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INTRODUCTION TO PHP

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* PHP - Introduction :-

→ PHP was developed by "Rasmus Lerdorf" in 1994.

↳ In 1995, he developed package called personal home page tools, which became the first publicly distributed version of PHP.

↳ originally, PHP was an acronym for "HyperText-preprocessor"

What is PHP :-

↳ PHP is an open source, interpreted and object-oriented server-side scripting language. It is used to develop web applications.

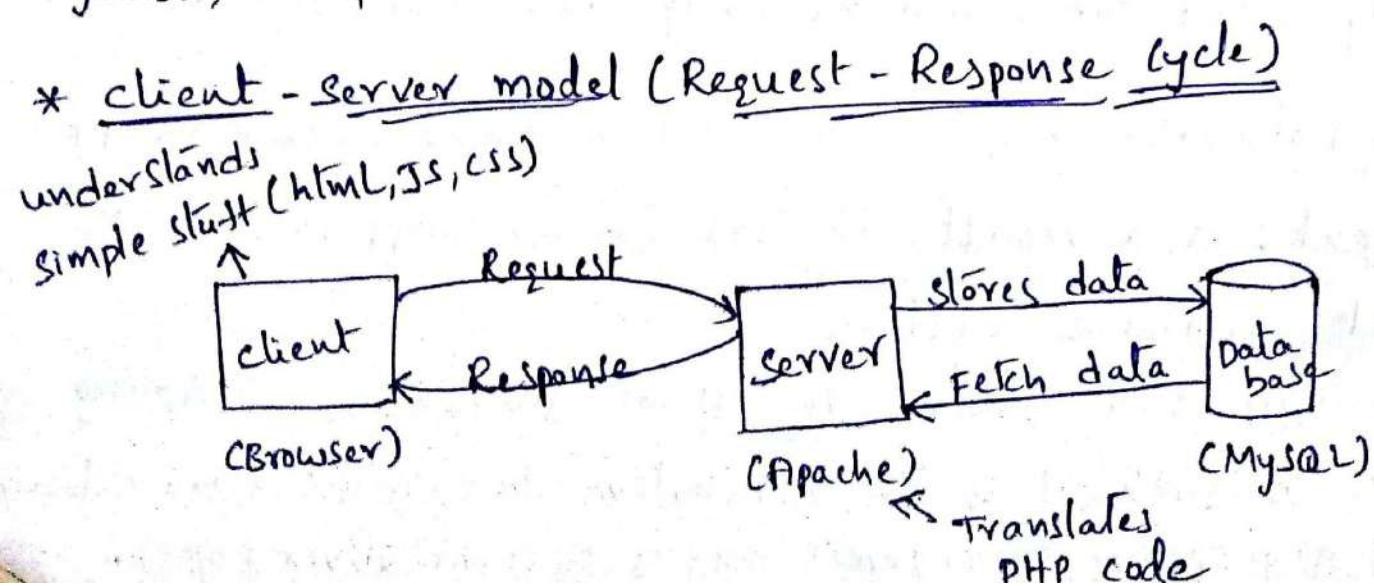
↳ PHP is an interpreted language, i.e there is no need for compilation.

↳ As a Server-side scripting language, PHP is naturally used for form handling and database access.

↳ Database access has been a prime focus of PHP development; as a result, it has driver support for 15 different database systems.

↳ PHP is a server-side, XHTML-embedded scripting language, as such, it is an alternative to CGI (Common Gateway Interface) (on various servers) and JSP (Java Server pages).

- The PHP processor has two modes of operations
 - ↳ copy mode
 - ↳ Interpret mode
- The PHP processor, takes a PHP document file as input and produces an XHTML document file.
 - ↳ When, the PHP processor finds XHTML code in the input file, it simply copies it to the output file.
 - ↳ When, it encounters PHP script in the input file, it interprets it and sends output of the script to the output file.
 - ↳ The new file (output file) is sent to the requesting browser.
- Note:- PHP is usually purely interpreted programming language.
- PHP is can be used in popular websites like, Facebook, yahoo, wikipedia and word processor.



→ In this, Apache can be used as server, MySQL as database and PHP as scripting language.

Installing PHP :-

↳ To install PHP, we need to install AMP (Apache, MySQL, PHP) software pack. It is available for all operating systems. And it is an open source (free of cost).

↳ WAMP for Windows

↳ LAMP for Linux

↳ MAMP for Mac

↳ SAMPP for Solaris

↳ XAMPP (cross, Apache, MySQL, PHP, Perl) for cross platforms.

→ To check, the WAMP stack is installed or not, just open browser and type "localhost" at address bar as url, then we will get WAMP homepage (i.e. installed successfully).

* PHP Example :-

It is very easy to create a simple PHP example, To do so, create a file and write HTML tags + PHP code and save this file with .php extension.

⇒ To create PHP file, better use text editors (notepad, notepad++).

→ All PHP code will be between PHP tag.

Syntax of PHP tag is

opening tag ← <?php

// code here

?> → closing tag

→ In PHP, each statement ends with ; (semicolon).

* echo statement:-

↳ echo statement is used to print something on screen. just like print function in 'C' prog language.

Ex:- echo "Hello... Welcome!" ;

O/P: Hello ... Welcome!

Ex: echo "Hello" . 10 * 3;

O/P: Hello 30

Note: In PHP, •(dot) symbol is used to concatenate two strings.

↳ To create PHP file, we need to, ^{know} basic knowledge of HTML (HyperText Markup Language) to generate static content where PHP script generates dynamic content.

HTML Tags + PHP Script = PHP file.

Example :-

"First.php"

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title> First PHP Example </title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <?php
      echo "This is my first php example";
    ?>
  </body>
</html>
```

O/P:-

(2) First PHP Example - D:\

This is my first php example

* Comments in PHP :-

↳ Generally, comments are used to describe (or) hide any line of code so that developer can understand the code easily.

↳ PHP supports Single line and Multi-line comments.

→ Single line comments // /* ... */

Ex: // single line comment

→ Multi-line comments

Ex: /* This is
 a multi-line
 comments */

* Declaring variables in PHP :-

↳ A variable in PHP is a name of memory location that holds data.

(or)

↳ A variable is a temporary storage that is used to store data temporarily.

→ In PHP, a variable is declared using \$ sign followed by variable name.

Syntax: \$variableName = value;

Rules for naming variable :-

↳ In PHP, variables must start with letter (or) under score only.

↳ The variable can't be start with numbers and special symbols.

Example: $\begin{cases} \$a = "hello"; \\ \$_b = "Madhu"; \end{cases}$ } valid

$\begin{cases} \$4c = "hello"; \\ \$xd = "Madhu"; \end{cases}$ } invalid

→ In PHP, variable names are case-sensitive, so variable name "A" is different from "a". i.e. \$Affa, Ex: \$A = "Madhu"; \$a = "Kiran"; where both (\$A, \$a) are different.

→ PHP is a loosely typed language, it means PHP automatically converts the variable to its correct data type.

Ex:- \$str = "Hello"; // string type.

\$x = 200; // integer type.

\$y = 14.6; // float type.

here, no need to declare (or) specify any data type.

Example :-

```
<html>
<head>
    <title> Variables Demo </title>
</head>
<body>
    <?php
```

\$str = "Madhu";

\$x = 112;

\$y = 13.42;

echo "String is : \$str
";

echo "Int is : \$x
";

echo "float is : \$y
";

?>

O/P:-

```
</body>
</html>
```

② Variables Demo	- □ X
String is : Madhu	
Int is : 112	
Float is : 13.42	

* Datatypes in PHP :-

↳ Generally, the datatypes are used to hold different types of data (or) values.

(or)

↳ Datatype specifies what type of data (or) value will be stored in variable.

→ PHP supports 8 primitive data types that can be categorized

into 3 types

1. scalar data types
2. compound data types
3. special data types

⇒ scalar data types :

↳ scalar data type contains only a single value.

There are 4 scalar data types.

- | | |
|-----------|----------------------|
| → boolean | Ex: \$status = TRUE; |
| → integer | Ex: \$n = 15; |
| → float | Ex: \$f = 16.61; |
| → string | Ex: \$str = "Madhu"; |

⇒ compound data types :

↳ compound data type contains more than one value. There are 2 types of compound data types

- array Ex:- `$n = array(1,2,3,4,5);`
- object Ex:- `$s = new Student();`

⇒ Special data types :-

↳ PHP supports 2 special data types

→ resource Ex: Any file (or) database

→ NULL Ex: NULL (or) null (or) `$age = null;`

* Operators in PHP :-

↳ An operator is a symbol i.e used to perform operations on operands.

↳ PHP supports following operators,

those are

• Arithmetic operators :-

- + Addition
- Subtraction
- * Multiplication
- / Division
- % Modulus

** exponentiation

• Increment/Decrement operators :-

- ++ Increment
- Decrement

• Assignment operators :-

- = Assignment
- += Assignment after Addition
- = Assignment after Subtraction
- *= Assignment after Multiplication
- /= " " Division
- %= " " Modulus

- Comparison (or) Relational operators :-

$==$	Equal	$== =$	Identical (if variables are of the same type)
$<> \text{ or } !=$	Not equal	$!= =$	Not Identical (if both variables have same value)
$>$	Greater than	$> =$	Greater than (or) equal to
$<$	Less than	$< =$	Less than or equal to

- Logical operators :-

and	And	$\&\&$	And
or	Or	$ $	Or
xor	Xor	!	Not

- Array operators :-

$+$	Union	$== =$	Identity
$== =$	Equality	$!= =$	Non-Identity
$<> \text{ or } !=$	InEquality		

↳ We can also categorize operators on behalf of operands.

They can be categorized in 3 forms

→ Unary operators : Works on single operands, such as $++$, $--$ etc.

→ Binary operators : Works on two operands, such as $+$, $-$, $*$, $/$, etc.

→ Ternary Operators : Works on three operands, such as condition? value1 : value2

- String operators :-

- Concatenation
- $=$ concatenation assignment

Example :-

"operatorDemo.php"

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title> operators Demo </title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <?php
      $a = 42;
      $b = 20;
      $c = $a + $b;
      echo "Addition is : $c <br/>";
      $c = $a - $b;
      echo "Subtraction is : $c <br/>";
      $c = $a++;
      echo "Increment is : $c <br/>";
      $c = $a--;
      echo "Decrement is : $c <br/>";
      $c += $a;
      echo "Addition assignment is : $c <br/>";
      $c -= $a;
      echo "Subtraction assignment is : $c <br/>";
    ?>
  </body>
</html>
```

```
Addition is : 62  
Subtraction is : 22  
Increment is : 42  
Decrement is : 43  
Addition assignment is : 85  
Subtraction assignment is : 43
```

* control structures in php :-

↳ control structures (or) statements

- conditional statements
- Loop statements
- jump statements

• conditional statements :-

→ conditional statements are used to perform different actions based on different conditions.

→ PHP supports following conditional statements

↳ if statement :- executes some code if one condition is true. Syntax : if (condition)

```
{  
    statements (or) code  
}
```

↳ if - else statement :- executes some code if condition is true and another code if that condition is false.

Syntax:- if (condition)
 {
 code (or) statements
 }
 else
 {
 code (or) statements
 }

↳ if - elseif - else statement :- executes different codes for more than two conditions.

Syntax:- if (condition)
 {
 code
 }
 elseif (condition)
 {
 code
 }
 elseif (condition)
 {
 code
 }
 :
 else
 {
 code
 }

Example :-

"conditionalDemo.php"

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title> conditional demo </title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <?php
      $x = 15;
      $y = 25;
      if ($x > $y)
      {
        echo "$x is greater than $y";
      }
      elseif ($x < $y)
      {
        echo "$x is less than $y";
      }
      else
      {
        echo "$x is equal to $y";
      }
    ?>
  </body>
</html>
```

o/p:-

Conditional Demo
15 is less than 25

↳ switch statement :- used to execute one block of statements from multiple conditions.

Syntax: switch (expression)
{
 case value1 : code
 break;
 case value2 : code
 break;

 default : code
}

Example:-

"switchDemo.php"

```
<html>
<head>
    <title> SwitchDemo </title>
</head>
<body>
<?php
    $x = 15;
    $y = 10;
    $op = '*';
    switch ($op)
    {
        case '+': echo $x + $y;
                    break;
        case '-': echo $x - $y;
                    break;
    }

```

```

case '*': echo $x * $y;
            break;

case '/': echo $x / $y;
            break;

case '%': echo $x % $y;
            break;

default: echo "Invalid operator!";

```

```

?>
</body>
</html>

```

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Loop Statement :-

- Loop statements can be used to execute set of code for the specified number of times.
- PHP supports following loop statements

↳ while Loop :- executes a block of code as long as the specified condition is true.

Syntax :- while (condition)
 {
 code (or) statements
 }

Note :- While should be used if number of iteration is not known.

Example :-

"while Demo.php"

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title> While Demo </title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <?php
      $n=1;
      while ($n<=5)
      {
        echo "<br/>$n";
        $n++;
      }
    >
  </body>
</html>
```

Ques:-	Ans:-
	White Demo 1 2 3 4 5

↳ Do..While Loop :- It will always execute the block of code once, it will then check condition, and repeat the loop while the specified condition is true.

Syntax :- do
 {
 code (or) statements
 } while (condition);

→ It executes the code at least one time always because condition is checked after executing the code.

Example:-

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title> Do-While Demo </title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <?php
      $n = 1;
      do
      {
        echo "$n <br>";
        $n++;
      } while ($n <= 5);
    ?>
  </body>
</html>
```

@ Do-While Demo - □ X

1
2
3
4
5

↳ For Loop :- Executes a block of code for the specified number of times.

Syntax :- `for (initialization; condition; increment/decrement)`

```
{  
  code (or) statements  
}
```

Note :- For loop should be used if number of iteration is known otherwise use while loop.

Example :-

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title> FOR DEMO </title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <?php
      for ($n=1; $n<=5; $n++)
      {
        echo "$n <br/>";
      }
    ?>
  </body>
</html>
```

"fordemo.php"

The screenshot shows a browser window with the title bar 'FOR DEMO'. The main content area displays the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, each on a new line, which is the output of the PHP for loop.

1
2
3
4
5

• Jump statements :-

→ jump statements are used to alter the normal control flow of loop statements.

→ PHP supports following jump statements

↳ break:- When a break statement is encountered inside a loop, the loop is terminated and program control resumes at the next statement following the loop.

Syntax:- break;

→ In simple words, the break is used to breaks (stops) a loop execution.

Example:-

"BreakDemo.php"

```
<html>
<head>
<title> Break Demo </title>
</head>
<body>
<?php
for($n=1; $n<=10; $n++)
{
    if($n==6)
    {
        break; //terminates loop if $n is 6
    }
    echo "<br/>$n";
}
echo "Loop is over";
?>
</body>
</html>
```

Break Demo	- X
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
Loop is over	

↳ continue:- When a continue statement is encountered inside the loop, remaining statements are skipped and loop proceeds with the next iteration.

Syntax:- `continue;`

→ In simple words, The continue is used to skip the

particular iteration and jumps to the next iteration of a particular loop.

Example :-

"continuedemo.php"

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title> Continue Demo </title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <?php
      for($n=1; $n<=10; $n++)
      {
        if($n%2 == 0)
        {
          continue; //skip next stmt if $n is even.
        }
        echo "<br>" . $n;
      }
    ?>
  </body>
</html>
```

② Continue Demo	- □ X
1	
3	
5	
7	
9	

* Expressions :-

- ↳ Expressions are the most important building blocks of PHP. In PHP, almost anything you write is an expression.
- ↳ The simplest way to define an expression is "anything that has a value".
- ↳ In other words, an expression is made up of variables and operators, that evaluates to a single value.

Ex:-

`$a = 15;`

`$b = 20;`

`$c = $a + $b;`

* Arrays :-

- ↳ An array is a special variable, which can hold more than one value at a time.

(or)

- ↳ An array can hold many values under single name, and we can access the values by referring to an index number.

→ In PHP, the `array()` function is used to create an array.

`array();`

→ There are 3 types of arrays

- ↳ Indexed Array
- ↳ Associative Array
- ↳ Multi-dimensional Array.

⇒ Indexed Array:-

→ In php, index is represented by number.

which starts from 0.

→ In this array, all elements are assigned to an index number by default.

→ There are two ways to define indexed array:

1st-way:

```
$marks = array(60, 72, 66);
```

2nd-way:

```
$marks[0] = 60;  
$marks[1] = 72;  
$marks[2] = 66;
```

Example :-

```
<html>  
  <head>  
    <title> Indexed Array </title>  
  </head>
```

"IArray.php"

```
<body>
```

```
<?php
```

```
$marks = array(60, 72, 66, 75);
```

\$marks[0] = 60;
\$marks[1] = 72;
\$marks[2] = 66;
\$marks[3] = 75;

```
echo "Marks are : $marks[0], $marks[1], $marks[  
and $marks[3]";
```

```
?>
```

O/P:-

```
</body>
```

```
</html>
```

@ Indexed Array

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Marks are : 60, 72, 66 and 75

→ Associative Array :-

→ The associative arrays are very similar to indexed arrays in term of functionality but they are different in terms of their index.

→ Associative array will have their index as string so that we can establish a strong association between key and value.

→ In php, we can associate name with each array element using ' \Rightarrow ' symbol.

→ There are two ways to define associative array.

1st way :

```
$marks = array ("Madhu"=>60, "Kiran"=>72,  
"Giri"=>66, "Kalam"=>75);
```

2nd way :

```
$marks ["Madhu"] = 60;  
$marks ["Kiran"] = 72;  
$marks ["Giri"] = 66;  
$marks ["Kalam"] = 75;
```

Example :-

"AArray.php"

```
<html>  
  <head>  
    <title> Associative Array </title>  
  </head>  
  <body>  
    <?php  
      $marks = array ("Madhu"=>60, "Kiran"=>72,  
                      "Giri"=>66, "Kalam"=>75);
```

```
      echo "Marks of Madhu : ". $marks ["Madhu"]. "<br/>";  
      echo "Marks of Kiran : ". $marks ["Kiran"]. "<br/>";  
      echo "Marks of Giri : ". $marks ["Giri"]. "<br/>";  
      echo "Marks of Kalam : ". $marks ["Kalam"]. "<br/>";  
    ?>  
  </body>  
</html>
```

O/P:-

② Associative Array

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Marks of Madhu : 60
Marks of Iciron : 72
Marks of Giri : 66
Marks of Kalam : 75

⇒ Multi dimensional Array :-

→ In php, Multi dimensional array is also known as array of arrays. It allows you to store tabular data in an array.

→ Multi dimensional array can be represented in the form of Matrix which represented by rows and columns.

Defn:

```
$students = array (  
    array (501, "Hari", 72),  
    array (502, "Madhu", 62),  
    array (503, "Naveen", 82)  
);
```

→ A Multi dimensional array is an array containing one or more arrays. PHP understands multi dimensional arrays that are two, three, four, five (or) more levels deep.

Example :-

```
<html>                                "MDArray.php"
  <head>
    <title> Multi-Dimensional Array </title>
  </head>
  <?php <body>
    $students = array (
      array (501, "Hari", 72),
      array (521, "Madhu", 65);
      array (536, "Naveen", 82));
    for ($i=0; $i<3; $i++)
    {
      for ($j=0; $j<3; $j++)
      {
        echo $students[$i][$j]. " ";
      }
      echo "<br/>";
    }
  ?>
  </body>
</html>
```

Output:

@ Multi-Dimensional Array			- D X
501	Hari	72	
521	Madhu	65	
536	Naveen	82	

* Strings :-

↳ A string is a sequence of characters i.e used to store and manipulate text.

↳ There are 2 ways to specify string in PHP.

→ Single quotes Ex:- \$str = 'Hello world';

→ Double quotes Ex:- \$str = "Hello world";

→ Where in single quoted string, we can store multi-line text, special characters and escape sequences.

→ Where in double quoted string, we can't able use special characters directly.

Example :-
\$str = 'php stands for "Hypertext preprocessor"';
echo \$str; o/p: php stands for "Hypertext preprocessor"
\$str = "php stands for "Hypertext preprocessor"";
echo \$str; o/p: parse error, syntax error.

⇒ String functions in PHP :-

↳ PHP provides various string functions to access and manipulate strings.

↳ A list of important string functions are

1. strToLower():-

→ It returns string in lowercase letter.

Syntax:- strToLower(string \$str)

Example:- <?php

\$str = "My name is MADHU";

\$str = strToLower(\$str);

echo \$str; O/P:- my name is madhu

?>

2. strToUpper():-

→ It returns string in upper case letter.

Syntax:- strToUpper(string \$str)

Example:- <?php

\$str = "madhu";

\$str = strToUpper(\$str);

echo \$str; O/P:- MADHU

?>

3. ucwords():-

→ It returns string converting first character of each word into uppercase

Syntax:- ucwords(string \$str)

Example:- <?php

\$str = "my name is madhu";

\$str = ucwords(\$str);

echo \$str; O/P:- My Name Is Madhu

4. strlen() :-

→ It returns length of the string.

Syntax:- `strlen(string $str)`

Example:- <?php

`$str = "Madhu T";`

`$len = strlen($str);`

`echo $len;` O/P: 7

?>

5. strrev() :-

→ It returns reversed string.

Syntax:- `strrev(string $str)`

Example:- <?php

`$str = "Madhu T";`

`$str = strrev($str);`

`echo $str;`

?> O/P: - T uhdam

6. str_word_count() :-

→ It counts the number of words in a string.

Syntax:- `str_word_count(string $str)`

Example:- <?php

`$str = "Hello World!";`

`$wc = str_word_count($str);`

`echo $wc` O/P: 2

?>

7. strpos():-

→ It searches for a specific text within a string.
 If a match is found, the function returns the character position
 of the first match. If no match is found, it will return
 false.

Syntax:- `strpos($str, $text)`

Example:- <?php

```
echo strpos("Hello world!", "World");
?>
```

O/P: 6 .

8. str_replace():-

→ It replaces some characters with some other
 characters in a string.

Syntax:- `str_replace($old, $new, $str)`

Example:- <?php

```
echo str_replace("world", "Madhu",
"Hello world!");
?>
```

O/P:- Hello Madhu!

9. substr():-

→ It returns a sub part of a string.

Syntax:- `substr($string, $start, $length)`

Example:- <?php

```
echo substr("Hello world", 6);
echo substr("Hello world", 1, 4);
```

?> O/P:- world
e 110

Example :-

"StringFunDemo.php"

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title> String - Functions </title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <?php
      $str = "My name is MADHU";
      echo strtolower($str); echo "<br/>";
      echo strtoupper($str); echo "<br/>";
      echo ucwords($str); echo "<br/>";
      echo strlen($str); echo "<br/>";
      echo strrev($str); echo "<br/>";
      echo str_word_count($str); echo "<br/>";
      echo strpos($str, "MADHU"); echo "<br/>";
      echo str_replace("MADHU", "Kiran", $str); echo "<br/>";
      echo substr($str, 1, 4);
    <?>
  </body>
</html>
```

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(a) String - Functions

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My name is madhu

MY NAME IS MADHU

My Name Is MADHU

16

UHDAM SI eman yM

4

11

My name is Kiran

y na

* Functions :-

- A function is a piece of code that is used to perform a particular task.
- PHP supports both built-in and user-defined functions.
- The main advantage of functions is that code-reusability. (Write once Invoke Multiple).
- PHP supports thousands of built-in functions.
- And, PHP allows the user to define own functions, by using "function" Keyword.

Syntax:- function functionname()
 {
 //code
 }

Note:- Function name must be start with letter and underscore only.

Example :-

"Simplefun.php"
<html>
<head>
<title> A simple function </title>
</head>
<body>
<?php
function msg() { //defining function
 echo "welcome functions";

```
msg(); // calling function.
```

```
?>
```

old

```
</body>
```

```
</html>
```

② A Simple function

Welcome functions

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→ parameterized functions are functions with parameters. you can pass any number of parameters inside a function.

→ we can pass the information in function through arguments which are separated by comma.

→ These passed parameters (or) arguments acts as variables inside your function.

Example :-

"paramfun.php"

```
<html>
```

```
<head>
```

```
    <title> parameterized functions </title>
```

```
</head>
```

```
<body>
```

```
<?php
```

```
function add($x, $y) // defining function
```

```
{
```

```
    $sum = $x + $y;
```

```
    echo " sum of two numbers is : $sum <br/>";
```

```
}
```

```
add(467, 123); // calling function
```

```

function sub($x, $y) // defining function
{
    $diff = $x - $y;
    echo "difference of two numbers is : $diff";
}

sub(467, 123); // calling function
?> o/p: @parameterized function - D x
</body>
</html>
sum of two numbers is: 590
difference of two numbers is: 344

```

→ PHP allows you to call function by value and reference.

+ call by value:

In case of call by value, actual value is not modified

if it is modified inside the function.

"Callbyvaluefun.php"

Example :- <html>
 <head> <title> Call-By-Value </title> </head>
 <body>
 <?php
 function increment(\$i)
 {
 \$i++;
 }
 \$i=10;
 increment(\$i);
 echo \$i;
</body> ?>

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* call by reference:

- In case of call by reference, actual value is modified if it is modified inside the function.
- In such case, you need to use & (ampersand) symbol with formal arguments.
- The & represents reference of the variable.

Example:-

```
<html>
<head>
<title> Call - By - Reference </title>
</head>
<body>
<?php
    function adder(&$str2)
    {
        $str2 = 'Call By Reference';
    }
    $str = 'This is';
    adder($str);
    echo $str;
?>
</body>
</html>
```

"callbyreferencefun.php"

O/P:-

② Call - By - Reference - O/P
This is Call By Reference

→ PHP allows you to define default argument values. In such case if you don't pass any value to the function, it will use default argument value.

Example :-

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title> Default - argument function </title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <?php
      function msg ($name = "Madhu")
      {
        echo "Hello $name <br/>";
      }
      msg("Kiran");
      msg();
      msg("Srinu");
    ?>
  </body>
</html>
```

Default - argument function - Q	
	O/P:
Hello Kiran	
Hello Madhu	
Hello Srinu	

Example :-

```
<?php
function add($n1=10, $n2=10){
  $n3 = $n1 + $n2;
  echo " Addition is: $n3 <br/>";
}
add();
add(20);
add(20,40);
?>
```

O/P: Addition is : 20
Addition is : 30
Addition is : 60

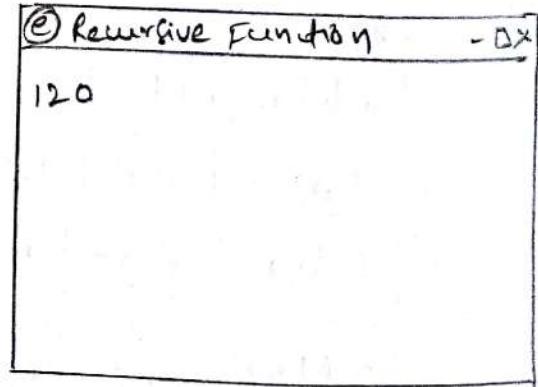
* Recursive Function :-

→ PHP also supports recursive function. In such case, we call current function within function. It is also known as recursion.

"Recursive Fun. PHP"

Example :-

```
<html>
<head>
<title> Recursive Function </title>
</head>
<body>
<?php
function factorial($n)
{
    if ($n < 0)
        return -1;
    if ($n == 0)
        return 1;
    return ($n * factorial($n - 1));
}
echo factorial(5);
?>
</body>
</html>
```



* Reading data from web form controls :-

→ To read data from a form, we need to use superglobal variables.

→ A superglobal variable is a built in PHP variable that is available in any scope.

→ PHP supports two superglobal variables, those are

↳ \$_GET - contains list of all field names and values sent by a form using the get method.

↳ \$_POST - contains list of all field names and values sent by a form using the post method.

→ Get Form :-

→ Get request is the default form request. The data passed through get request is visible on the URL browser so it is not secured.

→ We can able to send limited amount of data through get request.

Example:-

<html>
 <head>
 <title> Get Form </title>
 </head>
 <body>

"GetForm.html"

```

<form action = "Getform.php" method = "get">
    Name : <input type = "text" name = "name" /> <br/> <br/>
    AGE : <input type = "text" name = "age" /> <br/> <br/>
    <input type = "submit" value = "click me" />
</form>
</body>
</html>

```

Output:

@ Get Form

Name : Madhu

Age : 30

(click Me)

"Getform.php"

```

<html>
    <head>
        <title> Welcome </title>
    </head>
    <body>
        <?php
            $name = $_GET["name"];
            $age = $_GET["age"];
            echo "welcome, $name your age is : $age";
        ?>
    </body>
</html>

```

Output:

@ Welcome

Welcome, Madhu your age is: 30

→ post Form :-

- post request is widely used to submit form that have large amount of data such as file upload, login form, registration form etc.
- The data passed through post request is not visible on the URL browser so it is secured.

Example :-

"postForm.html"

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title> post form </title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <form action="postform.php" method="post">
      <table>
        <tr> <td> Username : </td>
        <td> <input type="text" name="uname" /> </td>
      </tr>
        <tr> <td> Password : </td>
        <td> <input type="password" name="pwd" /> </td>
      </tr>
        <tr> <td> </td>
        <td> <input type="submit" value="login" /> </td>
      </tr>
    </table>
  </form>
  </body>
</html>
```

"postForm.php"

```
<html>
<head>
<title> Welcome </title>
</head>
<body>
<?php
$name = $_POST["Uname"];
$pwd = $_POST["pwd"];
echo "Welcome : $name, your password is : $pwd";
?>
</body>
</html>
```

postForm.html

② Post Form	- D X
userName :	<input type="text" value="MadhuS21.t"/>
password :	<input type="text" value="*****"/>
<input type="button" value="Login"/>	

postForm.php

② Welcome	- D X
Welcome : MadhuS21.t, your password is : 123456	

Note:- Post method uses http protocol, to send data. This provides secured way to send the data.

→ Don't use Get method if form has password or other sensitive information sent to the server.

Reading data from Radio button :-

Example:-

"Radiogen.html"

```
<html>
<head>
<title> Radiobutton Example </title>
</head>
<body>
<form action="radiogen.php" method="post">
<b> Gender : </b>
<input type="radio" name="gen" value="Male"> Male
<input type="radio" name="gen" value="Female"> Female
<input type="radio" name="gen" value="Other"> Other
<br/> <br/>
<input type="submit" value="Submit" />
</form>
</body>
</html>
```

"Radiogen.php"

```
<html>
<head>
<title> Gender </title>
</head>
<body>
<?php
$gen = $_POST['gen'];
echo "Your Gender is : $gen";
?>
</body>
</html>
```

② Radiobutton Example - □ X

Gender: Male Female Other

② Gender - □ X

Your Gender is : Male

• Reading data from select list :-

Example: <html> "ListDemo.html"
<head>
<title> List Example </title>
</head>
<body>
<form action="list.php" method="post">
 Branch : &nbsp
<select name="branch">
<option value="CSE"> CSE </option>
<option value="ECE"> ECE </option>
<option value="EEE"> EEE </option>
</select>
&nbsp <input type="submit" value="Submit" />
</form>
</body>
</html>

Output:

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Branch : CSE Submit

"list.php"

<html>
<head>
<title> List </title>
</head>
<body>
<?php
 \$branch = \$_POST['branch'];
 echo "your branch is : \$branch";
?>
</body>
</html>

(@) List- -DX

your Branch is : ECE