ISIT307 -WEB SERVER PROGRAMMING

LECTURE 1.2 – FUNCTIONS AND CONTROL STRUCTURES

LECTURE PLAN

- Learn how to use functions to organize the PHP code
- Learn about variable scope
- Learn if statements, if . . . else statements, and switch statements
- Learn while statements, do...while statements, for, and foreach statements
- Learn about include and require statements

DEFINING FUNCTIONS

- Functions are groups of statements that can be executed as a single unit
- Function definitions are the lines of code that make up a function
- The syntax for defining a function is:

```
<?php
function name_of_function(parameters) {
     statements;
}
</pre>
```

DEFINING FUNCTIONS

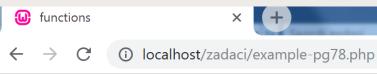
- Functions, like all PHP code, must be contained within <?php
 ... ?> tags
- A parameter is a variable declared within the function definition
- Parameters are placed within the parentheses that follow the function name
- Parameters can be assigned a default values
- Functions do not have to contain parameters
- The set of curly braces (called function braces) contain the function statements

DEFINING FUNCTIONS

• Function statements do the actual work of the function and must be contained within the function braces

CALLING FUNCTIONS

```
<?php
function displayCompanyName($CompanyName) {
        echo "<p>$CompanyName";
}
displayCompanyName("Course Technology");
DisplayCompanyName("Course Technology");
DISPLAYCOMPANYNAME("Course Technology");
?>
```



functions

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RETURNING VALUES

- A return statement returns a value to the statement that called the function
- Not all functions return values

```
function average_numbers($a, $b, $c) {
   $SumOfNumbers = $a + $b + $c;
   $Result = $SumOfNumbers / 3;
   return $Result;
}
echo average_numbers (5,6,7);
echo average_numbers (5,5,7); //what is the output?
```

RETURNING VALUES

• The function can **return multiple values** within an array

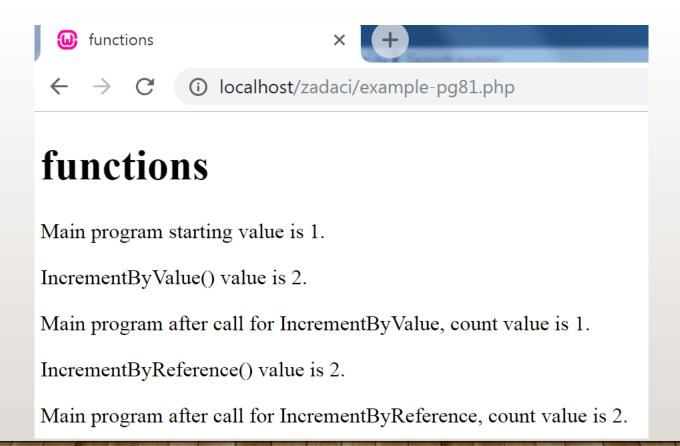
PASSING PARAMETERS TO A FUNCTION

- You can pass a function parameter by value or by reference
 - A function parameter that is passed by value is a local copy of the variable
 - A function parameter that is passed by reference is a reference to the original variable

PASSING PARAMETERS TO A FUNCTION - EXAMPLE

```
<?php
function IncrementByValue($CountByValue) {
  ++$CountByValue;
  echo "IncrementByValue() value is $CountByValue."; };
function IncrementByReference (&$CountByReference) {
  ++$CountByReference;
  echo "IncrementByReference() value is $CountByReference. ";};
Count = 1;
echo "Main program starting value is $Count.";
IncrementByValue($Count);
echo "Main program after call for IncrementByValue, count value is$Count. ";
IncrementByReference($Count);
echo "Main program after call for IncrementByReference, count value is $Count.
";
?>
```

PASSING PARAMETERS TO A FUNCTION – EXAMPLE OUTPUT



FUNCTION – EXAMPLE WHAT IS THE OUTPUT?

```
<?php
function add_some(&$text) {
    $text = $text."problem?";
}

$my_text = "Is there ";
echo "<p>",$my_text, "";
add_some($my_text);
echo "",$my_text, "";
?>
```

FUNCTION PARAMETERS

- PHP supports variable-length parameter lists to define a function (variadic function) that accepts an arbitrary number of arguments
- Meaning you can pass 0, I or n number of arguments in function
- Parameter lists include ... token preceding the last (or only) parameter in the function definition
 - passed arguments will be converted into an array

FUNCTION PARAMETERS

```
<?php
function sum(...$numbers) {
    $acc = 0;
    foreach ($numbers as $n) {
        echo $n, "<br \>";
        $acc += $n;
    }
    return $acc;
}

$sum = sum(1, 10, 23);
echo "sum = $sum";
```

FUNCTION PARAMETERS - OPTIONAL PARAMETERS/DEFAULT VALUES

- PHP supports optional parameters
- A function may define default values for parameters
- The default value is used only when the parameter is not specified
 - If null value is passed the default value is omitted
- Optional parameters should be specified after any required parameters

FUNCTION PARAMETERS - OPTIONAL PARAMETERS/DEFAULT VALUES

```
<?php
function makecoffee($type = "cappuccino") {
  return "<p>Making a cup of $type. ";
};
echo makecoffee();
echo makecoffee(null);
echo makecoffee("espresso");
?>
```

FUNCTION PARAMETERS – OPTIONAL TYPE DECLARATIONS

- Optional type declarations (data type hints) were introduced in PHP7+
- With this we can restrict the type of information passed into and out of a function
 - the specific data type can precede the parameter in the function definition
 - can specify the data type that a function returns

FUNCTION PARAMETERS – OPTIONAL TYPE DECLARATIONS

strict_types declaration must be the very first statement in the script

```
<?php
function double num(int $number) : int {
      return $number *= 2;
num = 5;
echo '$num =', $num, '<br>';
echo 'double num returns ', double num($num), '<br>';
num = 4.8;
echo '$num =', $num, '<br'; //Deprecated: Implicit conversion
                                  //from float 4.8 to int loses precision -
                                  //warning will be displayed, but will return 8
echo 'double num returns ', double num($num), '<br>';
?>
If declare(strict_types=1) is used the error will be -> Fatal error: Uncaught TypeError:
double_num():Argument #1 ($number) must be of type int, float given
```

FUNCTION PARAMETERS SPECIFYING MULTIPLE DATA TYPES

- PHP 8 now permits union types
- Union types allow to combine two or more data types for function parameters or function return value

```
<?php
declare(strict_types=1);
function double_num(int|float $number) : int|float {
    return $number *= 2;
}
$num = 4.8;
echo '$num =', $num, '<br>';
echo 'double_num returns ', double_num($num), '<br>';
?>
```

FUNCTION PARAMETERS – NAMED ARGUMENTS

- Named Arguments (introduced in PHP 8) support function call by setting the parameters by their name
- With Named Arguments the order of the arguments is not important, as long as all the required parameters are passed
 - useful to skip over multiple optional parameters

FUNCTION PARAMETERS – NAMED ARGUMENTS

?>

```
<?php
function make sentence($name, $activity="no activity", $hours="") {
    return "Hi $name, you have $activity for $hours hrs";
echo make sentence ("John"), '<br>';
echo make sentence ("John", "swimming"), '<br>';
echo make sentence ("John", "swimming", "1"), '<br>';
echo make sentence ("John", activity: "hiking"), '<br>';
echo make sentence (activity: "hiking", name: "John", hours: "8"), '<br>';
echo make sentence ("John", hours: "8", activity: "hiking"), '<br>';
echo make sentence ("John", hours: "5"), '<br>';
echo make sentence(hours: "5", name: "John"), '<br>';
```

UNDERSTANDING VARIABLE SCOPE

- Variable scope is where in your program a declared variable can be used
- A variable's scope can be either global or local
- A global variable is one that is declared outside a function and is available to all parts of your program
- A local variable is declared inside a function and is only available within the function in which it is declared

THE GLOBAL KEYWORD

 You must declare a global variable with the global keyword inside a function definition to make the variable available within the scope of that function

```
<?php
  $GlobalVariable = "this is my value";

function scopeExample() {
    global $GlobalVariable;
    echo "<p>$GlobalVariable";
    $GlobalVariable = "if I change it";
}
scopeExample();
echo "$GlobalVariable";
```

MAKING DECISIONS

- Decision making or flow control is the process of determining the order in which statements execute in a program
- The special types of PHP statements used for making decisions are called decision-making statements or decision-making structures

IF STATEMENTS

- Used to execute specific programming code if the evaluation of a conditional expression returns a value of TRUE
- The syntax for a simple if statement is:

```
if (conditional expression)
  statement;
```

IF STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

- Contains three parts:
 - the keyword if
 - a conditional expression enclosed within parentheses
 - the executable statements
- A command block is a group of statements contained within a set of braces
- Each command block must have an opening brace ({) and a closing brace (})

IF STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

IF...ELSE STATEMENTS

- An if statement that includes an else clause is called an if...else statement
- An else clause executes when the condition in an if...else statement evaluates to FALSE
- The syntax for an if...else statement is:

```
if (conditional expression)
    statement;
```

else

statement;

IF...ELSE STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

- An if statement can be constructed without the else clause
- The else clause can only be used with an if statement

```
$Today = "Tuesday";
if ($Today == "Monday")
    echo "Today is Monday";
else
    echo "Today is not Monday";
```

NESTED IF AND IF...ELSE STATEMENTS

 When one decision-making statement is contained within another decision-making statement, they are referred to as nested decision-making structures

• Check the <=> rocket ship operator (available in PHP7+)

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SWITCH STATEMENTS

- Control program flow by executing a specific set of statements depending on the value of an expression
- Compare the value of an expression to a value contained within a special statement called a case label
- A case label is a specific value that contains one or more statements that execute if the value of the case label matches the value of the switch statement's expression

- Consist of the following components:
 - The switch keyword
 - An expression
 - An opening brace
 - One or more case labels (witch can be different data types)
 - The executable statements
 - The break keyword
 - A default label
 - A closing brace

- A case label consists of:
 - The keyword case
 - A literal value or variable name
 - A colon (:)
- A case label can be followed by a single statement or multiple statements
- Multiple statements for a case label do not need to be enclosed within a command block

- The default label contains statements that execute when the value returned by the switch statement expression does not match a case label
- A default label consists of the keyword default followed by a colon (:)

REPEATING CODE

- A loop statement is a control structure that repeatedly executes a statement or a series of statements while a specific condition is TRUE or until a specific condition becomes TRUE
- There are four types of loop statements:
 - while statements
 - do...while statements
 - for statements
 - foreach statements

WHILE STATEMENTS

- Tests the condition prior to executing the series of statements at each iteration of the loop
- The syntax for the while statement is:

```
while (conditional expression) {
    statement(s);
}
```

 As long as the conditional expression evaluates to TRUE, the statement or command block that follows executes repeatedly

WHILE STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

- Each repetition of a looping statement is called an iteration
- A while statement keeps repeating until its conditional expression evaluates to FALSE
- A counter is a variable that increments or decrements with each iteration of a loop statement

WHILE STATEMENTS – WHAT IS THE OUTPUT?

```
(ex. 1)
$Count = 1;
while ($Count <= 5) {
        echo "$Count<br />";
        ++$Count;
}
echo "You have printed 5 numbers.";
```

WHILE STATEMENTS - WHAT IS THE OUTPUT?

```
(ex. 2)
Count = 10;
while ($Count > 0) {
   echo "$Count<br />";
    --$Count;
echo "We have liftoff. ";
(ex. 3)
Count = 1;
while ($Count <= 100) {
      echo "$Count<br />";
      $Count *= 2;
```

WHILE STATEMENTS - INFINITE LOOP

• In an **infinite loop**, a loop statement never ends because its conditional expression is never FALSE

```
$Count = 1;
while ($Count <= 10) {
    echo "The number is $Count";
}</pre>
```

DO...WHILE STATEMENTS

- Test the condition after executing a series of statements then repeats the execution as long as a given conditional expression evaluates to $\protect\operatorname{TRUE}$
- The syntax for the do...while statement is:

```
do {
     statement(s);
} while (conditional expression);
```

DO...WHILE STATEMENTS

• do...while statements always execute once, before a conditional expression is evaluated

```
$Count = 2;
do {
   echo "The count is equal to $Count";
   ++$Count;
} while ($Count < 2);</pre>
```

DO...WHILE STATEMENTS - EXAMPLE

do-while

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

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FOR **STATEMENTS**

- Combine the initialize, conditional expression, and update portions of a loop into a single statement
- Repeat a statement or a series of statements as long as a given conditional expression evaluates to $\protect\operatorname{TRUE}$
- If the conditional expression evaluates to TRUE, the for statement executes and continues to execute repeatedly until the conditional expression evaluates to FALSE

FOR STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

- Can also include code that initializes a counter and changes its value with each iteration
- The syntax of the for statement is:

```
for (counter declaration and initialization;
  condition; update statement) {
    statement(s);
}
```

FOR **STATEMENTS - EXAMPLE**

```
$FastFoods = array("pizza", "burgers", "french fries",
 "tacos", "fried chicken");
for (\$Count = 0; \$Count < 5; ++\$Count) {
      echo $FastFoods[$Count], "<br />";
                                  ← → C (i) localhost/zadaci/
                                 pizza
                                  burgers
                                 french fries
                                 tacos
                                 fried chicken
```

FOREACH STATEMENTS

- Used to iterate or loop through the elements in an array
- Do not require a counter, instead, you specify an array expression within a set of parentheses following the foreach keyword
- The syntax for the foreach statement is:

```
foreach ($array_name as $variable_name) {
    statements;
}
---
foreach ($array_name as $index_name => $variable_name) {
    statements;
```

FOREACH STATEMENTS - EXAMPLE

INCLUDING FILES

- The include and require statements reuse content by allowing you to insert the content of an external file on multiple Web pages
 - The include statement generates a warning if the include file cannot be found
 - The require statement halts the processing of the Web page and displays an error if the include file cannot be found
- The include_once and require_once statements
 assure that the external file is added to the script only one
 time

INCLUDING FILES

 The file path can be either absolute or relative to the current document

```
require 'C:/wamp64/www/my_folder/script.php';
include('my_folder/script.php');
// include 'my_folder/script.php';
```

- When using a relative file path, it's recommended to use
 - ./ to indicate that the path begins in the current folder

```
include('./my_folder/script.php');
```