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How to determine or retrieve visitor's IP address using PHP

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Q. How do I determine or retrieve visitor's IP address using PHP server side programming?

A. Use following environment variable to get visitor's IP address:

No Proxy detection

=> REMOTE_ADDR - Remote client IP address

With Proxy detection

=> HTTP_X_FORWARDED_FOR - Get Proxy server IP

PHP getenv() function

=> Use php getenv() function to read the value of the environment.

Here is PHP code ([download source code link](#) ^[2]):

```
<html>
<head>
  <title>What is my IP address?</title>
</head>
<body>
<?php

    if (getenv [3] (HTTP_X_FORWARDED_FOR)) {
        $ipaddress = getenv [3] (HTTP_X_FORWARDED_FOR);
        $ipaddress = getenv [3] (REMOTE_ADDR);
    echo [4] "Your Proxy IPaddress is : ".$ipaddress. "(via $ipaddress)" ;
    } else {
        $ipaddress = getenv [3] (REMOTE_ADDR);
        echo [4] "Your IP address is : $ipaddress";
    }

?>
</body>
</html>
```

Try the demo [here](#) ^[5]

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