

PHP –Defining Constants

- ▶ A **constant** contains information that does *not change during the course of program execution*
- ▶ Think of a constant as a variable with a static value e.g *pi*
- ▶ Constant names **do not** begin with a dollar sign (\$)
- ▶ Common practice to use use all **uppercase** letters for naming constants – constant names are case sensitive by default
- ▶ Use the **define()** function to create a constant

```
define("CONSTANT_NAME", value);

define ("VOTING_AGE", 18);
```
- ▶ The value you pass to the **define()** function can be a text string, number, or Boolean value

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PHP – Data Types

- ▶ The values, or data, contained in variables are classified into categories known as **data types**
- A data type is the specific *category* of information that a variable contains
- A variable's specific data type is very important in programming because the data type helps *determine the manner in which the value is stored and how much memory the computing device allocates for the data stored in the variable.*

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PHP – Data Types

- ▶ The data type also governs the *kinds* of operations that can be performed on a variable.
 - Data types that can be assigned only a single value are called **primitive types**
- ▶ The PHP language also supports:
 - A **resource** data type – a special variable that holds a reference to an external resource such as a database or XML file
 - **Reference** or **composite** data types, which contain multiple values or complex types of information
 - Two reference data types: **arrays** and **objects**

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PHP – Data Types

- PHP is a **loosely typed** language – this means that a single variable may contain **any type** of data be it a number, a string of text or any other kind of value **AND** it may store **different types over its lifetime.**
- In PHP – you are not required to declare the data type of a variable – in fact you are not allowed to do so.
- The PHP scripting engine automatically *determines* what type of data is stored in a variable and *assigns the data type* accordingly.

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PHP – Data Types

- So the following statements are correct within a program:

```
$testvariable = 3;
$testvariable = 'Three';
```
- In the second line **the variable changes type** – where it used to contain a number – now it contains a string of text.

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PHP – Data Types

Data Type	Description
Integer numbers	The set of all positive and negative numbers and zero, with no decimal places
Floating-point numbers	Positive or negative numbers with decimal places or numbers written using exponential notation
Boolean	A logical value of "true" or "false"
String	Text such as "Hello World"
NULL	An empty value, also referred to as a NULL value

Table 1-1 Primitive PHP data types

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PHP – Numeric Data Types

- PHP supports two numeric data types:
 - An **integer** is a positive or negative number and 0 with no decimal places (-250, 2, 100, 10,000)
 - A **floating-point number** is a number that contains decimal places or that is written in exponential notation (-6.16, 3.17, 2.7541)
 - Exponential notation**, or **scientific notation**, is a shortened format for writing very large numbers or numbers with many decimal places (2.0e11)

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PHP – Boolean Values

- A **Boolean value** is a value of `TRUE` or `FALSE`
- In PHP programming, you can *only* use `TRUE` or `FALSE` Boolean values
- In other programming languages, you can use integers such as `1 = TRUE`, `0 = FALSE`

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PHP – Arrays

- An **array** contains a set of data represented by a single variable name
- You use arrays when you want to store groups or lists of related information in a single – easily managed location

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PHP – Arrays

- This is a conceptual representation of how the names of the Canadian provinces are stored using a *single* array named `$Provinces[]`

```
graph LR; subgraph array_data [array data]; direction TB; P1[Newfoundland and Labrador]; P2[Prince Edward Island]; P3[Nova Scotia]; P4[New Brunswick]; P5[Quebec]; P6[Ontario]; P7[Manitoba]; P8[Saskatchewan]; P9[Alberta]; P10[British Columbia]; end; array_data --> P["$Provinces []  
array name"]
```

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PHP – Declaring and Initializing Indexed Arrays

- An **element** refers to each piece of data that is stored within an array
- An **index** is an element's numeric position within the array
 - By default, indexes begin with the number zero (0)

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PHP – Declaring and Initializing Indexed Arrays

- To create an array you can use either:
 - The `array()` construct syntax :

```
$array_name = array(values);
```

```
$Provinces = array(
    "Newfoundland and Labrador",
    "Prince Edward Island",
    "Nova Scotia",
    "New Brunswick",
    "Quebec",
    "Ontario",
    "Manitoba",
    "Saskatchewan",
    "Alberta",
    "British Columbia"
);
```

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PHP – Declaring and Initializing Indexed Arrays

- Or
 - Array name and brackets syntax:`$array_name[]`

```
$Provinces[] = "Newfoundland and Labrador";  
$Provinces[] = "Prince Edward Island";  
$Provinces[] = "Nova Scotia";  
$Provinces[] = "New Brunswick";  
$Provinces[] = "Quebec";  
$Provinces[] = "Ontario";  
$Provinces[] = "Manitoba";  
$Provinces[] = "Saskatchewan";  
$Provinces[] = "Alberta";  
$Provinces[] = "British Columbia";
```

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PHP – Accessing Array Elements

- An element is referenced by enclosing its **index** in brackets at the end of the array name:

```
$Provinces[1]
```

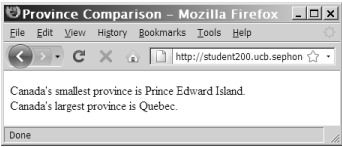
 - refers to the Prince Edward Island state

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PHP – Accessing Element Information

```
echo "<p>Canada's smallest province is  
$Provinces[1]<br />";  
echo "Canada's largest province is  
$Provinces[4]</p>";
```



Output of elements in the `$Provinces[]` array

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PHP – Arrays

- In PHP – *each array space* can contain **any type of value**

```
$myarray = array('one', 2, '3');
```

 - Contains three values:

'one'	a string
2	a number
'3'	a string

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PHP – Modifying Arrays

```
$myarray = array('one', 2, '3');
```

- You can use an array index in square brackets to :
 - add new elements
 - assign new values to existing elements

```
$myarray[1] = 'two'; // Assign a new value  
$myarray[3] = 'four'; // Create a new element
```

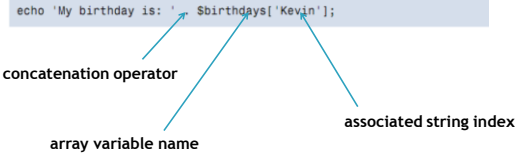
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PHP – Accessing Element Information in Associative Arrays

- To access an array element in an associative array – use the appropriate string index in square brackets after the array variable name:

```
echo 'My birthday is: ' . $birthdays['Kevin'];
```



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PHP – Accessing Element Information in Arrays

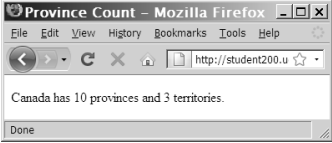
- Use the `count()` function to find the total number of elements in an array

```
$Provinces = array("Newfoundland and Labrador",  
"Prince Edward  
Island", "Nova Scotia", "New Brunswick", "Quebec",  
"Ontario", "Manitoba", "Saskatchewan", "Alberta",  
"British Columbia");  
  
$Territories = array("Nunavut", "Northwest  
Territories", "Yukon Territory");  
  
echo "<p>Canada has ", count($Provinces), "  
provinces and ",  
count($Territories), " territories.</p>";
```

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PHP – Accessing Element Information in Arrays


Output of the `count()` function



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PHP – Accessing Element Information in Arrays

Output of the `$Provinces[]` array with the `print_r()` function:



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PHP – Modifying Elements

- To modify an array element, include the index for an individual element of the array:

```
$HospitalDepts = array(  
"Anesthesia", // first element (0)  
"Molecular Biology", // second element (1)  
"Neurology"); // third element (2)
```

To change the first array element in the `$HospitalDepts[]` array from "Anesthesia" to "Anesthesiology" use:

```
$HospitalDepts[0] = "Anesthesiology";
```

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PHP – Avoiding Assignment Notation Pitfalls

- Assigns** the string "Hello" to a variable named `$list`

```
$list = "Hello";
```
- Assigns** the string "Hello" to a new element appended to the end of the `$list` array

```
$list[] = "Hello";
```
- Replaces** the value stored in the first element (index 0) of the `$list` array with the string "Hello"

```
$list[0] = "Hello";
```

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PHP – Building Expressions

- An **expression** is a literal value or variable that can be evaluated by the PHP scripting engine to produce a result
- Operands** are variables and literals contained in an expression
- A **literal** is a static value such as a literal string or a number
- Operators** are symbols (+) (*) that are used in expressions to manipulate operands

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PHP –Building Expressions

- ▶ You have worked with simple expressions already.
- ▶ Consider the following statement:

```
$MyNumber = 100;
```
- ▶ This statement is an **expression** that results in the **literal value 100** being **assigned** to `$MyNumber`.
 - The operator is the equal sign (=)
 - The equal sign is a special kind of **operator** called the **assignment operator** because it *assigns* the value 100 on the *right side* of the expression to the variable `$MyNumber` on the left hand side

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PHP –Building Expressions

Type	Description
Array	Performs operations on arrays
Arithmetic	Performs mathematical calculations
Assignment	Assigns values to variables
Comparison	Compares operands and returns a Boolean value
Logical	Performs Boolean operations on Boolean operands
Special	Performs various tasks; these operators do not fit within other operator categories
String	Performs operations on strings

Table 1-2 PHP operator types

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Operators

- ▶ A **binary operator** requires an operand *before* and *after* the operator

```
$MyNumber = 100;
```
- ▶ A **unary operator** requires a single operand either before or after the operator

```
$MyNumber++;
```

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PHP – Arithmetic Operators

Arithmetic operators are used in PHP to perform mathematical calculations such as:

- Addition
- Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division

You can also use an arithmetic operator to return the **modulus** of a calculation – this is the remainder when you divide one number by another number.

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PHP – Arithmetic Operators

Symbol	Operation	Description
+	Addition	Adds two operands
-	Subtraction	Subtracts the right operand from the left operand
*	Multiplication	Multiplies two operands
/	Division	Divides the left operand by the right operand
%	Modulus	Divides the left operand by the right operand and returns the remainder

Table 1-3 PHP arithmetic binary operators

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PHP – Assignment Operator

Symbol	Operation	Description
=	Assignment	Assigns the value of the right operand to the left operand
+=	Compound addition assignment	Adds the value of the right operand to the value of the left operand and assigns the new value to the left operand
-=	Compound subtraction assignment	Subtracts the value of the right operand from the value of the left operand and assigns the new value to the left operand
*=	Compound multiplication assignment	Multiplies the value of the right operand by the value of the left operand and assigns the new value to the left operand
/=	Compound division assignment	Divides the value of the left operand by the value of the right operand and assigns the new value to the left operand
%=	Compound modulus assignment	Divides the value of the left operand by the value of the right operand and assigns the remainder (modulus) to the left operand

Table 1-5 Common PHP assignment operators

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PHP – Arithmetic Operators

Use of arithmetic operators:

```
$DivisionResult = 15 / 6;
$ModulusResult = 15 % 6;
echo "<p>15 divided by 6 is
$DivisionResult.</p>"; // prints '2.5'
echo "The whole number 6 goes into 15 twice, with a
remainder of $ModulusResult.</p>"; // prints '3'
```

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PHP – Unary Arithmetic Operators

- ▶ The increment (++) and decrement (--) *unary* operators can be used as prefix or postfix operators
- ▶ A **prefix operator** is placed before a variable
- ▶ A **postfix operator** is placed after a variable

Symbol	Operation	Description
++	Increment	Increases an operand by a value of 1
--	Decrement	Decreases an operand by a value of 1

Table 1-4 PHP arithmetic unary operators

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PHP – Arithmetic Operators

▶ Sample code in ArithmeticExamples.php:

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PHP – Arithmetic Operators

Results of arithmetic expressions:

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PHP– Operands

- ▶ Expressions consist of two types of components: *operands* and *operators*.
- ▶ Operands are the **objects** that are manipulated and **operators** are the symbols that represent specific actions.

For example, in the expression

- ▶ x and 5 are operands and + is an operator. All expressions have at least one operand.

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PHP– Comparison and Conditional Operators

- ▶ **Comparison operators** are used to compare two operands and determine how one operand compares to another
- ▶ A Boolean value of **TRUE** or **FALSE** is returned after two operands are compared
- ▶ The comparison operator *compares* values, whereas the assignment operator *assigns* values
- ▶ Comparison operators are used with **conditional statements** and **looping statements**

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PHP- Comparison and Conditional Operators

Symbol	Operation	Description
==	Equal	Returns TRUE if the operands are equal
===	Strict equal	Returns TRUE if the operands are equal and of the same data type
!= or <!=>	Not equal	Returns TRUE if the operands are not equal
!==	Strict not equal	Returns TRUE if the operands are not equal or not of the same data type
>	Greater than	Returns TRUE if the left operand is greater than the right operand
<	Less than	Returns TRUE if the left operand is less than the right operand
>=	Greater than or equal to	Returns TRUE if the left operand is greater than or equal to the right operand
<=	Less than or equal to	Returns TRUE if the left operand is less than or equal to the right operand

Table 1-6 PHP comparison operators

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PHP- Comparison and Conditional Operators

- ▶ The **conditional operator** executes one of two expressions, based on the results of a conditional expression
- ▶ The syntax for the conditional operator is:
`conditional expression ? expression1 : expression2;`
- ⇒ If the conditional expression evaluates to TRUE, `expression1` executes
- ⇒ If the conditional expression evaluates to FALSE, `expression2` executes

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PHP- Comparison and Conditional Operators

```
$BlackjackPlayer1 = 20;
// test if $BlackjackPlayer1 has value less than or
//equal to 21
($BlackjackPlayer1 <= 21) ? $Result =
"Player 1 is still in the game." : $Result =
"Player 1 is out of the action.";
echo "<p>", $Result, "</p>";
```



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PHP – Logical Operators

- ▶ **Logical operators** are used for comparing two Boolean operands for equality
- ▶ A Boolean value of TRUE or FALSE is returned after two operands are compared

Symbol	Operation	Description
&& or AND	Logical And	Returns TRUE if both the left operand and right operand return a value of TRUE; otherwise, it returns a value of FALSE
or OR	Logical Or	Returns TRUE if either the left operand or right operand returns a value of TRUE; otherwise neither operand returns a value of TRUE, it returns a value of FALSE
XOR	Logical Exclusive Or	Returns TRUE if only one of the left operand or right operand returns a value of TRUE; otherwise neither operand returns a value of TRUE or both operands return a value of TRUE, it returns a value of FALSE
!	Logical Not	Returns TRUE if an expression is FALSE and returns FALSE if an expression is TRUE

Table 1-7 PHP logical operators

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PHP – Logical Operators

```
$Gender = "male";
$Age = 18;
// assigns TRUE to $ExpensiveInsurance
$ExpensiveInsurance = ($Gender=="male") &&
($Age <=21);
```

In the code snippet above the `$Gender` variable expression evaluates to TRUE because it equals "male" and the `$Age` variable expression evaluates to TRUE because its value is less than or equal to 18.

Because BOTH expressions are TRUE – `$ExpensiveInsurance` is assigned a value of TRUE.

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PHP –Understanding Operator Precedence

- ▶ **Operator precedence** refers to the order in which operations in an expression are evaluated
- ▶ When performing operations with operators in the same precedence group – the order of precedence is determined by the operators' **associativity**
- ▶ **Associativity** is the order in which operators of equal precedence execute
- ▶ Associativity is evaluated on a left-to-right or a right-to-left basis

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PHP –Operator Precedence Rules

Symbol	Operator	Associativity
<code>new clone</code>	New object—highest precedence	None
<code>[]</code>	Array elements	Right to left
<code>++ --</code>	Increment/Decrement	Right to left
<code>(int) (double) (string)</code>	Cast	Right to left
<code>(array) (object)</code>		
<code>@</code>	Suppress errors	Right to left

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PHP – Operator Precedence Rules

Symbol	Operator	Associativity
<code>instanceof</code>	Types	None
<code>!</code>	Logical Not	Right to left
<code>* / %</code>	Multiplication/division/modulus	Left to right
<code>+ - .</code>	Addition/subtraction/string concatenation	Left to right
<code>< <= > >= <></code>	Comparison	None
<code>== != === !==</code>	Equality	None
<code>&&</code>	Logical And	Left to right
<code> </code>	Logical Or	Left to right
<code>?:</code>	Conditional	Left to right
<code>= += -= *= /= %= .+=</code>	Assignment	Right to left
<code>AND</code>	Logical And	Left to right
<code>XOR</code>	Logical Exclusive Or	Left to right
<code>OR</code>	Logical Or	Left to right
<code>.</code>	List separator—lowest precedence	Left to right

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PHP – Operator Precedence Rules

▶ Sample code snippet from ArithmeticExamples.php:

```
// operator precedence and associativity
$x = 3;
$y = 2;
$x = $y *++$x; // $x= 2 * 4
echo 'Operator precedence and associativity : ',
    $x, "</p>";
```

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