If you find yourself using a lot of "elseif"s like this  
  
<?php  
if ($a > $b) {  
    echo "a is bigger than b";  
} elseif ($a == $b) {  
    echo "a is equal to b";  
} elseif (...) {  
    echo "...";  
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    echo "...";  
} elseif (...) {  
    echo "";  
} elseif (...) {  
    echo "";  
} else {  
    echo "a is smaller than b";  
}  
?>