

Start with a Letter or Underscore

Function names should begin with a letter (a-z, A-Z) or an underscore (_). They cannot begin with a number.

Use Only Alphanumeric Characters and Underscores

Function names can only contain letters, numbers, and underscores. Special characters like hyphens (-), dollar signs (\$), or spaces are not allowed.

Case Sensitivity

Function names in PHP are case-insensitive, meaning `myFunction` and `MyFunction` would refer to the same function.

Avoid PHP Reserved Words

Avoid using PHP reserved words (e.g., `if`, `else`, `foreach`, `function`, etc.) as function names to prevent conflicts with language constructs.

Be Descriptive and Clear

Choose function names that accurately describe the purpose of the function. This helps improve code readability and understanding.

Avoid Overly Long Names

While descriptive names are encouraged, avoid excessively long function names. Aim for clarity without unnecessary confusion.

Follow a Naming Convention

camelCase is commonly used for function names in PHP.