**What are magic methods and how to use them in PHP ?**

 PHP magic methods are special methods that are called automatically when certain conditions are met. There are several magic methods in  PHP. Every magic method follows certain rules –

* Every magic method starts with a double underscore (  \_\_ ).
* They are predefined and neither can be created nor removed.
* Magic methods have reserved names and their name should not be used for other purposes.
* Magic methods are automatically called when certain criteria are met.

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| **Condition of calling** | **Return types** | **Method Names** |
| This method gets called automatically every time the object of a particular class is created.  The function of this magic method is the same as the constructor in any OOP language. | NaN | Construct()\_\_ |
| As the name suggests this method is called when the object is destroyed and no longer in use.  Generally at the end of the program and end of the function. | NaN | destruct()\_\_ |
| This method executes when a method is called which is not defined yet. | Not mandatory | \_\_call($name,$parameter) |
| This method is called when we need to convert the object into a string.  For example:   echo $obj;  The $obj->\_\_toString(); will be called magically. | string | \_\_toString() |
| This method is called when an inaccessible variable or non-existing variable is used. | NaN | \_\_get($name) |
| This method is called when an inaccessible variable or non-existing variable is written. | NaN | \_\_set($name , $value) |
| This magic method is executed when an object is used inside var\_dump() for debugging purposes. | array | \_\_debugInfo() |