Alternatives for {php} In Templates

Use of the **{php}** in Smarty templates is removed and should not be used, as going forward starting in Smarty 3.1 they will no longer work. Starting in **version 6.0.0** which uses Smarty 3.1.5, you will no longer be able to use {php} Smarty tags and must use an alternate resource instead. More info can be read in the Smarty 3.1 Release Notes. Here is a snippet from that specifically affecting the {php} (and related) functions:

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There is absolutely no PHP allowed in templates any more. All
deprecated features of Smarty 2.0 are gone. Again, use the SmartyBC
class if you need any backward compatibility.
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You can read more info about it on the smarty.net documentation page for {php}. Technically speaking, it is possible to use a "Backwards Compatibility" Smarty class **SmartyBC** to allow using {php} but doing so will require making changes to core PHP files, which is not supported or recommended[1]. Below are alternatives to using {php} in your templates specific for this software.

- Use an Addon Tag instead, or use one of the other tools available to addons in the software.
- Create a smarty plugin.

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If you really want to do that though to allow your existing {php} function until you are able to convert them, see the documentation on http://smarty.net.