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PHP LAB 4

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- PHP function is a piece of code that can be reused many times.
- It can take input as argument list and return value.
- There are thousands of built-in functions in PHP.
- In PHP, we can define Conditional function, Function within Function and Recursive function also.

ADVANTAGE OF PHP FUNCTIONS

- **Code Reusability:** PHP functions are defined only once and can be invoked many times, like in other programming languages.
- **Less Code:** It saves a lot of code because you don't need to write the logic many times. By the use of function, you can write the logic only once and reuse it.
- **Easy to understand:** PHP functions separate the programming logic. So it is easier to understand the flow of the application because every logic is divided in the form of functions.



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- We can declare and call user-defined functions easily. Let's see the syntax to declare user-defined functions.

Syntax

```
function functionname(){  
    //code to be executed  
}
```

PHP USER-DEFINED FUNCTIONS

```
<?php  
function sayHello(){  
    echo "Hello PHP Function";  
}  
sayHello();//calling function  
?>
```

PHP FUNCTION ARGUMENTS

- PHP supports Call by Value (default), Call by Reference, Default argument values and Variable-length argument list.

```
<?php  
function sayHello($name){  
    echo "Hello $name<br/>";  
}  
  
sayHello("Sonoo");  
sayHello("Vimal");  
sayHello("John");  
?>
```


PHP FUNCTION ARGUMENTS

```
<?php  
function sayHello($name,$age){  
    echo "Hello $name, you are $age years old<br/>";  
}  
sayHello("Sonoo",27);  
sayHello("Vimal",29);  
sayHello("John",23);  
?>
```

PHP FUNCTION: DEFAULT ARGUMENT VALUE

```
<?php  
function sayHello($name="Sonoo"){  
    echo "Hello $name<br/>";  
}  
sayHello("Rajesh");  
sayHello();//passing no value  
sayHello("John");  
?>
```

```
Hello Rajesh  
Hello Sonoo  
Hello John
```

```
<?php
function add($n1=10,$n2=10){
    $n3=$n1+$n2;
    echo "Addition is: $n3<br/>";
}
add();
add(20);
add(40,40);
?>
```

```
Addition is: 20
Addition is: 30
Addition is: 80
```

PHP FUNCTION: RETURNING VALUE

```
<?php  
function cube($n){  
    return $n*$n*$n;  
}  
echo "Cube of 3 is: ".cube(3);  
?>
```