PHP File Handling:

The file may be opened in one of the following modes:

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| **Modes** | **Description** |
| r | Open a file for read only. File pointer starts at the beginning of the file |
| w | Open a file for write only. Erases the contents of the file or creates a new file if it doesn't exist. File pointer starts at the beginning of the file |
| a | Open a file for write only. The existing data in file is preserved. File pointer starts at the end of the file. Creates a new file if the file doesn't exist |
| x | Creates a new file for write only. Returns FALSE and an error if file already exists |
| r+ | Open a file for read/write. File pointer starts at the beginning of the file |
| w+ | Open a file for read/write. Erases the contents of the file or creates a new file if it doesn't exist. File pointer starts at the beginning of the file |
| a+ | Open a file for read/write. The existing data in file is preserved. File pointer starts at the end of the file. Creates a new file if the file doesn't exist |
| x+ | Creates a new file for read/write. Returns FALSE and an error if file already exists |