### **Chapter 18: PHP**

CS 80: Internet Programming

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#### PHP

- Extremely common
- Open-source
- Platform independent

### **Preliminaries**

- PHP handles client requests
- PHP is embedded into HTML documents, but executes on the server *before* the HTML document is delivered to the client
- PHP files have the extension .php

### **Preliminaries**

- php code resides between <?php /\*PHP code \*/?>
  - Single line php comments start with //
  - Multiline comments are enclosed with /\*\*/
- Statements terminated with a semicolon; (required)

### **Variables**

- Declared with \$name
  - name must start with a letter or underscore
  - name can only contain A-z, 0-9, and \_

#### **Variables**

- Variables are case-sensitive
- · Loosely typed
  - Similar idea as Javascript. Variables have types, but their type can change on the fly
  - In PHP, we have to explicitly change types

# **PHP Types**

Туре	Description
int, integer	Whole numbers (i.e., numbers without a decimal point).
float, double, real	Real numbers (i.e., numbers containing a decimal point).
string	Text enclosed in either single ('') or double ("") quotes. [ <i>Note:</i> Using double quotes allows PHP to recognize more escape sequences.]
bool, boolean	true or false.
array	Group of elements.
object	Group of associated data and methods.
resource	An external source—usually information from a database.
NULL	No value.

Figure 1: PHP Types

# Example: first.php

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <!-- Fig. 19.1: first.php -->
3 <!-- Simple PHP program. -->
4 <html>
5
    <?php
      $name = "Paul"; // declaration and initialization
  ?><!-- end PHP script -->
7
    <head>
8
      <meta charset = "utf-8">
9
       <title>Simple PHP document</title>
10
11 </head>
12
    <body>
13
       <!-- print variable name's value -->
       <h1><?php print( "Welcome to PHP, $name!" ); ?></h1>
14
15
    </body>
16 </html>
```

### **Important Notes**

- Line 6 declares a php variable named name and sets it equal to Paul
- Line 14 prints text into the <h1> tag before the file is served to the client
  - Note that the value of \$name is printed, not the string "\$name"
  - Double quoted strings will have variables evaluated (called *interpolating* a variable)
  - Single quoted strings will have the entire string taken as a literal value (no interpolation)

### Example: data.php

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <!-- Fig. 19.3: data.php -->
3 <!-- Data type conversion. -->
4 <html>
5
     <head>
6
       <meta charset = "utf-8">
7
       <title>Data type conversion</title>
       <style type = "text/css">
8
9
       {
11
         margin: 0;
12
        }
        .head
13
14
         margin-top: 10px;
         font-weight: bold;
16
       }
18
        .space
19
20
         margin-top: 10px;
21
       }
       </style>
22
23
     </head>
24
     <body>
25
       <?php
       // declare a string, double and integer
26
27
       $testString = "3.5 seconds";
28
       $testDouble = 79.2;
29
       $testInteger = 12;
       ?><!-- end PHP script -->
       <!-- print each variable's value and type -->
31
```

```
32
      Original values:
      <?php
        print( "$testString is a(n) " . gettype( $testString ) . "</p</pre>
34
           >" );
        print( "$testDouble is a(n) " . gettype( $testDouble ) . "</p</pre>
        print( "$testInteger is a(n) " . gettype( $testInteger ) . "
           p>" );
      ?><!-- end PHP script -->
      Converting to other data types:
38
      <?php
        // call function settype to convert variable
40
41
        // testString to different data types
        print( "$testString " );
42
43
        settype( $testString, "double" );
        print( " as a double is $testString" );
        print( "$testString " );
45
46
        settype( $testString, "integer" );
47
        print( " as an integer is $testString" );
        settype( $testString, "string" );
48
        print( "Converting back to a string results in
49
            $testString" );
        // use type casting to cast variables to a different type
51
        $data = "98.6 degrees";
52
        print( "Before casting: $data is a " . gettype
           ( $data ) . "" );
        print( "Using type casting instead:
53
          as a double: " . (double) $data . "" .
54
          "as an integer: " . (integer) $data . "");
        print( "After casting: $data is a " . gettype(
            $data ) . "" );
      ?><!-- end PHP script -->
58
     </body>
59 </html>
```

### **Types and Conversion**

- gettype gets the type of the parameter
- settype changes the type of first parameter to the second parameter
- Using settype can result in data loss: values may be truncated

- For example, converting 3.5 to an int yields 3, and converting the int back to a double yields
- Same thing happens with strings "3.5 seconds" as a double becomes 3.5

# **Types and Conversion**

- Casting
  - Creates a temporary copy of the data before converting it
  - Means we won't lose data
  - Useful when a different type is required for a specific oppration, but you want to retain the original value

# **String Concatenation**

• Same as with javascript, but the operator is .

#### **Constant values**

- Created with DEFINE("NAME", value);
- Not a variable, a constant
- Used by simply typing NAME where you want the value

### **Conditionals**

• Basically the same as Javscript, but **else if** is elseif (another keyword)

### **Arithmetic Operators**

· Same as Javascript

# Example: operators.php

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <!-- Fig. 19.4: operators.php -->
3 <!-- Using arithmetic operators. -->
4 <html>
```

```
5
     <head>
6
       <meta charset = "utf-8">
7
       <style type = "text/css">
       p { margin: 0; }
8
       </style>
9
       <title>Using arithmetic operators</title>
11
     </head>
     <body>
12
       <?php
13
14
         a = 5;
15
         print( "The value of variable a is $a" );
17
         // define constant VALUE
         define( "VALUE", 5 );
18
         // add constant VALUE to variable $a
20
         a = a + VALUE;
21
22
         print( "Variable a after adding constant VALUE is $a" );
23
         // multiply variable $a by 2
24
         $a *= 2;
25
         print( "Multiplying variable a by 2 yields $a" );
27
28
         // test if variable $a is less than 50
         if ( $a < 50 )
29
         {
           print( "Variable a is less than 50" );
31
         }
34
         // add 40 to variable $a
         $a += 40;
         print( "Variable a after adding 40 is $a" );
37
         // test if variable $a is 50 or less
38
         if ( $a < 51 )
40
         {
           print( "Variable a is still 50 or less" );
41
42
         elseif ( $a < 101 )
43
44
           // $a >= 51 and <= 100
45
           print( "Variable a is now between 50 and 100, inclusive"
               );
```

```
47
48
         else // $a > 100
         {
49
           print( "Variable a is now greater than 100" );
50
         }
51
53
         // print an uninitialized variable
         print( "Using a variable before initializing: $nothing" );
54
             // nothing evaluates to ""
55
         // add constant VALUE to an uninitialized variable
56
         $test = $num + VALUE;
57
         // num evaluates to 0
         print( "An uninitialized variable plus constant VALUE yields
            $test" );
61
         // add a string to an integer
63
         $str = "3 dollars";
         $a += $str;
64
         print( "Adding a string to variable a yields $a" );
65
       ?><!-- end PHP script -->
     </body>
67
68
   </html>
```

### **Arrays**

- PHP also supports arrays
  - Note that if an array does not exist, but is assigned, the array will be created
- PHP arrays may be associative arrays, meaning they have non-integer indicies
  - E.g. you index an array by a name, or by student ID number (stored as a string)

#### **Arrays**

- reset resets the internal pointer of the array to the beginning of the array
  - key returns the index of the element pointed to by the internal pointer
  - next moves the internal pointer down one element of the array
- for each is specifically for iterating through arrays
  - as divides the key/value (key is on the left, value is on the right

## Example: array.php

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <!-- Fig. 19.7: arrays.php -->
3 <!-- Array manipulation. -->
4 <html>
5 <head>
6 <meta charset = "utf-8">
7 <title>Array manipulation</title>
8 <style type = "text/css">
9 p
10 { margin: 0; }
.head { margin-top: 10px; font-weight: bold; }
12 </style>
13 </head>
14 <body>
15 <?php
16
     // create array first
     print( "Creating the first array" );
17
     $first[ 0 ] = "zero";
18
     $first[ 1 ] = "one";
19
     $first[ 2 ] = "two";
20
     $first[] = "three";
21
22
     // print each element's index and value
23
     for ( $i = 0; $i < count( $first ); ++$i )</pre>
24
       print( "Element $i is $first[$i]" );
     print( "Creating the second array" );
25
26
     // call function array to create array second
     $second = array( "zero", "one", "two", "three" );
27
     for ( $i = 0; $i < count( $second ); ++$i )</pre>
28
       print( "Element $i is $second[$i]" );
29
     print( "Creating the third array" );
     // assign values to entries using nonnumeric indices
     $third[ "Amy" ] = 21;
32
33
     $third[ "Bob" ] = 18;
     $third[ "Carol" ] = 23;
34
     // iterate through the array elements and print each
     // element's name and value
     for ( reset( $third ); $element = key( $third ); next( $third ) )
       print( "$element is $third[$element]" );
38
39
     print( "Creating the fourth array" );
40
     // call function array to create array fourth using
```

```
41
     // string indices
42
     $fourth = array(
       "January" => "first",
43
       "February" => "second",
44
       "March" => "third",
45
       "April" => "fourth",
46
       "May" => "fifth",
47
       "June" => "sixth",
48
       "July" => "seventh",
49
50
       "August" => "eighth",
51
       "September" => "ninth",
52
       "October" => "tenth",
53
       "November" => "eleventh",
       "December" => "twelfth" );
54
55
     // print each element's name and value
     foreach ( $fourth as $element => $value )
       print( "$element is the $value month" );
57
58 ?><!-- end PHP script -->
59 </body>
60 </html>
```

### **String Comparisons**

- strcmp compares two strings.
  - returns -1 if the first string alphabetically precedes the second string
  - returns 0 if the two strings are equal
  - returns 1 if the first string alphabetically follows the second string
- Can also use relational operators

```
- ==, !=, <, <=, >, >=
```

## Example: compare.php

```
9
       p { margin: 0; }
10
       </style>
11
     </head>
     <body>
12
       <?php
14
         // create array fruits
15
         $fruits = array( "apple", "orange", "banana" );
         // iterate through each array element
         for ( $i = 0; $i < count( $fruits ); ++$i )</pre>
17
18
            // call function strcmp to compare the array element
19
            // to string "banana"
20
21
           if (strcmp( $fruits[ $i ], "banana" ) < 0) {</pre>
              print( "" . $fruits[ $i ] . " is less than banana " );
22
           } elseif ( strcmp( $fruits[ $i ], "banana" ) > 0 ) {
23
              print( "" . $fruits[ $i ] . " is greater than banana ");
24
           } else {
25
26
              print( "" . $fruits[ $i ] . " is equal to banana " );
27
           }
            // use relational operators to compare each element
28
            // to string "apple"
29
           if ( $fruits[ $i ] < "apple" )</pre>
              print( "and less than apple!" );
31
32
           elseif ( $fruits[ $i ] > "apple" )
              print( "and greater than apple!" );
34
           elseif ( $fruits[ $i ] == "apple" )
35
              print( "and equal to apple!" );
         } // end for
       ?><!-- end PHP script -->
37
38
     </body>
39
   </html>
```

### **Regular Expressions**

- There is no escape from regular expressions
- php uses the preg\_match function to search for a string with the specified pattern

# **Regular Expressions**

Important regex characters

- ^ means beginning of line
- \$ means end of line
- [] denotes a bracket expression
  - \* lists of characters
  - \* can specify a range with -
  - \* E.g. [a-z] are all characters a through z

# **Regular Expressions**

- Quantifiers
  - specifies a quanity to match with the previous expression
  - \* means 'zero or more times'
  - + means 'one or more times'
  - ? means 'zero or one times'
  - {n} means 'exactly n times'
  - {m,n} means 'between m and n times'
  - {n,} means 'n or more times'

### **Character Classes**

Character class	Description
alnum	Alphanumeric characters (i.e., letters [a-zA-Z] or digits [0-9])
alpha	Word characters (i.e., letters [a-zA-Z])
digit	Digits
space	White space
lower	Lowercase letters
upper	Uppercase letters

Figure 2: Regex Character Classes

# Example: expression.php

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <!-- Fig. 19.9: expression.php -->
3 <!-- Regular expressions. -->
```

```
4
   <html>
5
     <head>
       <meta charset = "utf-8">
6
       <title>Regular expressions</title>
       <style type = "text/css">
8
9
         p { margin: 0; }
10
       </style>
11
     </head>
     <body>
12
13
       <?php
         $search = "Now is the time";
14
         print( "Test string is: '$search'" );
16
         // call preg_match to search for pattern 'Now' in variable search
         if (
           preg_match( "/Now/", $search )
         print( "'Now' was found." );
20
21
         // search for pattern 'Now' in the beginning of the string
22
         if (
           preg_match( "/^Now/", $search )
23
         )
24
         print( "'Now' found at beginning of the line." );
         // search for pattern 'Now' at the end of the string
26
27
         if (
           !preg_match( "/Now$/", $search )
28
29
         )
         print( "'Now' was not found at the end of the line." );
         // search for any word ending in 'ow'
         if (
32
           preg_match( "/\b([a-zA-Z]*ow)\b/i", $search, $match )
34
         )
         print( "Word found ending in 'ow': " .
         $match[ 1 ]
         . "" );
         // search for any words beginning with 't'
         print( "Words beginning with 't' found: " );
39
         while (
40
           preg_match( "/\b(t[[:alpha:]]+)\b/", $search, $match )
41
         )
42
43
44
           print(
45
             $match[ 1 ]
              . " " );
46
```

```
// remove the first occurrence of a word beginning
// with 't' to find other instances in the string
$search = preg_replace("/" . $match[ 1 ] . "/", "", $search);

// end while
print( "" );

?><!-- end PHP script -->

//body>
</html>
```

# **Form Processing**

Superglobal Arrays

- Special arrays that contain client information
- Client information includes:
  - Client's web browser
  - Data sent to the server by the client \$\_GET and \$\_POST
    - \* E.g. if the user submit's a form and it is posted to a script (remember the action attribute), then the information is available in the \$\_POST array
  - Cookies

# **Superglobal Arrays**

Variable name	Description
\$_SERVER	Data about the currently running server.
\$_ENV	Data about the client's environment.
\$_GET	Data sent to the server by a get request.
\$_POST	Data sent to the server by a post request.
\$_COOKIE	Data contained in cookies on the client's computer.
\$GLOBALS	Array containing all global variables.

Figure 3: Superglobal arrays

# Example: form.html

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
 2 <!-- Fig. 19.13: form.html -->
3 <!-- HTML form for gathering user input. -->
4 <html>
5
  <head>
     <meta charset="utf-8">
6
7
     <title>Sample Form</title>
     <style type="text/css">
8
       label {
9
         width: 5em;
11
         float: left;
12
       }
13
     </style>
14 </head>
   <body>
     <h1>Registration Form</h1>
16
     Please fill in all fields and click Register.
17
     <!-- post form data to form.php -->
18
     <form method="post" action="form.php">
19
20
       <h2>User Information</h2>
       <!-- create four text boxes for user input -->
21
22
       <div>
         <label>First name:</label>
23
         <input type="text" name="fname">
24
25
       </div>
       <div>
         <label>Last name:</label>
27
28
         <input type="text" name="lname">
29
       </div>
       <div>
         <label>Email:</label>
32
         <input type="text" name="email">
       </div>
       <div>
34
         <label>Phone:</label>
         <input type="text" name="phone" placeholder="(555) 555-5555">
       </div>
       <h2>Publications</h2>
38
       Which book would you like information about?
39
       <!-- create drop-down list containing book names -->
40
41
       <select name="book">
42
         <option>Internet and WWW How to Program
```

```
<option>C++ How to Program
43
44
         <option>Java How to Program
45
         <option>Visual Basic How to Program
       </select>
46
       <h2>Operating System</h2>
47
       Which operating system do you use?
48
       <!-- create five radio buttons -->
49
       <g>>
         <input type = "radio" name = "os" value = "Windows" checked>
51
            Windows
52
         <input type = "radio" name = "os" value = "Mac OS X">Mac OS X
53
         <input type = "radio" name = "os" value = "Linux">Linux
         <input type = "radio" name = "os" value = "Other">Other
54
55
       <!-- create a submit button -->
57
         <input type = "submit" name = "submit" value = "Register">
58
59
       60
     </form>
61
     </body>
62 </html>
```

## **Form Processing**

- Let's break down this form (it's been a while)
  - It uses the POST HTTP method to send data to form.php
  - It has the following inputs:
    - \* fname (text)
    - \* lname (text)
    - \* email(text)
    - \* phone (text)
    - \* book (options)
    - \* os (radio)

### **Form Processing**

- So when we hit Register (the submit input), we will send the inputs to form. php using the \$\_POST superarray
  - Had we used the GET method we'd see values in the \$\_GET superarray

- The input names are the glue; the register an input to an entry in the superarray
  - This is why names mattered in chapter 2/3!!

### Example: form.php

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
   <!-- Fig. 19.14: form.php -->
  <!-- Process information sent from form.html. -->
   <html>
     <head>
5
       <meta charset = "utf-8">
7
       <title>Form Validation</title>
       <style type = "text/css">
8
9
         { margin: 0px; }
         .error
11
12
         { color: red }
         p.head { font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px; }
14
       </style>
     </head>
     <body>
       <?php
17
       // determine whether phone number is valid and print
18
       // an error message if not
       // regex looks for the following pattern "(###) ###-###"
20
21
       if (!preg_match( "/^\([0-9]{3}\) [0-9]{3}-[0-9]{4}$/", $_POST["
          phone"]))
22
       {
         print( "Invalid phone number
23
24
           A valid phone number must be in the form
25
           (555) 555-5555Click the Back button,
26
           enter a valid phone number and resubmit.
           Thank You.</body></html>");
27
28
         die(); // terminate script execution
29
       }
       ?><!-- end PHP script -->
       >
         <!-- Access information from the submission using the $_POST
            superarray -->
         Hi <?php print( $_POST["fname"] ); ?>. Thank you for completing
            the survey. You have been added to the
         <?php print( $_POST["book"] ); ?>mailing list.
34
```

```
35
      The following information has been saved in our database:
      38
      Name: <?php print( $_POST["fname"] ); print( " " . $_POST["lname</p>
         "]); ?>
      Email: <?php print( $_POST["email"] ); ?>
40
      Phone: <?php print( $_POST["phone"] ); ?>
41
      OS: <?php print( $_POST["os"] ); ?>
42
      43
        This is only a sample form. You have not been added to a mailing
44
          list.
45
      </body>
46
47
  </html>
```

## **Form Processing**

- This validates the phone number!
  - Very important to validate your form inputs
- die() terminates the script, stops processing the form

### Example: data.html

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
  <!-- Fig. 19.15: data.html -->
3 <!-- Form to query a MySQL database. -->
  <html>
     <head>
5
6
       <meta charset = "utf-8">
7
       <title>Sample Database Query</title>
     </head>
8
9
     <body>
       <h1>Querying a MySQL database.</h1>
       <form method = "post" action = "database.php">
11
12
         Select a field to display:
         <!-- add a select box containing options -->
13
         <!-- for SELECT query -->
14
           <select name = "select">
             <option selected>*</option>
16
```

```
17
             <option>ID</option>
18
             <option>Title
19
             <option>Category</option>
             <option>ISBN</option>
           </select>
21
         23
           <input type = "submit" value = "Send Query">
24
25
         26
       </form>
27
     </body>
28 </html>
```

### Example: database.php

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
   <!-- Fig. 19.16: database.php -->
3 <!-- Querying a database and displaying the results. -->
   <html>
     <head>
5
       <meta charset = "utf-8">
6
7
       <title>Search Results</title>
       <style type = "text/css">
8
9
         body
10
         { font-family: sans-serif;
         background-color: lightyellow; }
11
12
         table { background-color: lightblue;
         border-collapse: collapse;
14
         border: 1px solid gray; }
         td
16
         { padding: 5px; }
         tr:nth-child(odd) {
         background-color: white; }
18
19
       </style>
     </head>
     <body>
21
22
       <?php
23
         $select = $_POST["select"]; // creates variable $select
24
         // build SELECT query
         $query = "SELECT " . $select . " FROM books";
25
26
         // Connect to MySQL
```

```
if ( !( $database = mysqli_connect( "localhost", "iw3htp", "
27
            password" ) ) )
           die( "Could not connect to database </body></html>" );
28
         // open Products database
29
         if ( !mysqli_select_db($database, "products") )
           die( "Could not open products database </body></html>" );
32
         // query Products database
         if ( !( $result = mysqli_query($database, $query) ) )
34
           print( "Could not execute query!" );
           die( mysqli_error() . "</body></html>" );
         } // end if
37
38
         mysqli_close( $database );
       ?><!-- end PHP script -->
40
       <caption>Results of "SELECT <?php print( "$select" ) ?>
41
         FROM books"</caption>
42
43
         <?php
44
           // fetch each record in result set
           while (
45
             $row = mysqli_fetch_row( $result )
46
           )
47
           {
48
49
             // build table to display results
             print( "" );
51
             foreach ( $row as $key => $value )
               print( "$value" );
52
53
             print( "" );
           } // end while
54
         ?><!-- end PHP script -->
55
         Your search yielded <?php print( mysqli_num_rows( $result )) ?>
               results.
         >
         Please email comments to <a href = "mailto:deitel@deitel.com">
61
            Deitel and Associates, Inc.</a>
       62
63
     </body>
64
   </html>
```

### **Database Processing**

- This assumed we followed the Chapter 18 instructions for setting up MySQL
  - Includes source-ing the products.sql file
- mysqli\_connect connects to the database
- mysqli\_select\_db opens the products database
- mysqli\_query executes a MySQL query (what we learned about in chatper 18)
- mysqli\_close closes the database

### **Database Processing**

- mysqli\_fetch\_row returns an associative array containing the column of the current row from the query result
  - The key is a unique column ID for the query
- mysqli\_fetch\_assoc returns an associative array where the column names are the keys storing the corresponding values
- mysqli\_num\_rows stores the number of rows in the query result

### **Cookies**

- What is a cookie?
  - A piece of information from the server that resides on the client's computer
  - Maintains information about the client in between browsing sessions
    - \* Cookies mean you don't have to login everytime you visit a website
    - \* The cookie stores your login session (not password), basically meaning the website assumes you are the same user
  - You can disable cookies if you want, but it makes browsing significantly more annoying!
  - Can also track other client activity

### **Cookies**

- · Cookies are text files
  - Should never store passwords, credit card info, etc
- · Cookies are only accessible by the website that placed the cookie on the client's computer
- Cookies have an expiration date at which point the browser will delete the cookie off of the client's computer
- Cookies are sent back to the originating server when the user connects to that server

## Example: cookies.html

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2
3 <!-- Fig. 19.17: cookies.html -->
  <!-- Gathering data to be written as a cookie. -->
   <html>
      <head>
6
7
         <meta charset = "utf-8">
8
         <title>Writing a cookie to the client computer</title>
         <style type = "text/css">
9
           label { width: 7em; float: left; }
         </style>
11
      </head>
12
13
      <body>
         <h2>Click Write Cookie to save your cookie data.
14
15
         <form method = "post" action = "cookies.php">
16
            <div><label>Name:</label>
               <input type = "text" name = "name"><div>
            <div><label>Height:</label>
18
               <input type = "text" name = "height"></div>
            <div><label>Favorite Color:</label>
20
21
               <input type = "text" name = "color"></div>
22
            <input type = "submit" value = "Write Cookie">
23
         </form>
      </body>
24
25 </html>
26
27 <!--
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### Example: cookies.php

```
1 <!-- Fig. 19.18: cookies.php -->
2 <!-- Writing a cookie to the client. -->
3 <?php
      define( "FIVE_DAYS", 60 * 60 * 24 * 5 ); // define constant
4
      // write each form fields value to a cookie and set the
      // cookies expiration date
7
      setcookie( "name", $_POST["name"], time() + FIVE_DAYS );
      setcookie( "height", $_POST["height"], time() + FIVE_DAYS );
9
      setcookie( "color", $_POST["color"], time() + FIVE_DAYS );
11 ?><!-- end PHP script -->
12
  <!DOCTYPE html>
13
14
15
  <html>
      <head>
16
         <meta charset = "utf-8">
17
18
         <title>Cookie Saved</title>
19
         <style type = "text/css">
20
            p { margin: 0px; }
         </style>
21
```

```
22
      </head>
23
      <body>
         The cookie has been set with the following data:
24
25
         <!-- print each form field's value -->
26
         Name: <?php print( $_COOKIE["name"] ) ?>
27
         Height: <?php print( $_COOKIE["height"] ) ?>
28
         Favorite Color:
29
            <span style = "color: <?php print( $_COOKIE["color"] ) ?> ">
31
            <?php print( $_COOKIE["color"] ) ?></span>
32
         Click <a href = "readCookies.php">here</a>
33
            to read the saved cookie.
34
      </body>
   </html>
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```

#### **Cookies**

- setcookie creates a cookie
  - First parameter is the name
  - Second parameter is the data
  - Third parameter is the expiration date
    - \* If there is no expiration date, the cookie is a *session cookie*, which means it only exists during the current browsing session (when the user closes the browser, the session ends)
    - \* If a expiration date is specified, we call this cookie a persistent cookie
- Cookies are then accessible through the \$\_COOKIE superarray

# Example: readCookies.php

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
2
3 <!-- Fig. 19.19: readCookies.php -->
4 <!-- Displaying the cookies contents. -->
5
   <html>
6
      <head>
         <meta charset = "utf-8">
7
         <title>Read Cookies</title>
9
         <style type = "text/css">
            p { margin: 0px; }
         </style>
11
12
      </head>
13
      <body>
         The following data is saved in a cookie on your computer.
14
         <?php
            // iterate through array $_COOKIE and print
            // name and value of each cookie
17
18
            foreach ($_COOKIE as $key => $value )
               print( "$key: $value" );
19
         ?><!-- end PHP script -->
      </body>
21
```

```
22 </html>
23
24 <!--
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