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- **Acquisition roundabout sees Zend Framework spun off to Linux Foundation [5]**

  The Zend Framework is to get a new name and a new home, under the auspices of the Linux Foundation, just a few months after its parent co was itself swallowed whole.

  Zend ? as was ? is an open source, object-oriented web application framework implemented in PHP 7. It was synonymous with Zend Technologies, which was taken over by Rogue Wave Software in 2015. Rogue Wave Software was itself acquired by private equity outfit Clear Lake Capital earlier this year.

  According to the website for the new organisation, ?To take it to the next step of adoption and innovation, we are happy to announce that we are transitioning Zend Framework and all its subprojects to an open source project hosted at the Linux Foundation.?

- **Five RESTful web service client examples for developers [6]**

How do you access a RESTful web service? That depends on what you're trying to accomplish.

If you just want to test connectivity, a terminal-based utility like curl is a great RESTful web service client. If you want to inspect the JSON a service returns to you, a browser-based plugin will probably be a better fit. And if you are in the midst of application development, you'll likely need to use JAX-RS, Spring or a similar framework.

- **5 Best Reasons to Opt for PHP Web Development [7]**

  Many companies now are choosing PHP web development to realize their IT needs. According to research, almost 83 percent of web services are using PHP, and it is the preferred choice of industry stalwarts such as BlaBlaCar, Slack, and Spotify. PHP is open source and comes with a great community, and it is continuously upgrading. There is no doubt about the same.

- **It?s Complicated: Mozilla?s 2019 Internet Health Report [8]**

  The Report paints a mixed picture of what life online looks like today. We?re more connected than ever, with humanity passing the ?50% of us are now online? mark earlier this year. And, while almost all of us enjoy the upsides of being connected, we also worry about how the internet and social media are impacting our children, our jobs and our democracies.

  When we published last year?s Report, the world was watching the Facebook-Cambridge Analytica scandal unfold ? and these worries were starting to grow. Millions of people were realizing that widespread, laissez-faire sharing of our personal data, the massive growth and centralization of the tech industry, and the misuse of online ads and social media was adding up to a big mess.

  Over the past year, more and more people started asking: what are we going to do about this mess? How do we push the digital world in a better direction?

  As people asked these questions, our ability to see the underlying problems with the system ? and to imagine solutions ? has evolved tremendously. Recently, we?ve seen governments across Europe step up efforts to monitor and thwart disinformation ahead of the upcoming EU elections. We?ve seen the big tech companies try everything from making ads more transparent to improving content recommendation algorithms to setting up ethics boards (albeit with limited effect and with critics saying ?you need to do much more!?). And, we?ve seen CEOs and policymakers and activists wrestling with each other over where to go next. We have not ?fixed? the problems, but it does feel like we?ve entered a new, sustained era of debate about what a healthy digital society should look like.

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