

## Content

### What is PHP?

- PHP is an acronym for "PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor"
- PHP is a widely-used, open source scripting language
- PHP scripts are executed on the server
- PHP is free to download and use

#### Popular Language

- It is powerful enough to be at the core of the biggest blogging system on the web (WordPress)!
- It is deep enough to run the largest social network (Facebook)!
- It is also easy enough to be a beginner's first server side language!

### What can PHP do?

- Can generate dynamic page content
- Can create, open, read, write, delete, and close files on the server
- Can collect form data
- Can send and receive cookies
- Can add, delete, modify data in your database
- Can be used to control user-access
- Can encrypt data
- With PHP you are not limited to output HTML.
- You can output images, PDF files, and even Flash movies.
- You can also output any text, such as XHTML and XML.

## Why PHP??

- Runs on various platforms (Windows, Linux, Unix, Mac OS X, etc.)
- Compatible with almost all servers used today (Apache, IIS, etc.)
- Supports a wide range of databases
- It is free. Download it from the official PHP resource: www.php.net
- Easy to learn and runs efficiently on the server side

### PHP File

- PHP files can contain text, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and PHP code
- PHP code is executed on the server, and the result is returned to the browser as plain HTML
- PHP files have extension ".php"

## PHP Installation

- Find a web host with PHP and MySQL support
- Install a web server on your own PC, and then install PHP and MySQL

### PHP Installation

#### Use a Web Host With PHP Support

If your server has activated support for PHP you do not need to do anything.

- Create some .php files
- Place them in your web directory
- Server will automatically parse them for you.

You do not need to compile anything or install any extra tools.

## PHP Installation

#### Set Up PHP on Your Own PC

Steps to use:

- 1. Install a web server
- 2. Install PHP
- 3. Install a database, such as MySQL

The official PHP website (PHP.net) has installation instructions for

PHP: http://php.net/manual/en/install.php

## PHP Syntax

#### **Basic PHP syntax**

A PHP script can be placed anywhere in the document.

A PHP script starts with <?php and ends with ?>

<?php

// PHP code goes here

?>

The default file extension for PHP files is ".php".

A PHP file normally contains HTML tags, and some PHP scripting code.

## Example:

- Simple PHP file, with a PHP script
- uses a built-in PHP function
   "echo" to output the text on a
   web page
- PHP statements end with a semicolon

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<h1>My first PHP page</h1>
<?php
echo "Hello World!";
?>
</body>
</html>
```

### My first PHP page

Hello World!

## Case Sensitivity

In PHP, keywords (e.g. if, else, while, echo, etc.), classes, functions, and user-defined functions are not casesensitive

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<?php
ECHO "Hello World!<br>";
echo "Hello World!<br>";
EcHo "Hello World!<br>";
> </body>
</html>
```

```
Hello World!
Hello World!
Hello World!
```

## Case Sensitivity

All variable names are case-sensitive

#### For Example

- only the first statement will display the value of the \$color variable
- This is because \$color, \$COLOR, and \$coLOR are treated as three different variables

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<?php
$color = "red";
echo "My car is " . $color . "<br>";
echo "My house is " . $COLOR . "<br>";
echo "My boat is " . $coLOR . "<br>";
?>
</body>
</html>
```

```
My car is red
My house is
My boat is
```

### Comments

Both type of Comments are supported:

- 1. Single Line Comment: // and #
- Multi line Comment: Block within /\* and \*/

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<?php
// This is a single-line comment
# This is also a single-line comment
/*
This is a multiple-lines comment block
that spans over multiple
lines
*/
?>
</body>
</html>
```

A variable can have a short name (like x and y) or a more descriptive name (age, carname, total\_volume).

PHP has no command for declaring a variable.

It is created the moment you first assign a value to it.

#### PHP Variable

#### Rules for PHP variables:

- 1. A variable starts with the \$ sign, followed by the name of the variable
- 2. A variable name must start with a letter or the underscore character
- 3. A variable name cannot start with a number
- 4. A variable name can only contain alpha-numeric characters and underscores (A-z, o-9, and \_)
- 5. Variable names are case-sensitive (\$age and \$AGE are two different variables)

## PHP Variable

Example:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html><!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<?php
$txt = "W3Schools.com";
echo "I love " . stxt . "!<br>";
$x = 5;
$y = 4;
echo $x + $y;
?>
</body>
</html>
```

```
I love W3Schools.com!
```

## DataTypes

## **Data Types**

Variables can store data of different types, and different data types can do different things.

PHP supports the following data types:

- 1. String
- 2. Integer
- 3. Float (floating point numbers also called double)
- 4. Boolean
- 5. Array
- 6. Object
- 7. NULL
- 8. Resource

#### Strings

- A string is a sequence of characters,
   like "Hello world!".
- A string can be any text inside quotes.
- You can use single or double quotes

```
<?php
$x = "Hello world!";
$y = 'Hello world!';

echo $x;
echo "<br>";
echo $y;
?>
```

## Integer

An integer data type is a non-decimal number between -2,147,483,648 and 2,147,483,647.

#### Rules for integers:

- 1. An integer must have at least one digit
- 2. An integer must not have a decimal point
- 3. An integer can be either positive or negative
- 4. Integers can be specified in: decimal (base 10), hexadecimal (base 16), octal (base 8), or binary (base 2) notation

In the following example \$x is an integer.

The PHP var\_dump() function returns the data type and value:

```
<?php
$x = 5985;
var_dump($x);
```

## Float

A float (floating point number) is a number with a decimal point or a number in exponential form.

In the following example \$x is a float.

The PHP var\_dump() function returns the data type and value

```
<?php
$x = 10.365;

var_dump($x);
?>
```

A Boolean represents two possible states: TRUE or FALSE.

Booleans are often used in conditional testing.

## Boolean

**\$**x = true;

\$y = false;

#### Arrays

- An array stores multiple values in one single variable.
- In the given example \$cars is an array.
- The PHP var\_dump() function
   returns the data type and value

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<?php
$cars = array("Volvo","BMW","Toyota");
var_dump($cars);
?>
</body>
</html>
```

```
array(3) {
  [0]=>
  string(5) "Volvo"
  [1]=>
  string(3) "BMW"
  [2]=>
  string(6) "Toyota"
}
```

## Object

- Classes and objects are the two main aspects of object-oriented programming.
- A class is a template for objects, and an object is an instance of a class.
- When the individual objects are created, they inherit all the properties and behaviors from the class, but each object will have different values for the properties.

Let's assume we have a class named Car. A Car can have properties like model, color, etc.

We can define variables like \$model, \$color, and so on, to hold the values of these properties.

- When the individual objects (Volvo, BMW, Toyota, etc.) are created, they inherit all the
  properties and behaviors from the class, but each object will have different values for the
  properties.
- If you create a \_\_construct() function, PHP will automatically call this function when you create an object from a class.

## Object

</html>

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<?php
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("black", "Volvo");
echo $myCar -> message();
echo "<br>";
$myCar = new Car("red", "Toyota");
echo $myCar -> message();
?>
                                My car is a black Volvo!
</body>
```

My car is a red Toyota!

#### **NULL Value**

- Null is a special data type which can have only one value: NULL.
- A variable of data type NULL is a variable that has no value assigned to it.
- Tip: If a variable is created without a value, it is automatically assigned a value of NULL.
- Variables can also be emptied by setting the value to NULL:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<?php
$x = "Hello world!";
$x = null;
var_dump($x);
?>
</body>
</html>
```

```
NULL
```

#### Resource

- The special resource type is not an actual data type.
- It is the storing of a reference to functions and resources external to PHP.
- A common example of using the resource data type is a database call.

## Operators

## Type of Operators

- 1. Arithmetic operators
- 2. Assignment operators
- 3. Comparison operators
- 4. Increment/Decrement operators
- 5. Logical operators
- 6. String operators
- 7. Array operators
- 8. Conditional assignment operators

## Arithmetic Operators

The PHP arithmetic operators are used with numeric values to perform common arithmetical operations, such as addition, subtraction, multiplication etc.

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
1	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

## Assignment Operators

- The PHP assignment operators are used with numeric values to write a value to a variable.
- The basic assignment operator in PHP is "=". It means that the left operand gets set to the value of the assignment expression on the right.

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

## Comparison Operators

• The PHP comparison operators are used to compare two values (number or string

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
<b>&lt;&gt;</b>	Not equal	\$x <> \$y	Returns true if \$x is not equal to \$y
!==	Notidentical	\$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
>=	Greater than or equal to	\$x >= \$y	Returns true if \$x is greater than or equal to \$y
<=	Less than or equal to	\$x <= \$y	Returns true if \$x is less than or equal to \$y
<=>	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.

# Increment/ Decrement Operators

- The PHP increment operators are used to increment a variable's value.
- The PHP decrement operators are used to decrement a variable's value.

Operator	Name	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

## Logical Operators

• The PHP logical operators are 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
II	Or	\$x  \$y	True if either \$x or \$y is true
į.	Not	!\$x	True if \$x is not true

## String Operators

Opera	ator	Name	Example	Result
		Concatenation	\$txt1.\$txt2	Concatenation of \$txt1 and \$txt2
.=	Conc	atenation assignment	\$txt1 .= \$txt2	Appends \$txt2 to \$txt1

## Array Operators

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

# Conditional Assignment Operators

• The PHP conditional assignment operators are used to set a value depending on conditions:

Operator	Name	Example	Result	Showit	
?:	Ternary	<pre>\$x = expr1? expr2: expr3</pre>	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		<pre>\$x = expr1?? expr2</pre>	Returns th	e value of \$x.	
			The value of \$x is expr1 if expr1 exists, and is not NULL		LL.
			If expr1 do	es not exist, or is NULL, the value of \$x is	
			expr2.		
			Introduced	d in PHP 7	

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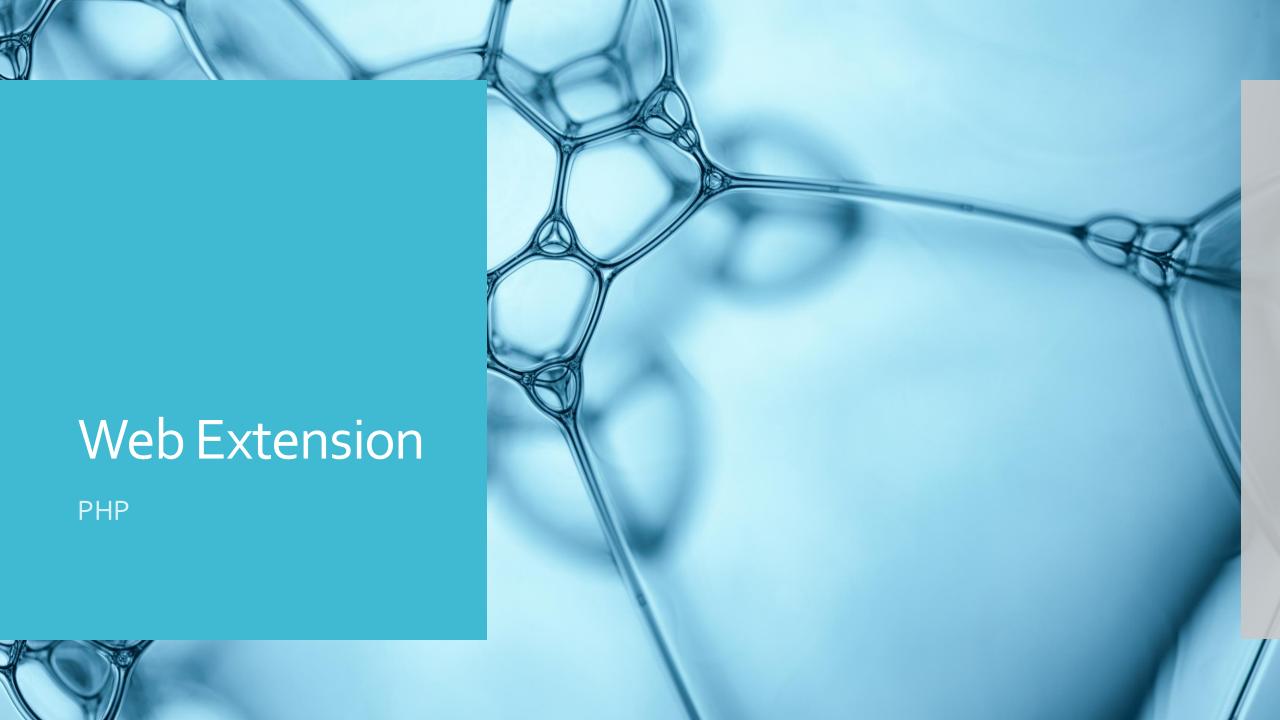
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## Control Structures

## Conditional Statements

- 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

#### if Statements

The if statement executes some code if one condition is true.

```
Syntax
if (condition) {
  code to be executed if condition is true;
}
```

#### **Example:**

Output "Have a good day!" if the current time (HOUR) is less than 20:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<?php
$t = date("H");

if ($t < "20") {
   echo "Have a good day!";
}
?>

</body>
</html>
```

#### if ... else Statements

The if...else statement executes some code if a condition is true and another code if that condition is false.

#### Syntax

```
if (condition) {
  code to be executed if condition is true;
} else {
  code to be executed if condition is false;
}
```

#### Example:

Output "Have a good day!"

if the current time is less than 20,

and "Have a good night!" otherwise:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<?php
$t = date("H");
if ($t < "20") {
echo "Have a good day!";
} else {
echo "Have a good night!";
?>
</body>
</html>
```

# if ... elseif ... else Statements

The if...else statement executes different codes for more than two conditions.

#### Syntax

```
if (condition) {
  code to be executed if this condition is true;
} elseif (condition) {
  code to be executed if first condition is false and this condition is true;
} else {
  code to be executed if all conditions are false;
```

# if ... elseif ... else else Statements

#### Example:

Output "Have a good morning!" if the current time is less than 10, and "Have a good day!" if the current time is less than 20.

Otherwise it will output "Have a good night!":

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<?php
$t = date("H");
echo "The hour (of the server) is ". $t;
echo ", and will give the following message:";
if ($t < "10") {
 echo "Have a good morning!";
} elseif ($t < "20") {</pre>
 echo "Have a good day!";
} else {
 echo "Have a good night!";
?>
</body>
</html>
```

#### switch Statements

Use the switch statement to select one of many blocks of code to be executed.

#### Syntax:

```
switch (n) {
 case label1:
  code to be executed if n=label1;
  break;
 case label2:
  code to be executed if n=label2;
  break;
 case label3:
  code to be executed if n=label3;
  break;
 default:
  code to be executed if n is different from all labels;
```

#### switch Statements

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<?php
$favcolor = "red";
switch ($favcolor) {
 case "red":
  echo "Your favorite color is red!";
  break;
 case "blue":
  echo "Your favorite color is blue!";
  break;
 case "green":
  echo "Your favorite color is green!";
  break;
 default:
  echo "Your favorite color is neither red, blue, nor
green!";
?>
</body>
</html>
```

#### Loops

- 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

### while loop

The while loop executes a block of code as long as the specified condition is true.

```
Syntax
while (condition is true) {
  code to be executed;
}
Example
```

The example below displays the numbers from 1 to 5:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<?php
$x = 1;

while($x <= 5) {
   echo "The number is: $x <br>";
   $x++;
}
?>

</body>
</html>
```

```
The number is: 1
The number is: 2
The number is: 3
The number is: 4
The number is: 5
```

The do...while loop will always execute the block of code once, it will then check the condition, and repeat the loop while the specified condition is true.

## do..while loop

```
do {
  code to be executed;
} while (condition is true);Example
```

Syntax:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<?php
$x = 1;

do {
   echo "The number is: $x <br>";
   $x++;
} while ($x <= 5);
?>

</body>
</html>
```

```
The number is: 1
The number is: 2
The number is: 3
The number is: 4
The number is: 5
```

## for loop

- The for loop Loops through a block of code a specified number of times.
- The for loop is used when you know in advance how many times the script should run.

#### Syntax:

```
for (init counter; test counter; increment counter) {
  code to be executed for each iteration;
}
```

#### Parameters:

- init counter: Initialize the loop counter value
- test counter: Evaluated for each loop iteration. If it evaluates to TRUE, the loop continues.

  If it evaluates to FALSE, the loop ends.
- increment counter: Increases the loop counter value

#### for loop

The example below displays the numbers from 0 to 10

#### Example:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<?php
for ($x = 0; $x <= 10; $x++){
  echo "The number is: $x <br>";
}
?>

</body>
</html>
```

The number is: 0
The number is: 1
The number is: 2
The number is: 3
The number is: 4
The number is: 5
The number is: 6
The number is: 7
The number is: 8
The number is: 9
The number is: 10

### foreach loop

- The foreach loop works only on arrays
- It is used to loop through each key/value pair in an array.

#### Syntax

```
foreach ($array as $value) {
  code to be executed;
}
```

• For every loop iteration, the value of the current array element is assigned to \$value and the array pointer is moved by one, until it reaches the last array element.

## foreach loop

The following example will output the values of the given array (\$colors):

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<?php
$colors = array("red", "green", "blue", "yellow");

foreach ($colors as $value) {
   echo "$value <br>";
}
?>
</body>
</html>
```

red green blue yellow

#### foreach loop

The following example will output both the keys and the values of the given array (\$age):

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<?php
$age = array("Peter"=>"35", "Ben"=>"37", "Joe"=>"43");

foreach($age as $x => $val) {
   echo "$x = $val<br>";
}
?>
</body>
</html>
```

```
Peter = 35
Ben = 37
Joe = 43
```

## Functions

## Built-in Functions

#### **Functions**

- A function is a block of statements that can be used repeatedly in a program.
- A function will not execute automatically when a page loads.
- A function will be executed by a call to the function

- The real power of PHP comes from its functions.
- PHP has more than 1000 built-in functions
- Those functions can be called directly, from within a script, to perform a specific task.
- you can create your own custom functions

## User defined Functions

A user-defined function declaration starts with the word function:

A function name must start with a letter or an underscore. Function names are NOT casesensitive.

#### **Syntax**

```
function functionName() {
  code to be executed;
}
```

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<?php
function writeMsg() {
  echo "Hello world!";
}

writeMsg();
?>

</body>
</html>
```

```
Hello world!
```

## Function Arguments

- Information can be passed to functions through arguments.
- An argument is just like a variable.
- Arguments are specified after the function name, inside the parentheses.
- You can add as many arguments as you want, just separate them with a comma.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<?php
function familyName($fname) {
echo "$fname morgan.<br>";
familyName("Jani");
familyName("Hege");
familyName("Stale");
familyName("Kai Jim");
familyName("Borge");
?>
</body>
</html>
```

Jani morgan. Hege morgan. Stale morgan. Kai Jim morgan. Borge morgan.

## Loosely Typed Language

- PHP automatically associates a data type to the variable, depending on its value.
- Since the data types are not set in a strict sense, you can do things like adding a string to an integer without causing an error.
- In PHP 7, type declarations were added.
- This gives us an option to specify the expected data type when declaring a function, and by adding the strict declaration, it will throw a "Fatal Error" if the data type mismatches.
- In the following example we try to send both a number and a string to the function without using strict

```
<?php
function addNumbers(int $a, int $b) {
  return $a + $b;
}
echo addNumbers(5, "5 days");
// since strict is NOT enabled "5 days" is changed to int(5), and it will return 10
?>
```

## Loosely Typed Language

- To specify strict we need to set declare(strict\_types=1);. This must be on the very first line of the PHP file.
- In the following example we try to send both a number and a string to the function, but here we have added the strict declaration

```
<?php declare(strict_types=1); // strict requirement

function addNumbers(int $a, int $b) {
  return $a + $b;
}
echo addNumbers(5, "5 days");
// since strict is enabled and "5 days" is not an integer, an error will be thrown
?>
```

#### Default values

```
<?php declare(strict_types=1); // strict requirement ?>
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<?php
function setHeight(int $minheight = 50) {
echo "The height is: $minheight <br>";
setHeight(350);
setHeight();
setHeight(135);
setHeight(8o);
?>
</body>
</html>
```

The height is: 350 The height is: 50 The height is: 135 The height is: 80

## Returning values

```
<?php declare(strict_types=1); // strict requirement ?>
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<?php
function sum(int $x, int $y) {
 $z = $x + $y;
 return $z;
echo "5 + 10 = " . sum(5,10) . " < br>";
echo "7 + 13 = " . sum(7,13) . "<br>";
echo "2 + 4 = ". sum(2,4);
?>
</body>
</html>
```

```
5 + 10 = 15
7 + 13 = 20
2 + 4 = 6
```

#### Return Type Declaration

- PHP 7 also supports Type Declarations for the return statement.
- Like with the type declaration for function arguments, by enabling the strict requirement, it will throw a "Fatal Error" on a type mismatch.
- To declare a type for the function return, add a colon (:) and the type right before the opening curly ( { ) bracket when declaring the function.

```
<?php declare(strict_types=1); // strict requirement
function addNumbers(float $a, float $b): float {
  return $a + $b;
}
echo addNumbers(1.2, 5.2);
?>
```

# Passing arguments by reference

- In PHP, arguments are usually passed by value, which means that a copy of the value is used in the function and the variable that was passed into the function cannot be changed.
- When a function argument is passed by reference, changes to the argument also change the variable that was passed in.
- To turn a function argument into a reference, the & operator is used:

```
<?php
function add_five(&$value) {
   $value += 5;
}
$num = 2;
add_five($num);
echo $num;
?>
```

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