PHP Introduction

What is PHP?

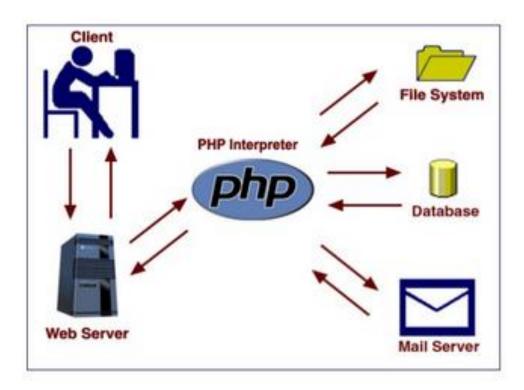
- PHP is an acronym for "PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor"
- PHP is a widely-used, open source scripting language
- PHP scripts are executed on the serve

PHP File

- PHP files can contain text, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and PHP code
- PHP code are executed on the server, and the result is returned to the browser as plain HTML
- PHP files have extension ".php"

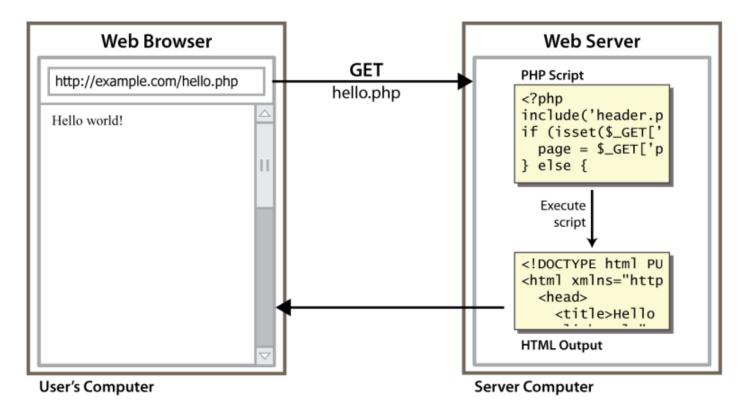
How PHP works

- when the user navigates in his browser to a page with a .php extension, the request is sent to a web server, which directs the request to the PHP interpreter.
- The PHP page is processed and the results is sent back to client.



Life cycle of a PHP web request

- The user requests a .php file.
- Server runs any script code inside.
- script produces output that becomes the response sent back to user's browser.



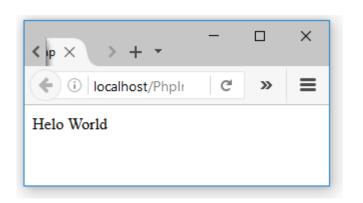
Using PHP we can:

- PHP can generate dynamic page content
- PHP can create, open, read, write, delete, and close files on the server
- PHP can collect form data
- PHP can send and receive cookies
- PHP can add, delete, modify data in your database

PHP Syntax

- A PHP script can be placed anywhere in the document.
- A PHP script starts with <?php and ends with ?>

- The PHP code is executed on the server, generating HTML which is sent back to the client.
- The hello world PHP page renders to an HTML page as bellow:





Comments in PHP

 A comment in PHP code is a line that is not read/executed as part of the program. Its only purpose is to be read by someone who is looking at the code.

```
<html>
    <head>
        <meta charset="UTF-8">
        <title></title>
    </head>
    <body>
        <?php
        // This is a single-line comment
          This is a multiple-lines comment block
          that spans over multiple
          lines
        echo "Hello World!";
        ?>
    </body>
</html>
```

Declaring PHP Variables

• In PHP, a variable starts with the \$ sign, followed by the name of the variable.

Rules for PHP variables

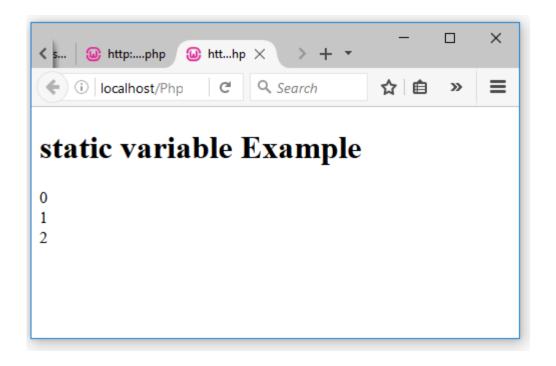
- A variable starts with the \$ sign, followed by the name of the variable
- A variable name must start with a letter or the underscore character
- A variable name cannot start with a number
- A variable name can only contain alpha-numeric characters and underscores (A-z, 0-9, and _)
- Variable names are case-sensitive

Variables Scope

- PHP has three different variable scopes:
 - local
 - global
 - Static

static variable is a local variable in a function that keeps its value after the function executed.

```
<html>
    <head>
        <meta charset="UTF-8">
        <title></title>
    </head>
    <body>
        <h1>static variable Example</h1>
        <?php
        function myFunction() {
            static $x = 0;
            echo $x, "</br>";
            $x++;
        myFunction();
        myFunction();
        myFunction();
        ?>
    </body>
</html>
```



PHP Data Types

- PHP supports the following data types:
 - **Integers** are whole numbers, without a decimal point, like 4195.
 - **Doubles** are floating-point numbers, like 3.14159 or 49.1.
 - **Booleans** have only two possible values either true or false.
 - NULL is a special type that only has one value: NULL.
 - Strings are sequences of characters, like 'PHP supports string operations.'
 - Arrays are named and indexed collections of other values.
 - **Objects** are instances of programmer-defined classes, which can package up both other kinds of values and functions that are specific to the class.
 - **Resources** are special variables that hold references to resources external to PHP (such as database connections).

Object Example

```
<?php
class foo

{
    function do_foo()
    {
       echo "Doing foo.";
    }
}

$bar = new foo;
$bar->do_foo();
?
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bar.do_foo(); \$bar->do_foo();

Resource Example

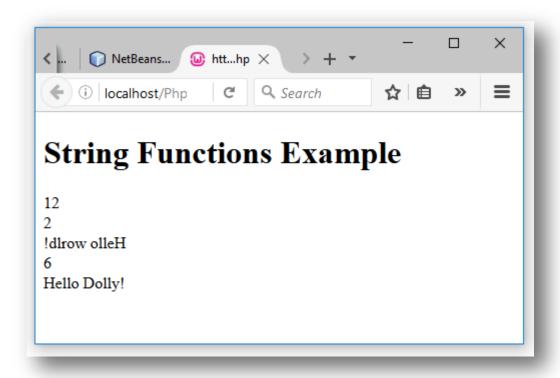
```
<?php
$c = mysql_connect();

$fp = fopen("foo", "w");
<?</pre>
```

PHP String Functions

Function	Uses	Example
strlen()	returns the length of a string.	echo strlen("Hello world!"); // outputs 12
str_word_count()	counts the number of words in a string	echo str_word_count("Hello world!"); // outputs 2
strrev()	reverses a string	echo strrev("Hello world!"); // outputs !dlrow olleH
strpos()	searches for a specific text within a string	echo strpos("Hello world!", "world"); // outputs 6
str_replace()	replaces some characters with some other characters in a string.	echo str_replace("world", "Dolly", "Hello world!"); // outputs Hello Dolly!

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<!--
string functions.php
-->
<html>
    <head>
        <meta charset="UTF-8">
        <title></title>
    </head>
    <body>
        <h1>String Functions Example</h1>
        <?php
        echo strlen("Hello world!"),"</br>";
        echo str word count("Hello world!"),"</br>";
        echo strrev("Hello world!"),"</br>"; //
        echo strpos("Hello world!", "world"),"</br>";
        echo str replace ("world", "Dolly", "Hello world!");
        ?>
    </body>
</html>
```



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PHP Constants

- A constant is an identifier for a value and its value cannot be changed during the script.
- The define() function is used to create a constant.

define(name, value, case-insensitive)
 define("PI", "3.14");

Constants are automatically global and can be used across the entire script.

```
<html>
    <head>
        <meta charset="UTF-8">
        <title></title>
    </head>
    <body>
        <?php
        define("PI", 3.14);
        function circleArea() {
            $area = PI * 10 * 10;
            echo $area;
        circleArea();
        ?>
   </body>
</html>
```

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PHP Operators

- Operators are used to perform operations on variables and values.
- PHP divides the operators in the following groups:
 - Arithmetic operators
 - Assignment operators
 - Comparison operators
 - Increment/Decrement operators
 - Logical operators
 - String operators
 - Array operators

Arithmetic operators

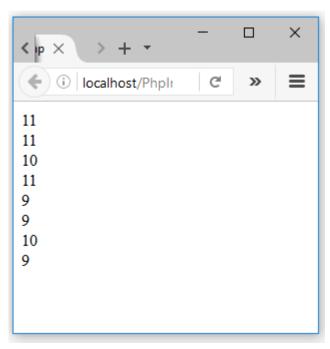
Operator	Description	Example
+	Addition	\$j+1
-	Subtraction	\$j - 6
*	Multiplication	\$j*11
/	Division	\$j / 4
%	Modulus (division remainder)	\$j%9
++	Increment	++ \$j
	Decrement	\$j

Assignment operators

Operator	Example	Equivalent to
=	\$j = 15	\$j = 15
+=	\$j += 5	j = j + 5
-=	\$j -= 3	\$j = \$j - 3
*=	\$j *= 8	\$j = \$j * 8
/=	\$j /= 16	\$j = \$j / 16
.=	\$j .= \$k	j = j . k
%=	\$j %= 4	\$j = \$j % 4

```
<html>
   <head>
       <meta charset="UTF-8">
       <title></title>
    </head>
    <body>
       <?php
        $x = 10;
        echo ++$x, "<br/>";
        echo $x, "<br/>";
        y = 10;
        echo $y++, "<br/>";
        echo $y, "<br/>";
        $z = 10;
        echo --$z, "<br/>";
        echo $z, "<br/>";
        $w = 10;
        echo $w--, "<br/>";
        echo $w, "<br/>";
        ?>
   </body>
</html>
```

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Comparison operators

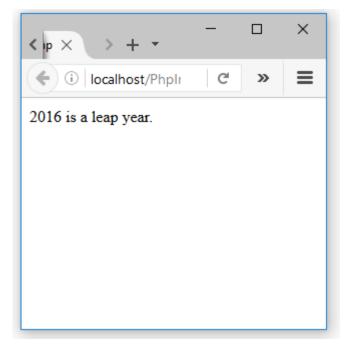
Operator	Description	Example
==	Is equal to	\$j == 4
!=	Is not equal to	\$j != 21
>	Is greater than	\$j > 3
<	Is less than	\$j < 100
>=	Is greater than or equal to	\$j >= 15
<=	Is less than or equal to	\$j <= 8

Logical operators

Operator	Description	Example
&&	And	\$j == 3 && \$k == 2
and	Low-precedence and	j == 3 and $k == 2$
11	Or	\$j < 5 \$j > 10
ог	Low-precedence or	\$j < 5 or \$j > 10
!	Not	! (\$j == \$k)
хог	Exclusive or	\$j xor \$k

```
<html>
    <head>
        <meta charset="UTF-8">
       <title></title>
    </head>
    <body>
       <?php
        year = 2016;
       // Leap years are divisible by 400 or by 4 but not 100
        if (($year % 400 == 0) || (($year % 100 != 0) && ($year % 4 == 0))) {
            echo "$year is a leap year.";
        } else {
            echo "$year is not a leap year.";
        ?>
   </body>
</html>
```

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The if Statement

```
<html>
    <head>
        <meta charset="UTF-8">
        <title></title>
    </head>
    <body>
        <?php
        $bank balance = 5000;
        if ($bank balance >= 500) {
            \$zakat = (\$bank balance / 1000) * 25;
            echo $zakat;
        ?>
    </body>
</html>
```

The if else Statement

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```
<html>
                                         <head>
                                                                                 <meta charset="UTF-8">
                                                                                  <title></title>
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                                          <body>
                                                                                  <?php
                                                                                   $bank balance = 5000;
                                                                                    if ($bank balance >= 500) {
                                                                                                                              parabox{ } parabox{ 
                                                                                                                             echo $zakat;
                                                                                       } else {
                                                                                                                             echo "No Zakat";
                                                                                    ?>
                                         </body>
</html>
```

The elseif Statement

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```
<html>
    <head>
        <meta charset="UTF-8">
        <title></title>
    </head>
    <body>
        <?php
        $x = 15;
        y = 15;
        if (\$x > \$y) {
            echo "X is greather than y";
        elseif ($y > $x) {
            echo "X is less than y";
        } else {
            echo "X is equal to y";
        ?>
    </body>
</html>
```

The switch Statement

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```
<html>
    <head>
        <meta charset="UTF-8">
        <title></title>
    </head>
    <body>
        <?php
        $page ="News";
        switch ($page) {
            case "Home":
                echo "You selected Home";
                break;
            case "About":
                echo "You selected About";
                break;
            case "News":
                echo "You selected News";
                break;
            case "Login":
                echo "You selected Login";
                break;
            case "Links":
                echo "You selected Links";
                break;
        ?>
    </body>
</html>
```

The? Operator

while Loops

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```
<html>
    <head>
        <meta charset="UTF-8">
        <title></title>
    </head>
    <body>
        <h1>while Example</h1>
        <?php
        $x = 1;
        while (\$x \le 10) {
            echo $x;
            $x = $x + 1;
        ?>
    </body>
</html>
```

do...while Loops

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```
<html>
    <head>
        <meta charset="UTF-8">
        <title></title>
    </head>
    <body>
        <h1>do..while Example</h1>
        <?php
        $x = 1;
        do {
            echo $x;
            $x = $x + 1;
        } while ($x \le 10);
        ?>
    </body>
</html>
```

for Loops

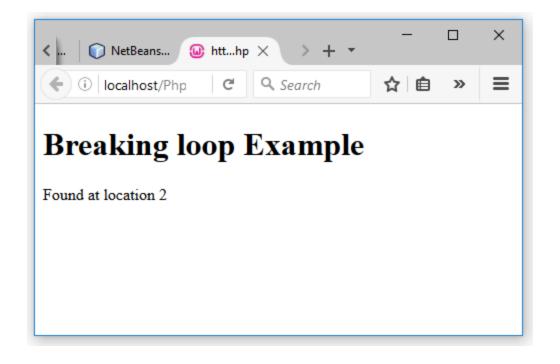
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```
<html>
    <head>
        <meta charset="UTF-8">
        <title></title>
    </head>
    <body>
        <h1>For loop Example</h1>
        <?php
        for (\$x = 0; \$x \le 10; \$x++) {
            echo $x;
        ?>
    </body>
</html>
```

Breaking Out of a Loop

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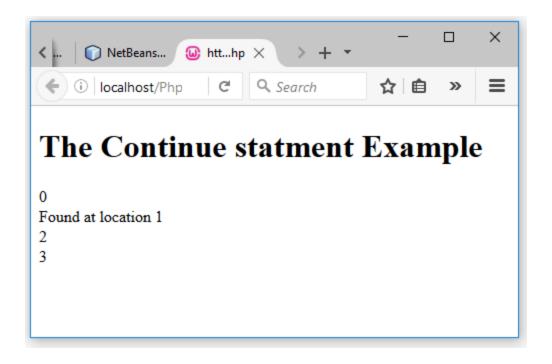
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<html>
    <head>
        <meta charset="UTF-8">
        <title></title>
    </head>
    <body>
        <h1>Breaking loop Example</h1>
        <?php
        $colors = array("red", "green", "blue", "yellow");
        for (\$i = 0; \$i \le 4; \$i++) {
            if ($colors[$i] == "blue") {
                echo"Found at location " , $i;
                break;
    </body>
</html>
```



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The continue Statement

```
<html>
    <head>
        <meta charset="UTF-8">
        <title></title>
    </head>
    <body>
        <h1>The Continue statment Example</h1>
        <?php
       $colors = array("red", "green", "blue", "yellow");
        for (\$i = 0;\$i < 4; \$i++) {
            if ($colors[$i] == 'green') {
                echo "Found at location " , $i,"</br>";
                continue;
            echo $i,"</br>";
        ?>
    </body>
</html>
```



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foreach Loop

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```
foreach ($array as $value) {
   code to be executed;
}
```

```
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        <title></title>
    </head>
    <body>
        <?php
        $colors = array("red", "green", "blue", "yellow");
        foreach ($colors as $value) {
            echo "$value <br>";
        ?>
    </body>
</html>
```

