

PHP STRINGS FUNCTION

PHP: indicates the earliest version of PHP that supports the function.

Function	Description
addcslashes()	Returns a string with backslashes in front of the specified characters
	Example
	<pre><?php \$str = "Hello, my name is Kai Jim."; echo \$str." "; echo addcslashes(\$str,'m')." "; echo addcslashes(\$str,'K')." "; ?></pre>
	OutputHello, my name is Kai Jim. Hello, \my na\me is Kai Ji\m. Hello, my name is \Kai Jim.
addslashes()	Returns a string with backslashes in front of predefined characters
	Example
	<pre><?php \$str = "Who's Kai Jim?"; echo \$str . " This is not safe in a database query. "; echo addslashes(\$str) . " This is safe in a database query."; ?> OutputWho's Kai Jim? This is not safe in a database query. Who\'s Kai Jim? This is safe in a database query.</pre>
bin2hex()	Converts a string of ASCII characters to hexadecimal values
	<pre>example <?php \$str = "a"; echo bin2hex(\$str) . " "; echo pack("H*",'61') . " "; ?> Output 61 a</pre>
chop()	Alias of rtrim()
	Example
	php<br \$str = "Hello World!\n\n";



chr()	echo \$str; echo chop(\$str); ?> OutputHello World! Hello World! Returns a character from a specified ASCII value Example php echo chr(52)."<br/ ; echo chr(052)." ;;
	echo chr(0x52)." echo chr(0x52)." ?> Output4 * R
chunk_split()	Splits a string into a series of smaller parts Example php \$str = "Hello world!"; echo chunk_split(\$str,1,"."); ? OutputH.e.l.l.ow.o.r.l.d.!.
convert_cyr_string()	Converts a string from one Cyrillic character-set to another Example php \$str = "Hello world! æøå"; echo \$str."<br/ "; echo convert_cyr_string(\$str,'w','a'); ?> OutputHello world! æøå Hello world! �.��
convert_uudecode()	<pre>Decodes a uuencoded string Example <?php \$str = ",2&5L;&\@=V]R;&0A `"; echo convert_uudecode(\$str); ?></pre>



	OutputHello world!
convert_uuencode()	Encodes a string using the uuencode algorithm
	Example
	<pre><?php \$str = "Hello world!"; echo convert_uuencode(\$str); ?></pre>
	Output,2&5L;&\@=V]R;&0A `
count_chars()	Returns how many times an ASCII character occurs within a string and returns the information
	Example
	php</td
	<pre>\$str="aaaaabbbbcc";</pre>
	<pre>print_r(count_chars(\$str,1)); ?></pre>
	Output
	Array ([97] => 5 [98] => 4 [99] => 2)
crc32()	Calculates a 32-bit CRC for a string
	Example
	php</td
	<pre>\$str = crc32("Hello world!"); echo 'Without %u: '.\$str." ';</pre>
	echo 'With %u: ';
	<pre>printf("%u",\$str); ?></pre>
	Output
	Without %u: 461707669 With %u: 461707669
	One-way string encryption (hashing)
	Example
	php</td
crypt()	<pre>if (CRYPT_STD_DES == 1){ echo "Standard DES: ".crypt("hello world")."\n }; }</pre>
	else{



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echo "Standard DES not supported.\n<br/>";
                             if (CRYPT\_EXT\_DES == 1){
                             echo "Extended DES: ".crypt("hello world")."\n<br/>";
                             }
                             else{
                             echo "Extended DES not supported.\n<br/>";
                             if (CRYPT\_MD5 == 1){
                             echo "MD5: ".crypt("hello world")."\n<br/>";
                             }
                             else{
                             echo "MD5 not supported.\n<br/>";
                             if (CRYPT_BLOWFISH == 1){
                             echo "Blowfish: ".crypt("hello world");
                             }
                             else{
                             echo "Blowfish DES not supported.";
                             ?>
                             OutputStandard DES: $1$xc3.m61.$m64e6837acBtluUebIt3L.
                             Extended DES not supported.
                             MD5: $1$1i2..22.$Eko3fsmLl50.m5Ej8Sieh0
                             Blowfish DES not supported.
echo()
                             Outputs strings
                             Example
                             <?php
                             $str = "Who's Kai Jim?";
                             echo $str;
                             echo "<br />";
                             echo $str."<br/>I don't know!";
                             OutputWho's Kai Jim?
                             Who's Kai Jim?
                             I don't know!
                             Breaks a string into an array
explode()
                             Example
                             <?php
                             $str = "Hello world. It's a beautiful day.";
                             print_r (explode(" ",$str));
                             ?>
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	OutputArray ([0] => Hello [1] => world. [2] => It's [3] => a [4] => beautiful [5] => day.)
fprintf()	Writes a formatted string to a specified output stream
	Example
	<pre><?php \$str = "Hello"; \$number = 123; \$file = fopen("test.txt","w"); echo fprintf(\$file,"%s world. Day number %u",\$str,\$number); ?> Output27</pre>
get_html_translation_table()	Returns the translation table used by htmlspecialchars() and htmlentities()
	Example
	<pre><?php print_r (get_html_translation_table()); echo " "; print_r (get_html_translation_table(HTML_ENTITIES)); ?></pre>
	Output
	Array (["] => " [<] =>< [>] =>> [&] =>&) Array ([\$\display => [\$\display => i [\$\display]=> \display [\$\display [\$\display]=> \display [\$\display]=> \display [\$\displ
hebrev()	Converts Hebrew text to visual text Example



	php echo hebrev("á çùåï äúùñâ"); ? Output�á çùåï äúùñ�
hebrevc()	Converts Hebrew text to visual text and new lines (\n) into Example php echo hebrevc("á çùåï äúùñâ\ná çùåï äúùñâ"); ? //Output�á çùåï äúùñ� �á çùåï äúùñ�
	Converts HTML entities to characters Example
html_entity_decode()	<pre><?php \$str = "Jane & 'Tarzan'"; echo html_entity_decode(\$str); echo " "; echo html_entity_decode(\$str, ENT_QUOTES); echo " "; echo html_entity_decode(\$str, ENT_NOQUOTES); ?> Output Jane & 'Tarzan' Jane & 'Tarzan' Jane & 'Tarzan'</pre>
htmlentities()	Converts characters to HTML entities Example php \$str = "Jane & 'Tarzan'"; echo htmlentities(\$str, ENT_COMPAT); echo "<br/ "; echo htmlentities(\$str, ENT_QUOTES); echo " "; echo htmlentities(\$str, ENT_NOQUOTES); ?> OutputJane & 'Tarzan' Jane & 'Tarzan' Jane & 'Tarzan'
htmlspecialchars_decode()	Converts some predefined HTML entities to characters



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Example
                             <?php
                             $str = "Jane & ' Tarzan'";
                             echo htmlspecialchars_decode($str);
                             echo "<br />";
                             echo htmlspecialchars_decode($str, ENT_QUOTES);
                             echo "<br />";
                             echo htmlspecialchars_decode($str, ENT_NOQUOTES);
                             ?>
                             OutputJane & 'Tarzan'
                             Jane & 'Tarzan'
                             Jane & 'Tarzan'
htmlspecialchars()
                             Converts some predefined characters to HTML entities
                             Example
                             <?php
                             $str = "Jane & 'Tarzan'";
                             echo htmlspecialchars($str, ENT_COMPAT);
                             echo "<br />";
                             echo htmlspecialchars($str, ENT_QUOTES);
                             echo "<br />";
                             echo htmlspecialchars($str, ENT_NOQUOTES);
                             ?>
                             Output
                             Jane & 'Tarzan'
                             Jane & 'Tarzan'
                             Jane & 'Tarzan'
                             Returns a string from the elements of an array
                             Example
implode()
                             <?php
                             $arr = array('Hello','World!','Beautiful','Day!');
                             echo implode(" ",$arr);
                             OutputHello World! Beautiful Day!
join()
                             Alias of implode()
                             Example
                             <?php
                             $arr = array('Hello','World!','Beautiful','Day!');
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	echo join(" ",\$arr); ?>
	OutputHello World! Beautiful Day!
levenshtein()	Returns the Levenshtein distance between two strings
	Example
	<pre><?php echo levenshtein("Hello World","ello World"); echo " "; echo levenshtein("Hello World","ello World",10,20,30); ?></pre>
	Output
	1 30
localeconv()	Returns locale numeric and monetary formatting information
	<pre>example </pre> <pre></pre> <pre> </pre> <pre>setlocale(LC_ALL, 'US'); \$locale_info = localeconv(); print_r(\$locale_info); ?> Output</pre>
	Array ([decimal_point] => . [thousands_sep] => , [int_curr_symbol] => USD [currency_symbol] => \$ [mon_decimal_point] => . [mon_thousands_sep] => , [positive_sign] => [negative_sign] => - [int_frac_digits] => 2 [frac_digits] => 2 [p_cs_precedes] => 1 [p_sep_by_space] => 0 [n_cs_precedes] => 1 [n_sep_by_space] => 0 [p_sign_posn] => 3 [n_sign_posn] => 0 [grouping] => Array ([0] => 3) [mon_grouping] => Array ([0] => 3))
ltrim()	Strips whitespace from the left side of a string
	Example
	<pre><?php \$str = " Hello World!"; echo "Without Itrim: " . \$str; echo " echo " echo "With Itrim: " . Itrim(\$str); ?></pre>
	Output



	Without Itrim: Hello World! With Itrim: Hello World!
md5()	Calculates the MD5 hash of a string
	Example
	php<br \$str = "Hello"; echo md5(\$str); ?>
	Output8b1a9953c4611296a827abf8c47804d7
md5_file()	Calculates the MD5 hash of a file
	Example
	<pre><?php \$filename = "test.txt"; \$md5file = md5_file(\$filename); echo \$md5file; ?></pre>
	Output8d75db5b6b096ff2096f895a57627b98
metaphone()	Calculates the metaphone key of a string
	Example
	<pre><?php echo metaphone("world"); ?></pre>
	OutputWRLT
money_format()	Returns a string formatted as a currency string
	Example
	<pre><?php \$number = 1234.56; setlocale(LC_MONETARY, "en_US"); echo money_format("The price is %i", \$number); ?></pre>
	OutputThe price is USD 1,234.56
	Note: -The money_format() function does not work on Windows platforms.
nl2br()	Inserts HTML line breaks in front of each newline in a string



	Example
	<pre><?php echo nl2br("One line.\nAnother line."); ?></pre>
	Output
	One line. Another line.
number_format()	Formats a number with grouped thousands
	Example
	<pre><?php echo number_format("1000000");</pre></pre>
	echo " ";
	echo number_format("1000000",2); echo " ";
	echo number_format("1000000",2,",","."); ?>
	Output
	1,000,000 1,000,000.00 1.000.000,00
ord()	Returns the ASCII value of the first character of a string
	Example
	php</td
	echo ord("h")." ";
	echo ord("hello")." "; ?>
	Output
	104
	104
	Parses a query string into variables
parse_str()	Example
	php</td
	parse_str("id=23&name=Kai%20Jim"); echo \$id." ;
	echo \$name; ?>



	Output23 Kai Jim
print()	Outputs a string
	Example
	php</td
	\$str = "Who's Kai Jim?";
	print \$str;
	print " ";
	print \$str." I don't know!";
	?>
	Output
	Who's Kai Jim? Who's Kai Jim? I don't know!
printf()	Outputs a formatted string
	Example
	<pre><?php \$str = "Hello"; \$number = 123; printf("%s world. Day number %u",\$str,\$number); ?> OutputHello world. Day number 123</pre>
quoted_printable_decode()	Decodes a quoted-printable string
	Example
	<pre><?php \$str = "Hello=0Aworld."; echo quoted_printable_decode(\$str); ?> OutputHello world.</pre>
quotemeta()	Quotes meta characters
,	Example
	<pre><?php \$str = "Hello world. (can you hear me?)";</pre></pre>



	<pre>echo quotemeta(\$str); ?></pre>
	OutputHello world\. \(can you hear me\?\)
rtrim()	Strips whitespace from the right side of a string
	Example
	<pre><?php \$str = "Hello World! "; echo "Without rtrim: " . \$str; echo " echo " ; echo "With rtrim: " . rtrim(\$str); ?></pre>
	OutputWithout rtrim: Hello World! With rtrim: Hello World!
	Sets locale information
	Example
setlocale()	<pre><?php echo setlocale(LC_ALL,"En-Us"); echo " echo setlocale(LC_ALL,NULL); ?></pre>
	OutputEnglish_United States.1252
sha1()	Calculates the SHA-1 hash of a string
	Example
	php</td
	\$str = 'Hello';
	echo sha1(\$str);
	?>
	Outputf7ff9e8b7bb2e09b70935a5d785e0cc5d9d0abf0
sha1_file()	Calculates the SHA-1 hash of a file
	Example
	php</td
	<pre>\$filename = "test.txt"; \$sha1file = sha1_file(\$filename); echo \$sha1file;</pre>
	?>



Similar_text() Calculates the similarity between two strings Example		
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str_pad()	Pads a string to a new length
,	Example
	php</td
	\$str = "Hello World";
	echo str_pad(\$str,20,".");
	?>
	OutputHello World
str_repeat()	Repeats a string a specified number of times
	Example
	php</td
	echo str_repeat("p",13);
	?>
	Outputppppppppppppppppppppppppppppppppp
str_replace()	Replaces some characters in a string (case-sensitive)
	Example
	php</td
	echo str_replace("world","Peter","Hello world!"); ?>
	OutputHello Peter!
str_rot13()	Performs the ROT13 encoding on a string
	Example
	php</td
	echo str_rot13("Hello World");
	echo " br />";
	echo str_rot13("Uryyb Jbeyq"); ?>
	OutputUryyb Jbeyq Hello World
str_shuffle()	Randomly shuffles all characters in a string
	Example
	php</td
	echo str_shuffle("Hello World"); ?>
str_split()	Splits a string into an array
	Example



	<pre><?php print_r(str_split("Hello")); ?></pre>
	OutputArray ($[0] \Rightarrow H[1] \Rightarrow e[2] \Rightarrow I[3] \Rightarrow I[4] \Rightarrow o$)
str_word_count()	Count the number of words in a string Example php echo str_word_count("Hello world!"); ?
	Output 2
	Compares two strings (case-insensitive)
	Example
strcasecmp()	<pre><?php echo strcasecmp("Hello world!","HELLO WORLD!"); ?></pre>
	Output 0
strchr()	Finds the first occurrence of a string inside another string (alias of strstr())
	Example
	<pre><?php echo strchr("Hello world!","world"); ?></pre>
	Outputworld!
strcmp()	Compares two strings (case-sensitive)
	Example
	<pre><?php echo strcmp("Hello world!","Hello world!"); ?></pre>
	Output 0
strcoll()	Locale based string comparison
	Example
	<pre><?php setlocale (LC_COLLATE, 'NL'); echo strcoll("Hello World!","Hello WORLD!"); echo " br />";</pre>
	setlocale (LC_COLLATE, 'en_US');



	echo strcoll("Hello World!","Hello WORLD!"); ?> Output: 1 1
strcspn()	Returns the number of characters found in a string before any part of some specified characters are found Example php echo strcspn("Hello world!","w"); ? Output 6
strip_tags()	Strips HTML and PHP tags from a string Example php echo strip_tags("Hello <b world!"); ?> OutputHello world!
stripcslashes()	Unquotes a string quoted with addcslashes() Example php echo stripcslashes("Hello, \my na\me is Kai Ji\m."); ? OutputHello, my name is Kai Jim.
stripslashes()	Unquotes a string quoted with addslashes() Example php echo stripslashes("Who\'s Kai Jim?"); ? OutputWho's Kai Jim?
stripos()	Returns the position of the first occurrence of a string inside another string (case-insensitive) Example



	<pre><?php echo stripos("Hello world!","WO"); ?> Output 6</pre>
stristr()	Finds the first occurrence of a string inside another string (case-insensitive) Example php echo stristr("Hello world!","WORLD"); ? Outputworld!
strlen()	Returns the length of a string Example php echo strlen("Hello world!"); ? Output 12
strnatcasecmp()	Compares two strings using a "natural order" algorithm (case- insensitive) Example php echo strnatcasecmp("2Hello world!","10Hello world!"); echo "<br/ ; echo strnatcasecmp("10Hello world!","2Hello world!"); ?> Output-1 1
strnatcmp()	Compares two strings using a "natural order" algorithm (casesensitive) Example php echo strnatcasecmp("2Hello world!","10Hello world!"); echo "<br/ echo strnatcasecmp("10Hello world!","2Hello world!");



	?>
	Output
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strncasecmp()	String comparison of the first n characters (case-insensitive)
	Example
	<pre><?php echo strncasecmp("Hello world!","hello earth!",6); ?></pre>
	Output 0
strncmp()	String comparison of the first n characters (case-sensitive)
	Example
	<pre><?php echo strncmp("Hello world!","Hello earth!",6); ?></pre>
	Output 0
	Searches a string for any of a set of characters
	Example
strpbrk()	<pre><?php echo strpbrk("Hello world!","oe"); ?></pre>
	Outputello world!
strpos()	Returns the position of the first occurrence of a string inside another string (case-sensitive)
	Example
	php<br echo strpos("Hello world!","wo"); ?>
	Output 6
strrchr()	Finds the last occurrence of a string inside another string
	Example



strrov()	<pre><?php echo strrchr("Hello world!","world"); ?> Outputworld! Poverses a string</pre>
strrev()	Example php echo strrev("Hello World!"); ? Output!dlroW olleH
strripos()	Finds the position of the last occurrence of a string inside another string (case-insensitive) Example php echo strripos("Hello world!","WO"); ? Output 6
strrpos()	Finds the position of the last occurrence of a string inside another string (case-sensitive) Example php echo strrpos("Hello world!","wo"); ? Output 6
strspn()	Returns the number of characters found in a string that contains only characters from a specified charlist Example php echo strspn("Hello world!","kHlleo"); ? Output 5
strstr()	Finds the first occurrence of a string inside another string (casesensitive) Example



strtok() Example <pre> <pre> <pre> <pre> <pre> <pre> <pre> <pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre>	
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Splits a string into smaller string	
	ul day today.";
echo strstr("Hello world!","wor ?> Outputworld! Splits a string into smaller string	



	php echo strtr("Hilla Warld","ia","eo"); ? OutputHello World
substr()	Returns a part of a string Example php echo substr("Hello world!",6); ? //Outputworld!
substr_compare()	Compares two strings from a specified start position (binary safe and optionally case-sensitive) Example php echo substr_compare("Hello world","Hello world",0); ? Output 0
substr_count()	Counts the number of times a substring occurs in a string Example php echo substr_count("Hello world. The world is nice","world"); ? Output 2
substr_replace()	Replaces a part of a string with another string Example php echo substr_replace("Hello world","earth",6); ? OutputHello earth
trim()	Strips whitespace from both sides of a string Example php \$str = " Hello World! "; echo "Without trim: " . \$str; echo "<br/ br />";



	echo "With trim: " . trim(\$str); ?>
	OutputWithout trim: Hello World! With trim: Hello World!
ucfirst()	Converts the first character of a string to uppercase
	Example
	<pre><?php echo ucfirst("hello world"); ?></pre>
	OutputHello world
ucwords()	Converts the first character of each word in a string to uppercase
	Example
	<pre><?php echo ucwords("hello world"); ?></pre>
	OutputHello World
vfprintf()	Writes a formatted string to a specified output stream
	Example
	php<br \$str = "Hello";
	\$number = 123;
	<pre>\$file = fopen("test.txt","w"); echo vfprintf(\$file,"%s world. Day number</pre>
	%u",array(\$str,\$number));
	?>
	Output 27
	(test.txt will be written "Hello world. Day number 123")
vprintf()	Outputs a formatted string
	Example
	php</td
	<pre>\$str = "Hello"; \$number = 123;</pre>
	<pre>vprintf("%s world. Day number %u",array(\$str,\$number)); ?></pre>
	OutputHello world. Day number 123



vsprintf()	Writes a formatted string to a variable
	Example
	<pre><?php \$str = "Hello"; \$number = 123; \$txt = vsprintf("%s world. Day number %u",array(\$str,\$number)); echo \$txt; ?> OutputHello world. Day number 123</pre>
wordwrap()	Wraps a string to a given number of characters Example php \$str = "An example on a long word is: Supercalifragulistic"; echo wordwrap(\$str,15); ?
	OutputAn example on a long word is: Supercalifragulistic