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Many developers turn their noses up at PHP, but I have a soft spot for it. For me, it's the most approachable programming language by far. It feels intuitive in a way no other languages do, and it makes it possible to cobble together a working application with just a handful of lines of code. So whenever I can't find a tool for a specific job, I try to build one myself.

The latest project of mine is a case in point. I was looking for a simple application for keeping a photographic diary, and I was sure that I'd be able to find an open-source tool for that. I searched high and low, but I came back empty-handed. Sure, there are plenty of static website generators, but I'd prefer something that doesn't require me to perform the write-generate-upload dance every time I want to post a quick update. And I need something that I can use not only to maintain a simple diary, but also store notes, manage tasks, and draft articles -- all this without getting bogged down by configuring templates, defining categories, and tweaking settings. And because I want most of my content to be private, I should be able to protect access to it with a password.

Dirk Eddelbuettel: RProtoBuf 0.4.17: Robustified

A new release 0.4.17 of RProtoBuf is now on CRAN. RProtoBuf provides R with bindings for the Google Protocol Buffers (?ProtoBuf?) data encoding and serialization library used and released by Google, and deployed very widely in numerous projects as a language and operating-system agnostic protocol.

This release contains small polishes related to the release 0.4.16 which added JSON support for messages, and switched to ByteSizeLong. This release now makes sure JSON functionality is only tested where available (on version 3 of the Protocol Buffers library), and that
ByteSizeLong is only called where available (version 3.6.0 or later). Of course, older versions build as before and remain fully supported.

- **Perl Weekly Challenge 53: Rotate Matrix and Vowel Strings** [4]

  These are some answers to the Week 53 of the Perl Weekly Challenge organized by Mohammad S. Anwar.

- **Weekly Python StackOverflow Report: (ccxxi) stackoverflow python report** [5]

- **Python: Is And ==** [6]

  In Python, == compares the value of two variables and returns True as long as the values are equal.

**Development**

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