

1. What is PHP? [Google – 2022]

PHP (Hypertext Preprocessor) is an open-source, server-side scripting language used mainly for web development. It can be embedded within HTML and works well with databases like MySQL.

- **Key Features:** Fast, cross-platform, loosely typed, supports OOP, integrates with HTML and JS.

2. Differences between PHP 5 and PHP 7 [Facebook – 2022]

- **Performance:** PHP 7 is ~2x faster than PHP 5.
- **Error Handling:** PHP 7 introduces Throwable, Error, and Exception handling.
- **Type Declarations:** Scalar type hints and return type declarations in PHP 7.
- **64-bit Support:** Full 64-bit integer and large file support in PHP 7.
- **Deprecated Features:** Old MySQL extension removed in PHP 7.

3. Common uses of PHP [LinkedIn – 2016]

- Dynamic website development.
- Server-side form handling.
- CRUD operations with MySQL.
- CMS creation (WordPress, Drupal).
- REST APIs and backend services.
- Session and cookie management.

4. How do you declare a variable in PHP? [Google – 2023]

Variables in PHP start with \$.

```
$name = "Subham";
```

```
$age = 20;
```

5. Scope of a variable in PHP [Microsoft – 2021]

- **Local:** Inside a function.
- **Global:** Declared outside functions, accessible via global keyword.
- **Static:** Retains value across multiple calls.
- **Function Parameters:** Scope is limited to the function.

6. How do you write comments in PHP? [LinkedIn – 2016]

```
// Single-line comment
```

```
# Single-line comment
```

```
/* Multi-line
```

```
comment */
```

7. Difference between single-quoted and double-quoted strings [Amazon – 2020]

- Single quotes (') → No variable interpolation, faster.
- Double quotes (") → Parses variables and escape sequences.

```
$name = "Subham";
```

```
echo 'Hello $name'; // Output: Hello $name
```

```
echo "Hello $name"; // Output: Hello Subham
```

8. Use of echo and print statements [Facebook – 2022]

- echo: Outputs one or more strings, slightly faster, no return value.
- print: Outputs one string, returns 1 (can be used in expressions).

```
echo "Hello", " World!";
```

```
print "Hello World!";
```

9. PHP constants and how to define them [IBM – 2019]

Constants are variables with fixed values that cannot change.

```
define("SITE_NAME", "MyWebsite");
```

```
const VERSION = "1.0";
```

10. How do you include files in PHP? [Microsoft – 2014]

- include "file.php"; → Warning on error, script continues.
- require "file.php"; → Fatal error on missing file, script stops.
- Variants: include_once, require_once.

11. Different data types supported by PHP [TechInnovate – 2022]

- Scalar: Integer, Float, String, Boolean.
- Compound: Array, Object.
- Special: NULL, Resource.

12. How do you check the type of a variable in PHP? [Google – 2020]

- `gettype($var)` → Returns type as string.
- `var_dump($var)` → Prints type + value.
- `is_int()`, `is_string()`, `is_array()`, etc.

13. Explain type juggling in PHP [Microsoft – 2023]

Type juggling = Automatic conversion between data types.

```
$x = "5" + 10; // "5" converted to int → 15
```

14. Different types of loops in PHP

- for → Known iteration count.
- while → Runs until condition is false.
- do-while → Runs at least once.
- foreach → Iterates over arrays/objects.

15. Difference between while and do-while [Google – 2019]

- while: Condition checked first, may run 0 times.
- do-while: Executes once before condition check.

16. How do you use foreach loop in PHP?

```
$fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"];
```

```
foreach ($fruits as $fruit) {
```

```
    echo $fruit;
```

```
}
```

17. Use of switch statement [IBM, Google, TCS]

Switch is used for multi-branching based on a variable's value.

```
$day = "Mon";
```

```
switch($day) {
```

```
    case "Mon": echo "Start of week"; break;
```

```
    case "Fri": echo "Weekend soon"; break;
```

```
    default: echo "Midweek";
```

```
}
```

18. Difference between break and continue statements

- break: Exits the loop/switch immediately.
- continue: Skips current iteration, continues next.

19. How do you define and use arrays in PHP? [TechInnovate – 2024]

```
// Indexed array
```

```
$colors = ["red", "blue", "green"];
```

```
// Associative array
```

```
$ages = ["Subham"=>20, "Ravi"=>22];
```

20. Difference between indexed and associative arrays

- Indexed: Keys are numeric (0,1,2...).
- Associative: Keys are user-defined strings.

21. How do you define a function in PHP? [TechInnovate – 2024]

```
function greet($name) {  
  
    return "Hello, $name!";  
  
}  
  
echo greet("Subham");
```

22. Purpose of return statement in a function

Returns a value to the calling code, exits function execution.

23. Variable scope within a function

Variables inside a function are local. Globals must be imported using global or \$GLOBALS[].

24. How do you pass arguments to a function?

- By Value (default): Copy of value.
- By Reference: Using &.

```
function add(&$x) { $x++; }
```

25. What are default arguments in a function?

If no value is passed, defaults are used.

```
function greet($name = "Guest") {  
  
    echo "Hello, $name";  
  
}
```

26. What is object-oriented programming in PHP?

OOP is a programming paradigm based on objects containing data (properties) and methods (functions). Supports encapsulation, inheritance, and polymorphism.

27. Concept of classes and objects

- Class: Blueprint with properties and methods.
- Object: Instance of a class.

```
class Car {  
  
    public $brand;
```

```
function drive() { echo "Driving"; }  
  
}
```

```
$car1 = new Car();
```

28. Define and use constructors and destructors

- **Constructor (__construct):** Initializes object when created.
- **Destructor (__destruct):** Executes when object is destroyed.

```
class Test {  
  
    function __construct() { echo "Object created"; }  
  
    function __destruct() { echo "Object destroyed"; }  
  
}
```

29. What is inheritance and how is it implemented in PHP?

Inheritance allows one class to acquire properties/methods of another.

```
class ParentClass {  
  
    function greet() { echo "Hello"; }  
  
}  
  
class ChildClass extends ParentClass {  
  
    function bye() { echo "Bye"; }  
  
}
```

- **Types:** Single, Multilevel, Hierarchical (No multiple inheritance, but interfaces/traits can be used).

30. Explain the concept of interfaces in PHP.

- An interface defines a contract (set of methods) that a class must implement.
- Interfaces cannot have properties or concrete methods.
- A class can implement multiple interfaces (workaround for multiple inheritance).

```
interface Logger {  
  
    public function log($message);  
  
}  
  
class FileLogger implements Logger {
```

```
public function log($message) { echo "Log: $message"; }  
}
```

31. What are the different error types in PHP?

- Parse Error (E_PARSE): Syntax errors.
- Fatal Error (E_ERROR): Execution stops (e.g., undefined function).
- Warning (E_WARNING): Non-fatal, script continues.
- Notice (E_NOTICE): Minor issues (e.g., undefined variable).
- Deprecated (E_DEPRECATED): Features no longer recommended.

32. How do you handle errors in PHP using try-catch blocks? [TechInnovate – 2024]

```
try {  
  
    throw new Exception("Something went wrong!");  
  
} catch (Exception $e) {  
  
    echo "Error: " . $e->getMessage();  
  
}
```

- Used for exception handling. Prevents script crashes.

33. Explain the use of set_error_handler() function.

- Customizes error handling by defining a user function.

```
function customHandler($errno, $errstr) {  
  
    echo "Error [$errno]: $errstr";  
  
}
```

```
set_error_handler("customHandler");
```

34. Purpose of trigger_error() function [TechInnovate – 2024]

- Generates a user-defined error message.

```
if($age < 18){  
  
    trigger_error("Age must be 18+", E_USER_WARNING);  
  
}
```

35. How do you handle fatal errors in PHP?

- Fatal errors cannot be caught directly.

- Use `register_shutdown_function()` to handle cleanup at script end.

```
register_shutdown_function(function(){

    $error = error_get_last();

    if($error) { echo "Fatal Error: ".$error['message']; }

});
```

36. What are sessions in PHP and how do you start a session? [IBM – 2019]

- Sessions store user-specific data on the server.
- Start with:

```
session_start();
```

37. How do you store and retrieve session variables?

```
$_SESSION["user"] = "Subham"; // store

echo $_SESSION["user"];    // retrieve
```

38. What are cookies and how do you set them in PHP?

- Cookies are small pieces of data stored on the client browser.

```
setcookie("username", "Subham", time()+3600, "/");
```

39. How do you retrieve and delete cookies in PHP?

```
echo $_COOKIE["username"]; // retrieve

setcookie("username", "", time()-3600, "/"); // delete
```

40. Differences between sessions and cookies

- Sessions: Stored on server, secure, expire when browser closes.
- Cookies: Stored on client, less secure, persist beyond sessions.

41. How do you open and close files in PHP?

```
$file = fopen("data.txt", "r");

fclose($file);
```

42. Different modes of opening a file

- "r" → Read
- "w" → Write (truncate if exists)
- "a" → Append

- "x" → Create new, fail if exists
- "r+", "w+", "a+" → Read/Write variants

43. How do you read and write files in PHP?

```
$fh = fopen("test.txt", "w");
```

```
fwrite($fh, "Hello PHP!");
```

```
fclose($fh);
```

```
$fh = fopen("test.txt", "r");
```

```
echo fread($fh, filesize("test.txt"));
```

```
fclose($fh);
```

44. Use of fopen(), fread(), and fwrite()

- fopen() → Opens file.
- fread() → Reads data.
- fwrite() → Writes data.

45. How do you check if a file exists in PHP?

```
if(file_exists("test.txt")) echo "File exists";
```

46. Common string functions in PHP

- strlen(\$str) → Length
- strtoupper(\$str) / strtolower(\$str)
- strpos(\$str, "sub") → Find substring
- substr(\$str, start, length) → Extract substring
- str_replace("old", "new", \$str)

47. How do you concatenate strings in PHP?

```
$a = "Hello"; $b = "World";
```

```
echo $a . " " . $b;
```

48. Use of strlen() and strpos()

- strlen("Hello") → 5
- strpos("Hello World", "World") → 6

49. How do you replace part of a string using str_replace()?

```
echo str_replace("world", "PHP", "Hello world");
```


// Output: Hello PHP

50. Purpose of substr() function

Extracts a substring.

echo substr("Subham", 0, 3); // Sub

51. Common array functions in PHP

- **count(\$arr) → Length**
- **array_merge(\$a, \$b) → Merge**
- **array_push(\$arr, "x") / array_pop(\$arr)**
- **in_array("x", \$arr)**
- **array_search("x", \$arr)**

52. How do you merge two arrays in PHP?

\$a = [1,2]; \$b = [3,4];

\$c = array_merge(\$a, \$b);

53. Use of array_push() and array_pop()

- **array_push(\$arr, "x") → Add element at end.**
- **array_pop(\$arr) → Remove last element.**

54. How do you find the length of an array?

echo count(\$arr);

55. Purpose of array_search() function

Finds the key/index of a value.

echo array_search("apple", ["apple","banana"]); // 0

56. How do you get the current date and time in PHP?

echo date("Y-m-d H:i:s");

57. Use of date() function

- **Formats timestamps into human-readable strings.**

echo date("l, d M Y"); // Monday, 08 Sep 2025

58. How do you format a date in PHP?

\$date = date("d-m-Y H:i:s");

59. Purpose of strtotime() function

Converts a human-readable date string into a Unix timestamp.

```
echo strtotime("next Monday");
```

60. How do you calculate the difference between two dates?

```
$d1 = new DateTime("2025-09-01");
```

```
$d2 = new DateTime("2025-09-08");
```

```
$diff = $d1->diff($d2);
```

```
echo $diff->days; // 7
```

61. Purpose of \$_GET and \$_POST arrays

- \$_GET → Retrieves data from URL query parameters.
- \$_POST → Retrieves data from submitted forms (hidden from URL).

```
$name = $_GET['name'];
```

```
$password = $_POST['pass'];
```

Q62: "How do you send an email using PHP?"

Ans: "By using the mail() function → mail(to, subject, message, headers);"

Q63: "Explain the use of header() function."

Ans: "It is used to send raw HTTP headers to the browser (e.g., redirection, content type)."

Q64: "How do you handle file uploads in PHP?"

Ans: "Use an HTML <form enctype='multipart/form-data'> and access files via \$_FILES array."

Q65: "What is the purpose of \$_SESSION and \$_COOKIE arrays?"

Ans: "\$_SESSION stores data on server-side; \$_COOKIE stores data on client-side."

Q66: "What are some common security threats in PHP?"

Ans: "SQL Injection, XSS, CSRF, Session Hijacking, Remote File Inclusion."

Q67: "How do you prevent SQL injection in PHP?"

Ans: "By using prepared statements (PDO or mysqli) and input sanitization."

Q68: "What is MySQL?"

Ans: "MySQL is an open-source relational database management system (RDBMS)."

Q69: "Explain the differences between MySQL and SQL."

Ans: "SQL is a query language; MySQL is a DBMS that uses SQL for managing databases."

Q70: "What is a database?"

Ans: "A structured collection of data stored electronically for easy access and management."

Q71: "What are tables in a database?"

Ans: "Tables are database objects that store data in rows and columns."

Q72: "What is a primary key?"

Ans: "A unique identifier for each record in a table, cannot be NULL or duplicate."

Q73: "What are the different data types supported by MySQL?"

Ans: "Numeric (INT, FLOAT, DECIMAL), String (CHAR, VARCHAR, TEXT), Date/Time (DATE, DATETIME, TIMESTAMP), Boolean."

Q74: "Explain the difference between CHAR and VARCHAR."

Ans: "CHAR is fixed-length storage; VARCHAR is variable-length storage."

Q75: "What is the TEXT data type used for?"

Ans: "For storing large text data (up to 65,535 characters)."

Q76: "What are the different numeric data types in MySQL?"

Ans: "INT, TINYINT, SMALLINT, MEDIUMINT, BIGINT, FLOAT, DOUBLE, DECIMAL."

Q77: "What is the DATE data type used for?"

Ans: "To store calendar dates (YYYY-MM-DD)."

Q78: "How do you create a database in MySQL?"

Ans: "CREATE DATABASE dbname;"

Q79: "How do you create a table in MySQL?"

Ans: "CREATE TABLE table_name (column1 datatype, column2 datatype, ...);"

Q80: "Explain the use of SELECT statement."

Ans: "It is used to retrieve data from a database → SELECT * FROM table;"

Q81: "How do you insert data into a table?"

Ans: "INSERT INTO table_name (col1, col2) VALUES (val1, val2);"

Q82: "What is the purpose of UPDATE statement?"

Ans: "It modifies existing records → UPDATE table SET col=value WHERE condition;"

Q83: "What are joins in SQL?"

Ans: "Joins are used to combine rows from multiple tables based on related columns."

Q84: "Explain the different types of joins in MySQL."

Ans: "INNER JOIN, LEFT JOIN, RIGHT JOIN, FULL OUTER JOIN, CROSS JOIN."

Q85: "What is the difference between INNER JOIN and OUTER JOIN?"

Ans: "INNER JOIN returns only matching rows; OUTER JOIN returns matching + non-matching rows."

Q86: "How do you perform a LEFT JOIN?"

Ans: "SELECT cols FROM table1 LEFT JOIN table2 ON table1.id=table2.id;"

Q87: "What is a CROSS JOIN?"

Ans: "It returns the Cartesian product of two tables (all combinations of rows)."

Q88: "What is an index in MySQL?"

Ans: "A database object that speeds up retrieval of rows using pointers."

Q89: "What are the different types of indexes?"

Ans: "PRIMARY, UNIQUE, INDEX (non-unique), FULLTEXT."

Q90: "How do you create an index on a table?"

Ans: "CREATE INDEX idx_name ON table(col);"

Q91: "What is the purpose of UNIQUE index?"

Ans: "Ensures all values in the indexed column are unique."

Q92: "How do indexes improve query performance?"

Ans: "They reduce the number of rows scanned by using fast lookups."

Q93: "What are constraints in SQL?"

Ans: "Rules applied on columns to maintain data integrity (e.g., PRIMARY KEY, FOREIGN KEY, NOT NULL, UNIQUE, CHECK)."

Q94: What is a PRIMARY KEY constraint?

Ans: A PRIMARY KEY uniquely identifies each row in a table. It enforces uniqueness and does not allow NULL values.

Q95: Explain the use of FOREIGN KEY constraint.

Ans: A FOREIGN KEY links two tables by referencing the PRIMARY KEY of another table, ensuring referential integrity.

Q96: What is a UNIQUE constraint?

Ans: UNIQUE ensures that all values in a column are different but unlike PRIMARY KEY, it allows one NULL.

Q97: How do you define a CHECK constraint?

Ans: CHECK ensures values in a column meet a specific condition, e.g., CHECK(age >= 18).

Q98: What are stored procedures?

Ans: Stored procedures are precompiled SQL blocks stored in the database that can be executed with parameters for efficiency.

Q99: How do you create a stored procedure in MySQL?

Ans: Use CREATE PROCEDURE proc_name(...) BEGIN SQL statements; END; and call it with CALL proc_name();.

Q100: What is a trigger in MySQL?

Ans: A trigger is an automatic action executed before or after INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE on a table.

Q101: How do you create a trigger?

Ans: Use CREATE TRIGGER trigger_name BEFORE/AFTER INSERT ON table FOR EACH ROW BEGIN ... END;.

Q102: What are views in MySQL?

Ans: A view is a virtual table created using a SQL query. It simplifies complex queries and provides security by restricting column access.

Q103: What is a transaction in SQL?

Ans: A transaction is a sequence of SQL statements executed as a single unit of work to maintain consistency.

Q104: Explain the use of COMMIT and ROLLBACK.

Ans: COMMIT saves all changes permanently, while ROLLBACK undoes changes made during the transaction.

Q105: What are the ACID properties?

Ans: ACID = Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, Durability — ensures reliability of transactions in a database.

Q106: How do you start a transaction in MySQL?

Ans: Use START TRANSACTION; or BEGIN; before executing queries, then use COMMIT/ROLLBACK.

Q107: What is the purpose of SAVEPOINT?

Ans: SAVEPOINT allows creating checkpoints in a transaction so you can roll back to a specific point.

Q108: How do you optimize SQL queries?

Ans: Use proper indexes, avoid SELECT *, normalize data, and analyze queries with EXPLAIN.

Q109: What is query caching in MySQL?

Ans: Query caching stores results of frequently executed queries, improving read performance.

Q110: Explain the use of EXPLAIN statement.

Ans: EXPLAIN shows how MySQL executes a query, helping identify performance bottlenecks.

Q111: What are the best practices for indexing?

Ans: Index columns used in WHERE, JOIN, and ORDER BY, but avoid indexing small or frequently updated columns.

Q112: How do you optimize database schema?

Ans: Normalize tables, use proper data types, partition large tables, and avoid redundant fields.

Q113: How do you connect to a MySQL database using PHP?

Ans: Use `mysqli_connect("host","user","password","db");` or PDO for secure connections.

Q114: What is mysqli and how is it different from mysql?

Ans: mysqli is an improved extension with support for OOP, prepared statements, and better performance than the old mysql (deprecated).

Q115: How do you execute a SQL query in PHP?

Ans: Use `mysqli_query($conn, $query);` or with PDO `$stmt = $pdo->query($sql);`.

Q116: Explain the use of PDO in PHP.

Ans: PDO (PHP Data Objects) is a database abstraction layer that supports multiple databases and provides prepared statements.

Q117: How do you fetch data from a MySQL database in PHP?

Ans: Use `mysqli_fetch_assoc()` or `PDO $stmt->fetch(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC);`.

Q118: How do you handle MySQL connection errors in PHP?

Ans: Use `mysqli_connect_errno()` or exception handling in PDO (try-catch) to detect errors.

Q119: What is the purpose of mysqli_error() function?

Ans: It returns the error message from the last MySQL operation for debugging.

Q120: How do you handle SQL query errors in PHP?

Ans: Use `mysqli_error($conn)` or PDO exceptions inside try-catch blocks.

Q121: What are the common MySQL error codes?

Ans: Examples: 1049 (Unknown database), 1064 (Syntax error), 1062 (Duplicate entry), 1045 (Access denied).

Q122: How do you log MySQL errors in PHP?

Ans: Use `error_log(mysqli_error($conn));` or configure PHP to log errors to a file.

Q123: How do you prevent SQL injection attacks in PHP?

Ans: Always use prepared statements, parameterized queries, and validate user input.

Q124: What are prepared statements and how do you use them in PHP?

Ans: Prepared statements separate SQL logic from data. Example:

```
$stmt = $conn->prepare("SELECT * FROM users WHERE id=?");
```

```
$stmt->bind_param("i",$id);
```

```
$stmt->execute();
```

Q125: How do you secure MySQL user accounts?

Ans: Use strong passwords, least privilege principle, disable root remote login, and apply SSL for connections.

Q126: What is the purpose of mysqli_real_escape_string()?

Ans: It escapes special characters in a string before using it in SQL queries, helping prevent SQL injection.

Q127: How do you handle sensitive data in MySQL?

Ans: Use encryption (AES_ENCRYPT), hashing (e.g., SHA2 for passwords), prepared statements, and access control.

Q128: What is the purpose of LIMIT clause in SQL?

Ans: LIMIT restricts the number of rows returned by a query, useful for pagination.

Q129: How do you sort query results in MySQL?

Ans: Use ORDER BY column ASC/DESC to arrange rows in ascending or descending order.

Q130: What is the use of GROUP BY clause?

Ans: GROUP BY groups rows with the same values, often used with aggregate functions like COUNT or SUM.

Q131: How do you use aggregate functions in MySQL?

Ans: Functions like COUNT(), SUM(), AVG(), MIN(), MAX() summarize data, usually with GROUP BY.

Q132: What is the purpose of HAVING clause?

Ans: HAVING filters grouped results (unlike WHERE, which filters individual rows).

Q133: How do you insert data into a MySQL database using PHP?

Ans: Use INSERT INTO with mysqli_query() or prepared statements:

```
mysqli_query($conn,"INSERT INTO users(name) VALUES('John')");
```

Q134: How do you update records in a MySQL table using PHP?

Ans: Use UPDATE table SET col='val' WHERE condition; with mysqli_query() or prepared statements.

Q135: How do you delete records from a MySQL table using PHP?

Ans: Use DELETE FROM table WHERE condition; via mysqli_query() or PDO.

Q136: How do you handle multiple queries in PHP?

Ans: Use `mysqli_multi_query($conn, $sql)` or execute queries sequentially.

Q137: What are the common MySQL functions in PHP?

Ans: `mysqli_connect()`, `mysqli_query()`, `mysqli_fetch_assoc()`, `mysqli_num_rows()`, `mysqli_close()`.

Q138: What is ORM (Object-Relational Mapping)?

Ans: ORM maps database tables to classes/objects, letting developers work with objects instead of raw SQL.

Q139: How do you use an ORM in PHP?

Ans: By using libraries like Doctrine or frameworks like Laravel Eloquent, which provide ORM support.

Q140: What are the benefits of using an ORM?

Ans: Faster development, cleaner code, database abstraction, prevention of SQL injection.

Q141: What is database normalization?

Ans: It's the process of organizing data to reduce redundancy and improve data integrity.

Q142: Explain the different normal forms.

Ans:

- 1NF: No repeating groups, atomic values.
- 2NF: 1NF + no partial dependency.
- 3NF: 2NF + no transitive dependency.
- BCNF: Stronger form of 3NF.

Q143: How do you analyze slow queries in MySQL?

Ans: Use the slow query log, `EXPLAIN`, and `SHOW PROFILES` to identify performance issues.

Q144: What are the best practices for writing efficient SQL queries?

Ans: Use indexes wisely, avoid `SELECT *`, normalize schema, use `LIMIT`, and optimize joins.

Q145: How do you use MySQL profiling?

Ans: Enable with `SET profiling=1;`, then run `SHOW PROFILES;` to check query execution time.

Q146: What is the purpose of `EXPLAIN ANALYZE`?

Ans: It shows the execution plan and actual run time of a query, useful for performance tuning.

Q147: How do you use indexing to improve performance?

Ans: Create indexes on frequently searched/joined columns to speed up lookups and queries.

Q148: What are PHP superglobals?

Ans: Superglobals are built-in PHP arrays like `$_GET`, `$_POST`, `$_SESSION`, `$_COOKIE`, `$_SERVER` accessible anywhere.

Q149: What is the purpose of the `$_GET` superglobal?

Ans: `$_GET` stores data sent via URL query string in an associative array.

Q150: What is the difference between `include` and `require` in PHP?

Ans: Both import files, but `include` gives a warning on failure, while `require` causes a fatal error.

Q151: How do you connect to a MySQL database in PHP?

Ans: Use `mysqli_connect("host","user","pass","db");` or PDO for secure connections.

Q152: What is the `isset()` function used for in PHP?

Ans: `isset()` checks if a variable is set and not NULL.

Q153: How do you handle errors in PHP?

Ans: Use try-catch blocks, custom error handlers (`set_error_handler()`), and `error_log()`.

Q154: What is a PHP namespace?

Ans: Namespaces group classes, functions, and constants to avoid name conflicts in large applications.

Q155: What is the difference between INNER JOIN and LEFT JOIN?

Ans: INNER JOIN returns matching rows from both tables, LEFT JOIN returns all rows from the left table plus matches.

Q156: What is normalization in MySQL?

Ans: It's structuring a database to minimize redundancy and improve consistency (same as DB normalization).

Q157: What are MySQL transactions?

Ans: A transaction is a group of queries executed as a single unit, ensuring ACID properties with COMMIT/ROLLBACK.

Q158: Write a program in PHP to INSERT data in a database file.

```
<?php
```

```
$conn = mysqli_connect("localhost","root","","testdb");
```

```
$name = "John";
```

```
$sql = "INSERT INTO users(name) VALUES('$name')";
```

```
if(mysqli_query($conn, $sql)){
```

```
    echo "Inserted Successfully";  
}  
?>
```

Q159: Write a program in PHP to DISPLAY data from a database file.

```
<?php  
  
$conn = mysqli_connect("localhost","root","","testdb");  
  
$result = mysqli_query($conn,"SELECT * FROM users");  
  
while($row = mysqli_fetch_assoc($result)){  
  
    echo $row['id']. " - ".$row['name']. "<br>";  
  
}  
  
?>
```

Q160: Write a program in PHP to DELETE data from a database file.

```
<?php  
  
$conn = mysqli_connect("localhost","root","","testdb");  
  
$id = 1;  
  
$sql = "DELETE FROM users WHERE id=$id";  
  
if(mysqli_query($conn,$sql)){  
  
    echo "Record Deleted";  
  
}  
  
?>
```

Q161: Write a program in PHP to UPDATE data from a database file.

```
<?php  
  
$conn = mysqli_connect("localhost","root","","testdb");  
  
$id = 2;  
  
$newName = "David";  
  
$sql = "UPDATE users SET name='$newName' WHERE id=$id";
```

```
if(mysqli_query($conn,$sql)){  
    echo "Record Updated";  
}  
?>
```

Q162: Write a program in PHP to prepare a Registration form using validation.

```
<?php  
if($_SERVER["REQUEST_METHOD"]=="POST"){  
    $name = trim($_POST["name"]);  
    $email = trim($_POST["email"]);  
    if(empty($name) || !filter_var($email, FILTER_VALIDATE_EMAIL)){  
        echo "Invalid Input";  
    } else {  
        echo "Registration Successful!";  
    }  
}  
?>
```

```
<form method="post">  
    Name: <input type="text" name="name"><br>  
    Email: <input type="text" name="email"><br>  
    <button type="submit">Register</button>  
</form>
```

Q163: Write a program in PHP to prepare a Login form using validation.

```
<?php  
if($_SERVER["REQUEST_METHOD"]=="POST"){  
    $user = $_POST["username"];  
    $pass = $_POST["password"];
```

```
if($user=="admin" && $pass=="1234"){  
    echo "Login Successful!";  
}  
else {  
    echo "Invalid Credentials!";  
}  
}  
?>  
  
<form method="post">  
  
Username: <input type="text" name="username"><br>  
  
Password: <input type="password" name="password"><br>  
  
<button type="submit">Login</button>  
  
</form>
```

Q164: How do you handle user authentication in PHP?

Ans:

- Use registration + login forms with hashed passwords (password_hash(), password_verify()).
- Store user data in sessions (\$_SESSION).
- Use prepared statements to prevent SQL injection.
- Implement logout by destroying session with session_destroy().