

## TYPO3.Flow - Task # 44566

<b>Status:</b>	Closed	<b>Priority:</b>	Should have
<b>Author:</b>	Christopher Hlubek	<b>Category:</b>	- Documentation -
<b>Created:</b>	2013-01-16	<b>Assigned To:</b>	
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<b>Sprint:</b>			
<b>PHP Version:</b>			
<b>Has patch:</b>	No		
<b>Complexity:</b>			
<b>Subject:</b>	RFC: Change CGL to remove closing PHP tag		
<b>Description</b>			
<p>Having a closing PHP tag in class definitions is cumbersome, error prone (if whitespace is inserted after the tag) and not common in most other frameworks.</p> <p>Therefore we should change this rule in our CGL</p> <p>  <i>Always use the closing tag ?&gt; at the end of a file, don't leave it out (this ain't no Zend Framework, dude)</i></p> <p>to something like</p> <p>  <i>Don't end files with the closing PHP tag ?&gt;</i></p> <p>The change can be easily automated with a code migration that we ship with the next Flow version.</p>			

### History

#### #1 - 2013-01-16 14:00 - Adrian Föder

but, what was the initial intention to enforce this? Obviously the author was aware that there are other frameworks ;) that omit the closing tag; so I think there is any reason to have it?

(btw I think it's neither cumbersome nor error-prone, because caring about leading and trailing whitespaces is what us PHP-guys is given us at hand from our first line of hello-world. At least it should have been. ;)

// edit: don't get me wrong, I'm quite inpassionate about this and would give my +1 in doubt; I just want(ed) to ask.

#### #2 - 2013-01-17 10:31 - Ralf Merz

The closing tag in a PHP file is optional.

<http://php.net/manual/en/language.basic-syntax.instruction-separation.php>

If we put that into CGL, the sentence should be:

| *You must not end files with the closing PHP tag ?>*

I mean the use of "must not" instead of "do not".

Just my 2 cents.

Regards

Ralf

**#3 - 2013-01-17 10:42 - Bastian Waidelich**

I'm pretty insensible to this tbh, but this has the most votes in the Flow tracker! ;)

Ralf Merz wrote:

*If we put that into CGL, the sentence should be:*

*You must not end files with the closing PHP tag ?>*

*I mean the use of "must not" instead of "do not".*

Right, it should probably be even more strict: "PHP files must not contain the closing PHP tag ?>"

**#4 - 2013-10-25 09:09 - Mathias Brodala**

This seems to have been fixed with commit:d9d6ff9.

**#5 - 2013-10-25 12:30 - Christopher Hlubek**

- Status changed from New to Closed

- % Done changed from 0 to 100

True, I'll close it.