PhpStorm

bitEXPERT

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to navigate large codebases,
this is especially handy if we
take over an existing project
from our customers. Setting
up the debuggers for PHP
or Javascript is super simple
giving a developer no excuse
not to use it on a daily basis.

Stephan Hochdörfer,
Head of Technology in bitExpert

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About bitExpert

bitExpert is a technology company focusing on building
custom web and mobile application for their custom-
ers. bitExpert works for a wide range of clients from
small start-ups up to global companies like BASF, Bosch
or SAP. Up to now bitExpert totals 24 employees, about
15 of them are developers. As a technology company
bitExpert uses a lot of different technologies. On the
server-side, this means PHP, Java or Javascript (node.js),
on the client-side HTML5, CSS3, and Javascript (Angular,
Sencha ExtJS). bitExpert tries to pick the "right"(tm)
technology for each project, depending on the project
set-up, customer and requirements. The bitExpert head-
quarters is located in Mannheim, Germany.

Adopting PhpStorm

Since 2014 the majority of developers in bitExpert use
PhpStorm, before that they evaluated Eclipse PDT and
Netbeans IDE. According to Stephan Hochdörfer, Head
of Technology in bitExpert, the move to PhpStorm was
mostly motivated by move from the company-wide
coding standard to the PSR standards for PHP projects,
where PhpStorm was the most helpful and powerful.

Key benefits of using PhpStorm

According to Stephan Hochdörfer, PhpStorm is a great
tool which offers a lot interesting features. The speed
of PhpStorm IDE is especially appreciated by bitExpert de-
velopment team as it helps them being productive. Among
the key features which makes PhpStorm IDE of choice
for bitExpert developers Stephan Hochdörfer mentioned:

- Plugin infrastructure, which makes it easy to add custom
  functionality (e.g Grunt support);

- Navigation through large codebases, which helps to cope
  with large codebases of existing customer projects;

- Debugger, which is very simple to set up, that gives
  a developer no excuse not to use it.