



Web Application Development : PHP Strings, Files, Directories and Arrays

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- Handling form submissions and processing
- Manipulating, parsing and comparing strings
- Managing files and directories
- Working with files: open, close, write, read
- Working with arrays
- Associative and multidimensional arrays

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Handling Form Submissions

- Form data is submitted in `name=value` pairs, based on the `name` and `value` attributes of each element


```
<form action="processOrder.php" method="get" > ...
<input type="text" name="book_title" value="technical" />
<input type="text" name="number_of_copies" value="1" />
...
</form>
```
- A **query string** is a set of `name=value` pairs appended to a target URL. Each `name=value` pair is separated with ampersands (&)


```
books_title=technical&number_of_copies=1
```
- A question mark (?) and a query string are automatically appended to the URL of a server-side script for any forms that are submitted with the `get` method


```
processOrder.php?books_title=technical&number_of_copies=1
```

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Determining if Form Variables Contain Values

- Use the `isset()` function to determine whether a variable has been declared and initialised (or "set")
- Use the `empty()` function to determine whether a variable is empty
- Use the `is_numeric()` function to test whether a variable contains a numeric string

```
if (isset($_GET['height']) && isset($_GET['weight'])) {
    if (is_numeric($_GET['weight']) &&
        is_numeric($_GET['height'])) {
        $BodyMass = $_GET['weight'] / ($_GET['height']
            * $_GET['height']) * 703;
        printf("<p>Your body mass index is %d.</p>", $BodyMass);
    }
    else echo "<p>You must enter numeric values!</p>";
}
```

Note: Use `$_POST` when `method=post` is used instead of `get` for form submission.

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Using `mail()` Function

- The syntax for the `mail()` function is:

```
mail(recipient(s), subject, message[, additional_headers])
```

- The `mail()` function returns a value of true if a message was delivered successfully or false if it was not

```
$to = "cchua@swin.edu.au";
$subject = "This is the subject";
$message = "This is the message.";
$headers = "From: Caslon Chua <cchua@swin.edu.au>";
mail($to, $subject, $message, $headers);
```

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Constructing Text Strings

- A text string contains zero or more characters surrounded by double or single quotation marks
- Text strings can be used as literal values or assigned to a variable

```
echo "<p>Dr. Livingstone, I presume?</p>";
$explorer = "Henry M. Stanley";
echo $explorer;
```

- To include a quoted string within a literal string surrounded by double (single) quotation marks, you surround the quoted string with single (double) quotation marks

```
$explorerQuote = '<p>Dr. Livingstone, I presume?</p>';
$explorerQuote = "<p>'Dr. Livingstone, I presume?'</p>";
```

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Combining Strings

- Concatenation operator .

```
$destination = "Paris";
$location = "France";
$destination = "<p>" . $destination . " is in
    France.</p>";
echo $destination;
```

- Concatenation assignment operator .=

```
$destination = "<p>Paris";
$destination .= " is in France.</p>";
echo $destination;
```

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Adding Escape Characters and Sequences

- An escape character tells the compiler or interpreter that the character that follows it has a special purpose

- In PHP, the escape character is the backslash \

```
echo '<p>Marilyn Monroe\'s real name was Norma Jean
Baker.</p>'; // output >>> Marilyn Monroe's real name was Norma Jean Baker.

echo "<p>\"Dr. Livingstone, I presume?\" asked Henry M.
Stanley.</p>"; // output >>> "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?" asked Henry M. Stanley.
```

- Do not add a backslash before an apostrophe if you surround the text string with double quotation marks

```
echo "<p>Marilyn Monroe's real name was Norma Jean
Baker.</p>"; // output >>> Marilyn Monroe's real name was Norma Jean Baker.
```

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Adding Escape Characters and Sequences

- The escape character combined with one or more other characters is called an escape sequence

Table of PHP escape sequences within double quotation marks

Escape Sequence	Description
\\	Inserts a backslash
\\$	Inserts a dollar sign
\r	Inserts a carriage return
\"	Inserts a double quotation mark
\t	Inserts a horizontal tab
\n	Inserts a new line
\regular expression	Inserts a character in hexadecimal notation that matches the regular expression

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Simple and Complex String Syntax

- **Simple string syntax** uses the value of a variable within a string by including the variable name inside a text string with double quotation marks

```
$vegetable = "broccoli";
echo "<p>Do you have any $vegetable?</p>";
How about: echo "<p>Do you have any $vegetables?</p>";
//causes an error, variable not declared.
```

- When variables are placed within curly braces inside of a string, it is called **complex string syntax**

```
$vegetable = "carrot";
echo "<p>Do you have any {$vegetable}s?</p>";
//output is: Do you have any carrots?
```

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Comparing Strings using Comparison Operators

```
$loc01 = "Miami";
$loc02 = "Havana";
if ($loc01 == $loc02) echo "<p>Same location.</p>";
else echo "<p>Different location.</p>";
```

```
$firstLetter = "A";
$secondLetter = "B";
if ($secondLetter > $firstLetter)
    echo "<p>The second letter is higher in the
        alphabet than the first letter.</p>";
else
    echo "<p>The second letter is lower in the
        alphabet than The first letter.</p>";
```

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ASCII American Standard Code for Information Interchange

- Numeric representations of English characters
- ASCII values range from 0 to 255
- Lowercase letters are represented by the values 97 ("a") to 122 ("z")
- Uppercase letters are represented by the values 65 ("A") to 90 ("Z")
- Since lowercase letters have higher values than uppercase letters, they are evaluated as being "greater" than the uppercase letters

Note: UTF-8 is a strict superset of ASCII with the same physical encoding for ASCII characters

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String Comparison Functions

- The `strcmp()` function performs a case-insensitive comparison of two strings
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- Most string comparison functions compare strings based on their ASCII values: returns <0 (if smaller); =0 (if same); >0 (if larger)
- The `similar_text()` function returns the number of characters that two strings have in common
- The `levenshtein()` function returns the number of characters you need to change for two strings to be the same

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Parsing Strings

- The `strlen()` function returns the total number of characters in a string


```
echo strlen(' ab cd '); // 7
```
- The `str_word_count()` function returns the number of words inside a string


```
$title = "The Cask of Amontillado";
echo "<p> . str_word_count($title) . " words in
total.</p>";
```
- The `strpos()` function performs a case-sensitive search and if found, returns the position of the first occurrence of one string (the 2nd parameter) in another string (the 1st parameter); otherwise, returns `false`

```
$email = "president@whitehouse.gov";
echo strpos($email, '@'); // 9
echo strpos($email, 'p'); // 0 for the 1st character
```

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Finding Substrings

- The `strchr()` function searches the first occurrence of a string (the 2nd parameter) inside another string (the 1st parameter), and returns the rest of the string (from the matching point), or `false`, if the string to search for is not found

```
echo strchr("Hello world!!!", "world"); // world!!!
```

- The `strrchr()` function searches from the end of a string
- The `substr()` function returns a substring from a string (the 1st parameter). The starting position is specified by the 2nd parameter and the length is specified by the optional 3rd parameter.

```
$email = "president@whitehouse.gov";
$nameEnd = strrpos($email, "@");
echo substr($email, 0, $nameEnd); // president
echo substr($email, $nameEnd+1); // whitehouse.gov
```

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Replacing Substrings

- The `str_replace()` / `str_ireplace()` functions perform case-sensitive / case-insensitive replacement of all occurrences of a substring (the 1st parameter) by a replacement substring (the 2nd parameter) in a string (the 3rd parameter)

```
$email = "john@swin.edu.au";
echo str_replace("john", "mary", $email); // mary@swin.edu.au
```

- The `substr_replace(string, replacement_string, start_position[, length])` function perform replacement of a substring starting from the specified start position (and the optional length)

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Dividing Strings into Smaller Pieces

- The `strtok()` function breaks a string into smaller strings, called **tokens** one by one
`$variable = strtok(string, separators);`
- After the first call, this function only needs the separators in the subsequent calls as it keeps track of where it is in the current string

```
<?php
$string = "Hello world. Beautiful day today.";
$token = strtok($string, ". ");

while ($token != false)
{
    echo "$token<br />";
    $token = strtok(". ");
}
?>
```

Output:
Hello
world
Beautiful
day
today

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Converting Between Strings and Arrays

- The `str_split()` function splits each character (or each set of fixed number of characters) in a string into an array element
`$array = str_split(string[, length]);`
- The `explode()` function splits a string into an indexed array at a specified separator

```
$array = explode(separator, string);
```

- **Note:** the 1st parameter is separator, where the characters in the separator are treated as a substring, not individual characters.

```
$string = "Hello world. Beautiful day today.";
$sentence = explode(".", $string);
```

Output:
Hello world
Beautiful day today.

- The `implode()` function combines an array's elements into a single string, separated by specified characters

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Examples – Play with Email Addresses

Play with Email Addresses

Input email address:

Input a new name:

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Examples – Some String Operations

Play with Email Addresses

Input email address:

Input a new name:

The email address contains 16 characters and 4 words.

The position of the @ in *anna@swin.edu.au* is 4.

The name part before the @ is *anna*.

The institute part after the @ is *swin.edu.au*

The components of the institute include 3 parts. They are:

swin

edu

au

The email address for the new member is *ada@swin.edu.au*

You need to change 2 characters to make the new and the old email addresses the same.

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How to Implement These Operations

```
<?php
if(isset($_GET['emailfield']) && isset($_GET['namefield'])) {
    $email = $_GET['emailfield'];
    echo "<p> The email contains " . strlen($email) . " chars and " . str_word_count($email) . " words.</p>";
    $newName = $_GET['namefield'];
    $nameEnd = strpos($email, "@");
    echo "<p> The position of the @ in <em>$email</em> is $nameEnd.</p>";
    $name = substr($email, 0, $nameEnd);
    echo "<p> The name part before the @ is <em>$name.</em></p>";
    $institute = substr($email, $nameEnd+1);
    echo "<p> The institute part after the @ is <em>$institute</em></p>";
    $instSegment = explode(".", $institute);
    $cnt = count($instSegment);
    echo "<p> The components of the institute include $cnt parts. They are:</p>";
    for ($i=0; $i<$cnt; $i++) echo "<p><em>" . $instSegment[$i] . "</em></p>";
    echo "<p> Email for the new member is <em>" . str_replace($name, $newName, $email) . "</em></p>";
    echo "You need to change " . levenshtein($name, $newName) . " characters to make the new and the old
    email addresses the same.</p>";
}
?>
```

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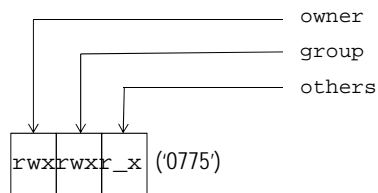
More String Functions

- http://www.w3schools.com/php/php_ref_string.asp
- <http://php.net/manual/en/ref.strings.php>

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Windows & Unix/Linux File and Directory

- File is used to store data permanently for retrieval later
 - May use different end of line '\r' '\n' characters
- Directory (in Unix/Linux), also referred to as a folder (in Windows) is a virtual container within an electronic file system
- Path delimiting character
 - Windows uses '\', e.g. 'hit3323\assign1'
 - Unix/Linux uses '/', e.g. 'hit3323/assign1'
- Unix/Linux has access permissions for directories/files, e.g.



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PHP Directory Functions

PHP directory functions

Function	Description
<code>chdir(directory)</code>	Changes to the specified directory
<code>chroot(directory)</code>	Changes to the root directory
<code>closedir(\$handle)</code>	Closes a directory handle
<code>getcwd()</code>	Gets the current working directory
<code>opendir(directory)</code>	Opens a handle to the specified directory
<code>readdir(\$handle)</code>	Reads a file or directory name from the specified directory handle
<code>rewinddir(\$handle)</code>	Resets the directory pointer to the beginning of the directory
<code>scandir(directory[, sort])</code>	Returns an indexed array containing the names of files and directories in the specified directory

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Reading Directories

- Open a handle to the directory with the `opendir()` function
- To iterate through the entries in a directory, use the `readdir()` function to return the file and directory names from the open directory
- Use the `closedir()` function to close a directory handle


```
$dir = "../data";
$dirOpen = opendir($dir);
while ($curFile = readdir($dirOpen)) {
    echo $curFile , "<br />";
}
closedir($dirOpen);
```
- Use the `scandir()` function to returns an indexed array containing the names of files and directories in the specified directory


```
$dir = "../data";
$dirEntries = scandir($dir);
foreach ($dirEntries as $entry) {
    echo $entry , "<br />";
}
```

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Creating Directories

- The `mkdir()` function creates a new directory. It returns true on success, or false on failure.


```
mkdir(path, mode[, recursive, context]);
```
- On mercury, suppose the current directory is `username/hit3323/www/htdocs`. We create


```
mkdir("Lec2", 0777);
mkdir("../data/assignment1", 02770);
```

Note: we need to change mode of `username/hit3323/www/data`

```
.../www> chmod 02770 data
```

For mercury File Permissions, see:
https://csg.ict.swin.edu.au/livecsg/help/Mercury_Web_Server

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Obtaining File and Directory Information

PHP file and directory status functions

Function	Description
<code>file_exists(filename)</code>	Determines whether a file or directory exists
<code>is_dir(filename)</code>	Determines whether a filename is a directory
<code>is_executable(filename)</code>	Determines whether a file is executable
<code>is_file(filename)</code>	Determines whether a file is a regular file
<code>is_readable(filename)</code>	Determines whether a file is readable
<code>is_writable(filename)</code>	Determines whether a file is writable

Common file and directory information functions

Function	Description
<code>fileatime(filename)</code>	Returns the last time the file was accessed
<code>filectime(filename)</code>	Returns the last time the file was modified
<code>fileowner(filename)</code>	Returns the name of the file's owner
<code>filetype(filename)</code>	Returns the file type
<code>filesize(filename)</code>	Returns the size of the file in bytes

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Copying, Renaming and Removing

- Use the `copy()` function to copy a file with PHP, it returns true if successful or false if not

```
copy(source, destination)
```

- Use the `rename()` function to rename a file or directory with PHP, it returns true if successful or false if not

```
rename(old_name, new_name)
```

- Use the `unlink()` function to delete a file and the `rmdir()` function to delete a directory, they return true if successful or false if not
- Use the `file_exists()` function to determine whether a file or directory name exists before you attempt to copy/rename/delete it

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Opening and Closing a File

- A **stream** is a channel used for accessing a resource that you can read from and write to
- The **input stream** *reads* data from a resource (such as a file)
- The **output stream** *writes* data to a resource
- Usually a three stage process:
 1. Open the file stream with the `fopen()` function
 2. Write data to or read data from the file stream
 3. Close the file stream with the `fclose()` function

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Opening and Closing a File

- A **handle** is a special type of variable that PHP uses to represent a resource such as a file
- The `fopen()` function opens a handle to a file stream


```
$open_file = fopen("text file", "mode");
```
- A **file pointer** is a special type of variable that refers to the currently selected line or character in a file
- Use the `fclose()` function when finished working with a file stream to save space in memory


```
$bowlersFile = fopen("bowlers.txt", "a");
$newBowler = "Doe, John\n";
fwrite($bowlersFile, $newBowler);
fclose($bowlersFile);
```

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Mode of `fopen()`

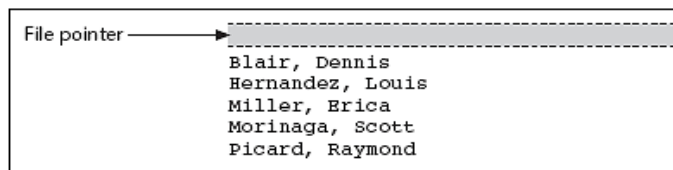
Mode parameter of the `fopen()` function

Argument	Description
<code>a</code>	Opens the specified file for writing only and places the file pointer at the end of the file; attempts to create the file if it doesn't exist
<code>a+</code>	Opens the specified file for reading and writing and places the file pointer at the end of the file; attempts to create the file if it doesn't exist
<code>r</code>	Opens the specified file for reading only and places the file pointer at the beginning of the file
<code>r+</code>	Opens the specified file for reading and writing and places the file pointer at the beginning of the file
<code>w</code>	Opens the specified file for writing only and deletes any existing content in the file; attempts to create the file if it doesn't exist
<code>w+</code>	Opens the specified file for reading and writing and deletes any existing content in the file; attempts to create the file if it doesn't exist
<code>x</code>	Creates and opens the specified file for writing only; returns false if the file already exists
<code>x+</code>	Creates and opens the specified file for reading and writing; returns false if the file already exists

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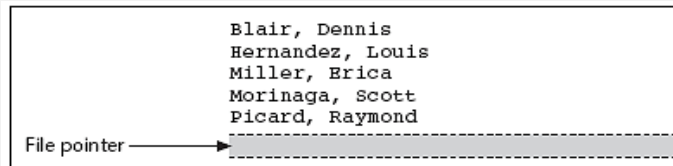
File Pointer

```
$bowlersFile = fopen("bowlers.txt", "r+");
```



Location of the file pointer when the `fopen()` function uses *mode* `"r+"`

```
$bowlersFile = fopen("bowlers.txt", "a+");
```



Location of the file pointer when the `fopen()` function uses *mode* `"a+"`

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Writing Data to a File

- PHP supports two basic functions for writing data to text files:
 - `file_put_contents()` function *writes an entire file* or *appends* a text string to a file
 - `fwrite()` function *incrementally writes* data to a text file
- Escape sequences used to identify the end of a line:
 - UNIX/Linux platforms use the `\n` carriage return
 - Macintosh platforms use `\r` carriage return (*OS X is Linux based*)
 - Windows uses both the `\n` newline and the `\r` carriage return escape sequence `\n\r`

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Writing Data Once into a File

- The `file_put_contents()` function *writes an entire file* or *appends* a text string to a file


```
file_put_contents(filename, string[, options])
```
- Note: no file open/close needed - integrated
- For the 3rd parameter
 - The `FILE_USE_INCLUDE_PATH` constant searches for the specified filename in the path that is assigned to the `include_path` directive in your `php.ini` configuration file
 - The `FILE_APPEND` constant appends data to any existing contents in the specified filename instead of overwriting it

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Example – Bowling Registration

Hawthorn Bowling Club Member Registration

To become a member of the bowling club, enter your name and contact phone number and click the Register button.

Name:

Phone:

Jim Gray has been registered as a member of the bowling club.

Recording Member Info

```
<HTML XMLNs="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
<body>
<H1>Hawthorn Bowling Club Member Registration</H1><br/>
<H3>To become a member ... .. click the Register button.</H3>
<form> Name: <input type="text" name="name"> <br/>
        Phone: <input type="text" name="phone"> <br/><br/>
        <input type="submit" value="Register" /> <br/>
</form>
</body>
<?php
    if(isset($_GET['name']) && isset($_GET['phone'])) {
        $bowlerName = $_GET['name']; $bowlerPhone = $_GET['phone'];
        $bowlerInfo = $bowlerName .", " . $bowlerPhone ."\n";
        $file = "../data/bowlers.txt";
        if(file_put_contents($file, $bowlerInfo, FILE_APPEND) > 0)
            echo "<p>{$_GET['name']} has been registered as a member
              of the bowling club.</p>";
        else echo "<p>Registration error!</p>";
    }
?>
</HTML>
```

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addslashes () Function

```
if (isset($_GET['first_name']) && isset($_GET['last_name'])) {
    $bowlerFirst = addslashes($_GET['first_name']);
    $bowlerLast = addslashes($_GET['last_name']);
    $newBowler = $bowlerLast . ", " . $bowlerFirst . "\n";
    $bowlersFile = "bowlers.txt";
    if (file_put_contents($bowlersFile, $newBowler, FILE_APPEND) > 0)
        echo "<p>{"$_GET['first_name']}{"$_GET['last_name']}
            has been registered for the bowling tournament!</p>";
    else
        echo "<p>Registration error!</p>";
} else {
    echo "<p>To signup for the bowling tournament, enter your
        first and last name and click the Register button.</p>";
}
```

Note: 'mercury' PHP settings currently use *magic_quotes_gpc* which applies magic quotes, i.e., adds a backslash (\) to a quote in any user-submitted data so do not need addslashes()

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stripslashes () Function

- To prevent the display of escaped characters, use the stripslashes () function

```
if (file_put_contents($BowlersFile, $NewBowler, FILE_APPEND) > 0)
    echo "<p>" . stripslashes($_GET['first_name']) . " "
        . stripslashes($_GET['last_name'])
        . " has been registered for the bowling tournament!</p>";
else
    echo "<p>Registration error!</p>";
```

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Writing Data Incrementally

- Use the **fwrite()** function to *incrementally write* data to a text file. **fputs()** is an alias for **fwrite()**

```
fwrite($handle, data[, length]);
```

- The **fwrite()** function returns the number of bytes that were written to the file
- If no data was written to the file, the function returns a value of 0

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Locking Files

- Use the **flock()** function, to prevent multiple users from modifying a file simultaneously

```
flock($handle, operation)
```

Operational constants of the **flock()** function

Constant	Description
LOCK_EX	Opens the file with an exclusive lock for writing
LOCK_NB	Prevents the flock() function from waiting, or "blocking," until a file is unlocked
LOCK_SH	Opens the file with a shared lock for reading
LOCK_UN	Releases a file lock

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Reading an Entire File

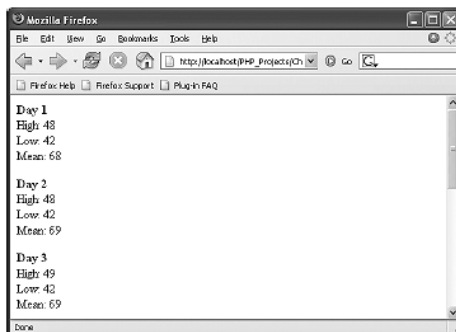
- The `file_get_contents()` function reads the contents of a file into a string, e.g.,

```
$sfWeather = file_get_contents("sfweather.txt");
```
- The `readfile()` function prints the contents of a file along with the file size to a Web browser
- The `file()` function reads the contents of a file into an *indexed array*. It automatically recognises whether the lines in a text file end in `\n`, `\r`, or `\r\n`
- The `fread()` function reads the contents of a file into a string up to a maximum number of bytes

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Example of `file()` Function

```
$january = "48, 42, 68\n"; $january .= "48, 42, 69\n";
$january .= "49, 42, 69\n"; $january .= "49, 42, 61\n";
$january .= "49, 42, 65\n"; $january .= "49, 42, 62\n";
$january .= "49, 42, 62\n";
file_put_contents("sfjanaverages.txt", $january);
$januaryTemps = file("sfjanaverages.txt");
for ($i=0; $i<count($januaryTemps); $i++) {
    $curDay = explode(" ", $januaryTemps[$i]);
    echo "<p><strong>Day " . ($i + 1)
        . "</strong><br />";
    echo "High: {$curDay[0]}<br />";
    echo "Low: {$curDay[1]}<br />";
    echo "Mean: {$curDay[2]}</p>";
}
```



Reading Data Incrementally

PHP functions that iterate through a text file

Function	Description
<code>fgetc(\$handle)</code>	Returns a single character and moves the file pointer to the next character
<code>fgetcsv(\$handle, length[, delimiter, string_enclosure])</code>	Returns a line, parses the line for CSV fields, and then moves the file pointer to the next line
<code>fgets(\$handle[, length])</code>	Returns a line and moves the file pointer to the next line
<code>fgetss(\$handle, length[, allowed_tags])</code>	Returns a line, strips any HTML tags the line contains, and then moves the file pointer to the next line
<code>stream_get_line(\$handle, length, delimiter)</code>	Returns a line that ends with a specified delimiter and moves the file pointer to the next line

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Reading Data Incrementally

- You must use `fopen()` and `fclose()` with the functions listed in the table in the previous slide.
- The commonly used `fgets()` function uses the file pointer to iterate through a text file
- Each time you call any of these functions, the file pointer automatically moves to the next *line* in the text file (except for `fgetc()`)
- Each time you call the `fgetc()` function, the file pointer moves to the next *character* in the file
- Often combined with the `feof()` function

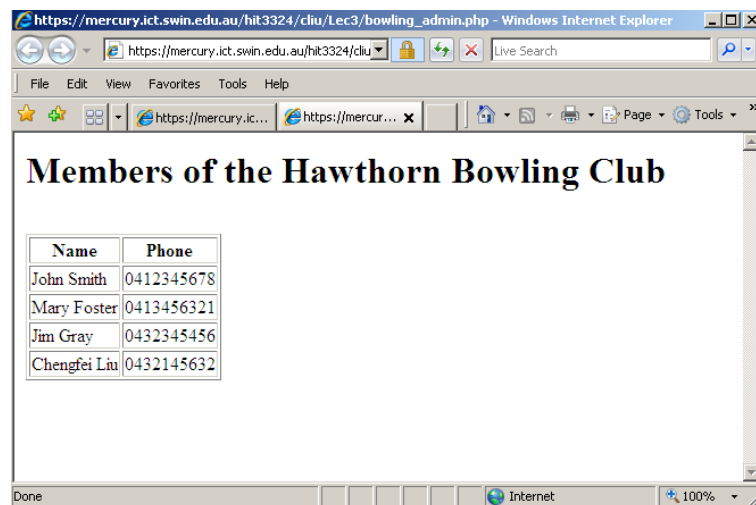
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Example - Reading Data Incrementally

```
$handle = fopen("sfjanaverages.txt", "r");
while (! feof($handle) ) {
    $curLine = fgets ($handle);
    $curDay = explode(" ", $curLine);
    echo "<p><strong>Day " . ($i + 1)
        . "</strong><br />";
    echo "High: {$curDay[0]}<br />";
    echo "Low: {$curDay[1]}<br />";
    echo "Mean: {$curDay[2]}</p>";
}
fclose ($handle);
```

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Back to the Bowling Club



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Listing all Members

```
<HTML xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
<body>
<H1>Members of the Hawthorn Bowling Club</H1>
<br/>
<?php
    $file = "../../data/bowlers.txt";
    if(!file_exists($file))
        echo "No registered member found!";
    else {
        $bowlers=file($file);
        echo "<table border='1'><th>Name</th><th>Phone</th>";
        for($i=0;$i<count($bowlers);$i++) {
            $curBowler = explode(",",$bowlers[$i]);
            echo "<tr><td>".$curBowler[0]."</td>";
            echo "<td>".$curBowler[1]."</td></tr>";
        }
        echo "</table>";
    }
?>
</body>
</HTML>
```

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Adding and Removing Elements

- From the beginning of an array
 - The **array_shift()** function removes the first element from the beginning of an array
 - The **array_unshift()** function adds one or more elements to the beginning of an array. Pass the name of an array followed by comma-separated values for each element you want to add
- From the end of an array
 - The **array_pop()** function removes the last element from the end of an array
 - The **array_push()** function adds one or more elements to the end of an array.

```
$hospitalDepts = array("Anesthesia", "Molecular Biology",
                      "Neurology", "Pediatrics");
array_pop($hospitalDepts); //removes Pediatrics from end
array_push($hospitalDepts, "Psychiatry", "Pulmonary Diseases");
// adds these to the end of array
```

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Adding and Removing Elements

- The `array_splice()` function adds or removes array elements **within an array**, and renumbers the indexes

```
array_splice(array_name, starting_element,
             elements_to_delete, values_to_insert);
```
- To add an element within an array, include a value of 0 as the 3^d parameter
- To add more than one element within an array, pass the `array()` construct as the 4th parameter, separate the new `array()` element values by commas
- Delete array elements by omitting the 4th parameter from the `array_splice()` function. *If the 3^d parameter is also omitted, all elements starting from the specified position are deleted*

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Examples of `array_splice()`

```
$hospitalDepts = array(
    "Anesthesia",           // first element (0)
    "Molecular Biology",    // second element (1)
    "Neurology",            // third element (2)
    "Pediatrics");          // fourth element (3)

// Add two new elements between "Neurology" and "Pediatrics"
array_splice($hospitalDepts, 3, 0,
    array("Ophthalmology", "Otolaryngology"));

// Delete 2nd & 3rd elements ("Molecular Biology" and "Neurology")
array_splice($hospitalDepts, 1, 2);
```

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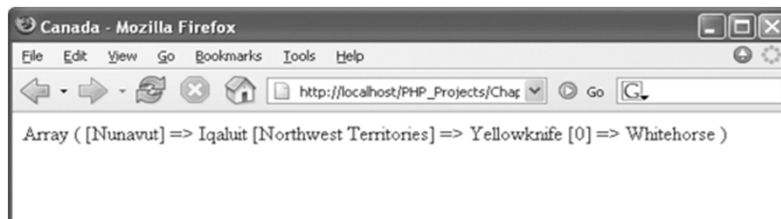
Declaring and Initialising Associative Arrays

- With associative arrays, you specify an element's key by using the array operator (=>)
- The syntax for declaring and initialising an associative array:
 - `$array_name = array(key=>value, ...);`
e.g.
`$ProvinceCapitals = array("Ontario"=>"Toronto",
"Alberta"=>"Edmonton", ...);`
 - `$array_name[key] = value;`
e.g.
`$provinceCapitals["Ontario"] = "Toronto";
$provinceCapitals["Alberta"] = "Edmonton";
...;`
- The syntax to refer to an element in an associate array
e.g. `echo $provinceCapitals["Ontario"];`

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Output of Associative Arrays

```
$territorialCapitals["Nunavut"] = "Iqaluit";
$territorialCapitals["Northwest Territories"] = "Yellowknife";
$territorialCapitals[] = "Whitehorse"; // next indexed element
print_r($territorialCapitals);
```



Output of array with associative and indexed elements
Mixed use of keys and indexes

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Iterating Through an Array

- The **internal array pointer** refers to the currently selected element in an array

Array pointer iteration functions

Function	Description
<code>current(array)</code>	Returns the current array element
<code>each(array)</code>	Returns the key and value of the current array element and moves the internal array pointer to the next element
<code>end(array)</code>	Moves the internal array pointer to the last element
<code>key(array)</code>	Returns the key of the current array element
<code>next(array)</code>	Moves the internal array pointer to the next element
<code>prev(array)</code>	Moves the internal array pointer to the previous element
<code>reset(array)</code>	Resets the internal array pointer to the first element

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Iterating Through an Array (continued)

```
$provinceCapitals = array(
    "Newfoundland and Labrador"=>"St. John's",
    "Prince Edward Island"=>"Charlottetown",
    "Nova Scotia"=>"Halifax",
    "New Brunswick"=>"Fredericton",
    "Quebec"=>"Quebec City",
    "Ontario"=>"Toronto",
    "Manitoba"=>"Winnipeg",
    "Saskatchewan"=>"Regina",
    "Alberta"=>"Edmonton",
    "British Columbia"=>"Victoria");
foreach ($provinceCapitals as $capital) {
    echo "The capital of ",
        key($provinceCapitals), " is $capital<br />";
}
```



Correct as follows ☺

```
foreach ($provinceCapitals as $capital) {
    echo "The capital of ",
        key($provinceCapitals), " is $capital<br />";
    next($provinceCapitals);
}
```



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Determining if a Value or a Key Exists

- The `in_array()` function returns *true* if a given value exists in an array
- The `array_search()` function determines whether a given value exists in an array and returns the *index* or *key* of the first matching element if the value exists, or returns *false* if the value does not exist

```
if (in_array("Neurology", $hospitalDepts))
    echo "<p>The hospital has a Neurology department.</p>";
```

- The `array_key_exists()` function determines whether a given index or key exists
 - The first parameter represents the key to search for
 - The second parameter represents the name of the array in which to search

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Example - Determining if a Key Exists

```
$gamePieces["Dancer"] = "Daryl";
$gamePieces["Fat Man"] = "Dennis";
$gamePieces["Assassin"] = "Jennifer";
if (array_key_exists("Fat Man", $gamePieces)) {
    echo "<p>{$gamePieces["Fat Man"]} is already
        'Fat Man'.</p>";
} else {
    $gamePieces["Fat Man"] = "Don";
    echo "<p>{$gamePieces["Fat Man"]} is now
        'Fat Man'.</p>";
}
```

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Returning a Portion of an Array

- The **array_slice()** function returns a portion of an array and assigns it to another array

```
new_array = array_slice(array_name, starting element,
elements_to_return);
```

```
$TopGolfers = array("Tiger Woods", "Vijay Singh", "Ernie
Els", "Phil Mickelson", "Retief Goosen", "Padraig
Harrington", "David Toms", "Sergio Garcia", "Adam Scott",
"Stewart Cink");
```

```
$TopFiveGolfers = array_slice($TopGolfers, 1, 3);
```

```
echo "<p>The three selected golfers are:</p><p>";
```

```
for ($i = 0; $i < count($TopFiveGolfers); $i++) {
    echo "{$TopFiveGolfers[$i]}<br />";
}
```

```
echo "</p>";
```

```
// output: Vijay Singh, Ernie Els, Phil Mickelson in three lines
```

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Sorting Arrays

The most commonly used array sorting functions are:

- **sort()** and **rsort()** for *indexed arrays*
 - **sort()** sorts an indexed array by value and renumbers the indexes
 - **rsort()** performs a reverse sort
- **ksort()** and **krsort()** for *associative arrays by key*

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Combining Arrays

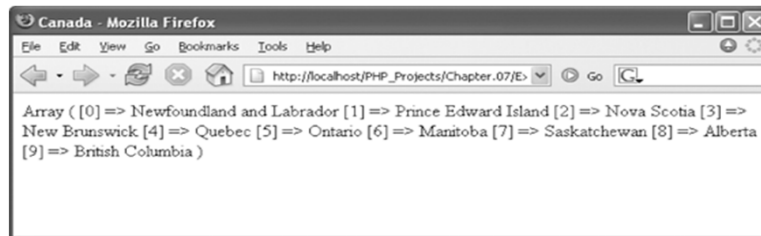
- To append one array to another, use the addition (+) or the compound assignment operator (+=). **Only array elements with unique keys are appended. Duplicated indexes/keys are ignored**

```
$provinces = array("Newfoundland and Labrador",
    "Prince Edward Island", "Nova Scotia", "New Brunswick",
    "Quebec", "Ontario", "Manitoba", "Saskatchewan", "Alberta",
    "British Columbia");

$territories = array("Nunavut", "Northwest Territories",
    "Yukon Territory");

$canada = $provinces + $territories;

print_r($canada); // territories ignored due to duplicate indexes
```



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Combining Arrays (continued)

- + and += works best on associative arrays, especially if the arrays involved do not have any common keys.
- For example

```
$arr1 = array ("one"=>"apple", "two"=>"banana");
$arr2 = array ("three"=>"cherry", "four"=>"grapes");
$arr3 = $arr1 + $arr2;
print_r($arr3);
```

Output

```
Array ( [one] => apple [two] => banana [three] => cherry
    [four] => grapes )
```

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Combining Arrays - Examples

- To merge two or more arrays use the `array_merge()` function. Duplicated associative keys **overwrite**, elements of numeric keys are **appended**.

```
new_array = array_merge($array1, $array2, $array3, ...);
```

Example, given

```
$arr1 = array ("one"=>"apple", "two"=>"banana");
```

```
$arr2 = array ("three"=>"cherry", "two"=>"grapes");
```

// Duplicate keys ignored

```
$arr3 = $arr1 + $arr2;
```

```
print_r($arr3);
```

Output: Array ([one] => apple [two] => banana [three] => cherry)

// Duplicate keys **overwritten**

```
$arr4 = array_merge($arr1, $arr2);
```

```
print_r($arr3);
```

Output: Array ([one] => apple [two] => **grapes** [three] => cherry)

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Combining Arrays (continued)

- `array_merge` works best with arrays having numeric keys
- For example

```
$provinces = array("Newfoundland and Labrador",
    "Prince Edward Island", "Nova Scotia", "New Brunswick",
    "Quebec", "Ontario", "Manitoba", "Saskatchewan", "Alberta",
    "British Columbia");
```

```
$territories = array("Nunavut", "Northwest Territories",
    "Yukon Territory");
```

```
$canada = array_merge ($provinces, $territories);
```

```
print_r($canada); //territories appended
```

Output:

```
Array ( [0] => Newfoundland and Labrador [1] => Prince Edward Island [2] => Nova
Scotia [3] => New Brunswick [4] => Quebec [5] => Ontario [6] => Manitoba [7] =>
Saskatchewan [8] => Alberta [9] => British Columbia [10] => Nunavut [11] =>
Northwest Territories [12] => Yukon Territory )
```

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Comparing Arrays

- The `array_diff()` function returns an array of elements that exist in one array but not in any other arrays to which it is compared

```
new_array = array_diff($array1, $array2, $array3, ...);
```

- The `array_intersect()` function returns an array of elements that exist in all of the arrays that are compared

```
new_array = array_intersect($array1, $array2, $array3, ...);
```

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Multi-dimensional Indexed Arrays

- A multi-dimensional array consists of multiple indexes or keys
- A *two-dimensional* array has two sets of indexes or keys

Keys ↓	"U.S. \$"	"Yen"	"Euro"	"U.K. Pound"	"Canadian \$"	"Swiss Franc"	← Keys
"U.S. \$"	1	104.61	0.7476	0.5198	1.2013	1.1573	Elements
"Yen"	0.009559	1	0.007146	0.004969	0.0114484	0.011063	
"Euro"	1.3377	139.9368	1	0.6953	1.6070	1.5481	
"U.K. Pound"	1.9239	201.2592	1.4382	1	2.3112	2.2265	
"Canadian \$"	0.8324	87.0807	0.6223	0.4327	1	0.9634	
"Swiss Franc"	0.8641	90.3914	0.6459	0.4491	1.0380	1	
Elements							

Elements and keys in the `$exchangeRates[row][col]` array

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Creating Two-Dimensional Indexed Arrays

```
$usDollars = array(1, 104.61, 0.7476, 0.5198, 1.2013, 1.1573);  
$yen = array(0.009559, 1, 0.007146, 0.004969, 0.011484, 0.011063);  
$euro = array(1.3377, 139.9368, 1, 0.6953, 1.6070, 1.5481);  
$ukPound = array(1.9239, 201.2592, 1.4382, 1, 2.3112, 2.2265);  
$canadianDollar = array(0.8324, 87.0807, 0.6223, 0.4327, 1, 0.9634);  
$swissFranc = array(0.8641, 90.3914, 0.6459, 0.4491, 1.0380, 1);  
$exchangeRates = array($usDollars, $yen, $euro, $ukPound,  
    $canadianDollar, $swissFranc);
```

```
$exchangeRates = array(  
    array(1, 104.61, 0.7476, 0.5198, 1.2013, 1.1573), // U.S. $  
    array(0.009559, 1, 0.007146, 0.004969, 0.011484, 0.011063), // Yen  
    array(1.3377, 139.9368, 1, 0.6953, 1.6070, 1.5481), // Euro  
    array(1.9239, 201.2592, 1.4382, 1, 2.3112, 2.2265), // U.K. Pound  
    array(0.8324, 87.0807, 0.6223, 0.4327, 1, 0.9634), // Canadian $  
    array(0.8641, 90.3914, 0.6459, 0.4491, 1.0380, 1) // Swiss Franc  
);
```

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