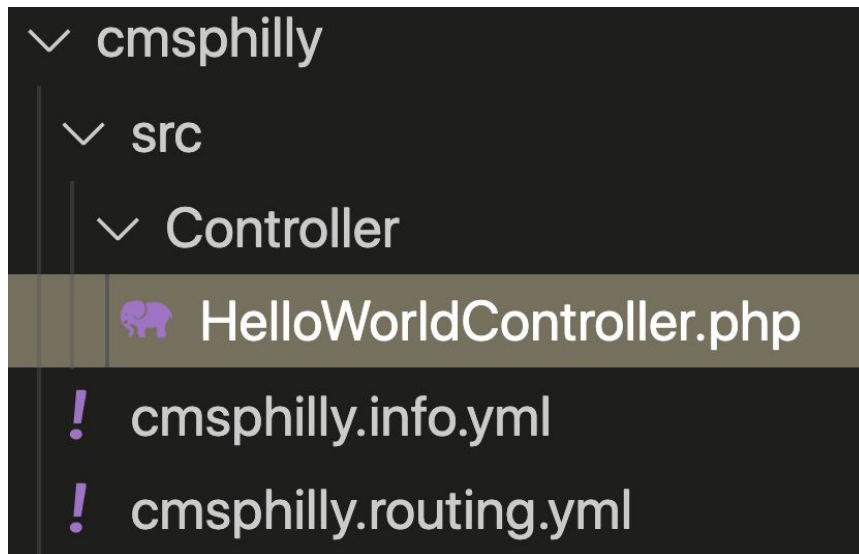
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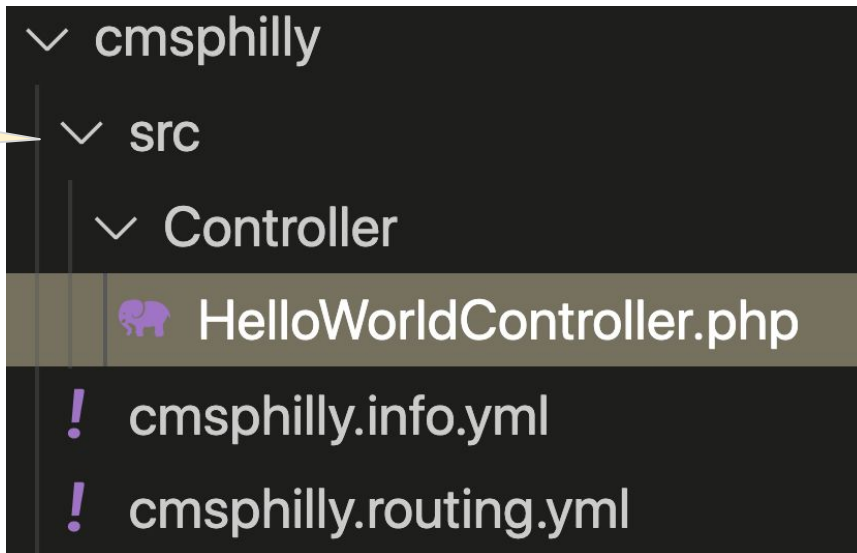
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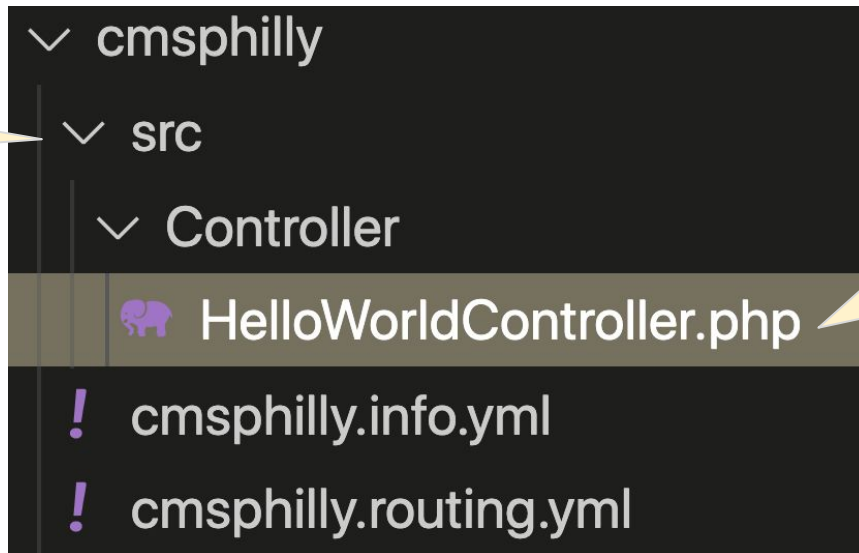
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5  use Drupal\Core\Controller\ControllerBase;
6
7  /**
8   * HelloWorldController
9   */
10 class HelloWorldController extends ControllerBase {
11
12     /**
13      * Callback for /hello
14      */
15     public function sayHello() {
16         return 'hello world';
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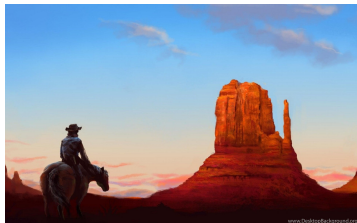
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How to create a “controller” (really a plugin template)



`wp-content/plugins/cmsphilly/hello-template.php`

```
1  <?php
2
3  get_header();
4
5  echo 'Hello World';
6
7  get_footer();
8
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How to connect a route with a template

Tell WordPress about your template!





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Invoke “add_rewrite_rule()” WP function, which connects custom routes with “index.php” or custom scripts/templates.

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Contribute your plugin



<https://docs.craftcms.com/v3/extend/plugin-store.html#registering-your-plugin>



<https://www.drupal.org/contribute-projects>



<https://wordpress.org/plugins/developers/add/>





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