

PHP arrays and conditionals

4 Define an array and different types of conditional statements in PHP? Explain about the types of arrays in PHP with examples .

Let's go step by step 

1. Definition of an Array in PHP

An **array** in PHP is a **special variable** that can hold **multiple values** under a **single name**, and each value can be accessed using an **index** or a **key**.

Syntax:

```
php  
  
$arrayName = array(value1, value2, value3, ...);
```

Example:

```
php  
  
$fruits = array("Apple", "Banana", "Cherry");  
echo $fruits[1]; // Output: Banana
```

2. Conditional Statements in PHP

Conditional statements are used to **make decisions** based on conditions (true/false).

PHP supports several types of conditional statements:

- ◆ a) **if Statement**

Executes code if a condition is **true**.

```
php  
  
$age = 20;  
if ($age >= 18) {
```

```
echo "You are an adult.";  
}
```

♦ b) if...else Statement

Executes one block if condition is **true**, another if **false**.

```
php
```

```
$marks = 35;  
if ($marks >= 40) {  
    echo "Pass";  
} else {  
    echo "Fail";  
}
```

♦ c) if...elseif...else Statement

Used to check **multiple conditions**.

```
php
```

```
$score = 85;  
  
if ($score >= 90) {  
    echo "Grade A";  
} elseif ($score >= 75) {  
    echo "Grade B";  
} else {  
    echo "Grade C";  
}
```

♦ d) switch Statement

Used when you have **many conditions** for the same variable.

```
php
```

```
$day = "Tuesday";  
  
switch ($day) {  
    case "Monday":  
        echo "Start of the week";  
        break;  
    case "Tuesday":  
        echo "Second day of the week";  
        break;  
    default:  
        echo "Other day";  
}  
  
-----
```



3. Types of Arrays in PHP

There are **three main types of arrays** in PHP:

- ◆ **a) Indexed Array**
- Stores data with **numeric indexes** (starting from 0).
- Access elements using the index number.

Example:

```
php  
  
$cars = array("BMW", "Audi", "Mercedes");  
  
echo $cars[0]; // Output: BMW
```

OR

```
php  
  
$cars[0] = "BMW";  
$cars[1] = "Audi";  
$cars[2] = "Mercedes";
```

- ◆ **b) Associative Array**
- Uses **named keys** instead of numeric indexes.

Example:

```
php

$age = array("John" => 25, "Peter" => 30, "Mary" => 22);

echo $age["Peter"]; // Output: 30
```

- ◆ **c) Multidimensional Array**

- Contains **one or more arrays inside another array** (like a table).

Example:

```
php

$students = array(
    array("Ravi", 85, "A"),
    array("Priya", 78, "B"),
    array("Kiran", 92, "A+")
);

echo $students[0][0]; // Output: Ravi
echo $students[2][2]; // Output: A+
```

Summary Table

Type of Array	Index Type	Example Key	Example Access
Indexed	Numeric	0, 1, 2	\$arr[0]
Associative	String	"name", "age"	\$arr["name"]
Multidimensional	Arrays inside arrays	Both	\$arr[0][1]

Would you like me to include a **complete PHP program** demonstrating all 3 types of arrays together (for your notes or practical exam)?

3 Explain database connectivity in PHP with reference to MySQL with an example

Let's clearly explain this 

Database Connectivity in PHP with MySQL

Database connectivity in PHP means connecting a **PHP script** to a **MySQL database** so that we can **insert, retrieve, update, or delete** data.

Steps for PHP-MySQL Connectivity

◆ Step 1: Create a Database

Example SQL:

```
sql  
  
CREATE DATABASE studentDB;
```

◆ Step 2: Create a Table

```
sql  
  
CREATE TABLE students (  
    id INT(5) AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,  
    name VARCHAR(50),  
    age INT(3),  
    course VARCHAR(50)  
);
```

Step 3: Connect PHP to MySQL

PHP provides two main ways:

1. MySQLi (MySQL Improved)
2. PDO (PHP Data Objects)

Here, we'll use **MySQLi**, which is simpler for beginners.

✓ Example: PHP Script for MySQL Connection

```
php

<?php
// Step 1: Define connection variables
$servername = "localhost";
$username = "root";
$password = "";
$database = "studentDB";

// Step 2: Create connection
$conn = mysqli_connect($servername, $username, $password, $database);

// Step 3: Check connection
if (!$conn) {
    die("Connection failed: " . mysqli_connect_error());
}
echo "Connected successfully!";

// Step 4: Insert data into table
$sql = "INSERT INTO students (name, age, course) VALUES ('Ravi', 21, 'Computer Science')";

if (mysqli_query($conn, $sql)) {
    echo "<br>New record created successfully";
} else {
    echo "<br>Error: " . $sql . "<br>" . mysqli_error($conn);
}

// Step 5: Close connection
mysqli_close($conn);
?>
```

🧠 Explanation of Code:

Step	Function	Description
<code>mysqli_connect()</code>	Creates a connection between PHP and MySQL	
<code>mysqli_connect_error()</code>	Displays connection errors	
<code>mysqli_query()</code>	Executes SQL queries (SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, etc.)	
<code>mysqli_close()</code>	Closes the database connection	

🔍 Alternative: Using PDO (for advanced use)

```
php

<?php
try {
    $conn = new PDO("mysql:host=localhost;dbname=studentDB", "root", "");
    $conn->setAttribute(PDO::ATTR_ERRMODE, PDO::ERRMODE_EXCEPTION);
    echo "Connected successfully!";
} catch(PDOException $e) {
    echo "Connection failed: " . $e->getMessage();
}
?>
```

📋 Summary

Method	Function Used	Error Handling
MySQLi	<code>mysqli_connect()</code>	Simple and procedural
PDO	<code>new PDO()</code>	Object-oriented, better for large projects

Would you like me to show a version that **fetches and displays records from the database** as well (using `SELECT` query)?

2 Explain how to read form data in PHP from web form controls like text boxes, radio buttons, and lists with examples.

Let's break this down clearly 

Reading Form Data in PHP

In PHP, form data is collected from HTML forms using the `$_GET` or `$_POST` **superglobal arrays**.

These arrays store values submitted by form controls like **text boxes, radio buttons, and lists (dropdowns)**.

1 Steps to Read Form Data

1. Create an HTML form
 2. Specify the method (`GET` or `POST`)
 3. Access data in PHP using `$_GET['name']` or `$_POST['name']`
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Example Form (HTML + PHP)

- ◆ **HTML File:** `form.html`

```
html

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>Form Example</title>
</head>
<body>
  <h2>Student Information Form</h2>
  <form action="readform.php" method="post">
```

```

<!-- Text Box -->
Name: <input type="text" name="studentName"><br><br>

<!-- Radio Buttons -->
Gender:
<input type="radio" name="gender" value="Male"> Male
<input type="radio" name="gender" value="Female"> Female<br><br>

<!-- List (Dropdown) -->
Course:
<select name="course">
    <option value="BCA">BCA</option>
    <option value="B.Tech">B.Tech</option>
    <option value="MCA">MCA</option>
</select><br><br>

    <input type="submit" value="Submit">
</form>
</body>
</html>

```

◆ **PHP File:** `readform.php`

```

php

<?php
// Read data sent from form using POST method
$name = $_POST['studentName'];
$gender = $_POST['gender'];
$course = $_POST['course'];

echo "<h3>Student Details</h3>";
echo "Name: " . $name . "<br>";
echo "Gender: " . $gender . "<br>";
echo "Course: " . $course . "<br>";
?>

```

 **Explanation**

Form Control	HTML Tag	How to Access in PHP	Example Output
Text Box	<input type="text" name="studentName">	\$_POST['studentName']	"Ravi"
Radio Button	<input type="radio" name="gender" value="Male">	\$_POST['gender']	"Male"
Drop-down List	<select name="course">	\$_POST['course']	"BCA"



Alternative: Using `$_GET` Method

If you use `method="get"` in the form, the values will appear in the **URL** and can be read using:

```
php
$name = $_GET['studentName'];
```



Output Example (After Form Submission)

makefile

Student Details

Name: Ravi

Gender: Male

Course: BCA

Would you like me to add **checkbox input** (for selecting multiple hobbies) to this form as well?

1 Write a PHP script to open, close, read and write into a file and Write a PHP

Let's go step-by-step 

Question 1: PHP Script to Open, Read, Write, and Close a File

PHP provides **file handling functions** that allow you to create, open, read, write, and close files.

Example: file_handling.php

```
php

<?php
// File name
$filename = "sample.txt";

// --- Open or Create File ---
$file = fopen($filename, "w") or die("Unable to open file!");

// --- Write to the File ---
$text = "Hello, this is a sample text written using PHP.\n";
fwrite($file, $text);
fwrite($file, "File handling in PHP is easy!\n");

// --- Close the File ---
fclose($file);
echo "Data written successfully!<br>";

// --- Open the File for Reading ---
$file = fopen($filename, "r") or die("Unable to open file!");

// --- Read the File ---
echo "<h3>File Content:</h3>";
while (!feof($file)) {
    echo fgets($file) . "<br>";
}

// --- Close the File ---
```

```
fclose($file);  
?>
```

Explanation:

Function	Description
<code>fopen(filename, mode)</code>	Opens a file in specified mode (<code>r</code> , <code>w</code> , <code>a</code> , etc.)
<code>fwrite(file, text)</code>	Writes data to the file
<code>fgets(file)</code>	Reads one line from the file
<code>feof(file)</code>	Checks for end-of-file
<code>fclose(file)</code>	Closes the file

File Modes:

Mode	Meaning
<code>r</code>	Read only
<code>w</code>	Write only (clears old content)
<code>a</code>	Append to file
<code>r+</code>	Read and write

Question 2: Simple PHP Calculator

A calculator performs basic operations like **Addition**, **Subtraction**, **Multiplication**, and **Division**.

Example: `calculator.php`

```
php
```

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <title>Simple Calculator</title>
</head>
<body>
    <h2>PHP Simple Calculator</h2>
    <form method="post">
        Number 1: <input type="text" name="num1" required><br><br>
        Number 2: <input type="text" name="num2" required><br><br>

        <input type="submit" name="operator" value="Add">
        <input type="submit" name="operator" value="Subtract">
        <input type="submit" name="operator" value="Multiply">
        <input type="submit" name="operator" value="Divide">
    </form>

    <?php
    if ($_SERVER["REQUEST_METHOD"] == "POST") {
        $num1 = $_POST['num1'];
        $num2 = $_POST['num2'];
        $op = $_POST['operator'];

        if (is_numeric($num1) && is_numeric($num2)) {
            switch ($op) {
                case "Add":
                    $result = $num1 + $num2;
                    break;
                case "Subtract":
                    $result = $num1 - $num2;
                    break;
                case "Multiply":
                    $result = $num1 * $num2;
                    break;
                case "Divide":
                    if ($num2 == 0)
                        $result = "Cannot divide by zero!";
                    else
                        $result = $num1 / $num2;
                    break;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```

        echo "<h3>Result: $result</h3>";
    } else {
        echo "<h3>Please enter valid numbers.</h3>";
    }
}

?>
</body>
</html>

```

Explanation:

Concept	Description
<code>\$_POST</code>	Reads data from form fields
<code>switch</code>	Decides which operation to perform
<code>is_numeric()</code>	Ensures the inputs are valid numbers
<code>\$_SERVER["REQUEST_METHOD"]</code>	Checks if form is submitted using POST

Sample Output

yaml

Number 1: 10

Number 2: 5

Operation: Multiply

Result: 50

Would you like me to combine **both programs** (file handling + calculator) in one PHP file as a single project example (for your practical exam)?

