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**Changing the Precedence of a Concatenation Operator**

**In PHP 7.3**, the precedence of ‘.’, ‘+’ and ‘-‘ operators are all equal. Any combination of these operators will simply be solved from left-to-right.

**Example:**

echo "sum: " . $a + $b; (would be evaluated left-to-right)

echo ("sum: " . $a) + $b; (could also look like this)

**With PHP 7.4**, ‘+’ and ‘-’ would take precedence over ‘.’ so the additions and subtractions would always be performed before the string.

The code may look like the following:

echo "sum: " . $a + $b;

echo "sum :" . ($a + $b);

(additions are to be executed first)