



# PhpStorm

**evolvergroup** 

Industry: Software products and IT solutions for the media industry

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Many essential features are available in PhpStorm out of the box (or with free plugins downloadable from the repository), so we don't need to use any 3rd-party tools. As soon as evolver group switched to PhpStorm, we were able to access all the features we needed for software development, and we found them simple to use and powerful.

**Daniel Schröder**  
development lead at evolver group

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## About evolver group

[evolver group](#) is known as one of today's most innovative software companies in the media industry. With major products like evolverOAS (Online Ads System), evolverCMS (Content Management System), evolverSSO (Single Sign-On + Paywall + Payment) and their evolver rental software (portal solutions for employment, real estate, automotive and obituary markets), evolver group provides the complete range of software products and IT solutions for media companies.

evolver group works for clients such as Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Rheinische Post, FUNKE Media Group, and Axel Springer AG.

## Adopting PhpStorm

Developers at evolver group evaluated and used different IDEs including Zend Studio, NetBeans, UltraEdit Studio, and PhpStorm.

In late 2013, the entire team decided to stay with PhpStorm. Out of all the IDEs they tested, PhpStorm provided the best integration of technologies and tools preferred by evolver group, as well as superior performance. Since then, all developers working at evolver group have been using PhpStorm for both backend and frontend development.

## Key benefits of using PhpStorm

According to Daniel Schröder, development lead at evolver group, his colleagues are taking advantage of many PhpStorm features to work more productively. These include syntax highlighting, code completion, the debugger, code analysis (PHP & JS linting, PHP mess detector, PHP code sniffer, and JS hint), plugins for multiple technologies and tools (described below), integration with databases & SQL, (SSH) terminal, and remote interpreters.

Many different technologies, tools and components are in use among developers in Daniel's team, for which PhpStorm provides support and facilitates the required web development workflows. These technologies include:

- PHP for most of the backend, including advanced use of Zend Framework 2, Symfony 2 components, Doctrine 2, Composer for package management, Phing as a build tool, PHPUnit for unit testing, Behat for BDD, Xdebug as debugging engine, and XHProf as profiler;
- JavaScript & NodeJS, including NPM, Bower, AngularJS, Grunt, Karma, and others;
- Git and Subversion (in release) as VCS; and
- REST + HAL (Hypertext Application Language) and BaaS (backend as a service).