

# Introduction to Functions in PHP

## PHP Variable Scope

A variable with local scope can only be accessed within the function it is declared. A variable with global scope can be accessed from multiple functions in the PHP script.

```
<?php

$x = 6;

function scope(){
    $y = 7;

    echo $x;
    // prints 'undefined variable'

    global $x;
    echo $x;
    // prints 6

    echo $y;
    // prints 7
}

scope();
```

## return statement in PHP

The return statement is used to return the final output of a function. Once the first return statement is executed, the function is exited.

```
function returnMe(){
    return 6;
    //this value is returned
    return 8;
    //this statement is not executed
}

echo returnMe();
```

## Invoking a function in PHP

Functions are invoked by using the function name followed by parentheses.

```
//First the function needs to be defined:
function callFunc() {
    //code goes here
}

//Then the function can be invoked:
callFunc();
```

## Define PHP Function

A function contains a set of instructions to be executed. It is defined by using the keyword

`function` followed by the name of the function, the parentheses which contain the parameters, and finally the curly braces which contain the code block.

## Camel Case Function

When writing a function in PHP, the convention is to use camel case. This means that we start with a lowercase letter and then capitalize the first letter of every new word.

Additionally, the function name should typically start with a verb.

```
function plus($x,$y){  
    return $x + $y;  
}  
  
echo plus(10, 5);  
//prints "15"
```

```
// This is a camel case function  
function calculateSum() {}  
  
// This is not a camel case function;  
it is a snake_case function  
function calculate_sum() {}  
  
// This is not a camel case function  
function CalculateSum() {}
```