

# Introduction to Symfony

Symfony is a reusable set of standalone, decoupled, and cohesive PHP 5.3 components that solve common web development problems. Symfony is also a full stack web framework. It is an Open Source software.

eZ Publish 5 uses Symfony2 in order to create website templates.

You can see the Requirements for installing/using Symfony by clicking on the following link: [Installing Symfony - Requirements and Checks](#).

To download Symfony, go to [www.symfony.com](http://www.symfony.com) and click on the "Download Now" button. You will see the following page:

The screenshot shows the Symfony website's 'Download' page. At the top left is the Symfony logo. To its right is a green button labeled 'DOWNLOAD NOW' with the text 'a Sensiolabs product' above it. Below the logo is a navigation menu with items: 'What is Symfony?', 'Get started', 'Documentation', 'Community', 'Services', 'News', and 'About'. The 'Get started' menu item is active. On the left side, there is a sidebar with a 'Download Symfony' section containing links for 'Symfony Distributions', 'Symfony Components', 'Quick Tour', and 'symfony1 Legacy'. Below this sidebar are two promotional links: 'Master Symfony2 fundamentals' and 'Symfony hosting done right'. The main content area features the heading 'Download' and a sub-heading 'Symfony Standard Edition'. It includes an image of a blue and black box labeled 'Symfony'. Text describes the Standard Edition as the best for new projects. A dropdown menu shows 'Symfony Standard 2.1.3 (.tgz)' with a 'DOWNLOAD NOW' button below it. A URL is provided: [http://symfony.com/download?v=Symfony\\_Standard\\_Vendors\\_2.1.3.tgz](http://symfony.com/download?v=Symfony_Standard_Vendors_2.1.3.tgz).

You can also find an extensive documentation about Symfony on the following link: [Symfony Documentation](#).

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