

# Cool Tools for PHP Development

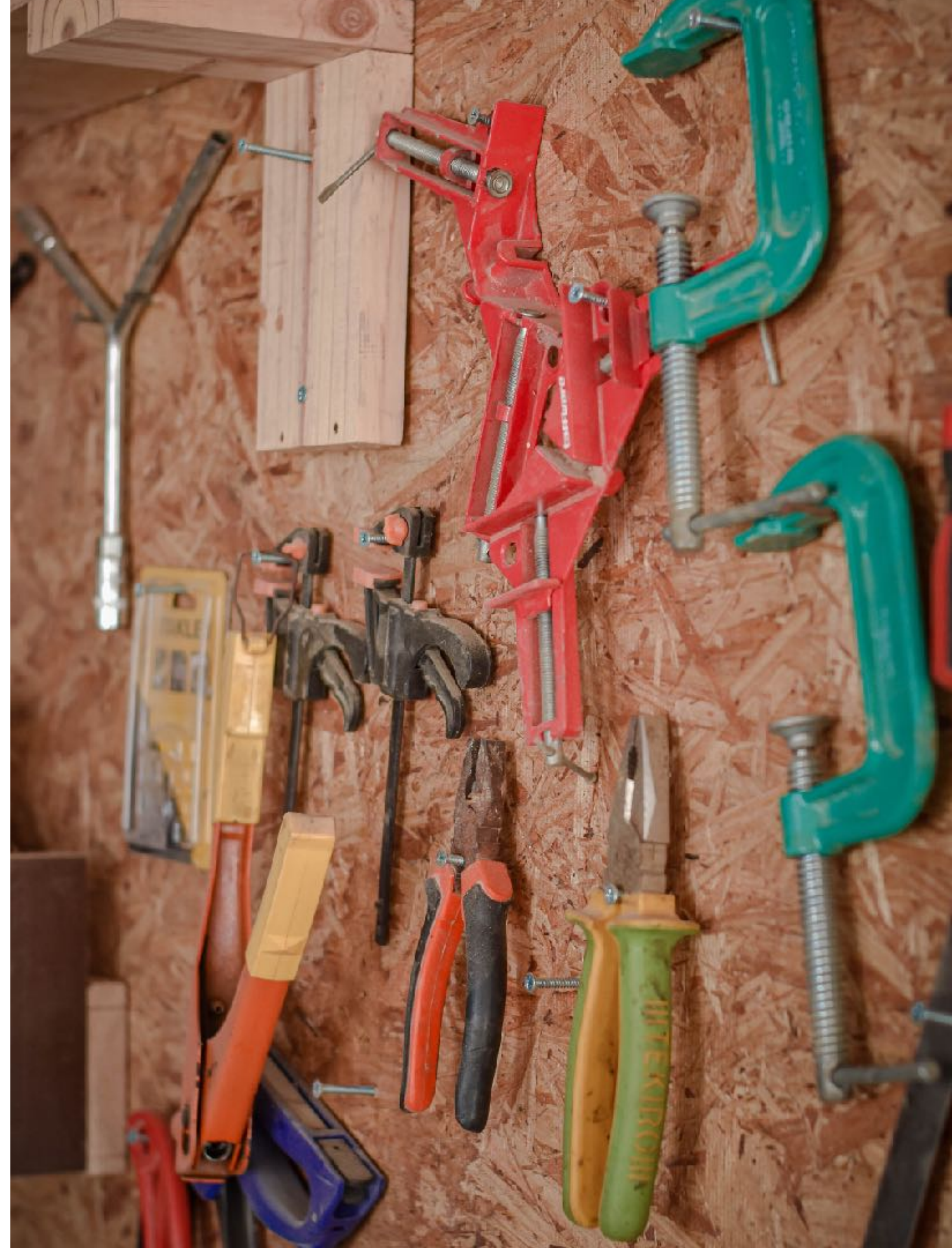
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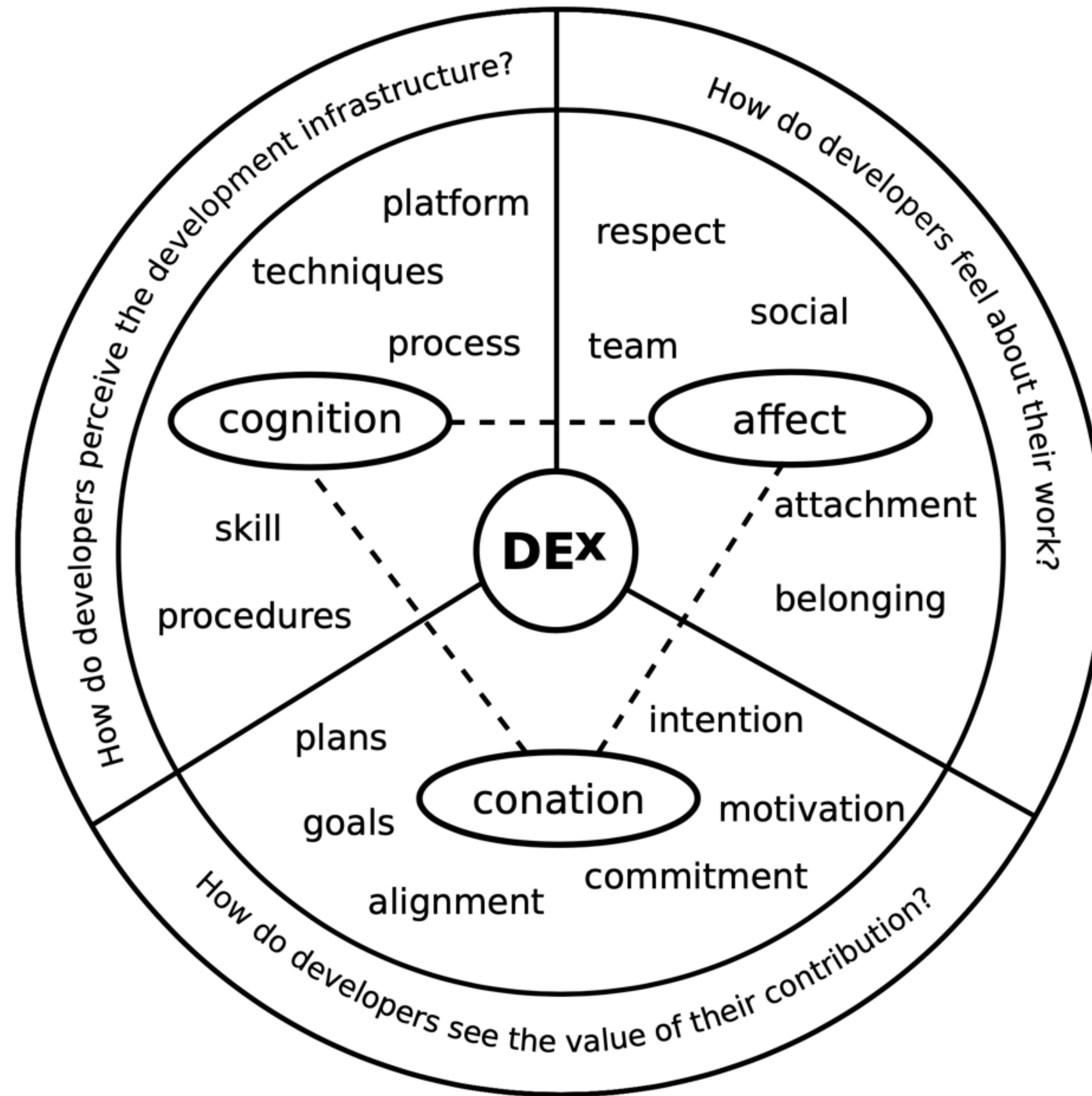


# What is DX?

DEVELOPER EXPERIENCE



“DE<sup>x</sup> consists of experiences relating to all kinds of artifacts and activities that a developer may encounter as part of their involvement in software development. These could roughly be divided into experiences regarding i) development infrastructure (e.g. development and management tools, programming languages, libraries, platforms, frameworks, processes, and methods), ii) feelings about work (e.g. respect, attachment, belonging), and iii) the value of one’s own contribution (e.g. alignment of one’s own goals with those of the project, plans, intentions, and commitment).”



# Developer experience

## CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

### Cognition

How do developers perceive the development infrastructure?

### Conation

How do developers see the value of their contribution?

### Affect

How do developers feel about their work?

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# How do you perceive the infrastructure?

Do your tools get in the way?

Are they a joy to use?

The better experience a developer has with their tools, the more efficient and happy they'll be.



A woman with dark hair, wearing a white short-sleeved top, is speaking into a microphone on a stage. She is gesturing with her hands as she speaks. The background is dark, and the lighting is focused on her.

Lastly, ask yourself, does it spark joy? Does it make you happy? Only keep those items that do!





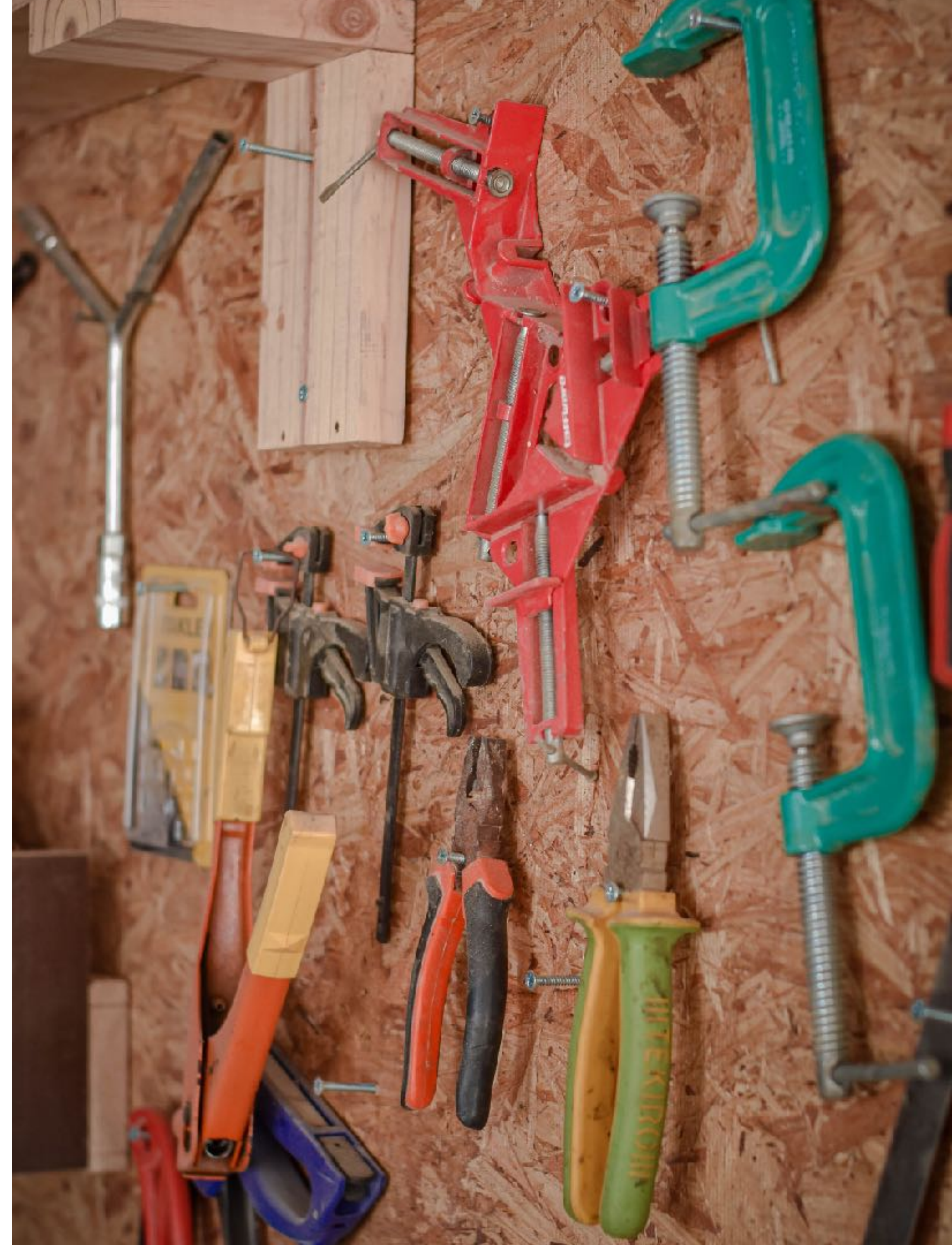
# Cool tools

## OUR FOCUS

How can you create better workflows for the tools you already use?

Programming is a “team sport.” How can you share these workflows with your team?

In other words, how can you improve your DX?



# Starting Out



# Unit tests?

Of course we want those!

So, let's install PHPUnit.



```
composer require --dev phpunit/phpunit
```

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# Coding standards?

**Yes, please!**

**Let's install PHP\_CodeSniffer.**



```
composer require --dev \  
    squizlabs/php_codesniffer
```

# Static analysis?

**You bet!**

**Let's install PHPStan.**

**And, for the heck of it, Psalm, too!**



```
composer require --dev \  
    phpstan/phpstan \  
    vimeo/psalm
```

# Now what?

Now, we write our code...

And then run the commands for our tools.



**src/Example.php**

```
namespace Ramsey\CoolTools;
```

```
class Example
```

```
{
```

```
    public function greet(string $name = 'World'): string
```

```
    {
```

```
        return "Hello, {$name}!";
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

## tests/ExampleTest.php

```
namespace Ramsey\Test\CoolTools;

use PHPUnit\Framework\TestCase;
use Ramsey\CoolTools\Example;

class ExampleTest extends TestCase
{
    public function testGreet(): void
    {
        $example = new Example();
        $this->assertSame(
            'Hello, Friends!', $example->greet('Friends')
        );
    }
}
```

```
./vendor/bin/phpunit
```

PHPUnit 10.1.2 by Sebastian Bergmann and contributors.

Runtime: PHP 8.2.4

Configuration: /home/ramsey/cool-tools/phpunit.xml.dist

.

1 / 1 (100%)

Time: 00:00.008, Memory: 8.00 MB

OK (1 test, 1 assertion)

```
./vendor/bin/phpcs
```

.. 2 / 2 (100%)

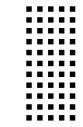
Time: 46ms; Memory: 8MB

```
./vendor/bin/phpstan
```



```
./vendor/bin/psalm
```

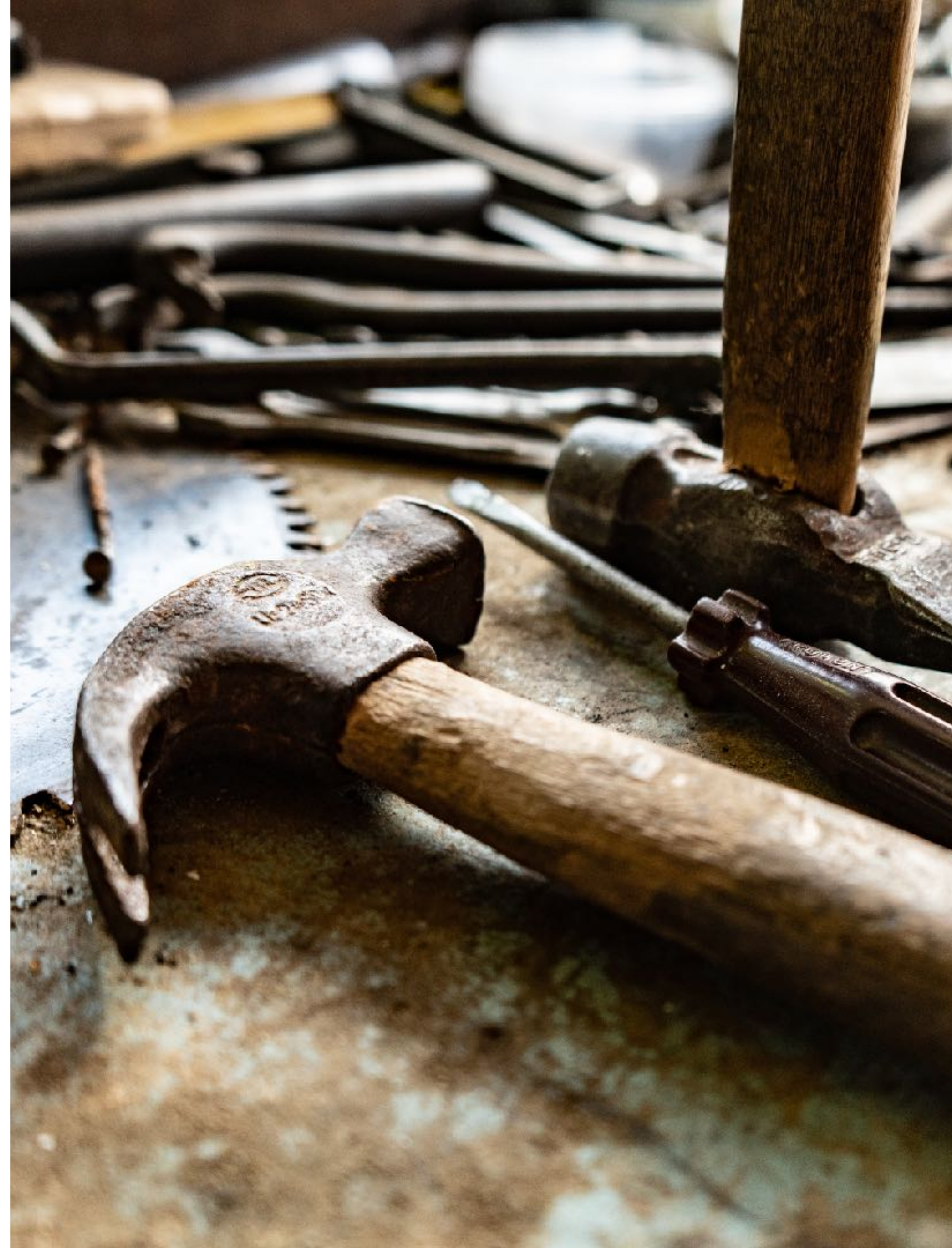
Target PHP version: 8.2 (inferred from current PHP version).  
Scanning files...  
Analyzing files...



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**No errors found!**  
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Checks took 1.12 seconds and used 172.273MB of memory  
Psalm was able to infer types for 100% of the codebase

# Leveling Up



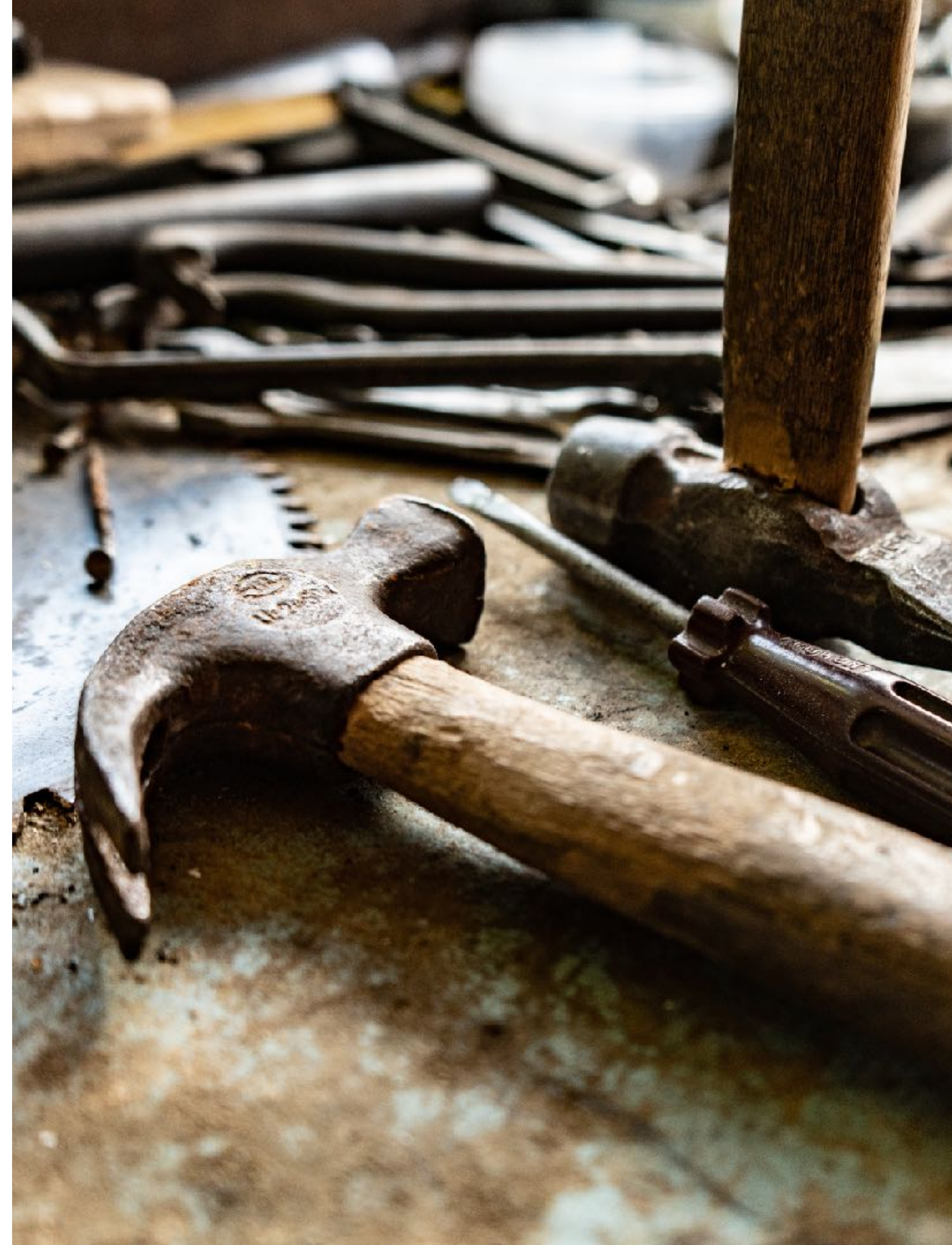
# Composer scripts

PHP callbacks (static methods)

Command-line executable commands

Symfony Console Command classes

Event hooks



## composer.json

```
{
  "scripts": {
    "test": ["phpcs", "phpstan", "psalm", "phpunit"]
  }
}
```

composer test

## composer.json

```
{  
  "scripts": {  
    "dev:analyze:phpstan": "phpstan analyse --memory-limit=1G",  
    "dev:analyze:psalm": "psalm"  
  }  
}
```

## composer.json

```
{
  "scripts": {
    "dev:analyze": [
      "@dev:analyze:phpstan",
      "@dev:analyze:psalm"
    ],
    "dev:analyze:phpstan": "phpstan analyse --memory-limit=1G",
    "dev:analyze:psalm": "psalm"
  }
}
```

```
composer list dev
```

**Available commands for the "dev" namespace:**

- dev:analyze** Runs the dev:analyze script as defined in composer.json
- dev:analyze:phpstan** Runs the dev:analyze:phpstan script as defined in composer.json
- dev:analyze:psalm** Runs the dev:analyze:psalm script as defined in composer.json

## composer.json

```
{
  "scripts-descriptions": {
    "dev:analyze": "Runs all static analysis checks.",
    "dev:analyze:phpstan": "Runs the PHPStan static analyzer.",
    "dev:analyze:psalm": "Runs the Psalm static analyzer."
  }
}
```

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<code>dev:analyze:phpstan</code>	Runs the PHPStan static analyzer.
<code>dev:analyze:psalm</code>	Runs the Psalm static analyzer.

## composer.json

```
{
  "scripts": {
    "dev:analyze": [
      "@dev:analyze:phpstan",
      "@dev:analyze:psalm"
    ],
    "dev:analyze:phpstan": "phpstan analyse --ansi --memory-limit=1G",
    "dev:analyze:psalm": "psalm",
    "dev:build:clean": "git clean -fX build/",
    "dev:lint": [
      "@dev:lint:syntax",
      "@dev:lint:style"
    ],
    "dev:lint:fix": "phpcbf",
    "dev:lint:style": "phpcs --colors",
    "dev:lint:syntax": "parallel-lint --colors src/ tests/",
    "dev:test": [
      "@dev:lint",
      "@dev:analyze",
      "@dev:test:unit"
    ],
    "dev:test:coverage:ci": "phpunit --colors=always --coverage-text --coverage-clover build/coverage/clover.xml --coverage-cobertura build/coverage/cobertura.xml --coverage-crap4j build/coverage/crap4j.xml --coverage-xml build/coverage/coverage.xml --log-junit build/junit.xml",
    "dev:test:coverage:html": "phpunit --colors=always --coverage-html build/coverage/coverage-html/",
    "dev:test:unit": "phpunit --colors=always",
    "test": "@dev:test"
  }
}
```

# Sharing Tools



# Composer plugins

**Extend the functionality provided by Composer**

**Hook into Composer events**

**Add commands to Composer**

**Use the same plugin across projects**



# Plugin examples

[ramsey/composer-repl](#)

[ramsey/devtools](#)



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# ramsey/composer-repl

Uses PsySH to provide a REPL that can interact with your project

Composer plugin with a single command:  
`composer repl`

Good example of minimal Composer plugin



## composer.json (ramsey/composer-repl)

```
{
  "name": "ramsey/composer-repl",
  "type": "composer-plugin",
  "require": {
    "composer-plugin-api": "^2.3"
  },
  "require-dev": {
    "composer/composer": "^2.3"
  },
  "extra": {
    "class": "Ramsey\\Dev\\Repl\\Composer\\ReplPlugin"
  }
}
```

## src/Composer/ReplPlugin.php (ramsey/composer-repl)

```
use Composer\Plugin\Capability\CommandProvider;
use Composer\Plugin\Capable;
use Composer\Plugin\PluginInterface;

class ReplPlugin implements Capable, CommandProvider, PluginInterface
{
    public function getCapabilities(): array
    {
        return [CommandProvider::class => self::class];
    }

    public function getCommands(): array
    {
        return [new ReplCommand()];
    }

    public function activate(Composer $composer, IOInterface $io): void {}

    public function deactivate(Composer $composer, IOInterface $io): void {}

    public function uninstall(Composer $composer, IOInterface $io): void {}
}
```

## src/Composer/ReplCommand.php (ramsey/composer-repl)

```
use Composer\Command\BaseCommand;
use Symfony\Component\Console\Input\InputInterface;
use Symfony\Component\Console\Output\OutputInterface;

class ReplCommand extends BaseCommand
{
    protected function configure(): void
    {
        $this->setName('repl')
            ->setDescription('Launches a development console (REPL) for PHP.')
            ->setAliases(['shell']);
    }

    protected function execute(InputInterface $input, OutputInterface $output): int
    {
        Config::disableProcessTimeout();

        return runReplCommand();
    }
}
```

```
> composer require --dev ramsey/composer-repl
```

```
...
```

```
> composer list
```

```
...
```

**Available commands:**

```
...
```

```
repl
```

```
...
```

[shell] Launches a development console (REPL) for PHP.

```
> composer repl
```

---

# ramsey/devtools

**Provides a lot of common functionality I use across my open source projects**

**Composer plugin with many commands**

**Good example of complex Composer plugin**

**Extensible, so you can build off of it**



## composer.json (ramsey/devtools)

```
{
  "name": "ramsey/composer-repl",
  "type": "composer-plugin",
  "require": {
    "composer-plugin-api": "^2.3"
  },
  "require-dev": {
    "composer/composer": "^2.3"
  },
  "extra": {
    "class": "Ramsey\\Dev\\Tools\\Composer\\DevToolsPlugin"
  }
}
```

---

**There's some hand-waving here...**

**ramsey/devtools is really two packages:**

**ramsey/devtools**

**ramsey/devtools-lib**

**Since we cannot extend Composer plugins; devtools-lib allows easier extension**

## composer.json

```
{
  "scripts": {
    "dev:analyze": [
      "@dev:analyze:phpstan",
      "@dev:analyze:psalm"
    ],
    "dev:analyze:phpstan": "phpstan analyse --ansi --memory-limit=1G",
    "dev:analyze:psalm": "psalm",
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    "dev:lint": [
      "@dev:lint:syntax",
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    ],
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    "dev:lint:style": "phpcs --colors",
    "dev:lint:syntax": "parallel-lint --colors src/ tests/",
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      "@dev:lint",
      "@dev:analyze",
      "@dev:test:unit"
    ],
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    "dev:test:coverage:html": "phpunit --colors=always --coverage-html build/coverage/coverage-html/",
    "dev:test:unit": "phpunit --colors=always",
    "test": "@dev:test"
  }
}
```

# Let's look at some code...

DevToolsApplication

DevToolsPlugin

UnitCommand

# Enforcing Workflows



# Avast!

**SAY “HELLO” TO THE CAPTAIN**

**CaptainHook**

**Git hook manager**

**Attach workflows to Git hooks to ensure everyone uses the same workflows**

**Extend it with your own hooks**



## captainhook.json

```
{
  "commit-msg": {
    "enabled": true,
    "actions": []
  },
  "pre-push": {
    "enabled": true,
    "actions": []
  },
  "pre-commit": {
    "enabled": true,
    "actions": []
  },
  "prepare-commit-msg": {
    "enabled": true,
    "actions": []
  },
  "post-commit": {
    "enabled": false,
```

```
    "actions": []
  },
  "post-merge": {
    "enabled": true,
    "actions": []
  },
  "post-checkout": {
    "enabled": true,
    "actions": []
  },
  "post-rewrite": {
    "enabled": false,
    "actions": []
  },
  "post-change": {
    "enabled": false,
    "actions": []
  }
}
```

## captainhook.json

```
{
  "pre-commit": {
    "enabled": true,
    "actions": [{
      "action": "composer validate",
      "conditions": [{
        "exec": "\\CaptainHook\\App\\Hook\\Condition\\FileStaged\\Any",
        "args": ["composer.json"]
      }]
    }, {
      "action": "composer normalize --dry-run",
      "conditions": [{
        "exec": "\\CaptainHook\\App\\Hook\\Condition\\FileStaged\\Any",
        "args": ["composer.json"]
      }]
    }, {
      "action": "composer dev:lint:syntax -- {$STAGED_FILES|of-type:php}",
      "conditions": [{
        "exec": "\\CaptainHook\\App\\Hook\\Condition\\FileStaged\\OfType",
        "args": ["php"]
      }]
    }, {
      "action": "composer dev:lint:style -- {$STAGED_FILES|of-type:php}",
      "conditions": [{
        "exec": "\\CaptainHook\\App\\Hook\\Condition\\FileStaged\\OfType",
        "args": ["php"]
      }]
    }
  ]
}
```

## **captainhook.json**

```
{
  "prepare-commit-msg": {
    "enabled": true,
    "actions": [{
      "action": "\\Ramsey\\CaptainHook\\PrepareConventionalCommit"
    }]
  },
  "commit-msg": {
    "enabled": true,
    "actions": [{
      "action": "\\Ramsey\\CaptainHook\\ValidateConventionalCommit"
    }]
  }
}
```

## captainhook.json

```
{
  "pre-push": {
    "enabled": true,
    "actions": [
      {
        "action": "composer test"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

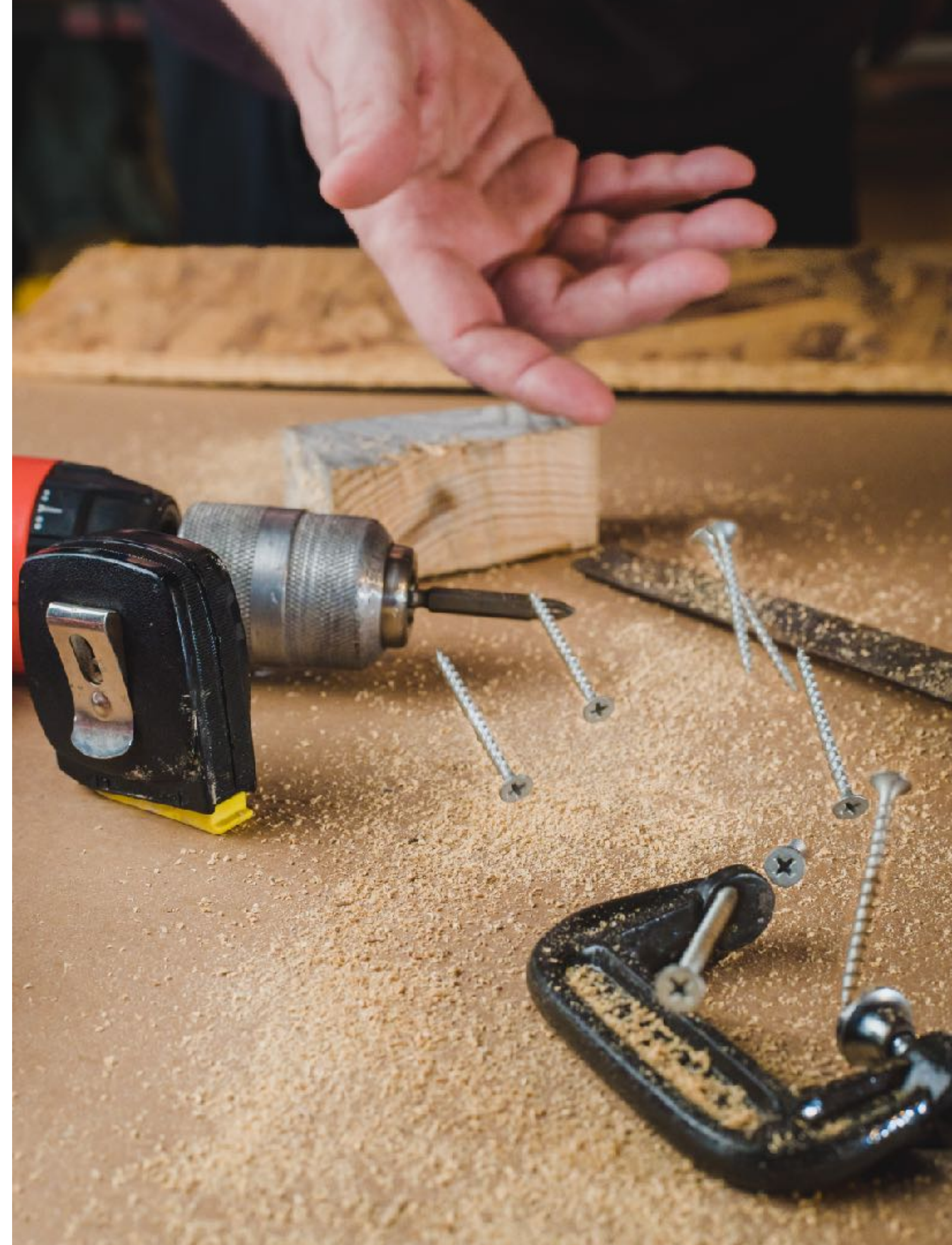
## captainhook.json

```
{
  "post-merge": {
    "enabled": true,
    "actions": [{
      "action": "composer install --ansi",
      "conditions": [{
        "exec": "\\CaptainHook\\App\\Hook\\Condition\\FileChanged\\Any",
        "args": ["composer.json", "composer.lock"]
      }]
    }]
  },
  "post-checkout": {
    "enabled": true,
    "actions": [{
      "action": "composer install --ansi",
      "conditions": [{
        "exec": "\\CaptainHook\\App\\Hook\\Condition\\FileChanged\\Any",
        "args": ["composer.json", "composer.lock"]
      }]
    }]
  }
}
```

## composer.json - Configuring CaptainHook

```
{
  "require-dev": {
    "captainhook/plugin-composer": "^5.3",
  },
  "config": {
    "allow-plugins": {
      "captainhook/plugin-composer": true
    }
  },
  "extra": {
    "captainhook": {
      "force-install": true
    }
  }
}
```

**Hooray!**



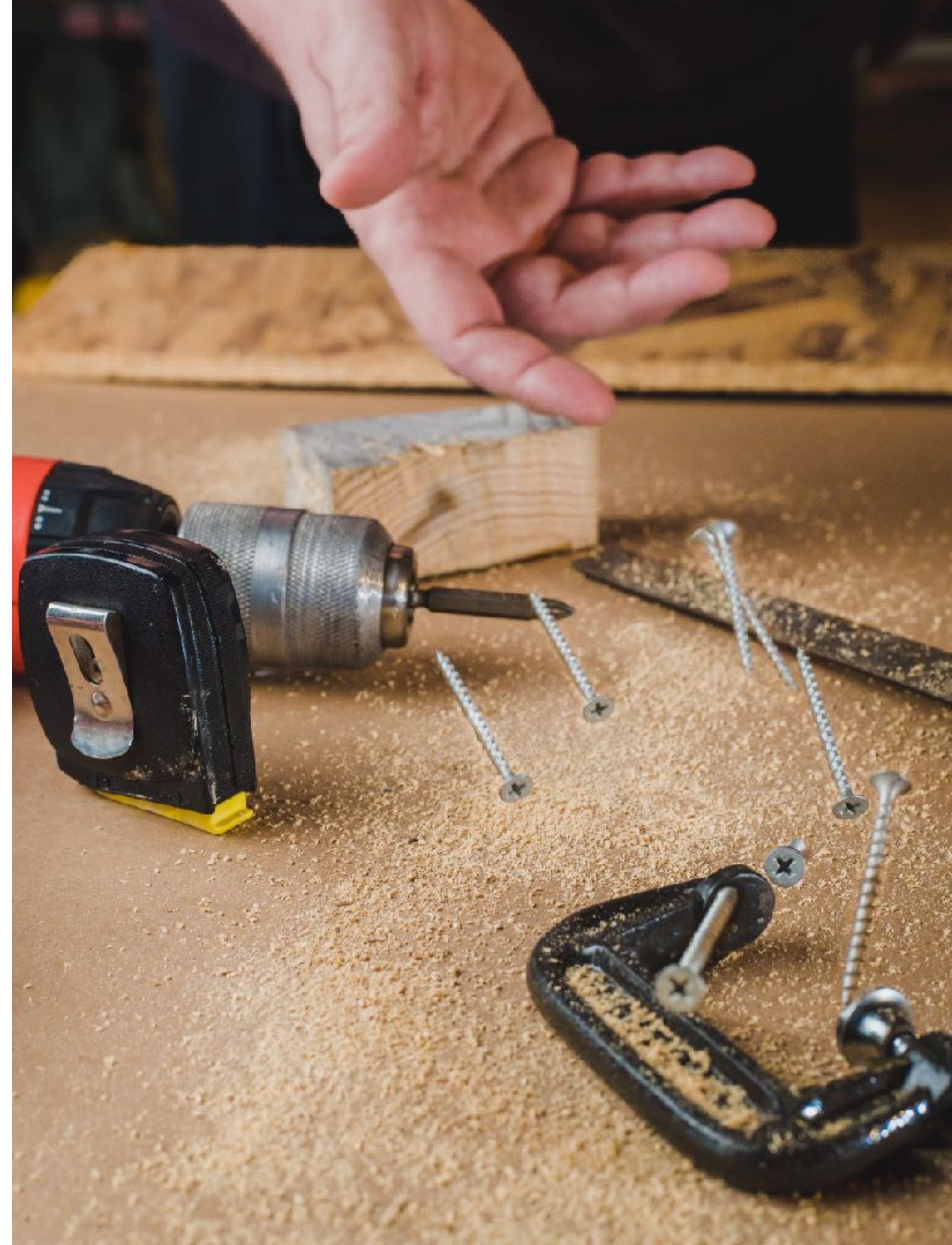
# Recap

## WE COVERED...

Using Composer scripts to stitch together workflows and share with team/contributors

Using Composer plugins to combine workflows into commands that can be shared across projects

Using CaptainHook to ensure team/contributors follow workflows seamlessly



# Learn more

Composer scripts:

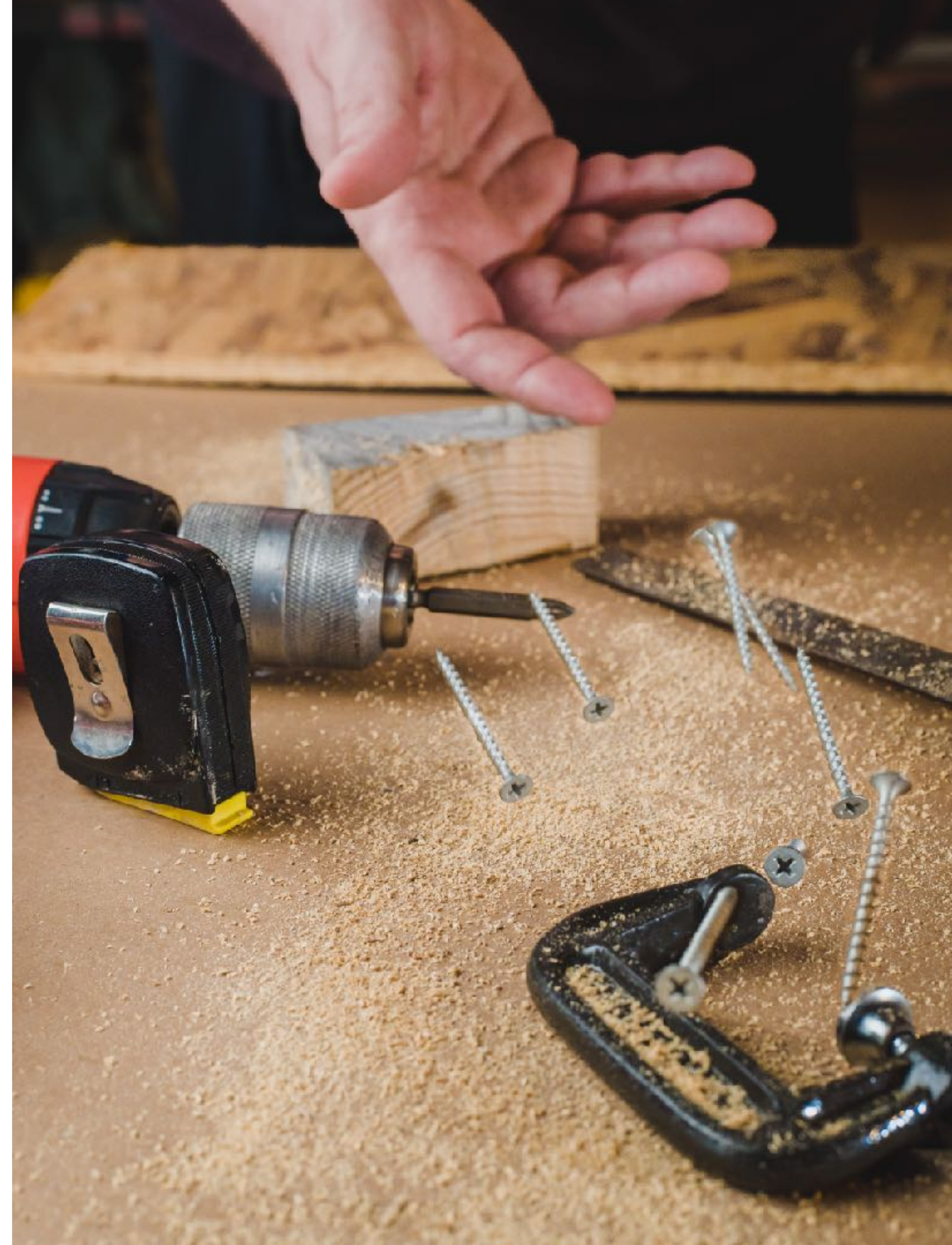
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Composer plugins:

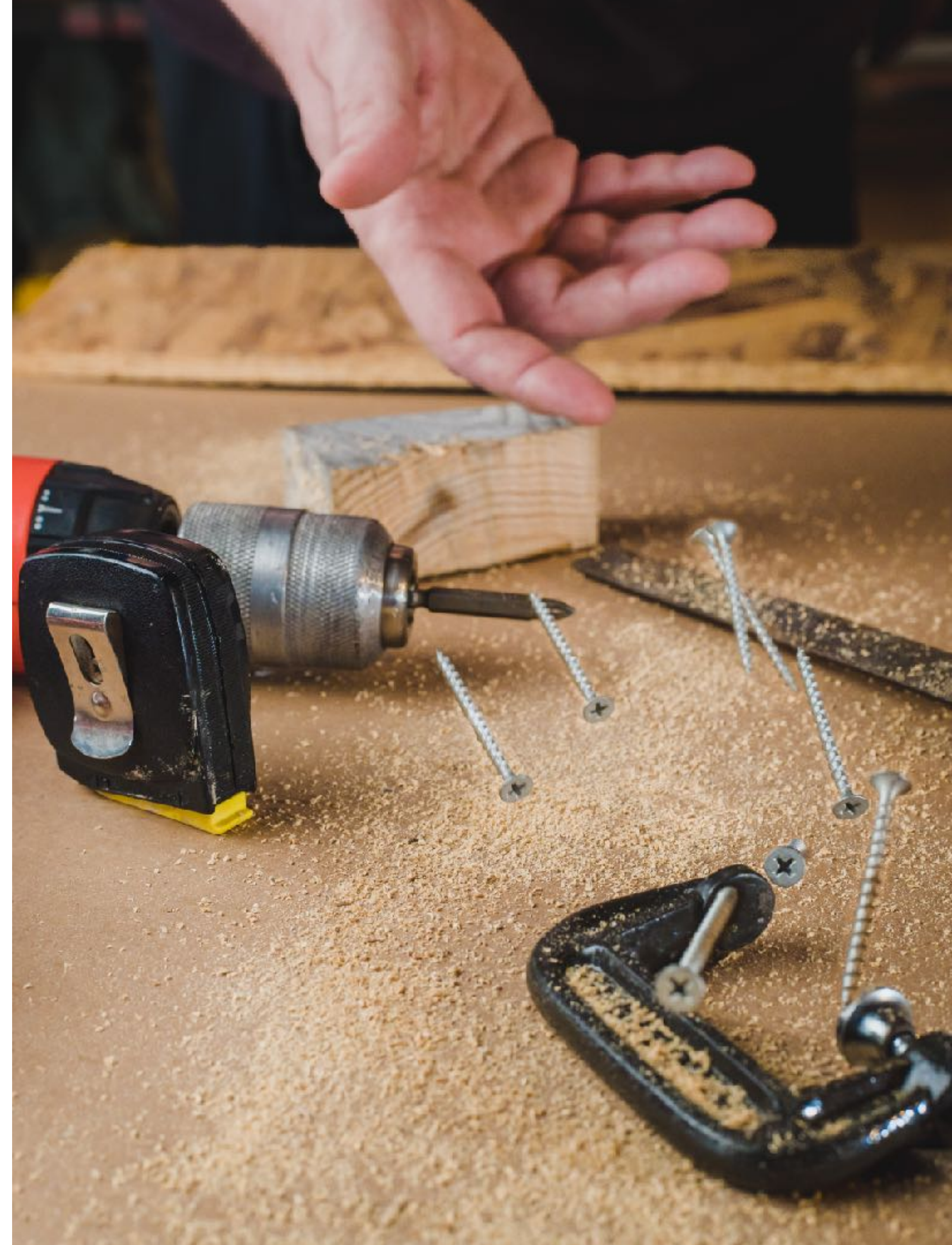
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CaptainHook:

[captainhookphp.github.io/captainhook](https://captainhookphp.github.io/captainhook)



**Lots of  
cool tools!**



atoum

Behat

bitexpert/captainhook-infection

CaptainHook

Code Scrawl

Codeception

composer outdated -D

composer validate

composer-lock-diff

composer-normalize

composer-unused

ComposerRequireChecker

Danger PHP

dePHPend

Deptrac

doctrine orm:validate-schema

Dredd

Exakat

GrumPHP

Infection

laminas/automatic-releases

Lando

Latte syntax checker

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