**PHP - The \_\_construct Function**

A constructor allows you to initialize an object's properties upon creation of the object.

If you create a \_\_construct() function, PHP will automatically call this function when you create an object from a class.

Notice that the construct function starts with two underscores (\_\_)!

**PHP - The \_\_destruct Function**

A destructor is called when the object is destructed or the script is stopped or exited.

If you create a \_\_destruct() function, PHP will automatically call this function at the end of the script.

**PHP - Access Modifiers**

Properties and methods can have access modifiers which control where they can be accessed.

There are three access modifiers:

* public - the property or method can be accessed from everywhere. This is default
* protected - the property or method can be accessed within the class and by classes derived from that class
* private - the property or method can ONLY be accessed within the class