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Name	Last modified	Size	Description
 Parent Directory		-	
 06_section_overview.php	08-Jul-2012 17:40	580	
 07_objects.php	09-Jul-2012 17:02	402	
 08_xpath.php	09-Jul-2012 19:16	1.2K	
 app06/	08-Jul-2012 10:19	-	
 menu.xml	09-Jul-2012 19:16	292	

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MVC Context from Last Section

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I'm going to continue using the application in examples today, so I will start with app06, continuing with last week's example. The directory structure can be found by using the `tree` command in linux:

```
.
|-- 06_section_overview.php
`-- app06
    |-- controller
    |   |-- controller.php
    |-- model
    |   |-- data.xml
    |   |-- model.php
    |   |-- rss2sample.xml
    |-- view
    |   |-- content.php
    |   |-- header-content.php
    |   |-- pagination.php
    |   |-- post.php
    |   |-- top-bar.php
    |-- view.php
```

In general, the flow of control follows the normal flow of control for MVC applications, from Controller to Model back to Controller to View:

1. 06_section_overview.php
 1. controller/controller.php
 1. model/model.php
 2. model/data.xml
 3. model/model.php

1. controller/controller.php

1. view/view.php
2. view/header-content.php
3. view/view.php
4. view/top-bar.php
5. view/content.php
6. view/pagination.php
7. view/post.php
8. view/content.php
9. view/view.php

1. controller/controller.php

2. 06_section_overview.php

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Objects in PHP

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SimpleXMLElement Object

```
(
  [comment] => SimpleXMLElement Object
  (
  )
  [pizzas] => SimpleXMLElement Object
  (
    [item] => Array
    (
      [0] => SimpleXMLElement Object
      (
        [name] => Tomato & Cheese
        [large] => 9.75
      )
      [1] => SimpleXMLElement Object
      (
        [name] => Broccoli
        [large] => 1085
        [small] => 685
      )
    )
  )
)
```

Array

```
(
  [0] => SimpleXMLElement Object
  (
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  )
)
```

)

1

1085

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XPath and SimpleXMLElement

- [SimpleXMLElement Documentation](#)
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New Features of App06

In `app04`, we had what's called a fat controller; a lot of data model-specific information was computed in the controller. If you'll go back and look at last section's `app04/controller/controller.php`, you'll see how bloated the controller is.

Having a "fat controller" is usually an indication that your controller is doing things that your model should be doing. In `app06`, we've moved this computation to the model, using what may be a new function to you: `call_user_func($function_name, $parameters)`.

As a result, the controller is responsible for requesting certain special variables names of the model - this is the model's API, or Application Programming Interface. At the top of the controller, we request any variables we need. Then we include the model, and the variables are filled in, ready to pass to the view.

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 Parent Directory		-	
 data.xml	09-Jul-2012 16:56	4.8K	
 model.php	09-Jul-2012 19:16	3.5K	
 rss2sample.xml	08-Jul-2012 10:19	2.5K	

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 Parent Directory		-	
 content.php	09-Jul-2012 12:30	317	
 header-content.php	08-Jul-2012 10:19	378	
 pagination.php	09-Jul-2012 08:40	799	
 post.php	09-Jul-2012 12:19	235	
 top-bar.php	09-Jul-2012 04:26	513	
 view.php	08-Jul-2012 10:19	197	

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Intro to MVC

Web Developers call dynamic websites web applications because from the coder's perspective, dynamic websites are applications that run on a web server.

Modern applications follow design patterns. One very common design pattern is Model, View, Controller, or MVC.

To follow MVC when writing an application, you *separate your code* according to the function of the code:

- Model code stores the application data and *models* your application's domain. For example, if you were writing a blogging application, the Model code would determine what data needs to be stored about a Blog Post, and take responsibility for storing and retrieving Blog Post data.
- View code produces anything *viewable* by the site visitor. For example, in a blogging application, the View code would turn a Blog Post's data into HTML and CSS, which would then be rendered in the site viewer's web browser and determine how the site appears to the visitor.
- Controller code receives all of site visitor's clicks and other input, and uses them to help the user *control* your application. For example, in a blogging site, if a user clicks on 'next post', the controller will receive that click, fetch the appropriate Model from the model code, send and send it to the View to turn it into the HTML that the site viewer's browser will render for the Site Viewer's viewing pleasure.

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