Subject: Re: Learning PHP
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Best advice I can give you is 'learn by reading, then by doing'.

Depending on how you learn, you may want to read a php book or online guides. I learned by reading others code and understanding it. Before I started working I wrote a very basic blogging app that I planned to make into a CMS.

I abandoned this eventually because there are better ones others have made, but through my paid employment I was able to see how others wrote code, and what they did and that's how I learned.

Now, the catch with this is if you read bad code you'll write bad code. You need to learn what SQL injection is and you need to hate register_globals (trust me on this).

All I can suggest is start small and work your way up. Pick something you'll be motivated to work on and go for it. Also, be willing to throw out crappy code. You'll write plenty of it as you're learning.