

Topic 4 - Functions

- > Inbuilt PHP Functions
- Custom Functions
- Arguments
- Return Values



- > A function is a piece of code that can be run
- Usually it will perform an action that produces a result
- Every function has a name
- You can run the function using the name followed by brackets
- Functions can be used in the same way as variables

The rand() function can be used to generate a random number

```
<?php
echo rand();
?>

Output:
185902316
```

Each time you run the script it will generate a random number

The pi() function calculates mathematical PI to 14 decimal places

```
<?php
echo pi();
?>

Output:
3.1415926535898
```

- Functions can take arguments
- The rand() function will generate a random number from 0 2147483647

```
<?php
echo rand();
?>

Output:
727321813
```

You can give functions arguments these are values which change the way the function works

- Each function has arguments that are specific to that function
- The rand() function optionally takes two arguments:
 - Minimum Value
 - Maximum Value
- Both arguments are integers

Arguments

You can supply a min/max value to the rand function by providing two numbers inside the brackets:

```
<?php
echo rand(1, 10);
?>

Output:
6
```

- Each argument is separated by a comma
- Different functions take different numbers of arguments
- Those arguments are specific to that function

str_replace

- The str_replace function is used to replace part of a string with another string.
- It takes three arguments:
 - A string to look for
 - A string to replace it with
 - The original string

```
<?php
echo str_replace('NAME', 'Bob', 'Hello NAME');
?>
```

Output: Hello Bob

Arguments

```
<?php
echo str_replace('NAME', 'Bob', 'Hello NAME');
?>
Output:
Hello Bob
```

- > This can be read as:
 - Take the string 'Hello NAME'
 - Look for 'NAME' in that string
 - Replace it with 'Bob'

Date Function

- The date function can be used to display the current date based on the system clock
- It takes a single argument:
 - A specially formatted string that represents a date format.
 - For example: d/m/Y means day/month/year

```
<?php
echo date('d/m/Y');
?>
```

Output: 28/10/2015

Date Function

- Changing the string supplied to the date function will change its output.
 - H:i is used to display the time in Hours:Minutes format

```
<?php
echo date('H:i');
?>

Output:
13:44
```

For a full list of supported formats, see:
https://www.php.net/manual/en/function.date.php

Other Inbuilt Functions

```
<?php
                                                     Output:
echo strtoupper('Hello World');
                                                     HELLO WORLD
?>
<?php
                                                     Output:
echo strtolower('Hello World');
                                                     hello world
?>
<?php
                                                     Output:
echo str pos('Hello World', 'o');
?>
<?php
                                                    Output:
echo strlen('Hello World');
                                                    11
?>
```

Using functions with variables

Any argument can be replaced with a variable:

```
<?php
$format = 'd/m/Y';
echo date($format);
?>
Output:
28/10/2015
```

The result can be stored in a variable and used later

```
<?php
$format = 'd/m/Y';
$result = date($format);
echo '<p>' . $result . '';
Output:
28/10/2015
```

Combining arguments

> One or more arguments can be replaced with a variable

```
<?php
$name = 'Bob';
echo str_replace('NAME', $name, 'Hello NAME');
?>
Output:
Hello Bob
```

Using functions with variables

You can store the result of one function in a variable then use it in an argument for another function

```
<?php
$time = date('H:i');
echo str_replace('{TIME}', $time, 'The time is {TIME}');
?>

Output:
The time is 15:48
```

- You can create your own functions
- > To create a function you must give it a name
- At its most basic, a function can just be repeat a block of code throughout your program

> A custom function can be declared using the function keyword

```
<?php
function name() {
    //Code here
}
}
```

> Functions can contain one or more lines of code:

```
<?php
function hello() {
    echo '<p>Hello World';
}
```

- Declaring a function alone will have no effect
- > After the function is defined, you must call it
- You can call a custom function like an inbuilt function

You can call a function as many times as you like once it's been defined:

```
<?php
function hello() {
    echo '<p>Hello World';
}
hello();
hello();
hello();
}

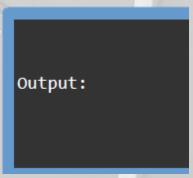
Coutput:
Hello World
```

- You can use functions to reduce repetition.
- Anywhere you need to repeat the same output, you can put the HTML you want to repeat in a function and call it as many times as you like

```
function navigation() {
   echo '';
   echo ' <a href="index.php">Home</a>';
                                                      <!DOCTYPE html>
   echo ' <a href="about.php">About</a>';
                                                      <html>
   echo ' <a href="contact.php">Contact</a>';
                                                      <head>
   echo '':
                                                           <title>My Site</title>
                                                      </head>
                                                      <body>
                                                           <nav>
<!DOCTYPE html>
                                                               <l
<html>
                                                                    <a href="index.php">Home</a>
                                                                    <a href="about.php">About</a>
       <head>
              <title>My Site</title>
                                                                    <a href="contact.php">Contact</a>
                                                               </head>
       <body>
                                                           </nav>
                                                               <main>
              <nav>
                                                               Lorem ipsum...
                                                           </main>
              </nav>
                                                               <footer>
              <main>
                                                               <l
                     Lorem ipsum...
                                                                    <a href="index.php">Home</a>
                                                                    <a href="about.php">About</a>
              </main>
                                                                    <a href="contact.php">Contact</a>
              <footer>
                                                               <?php navigation(); ?>
                                                           </footer>
              </footer>
                                                      </body>
                                                      </html>
       </body>
</html>
```

- When a method is called, the PHP interpreter will jump in position from line to line.
- Normally code is run sequentially

```
<?php
echo '<p>line 1';
echo 'line 2';
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
echo 'line 5';
echo 'line 5';
echo 'line 5';
```



```
<?php
                                                    Interpreter Position
echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
echo 'line 5';
                                                                                                        Output:
                                                                                                        \line 1
```

```
<?php
echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
echo 'line 5';
                                                                                             Output:
                                               Interpreter Position
                                                                                             iine 1
                                                                                             line 2
```

```
<?php
echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
echo 'line 5';
                                                                                                                                    Output:
line 1
line 2
line 3
                                                                    Interpreter Position
```

```
<?php
echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
echo 'line 5';
                                                                                                                        Output:
                                                                                                                       line 1
line 2
line 3
line 4
                                                           Interpreter Position
```

```
<?php
                                                                                                         Output:
echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
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line 1
line 2
line 3
line 4
line 5
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
echo 'line 5';
                                                     Interpreter Position
```

When using functions the program flow jumps around. It is not linear in the same way

```
<?php
                                             Interpreter Position
function myFunction() {
    echo 'myFunction line 1';
    echo 'myFunction line 2';
                                                                          Output:
echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
echo 'line 5':
```

```
<?php
function myFunction() {
   echo 'myFunction line 1';
   echo 'myFunction line 2';
                                                             Interpreter Position
                                                                                                     Output:
echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
echo 'line 5';
```

```
<?php
function myFunction() {
     echo 'myFunction line 1';
echo 'myFunction line 2'
                                                                                     Output:
                                                   Interpreter Position
echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
echo 'line 5';
```

```
<?php
function myFunction() {
    echo 'myFunction line 1';
    echo 'myFunction line 2';
                                                                                          Output:
                                                                                          line 1
                                                      Interpreter Position
echo 'line 2';
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
echo 'line 5';
```

```
<?php
function myFunction() {
    echo 'myFunction line 1';
    echo 'myFunction line 2';
                                                                      Output:
                                                                       iine 1
                                                                       line 2
                                           Interpreter Position
echo 'line 1';
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
echo 'line 5';
```

```
<?php
function myFunction() {
    echo 'myFunction line 1';
    echo 'myFunction line 2';
                                                                                 Output:
                                                                                 ine 1
                                                                                 line 2
echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
                                                 Interpreter Position
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
echo 'line 5';
```

```
<?php
                                                           Output:
function myFunction() {
                                    Interpreter Position
   echo 'myFunction line 1
echo 'myFunction line 2';
                                                           \line 1
                                                           line 2
                                                           myFunction line 1
echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
echo 'line 5';
```

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                                                               Output:
function myFunction() {
   echo 'myFunction line 1
echo 'myFunction line 2
                                                               line 1
                                                              line 2
                                     Interpreter Position
                                                               myFunction line 1
                                                               myFunction line 2
echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
echo 'line 5';
```

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<?php
                                                            Output:
                                                            line 1
function myFunction() {
                                                             line 2
   echo 'myFunction line 1';
echo 'myFunction line 2';
                                                            myFunction line 1
                                                             myFunction line 2
                                                            line 3
echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
                                     Interpreter Position
echo 'line 4';
echo 'line 5';
```

```
<?php
function myFunction() {
    echo 'myFunction line 1';
echo 'myFunction line 2';
echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 5';
```

```
line 1
line 2
myFunction line 1
myFunction line 2
line 3
line 4
```

Output:

Interpreter Position

```
<?php
                                                           Output:
                                                           \line 1
function myFunction() {
                                                           line 2
   echo 'myFunction line 1';
echo 'myFunction line 2';
                                                           myFunction line 1
                                                           myFunction line 2
                                                           line 3
line 4
echo 'line 1';
                                                           line 5
echo 'line 2';
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
                                   Interpreter Position
echo 'line 4';
```

> You can call a function more than once

```
Interpreter Position
<?php
function myFunction() {
   echo 'myFunction line 1';
echo 'myFunction line 2';
                                                                Output:
echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
myFunction();
echo 'line 5';
?>
```

```
<?php
function myFunction() {
   echo 'myFunction line 1';
   echo 'myFunction line 2';
                                              Interpreter Position
                                                                            Output:
echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
myFunction();
echo 'line 5';
?>
```

```
<?php
function myFunction() {
    echo 'myFunction line 1';
    echo 'myFunction line 2';
                                              Interpreter Position
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echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
myFunction();
echo 'line 5';
```

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<?php
function myFunction() {
    echo 'myFunction line 1';
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                                                                   iine 1
                                         Interpreter Position
echo 'line 2';
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
myFunction();
echo 'line 5';
?>
```

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function myFunction() {
    echo 'myFunction line 1';
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echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
                                            Interpreter Position
echo 'line 4';
myFunction();
echo 'line 5';
?>
```

```
<?php
function myFunction() {
    echo 'myFunction line 1';
echo 'myFunction line 2';
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echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
                                             Interpreter Position
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
myFunction();
echo 'line 5';
```

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function myFunction() {
   echo 'myFunction line 1
echo 'myFunction line 2';
                                        Interpreter Position
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                                                                   \langle p \rangleline 2 \langle p \rangle
echo 'line 1';
                                                                   myFunction line 1
echo 'line 2';
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
myFunction();
echo 'line 5';
?>
```

```
<?php
function myFunction() {
   echo 'myFunction line 1';
echo 'myFunction line 2
                                         Interpreter Position
                                                                  Output:
                                                                  line 1
line 2
echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
myFunction();
echo 'line 5';
```

myFunction line 1myFunction line 2

```
<?php
function myFunction() {
   echo 'myFunction line 1';
                                                      Output:
   echo 'myFunction line 2';
                                                      line 1
                                                      line 2
                                                      myFunction line 1
echo 'line 1';
                                                      myFunction line 2
echo 'line 2';
                                                      line 3
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
                                 Interpreter Position
echo 'line 4';
myFunction();
echo 'line 5';
```

```
<?php
function myFunction() {
   echo 'myFunction line 1';
   echo 'myFunction line 2';
echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
                                    Interpreter Position
myFunction();
echo 'line 5';
```

```
Output:
line 1
line 2
myFunction line 1
myFunction line 2
line 3
line 3
line 4
```

```
<?php
function myFunction() {
                                                           Output:
   echo 'myFunction line 1';
echo 'myFunction line 2';
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                                                           myFunction line 1
                                                           myFunction line 2
echo 'line 1';
                                                           line 3
echo 'line 2';
                                                           line 4
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
                                    Interpreter Position
echo 'line 5';
```

```
<?php
function myFunction() {
    echo 'myFunction line 1
    echo 'myFunction line 2';
                                                            Output:
                                    Interpreter Position
                                                             line 1
                                                             line 2
                                                            myFunction line 1
                                                             myFunction line 2
echo 'line 1';
                                                            line 3
echo 'line 2';
                                                             line 4
myFunction();
                                                             myFunction line 1
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
myFunction();
echo 'line 5';
?>
```

```
<?php
function myFunction() {
   echo 'myFunction line 1';
echo 'myFunction line 2
echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
echo 'line 5';
```

Interpreter Position

```
Output:
line 1
line 2
myFunction line 1
myFunction line 2
line 3
line 4
myFunction line 2
line 3
line 4
myFunction line 1
myFunction line 2
```

```
<?php
function myFunction() {
    echo 'myFunction line 1';
echo 'myFunction line 2';
echo 'line 1';
echo 'line 2';
myFunction();
echo 'line 3';
echo 'line 4';
myFunction();
```

```
Interpreter Position
```

```
Output:
line 1
line 2
myFunction line 1
myFunction line 2
line 3
line 4
myFunction line 2
line 3
line 4
myFunction line 1
myFunction line 2
myFunction line 2
line 5
```

Exercise 1

- Write a function called "diceRoll" that generates a random number between 1 and 6 and says "You rolled a [number]" in a tag
- 2. Use the function to roll 5 dice on each page load
- 3. Optional Create a function called drawSquare which creates a HTML element on the page with a random CSS class that selects one of 10 different coloured CSS squares.
 - Hint: You will need to include the css file with a k > tag

Solutions

```
<?php
                                              <link rel="stylesheet" href="style.css" />
function diceRoll() {
    $num = rand(1, 6);
                                              <?php
                                              function drawSquare() {
    echo 'You rolled a ' . $num . '';
                                                  $num = rand(1, 10);
                                                  echo '<div class="square' . $num . '"></div>';
diceRoll();
diceRoll();
diceRoll();
                                              for ($i = 0; $i < 10; $i++) {
diceRoll();
                                                  drawSquare();
diceRoll();
?>
```

- Custom functions can also take arguments
- To do this, you must define your function to take one or more arguments
- An argument is a variable which you can use in the function
- When a function has an argument it must be supplied a value when it is called which will be used as that argument

```
<?php
                                                                  Declare a variable name
function hello($name) {
                                                                   in the function header
                        . $name . '';
        echo 'Hello '
                                                                    The variable is then
hello('Bob');
hello('Sue');
                                                                Available to use in the code
hello('World');
                                                                      of the function
?>
                                                                The value of the $name
                                                             variable will be set to whatever
Output:
                                                                Is "passed in" when the
Hello Bob
Hello Sue
                                                                   function is called
Hello World
```

```
<?php
                                                                       Interpreter Position
function hello($name) {
    echo 'Hello ' . $name . '';
hello('Bob');
hello('Sue');
hello('World');
?>
Output:
```

```
<?php
function hello($name) {
    echo '<p>Hello ' . $name . '';
                                                                                      Interpreter Position
 hello('Bob');
hello('Sue');
hello('World');
 Output:
```

```
<?php
function hello($name) {
    echo '<p>Hello ' . $name . '';
                                                                           Interpreter Position
 hello('Bob');
hello('Sue');
 hello('World');
 ?>
 Output:
```

```
<?php
function hello($name) {
    echo '<p>Hello ' . $name . '';
 hello('Bob');
hello('Sue');
hello('World');
                                                                                         Interpreter Position
  ?>
  Output:
```

```
<?php
                                                                   Interpreter Position
function hello($name) {
    echo 'Hello ' . $name . '';
hello('Bob');
hello('Sue');
                                                                  $name is set to 'Bob'
hello('World');
Output:
```

```
<?php
function hello($name) {
    echo 'Hello ' . $name . '';
                                                               Interpreter Position
hello('Bob');
hello('Sue');
                                                              $name is set to 'Bob'
hello('World');
Output:
Hello Bob
```

```
<?php
function hello($name) {
    echo 'Hello ' . $name . '';
hello('Bob');
hello('Sue');
                                                                 Interpreter Position
hello('World');
?>
Output:
Hello Bob
```

```
<?php
                                                                Interpreter Position
function hello($name) {
    echo 'Hello ' . $name . '';
                                                              $name is set to 'Sue'
hello('Bob');
hello('Sue');
hello('World');
Output:
Hello Bob
```

```
<?php
function hello($name) {
    echo 'Hello ' . $name . '';
                                                           Interpreter Position
hello('Bob');
hello('Sue');
                                                          $name is set to 'Sue'
hello('World');
Output:
Hello Bob
Hello Sue
```

```
<?php
function hello($name) {
    echo 'Hello ' . $name . '';
hello('Bob');
hello('Sue');
hello('World');
                                                                    Interpreter Position
Output:
Hello Bob
Hello Sue
```

```
<?php
                                                           Interpreter Position
function hello($name) {
    echo 'Hello ' . $name . '';
                                                           $name is set to 'World'
hello('Bob');
hello('Sue');
Output:
Hello Bob
Hello Sue
```

```
<?php
function hello($name) {
    echo 'Hello ' . $name . '';
                                                         Interpreter Position
hello('Bob');
hello('Sue');
                                                        $name is set to 'World'
Output:
Hello Bob
Hello Sue
Hello World
```

> A function can have more than one argument

```
<?php
function add($num1, $num2) {
        $result = $num1 + $num2;
        echo $num1 . ' + ' . $num2 . ' = ' . $result;
add(5, 10);
add(99, 100);
Output:
5 + 10 = 15
99 + 100 = 199
```

With inbuilt functions, you call them and use their result. For example:
<?php</p>

```
<?php
$format = 'd/m/Y';
$result = date($format);
echo '<p>' . $result . '';
?>
```

- > This is called returning a value
- The date function returns a value which can then be stored inside a variable (here: \$result)

Custom functions can also return values. Currently the add function prints directly to the screen:

If the echo is removed from the function there is no way to access the result:

However, you can return a value which can be accessed where the function was called

```
<?php
function add($num1, $num2) {
         $result = $num1 + $num2;
         return $result;
$result1 = add(5, 10);
$result2 = add(99, 100);
echo 'Result 1 is ' . $result1 . '';
echo 'Result 2 is ' . $result2 . '';
?>
Output:
Result 1 is 15
Result 2 is 199
```

- It's usually a bad idea to echo from within a function as you might want to do something else with the result (Write it to a file, write it to a database, etc) rather than displaying it on the screen
- Return a value rather than printing it to the screen

Exercise 2

1. Write a function called `p` which generates a paragraph:

```
echo p('Paragraph 1');
echo p('Paragraph 2');

Output:
Paragraph 1
Paragraph 2
```

2. Rename the 'p' function 'html' and make it take two arguments:

```
echo html('h1', 'Heading');
echo html('p', 'Paragraph 1');
echo html('li', 'List item 1');
echo html('li', 'List item 2');
echo html('li', 'List item 2');
Output:
Paragraph 1
List item 1
List item 2
```

Exercise 2

3. Adjust your code from exercise so that valid HTML is produced and list items appear inside
tags

```
Output:
<h1>Heading</h1>
Paragraph 1

List item 1
List item 2
```

4. Add a third argument to include a class name for a HTML element

```
echo html('p', 'Paragraph 1', 'red');
echo html('p', 'Paragraph 2', '');
```

Exercise 2 Solutions

```
??php
function html($tag, $text) {
    return '<' . $tag . '>' . $text . '</' . $tag . '>';
}
echo html('h1', 'Heading');
echo html('p', 'Paragraph 1');
echo html('li', 'List item 1');
echo html('li', 'List item 2');
?>
```

Exercise 2 Solutions

```
<?php
function html($tag, $text) {
     return '<' . $tag . '>' . $text . '</' . $tag . '>';
echo html('h1', 'Heading');
echo html('p', 'Paragraph 1');
$list = html('li', 'List item 1') . html('li', 'List item 2');
echo html('ul', $list);
?>
```

Exercise 2 Solutions

```
4)
```

```
<?php
function html($tag, $text, $class) {
      if ($class != '' ) {
            return '<' . $tag . ' class="' . $class . '">' . $text . '</' . $tag . '>';
      else {
            return '<' . $tag . '>' . $text . '</' . $tag . '>';
echo html('p', 'Paragraph 1', 'red');
echo html('p', 'Paragraph 2', '');
?>
```

Optional Exercises

- 1. Without using a for/while loop or any kind of string repeat function and a single PHP file, print out the text "All work and no play makes jack a dull boy" to the screen 200 times in a list
 - Grade C: 15 lines of code
 - Grade B: 10 lines of code
 - Grade A: 7 lines of code
 - Grade A*: 4 lines of code (VERY difficult)