Introduction to Web Scripting with PHP

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The BCLA Continuing Education Committee offered the "Introduction to Web Scripting with PHP" workshop this past fall. Sixteen people attended the 2-day workshop given by John Durno, Coordinator of Information Technology Services at the University of Victoria Libraries and Mark Jordan, Head of Library Systems at Simon Fraser University. and library supply companies.

The course provided an introduction to the widely-used scripting language PHP (PHP Hypertext Preprocessor).

If you use a common open-source application like Drupal or WordPress to publish a website or blog, the underlying code is PHP.

From the opening statement "Hello World" to the creation of a web-based feedback form, participants learned how PHP interacts with HTML to produce dynamically generated web pages. Time did not permit further lessons in database interaction, but John and Mark demonstrated how PHP can be used to store and retrieve information from a database.

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