PHP and MVC Architecture

Build a better website

Class 1: PHP and Views

Making HTML Dynamic



What is PHP?

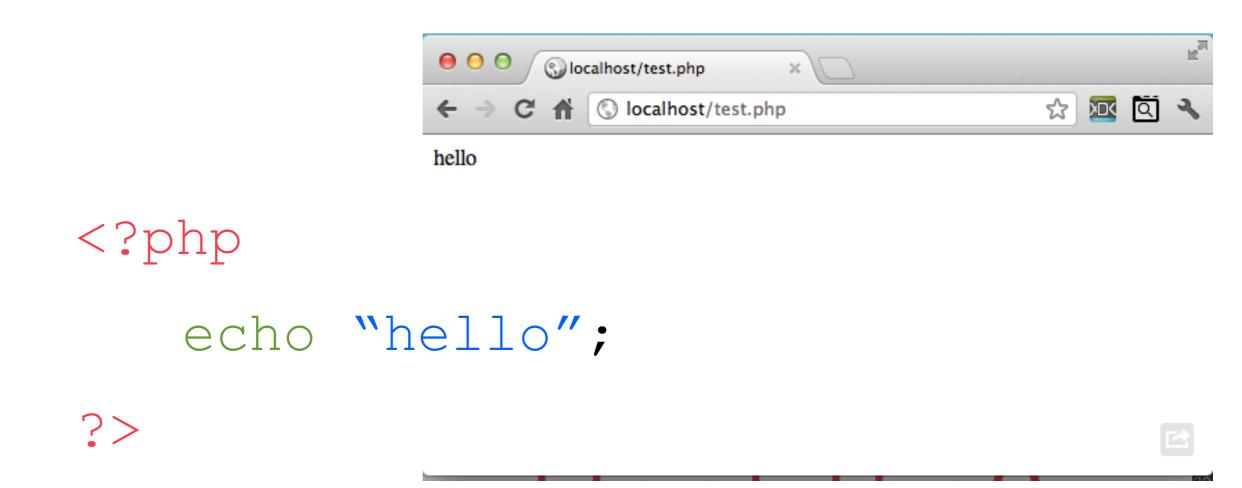
PHP (PHP Hypertext Protocol)

Take HTML and make it dynamic

Talk to databases

Conditional displays







String Variables

```
<?php

$greeting = "hello";

echo $greeting;

?>
```



String Variables and Concatenation

```
<?php
  $greeting = "hello";
  $name = "Sara";
  echo $greeting . " " . $name;
?>
```



Numeric Variables

```
<?php
  year = 2012;
  \$startingYear = 1980;
  echo "It is the year " . $year .
  ". Nerds starting counting years
  in " . $startingYear;
```



Numeric Variables and Math

```
<?php
   year = 2012;
   $startingYear = 1980;
   $timePast = $year - $startingYear;
   echo "It is the year " . $year . ".
   Nerds starting counting years in " .
   $startingYear . ". That was " .
   $timePast . " years ago.";
?>
```



Numeric Variables and Math

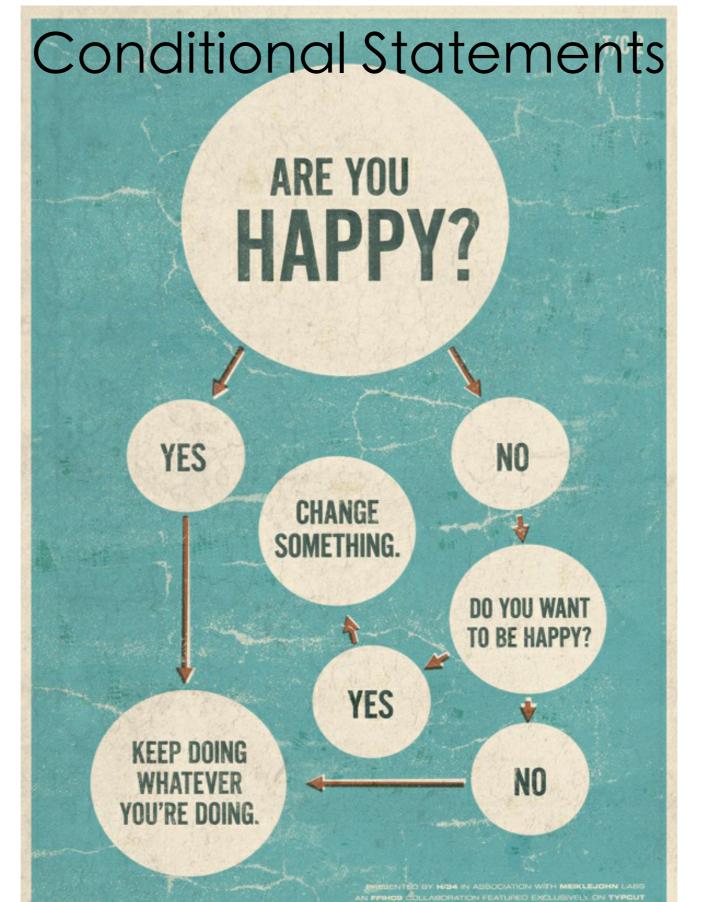
| + | Addition |
|----|----------------|
| _ | Subtraction |
| * | Multiplication |
| | Division |
| 9 | Modulus |
| ++ | Increment |
| | Decrement |



Conditional Statements

```
year = 2012;
$startingYear = 1980;
$timePast = $year - $startingYear;
if(\$timePast == 1)
 $years = "year";
else{
 $years = "years";
echo "It is the year " . $year . ".
Nerds starting counting years in " .
$startingYear . ". That was " .
$timePast . " " . $years . " ago.";
```







Conditional Statements

```
<?php
  if(some type of comparison here){
    do code here;
}
  else{
    do other code here;</pre>
```

?>

| == | Equals? |
|----|---------------|
| > | Greater than? |
| < | Less than? |
| != | Not Equal to? |
| && | AND |
| | OR |



Conditional Loops

```
<?php
   $i = 0;
   while ($i<10) {
     echo $i;
     $i++;
?>
<?php
   for (\$i=0; \$i<10; \$i++) {
     echo $i;
```



Arrays

Arrays are series of data held under one variable name

You can access the data through an index (a number)

Or you can access the data through a name



Arrays with an Index

```
<?php
   $daysOfWeek = array();
   daysOfWeek[0] = "Sunday";
   daysOfWeek[1] = "Monday";
   $daysOfWeek[2] = "Tuesday";
   $daysOfWeek[3] = "Wednesday";
   daysOfWeek[4] = "Thursday";
   daysOfWeek[5] = "Friday";
   $daysOfWeek[6] = "Saturday";
?>
```



Arrays with an Name

```
<!php

$person = array();

$person['name'] = "Izzy";

$person['email'] = "izzy@girldevelopit.com";

$person['address'] = "123 Main Street";

$person['pets_name'] = "Winifred";

</pre>
```



Arrays within Arrays

```
<?php
   $teacherA = array();
   $teacherA['name'] = "Izzy";
   $teacherA['email'] = "izzy@girldevelopit.com";
   $teacherB = array();
   $teacherB['name'] = "Leo";
   $teacherB['email'] = "leo@girldevelopit.com";
   $teachers = array();
   $teachers['0'] = $teacherA;
   $teachers['1'] = $teacherB;
```



Arrays within Arrays and Loops

```
<?php
   echo $teachers[0]['name']; //Izzy
?>
<?php
   foreach ($teachers as $teacher) {
    echo "The name is: " . $teacher['name'];
    echo "The email is: " . $teacher['email'];
```



Server side language

PHP is a server-side language

Unlike HTML and CSS, it can't be understood by a browser

A server "translates" the code to HTML

The browser then presents the translated code

Website hosts like Dreamhost, Bluehost, or Rackspace have PHP servers to understand your code



Server side language

To develop locally, you need a server

Macs:

MAMP (http://www.mamp.info)

Once downloaded, put files into htdocs

Open MAMP

Go to http://localhost:8888

PCs:

WAMP (http://www.wampserver.com/)

Once downloaded, put files into www

Open WAMP

Go to http://localhost



Sharing code: Functions

```
<?php
    function convertFeetToInches($feet){
     return $feet*12;
?>
<?php
   \$width = 2;
   = 2;
   echo "My rectangle is " . $width . " feet wide
   and " . $length . " feet long.";
   echo "That is " . convertFeetToInches($width) .
   " inches wide and " .
   convertFeetToInches($height) . " inches long.";
```



Sharing code: Inclusion

include

require

require_once



Way of constructing an application Websites

Mobile applications

Model

Data structure

Tells your website what kind of data it will get from the database

View

What the user sees when they visit your website The PHP that is translated to HTML

Controller

The glue that holds everything together Gets data from model to view Does all the heavy lifting for the website



Starting with Views: index.php

```
<?php require once ('config/config.php');?>
<?php include 'application/views/template/header.php'; ?>
    <div id="content" class="clear">
        <div id="primary-content">
            <?php include 'application/views/posts/list.php';?>
        </div>
        <div id="secondary-content">
             <?php include 'application/views/bloggers/</pre>
list.php'; ?>
        </div>
    </div>
<?php include 'application/views/template/footer.php';?>
```



Starting with Views: header.php



Starting with Views: footer.php



Starting with Views: blogger/list.php

```
<?php $data = Blogger Controller:: list();?>
<div id="bloggers-list">
    <h2>Bloggers</h2>
    <?php foreach ($data['bloggers'] as $blogger): ?>
        <div class="blogger">
            <span class = "blogger-name"><?php echo</pre>
$blogger['username']; ?></span>
        </div>
    <?php endforeach; ?>
</div>
```



Starting with Views: posts/list.php

```
<?php $data = Post Controller:: list(); ?>
<div id="posts-list">
    <h2>Blog Posts</h2>
    <?php foreach ($data['posts'] as $post): ?>
        <div class="post">
            <h3><?php echo $post['title']; ?></h3>
            <div class = "post-text"><?php echo $post['text']; ?></div>
            <div class = "post-footer">
                <div class = "post-date"><?php echo date("F j, Y g:i a",</pre>
strtotime($post['date created'])); ?></div>
                <div class = "post-blogger"><?php echo</pre>
$post['username']; ?></div>
            </div>
            <br class="clear"/>
        </div>
    <?php endforeach; ?>
```

</div>



Coming Up! Models and Databases

How to create a database

How to connect your site to the database

How to 'query' the database to get information out or put information in

How to build a model for the data in your database





