Time:

Returns the current time in the number of seconds since 1st Jan 1970

Syntax: time();

It can be formatted using the data function as follow:

Syntax: date(‘format’, $time);

rand():

It generates a random integer.

We can define a range for random numbers by specifying the minimum and maximum number in the function

Syntax: rand(); or rand(min, max);

$\_SERVER[]:

It is a super global variable which holds the information’s like headers, script locations and paths

There are many elements which can go inside $\_SERVER, some of them are

$\_SERVER[‘SCRIPT\_NAME’]: returns the path of the current script

$\_SERVER[‘HTTP\_HOST’]: returns the host name from the current request

$\_SERVER[‘PHP\_SELF’]: returns the filename of the currently executing script

$\_SERVER[’REMOTE\_ADDR’]: returns IP address from where the user is viewing the current page.

$\_SERVER[‘REQUEST\_METHOD’]: returns the request method to access the page

header() and ob\_start():

The header function sends the raw HTTP header to a client

The header function should not be called after sending data to the page

Writing the data before the php block (in which we have called header function), the header() function will generate a warning and to avoid this we can use output buffer that is ob\_start().

ob\_start() will avoid this warning and will redirect us to the page and stores the written data into its buffer

If the redirection is not performed then ob\_end\_flush() returns the content stored in the output buffer

If the redirection is performed then ob\_end\_clean() clears the buffer and there is no output data

get\_browser():

Returns the capabilities or details of the user’s browser

It looks up to browscap.ini file for details

Syntax: get\_browser();

$\_GET[]:

It is a super global variable which is used to collect form data after submitting an HTML form with method = ‘get’

It can also collect data sent in the URL

$\_POST[]:

It is a super global variable which is used to collect form data after submitting an HTML form with method = ‘post’

It is widely used to pass variables and more secure than $\_GET variable.