

Tools & Resources for Web Professionals

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Who's Larry Kagan?

- PHP Developer for over 10 years
- Business Owner
- All-around cool guy :)

Desktop Operating Systems

- MS Windows
 - User-friendly
 - Everybody uses it
- Linux
 - Highly configurable
- Mac
 - Pros & cons of both

Virtualization

- VMWare
 - Windows, Linux, Mac
- Parallels
 - Mac

Server Tools

- MAMP (Mac, Apache, MySQL, PHP)
- WAMP (Windows, Apache, MySQL, PHP)

Browsers

- Firefox (approx. 37%*)
- Internet Explorer (approx. 53%*)

* according to W3Schools for March 2008

Bookmarks

- [Del.icio.us](#)
- [Google Bookmarks](#)
- [Yahoo! Bookmarks](#)

Browser Add-ons

- SeoQuake: FF
- Zend Studio Toolbar: IE & FF
- Live HTTP Headers: FF
- Google Reader Notifier: FF
- HTML Validator: FF
- del.icio.us: FF
- ColorZilla: FF
- Firebug: FF
- Web Developer: FF
- iMacros: FF
- Internet Explorer Developer Toolbar: IE
- Microsoft Script Editor

IDEs & Editors

- PHP
 - Zend Development Environment: \$399
 - Komodo IDE: \$295, also works for other programming languages
 - PhpEd: \$495, Windows only
- XML
 - Oxygen XML: \$299
- Database
 - Aqua Data Studio: \$399
 - MySQL GUI Tools
- General
 - Vim
 - EditPlus \$35 - Windows only
 - TextWrangler: Mac only
 - textmate: \$63, Mac only

Revision Control

- Subversion
- Microsoft Visual Source Safe

Video Tutorials

- Virtual Training Consultant
- Lynda

Reference Websites

- W3Schools: Tutorials on anything technical for the web
- A List Apart: Web development, mostly design-centric
- Designer's Toolbox

Project Management

- Microsoft Project
- Basecamp: monthly fee
- Daily Grind: Widget

Business

- Quickbooks
- Form an LLC in Florida
- Get a IRS EIN (Employer Identification Number, AKA: Tax ID)
- Get an accountant you trust!

Books

- Web Design Business Kit: \$247
- Time Trap: \$12.89
- The 4-hour Workweek: \$11.97

iPod

- At least 30GB
- FM Transmitter



Podcasts

- Boagworld: Web Design
- eBiz
- Internet Business Mastery
- PHP Abstract: PHP Tidbits
- C7Y: PHP News
- The SEO Advisor
- Web Design TV

Audiobooks

- Audible.com
- [The 4-hour Workweek](#)

Community

- [Meetup.com](#)
- [SitePoint Forums](#)
- [PHP Contractor Network](#)
- [MySQL Forums](#)
- [Ubuntu Forums](#)

Feeds

- Google Reader: Use for browsing feeds
- DevShed
- dzone.com
- Planet PHP
- Zend Developer Zone
- MySQL Forums
- SitePoint Forums
- Ubuntu Forums

Certifications

- Linux+
- Zend Certified Engineer
- Certified Internet Web Professional

Subcontracting

- Elance
- RentACoder
- ODesk

Q & A