Data Access using PHP

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Learning outcome

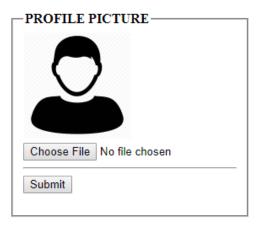


- In this lecture, we will learn read/write data using PHP.
- Discussing the techniques to read and write text files, XML and JSON using PHP script.
- We will also learn, PHP "include function" to add script to the other PHP script and file upload techniques in server.

Upload File in PHP



· Suppose we want to upload profile picture or any kind of file.





Upload script

- There is one global PHP variable called \$_FILES. This variable is an associate double dimension array and keeps all the information related to uploaded file.
- **\$_FILES['myfile']['tmp_name']** the uploaded file in the temporary directory on the web server.
- **\$_FILES['myfile']['name']** the actual name of the uploaded file.
- **\$_FILES['myfile']['size']** the size in bytes of the uploaded file.
- **\$_FILES['myfile']['type']** the MIME type of the uploaded file.
- **\$_FILES['myfile']['error']** the error code associated with this file upload.
- The following code upload file.
- move_uploaded_file(\$_FILES["myfile"]["tmp_name"], "images/".\$_FILES["myfile"]["name"])

JSON



- A JSON file is a file that stores simple data structures and objects in JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) format, which is a standard data interchange format.
- It is primarily used for transmitting data between a web application and a server. JSON files are lightweight, textbased, human-readable, and can be edited using a text editor.

JSON vs XML

Similarities:

- Both JSON and XML are "self describing" (human readable)
- Both JSON and XML are hierarchical (values within values)
- Both JSON and XML can be parsed and used by lots of programming languages
- Both JSON and XML can be fetched with an XMLHttpRequest

Differences:

- JSON doesn't use end tag
- JSON is shorter
- JSON is quicker to read and write
- JSON can use arrays



```
JSON Example (employee.json)
{"employees":[
  { "firstName":"John", "lastName":"Doe" },
 { "firstName": "Anna", "lastName": "Smith" },
 { "firstName": "Peter", "lastName": "Jones" }
]}
XML Example (employee.xml)
<employees>
      <firstName>John</firstName> <lastName>Doe</lastName>
  </employee>
  <employee>
    <firstName>Anna</firstName> <lastName>Smith</lastName>
 </employee>
  <employee>
    <firstName>Peter</firstName> <lastName>Jones</lastName>
</employees>
```

JSON Data Types



```
a string { "name":"John" }
a number { "age":30 }

    an object (JSON object)

      "employee":{ "name":"John", "age":30, "city":"New
York" }
 an array { "employees":[ "John", "Anna", "Peter" ] }
 a Boolean { "sale":true }
Null { "middlename":null }
```

PHP JSON Functions

- json_encode() The json_encode() function is used to encode a value to JSON format.
- json_decode() The json_decode() function is used to decode or convert a JSON object to a PHP object.
- file_put_contents The file_put_contents() writes data to a file.
- file_get_contents The file_get_contents() reads a file into a string.



JSON Write Example

```
//myform.php
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<form action="process.php" method="POST">
  First name:<br>
  <input type="text" name="firstName">
  <br/><br/>
  Last name:<br>
  <input type="text" name="lastName">
  <br><br><
  Email:<br>
  <input type="text" name="email">
  <br><br><
  Mobile:<br>
  <input type="text" name="mobile">
  <br><br><
  <input type="submit" value="Submit">
</form>
</body>
</html>
```

JSON Write Example



```
process.php
<?php
        //Get form data
       $formdata = array(
          'firstName'=> $ POST['firstName'],
          'lastName'=> $_POST['lastName'],
          'email'=>$ POST['email'],
          'mobile'=> $ POST['mobile']
       //Convert array to JSON
       $jsondata = json encode($ formdata, JSON PRETTY PRINT);
       //write json data into data.json file
       if(file_put_contents("data.json", $jsondata)) {
            echo 'Data successfully saved';
       else
            echo "no data saved";
```



JSON Read Example

Books



- W3Schools Online Web Tutorials; URL: http://www.w3schools.com
- PHP Documentation; URL: http://www.php.net/docs.php
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