

Very Short Note: PHP Consuming Web Service REST

If you have a web service that is provided as RESTful web service, you can use following steps to consuming these in PHP.

- 1) You can access any REST API with PHPs **cURL**:
See: <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/9802788/call-a-rest-api-in-php>
- 2) You can use 'file_get_contents' and 'json_decode'
See: <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/10967770/displaying-json-data-with-php>

The easy way is the second:

An example -----

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// receive information

$response = file_get_contents('http://wsl-pele-
easj.azurewebsites.net/api/person');

// display information raw

echo 'RES: ' . $response;

//decode from json

$response = json_decode($response);

//display decoded information in a table

echo '<table><tbody><tr><th>Name</th><th>Email</th></tr>';

$arrayLgt = count($response);
for ($x = 0; $x < $arrayLgt; $x++) {
    echo '<tr><td>' . $response[$x]->Name . '</td><td>' . $response[$x]
->EmailAddress . '</td></tr>';

    echo "<br>";
}
echo '</tbody></table>';
```

End example -----