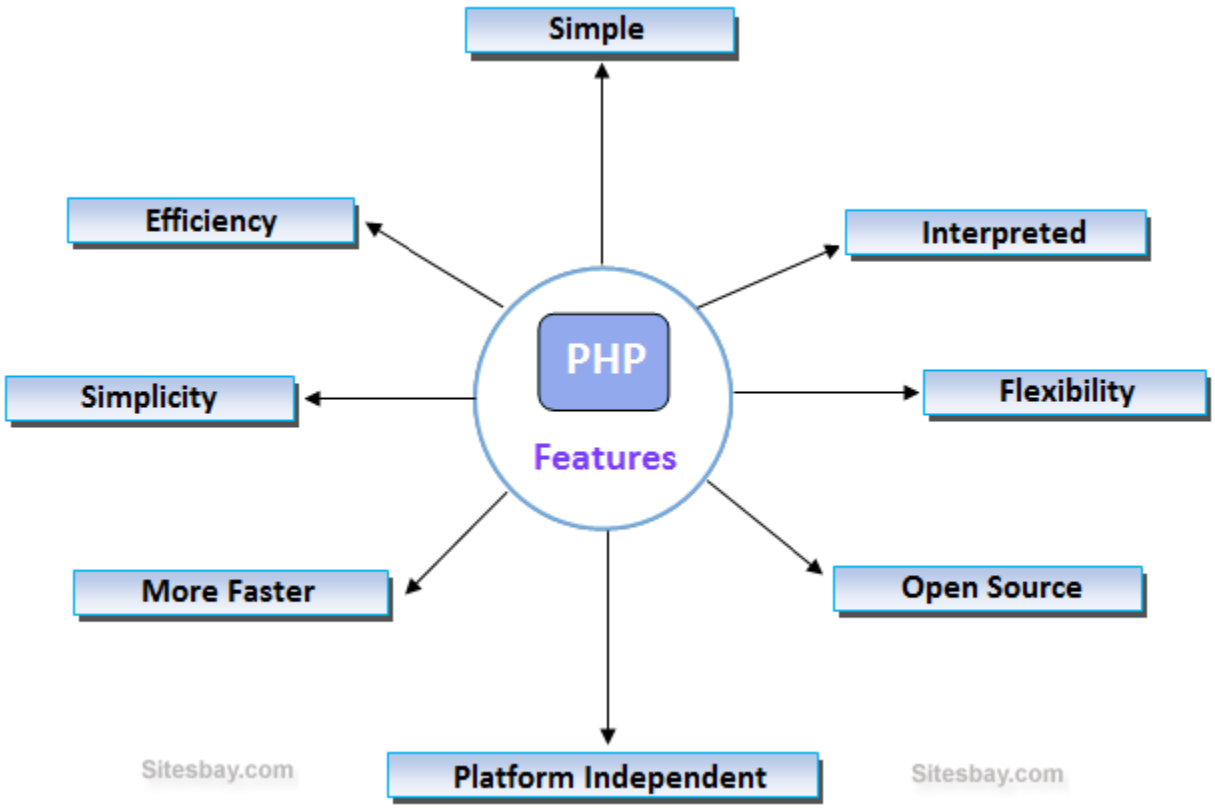
PHP

Server side scripting vs. Client side scripting

1. Server side scripting is used to create dynamic pages based a number of conditions when the users browser makes a request to the server. 2. The Web Server executes the server side scripting that produces the page to be sent to the browser. 3. Server executes server-side scripts to send out a page but it does not execute client-side scripts. 4. Server side scripting is used to connect to the databases that reside on the web server. 5. Server side scripting can access the file system residing at the web server. 6. Server side scripting can't be blocked by the user. 7. Response from a server-side script is slower as compared to a client-side script because the scripts are processed on the remote computer. 8. Examples of Server side scripting languages : PHP, JSP, ASP, ASP.Net, Ruby, Perl n many more.	1. *C*lient side scripting is used when the users browser already has all the code and the page is altered on the basis of the users input. 2. The Web Browser executes the client side scripting that resides at the user's computer. 3. The browser receives the page sent by the server and executes the client-side scripts. 4. Client side scripting cannot be used to connect to the databases on the web server. 5. Client side scripting can't access the file system that resides at the web server. 6. Client side scripting is possible to be blocked by the user. 7. Response from a client-side script is faster as compared to a server-side script because the scripts are processed on the local computer. 8. Examples of Client side scripting languages : Javascript, VB script, etc.

FEATURES OF PHP

The main features of php is; it is open source scripting language so you can free download this and use. PHP is a server site scripting language. It is open source scripting language. It is widely used all over the world. It is faster than other scripting language. Some important features of php are given below;



Features of php

It is most popular and frequently used world wide scripting language, the main reason of popularity is; It is open source and very simple.

- Simple
- Faster
- Interpreted
- Open Source
- Case Sensitive
- Simplicity
- Efficiency

- Platform Independent
- Security
- Flexibility
- Familiarity

Simple

It is very simple and easy to use, compare to other scripting language it is very simple and easy, this is widely used all over the world.

Interpreted

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

Faster

It is faster than other scripting language e.g. asp and jsp.

Open Source

Open source means you no need to pay for use php, you can free download and use.

Platform Independent

PHP code will be run on every platform, Linux, Unix, Mac OS X, Windows.

Case Sensitive

PHP is case sensitive scripting language at time of variable declaration. In PHP, all keywords (e.g. if, else, while, echo, etc.), classes, functions, and user-defined functions are NOT case-sensitive.

Variable in PHP

Variable is an identifier which holds data or another one variable and whose value can be changed at the execution time of script. In PHP, a variable starts with the $ sign, followed by the name of the variable.

Syntax

```
$variablename=value;
```

Example

```
<?php
$txt = "Hello world!";
$x = 5;
$y = 10.5;
?>
```

PHP Variables Scope

In PHP, variables can be declared anywhere in the script.

The scope of a variable is the part of the script where the variable can be referenced/used.

PHP has three different variable scopes:

- local
- global
- static

Global and Local Scope

A variable declared **outside** a function has a GLOBAL SCOPE and can only be accessed outside a function:

Example

```
<?php
$x = 5; // global scope

function myTest() {
  // using x inside this function will generate an error
  echo "<p>Variable x inside function is: $x</p>";
}
myTest();
```

```
echo "<p>Variable x outside function is: $x</p>";
?>
```

A variable declared **within** a function has a LOCAL SCOPE and can only be accessed within that function:

Example

```
<?php
function myTest() {
  $x = 5; // local scope
  echo "<p>Variable x inside function is: $x</p>";
}
myTest();

// using x outside the function will generate an error
echo "<p>Variable x outside function is: $x</p>";
?>
```

PHP The static Keyword

Normally, when a function is completed/executed, all of its variables are deleted. However, sometimes we want a local variable NOT to be deleted. We need it for a further job.

To do this, use the `static` keyword when you first declare the variable:

Example

```
<?php
function myTest() {
  static $x = 0;
  echo $x;
  $x++;
}

myTest();
myTest();
myTest();
?>
```

Constant

A constant is a name or an identifier for a simple value. A constant value cannot change during the execution of the script. By default, a constant is case-sensitive. By convention, constant identifiers are always uppercase. A constant name starts with a letter or underscore, followed by any number of letters, numbers, or underscores. If you have defined a constant, it can never be changed or undefined.

constant() function

As indicated by the name, this function will return the value of the constant.

This is useful when you want to retrieve value of a constant, but you do not know its name, i.e. It is stored in a variable or returned by a function.

constant() example

```
<?php
   define("MINSIZE", 50);

   echo MINSIZE;
   echo constant("MINSIZE"); // same thing as the previous line
?>
```

Differences between constants and variables are

- There is no need to write a dollar sign ($) before a constant, where as in Variable one has to write a dollar sign.
- Constants cannot be defined by simple assignment, they may only be defined using the define() function.
- Constants may be defined and accessed anywhere without regard to variable scoping rules.
- Once the Constants have been set, may not be redefined or undefined.

PHP Data Types

Variables can store data of different types, and different data types can do different things.

PHP supports the following data types:

- String
- Integer
- Float (floating point numbers - also called double)
- Boolean
- Array
- Object
- NULL
- Resource

PHP String

A string is a sequence of characters, like "Hello world!".

A string can be any text inside quotes. You can use single or double quotes:

Example

```
<?php
$x = "Hello world!";
$y = 'Hello world!';

echo $x;
echo "<br>";
echo $y;
?>
```

PHP Integer

An integer data type is a non-decimal number between -2,147,483,648 and 2,147,483,647.

Rules for integers:

- An integer must have at least one digit

- An integer must not have a decimal point
- An integer can be either positive or negative
- Integers can be specified in three formats: decimal (10-based), hexadecimal (16-based - prefixed with 0x) or octal (8-based - prefixed with 0)

In the following example $x is an integer. The PHP var_dump() function returns the data type and value:

Example

```
<?php
$x = 5985;
var_dump($x);
?>
```

PHP Float

A float (floating point number) is a number with a decimal point or a number in exponential form.

In the following example $x is a float. The PHP var_dump() function returns the data type and value:

Example

```
<?php
$x = 10.365;
var_dump($x);
?>
```

PHP Boolean

A Boolean represents two possible states: TRUE or FALSE.

```
$x = true;
$y = false;
```

Booleans are often used in conditional testing. You will learn more about conditional testing in a later chapter of this tutorial.

PHP Array

An array stores multiple values in one single variable.

In the following example $cars is an array. The PHP var_dump() function returns the data type and value:

Example

```
<?php
$cars = array("Volvo","BMW","Toyota");
var_dump($cars);
?>
```

You will learn a lot more about arrays in later chapters of this tutorial.

PHP Object

An object is a data type which stores data and information on how to process that data.

In PHP, an object must be explicitly declared.

First we must declare a class of object. For this, we use the class keyword. A class is a structure that can contain properties and methods:

Example

```
<?php
class Car {
  function Car() {
    $this->model = "VW";
  }
}

// create an object
$herbie = new Car();

// show object properties
echo $herbie->model;
?>
```

PHP NULL Value

Null is a special data type which can have only one value: NULL.

A variable of data type NULL is a variable that has no value assigned to it.

Tip: If a variable is created without a value, it is automatically assigned a value of NULL.

Variables can also be emptied by setting the value to NULL:

Example

```
<?php
$x = "Hello world!";
$x = null;
var_dump($x);
?>
```

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

PHP Arithmetic Operators

The PHP arithmetic operators are used with numeric values to perform common arithmetical operations, such as addition, subtraction, multiplication etc.

Operator	Name	Example	Result	Show it
+	Addition	$x + $y	Sum of $x and $y	
-	Subtraction	$x - $y	Difference of $x and $y	

*	Multiplication	$x * $y	Product of $x and $y
/	Division	$x / $y	Quotient of $x and $y
%	Modulus	$x % $y	Remainder of $x divided by $y
**	Exponentiation	$x ** $y	Result of raising $x to the $y'th power (Introduced in PHP 5.6)

PHP Assignment Operators

The PHP assignment operators are used with numeric values to write a value to a variable.

The basic assignment operator in PHP is "=". It means that the left operand gets set to the value of the assignment expression on the right.

Assignment	Same as...	Description	Show it
x = y	x = y	The left operand gets set to the value of the expression on the right	
x += y	x = x + y	Addition	
x -= y	x = x - y	Subtraction	
x *= y	x = x * y	Multiplication	
x /= y	x = x / y	Division	
x %= y	x = x % y	Modulus	

PHP Comparison Operators

The PHP comparison operators are used to compare two values (number or string):

Operator	Name	Example	Result	Show it
==	Equal	$x == $y	Returns true if $x is equal to $y	

===	Identical	$x === $y	Returns true if $x is equal to $y, and they are of the same type
!=	Not equal	$x != $y	Returns true if $x is not equal to $y
<>	Not equal	$x <> $y	Returns true if $x is not equal to $y
!==	Not identical	$x !== $y	Returns true if $x is not equal to $y, or they are not of the same type
>	Greater than	$x > $y	Returns true if $x is greater than $y
<	Less than	$x < $y	Returns true if $x is less than $y
>=	Greater than or equal to	$x >= $y	Returns true if $x is greater than or equal to $y
<=	Less than or equal to	$x <= $y	Returns true if $x is less than or equal to $y

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PHP Increment / Decrement Operators

The PHP increment operators are used to increment a variable's value.

The PHP decrement operators are used to decrement a variable's value.

Operator	Name	Description	Show it
++$x	Pre-increment	Increments $x by one, then returns $x	
$x++	Post-increment	Returns $x, then increments $x by one	
--$x	Pre-decrement	Decrements $x by one, then returns $x	
$x--	Post-decrement	Returns $x, then decrements $x by one	

PHP Logical Operators

The PHP logical operators are used to combine conditional statements.

Operator	Name	Example	Result	Show it

and	And	$x and $y	True if both $x and $y are true
or	Or	$x or $y	True if either $x or $y is true
xor	Xor	$x xor $y	True if either $x or $y is true, but not both
&&	And	$x && $y	True if both $x and $y are true
||	Or	$x || $y	True if either $x or $y is true
!	Not	!$x	True if $x is not true

PHP Conditional Statements

Very often when you write code, you want to perform different actions for different conditions. You can use conditional statements in your code to do this.

In PHP we have the following conditional statements:

- `if` statement - executes some code if one condition is true
- `if...else` statement - executes some code if a condition is true and another code if that condition is false
- `if...elseif....else` statement - executes different codes for more than two conditions
- `switch` statement - selects one of many blocks of code to be executed

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PHP - The if Statement

The `if` statement executes some code if one condition is true.

Syntax

```
if (condition) {
   code to be executed if condition is true;
}
```

The example below will output "Have a good day!" if the current time (HOUR) is less than 20:

Example

```
<?php
$t = date("H");

if ($t < "20") {
   echo "Have a good day!";
}
?>
```

PHP - The if...else Statement

The `if....else` statement executes some code if a condition is true and another code if that condition is false.

Syntax

```
if (condition) {
   code to be executed if condition is true;
} else {
   code to be executed if condition is false;
}
```

The example below will output "Have a good day!" if the current time is less than 20, and "Have a good night!" otherwise:

Example

```
<?php
$t = date("H");

if ($t < "20") {
   echo "Have a good day!";
} else {
   echo "Have a good night!";
}
?>
```

PHP - The if...elseif....else Statement

The `if....elseif...else` statement executes different codes for more than two conditions.

Syntax

```
if (condition) {
  code to be executed if this condition is true;
} elseif (condition) {
  code to be executed if this condition is true;
} else {
  code to be executed if all conditions are false;
}
```

The example below will output "Have a good morning!" if the current time is less than 10, and "Have a good day!" if the current time is less than 20. Otherwise it will output "Have a good night!":

Example

```
<?php
$t = date("H");

if ($t < "10") {
  echo "Have a good morning!";
} elseif ($t < "20") {
  echo "Have a good day!";
} else {
  echo "Have a good night!";
}
?>
```

The Switch Statement

If you want to select one of many blocks of code to be executed, use the Switch statement.

The switch statement is used to avoid long blocks of if..elseif..else code.

Syntax

```
switch (expression){
   case label1:
      code to be executed if expression = label1;
      break;

   case label2:
      code to be executed if expression = label2;
      break;
      default:

   code to be executed
   if expression is different
   from both label1 and label2;
}
```

Example

```
<?php
$favcolor = "red";

switch ($favcolor) {
  case "red":
    echo "Your favorite color is red!";
    break;
  case "blue":
    echo "Your favorite color is blue!";
    break;
  case "green":
    echo "Your favorite color is green!";
    break;
  default:
    echo "Your favorite color is neither red, blue, nor green!";
}
?>
```

Loop

Loops in PHP are used to execute the same block of code a specified number of times. PHP supports following four loop types.

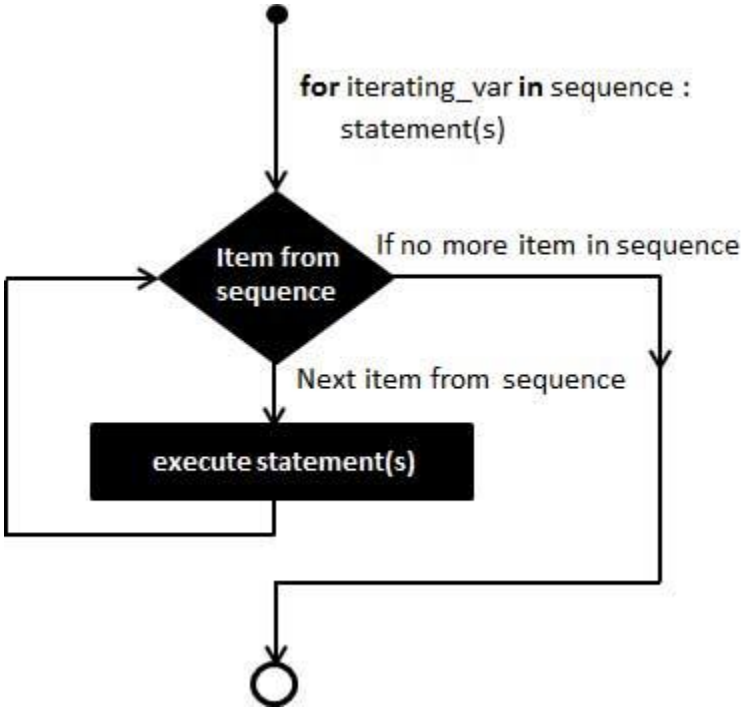
- **for** − loops through a block of code a specified number of times.
- **while** − loops through a block of code if and as long as a specified condition is true.

- **do...while** − loops through a block of code once, and then repeats the loop as long as a special condition is true.
- **foreach** − loops through a block of code for each element in an array.

We will discuss about **continue** and **break** keywords used to control the loops execution.

The for loop statement

The for statement is used when you know how many times you want to execute a statement or a block of statements.



Syntax

```
for (initialization; condition; increment){
   code to be executed;
}
```

The initializer is used to set the start value for the counter of the number of loop iterations. A variable may be declared here for this purpose and it is traditional to name it $i.

Example

The following example makes five iterations and changes the assigned value of two variables on each pass of the loop −

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```
<html>
```

```
   <body>

      <?php
         $a = 0;
         $b = 0;

         for( $i = 0; $i<5; $i++ ) {
            $a += 10;
            $b += 5;
         }

         echo ("At the end of the loop a = $a and b = $b" );
      ?>

   </body>
</html>
```

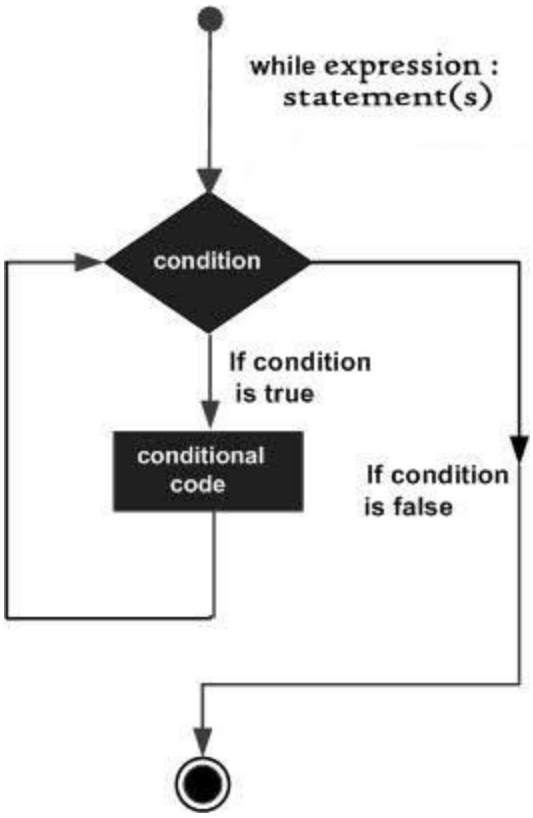
This will produce the following result −

```
At the end of the loop a = 50 and b = 25
```

The while loop statement

The while statement will execute a block of code if and as long as a test expression is true.

If the test expression is true then the code block will be executed. After the code has executed the test expression will again be evaluated and the loop will continue until the test expression is found to be false.



Syntax

```
while (condition) {
   code to be executed;
}
```

Example

This example decrements a variable value on each iteration of the loop and the counter increments until it reaches 10 when the evaluation is false and the loop ends.

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```
<html>
   <body>

      <?php
         $i = 0;
         $num = 50;

         while( $i < 10) {
            $num--;
            $i++;
         }

         echo ("Loop stopped at i = $i and num = $num" );
      ?>
```

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

This will produce the following result −

```
Loop stopped at i = 10 and num = 40
```

The do...while loop statement

The do...while statement will execute a block of code at least once - it then will repeat the loop as long as a condition is true.

Syntax

```
do {
   code to be executed;
}
while (condition);
```

Example

The following example will increment the value of i at least once, and it will continue incrementing the variable i as long as it has a value of less than 10 −

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```
<html>
   <body>

      <?php
         $i = 0;
         $num = 0;

         do {
            $i++;
         }

         while( $i < 10 );
         echo ("Loop stopped at i = $i" );
      ?>

   </body>
</html>
```

This will produce the following result −

```
Loop stopped at i = 10
```

The foreach loop statement

The foreach statement is used to loop through arrays. For each pass the value of the current array element is assigned to $value and the array pointer is moved by one and in the next pass next element will be processed.

Syntax

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

Example

Try out following example to list out the values of an array.

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```
<html>
   <body>

      <?php
         $array = array( 1, 2, 3, 4, 5);

         foreach( $array as $value ) {
            echo "Value is $value <br />";
         }
      ?>

   </body>
</html>
```

This will produce the following result −

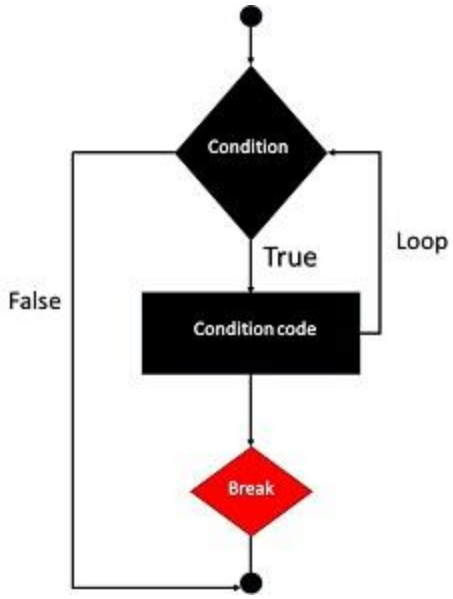
```
Value is 1
Value is 2
Value is 3
Value is 4
Value is 5
```

Jumping Statements

The break statement

The PHP **break** keyword is used to terminate the execution of a loop prematurely.

The **break** statement is situated inside the statement block. It gives you full control and whenever you want to exit from the loop you can come out. After coming out of a loop immediate statement to the loop will be executed.



Example

In the following example condition test becomes true when the counter value reaches 3 and loop terminates.

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```
<html>
   <body>

      <?php
         $i = 0;

         while( $i < 10) {
            $i++;
            if( $i == 3 )break;
         }
         echo ("Loop stopped at i = $i" );
      ?>

   </body>
</html>
```

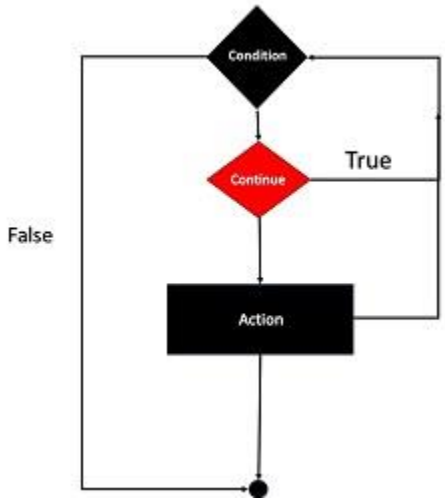
This will produce the following result −

```
Loop stopped at i = 3
```

The continue statement

The PHP **continue** keyword is used to halt the current iteration of a loop but it does not terminate the loop.

Just like the **break** statement the **continue** statement is situated inside the statement block containing the code that the loop executes, preceded by a conditional test. For the pass encountering **continue** statement, rest of the loop code is skipped and next pass starts.



Example

In the following example loop prints the value of array but for which condition becomes true it just skip the code and next value is printed.

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```
<html>
   <body>

      <?php
         $array = array( 1, 2, 3, 4, 5);

         foreach( $array as $value ) {
            if( $value == 3 )continue;
            echo "Value is $value <br />";
         }
      ?>

   </body>
</html>
```

This will produce the following result −

```
Value is 1
Value is 2
Value is 4
Value is 5
```

Array

An array is a data structure that stores one or more similar type of values in a single value. For example if you want to store 100 numbers then instead of defining 100 variables its easy to define an array of 100 length.

There are three different kind of arrays and each array value is accessed using an ID c which is called array index.

- **Numeric array** − An array with a numeric index. Values are stored and accessed in linear fashion.
- **Associative array** − An array with strings as index. This stores element values in association with key values rather than in a strict linear index order.
- **Multidimensional array** − An array containing one or more arrays and values are accessed using multiple indices

NOTE − Built-in array functions is given in function reference PHP Array Functions

Numeric Array

These arrays can store numbers, strings and any object but their index will be represented by numbers. By default array index starts from zero.

Example

Following is the example showing how to create and access numeric arrays.

Here we have used **array()** function to create array. This function is explained in function reference.

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```
<html>
   <body>

      <?php
         /* First method to create array. */
         $numbers = array( 1, 2, 3, 4, 5);

         foreach( $numbers as $value ) {
            echo "Value is $value <br />";
         }

         /* Second method to create array. */
         $numbers[0] = "one";
         $numbers[1] = "two";
```

```
         $numbers[2] = "three";
         $numbers[3] = "four";
         $numbers[4] = "five";

         foreach( $numbers as $value ) {
            echo "Value is $value <br />";
         }
      ?>

   </body>
</html>
```

This will produce the following result −

```
Value is 1
Value is 2
Value is 3
Value is 4
Value is 5
Value is one
Value is two
Value is three
Value is four
Value is five
```

Associative Arrays

The associative arrays are very similar to numeric arrays in term of functionality but they are different in terms of their index. Associative array will have their index as string so that you can establish a strong association between key and values.

To store the salaries of employees in an array, a numerically indexed array would not be the best choice. Instead, we could use the employees names as the keys in our associative array, and the value would be their respective salary.

NOTE − Don't keep associative array inside double quote while printing otherwise it would not return any value.

Example

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```
<html>
   <body>

      <?php
         /* First method to associate create array. */
         $salaries = array("mohammad" => 2000, "qadir" => 1000, "zara" =>
500);

         echo "Salary of mohammad is ". $salaries['mohammad'] . "<br />";
         echo "Salary of qadir is ".  $salaries['qadir']. "<br />";
         echo "Salary of zara is ".  $salaries['zara']. "<br />";
```

```
         /* Second method to create array. */
         $salaries['mohammad'] = "high";
         $salaries['qadir'] = "medium";
         $salaries['zara'] = "low";

         echo "Salary of mohammad is ". $salaries['mohammad'] . "<br />";
         echo "Salary of qadir is ".  $salaries['qadir']. "<br />";
         echo "Salary of zara is ".  $salaries['zara']. "<br />";
      ?>

   </body>
</html>
```

This will produce the following result −

```
Salary of mohammad is 2000
Salary of qadir is 1000
Salary of zara is 500
Salary of mohammad is high
Salary of qadir is medium
Salary of zara is low
```

Multidimensional Arrays

A multi-dimensional array each element in the main array can also be an array. And each element in the sub-array can be an array, and so on. Values in the multi-dimensional array are accessed using multiple index.

Example

In this example we create a two dimensional array to store marks of three students in three subjects −

This example is an associative array, you can create numeric array in the same fashion.

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```
<html>
   <body>

      <?php
         $marks = array(
            "mohammad" => array (
               "physics" => 35,
               "maths" => 30,
               "chemistry" => 39
            ),

            "qadir" => array (
               "physics" => 30,
               "maths" => 32,
               "chemistry" => 29
```

```
            ),

            "zara" => array (
               "physics" => 31,
               "maths" => 22,
               "chemistry" => 39
            )
         );

         /* Accessing multi-dimensional array values */
         echo "Marks for mohammad in physics : " ;
         echo $marks['mohammad']['physics'] . "<br />";

         echo "Marks for qadir in maths : ";
         echo $marks['qadir']['maths'] . "<br />";

         echo "Marks for zara in chemistry : " ;
         echo $marks['zara']['chemistry'] . "<br />";
      ?>

   </body>
</html>
```

This will produce the following result −

```
Marks for mohammad in physics : 35
Marks for qadir in maths : 32
Marks for zara in chemistry : 39
```