

# **Unit V**

## **PHP: Intro**

- PHP is a server scripting language, and a powerful tool for making dynamic and interactive Web pages.
- PHP is a widely-used, free, and efficient alternative to competitors such as Microsoft's ASP.

## **What You Should Already Know**

Before you continue you should have a basic understanding of the following:

- [HTML](#)
- [CSS](#)
- [JavaScript](#)

# 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

## What is a 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"

## **What Can PHP Do?**

- PHP can generate dynamic page content
- PHP can create, open, read, write, delete, and close files on the server
- PHP can collect form data
- PHP can send and receive cookies
- PHP can add, delete, modify data in your database
- PHP can be used to control user-access
- PHP 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?

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

## What's new in PHP 7

- PHP 7 is much faster than the previous popular stable release (PHP 5.6)
- PHP 7 has improved Error Handling
- PHP 7 supports stricter Type Declarations for function arguments
- PHP 7 supports new operators (like the spaceship operator: `<=>`)

# 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"`.

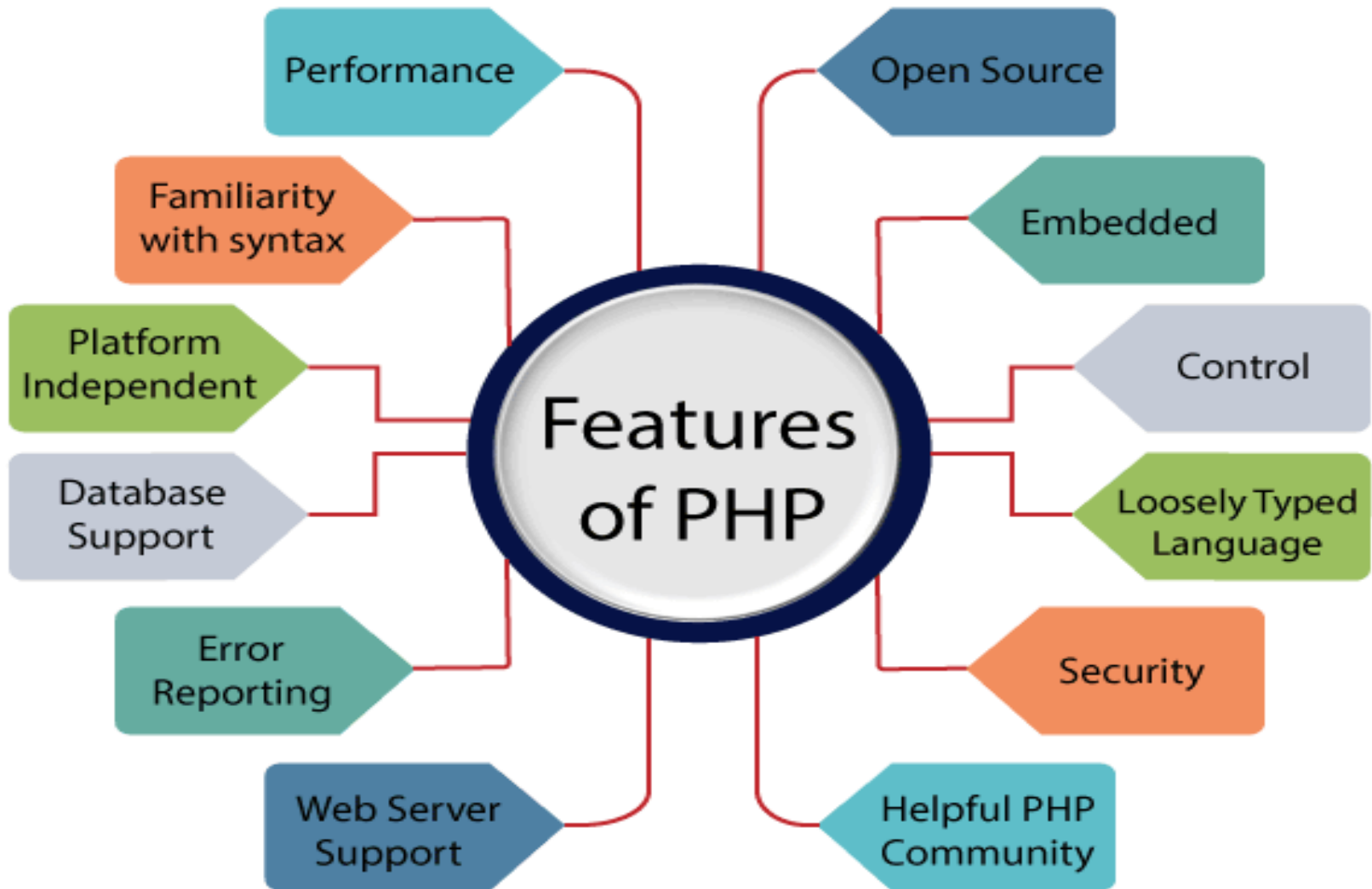
A PHP file normally contains HTML tags, and some PHP scripting code.

**Note:** PHP statements end with a semicolon (`;`)





# PHP Features



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## **Performance:**

PHP script is executed much faster than those scripts which are written in other languages such as JSP and ASP. PHP uses its own memory, so the server workload and loading time is automatically reduced, which results in faster processing speed and better performance.

## **Open Source:**

PHP source code and software are freely available on the web. You can develop all the versions of PHP according to your requirement without paying any cost. All its components are free to download and use.

## **Familiarity with syntax:**

PHP has easily understandable syntax. Programmers are comfortable coding with it.

# PHP Features

## **Embedded:**

PHP code can be easily embedded within HTML tags and script.

## **Platform Independent:**

PHP is available for WINDOWS, MAC, LINUX & UNIX operating system. A PHP application developed in one OS can be easily executed in other OS also.

## **Database Support:**

PHP supports all the leading databases such as MySQL, SQLite, ODBC, etc.

## **Error Reporting -**

PHP has predefined error reporting constants to generate an error notice or warning at runtime. E.g., E\_ERROR, E\_WARNING, E\_STRICT, E\_PARSE.

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## **Loosely Typed Language:**

PHP allows us to use a variable without declaring its datatype. It will be taken automatically at the time of execution based on the type of data it contains on its value.

## **Web servers Support:**

PHP is compatible with almost all local servers used today like Apache, Netscape, Microsoft IIS, etc.

## **Security:**

PHP is a secure language to develop the website. It consists of multiple layers of security to prevent threats and malicious attacks.

## **Control:**

Different programming languages require long script or code, whereas PHP can do the same work in a few lines of code. It has maximum control over the websites like you can make changes easily whenever you want.

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## **A Helpful PHP Community:**

It has a large community of developers who regularly updates documentation, tutorials, online help, and FAQs. Learning PHP from the communities is one of the significant benefits.

## **Web Development**

PHP is widely used in web development nowadays. PHP can develop dynamic websites easily. But you must have the basic the knowledge of following technologies for web development as well.

- HTML
- CSS
- JavaScript
- Ajax
- XML and JSON
- jQuery



# Thank You !