

## 54. PHP Misc. Functions

### 54.1. PHP Miscellaneous Introduction

The misc. functions were only placed here because none of the other categories seemed to fit.

### 54.2. Installation

The misc functions are part of the PHP core. There is no installation needed to use these functions.

### 54.3. Runtime Configuration

The behavior of the misc functions is affected by settings in the php.ini file.

Misc. configuration options:

Name	Default	Description	Changeable
ignore_user_abort	"0"	FALSE indicates that scripts will be terminated as soon as they try to output something after a client has aborted their connection	PHP_INI_ALL
highlight.string	"#DD0000"	Color for highlighting a string in PHP syntax	PHP_INI_ALL
highlight.comment	"#FF8000"	Color for highlighting PHP comments	PHP_INI_ALL
highlight.keyword	"#007700"	Color for syntax highlighting PHP keywords (e.g. parenthesis and semicolon)	PHP_INI_ALL
highlight.bg	"#FFFFFF"	Color for background	PHP_INI_ALL
highlight.default	"#0000BB"	Default color for PHP syntax	PHP_INI_ALL
highlight.html	"#000000"	Color for HTML code	PHP_INI_ALL
browscap	NULL	Name and location of browser-capabilities file (e.g. browscap.ini)	PHP_INI_SYSTEM

### 54.4. PHP Misc. Functions

**PHP:** indicates the earliest version of PHP that supports the function.

Function	Description	PHP
connection_aborted()	Checks whether the client has disconnected	3
connection_status()	Returns the current connection status	3
connection_timeout()	Deprecated in PHP 4.0.5	3
constant()	Returns the value of a constant	4

define()	Defines a constant	3
defined()	Checks whether a constant exists	3
die()	Prints a message and exits the current script	3
eval()	Evaluates a string as PHP code	3
exit()	Prints a message and exits the current script	3
get_browser()	Returns the capabilities of the user's browser	3
highlight_file()	Outputs a file with the PHP syntax highlighted	4
highlight_string()	Outputs a string with the PHP syntax highlighted	4
ignore_user_abort()	Sets whether a remote client can abort the running of a script	3
pack()	Packs data into a binary string	3
php_check_syntax()	Deprecated in PHP 5.0.5	5
php_strip_whitespace()	Returns the source code of a file with PHP comments and whitespace removed	5
show_source()	Alias of highlight_file()	4
sleep()	Delays code execution for a number of seconds	3
time_nanosleep()	Delays code execution for a number of seconds and nanoseconds	5
time_sleep_until()	Delays code execution until a specified time	5
uniqid()	Generates a unique ID	3
unpack()	Unpacks data from a binary string	3
usleep()	Delays code execution for a number of microseconds	3

## 54.5. PHP Misc. Constants

**PHP:** indicates the earliest version of PHP that supports the constant.

Constant	Description	PHP
CONNECTION_ABORTED		
CONNECTION_NORMAL		
CONNECTION_TIMEOUT		
__COMPILER_HALT_OFFSET__		5