Programação Web Servidor

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PHP

The PHP Hypertext Processor



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Dynamic web page

 A dynamic web page is a kind of web page where information is prepared (fetched/created/aggregated) in real time according to information available at the moment, context, user preferences or a combination of all.



Server-side languages

- Languages/frameworks:
 - o PHP
 - JavaScript (frameworks: Node.js)
 - Python
 - o Go/Golang
 - o Java
 - o C#
 - o Etc.



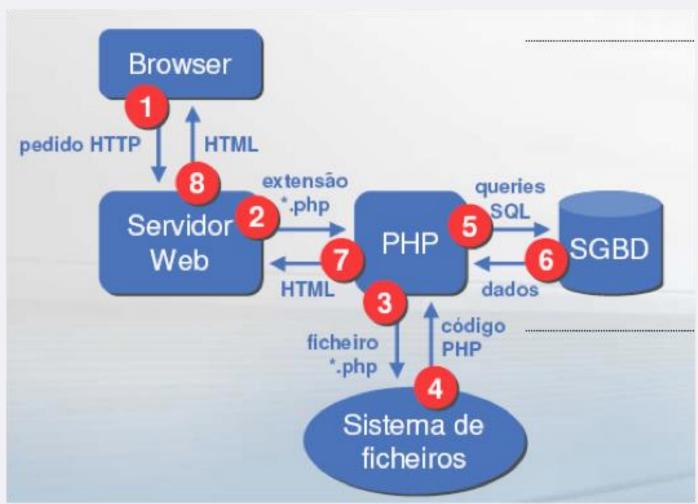
PHP

PHP – PHP Hypertext Preprocessor

- Server-side scripting language (can also be used for desktop applications)
- Supports both procedural and object-oriented paradigms
- Specially designed for dynamic web page creation
- Cross operating systems: windows, linux, macOS
- Supported on a diversity of web servers: apache, IIS, etc.
- Support for multiple Database Management Systems (DBMS): mySQL, Oracle, SQLServer, etc.



PHP: Architecture





PHP: Syntax

PHP script starts with <?php and ends with ?>

```
<?php
  // PHP code
?>
```

- Statements must end with ";"
- PHP keywords classes, functions, and user-defined functions are not case-sensitive; but all variable names are case-sensitive
- The file extension is ".php" (default)
- Now, each file must be triggered by: http://server/file.php



PHP: Syntax

PHP tag and comments

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
\langle ht.m1 \rangle
   <head>
      <title>PHP Teste</title>
   </head>
   <body>
         <?php
            //Isto é um comentário
            # Isto é outro comentário
            /* Isto é um comentário em bloco */
            echo '<h3>Desenvolvimento Web Multimédia</h3>';
            echo 'Programação Web Servidor';
         ?>
   </body>
</html>
```



PHP: Output

echo & print

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
   <head>
      <title>PHP Output</title>
   </head>
   <body>
     <?php
        echo "<h2>Programação Web Servidor</h2>";
        echo "Output para o cliente! <br>";
        echo "Output ", "com ", "vários ", "parametros.";
        print "<br>Também funciona com o print.";
     ?>
   </body>
</html>
```



PHP: Variables 1/3

- No need to declare variables (just assign a value)
- Weakly typed
- Variable's naming rules:
 - MUST start with \$
 - Can include letters, numbers and _
 - Cannot start with digits
 - Case sensitive
- Use unset(<varname>) to explicit destroy a variable (e.g. unset(\$age);)
- Use var_dump(\$age); to know the data type of a variable

```
$age = 12;
$price = 2.55;
$number = -2;
$var = "Jones";
$logic = true;
$var = 5;
```



PHP: Variables 2/3

```
$a="PWS";
echo "$a is cool<br>";
echo $a." is cool";
// They have the same output
```



PHP: Variables 3/3

```
$a="hello";
$$a="world";
echo "$a ${$a} <br>";
echo "$a $hello <br>";
// They have the same output
```



PHP: Constants

Constants are specified using keyword define

```
define("UC","Programação Web Servidor");
define("AGE",22);
...
echo UC;
echo AGE;
```



PHP: Strings 1/2

- Strings are a sequence of characters enclosed by " or '
- String concatenation operator: .
- String functions: strlen, strpos, implode, etc.

```
$string = 'Hello World!';
$string = 'It is Tom\'s house';
$string1 = 'Hello';
$string2 = 'World!';
$stringall = $string1.' '.$string2;
echo strlen("Hello world!"); // 12
echo strpos("Hello world!","world"); // 6
echo str_word_count("Hello world!"); // 2
```



PHP: Strings 2/2

- Strings enclosed by " are interpreted
- Strings enclosed by 'are not interpreted

```
$name = "Manel";
echo 'O teu nome é $name';
// Outputs "O teu nome é $name"
echo "O teu nome é $name";
// Outputs "O teu nome é Manel"
```



PHP: Data types 1/5

- Like JavaScript, PHP is weakly typed
- The data type is inferred by the value assigned to the variable
- Internal data types: String, Integer, Float, Boolean, Array,
 Object
- Special data types:
 - NULL (no value assigned)
 - NaN (not a number)
 - Resource (represents a handler to external resources like opened files, database connections, etc.)



PHP: Data types 2/5

- Data type conversion and test functions:
 - string gettype(mixed var) Get var's data type;
 - bool settype(mixed var, string type) Change var's data type;
 - is_array() Checks whether the variable is an array;
 - is_double(), is_float(), is_real() Checks whether the variable is a float;
 - is_long(), is_int(), is_integer() Checks whether the variable is an integer;
 - is_string() Checks whether the variable is a string;



PHP: Data types 3/5

- Data type conversion and test functions:
 - is_bool() Checks whether the variable is a boolean;
 - is_object() Checks whether the variable is an object;
 - is_resource() Checks whether the variable is a resource;
 - is_null() Checks whether the variable is null;
 - is_scalar() Checks whether the variable is a scalar, that is, an integer, boolean, string, or float;
 - is_numeric() Checks whether the variable is any kind of number or a numeric string;
 - is_callable() Checks whether the variable is the name of a valid function;



PHP: Data types 4/5

- Test/change variable state:
 - bool isset(mixed var) returns true if the variable var is defined;
 - void unset(mixed var) destroys the variable var;
 - bool empty(mixed var) returns true if the variable var does not exist or is not initialized;
- Conversion functions:
 - int intval(mixed var[, int base]) converts var to an int value;
 - float floatval(mixed var) converts var to a float value;
 - string strval(mixed var) converts var to a string value;



PHP: Data types 5/5

Sometimes we need to cast a value into another data type

```
// Cast a float to int
$x = 10.5;
$int cast = (int) $x;
echo $int cast."<br>"; // Outputs 10
// Cast a string to int
|$str = "12";
$int cast = (int)$str;
echo $int cast+10; // Outputs 22
```



PHP: Operators

- Arithmetic operators: +, -, *, /, %, ** (exponentiation)
- Comparison operators: ==, >, <, >=, <=, != (or <>),
 ===, !==, <=>

```
echo (5 <=> 10); // -1 since 5<10
echo (5 <=> 5); // 0 since 5<10
echo (10 <=> 5); // 1 since 10>5
```

Logical operators: && (and), || (or), xor, !



PHP: Date/Time

Current time and date

date(format)

```
// For the day: 28/03/2023
echo date("1")."<br>"; // Tuesday
echo date("d")."<br>"; // 28
echo date("m")."<br>"; // 03
echo date("y")."<br>"; // 23
echo date("Y")."<br>"; // 2023
echo date("d\/m\/Y\, H:i:s"); // 28/03/2023, 10:05:14
// H-Hour from 0 to 23
```



if statement

```
if ($country == "Germany" )
      $message = "Willkommen!";
 elseif ($country == "France" )
     $message = "Bienvenue!";
  } else
      $message = "Welcome!";
echo "$message<br>";
```



if statement

```
a = "12";
$b = 10;
                                Outputs DWM
if ($a == $b+2)
      echo "DWM";
else
      echo "PWS";
$a = "12";
|\$b| = 10;
if ($a === $b+2)
                                Outputs PWS
      echo "DWM";
else
      echo "PWS";
```



switch statement

```
switch ($country)
   case "Germany": $salestaxrate = 0.16;
                   break;
   case "Portugal":$salestaxrate = 0.23;
                   break;
   default: $salestaxrate = 0.19;
            break;
$salestax = $orderTotalCost * $salestaxrate;
```



while statement

```
\$i = 1;
echo "";
while (\$i \ll 10)
   y=$i**2;
   echo "$i$y";
   $i++;
echo "";
```



do...while statement

```
\$i = 1;
echo "";
do
   y=$i**2;
   echo "$i$y";
   $i++;
} while($i <= 10);</pre>
echo "";
```



for statement

```
for ($i = 1; $i <= 10; $i++)
     y=$i**2;
     echo "The square of $i is $y <br>";
for ($i = 0, $j = 1; $t <= 4; $i++, $j++)
     $t = $i + $j;
     echo "$t<br>";
```



break and continue statements

```
$max = 10;
for ($i = 1; $i \le $max; $i++)
     if ($i == 4) {
            continue;
         // break;
      y=$i**2;
     echo "The square of $i is $y <br>";
```



PHP: Functions 1/6

Syntax: function <name>(args) { //code }

```
function finalCost($value, $tax)
  total = value * (1+vax);
  return $total;
$tennis=100;
$iva = 0.23;
echo finalCost($tennis,$iva);
```



PHP: Functions 2/6

Function default values

```
function add 2 numbers (\text{num1} = 1, \text{num2} = 1)
  total = num1 + num2;
  return $total;
echo add 2 numbers().'<br>'; // Outputs:2
// or
echo add 2 numbers(3).'<br>'; // Outputs:4
// or
echo add 2 numbers (4,2).'<br>'; // Outputs:6
```



PHP: Functions 3/6

Local vs Global variables

```
<?php
$VAT=0.23; // Global variable
function cost with vat($cost) {
     global $VAT; // references global variable
     $total with vat = $cost + $cost * $VAT;
     return $total with vat;
$total=cost with vat(199.99);
?>
```



PHP: Functions 4/6

static call can be useful in recursive functions

```
<?php
function staticVars() {
     static $x=0;
      y=0;
      $x++;$y++;
     echo "<br>$x $y<br>";
staticVars(); // Outputs: 1 1
staticVars(); // Outputs: 2 1
?>
```



PHP: Functions 5/6

Arguments

```
<?php
function increment ($num, $amount = 1)
 num = num + amount;
num = 10;
echo $num.'<br>'; // Outputs 10
increment ($num, 5);
echo $num.'<br>'; // Outputs 10
?>
```



PHP: Functions 6/6

Pass by reference

```
<?php
function increment (&$num, $amount = 1)
  num = num + amount;
num = 10;
echo $num.'<br>'; // Outputs 10
increment ($num, 5);
echo $num.'<br>'; // Outputs 15
?>
// In PHP arrays are not passed by reference
```



PHP: Arrays1/8

Simple arrays

```
$animals = array("cat","tiger","elephant");
$animals[20] = "dog";
count($animals); // Returns 4
end($animals);
key($animals); // Returns 20
```



PHP: Arrays 2/8

Associative arrays (usually keys are strings)

```
$airlines = array("BA" => "British Airways",
"LH" => "Lufthansa", "AF" => "Air France");
// or
$airlines['BA'] = "British Airways";
$airlines['LH'] = "Lufthansa";
$airlines['AF'] = "Air France";
```



PHP: Arrays 3/8

Sort operations on simple arrays

```
sort($animals);
rsort($animals); // Reverse sort
```

- Sort operations on associative arrays:
 - By value: asort, arsort (reverse order)
 - By key: ksort, krsort (reverse order)



PHP: Arrays 4/8

Foreach and associative arrays

```
$airlines = array("BA" => "British Airways","LH" =>
"Lufthansa", "AF" => "Air France");
krsort ($airlines);
foreach($airlines as $symbol => $name)
{
   echo "$name ($symbol) <br>";
}
```



PHP: Arrays 5/8

Arrays support iterators: reset(), current(), prev(),
 next(), end(), sizeof() (same as count())

```
reset($airlines); // moves to the first element
$value = current($airlines);
echo "$value<br>"; // current array element
$value = next($airlines);
echo "$value<br>";
$value = next($airlines);
echo "$value<br>";
```



PHP: Arrays 6/8

Operator	Name	Example	Result
+	Union	\$x + \$y	Union of \$x and \$y
==	Equality	\$x == \$y	Returns true if \$x and \$y have the same key/value pairs
===	Identity	\$x === \$y	Returns true if \$x and \$y have the same key/value pairs in the same order and of the same types
!=	Inequality	\$x != \$y	Returns true if \$x is not equal to \$y
<>	Inequality	\$x <> \$y	Returns true if \$x is not equal to \$y
!==	Non-identity	\$x !== \$y	Returns true if \$x is not identical to \$y



PHP: Arrays 7/8

Multi-dimensional arrays

```
$productPrices['clothing']['shirt'] = 20.00;
$productPrices['clothing']['pants'] = 22.50;
$productPrices['linens']['blanket'] = 25.00;
$productPrices['linens']['bedspread'] = 50.00;
$productPrices['furniture']['lamp'] = 44.00;
$productPrices['furniture']['rug'] = 75.00;...
$shirtPrice = $productPrices['clothing']['shirt'];
```



PHP: Arrays 8/8

Multi-dimensional arrays

```
<?php
echo "";
foreach($productPrices as $category) {
 foreach($category as $product => $price) {
    $f price = sprintf("%01.2f", $price);
    echo "";
    echo "$product";
    echo "$f price";
    echo "";
echo "";
?>
```



PHP header

Refresh - allows to refresh a page after some delay

```
<?php
  header('Refresh: 10; url=http://www.example.com/newpage.php');
?>
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head><meta ...><title>...</title></head>
  <body>
    You will be redirected in 10 seconds
  </body>
</html>
```

HTML equivalent refresh header

```
<meta http-equiv="refresh" content="10; url=http://www.example.com/newpage.php">
```



PHP: Code reuse 1/2

- PHP promotes code reuse:
 - o **include**(<file>): triggers a warning if the file doesn't exist;
 - require(<file>): throws an error if the file doesn't exist;
 - require_once(<file>): identical to require() except PHP will check if the file has already been included, and if so, not include (require) it again. Recommended for bootstrapping code;
 - include_once(<file>): identical to the previous.



PHP: Code reuse 2/2

```
<?php
require once 'header.php';
?>
<!-- page content -->
Welcome to the home of PWS.
<?php
require once 'footer.php';
?>
```



HTML Form 1/2

- Allow users to send data to a web server
- Tag: <form>
- Main attributes:
 - o action URL where the form-data is sent to
 - method type of request: GET (by default) or POST
 - enctype specifies how form-data should be encoded before sending it to the server



HTML Form 2/2

- enctype attribute allowed values:
 - application/x-www-form-urlencoded All characters are encoded before sent (by default)
 - multipart/form-data No characters are encoded. This value is required when you are using forms that have a file upload control
 - text/plain Spaces are converted to "+" symbols, but no special characters are encoded



PHP and Forms

- PHP provides 5 built-in superglobal variables for Form processing:
 - \$_POST an associative array of variables passed to the current script via the HTTP POST method
 - \$_GET an associative array of variables passed to the current script via the URL parameters (HTTP GET request)
 - \$_COOKIE an associative array of variables passed to the current script via HTTP Cookies
 - \$_REQUEST an associative array that by default contains the contents of \$_GET, \$_POST, \$_COOKIE
 - \$_FILES An associative array of files uploaded to the current script via the HTTP POST method
- The key used to fetch the value is the name of the control (attribute name). Example: \$ POST["email"]



POST method 1/3

File "form_post.html"

```
<form action="process form post.php" method="post">
<div>
       <label for="firstName">First Name:</label>
       <input type="text" name="firstName" id="firstName">
</div>
kdiv>
       <label for="age">Age:</label>
       <input type="text" name="age" id="age">
</div>
<div>
       <label for="pass">Password:</label>
       <input type="password" name="pass" id="pass">
</div>
       <input type="submit">
                                                                  50
</form>
```



POST method 2/3

File "process_form_post.php"

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
khtml>
khead>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
  <title>PHP Forms</title>
k/head>
<body>
<h1>Forms in PHP</h1>
<?php
echo "Welcome ".$_POST["firstName"].".";
echo "You have ".$ POST["age"]." years old.";
|?>
</body>
k/html>
```



POST method 3/3

 When the user submits the form, none of the fields will be part of the URL. E.g.:

http://localhost/process_form_post.php

- There is no limit (client side) for the size of the request
- The content of a request (POST) is normally limited by the server on a byte size basis in order to prevent a type of DoS attack.



GET method 1/3

File "form_get.html"

```
<form action="process form get.php" method="get">
kdiv>
       <label for="firstName">First Name:</label>
       <input type="text" name="firstName" id="firstName">
k/div>
kdiv>
       <label for="age">Age:</label>
       <input type="text" name="age" id="age">
k/div>
kdiv>
       <label for="pass">Password:</label>
       <input type="password" name="pass" id="pass">
k/div>
       <input type="submit">
                                                                   53
k/form>
```



GET method 2/3

File "process_form_get.php"

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
Khtml>
khead>
 <meta charset="UTF-8">
 <title>PHP Forms</title>
</head>
<body>
kh1>Forms in PHP</h1>
<?php
echo "welcome ".$ GET["firstName"].".";
echo "You have ".$ GET["age"]." years old.";
?>
</body>
</html>
```



GET method 3/3

 When the user submits the form, every field will be part of the URL. E.g.:

http://localhost/process_form_get.php?firstName=ana&age=22

- This is not a good option for sending sensitive data (passwords, uids, etc).
- Although the specification of the HTTP protocol does not specify any maximum length, practical limits may be imposed by web browsers and server software (about 2000 characters).

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Uploading files 1/2

File "form file.html"

```
Kform action="upload.php" enctype="multipart/form-data"
method="post" >
kdiv>
  <label for="description">Image description:
  <input type="text" id="description" name="description">
</div>
kdiv>
  <label for="image">Image:</label>
  <input type="file" name="image" id="image">
</div>
kdiv>
 <input type="submit" value="Send Image">
k/div>
</form>
```



Uploading files 2/2

• File "upload.php"

```
<?php
echo '<h1>$_FILES</h1>';
echo "Nome: ".$_FILES["image"]["name"];
echo "<br>Tipo: ".$_FILES["image"]["type"];
echo "<br>Local: ".$_FILES["image"]["tmp_name"];
echo "<br>Tamanho: ".$_FILES["image"]["size"];
echo "<br>Echo "<br>FILES["image"]["error"];
?>
```

Upload

\$_FILES

Nome: alex_80s.jpg

Tipo: image/jpeg

Local: C:\wamp\tmp\phpCAAB.tmp

Tamanho: 54329

Erro: 0



State and HTTP 1/2

- HTTP is a stateless protocol
- There is no built-in way of maintaining state between two transactions
- There is no automatic link or association between subsequent requests from the same user



State and HTTP 2/2

 How to implement a Shopping Cart feature that needs to keep state across requests?

Client-side: cookies

Server-side: sessions



Cookies 1/2

- Cookie is a kind of variable (name-value pair) sent by the server on each request and is stored on the client's web browser.
- When the browser fetches a web page, it sends along with the request all cookies stored for the page's domain/path
- Cookies have attributes for:
 - domain and path defines the cookie scope;
 - expiration date tells the browser when to delete the cookie;
 - security restricts the cookie's usage (secure connections only, http protocol only).



Cookies 2/2

Limitations:

 4KB of maximum storage for each cookie (for maximum compatibility).

o Browser's:

- There is a limit per domain. Usually, a single domain can store at least 20 cookies;
- A global cookie limit which erases the oldest cookies when the limit is reached.
- Users can delete or disable cookies.



PHP Cookies 1/2

- Function setcookie() sends a cookie to the client (setcookie <=> header("Set-Cookie: ...")).
- The superglobal associative array \$_COOKIE keeps
 track of the cookies sent by the client.



PHP Cookies 2/2

```
<?php
  counter = 0;
  if (isset($ COOKIE['counter']))
       $counter = $ COOKIE['counter'];
  $counter++;
  // set a cookie called counter. Cookie expires after 300s
  setcookie('counter', $counter, time() + 300);
|?>
<!DOCTYPE html>
Khtml>
  <head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <title>PHP: Cookies</title>
  </head>
<body>
  <h1>Welcome. This is your visit #<?php echo $counter ?></h1>
</body>
k/html>
                                                                63
```



Sessions

- Session control allows a web server to track a user during a single session on a website;
- The session ID is generated by the server and stored on the client side for the lifetime of a session. It can be either stored on a user's computer in a cookie or passed along through URLs;
- The session ID acts as a key to register variables called session variables;
- The session variables are stored at the server;
- A sessions has an implicit timeout, after which it is destroyed;
- The session ID is the only information visible at the client side.



PHP Sessions

- Sessions in PHP are represented by a unique session ID (cryptographically 32-digit hexadecimal random number).
- The basic steps of using sessions are:
 - 1. Starting a session;
 - 2. Registering session variables;
 - 3. Using session variables;
 - 4. Deregistering variables and destroying the session.
- Note: these steps don't necessarily occur in the same script.



Starting a session 1/2

- session_start() creates a session or resumes the current one based on a session identifier (PHPSESSID) passed via a cookie or passed via a GET or POST request.
- When a session is resumed, the \$_SESSION super global associative array is filled with the session variables associated to the session id.
- session_start() must be called before outputting anything to the browser.

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Registering session variables

 Session variables are stored in the associative array \$_SESSION

```
<?php
session_start();
...
$_SESSION['Username'] = $username;
$_SESSION['LastOperation'] = time();
$_SESSION['ShoppingCart'] = $new_product;
...
?>
...
```



Using session variables

Always check if session variables have been set (isset() or empty())

```
<?php
session start(); // Don't forget to start/resume session
?>
<?php
  if (isset($ SESSION['authenticated'])) {
   printf('Welcome %s, <a href="logout.php">Logout</a>',
     $ SESSION['username']);
```

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Deregistering variables and destroying the session

- Destroy each session variable individually by calling unset(\$_SESSION["<var_name>"]) or use the following shortcut to destroy all session variables attached to a session: \$_SESSION = array();
- At the end invalidate the session id by calling session_destroy().
- NEVER call unset(\$_SESSION) this will disable further sessions.

```
<?php
  session_start();
  $_SESSION = array();
  session_destroy();
?>
```



Example (login.php) 1/4

```
<?php
                                          Username:
session start();
                                          Password:
if (isset($ SESSION['authenticated'])) {
                                          (Login)
       header('Location: private.php');
       exit(0); }?>
<ht.ml>
khead><title>...</title></head>
<body>
Kform action="auth.php" method="post">
kdiv><label for="username">Username:</label>
kinput type="text" name="username" id="username"></div>
kdiv><label for="pass">Password:</label><input type="password"</pre>
name="pass" id="pass"></div>
kdiv><input type="submit" value="Login"></div>
k/form>
<?php
  if (isset($ SESSION['errors'])) {
  echo "<div>Errors:";
  foreach ($ SESSION['errors'] as $field => $error)
       echo "$field: $error";
       echo "</div>";
                                                                      70
}?></body></html>
```



Example (auth.php) 2/4

```
<?php
 session start();
 $ SESSION['errors'] = array(); // Cleanup previous errors
 if (isset($ POST['username'])) $username = trim($ POST['username']);
   else $username = "";
 if (isset($ POST['pass'])) $password = trim($ POST['pass']);
   else $password = "";
if (strlen($username) == 0)
     $ SESSION['errors']['username'] = 'Empty username';
 if (strlen($password) == 0)
     $ SESSION['errors']['pass'] = 'Empty password';
 if (count($ SESSION['errors']) == 0) {
     if (strcmp($username, $password) == 0) {// Some dummy authentication
        $ SESSION['authenticated'] = true;
        $ SESSION['username'] = $username;
       header('Location: private.php');
        else
          $ SESSION['errors']['auth'] = 'Authentication failed';
 if (count($ SESSION['errors']) != 0) {
    header('Location: login.php');
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     exit(0); }?>
```



Example (private.php) 3/4

```
<?php
 session start();
  if (!isset($ SESSION['authenticated'])) {
      header('Location: login.php');
      exit(0);}
?>
<!DOCTYPE html>
<ht.ml>
 <head><meta ...><title>....</title></head>
 <body>
<?php
 printf('Welcome %s, <a href="logout.php">Logout</a>',',
       $ SESSION['username']);
 echo "Session id: ".session id(). "";
?>
</body>
</html>
```



Example (logout.php) 4/4

```
<?php
session_start();
$_SESSION = array();
session_destroy();
header('Location: login.php');
?>
```



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