PHP-SESSIONS

The way to make data accessible across the various pages of an entire website is to use a PHP Session.

A Session creates a file in a temporary directory on the server where registered session variables and their values are stored.

Starting a PHP SESSION:-

- --->A PHP session is easily started by making a call to the **session_start()** function. This function first checks if a session is already started and if none is started then it starts one.
- --->Session variables are stored in associative array called **\$_SESSION[]**. These variables can be accessed during lifetime of a session.
- --->PHP first creates a unique identifier for that particular session. A cookie called PHPSESSID is automatically sent to the user's computer to store unique session identification string.
- --->When a PHP script wants to retrieve the value from a session variable, PHP automatically gets the unique session identifier string from the PHPSESSID cookie and then looks in its temporary directory for the file bearing that name and a validation cab be done by comparing both values.

Destroying a PHP SESSION:

--->A PHP session can be destroyed by session_destroy() function. This function does not need any arguement and a single call can destroy all the session variables.

--->If we want to destroy a single session variable then you can use unset() function to unset a single session variable.

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EX:-
     <?php
     unset($_SESSION['counter']);
     ?>
```

And

Here is the call which will destroy all the session variables:

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<?php
    session_destroy();
?>
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login.php:
<DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <title>login page</title>
    <style type="text/css">
        table{
        margin-top: 150px;
        border: 1px solid;
        background-color: #eee;
        td{
        border: 0px;
        padding: 10px;
             th{
        border-bottom: 1px solid;
        border-color: #ddd;
        </style>
</head>
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<body>
 <form action="welcome.php" method="post">
  <h2 align="center">LOGIN</h2>
    username:
     <input type="text" name="uname">
    Password:
     <input type="password" name="pwd">
    <input type="submit" name="login"
value="login">
    </form></body></html>
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welcome.php:

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<?php
$uname="MANIKANTA":
$pwd="CS 2B";
session start();
if(isset($ SESSION['uname']))
  echo "<h2>welcome ".$_SESSION['uname']."</h2><br>";
  echo "hey here is the <a href='product.php'>home</a> page <br>";
  echo "<br/>br><a href='logout.php'><input type=button value=logout name=logout></a>";
else{
  if($ POST['uname']==$uname && $ POST['pwd']==$pwd)
    $ SESSION['uname']=$uname;
    echo"<script>location.href='welcome.php'</script>";
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else{
    echo "<script>alert('username or password incorrect')</script>";
home.php:
<?php
session start();
if(isset($ SESSION['uname']))
  echo "<h2>welcome to HOME page</h2>";
  echo "<br/>br><a href='welcome.php'><input type=button name=back value=back></a>";
else
  echo "<script>location.href='login.php'</script>";
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logout.php:

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<?php
session_start();
if(isset($ SESSION['uname']))
  session_destroy();
  echo "<script>location.href='login.php'</script>";
else
  echo"<script>location.href='login.php'</script>";
```

