

include() :

This function is used to include a file in a PHP page. If include() function is not able to find a specified file on location at that time it will throw a warning message however, it will not stop script execution.

require():

This function is utilized to add a file in a PHP page. In case of require() function if it can't locate a specified file at that time it will generate a fatal error and it will stop the content execution.

include_once():

This function is utilized to add a file only once at a time. If the code from a file has been already included then it will not be added again if we use include_once(). If it can't locate a specified file at that time it will generate a warning message but it will not stop the content execution.

require_once():

In case the code from a php file has been already included then it will not be included again if we use require_once(). It implies require_once() will add the file just once at a time. If it can't locate a specified file, at that time it will generate a fatal error but it will stop the content execution.