

EECS 485 (Web Databases & Information Systems)

Discussion
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PA2

- Due on Monday
- Issues
 - Forum -> Phorum.eecs.umich.edu
 - AlbumAccess ([albumid](#), username)
 - GD graphics library
- PA1 grades on Ctools; grade sheet in home dir.

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PA3

- Will be on Ctools on Monday, January 25
- Due on Wednesday, February 3.
- Authentication and Access Control on the album website from PA2.
- Don't modify PA2 (make a copy to PA3)

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PA3

- Personalizing the album website
- add a login page to the site
- use cookies to determine who the logged in user is
- Some pages are sensitive and require users login
- A user will have to explicitly log out, or allow the cookie to expire in order to no longer be authenticated

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PA3

- You'll implement actual sessions in a future project.
- You'll need simple Javascript for form validation.

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A bit about Javascript

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Javascript

- Code between
 - `<script type="text/javascript"> </script>`
- Or external scripts
 - `<script type="text/javascript" src="xxx.js"> </script>`
- Statement `document.write("<h1>Hello Class</h1>");`
 - Semicolon is optional (multiple lines in 1 line)
- Comments are like PHP

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Variables

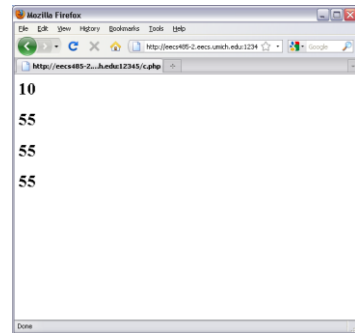
- Declare using var
 - `var x;`
`var carname;`
- Case sensitive
- must begin with a letter or the underscore
 - `var x=5;`
`var carname="BMW";`
- String concatenation with +
- exactly equal to (value and type)
 - `x==5 is true`
`x=="5" is false`

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Example

```
<html>
<script type="text/javascript">
x=5+5;
document.write("<h1>"+x+"</h1>");
x="5"+"5";
document.write("<h1>"+x+"</h1>");
x=5+"5";
document.write("<h1>"+x+"</h1>");
x="5"+5;
document.write("<h1>"+x+"</h1>");
</script>
</html>
```

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Functions

- To keep the browser from executing a script when the page loads, use functions.
- You may call a function from anywhere within a page (or even from other pages if the function is embedded in an external .js file).
- can be defined both in the `<head>` and in the `<body>` section of a document.
 - To assure that a function is read/loaded by the browser before it is called, better to define in `<head>`

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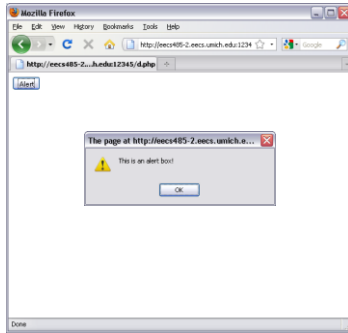
Alert Box

```
<html>
<head>
<script type="text/javascript">
function show_alert()
{
alert("This is an alert box!");
}
</script>
</head>
<body>

<input type="button" onclick="show_alert()"
value="Alert" />

</body>
</html>
```

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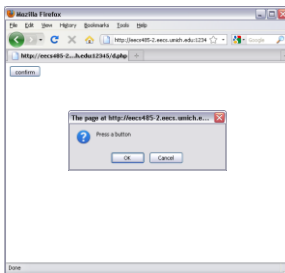


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Confirm Box

```
<html>
<head>
<script type="text/javascript">
function show_confirm()
{
var r=confirm("Press a button");
if (r==true){
document.write("You pressed OK!");
}else{
document.write("You pressed Cancel!");
}
}
</script>
</head>
<body>
<input type="button" onclick="show_confirm()"
value="Alert" /> </body> </html>
```

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Events

- Events are actions that can be detected by JavaScript.
- Every element on a web page has certain events which can trigger a JavaScript.
- Examples of events:
 - A mouse click
 - A web page or an image loading
 - Mouse over a spot on the web page
 - Selecting an input field in an HTML form
 - Submitting an HTML form
 - A keystroke

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Examples

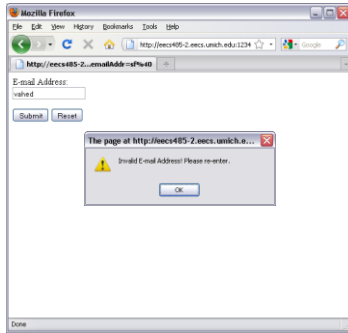
- onChange often used for form validation
 - `<input type="text" size="30" id="email" onchange="checkEmail()">`
- Check form before submit
 - `<form method="post" action="xxx.htm" onsubmit="return checkForm()">`
- Other events
 - onLoad and onUnload
 - onFocus, onBlur
 - onMouseOver and onMouseOut

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Example

```
<HEAD>
<SCRIPT LANGUAGE="JavaScript">
function checkEmail(str) {
if(str.indexOf("@") > 0) {
return true;
}else{
alert("Invalid E-mail Address!.");
return (false);
}
}
</script> </HEAD> <BODY>
<form onSubmit="return checkEmail(this.emailAddr.value)">
E-mail Address:<br> <input type="text" name="emailAddr">
<p> <input type="submit" value="Submit">
<input type="reset" value="Reset">
</form></body>
```

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Session handling in PHP

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Sessions & Cookies

- HTTP communication is inherently stateless
- The way to handle state information is through sessions and cookies.
- PHP offers a built in mechanism for maintaining session information (e.g. hiding the cookie handling from the developer)

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Starting a Session

- Before you can begin storing user information in your PHP session, you must first start the session.
- it must be at the very beginning of your code, before any HTML or text is sent.
- Using

```
-<?
    session_start();
?>
```

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Storing User Data

- The `$_SESSION` associative array is used to store user data.
- Used both to store and retrieve session data.
- `$_SESSION["views"] = 2`
- `$_SESSION["name"] = "eecs";`

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Example

```
<?php
session_start();
$_SESSION['eecs485'] = 1; // store session data
?>

<html>
<h1>
<?
echo "eecs485 = ". $_SESSION['eecs485'];
//retrieve data
?>
</h1>
</html>
```

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isset, unset

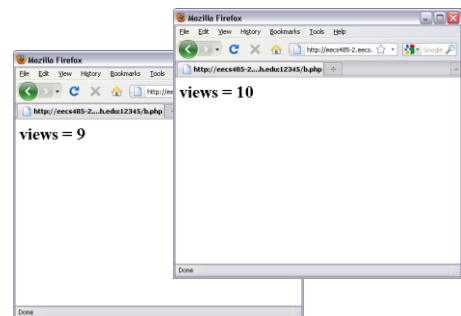
- Before you use a session variable it is necessary that you check to see if it exists already!
- `isset` is a function that takes any variable you want to use and checks to see if it has been **set**.
- You may wish to delete some data for your various tasks using `unset`

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Example

```
<?php
session_start();
if(isset($_SESSION['views']))
    $_SESSION['views'] = $_SESSION['views'] + 1;
else
    $_SESSION['views'] = 1;
?>
<html><h1>
<?
echo "views = " . $_SESSION['views'];
?>
</h1></html>
```

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Destroying Sessions

- You can also completely destroy the session entirely by calling the `session_destroy` function.
- ```
<?
 session_destroy();
?>
```
- Destroy will reset your session, so don't call that function unless you are entirely comfortable losing all your stored session data!

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## PHP Cookies

- create a cookie, using `setcookie`
- you must specify three arguments.
  - **name**: The name of your cookie. You will use this name to later retrieve your cookie, so don't forget it!
  - **value**: The value that is stored in your cookie.
  - **expiration**: The date when the cookie will expire and be deleted.
    - If you do not set this expiration date, then it will be treated as a session cookie and be removed when the browser is restarted.

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## Retrieve data

- If your cookie hasn't expired yet, you can retrieve it using `$_COOKIE` associative array.
- The name of your stored cookie is the key and will let you retrieve your stored cookie value!

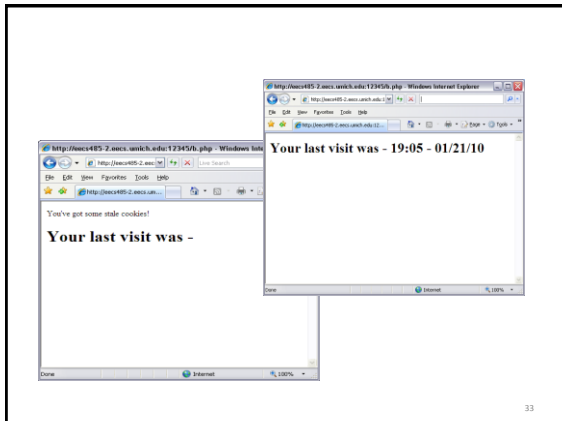
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## Example

```
<?php
$inOneDay = 60 * 60 * 24 + time();
setcookie('lastVisit', date("G:i - m/d/y"),
$inOneDay);
?>

<?php
if(isset($_COOKIE['lastVisit']))
 $visit = $_COOKIE['lastVisit'];
else
 echo "You've got some stale cookies!";
echo "Your last visit was - ". $visit;
?>
```

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