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The Zend Framework and Microformats: Zend_Microformat Proposed

I sometimes get stick for complaining about the Zend Framework, but it's only because I care 

To show some more adoration, I've proposed Zend_Microformat on the ZF Proposal Wiki at [Zend_Microformat - Pádraic Brady](#). I've also started a proposal page for Zend_Microformat_Xfn.

I've had Microformats on the back burner as a suitable proposal since last Summer, and since it still seems like a long overdue proposal to round out the Zend Frameworks web services offerings, I'm shooting it out there.

If you're not familiar with Microformats, they are a collection of data encodings generally included in websites using highly simple syntaxes in plain old HTML, XHTML or XML. One of the most prevelant these days is the XHTML Friends Network (XFN) microformat which is extremely common these days and can provide a wide field of collectable data about social network users and their network of friends and colleagues. Others you may be familiar with include hCard and hCalendar.

You can read more about Microformats at <http://microformats.org/about/>.

The new proposal is now open for community comments, and I'll spend some of tomorrow adding more use cases showing how the Zend_Microformat component could be used in practice for both parsing and generating Microformatted data.

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