**var\_dump**

Dumps information about a variable

**echo() or echo ''**

Outputs one or several strings

**explode()**

Breaks down a string into an array

**implode()**

Retrieves a string from the elements of an array, same as join()

**is\_float** ,**is\_double, is\_int**

Find out if the type of a variable is float, alternatives:

**is\_null**

Checks whether a variable’s value is NULL

**is\_numeric**

Find out if a variable is a number or a numeric string

**mb\_strlen**

utf8 CONFIG

**stripos()**

Finds the position of the first occurrence of a substring within a

**strcmp()**

Binary safe string comparison (case sensitive)

**Indexed arrays**

Arrays that have a numeric index

**Associative arrays**

Arrays where the keys are named

**ksort**

Sorts an associative array by key

**$GLOBALS**

Used to access global variables from anywhere inside a PHP script.

**$\_SERVER**

Contains information about the locations of headers, paths and

scripts.

**$\_GET**

Can collect data that was sent in the URL or submitted in an HTML

form.

**$\_POST**

Used to gather data from an HTML form and to pass variables.

**GET collects data via URL parameters. That means all variable names**

**and their values are contained in the page address.**

**The advantage of this is that you’re able to bookmark the information.**

**Keep in mind that it also means that the information is visible to**

**everyone. For that reason, GET is not suitable for sensitive**

**information such as passwords. It also limits the amount of data that**

**can be sent in ca 2000 characters.**

**POST, on the other hand, uses the HTTP POST method to pass on**

**variables. This makes the data invisible to third parties, as it is**

**htmlspecialchars()**

Switches predefined characters to HTML entities

**strrpos()**

Same as strripos() but case sensitive

**Define(name,path);**

To create constant name

**$JSONstring = json\_encode($orders)**; // converting array into json object

$fileHandle = fopen(ORDER\_DOCUMENT, "a") // file open and choosing apend for multiple orders

or die('Cannot Open!');

// write in file

fwrite($fileHandle,json\_encode($orders) . "\n");

fclose($fileHandle);