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This year's annual phpDay Italian PHP conference in Verona ended with a surprisingly reflective talk from the original creator of PHP.

As the closing speaker, 50-year-old Rasmus Lerdorf looked back over the web backend programming language's last 25 years, and offered some lessons learned from the evolution of a humble hypertext preprocessor into a major player in the infrastructure of the web.

But besides sharing his stories about a lifetime in tech and the changes that rocked our world, Lerdorf also offered his own perspective on what it all had meant, and even some good advice for newer generations of hopeful young hackers who might also want to change the world themselves.

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