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- Is it really a language?

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Perl: there's more than one way to do it!

PHP: Found the one way to do it wrong.

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- I have spent many hours of my life that I will never get back attempting to build PHP and have it link against the libraries **I specified.**

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PEAR

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- Allows PHP to exposé what are perhaps the worst most dysfunctional and retarded code... in an easily downloadable/installable form.

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  - B, C, D



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- Yes... but I could never fit that in 5 minutes.