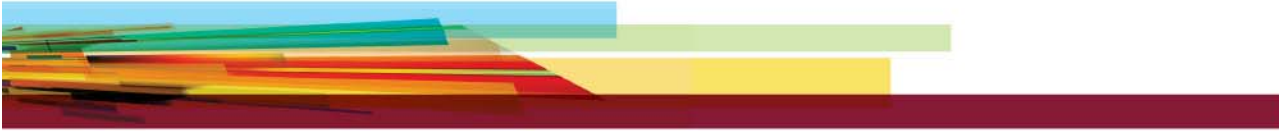




CEWP 459

PHP Programming with MySQL – Level I
Arrays and Objects





Arrays

Array Definition

- An array is a variable which can contain multiple values.
- Values can be any basic value type, or can be an object.
- An array can sometimes be referred to by an index (value)
- An array uses a key-pair structure.
- To view contents of an array use the `var_dump()` function.
- Arrays can hold values of mixed type.



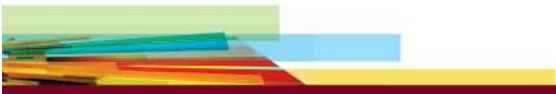
Positional Array

- Simple Array

```
$array = array("a", "b", "c");
```

Access array element by position value.
0-Based.

```
echo $array[1]; Yields "b".
```

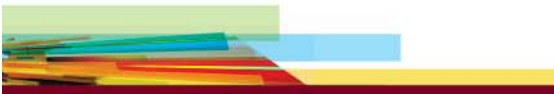


Array with Key Values

- Array with labels

```
$array = array(  
    "rome"=>"Italian",  
    "london"=>"English",  
    "paris"=>"French");
```

```
echo $array["paris"];
```

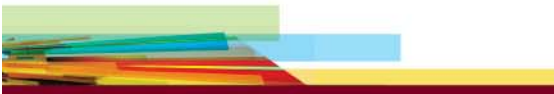


Multidimensional Arrays

Simple definition: Arrays which in turn hold arrays within them.

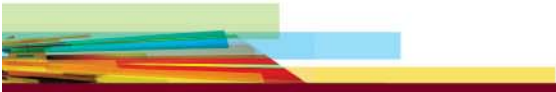
```
$row_0 = array(1, 2, 3);  
$row_1 = array(4, 5, 6);  
$row_2 = array(7, 8, 9);  
$multi = array($row_0, $row_1, $row_2);
```

```
$value = $multi[2][0]; // row 2, column 0. $value = 7
```



Multidimensional Array Definition

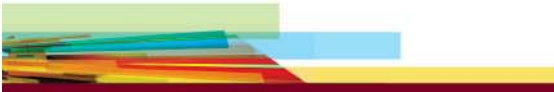
```
$cars = array  
(  
    array("Volvo",80000,32000),  
    array("BMW",72000,35000),  
    array("Toyota",30000,12000)  
);
```



Array Definition

- Multidimensional Array

```
$families = array  
(  
    "Griffin"=>array("Peter", "Lois", "Megan"),  
    "Quagmire"=>array("Glenn"),  
    "Brown"=>array("Cleveland", "Loretta",  
        "Junior")  
);
```

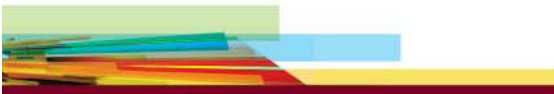


Array Definition

- Multidimensional Array

```
$shop = array( array("rose", 1.25 , 15),  
               array("daisy", 0.75 , 25),  
               array("orchid", 1.15 , 7)  
            );
```

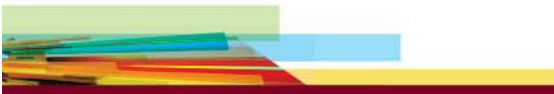
```
echo $shop[0][0]." costs ".$shop[0][1]."  
and you get ".$shop[0][2]."<br />" ;
```



array_chunk function

- `$chunks = array_chunk(array, size [, preserve_keys]);`
- Creates multidimensional array composed of new arrays based on "size" parameter.

```
$nums = range(1, 7);  
$rows = array_chunk($nums, 3);
```



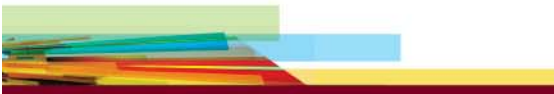
array_keys and array_values

- `$array_of_keys = array_keys(array);`
- `$array_of_values = array_values(array);`

```
$person = array('name' => 'Fred', 'age' => 35,  
                'wife' => 'Wilma');
```

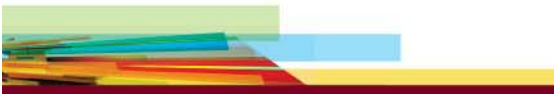
```
$keys = array_keys($person); // $keys is  
array('name', 'age', 'wife')
```

```
$values = array_values($person); // $values is  
array('Fred', 35, 'Wilma');
```



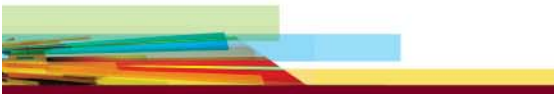
Important Array Functions (Primary Functions)

- Count: Counts the members of an array
- Sort: Sort (shown later)



Array Functions

- `Array_sum`: Sums the values in an array.
- `Array_walk`: Performs a function for every member of the array.
- `Array_reverse`: Reverse order the array.
- `Array_values`: Returns the values of an array.
- `Shuffle`: Shuffles (randomizes) array elements.
- `Array_merge(a,b)`



Add to Array

1. Method

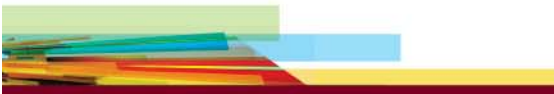
- `array_push(x);`

2. Key

- `array('key') = x`

3. Generic Add

- `array[] = x`



Example

```
for ($a == 0; $a < 10; $a++)  
{ $array1[$a] = "Value is $a"; }
```

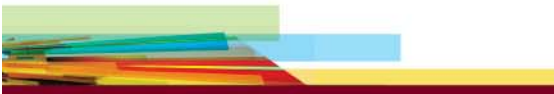
```
var_dump($array1);
```

```
echo "<br><br>*****<br><br>";
```

```
$array2 = array(); //Need to define before array_push
```

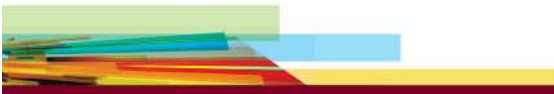
```
for ($b == 0; $b < 10; $b++)  
{ array_push($array2, "Value is $b"); }
```

```
var_dump($array2);
```



Example by Key

- `$data[$key] = $value`
- Simply add to array using the key.

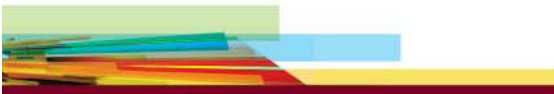


Key sequential add

When started with an initial "=>" subsequent adds will be added with increasing key values.

```
$days = array(1 => 'Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday',  
'Thursday', 'Friday', 'Saturday', 'Sunday');
```

Tuesday = 2.

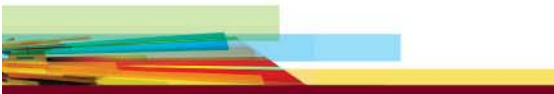


Add range

```
$numbers = range(2, 5);  
// $numbers = array(2, 3, 4, 5);
```

```
$letters = range('a', 'z');  
// $numbers holds the alphabet
```

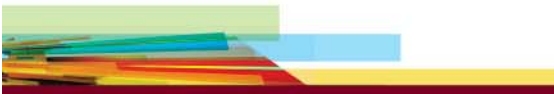
```
$reversed_numbers = range(5, 2);  
// $numbers = array(5, 4, 3, 2);
```



Exercise (Multidimensional arrays)

Create the following multidimensional array with the following parameters;

1. List of car brands (keyed)
 2. Within each brand, a list of models (keyed)
 3. Within each model, a list of colors available (non keyed)
- For a particular brand and model, show all the colors in a list.
 - Eg: Colors for Toyota Yaris
Green, Yellow,

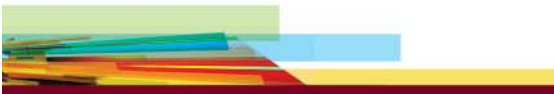


array_slice

Like substr but for arrays.

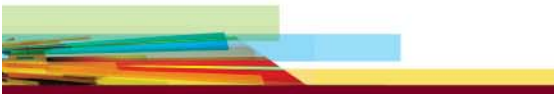
Take a sub-array from an array based on offset and length.

```
$subset = array_slice(array, offset, length);
```



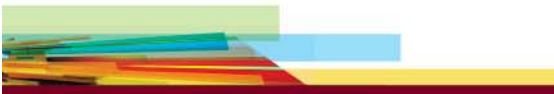
In Array

- Check if value exists in an array.
- `bool in_array (mixed $needle , array $haystack [, bool $strict = FALSE])`
- Useful for matching values.



In-array example

- Create a function that takes in a value, and counts the vowels and consonants in it.
- Use the following functions and technologies:
 - Arrays for looking up.
 - Substr to get each character.
 - `string substr (string $string , int $start [, int $length])`
 - Foreach loop.
 - A function to put this all together that returns an array with the number of vowels and consonants.

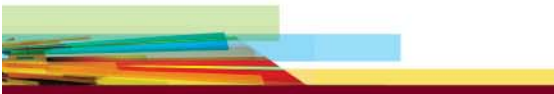


List function.

- Copy array values into variables.

```
$person = array('name' => 'Fred', 'age' => 35, 'wife' => 'Betty');
```

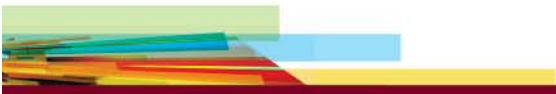
```
list($n, $a, $w) = $person; // $n is 'Fred', $a is 35, $w is 'Betty'
```



List function (2)

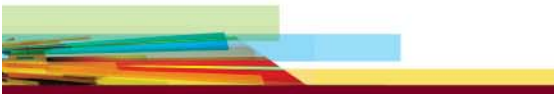
```
$values = array('hello', 'world');  
list($a, $b, $c) = $values;
```

What is \$c?



Check if a member exists

- `if (array_key_exists(key, array)) { ... }`



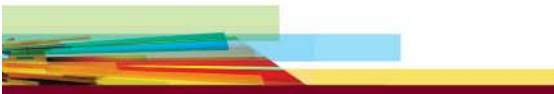
Add/remove Members Using `array_splice`

- The `array_splice()` function can remove or insert elements in an array:
- `$removed = array_splice(array, start [, length [, replacement]]);`

```
$a = array(1,2,3,4,5);
```

```
$b = array_splice($a, 2,2, array(8) );
```

```
$a = ? | $b = ?
```



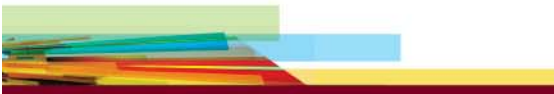
Extract Function

- Extracts keyed array to variables based on keys.
- `$person = array('name' => 'Fred', 'age' => 35, 'wife' => 'Betty');`

`$name = 'Fred';`

`$age = 35;`

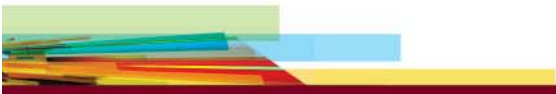
`$wife = 'Betty';`



Compact function

- Opposite of extract.
- Creates array from variables.

```
$color = 'indigo';  
$shape = 'curvy';  
$floppy = 'none';  
$a = compact('color', 'shape',  
  'floppy');
```

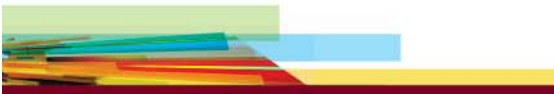


Traversal

```
foreach (array_expression as $value)  
  statement
```

```
foreach (array_expression as $key => $value)  
  statement
```

This traverses a positional or keyed array from start to finish, and places each single element from the collection into \$key and \$value.



Iterators

current() : Returns the element currently pointed at by the iterator

reset() : Moves the iterator to the first element in the array and returns it

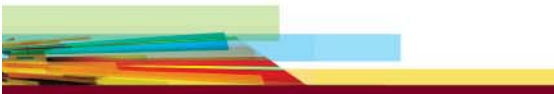
next() : Moves the iterator to the next element in the array and returns it

prev() : Moves the iterator to the previous element in the array and returns it

end() : Moves the iterator to the last element in the array and returns it

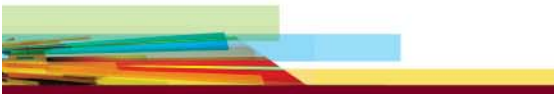
each() : Returns the key and value of the current element as an array and moves the iterator to the next element in the array

key() : Returns the key of the current element



Example of Iterators

```
$ages = array('Person' => 'Age', 'Fred' => 35,  
'Barney' => 30, 'Tigger' => 8, 'Pooh' => 40);  
// start table and print heading  
reset($ages);  
List($c1, $c2) = each($ages);  
echo("<table><tr><th>$c1</th><th>$c2</th></tr>\n");  
// print the rest of the values  
while (list($c1,$c2) = each($ages)) {  
    echo("<tr><td>$c1</td><td>$c2</td></tr>\n");  
}  
// end the table  
echo("</table>");
```



Exercise

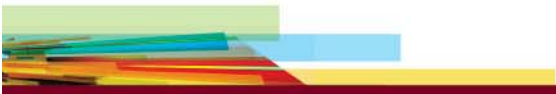
Given

```
$ages = array('Person' => 'Age','Fred' => 35,'Barney' => 30,'Tigger' => 8,'Pooh' => 40);
```

- Create a FOR loop that emulates a FOREACH loop.

Why?

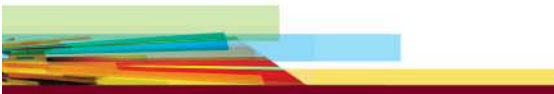
- FOR loops are a little faster than FOREACH dealing with huge arrays.



Array_walk function.

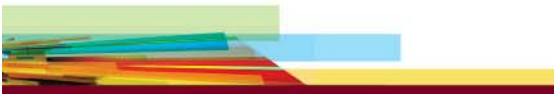
```
array_walk(array, function_name);
```

- Calls a user-defined function once per array element.



Exercise (array_walk)

- Make an array that contains this:
- “Civic” -> 24000
- “CRV” -> 32000
- “Fit” -> 17000
- Then write a function that adds a transportation fee of \$500 + 5% of the cost.
- Then display the results (using that function).



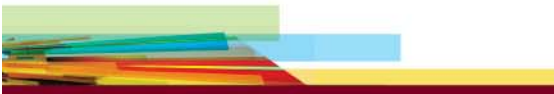
Array_reduce

- `$result = array_reduce(array, function_name [, default]);`

Iteratively reduce the array to a single value using a callback function

Arguments to function are

- 1) Running total
- 2) Current working value
- 3) Initial value (if any)



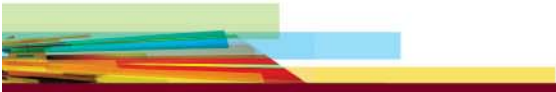
Find the error

```
function addv($a, $b)
{
    $a = $a * $b;
    return $a;
}
```

```
$z = array(1,2,3,4,5);
```

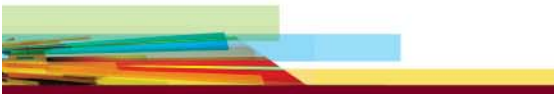
```
$x=array_reduce($z,"addv");
```

```
echo $x; // 600
```



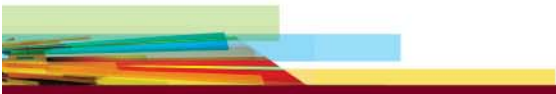
Array Sorting Function Grid

Effect	Ascending	Descending	User-defined order
Sort array by values, then reassign indexes starting with 0	<code>sort()</code>	<code>rsort()</code>	<code>usort()</code>
Sort array by values	<code>asort()</code>	<code>arsort()</code>	<code>uasort()</code>
Sort array by keys	<code>ksort()</code>	<code>krsort()</code>	<code>uksort()</code>



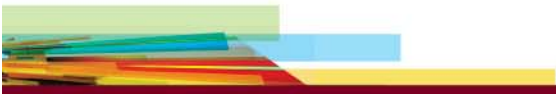
Sorts

- Sort
 - Standard sort.
- Asort
 - Sort by values.
- Ksort
 - Sort by keys.
- Add R to sort for reverse sort. (arsort).



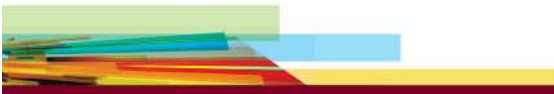
usort

- User defined sort.
- Sort based on a function that you decide the order.
- FUNCTION
- Function(\$a, \$b)
- Function returns -1, 0, or 1 based on comparison of \$a and \$b.
- -1 = smaller, 0 = same, 1 = larger.



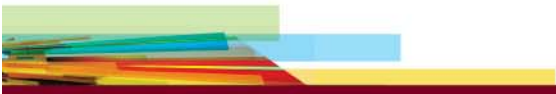
Other sorts

- Natural Sort
- Sorts based on the contents of string. (like student9, student10).
- natsort and natcasesort



Filter array.

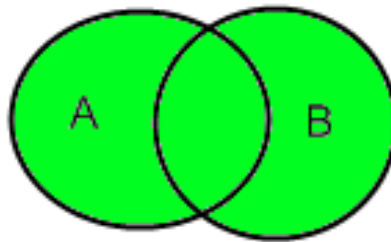
- `$filtered = array_filter(array, callback);`
- Callback returns 0 or 1.
- True = don't filter value.
- Create a function that filters all arrays to contain only even numbers.



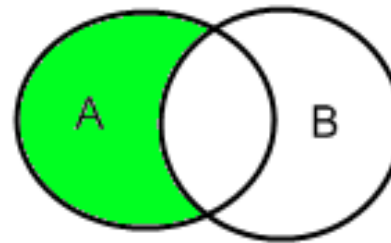
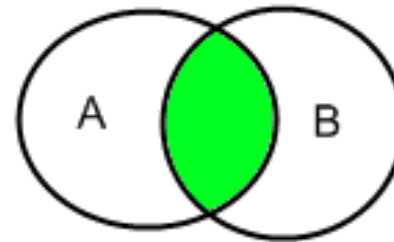
Set operations

- `array_merge`
- `Array_diff`

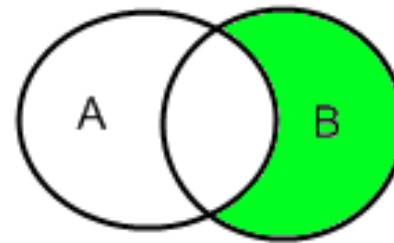
Union of A and B



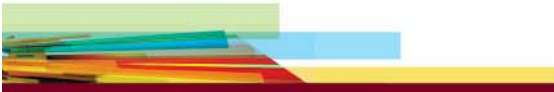
Intersection of A and B



Difference A minus B



Difference B minus A





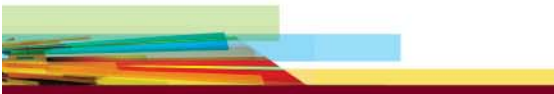
Object Orientation



Class

- Must begin with the keyword “class”
- Class definition between curly braces { }.
- Contain properties and methods
- When referring to objects inside the class, use \$this keyword.
- Template to create objects.
- Encapsulation

```
class MyClass
{
    class info goes here
}
```



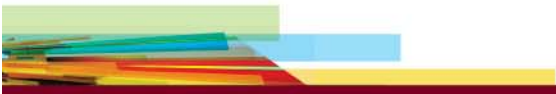
Instantiate an object

- Create an object with the “new” keyword.

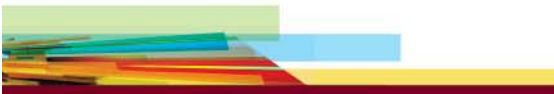
```
class MyClass
{
    // Class properties and methods go
    here
}
```

```
$obj = new MyClass;
```

```
Optional- var_dump($obj);
```



- `$object = new Class`
- `$object = new Person('Fred', 35);`
- `$class = 'Person';`
- `$object = new $class;`



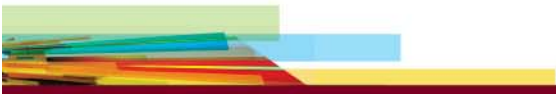
Class properties

- Define properties within the class, using the visibility desired.

```
class MyClass
{
    public $prop1 = "Some text";
    var $prop2 = "more text";
}

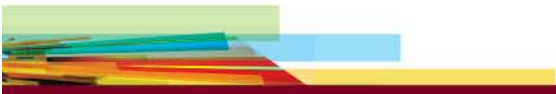
$obj1 = new MyClass; //create object

echo $obj1->prop1; //show value of
object's prop1.
```



Exercise 2 (Keep for future exercise)

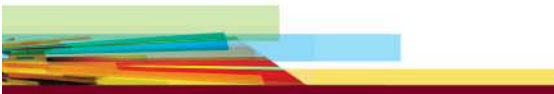
- Create a class called “Car” and add the following attributes to it.
 - Model
 - Brand
 - Highway gas milage
- Create some car objects (2 or 3).
- Display the properties of the cars.



Variables

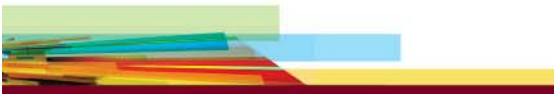
- Variables are defined with the "var" keyword.

```
var $t = 0;
```



Methods

- Methods are defined with function names.
- Class
- ...
- `function get_name() { }`



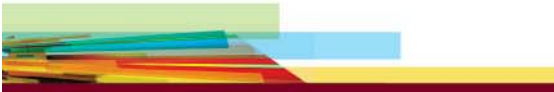
Visibility

- Public
 - Accessible from anywhere (inside class, outside class, and children).
 - Attributes declared with “var” will be public by default.
- Private
 - Can only be accessed within the class.
- Protected
 - Can be accessed within the class, parents of the class and the derived classes (inherited)



Exercise 3

- Create a class like the last one
- Classname: Computer
- Set some attributes;
 - Price \$1500 (Make private)
 - Memory 16 (Make public)
- Instantiate an object of the class, try to print out the price and the memory.



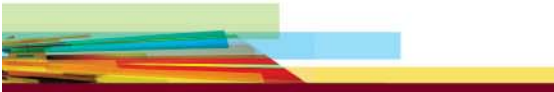
Class methods + GET SET

- Define properties within the class, using the visibility desired.

```
class MyClass
{
    public $prop1 = "I'm a class property";

    public function setProperty($newval)
    {
        $this->prop1 = $newval;
    }

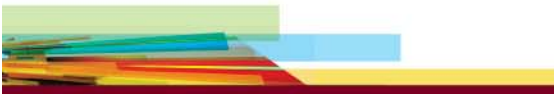
    public function getProperty()
    {
        return $this->prop1 . "<br />";
    }
}
```



Getter and Setter

- Make attributes private
- Hides the data from the outside
- Encapsulation
- Security

```
public $prop1 = "I'm a class property";  
  
public function setProperty($newval)  
{  
    $this->prop1 = $newval;  
}  
  
public function getProperty()  
{  
    return $this->prop1 . "<br />";  
}
```

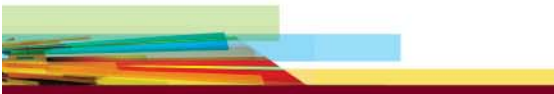


_GET _SET

Overloads

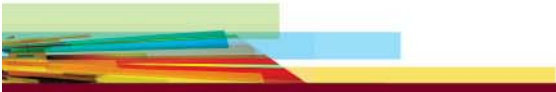
- `echo $foo->bar;`
- `$var = $foo->bar;`

`$bar` in the class must be inaccessible. If it is accessible it will not work.



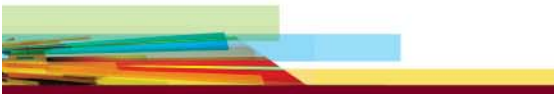
Find the error

```
class foo {  
  
    public $bar;  
    public function __get($name) {  
  
        echo "Get:$name";  
        return $this->$name;  
    }  
  
    public function __set($name, $value) {  
  
        echo "Set:$name to $value";  
        $this->$name = $value;  
    }  
}
```



Exercise 4

- Use exercise 2 ...
- Make your attributes private.
- Create getter and setter for each property you made.
 - Make sure the getter and setters are public.
- Make a trial run, use setter to set the properties of the car.
 - Display the properties using the getter.

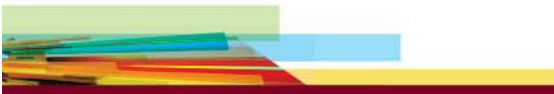


Constructor

- When an object is instantiated, you can automatically call a built-in method at startup.
- This is to do some initial work when the object is created.
- Name of the class MUST BE `__construct()` (two underscores).

```
class MyClass
{
    public $prop1;

    public function __construct()
    {
        $this->prop1 = "test";
    }
}
$obj = new MyClass();
echo $obj->prop1;
```



Exercise 5

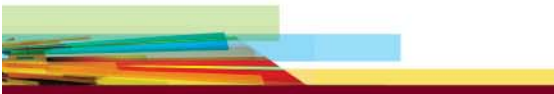
- Add a constructor to your car class.
- The constructor should do 2 things.
 - 1) set the value of the brand automatically to “Honda” (or whatever you like).
 - 2) Display “The brand was automatically set to Honda” + BR
- As usual, make a new object, and display properties from it.



Destructor

- `__destruct()`; is the method name to define a destructor.
- Destructor is called when an object is destroyed.
- `unset($object)` can destroy an object.
- Reminder: `__CLASS__` will return the class name when echo'd
- Destructor is good when using a database manager class (it can close the connection when done with the class).

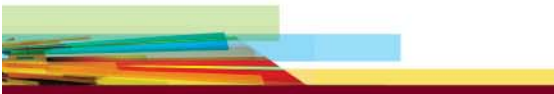
```
public function __destruct()  
{  
    echo 'The class "', __CLASS__, '" was  
destroyed.<br />';  
}
```



Object -> String

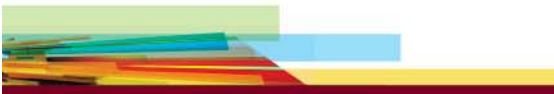
- Cannot echo an object (gives fatal error).
- Use the `__toString()` magic method.

```
MyClass ...
public function __toString()
{
    echo "return string";
}
$obj = new MyClass();
echo $obj;
```



Exercise 6

- Make a toString function in your Car class that displays “This class is a template for new cars”.
- Make a new object from this class
- ECHO the object.
- `echo $myNewCar`



Inheritance

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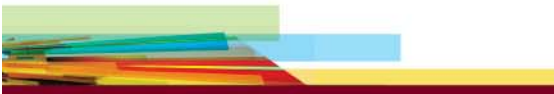
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```

```
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```

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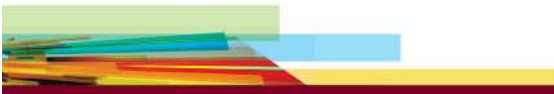
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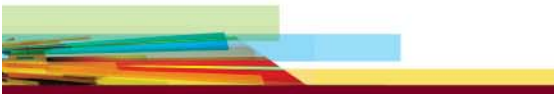
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- Create a NEW class called LeasedCar
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- In leasedCar, add a new attribute called “Lease rate”
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`$newLeasedCar = new LeasedCar();`

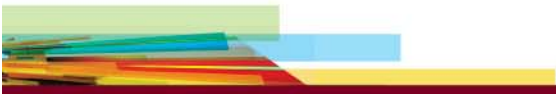


Multiple Constructors

- PHP does not support multiple constructor types.
- We need to handle these manually if we want to emulate that behaviour.



- `new self();`
- Create a new instance of a class based on "self".
Same type.



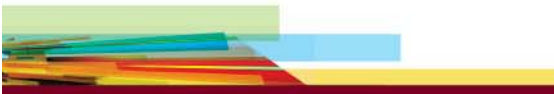
```
class Student
{
    public function __construct() {}

    public static function withID( $id ) {
        $instance = new self();
        $instance->loadByID( $id );
        return $instance;
    }

    public static function withRow( array $row ) {
        $instance = new self();
        $instance->fill( $row );
        return $instance;
    }

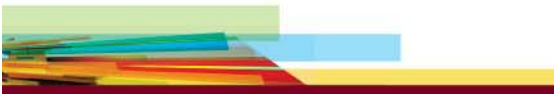
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        // do query
        $row = my_awesome_db_access_stuff( $id );
        $this->fill( $row );
    }

    protected function fill( array $row ) { // fill all properties from array }
}
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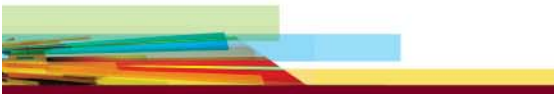
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 - Book Name and Author Name



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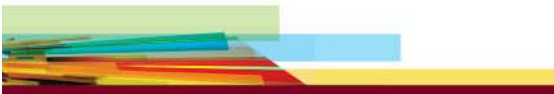
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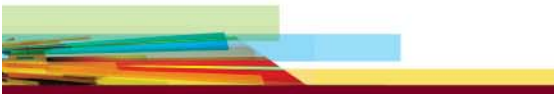
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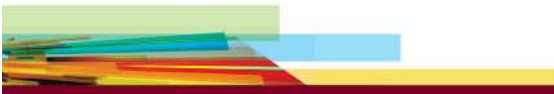
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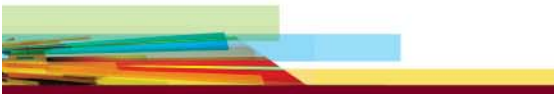
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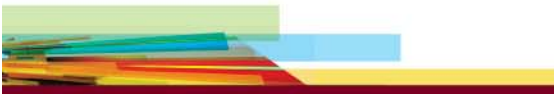
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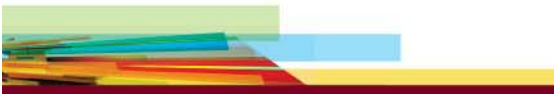
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Usort with Classes

- Create a person class, with name and age as attributes.
- Create a collection of these persons.
- Sort the class by age.

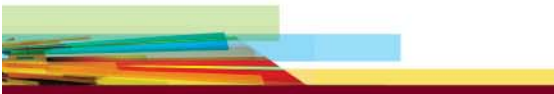


Overriding

- A child class can override the parent (method and variables).

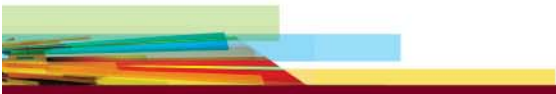
```
class Class1
{
    function func1()
    { echo "a1<br>"; }
}
class Class2 extends Class1
{
    function func1()
    {echo "a2<br>";}

    function func2()
    {
        $this->func1();
        parent::func1();
    }
}
$obj = new Class2();
$obj->func2();
```



Exercise 1 - Override

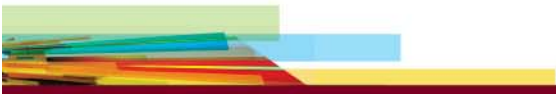
- Create the code on the previous slide and observe it's behaviour



Static Class

- A static variable or function is tied to the CLASS not to the object.
- Even if many objects are made, the static value will remain the same throughout all objects.
- A static variable is only available to a static function in a class.

```
MyClass ...  
public static $myStaticVariable = "hi";  
  
echo MyClass::$myStaticVariable;
```

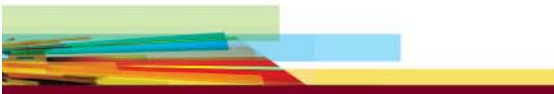


Accessing Static and Constant Values

- The :: operator will allow you to access static and constant variables in a class.

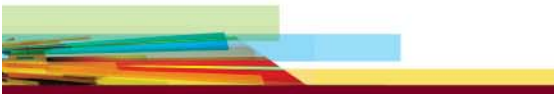
```
class MyClass
{
    const CONST_VALUE = 'A constant
value';
}
```

```
echo $classname::CONST_VALUE;
```



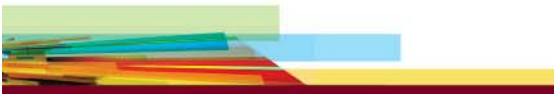
Static Class – Programming Exercise

- Create a static class that will give each object created a unique sequential object number.



Prior topics

- Array
 - Can contain objects.
 - `$a = array($object1, $object2, $object3);`
- FOREACH
 - Can cycle through all components of the class.
`foreach($object as $key => $value)`
`{`
`echo "echo $value
";`
`}`



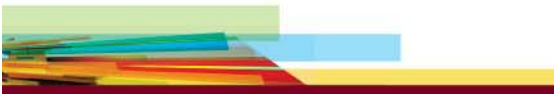
Exercise 2 – FOREACH / Classes

- Using your car example, do a foreach for an object you created and display all of it's attributes and methods.



Abstraction

- Classes defined as abstract may not be instantiated.
- Any class that contains at least one abstract method must be abstract.
- When inheriting from an abstract class, all methods marked abstract in the parent's class declaration must be defined by the child.
- methods must be defined with the same (or a less restricted) visibility.



Abstraction Example

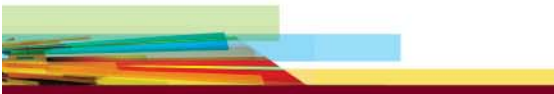
```
abstract class AbstractClass
{
    // Force Extending class to define this method
    abstract protected function getValue();
    abstract protected function prefixValue($prefix);

    // Common method
    public function printOut() {
        print $this->getValue() . "\n";
    }
}

class ConcreteClass1 extends AbstractClass
{
    protected function getValue() {
        return "ConcreteClass1";
    }

    public function prefixValue($prefix) {
        return "{$prefix}ConcreteClass1";
    }
}
```

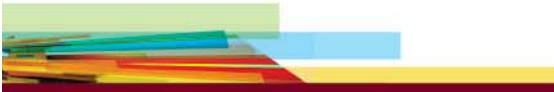
```
$class1 = new ConcreteClass1;
$class1->getValue;
```



Exercise 3 - Abstraction

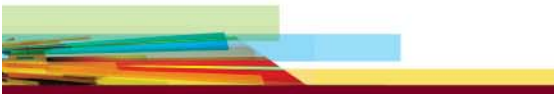
- Create an abstract class called “AbstractClass”.
- AbstractClass should have an abstract function in it called “getweight”.
- Create two classes that extend AbstractClass called “GetHeavyWeight” and “GetLightWeight”.
 - GetHeavyWeight should return a value of 1000.
 - GetLightWeight should return a value of 500.
- Try to instantiate AbstractClass and see what you get. Why doesn't it work?

```
$test = new AbstractClass();
```



Interface

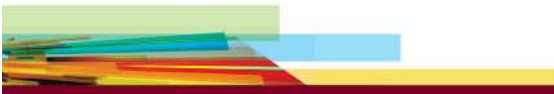
- Object interfaces allow you to create code which specifies which methods a class must implement, without having to define how these methods are handled.
- Interfaces are defined using the interface keyword
- All methods declared in an interface must be public, this is the nature of an interface.
- An interface is a DESIGN PATTERN.
- Example: I design classes for Bicycles, but I want to make sure that all bikes are defined with “showPrice” and “getInventory”. I would make an interface with these values and extend it.
- If you don't implement the interface you will get a runtime error.



Interface Example

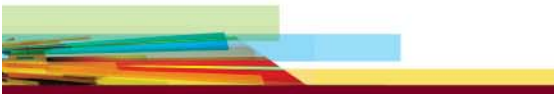
```
interface iBike
{
    public function showPrice($sku);
    public function getInventory($sku);
}
Class HybridBike implements iBike
{
    public function showPrice($sku)
    { return "Price for $sku is 123"; }

    public function getInventory($sku)
    { return "Inventory for $sku is 234"; }
}
$a = new HybridBike();
echo $a->showPrice(9999);
```



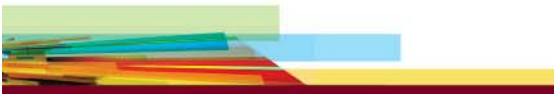
Exercise 4 – Interfaces

- Create an interface called iBike
- Include two functions;
 - public function showPrice(\$sku)
 - public function getInventory(\$sku);
- Create a new class called “HybridBike” that implements the functions. Return fake values like 123, 234.
- Instantiate a new HybridBike and execute a function.
- Remove one of the functions from HybridBike and see if it runs.



Exercise 4b - Multiple Inheritance

- Create interfaces that handle two functions;
- 1) ILoggable
 - Method: Log(val)
- 2) IPersistable
 - Method: Save()



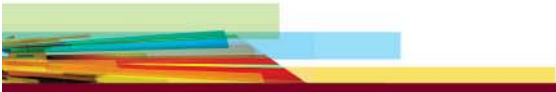
Final

- Prevents child classes from overriding methods
- Prefix the definition with *final*.
- If the class itself is being defined final then it cannot be extended.



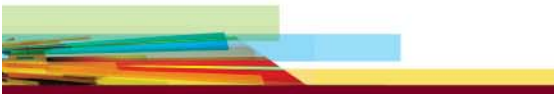
Final Example

```
class BaseClass {  
    public function test() {  
        echo "BaseClass::test() called\n";  
    }  
  
    final public function moreTesting() {  
        echo "BaseClass::moreTesting() called\n";  
    }  
}  
  
class ChildClass extends BaseClass {  
    public function moreTesting() {  
        echo "ChildClass::moreTesting() called\n";  
    }  
}
```



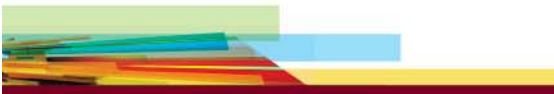
Exercise 5 - “Final”

- Create a class, give it a name.
- Create a method inside the class, prefix it by “final”.
- Create an extending class (that has the same method in it).
- This should give an error.
- Why do this?



Hinting

- Functions are now able to force parameters to be specific type or objects
- Specify the name of the class in the function prototype
- Can be a class name or type name.
- Can be array, interface, or class name.

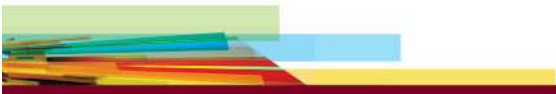


Hinting Example

```
class Calculator
{
    public function average(array $array1)
    {
        return array_sum($array1) / count($array1);
    }
}
```

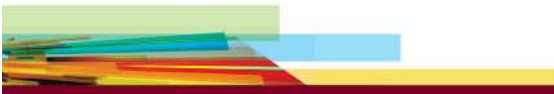
```
$calc = new Calculator();
$a = array(2,3,4,5);
$b = 4;
```

```
echo $calc->average($a); // Returns 3.5
echo $calc->average($b); // ERROR
```



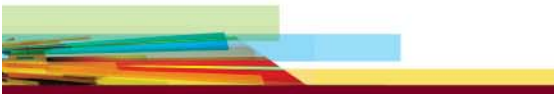
Exercise 5 - Hinting

- Create a class like the previous example.
- Make a method (function) in the class, with 1 parameter and force it to be “array”.
- Then instantiate the class, and call the function by supplying an array.
- Try with an integer, it should fail.



Serialization

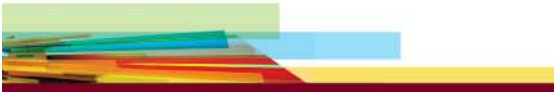
- Creates a STRING representation of an object.
- That string can be save in a text file or database.
- The string can be read somewhere else, and re-used.
- This is good for sending objects over the internet.
- Also good for saving objects in a database.
- You can serialize XML and send 1 big message over to a recipient.



Serialization 2

- A serialized string looks like this:

```
O:10:"Calculator":2:{s:4:"val1";i:2;s:4:"val2";i:5;}
```



Serialization Example (STORE)

```
10  <?
11
12  //Use an include normally
13  class Calculator
14  {
15      public $val1;
16      public $val2;
17
18      public function add()
19      {
20          return $this->val1 + $this->val2;
21      }
22  }
23
24  $calc = new Calculator();          // $calc is a new object.
25
26  $calc->val1 = 2;
27  $calc->val2 = 5;
28
29  $a = serialize($calc);            // Serialize to $a.
30
31  setcookie('my_a_variable',$a,time()+3600);
32
33  echo "Cookie created with serialized variable";
34
35  ?>
```

Serialization Example (RETRIEVE)

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16      public $val2;
17
18      public function add()
19      {
20          return $this->val1 + $this->val2;
21      }
22  }
23
24  $s = $_COOKIE['my_a_variable'];
25  $a = unserialize($s);
26
27  echo $a->add();
28
29  ?>
30
```

Exercise 6 - Serialization

- Create a class, create an object from the class.
- Serialize that object.
- Display it to the screen.

(This can now be save to a cookie, or a database or sent via web service).

