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Subject: Favorite Editor

Posted by [reische](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 13:15:10 GMT

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I'm currently thinking about upgrading either zend or nusphere, and trying to decide if there is something else I should be looking at before throwing in my hard-earned cash...

Anyone have better options than those I've listed? I really prefer nusphere's ability to step through the code. I know zend does it too, but their IDE seems slower to me.

PHP Editor (total votes: 31)

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Zend 6/(19%)

NuSphere phpEd 2/(6%)

Maguma 0/(0%)

Komodo 2/(6%)

Eclipse php 8/(26%)

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor

Posted by [Leksi](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 14:07:30 GMT

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Currently I use Zend at home and Kate at work.

I don't have a choice at work, because Zend don't want work properly with FreeBSD.

Eclips php has lots of problems in working with FreeBSD also.

I tried big quantity of IDE and chose Zend at the end.

Zend may be slower than NuSphere phpEd, but I have enough powerfull computer, so I don't notice a such kind of problems.

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor

Posted by [lorna](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 15:07:11 GMT

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vim.

I'm afraid I'm definitely command-line-happy and am most comfortable with vi or vim. At work we've just standardised on Eclipse and 2 hours was enough struggling with the modeless editor. I now have a printout of keyboard shortcuts and the vim plugin for eclipse, and things are starting to look better.

For windows you can't beat Textpad, although they don't seem to have had a new release out for quite some time.

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor

Posted by [auroraeosrose](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 16:09:21 GMT

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I love komodo The nicest thing is I can use it on the mac laptop, the windows dev box, and my linux box all with the same license - same program - no learning something different for each spot. It's the only editor that I've been able to get php debugging working with because I tend to run bleeding edge php versions (I love pecl4win) Only downside for me? Price...

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor

Posted by [reische](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 16:13:45 GMT

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yes, the price is a downside for me too. I asked for the upgrade to Nusphere at work and got a big NO. So, I have to buy the upgrade myself for whatever I choose.

I use notepad++ when I just want a good editor, I just like the ability to have a debugger at hand for when I want that as well...

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor

Posted by [dreis](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 17:39:33 GMT

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I'm very, very happy I found Eclipse a while back.

It really is an excellent IDE/SDK for all sorts of languages. From what I've seen of Zend, it does most of the things Zend Studio does (tag completion, function insight, jump to included files, shows you the parameters of methods etc).

Apart from that you also get a css+html+javascript+java editor, tiny plugin and cvs or subversion plugin. You can really do everything with Eclipse.

It used to be a bit hard to install Eclipse and the php-plugin (especially on linux) but since the 3.2 release that's all gotten better...

And guess what: it's free.

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [ses5909](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 18:50:14 GMT  
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I either use VI (i know, i know) or Ultraedit. I've always been better with a simple text editor.. unless I'm programming in .net.

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [Jelena](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 19:15:49 GMT  
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Zend and UltraEdit for me.

When you get used to Zend, it's hard to switch back just to regular editor like UE. I use UE when I want something really quick. Or when I need something ultra quick, I will do it within Total Commander

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [lig](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 20:43:37 GMT  
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vim here also

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [eM\\_gotcha](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 07:32:49 GMT  
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Hi

mh i never tried Komodo.  
i visited the homepage and it looks interesting.  
does someone know what the 'shared' feature can do?

i use zend, eclipse and sometimes ultraedit.  
i tried nusphere, maguma, devPHP, PHPEdit and PHP designer

most of them lack working and useful code completion, svn support and a project management i like

for eclipse i tried phpeclipse and zend php ide (<http://www.eclipse.org/php/>).  
both have problems with syntax highlighting, especially \$\$whatever and \${\$whatever} syntax.

maguma looks more like a toy to me big colorful buttons.

devPHP, PHPEdit and PHP designer... can't remember what i didn't liked there. i think project management and code completion.

also zend isn't perfect at all. i really miss macros.  
zend is slow too sometimes, especially if you use network drives.

i think at the end its more about personal style which IDE you use.

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [j.rf](#) on Sat, 21 Oct 2006 02:00:59 GMT  
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Still use Notepad at times, but far less since I got the Zend IDE. The syntax checking, syntax hints and phpdoc based syntax help for documented methods and functions makes you kinda lazy and hell, don't we all wanna be lazy ?

Before I used to use Winsyntax and Context as well, neither are full IDE's, but both are good for a wide variety of languages.

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor

Posted by [solutionsphp](#) on Sat, 21 Oct 2006 02:43:48 GMT  
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I use phpDesigner2005 (2007 just came out!) on my Win machines, and Eclipse on my Mac. Be default, I also wind up doing some coding in Dreamweaver and TextPad. I would like to try Zend and Komodo.

The programmer I work with has written a review comparing PHP Designer 2005, Maguma Open Studio, Komodo Pro and PHPEdit. I'll post the link soon--I'm very close to having that website ready for the public. (I believe he liked Komodo the best in the end.)

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [reische](#) on Sat, 21 Oct 2006 04:10:54 GMT  
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thanks Sam!!

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [Nola](#) on Mon, 23 Oct 2006 13:11:54 GMT  
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On windows I use: GVim, UltraEdit, Eclipse, Dreamweaver  
On Linux I use: Gedit, Zend (trial), Eclipse, KDevelop, Vi

I developed solely with a windows environment for years and originally used Homesite. Then when work upgraded to XP, for some reason it didn't work right (it would randomly insert periods when typing, I'm not crazy! I read on their message boards it happened to someone else too). They had Ultra Edit, so I reluctantly started using it and found I liked it. I wrote a review of Ultra Edit on CodeSnipers:

<http://codesnipers.com/?q=node/50>

I started using Linux (Ubuntu flavor) as a decktop environment about 5 months ago, so I've been trying out different editors. One thing I really like about Zend is it pops up the parameter list when you start typing a PHP function.

Now after reading this I found some more editors I can evaluate!

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [phlyersphan](#) on Mon, 23 Oct 2006 17:44:04 GMT  
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Great thread - I've been using Dreamweaver all this time, and I bet I'm missing out on some great features! I'm particularly intrigued by Eclipse... if I'm reading right, it's free and works on both Win and Mac. (Sadly, my Linux box got torn down and rebuilt as a gift to my cousin!)

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [kacjp](#) on Tue, 24 Oct 2006 08:24:10 GMT  
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At the moment I'm using vim...(cos i have no idea about any other!)  
I was using Dreamweaver, but it was driving me nuts! I love how you can map network drives, and set it up as a site but that's about all!

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [dreis](#) on Tue, 24 Oct 2006 13:19:06 GMT  
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@phlyerspan: you're reading it right. And it works on linux too  
Although I don't have any experience with eclipse on a mac.

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [KathyReid](#) on Tue, 24 Oct 2006 14:12:14 GMT  
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Hi everyone,

My tool of choice is Eclipse with the PHP plugin.

Because I work on both a Unix (Fedora 4 / Fedora 5) and Windows desktop, I've found it's excellent to work with cross platform.

It also integrates well with PHPDoc (<http://www.phpdoc.org>) and does pre-emptive syntax checking, bracket matching etc.

It also handles Smarty reasonably well (<http://smarty.php.net>).

Regards,  
Kathy

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [jarich](#) on Thu, 26 Oct 2006 13:10:08 GMT  
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I also use Vim for all my programming needs. And I use it under Windows too (although some of the keys have slightly different meanings )!

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [lorna](#) on Thu, 26 Oct 2006 14:09:43 GMT  
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We've just switched to a windows environment for editing and I've started to use cream <http://cream.sourceforge.net> which seems to be a relatively good windows wrapper for vim.

I had to fiddle with the settings to get it to stop opening files in insert mode but now I'm all happy apart from visual mode is a bit flaky unless you're selecting in lines.

If you're using vim under windows then I'd recommend you give it a whirl

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [solutionsphp](#) on Thu, 26 Oct 2006 17:43:51 GMT  
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You vim folks are hard core!!

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [mellie](#) on Fri, 27 Oct 2006 02:08:46 GMT  
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Wow I never knew there was such a wide range out there!

I have only ever used Dreamweaver and Notepad. I use Dreamweaver mainly because that's what we have at work. I like the site setup features and the file locking features.

When I was learning PHP I used Notepad but it's so plain, lol I like the bright colourful interfaces, makes it pretty.

I have just downloaded Vim to try and was wondering what you all think the best free editor around is as I would like to get out there and try a few.

Thanks

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [rwoody1](#) on Fri, 27 Oct 2006 03:48:22 GMT  
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I've been using DZ Soft for about two or three years now and it works great. No issues at all, but it's pretty basic, but fits the bill for me.

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [eM\\_gotcha](#) on Fri, 27 Oct 2006 06:12:14 GMT  
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You can test Komodo 4.0 Alpha 7 now for free:

<http://www.activestate.com/store/beta/register.plex?id=komodo>

I like it more than v3.5.  
Runs on Linux, Mac OS X, and Windows.

It's worth a try.

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [lorna](#) on Fri, 27 Oct 2006 11:12:33 GMT  
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Mel - if you like Notepad and but it isn't pretty enough, try out TextPad <http://www.textpad.com>, you can download lots of different file-highlighting schemas, and add useful odds and ends like a clipboard history and tag libraries.

Theoretically you have to pay to register it but it is unregistered then it just pops up a message once in a while and you click OK (and that's the default option). Its very cheap to register so I have done so, thought it was well worth it!

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [mellie](#) on Mon, 30 Oct 2006 00:42:52 GMT  
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Thanks for the replies, I will check them out.

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [lig](#) on Mon, 30 Oct 2006 04:23:21 GMT  
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Well since one of our benefits is a reduced price on NuSphere's PHPEd - I decided to try it out (it has a free trial download). I did a full blog post on it but what it basically came down to is that I like it. Doubt I will ever fully give up my vim - but it pretty dang cool.

[blog post here](#)

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [dreis](#) on Mon, 30 Oct 2006 10:45:23 GMT  
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As a text editor there is also jEdit  
A very fast and powerful editor with highlighting schemas for all sorts of languages.  
It's Open Source and runs on windows, linux and mac. All you need is java.

It is really a very fast, very stable editor.  
Whenever I feel like not starting up Eclipse I use jEdit.

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [Karolina](#) on Mon, 30 Oct 2006 11:21:13 GMT  
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Does JEdit has code completion for PHP? I've used it once for Java and it's just so much faster than Eclipse...

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [veronicay](#) on Tue, 31 Oct 2006 10:51:10 GMT  
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I use Quanta +. I like it so much it was the reason I switched from Windows to Linux on my main PC

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Subject: Re: Favorite Editor  
Posted by [j.rf](#) on Thu, 02 Nov 2006 03:04:49 GMT  
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Just came across the HateML editor at <http://migajek.com/?c=h>

I'd never heard of it before, but I \*do\* very much like the way it looks based on the screenshots. Hmm.. freeware.. I might just give it a try

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