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PHP

- A popular general-purpose scripting language
- Acronym for PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor
- Widely-used, free, and efficient alternative to c#, java, and asp.
- Based on C language
- Released in 1995 by Rasmus Lerdorf
- [Current versions](#): 8.2, 8.3



PHP Installation

Ways to Install PHP

- [php.net](https://www.php.net)
- [XAMPP/WAMP/MAMP/LAMP](#)
- [Laragon](#)
- [Docker Images](#)

AMP - Apache, MySQL/MariaDB, PHP

W - Windows

M - MACOS

L - Linux

X - Cross-operation

P - Perl

PHP Fiddle/Playground

- [W3Schools Try It Yourself](#)
- <https://3v4l.org/>

PHP Syntax

```
<?php
    // your PHP code goes here
?>
```

- PHP scripts starts with <?php
- And ends with ?>
- PHP files has the .php default extension
- PHP statements end with a semicolon (;)
- PHP keywords are not case-sensitive
- However, variable names are case-sensitive

PHP Comments

```
<?php  
    // this is a comment  
?>
```

- Ignored/skipped/not executed as part of the program
- It's only purpose is to be read by someone who is looking at the code
- Let others understand your code
- Remind yourself what you did
- Leave out some parts of the code

PHP Single Line Comments

```
<?php  
    // this is a comment  
?>
```

- Starts with double forward slash (//)
- Any texts between // and the end of the line is ignored
- You can also use hash (#)

PHP Multiple Line Comments

```
<?php
    /*
        this is a comment
        this is also a comment
        this is the comment
    */
?>
```

- Starts with /* and ends with */
- Any texts between /* and */ are ignored
- Can also be used inside a code line

PHP Variables

- Variables are “containers” for storing values/information
- Starts with \$ sign, followed by the name of the variable

```
<?php
    $x = 5;
    $y = 90.7;
    $name = "Darell";
    $is_allowed = true;
?>
```

Rules for Naming Variables

- Must start with \$ sign, followed by the name of the variable
- Must start with a letter or an underscore character
- Must not start with a number
- Must only contain alphanumeric and underscore characters (A-z, 0-9, _)
- They are case-sensitive (\$age and \$AGE are two different variables)

```
<?php
    $name = "Darell";
    $temperature = 32.7;
    $_context = context();
?>
```


Displaying Output (echo/print)

- echo and print are almost the same
- echo returns multiple values
- print returns 1
- echo can take multiple parameters
- print can take only 1 parameter
- echo is marginally faster than print

PHP echo

- without parenthesis

```
echo "Hello";
```

- with parenthesis

```
echo ("Hello") ;
```

PHP echo (displaying text)

```
echo "<h2>PHP is Fun!</h2>";
```

```
echo "Hello world!<br />";
```

```
echo "I'm about to learn PHP!<br>";
```

```
echo "This ", "string ", "was ", "made ", "with multiple  
parameters.";
```

PHP echo (displaying variables)

```
$txt1 = "Learn PHP";
```

```
$txt2 = "W3Schools.com";
```

```
echo "<h2>$txt1</h2>";
```

```
echo "<p>Study PHP at $txt2</p>";
```

PHP echo (using single quotes)

```
$txt1 = "Learn PHP";
```

```
$txt2 = "groundgurus.net";
```

```
echo '<h2>' . $txt1 . '</h2>';
```

```
echo '<p>Study PHP at ' . $txt2 . '</p>';
```

PHP Data Types

- String
- Integer
- Float (floating point numbers - also called double)
- Boolean
- Array
- Object
- NULL
- Resource

PHP Getting the Data Type

- Get the data type using the var_dump() function

```
$x = 5;
```

```
var_dump($x);
```

```
//returns int(5)
```

```
$name = "Darell";
```

```
var_dump($name);
```

```
//returns string(6) "Darell"
```


PHP String Data Type

- A series of characters, like “Hello World”
- Can be any texts inside quotes
- Can use single or double quotes

```
$x = "Hello world!";
```

```
$y = 'Hello world!';
```

```
var_dump($x);
```

```
var_dump($y);
```

```
// both returns string(12) "Hello world!"
```

PHP Integer Data Type

- A non-decimal number
- Rules:
 - Must have at least 1 digit (0, 11, 222, ...)
 - Must not have a decimal point (10, ~~42.5~~, 50, ~~99.99~~, 100)
 - Can either be positive or negative (10, -5, 200, -999)
 - Can be specified in Decimal (10), hexadecimal (16), octal (8), or binary (2) notation

PHP Boolean Data Type

- Represents 2 possible values
 - true
 - false

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 - true
 - false

PHP Array Data Type

- Can store multiple values in one (1) variable

```
$cars = array("Volvo", "BMW", "Toyota");
```

```
$grades = [90, 95, 95, 92, 97];
```

```
$settings = array("top", 0, true);
```

PHP Object Data Type

- Classes and objects are two (2) main aspects of object-oriented programming
- A class is a template for objects
- An object is an instance of a class

```
class Car {  
    public $color;  
    public $model;  
    public function construct($color, $model) {  
        $this->color = $color;  
        $this->model = $model;  
    }  
    public function message() {  
        return "My car is a " . $this->color . " " . $this->model . "!";  
    }  
}
```



```
$myCar = new Car("red", "Volvo");  
  
var_dump($myCar);
```

PHP NULL Data Type

- Special data type that can only have one value: null

```
$x = "Hello world!";
```

```
$x = null;
```

```
var_dump($x);
```


PHP Type Casting

- Used to change a variable's data type to another

`(string)` - Converts to data type String

`(int)` - Converts to data type Integer

`(float)` - Converts to data type Float

`(bool)` - Converts to data type Boolean

`(array)` - Converts to data type Array

`(object)` - Converts to data type Object

~~`(unset)` - Converts to data type NULL~~

```
$a = 5;           // Integer
```

```
$a = (string) $a;
```

```
var_dump($a); //returns "5"
```

PHP Math Functions

- Used to perform mathematical tasks on numbers

`pi()` - returns the value of pi

`min()` - returns the lowest value in a list of arguments

`max()` - returns the highest value in a list of arguments

`abs()` - returns the absolute (positive) value of a number

`sqrt()` - returns the square root of a number

`round()` - rounds a floating-point number to its nearest integer

`rand()` - generate a random number

`floor()` - rounds a number down to its nearest integer

`ceil()` - rounds a number up to its nearest integer

PHP Constants (define())

- Like variables, except that once they are defined they cannot be modified
- Create a constant using define()
- Parameters:
 - *name*: Specifies the name of the constant
 - *value*: Specifies the value of the constant
 - *case-insensitive*: Specifies whether the constant name should be case-insensitive. Default is false. Note: Defining case-insensitive constants was deprecated in PHP 7.3. PHP 8.0 accepts only false, the value true will produce a warning.

```
define("GREETING", "Welcome to W3Schools.com!");
```

```
echo GREETING;
```

PHP Constants (const)

- Create a constant using const

```
const MYCAR = "Volvo";
```

```
echo MYCAR;
```

PHP Constants (const)

- `const` vs. `define()`
 - `const` are always case-sensitive
 - `define()` has a case-insensitive option.
 - `const` cannot be created inside another block scope, like inside a function or inside an `if` statement.
 - `define` can be created inside another block scope.

PHP Magic Constants

- Constants that changes value depending on where they are used
- Written with two underscore at the start and at the end except for the `ClassName:class` constant

PHP Magic Constants Examples

<code>__CLASS__</code>	If used inside a class, the class name is returned.
<code>__DIR__</code>	The directory of the file.
<code>__FILE__</code>	The file name including the full path.
<code>__FUNCTION__</code>	If inside a function, the function name is returned.
<code>__LINE__</code>	The current line number.
<code>__METHOD__</code>	If used inside a function that belongs to a class, both class and function name is returned.
<code>__NAMESPACE__</code>	If used inside a namespace, the name of the namespace is returned.
<code>__TRAIT__</code>	If used inside a trait, the trait name is returned.
<code>ClassName::class</code>	Returns the name of the specified class and the name of the namespace, if any.

PHP Operations

- used to perform operations on variables and values.
 - Arithmetic operators
 - Assignment operators
 - Comparison operators
 - Increment/Decrement operators
 - Logical operators
 - String operators
 - Array operators
 - Conditional assignment operators

PHP Arithmetic Operators

- used with numeric values to perform common arithmetical operations

Operator	Name	Example	Result
+	Addition	$\$x + \y	Sum of $\$x$ and $\$y$
-	Subtraction	$\$x - \y	Difference of $\$x$ and $\$y$
*	Multiplication	$\$x * \y	Product of $\$x$ and $\$y$
/	Division	$\$x / \y	Quotient of $\$x$ and $\$y$
%	Modulus	$\$x \% \y	Remainder of $\$x$ divided by $\$y$
**	Exponentiation	$\$x ** \y	Result of raising $\$x$ to the $\$y$ 'th power

PHP Assignment Operators

- used with numeric values to write a value to a variable

Assignment	Same as...	Description
<code>x = y</code>	<code>x = y</code>	The left operand gets set to the value of the expression on the right
<code>x += y</code>	<code>x = x + y</code>	Addition
<code>x -= y</code>	<code>x = x - y</code>	Subtraction
<code>x *= y</code>	<code>x = x * y</code>	Multiplication
<code>x /= y</code>	<code>x = x / y</code>	Division
<code>x %= y</code>	<code>x = x % y</code>	Modulus

PHP Comparison Operators

- used with numeric values to write a value to a variable

Operator	Name	Example	Result
==	Equal	\$x == \$y	Returns true if \$x is equal to \$y
===	Identical	\$x === \$y	Returns true if \$x is equal to \$y, and they are of the same type
!=	Not equal	\$x != \$y	Returns true if \$x is not equal to \$y
<>	Not equal	\$x <> \$y	Returns true if \$x is not equal to \$y
!==	Not identical	\$x !== \$y	Returns true if \$x is not equal to \$y, or they are not of the same type
>	Greater than	\$x > \$y	Returns true if \$x is greater than \$y
<	Less than	\$x < \$y	Returns true if \$x is less than \$y

PHP Comparison Operators (contd.)

- used with numeric values to write a value to a variable

Operator	Name	Example	Result
<code>>=</code>	Greater than or equal to	<code>\$x >= \$y</code>	Returns true if \$x is greater than or equal to \$y
<code><=</code>	Less than or equal to	<code>\$x <= \$y</code>	Returns true if \$x is less than or equal to \$y
<code><=></code>	Spaceship	<code>\$x <=> \$y</code>	Returns an integer less than, equal to, or greater than zero, depending on if \$x is less than, equal to, or greater than \$y. Introduced in PHP 7.

PHP Comparison Operators (contd.)

- used to compare two values (number or string)

Operator	Name	Example	Result
<=>	Spaceship	\$x <=> \$y	Returns an integer less than, equal to, or greater than zero, depending on if \$x is less than, equal to, or greater than \$y. Introduced in PHP 7.

PHP Increment/Decrement Operators

- used increment/decrement a value of a variable

Operator	Same as	Description
++\$x	Pre-increment	Increments \$x by one, then returns \$x
\$x++	Post-increment	Returns \$x, then increments \$x by one
--\$x	Pre-decrement	Decrements \$x by one, then returns \$x
\$x--	Post-decrement	Returns \$x, then decrements \$x by one

PHP Logical Operators

- used to combine conditional statements

Operator	Name	Example	Result
and	And	\$x and \$y	True if both \$x and \$y are true
or	Or	\$x or \$y	True if either \$x or \$y is true
xor	Xor	\$x xor \$y	True if either \$x or \$y is true, but not both
&&	And	\$x && \$y	True if both \$x and \$y are true
	Or	\$x \$y	True if either \$x or \$y is true
!	Not	!\$x	True if \$x is not true

PHP String Operators

- designed for strings

Operator	Name	Example	Result
.	Concatenation	\$txt1 . \$txt2	Concatenation of \$txt1 and \$txt2
.=	Concatenation assignment	\$txt1 .= \$txt2	Appends \$txt2 to \$txt1

PHP Array Operators

- used to compare arrays

Operator	Name	Example	Result
+	Union	<code>\$x + \$y</code>	Union of <code>\$x</code> and <code>\$y</code>
<code>==</code>	Equality	<code>\$x == \$y</code>	Returns true if <code>\$x</code> and <code>\$y</code> have the same key/value pairs
<code>===</code>	Identity	<code>\$x === \$y</code>	Returns true if <code>\$x</code> and <code>\$y</code> have the same key/value pairs in the same order and of the same types
<code>!=</code>	Inequality	<code>\$x != \$y</code>	Returns true if <code>\$x</code> is not equal to <code>\$y</code>
<code><></code>	Inequality	<code>\$x <> \$y</code>	Returns true if <code>\$x</code> is not equal to <code>\$y</code>
<code>!==</code>	Non-identity	<code>\$x !== \$y</code>	Returns true if <code>\$x</code> is not identical to <code>\$y</code>

PHP Conditional Assignment Operators

- used to set a value depending on conditions:

Operator	Name	Example	Result
?:	Ternary	<code>\$x = expr1 ? expr2 : expr3</code>	Returns the value of \$x. The value of \$x is expr2 if expr1 = TRUE. The value of \$x is expr3 if expr1 = FALSE
??	Null coalescing	<code>\$x = expr1 ?? expr2</code>	Returns the value of \$x. The value of \$x is expr1 if expr1 exists, and is not NULL. If expr1 does not exist, or is NULL, the value of \$x is expr2. Introduced in PHP 7

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??	Null coalescing	<code>\$x = expr1 ?? expr2</code>	Returns the value of \$x. The value of \$x is expr1 if expr1 exists, and is not NULL. If expr1 does not exist, or is NULL, the value of \$x is expr2. Introduced in PHP 7

PHP Conditional Statements

- used to perform different actions depending on the conditions
 - if statement - executes some code if one condition is true
 - if...else statement - executes some code if a condition is true and another code if that condition is false
 - if...elseif...else statement - executes different codes for more than two conditions
 - switch statement - selects one of many blocks of code to be executed

PHP Shorthand If

- You can write shorter if on one line

```
$a = 5;
```

```
if ($a < 10) $b = "Hello";
```

```
echo $b
```

PHP Nested If

- You can write shorter if on one line

```
$grade = 90;  
  
$subject = "Math"  
  
if ($subject === "Math") {  
  
    echo "Subject: $subject: ";  
  
    if ($grade >= 75) {  
  
        echo "Passed";  
  
    } else {  
  
        echo "Failed";  
  
    }  
  
}
```

PHP Loops

- used to repeat a sequence of codes
 - `while` - loops through a block of code as long as the specified condition is true
 - `do...while` - loops through a block of code once, and then repeats the loop as long as the specified condition is true
 - `for` - loops through a block of code a specified number of times
 - `foreach` - loops through a block of code for each element in an array

PHP Break

- **break** statement can be used to jump out of a for loop.

```
for ($x = 0; $x < 10; $x++) {  
  
    if ($x == 4) {  
  
        break;  
  
    }  
  
    echo "The number is: $x <br>";  
  
}
```

PHP Continue

- **continue** stops the current iteration in the for loop and continue with the next.

```
for ($x = 0; $x < 10; $x++) {  
  
    if ($x == 4) {  
  
        continue;  
  
    }  
  
    echo "The number is: $x <br>";  
  
}
```

PHP Functions

- PHP has over [1000 built-in functions](#)
- It is also possible to create your own custom function

```
function myMessage () {  
  
    echo "Hello world!";  
  
}
```

```
myMessage ();
```

PHP Function Arguments

- Information can be passed through arguments
- Specified after the function name, inside parenthesis
- You can add as many arguments as you want, just separate them with a comma

```
function familyName($fname) {  
  
    echo "$fname Zoldyck.\n";  
  
}
```

```
familyName('Zeno');
```

```
familyName('Silva');
```

```
familyName('Killua');
```

PHP Function Arguments (2 arguments)

```
function familyName($fname,$birth_year) {  
    echo "$fname Zoldyck - $birth_year\n";  
}
```

```
familyName('Zeno', '1932');
```

```
familyName('Silva', '1953');
```

```
familyName('Killua', '1999');
```

PHP Default Arguments

```
function set_height($height=50) {  
    echo "The height is : $height\n";  
}  
  
set_height(30);  
  
set_height();  
  
set_height(150);
```

PHP Functions Returning Values

- To let a function return a value, use the **return** statement:

```
function sum($x, $y) {  
    return $x + $y;  
}
```

```
$sum = sum(5, 3);
```

```
echo "The sum of 5 and 3 is $sum";
```

```
echo "The sum of 4 and 2 is" . sum(4, 2);
```

PHP Arrays

- stores multiple values in one single variable

```
$cars = array("Volvo", "BMW", "Toyota");
```

- Types of arrays:
 - Indexed arrays - Arrays with a numeric index
 - Associative arrays - Arrays with named keys
 - Multidimensional arrays - Arrays containing one or more arrays

PHP Arrays

- Index Arrays

```
$cars = array("Volvo", "BMW", "Toyota");
```

```
echo $cars[1]; //outputs BMW
```

- Associative arrays

```
$person = array("first_name"=>"Darell", "last_name", "Duma");
```

```
echo $person["first_name"]; //outputs Darell
```

PHP Arrays

- Multidimensional Arrays

```
$cars = array (  
    array("Volvo",22,18),  
    array("BMW",15,13),  
    array("Saab",5,2),  
    array("Land Rover",17,15)  
);  
  
echo $cars[2][0].": In stock: ".$cars[2][1].", sold: ".$cars[2][2];  
  
//Saab: Instock: 5, sold: 2
```

PHP Updating Arrays Items

- Indexed array

```
$cars = array("Volvo", "BMW", "Toyota");
```

```
$cars[0] = "Toyota";
```

- Associative array

```
$cars = array("brand" => "Ford", "model" => "Mustang", "year" => 1964);
```

```
$cars["year"] = 2024;
```

PHP Adding Arrays Items (Single)

- Indexed array

```
$fruits = array("Apple", "Banana", "Cherry");
```

```
$fruits[] = "Orange";
```

- Associative array

```
$cars = array("brand" => "Ford", "model" => "Mustang");
```

```
$cars["color"] = "Red";
```

PHP Adding Arrays Items (Multiple)

- Indexed array

```
$fruits = array("Apple", "Banana", "Cherry");  
  
array_push($fruits, "Orange", "Kiwi", "Lemon");
```

- Associative array

```
$cars = array("brand" => "Ford", "model" => "Mustang");  
  
$cars += ["color" => "red", "year" => 1964];
```

PHP Superglobals

- Predefined variables
- Always accessible, regardless of scope
 - `$GLOBALS`
 - `$_SERVER`
 - `$_REQUEST`
 - `$_POST`
 - `$_GET`
 - `$_FILES`
 - `$_ENV`
 - `$_COOKIE`
 - `$_SESSION`

PHP Regular Expression (RegEx)

- a sequence of characters that forms a search pattern

```
$exp = "/David/i";
```

PHP preg_match()

- tells you whether a string contains matches of a pattern

```
$str = "My name is David";
```

```
$pattern = "/David/i";
```

```
echo preg_match($pattern, $str);
```

```
//outputs 1
```


PHP preg_match_all()

- tell you how many matches were found for a pattern in a string

```
$str = "The rain in SPAIN falls mainly on the plains.";
```

```
$pattern = "/ain/i";
```

```
echo preg_match_all($pattern, $str);
```

```
//outputs 4
```

PHP preg_replace()

- will replace all of the matches of the pattern in a string with another string

```
$str = "Visit Microsoft!";
```

```
$pattern = "/microsoft/i";
```

```
echo preg_replace($pattern, "Ground Gurus", $str);
```

```
//outputs Visit Ground Gurus!
```

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