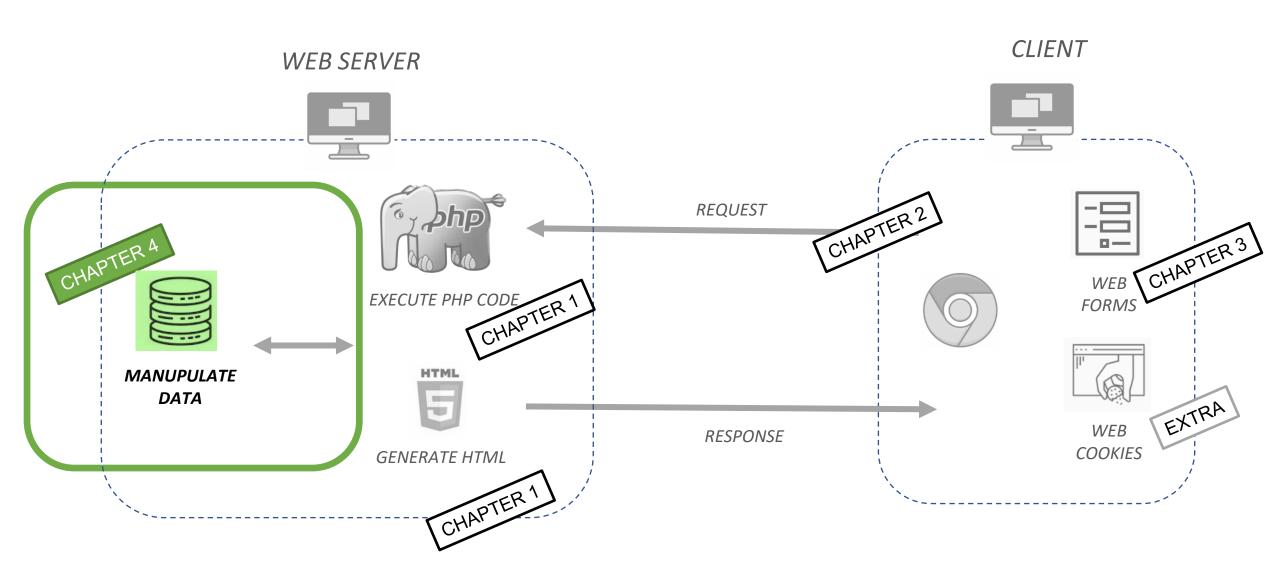
**CHAPTER 4 – CONNECT TO SQL SERVER** 



#### PHP COURSE ROADMAP





✓ Connect PHP to database

✓ Run SQL queries on PHP code

✓ Get results from querries



# **Activity 1**

- Can you create and display many posts?
- Can you share posts with your friends if you share the link of your server ?
- What do you think about the variable \$posts ? How long is its lifetime ?
   How many posts are stored ?
- Does the server store the data from request parameters (\$\_POST) ?



### PHP without database

For each PHP run, the variable \$posts is reset

- PHP get the parameters from \$GET or \$POST
- PHP generates a HTML file from the PHP code



Fish memory!

We cannot keep anything on server side

#### PHP with database

- PHP get the parameters from \$GET or \$POST
- PHP requests queries to the database on server
- PHP generates a HTML file from the PHP code



Now we can keep and remember values on server side!

# 1 - Connect to database

PDO need **parameters** to know how to connect to the good database

```
$host = 'localhost'; // MySQL is running on the same computer as the web server
$database = 'mydatabase'; // Name of the database to use (first CREATE DATABASE with same name in MySQL)
$user = 'root'; // Default username to connect to MySQL is root
$password = ''; // Default password to connect to MySQL is empty

$dsn = "mysql:host=$host;dbname=$database;charset=UTF8";
$db = new PDO($dsn, $user, $password);
```

PDO is an interface for accessing databases in PHP With the new keyword, you create a new connection

Store the returned value in a variable **\$db**, we will use it to execute SQL queries on the database!

## 2 – Execute a query

The \$db->query() will execute a SQL query from PHP code

```
$db->query("CREATE TABLE users (id int PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, username VARCHAR(20));");
$db->query("INSERT INTO users (username) VALUES ('rady');");
$db->query("SELECT id, username FROM users WHERE id=1;");
```

## 2 – Execute a query

To insert data, just concatenate the data with the query:

## 3- Get results from query

The **fetchAll()** function returns an array of associative arrays of query results

If you expect only **one record** as result, you can use the **\$statement->fetch()** function instead

```
$statement = $db->query("SELECT id, username FROM users;");
$users_list = $statement->fetchAll();
```



# SQL table to PHP arrays

id 1	rady	fetchAll()
2	hyacinthe	,

```
'id' => 1,
    'username' => 'rady'
],
   'id' => 2,
    'username' => 'hyacinthe'
```

**Users Table** 

\$user\_list



# Activity 2

Add database in the project from activity 1:

- 1. Create a new database PHP\_connect in MySQL
- 2. Create table *posts* (from *posts.sql* file)
- 3. Complete the PHP code