

Web Programming

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Before you continue you should have a basic understanding of the following :

- HTML
- CSS
- JavaScript





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- PHP supports such a wide range of databases.
- PHP will run on most platforms.
- Compatible with almost all servers used nowadays.
- PHP is free to download and open source.
- PHP is a server scripting language.
- Easy to learn & **large community**.
- **powerful tool for making dynamic and interactive Web pages.**





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Client side

- HTML
- CSS
- JavaScript





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What is a PHP File?

- PHP files can contain text, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and PHP code
- PHP code is executed on the server, and the result is returned to the browser as plain HTML
- PHP files have extension ".php"





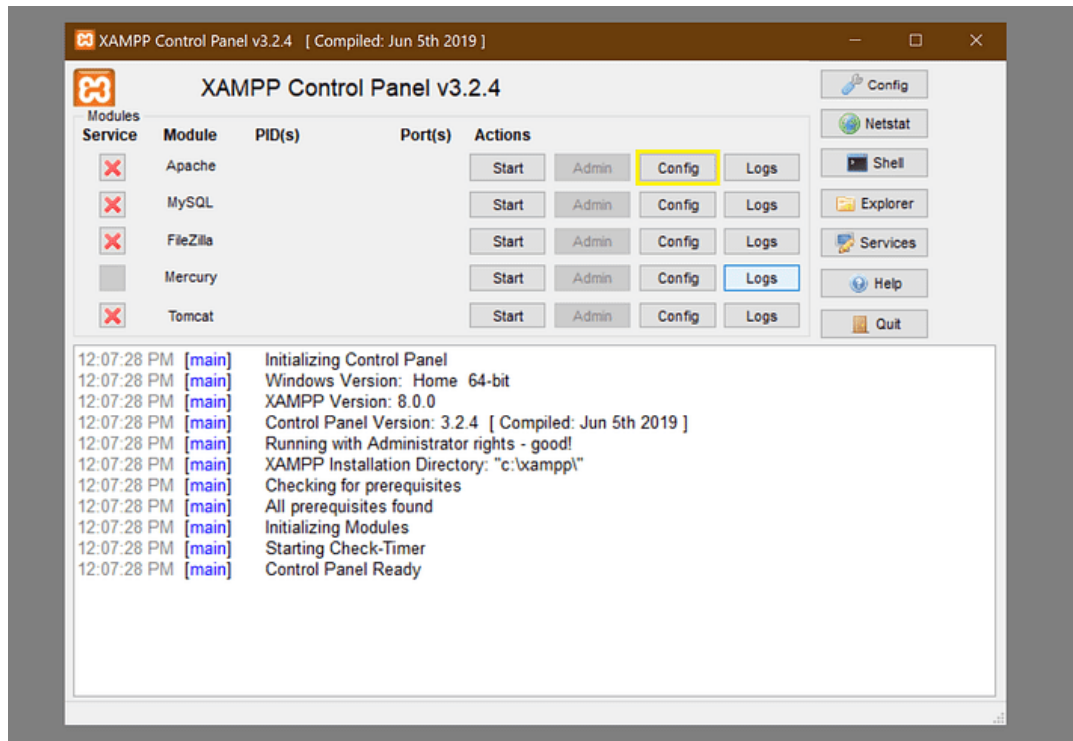
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XAMPP Setup



Localhost

- X stands for Cross-Platform,
- A stands for Apache,
- M stands for MYSQL
- Ps stand for PHP and Perl





PHP Language Basics

PHP Tags

This is the most popular and effective PHP tag style and looks like this:

```
<?php
```

```
?>
```

Commenting PHP

```
// This is a single-line comment  
# This is also a single-line comment  
/* This is a multi-line comment */
```

Use # to write single-line comments

```
<?php
```

this is a comment in PHP, a single line comment

```
?>
```

Use // to also write single-line comments

```
<?php
```

// this is also a comment in PHP, a single line comment

```
?>
```

Use /* ... */ to write multi-line comments

```
<?php
```

/* this is a multi line comment

Name: Web Code Geeks

```
*/
```

```
?>
```





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Hello World

```
<?php  
print("Hello World");  
echo "Hello World";  
?>
```

- print returns a value. It always returns 1.
- echo can take a comma delimited list of arguments to output.





Variables in PHP

Any type of variable in PHP starts with a leading dollar **sign (\$)** and is assigned a variable type using the = (equals) sign.

```
$txt = "PHP";
```

The value of a variable is the value of its most recent assignment.

In PHP, variables do not need to be declared before assignment

The main data types used to construct variables are:

- Integers - whole numbers like 23, 1254, 964 etc
- Doubles - floating-point numbers like 46.2, 733.21 etc
- Booleans - only two possible values, true or false
- Strings - set of characters, like Web Code Geeks
- Arrays - named and indexed collections of other values
- Objects - instances of predefined classes





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The following snippet shows all of these data types declared as variables:

```
<?php
$intNum = 472;
$doubleNum = 29.3;
$boolean = true;
$string = 'Web Code Geeks';
$array = array("Pineapple", "Grapefruit", "Banana");
// creating a class before declaring an object variable
class person {
function agePrint() {
    $age = 5;
    echo "This person is $age years old!";
}
}
// creating a new object of type person
$object = new person;
?>
```





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```
<?php
$txt = "PHP";
echo "I love $txt!";
?>
```

I love PHP!

A simple `.php` file with both HTML code and PHP code:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<h1>My first PHP page</h1>
<?php

echo "Hello World!";

?>
</body>
</html>
```

My first PHP page

Hello World!





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PHP Case Sensitivity

In PHP, keywords (e.g. `if`, `else`, `while`, `echo`, etc.), classes, functions, and user-defined functions are **not case-sensitive**.

In the example below, all three echo statements below are equal and legal:

ECHO is the same as **echo**:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<?php
ECHO "Hello World!<br>";
echo "Hello World!<br>";
EcHo "Hello World!<br>";
?>
</body> </html>
```

```
Hello World!
Hello World!
Hello World!
```





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Note: However; all variable names are case-sensitive!

`$COLOR` is *not* same as `$color`:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<?php
$color = "red";
echo "My car is " . $color . "<br>";
echo "My house is " . $COLOR . "<br>";
echo "My boat is " . $coLOR . "<br>";
?>

</body>
</html>
```





PHP Variables

Creating (Declaring) PHP Variables

In PHP, a variable starts with the **\$** sign, followed by the name of the variable:

```
$x = 5; $y = "John";
```

A variable can have a short name (like **\$x** and **\$y**) or a more descriptive name (**\$age**, **\$carname**, **\$total_volume**).

Rules for PHP variables:

- A variable starts with the **\$** sign, followed by the name of the variable
- A variable name must start with a letter or the underscore character
- A variable name cannot start with a number
- A variable name can only contain alpha-numeric characters and underscores (A-z, 0-9, and _)
- Variable names are case-sensitive (**\$age** and **\$AGE** are two different variables)

```
$x = 5; $y = 4;  
echo $x + $y;
```





Get the Type

To get the data type of a variable, use the `var_dump()` function.

The `var_dump()` function returns the data type and the value:

```
$x = 5;  
var_dump($x);
```

```
int(5)
```

```
var_dump(5);  
var_dump("John");  
var_dump(3.14);  
var_dump(true);  
var_dump([2, 3, 56]);  
var_dump(NULL);
```

```
int(5)  
string(4) "John"  
float(3.14)  
bool(true)  
array(3) { [0]=> int(2) [1]=> int(3) [2]=>  
int(56) }  
NULL
```





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PHP Variables Scope

PHP has three different variable scopes:

- local
- global
- static

Global and Local Scope

A variable declared **outside** a function has a GLOBAL SCOPE and can only be accessed outside a function:

A variable declared **within** a function has a LOCAL SCOPE and can only be accessed within that function:





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```
$x = 5; // global scope
```

```
function myTest() {  
    // using x inside this function will generate an error  
    echo "<p>Variable x inside function is: $x</p>";  
}  
myTest();  
  
echo "<p>Variable x outside function is: $x</p>";
```

Variable x inside function is:
Variable x outside function is: 5

```
function myTest() {  
    $x = 5; // local scope  
    echo "<p>Variable x inside function is: $x</p>";  
}  
myTest();  
  
// using x outside the function will generate an error  
echo "<p>Variable x outside function is: $x</p>";
```

Variable x inside function is: 5
Variable x outside function is:





PHP The global Keyword

The `global` keyword is used to access a global variable from within a function. To do this, use the `global` keyword before the variables (inside the function):

```
$x = 5;
$y = 10;

function myTest() {
    global $x, $y;
    $y = $x + $y;
}

myTest();
echo $y; // outputs 15
```

15

```
$x = 5;
$y = 10;

function myTest() {
    $GLOBALS['y'] = $GLOBALS['x'] + $GLOBALS['y'];
}

myTest();
echo $y; // outputs 15
```

PHP also stores all global variables in an array called `$GLOBALS[index]`.





PHP The static Keyword

Normally, when a function is completed/executed, all of its variables are deleted. However, sometimes we want a local variable NOT to be deleted. We need it for a further job.

To do this, use the `static` keyword when you first declare the variable:

```
function myTest() {  
    static $x = 0;  
    echo $x;  
    $x++;  
}
```

<code>myTest();</code>	0
<code>myTest();</code>	1
<code>myTest();</code>	2





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Display Text

The following example shows how to output text with the `echo` command (notice that the text can contain HTML markup):

```
echo "<h2>PHP is Fun!</h2>";  
echo "Hello world!<br>";  
echo "I'm about to learn PHP!<br>";  
echo "This ", "string ", "was ", "made ", "with multiple parameters.";
```





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```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<?php
$txt1 = "Learn PHP";
$txt2 = "W3Schools.com";

echo "<h2>$txt1</h2>";
echo "<p>Study PHP at $txt2</p>";
?>

</body>
</html>
```

Learn PHP

Study PHP at [W3Schools.com](https://www.w3schools.com)





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When using double quotes, variables can be inserted to the string as in the example above.
When using single quotes, variables have to be inserted using the `.` operator, like this:

```
echo "<h2>PHP is Fun!</h2>";  
echo "Hello world!<br>";  
echo "I'm about to learn PHP!<br>";  
echo "This ", "string ", "was ", "made ", "with multiple parameters.";
```

```
$txt1 = "Learn PHP";  
$txt2 = "W3Schools.com";
```

```
echo '<h2>' . $txt1 . '</h2>';  
echo '<p>Study PHP at ' . $txt2 . '</p>';
```





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The PHP print Statement

```
print "Hello"; //same as: print("Hello");
```

(notice that the text can contain HTML markup)

```
print "<h2>PHP is Fun!</h2>";  
print "Hello world!<br>";  
print "I'm about to learn PHP!";
```





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```
$txt1 = "Learn PHP";  
$txt2 = "W3Schools.com";  
  
print "<h2>$txt1</h2>";  
print "<p>Study PHP at $txt2</p>";
```

```
$txt1 = "Learn PHP";  
$txt2 = "W3Schools.com";  
  
print '<h2>' . $txt1 . '</h2>';  
print '<p>Study PHP at ' . $txt2 . '</p>';
```





PHP Data Types

Variables can store data of different types, and different data types can do different things.

PHP supports the following data types:

- String
- Integer
- Float (floating point numbers - also called double)
- Boolean
- Array
- Object
- NULL
- Resource





Casting allows you to change data type on variables:

```
$x = 5;  
$x = (string) $x;  
var_dump($x);
```

PHP Strings

Return the length of the string "Hello world!":

```
echo strlen("Hello world!");
```

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Word Count

The PHP `str_word_count()` function counts the number of words in a string.

```
echo str_word_count("Hello world!");
```

2



Search For Text Within a String

The PHP `strpos()` function searches for a specific text within a string.

If a match is found, the function returns the character position of the first match. If no match is found, it will return `FALSE`.

Search for the text "world" in the string "Hello world!":

```
echo strpos("Hello world!", "world");
```

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Tip: The first character position in a string is 0 (not 1).





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```
$x = "Hello World!";  
echo strtoupper($x);
```

```
$x = "Hello World!";  
echo strtolower($x);
```

```
$x = "Hello World!";  
echo str_replace("World", "Dolly", $x);
```

Reverse the string "Hello World!":

```
$x = "Hello World!"; echo strrev($x);
```

!dlroW olleH

The `trim()` removes any whitespace from the beginning or the end:

```
$x = " Hello World! "; echo trim($x);
```





Convert String into Array

The PHP `explode()` function splits a string into an array.

Split the string into an array. Use the space character as separator:

```
$x = "Hello World!";  
$y = explode(" ", $x);
```

```
//Use the print_r() function to display the result:  
print_r($y);
```

```
/*  
Result:  
Array ( [0] => Hello [1] => World! )  
*/
```

```
Array  
(  
    [0] => Hello  
    [1] => World!  
)
```





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```
<?PHP
```

```
$x = "Hello World! * hhh";
```

```
$y = explode(" * ", $x);
```

```
//Use the print_r() function to display the  
result:
```

```
print_r($y);
```

```
?>
```

```
Array
```

```
(
```

```
    [0] => Hello World!
```

```
    [1] => hhh
```

```
)
```





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String Concatenation

To concatenate, or combine, two strings you can use the `.` operator:

```
$x = "Hello";  
$y = "World";  
$z = $x . $y;  
echo $z;
```

HelloWorld

```
$x = "Hello";  
$y = "World";  
$z = $x . " " . $y;  
echo $z;
```

Hello World





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An easier and better way is by using the power of double quotes.

```
$x = "Hello";  
$y = "World";  
$z = "$x $y";  
echo $z;
```

PHP - Slicing Strings

Start the slice at index 6 and end the slice 5 positions later:

```
$x = "Hello World!"; echo substr($x, 6, 5);
```

World





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Start the slice at index 6 and go all the way to the end:

```
$x = "Hello World!"; echo substr($x, 6);
```

World!

Get the 3 characters, starting from the "o" in world (index -5):

```
$x = "Hello World!"; echo substr($x, -5, 3);
```

orl

From the string "Hi, how are you?", get the characters starting from index 5, and continue until you reach the 3. character from the end (index -3). Should end up with "ow are y":

```
$x = "Hi, how are you?"; echo substr($x, 5, -3);
```

ow are y





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Escape Character

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<?php
$x = "We are the so-called \"Vikings\" from the north.";
echo $x;
?>

</body>
</html>
```

We are the so-called "Vikings" from the north.





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Code	Result
\'	Single Quote
\"	Double Quote
\\$	PHP variables
\n	New Line
\r	Carriage Return
\t	Tab
\f	Form Feed
\ooo	Octal value
\xhh	Hex value

PHP Numbers

There are three main numeric types in PHP:

- Integer
- Float
- Number Strings

In addition, PHP has two more data types used for numbers:

- Infinity
- NaN

Check if the type of a variable is integer:

```
$x = 5985;  
var_dump(is_int($x));
```

```
$x = 59.85;  
var_dump(is_int($x));
```

```
$x = 10.365;  
var_dump(is_float($x));
```





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- [is_finite\(\)](#)
- [is_infinite\(\)](#)

```
$x = 1.9e411;  
var_dump($x);
```

float(INF)

PHP Numerical Strings

The PHP `is_numeric()` function can be used to find whether a variable is numeric. The function returns true if the variable is a number or a numeric string, false otherwise.

```
$x = 5985;  
var_dump(is_numeric($x));
```

```
$x = "5985";  
var_dump(is_numeric($x));  
$x = "59.85" + 100;  
var_dump(is_numeric($x));
```

```
bool(true)  
bool(true)  
bool(true)  
bool(false)
```

```
$x = "Hello";  
var_dump(is_numeric($x));
```





Change Data Type

Casting in PHP is done with these statements:

- `(string)` - Converts to data type String
- `(int)` - Converts to data type Integer
- `(float)` - Converts to data type Float
- `(bool)` - Converts to data type Boolean
- `(array)` - Converts to data type Array
- `(object)` - Converts to data type Object
- `(unset)` - Converts to data type NULL

```
// Cast float to int
$x = 23465.768;
$int_cast = (int)$x;
echo $int_cast;
echo "<br>";
// Cast string to int
$x = "23465.768";
$int_cast = (int)$x;
echo $int_cast;
```

23465

23465





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PHP Math

```
echo(min(0, 150, 30, 20, -8, -200));  
echo(max(0, 150, 30, 20, -8, -200));
```

```
echo(abs(-6.7));
```

```
echo(sqrt(64));
```

```
echo(rand(10, 100));
```

```
echo(rand());
```





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PHP Constants

A constant is an identifier (name) for a simple value. The value cannot be changed during the script.

A valid constant name starts with a letter or underscore (no \$ sign before the constant name).

Note: Unlike variables, constants are automatically global across the entire script.

To create a constant, use the `define()` function.

```
define(name, value);
```





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```
define("GREETING", "Welcome to W3Schools.com!");

echo GREETING;

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<?php
// case-sensitive constant name
define("GREETING", "Welcome to W3Schools.com!");
echo GREETING;
?>

</body>
</html>
```





PHP const Keyword

```
const MYCAR = "Volvo";  
echo MYCAR;
```

```
define("cars", [  
    "Alfa Romeo",  
    "BMW",  
    "Toyota"  
]);  
echo cars[0];
```

Constants are Global

Constants are automatically global and can be used across the entire script.

```
define("GREETING", "Welcome to W3Schools.com!");  
  
function myTest() {  
    echo GREETING;  
}  
  
myTest();
```





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PHP Magic Constants

PHP has nine predefined constants that change value depending on where they are used, and therefor they are called "magic constants".

These magic constants are written with a double underscore at the start and the end, except for the `ClassName::class` constant





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Constant

Description

`__CLASS__`

If used inside a class, the class name is returned.

`__DIR__`

The directory of the file.

`__FILE__`

The file name including the full path.

`__FUNCTION__`

If inside a function, the function name is returned.

`__LINE__`

The current line number.

`__METHOD__`

If used inside a function that belongs to a class, both class and function name is returned.

`__NAMESPACE__`

If used inside a namespace, the name of the namespace is returned.

`__TRAIT__`

If used inside a trait, the trait name is returned.

`ClassName::class`

Returns the name of the specified class and the name of the namespace, if any.



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```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<?php
class Fruits {
    public function myValue(){
        return __CLASS__;
    }
}
$kiwi = new Fruits();
echo $kiwi->myValue();
?>

</body>
</html>
```

Fruits





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C:\awesomesites\w3schools\php

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
```

```
<html>
```

```
<body>
```

```
<?php
```

```
echo __DIR__;
```

```
?>
```

```
</body>
```

```
</html>
```





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PHP Operators

Operators are used to perform operations on variables and values.

PHP divides the operators in the following groups:

- Arithmetic operators
- Assignment operators
- Comparison operators
- Increment/Decrement operators
- Logical operators
- String operators
- Array operators
- Conditional assignment operators

https://www.w3schools.com/php/php_operators.asp





PHP Conditional Assignment Operators

Operator	Name	Example	Result
<code>?:</code>	Ternary	<code>\$x = <i>expr1</i> ? <i>expr2</i> : <i>expr3</i></code>	Returns the value of <code>\$x</code> . The value of <code>\$x</code> is <code><i>expr2</i></code> if <code><i>expr1</i></code> = TRUE. The value of <code>\$x</code> is <code><i>expr3</i></code> if <code><i>expr1</i></code> = FALSE
<code>??</code>	Null coalescing	<code>\$x = <i>expr1</i> ?? <i>expr2</i></code>	Returns the value of <code>\$x</code> . The value of <code>\$x</code> is <code><i>expr1</i></code> if <code><i>expr1</i></code> exists, and is not NULL. If <code><i>expr1</i></code> does not exist, or is NULL, the value of <code>\$x</code> is <code><i>expr2</i></code> . Introduced in PHP 7





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```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<?php
    // if empty($user) = TRUE, set $status = "anonymous"
    echo $status = (empty($user)) ? "anonymous" : "logged in";
    echo("<br>");

    $user = "John Doe";
    // if empty($user) = FALSE, set $status = "logged in"
    echo $status = (empty($user)) ? "anonymous" : "logged in";
?>

</body>
</html>
```

anonymous
logged in





PHP Conditional Statements

- `if` statement - executes some code if one condition is true
- `if...else` statement - executes some code if a condition is true and another code if that condition is false
- `if...elseif...else` statement - executes different codes for more than two conditions
- `switch` statement - selects one of many blocks of code to be executed





PHP - The if Statement

```
if (condition)
{ // code to be executed if condition is true; }
```

```
if (5 > 3)
{ echo "Have a good day!"; }
```

```
$a = 200; $b = 33; $c = 500;
if ($a > $b && $a < $c )
{
echo "Both conditions are true";
}
```

```
$a = 5;

if ($a == 2 || $a == 3 || $a == 4 || $a == 5 || $a == 6 || $a == 7) {
    echo "$a is a number between 2 and 7";
}
```





PHP - The if...elseif...else Statement

The `if...elseif...else` statement executes different codes for more than two conditions.

Syntax

```
if (condition) {  
    code to be executed if this condition is true;  
} elseif (condition) {  
    // code to be executed if first condition is false and this condition is true;  
} else {  
    // code to be executed if all conditions are false;  
}
```





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Short Hand If

```
$a = 5;  
  
if ($a < 10) $b = "Hello";  
  
echo $b
```

Short Hand If...Else

```
$a = 13;  
  
$b = $a < 10 ? "Hello" : "Good Bye";  
  
echo $b;
```





The PHP switch Statement

```
switch (expression) {  
    case label1:  
        //code block  
        break;  
    case label2:  
        //code block;  
        break;  
    case label3:  
        //code block  
        break;  
    default:  
        //code block  
}
```

This is how it works:

- The *expression* is evaluated once
- The value of the expression is compared with the values of each case
- If there is a match, the associated block of code is executed
- The `break` keyword breaks out of the switch block
- The `default` code block is executed if there is no match





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```
$favcolor = "red";
```

```
switch ($favcolor) {  
    case "red":  
        echo "Your favorite color is red!";  
        break;  
    case "blue":  
        echo "Your favorite color is blue!";  
        break;  
    case "green":  
        echo "Your favorite color is green!";  
        break;  
    default:  
        echo "Your favorite color is neither red, blue, nor green!";  
}
```

Warning: If you omit the **break** statement in a case that is not the last, and that case gets a match, the next case will also be executed even if the evaluation does not match the case!

What happens if we remove the **break** statement from case "red"?



PHP Loops

In PHP, we have the following loop types:

- `while` - loops through a block of code as long as the specified condition is true
- `do...while` - loops through a block of code once, and then repeats the loop as long as the specified condition is true
- `for` - loops through a block of code a specified number of times
- `foreach` - loops through a block of code for each element in an array





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```
$i = 1;
while ($i < 6) {
    echo $i;
    $i++;
}
```

```
$i = 1;
while ($i < 6):
    echo $i;
    $i++;
endwhile;
```

```
$i = 1;
while ($i < 6) {
    if ($i == 3) break;
    echo $i;
    $i++;
}
```

```
$i = 0;
while ($i < 100) {
    $i+=10;
    echo $i "<br>";
}
```

```
$i = 0;
while ($i < 6) {
    $i++;
    if ($i == 3) continue;
    echo $i;
}
```

```
$i = 1;

do {
    echo $i;
    $i++;
} while ($i < 6);
```





PHP for Loop

```
for (expression1, expression2, expression3) {  
    // code block  
}
```

```
for ($x = 0; $x <= 10; $x++) {  
    echo "The number is: $x <br>";  
}
```

PHP foreach Loop

```
$colors = array("red", "green", "blue", "yellow");
```

```
foreach ($colors as $x) {  
    echo "$x <br>";  
}
```

```
$members = array("Peter"=>"35", "Ben"=>"37", "Joe"=>"43");
```

```
foreach ($members as $x => $y) {  
    echo "$x : $y <br>";  
}
```





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The foreach Loop on Objects

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```

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foreach ($colors as $x) {  
    echo "$x <br>";  
}
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$members = array("Peter"=>"35", "Ben"=>"37", "Joe"=>"43");
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foreach ($members as $x => $y) {  
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}
```





https://www.w3schools.com/php/php_functions.asp

PHP Functions

PHP Built-in Functions

PHP has over 1000 built-in functions that can be called directly, from within a script, to perform a specific task.

PHP User Defined Functions

- A function is a block of statements that can be used repeatedly in a program.
- A function will not execute automatically when a page loads.
- A function will be executed by a call to the function





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```
function myMessage() {  
    echo "Hello world!";  
}
```

```
myMessage();
```

```
function setHeight($minheight = 50) {  
    echo "The height is : $minheight <br>";  
}
```

```
setHeight(350);  
setHeight(); // will use the default value of 50  
setHeight(135);  
setHeight(80);
```

```
function familyName($fname) {  
    echo "$fname Refsnes.<br>";  
}
```

```
familyName("Jani");  
familyName("Hege");  
familyName("Stale");  
familyName("Kai Jim");  
familyName("Borge");
```

```
function sum($x, $y) {  
    $z = $x + $y;  
    return $z;  
}
```

```
echo "5 + 10 = " . sum(5, 10) . "<br>";  
echo "7 + 13 = " . sum(7, 13) . "<br>";  
echo "2 + 4 = " . sum(2, 4);
```



Passing Arguments by Reference

In PHP, arguments are usually passed by value, which means that a copy of the value is used in the function and the variable that was passed into the function cannot be changed.

When a function argument is passed by reference, changes to the argument also change the variable that was passed in.

To turn a function argument into a reference, the **&** operator is used:

```
function add_five(&$value) {  
    $value += 5;  
}
```

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```
$num = 2;  
add_five($num);  
echo $num;
```





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```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<?php
function add(&$value) {
    $value += 20;
}

$num = 20;
add($num);
echo $num;
?>

</body>
</html>
```

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PHP Functions - Returning values

```
function sum($x, $y) {  
    $z = $x + $y;  
    return $z;  
}
```

```
echo "5 + 10 = " . sum(5, 10) . "<br>";  
echo "7 + 13 = " . sum(7, 13) . "<br>";  
echo "2 + 4 = " . sum(2, 4);
```





Variable Number of Arguments

By using the `...` operator in front of the function parameter, the function accepts an unknown number of arguments. This is also called a variadic function.

```
function sumMyNumbers(...$x) {  
    $n = 0;  
    $len = count($x);  
    for($i = 0; $i < $len; $i++) {  
        $n += $x[$i];  
    }  
    return $n;  
}  
  
$a = sumMyNumbers(5, 2, 6, 2, 7, 7);  
echo $a;
```





PHP is a Loosely Typed Language

In the examples above, notice that we did not have to tell PHP which data type the variable is. PHP automatically associates a data type to the variable, depending on its value. Since the data types are not set in a strict sense, you can do things like adding a string to an integer without causing an error.

In the following example we try to send both a number and a string to the function without using `strict`:

```
function addNumbers(int $a, int $b) {  
    return $a + $b;  
}  
echo addNumbers(5, "5 days");  
// since strict is NOT enabled "5 days" is changed to int(5), and it will return 10
```





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To specify `strict` we need to set `declare(strict_types=1);`. This must be on the very first line of the PHP file. In the following example we try to send both a number and a string to the function, but here we have added the `strict` declaration:

```
<?php declare(strict_types=1); // strict requirement

function addNumbers(int $a, int $b) {
    return $a + $b;
}
echo addNumbers(5, "5 days");
// since strict is enabled and "5 days" is not an integer, an error will be thrown
?>
```

