

PHP cheat sheet: Basic syntax

PHP tags:

PHP tags tell the PHP to start or stop interpreting the code between them.

eg:-

```
<?php echo "hello!"; ?>
```

PHP includes a short echo tag <?= which is a shorthand to <?php echo.

eg:-

```
<?= "hello!" ?>
```

PHP short tags are available by default but can be disabled (not recommended)

eg:-

```
<? echo "hello!"; ?>
```

Escaping from html:

Everything that is outside a opening and closing tags in ignored by PHP unless in the middle of a conditional statement.

eg:-

```
<?php if($expression == true): ?>
```

This will show if expression is true

```
<>php else: ?>
```

Otherwise this will show

```
<?php endif; ?>
```

Instruction separation:

Instructions must be ended with a semicolon at the end of each statement excluding the closing tag of a block PHP automatically implies semicolon

Eg:-

```
<?php echo "We don't need a semicolon here" ?>
```

Comments:

PHP supports C, C++ and shell type comments

Eg:-

```
<?php
```

```
/* This is a multiline
```

Comment */

// This is a single line comment

This is also a single line comment

?>