

PHP II

`print_r`

- `print_r` is a function that recursively prints any object passed to it
 - It is specifically designed to produce output that is readable by humans
 - Very helpful for debugging
- An optional second parameter can be set to `true` to force `print_r` to return a string rather than printing directly

```
In [ ]: print_r(explode(',', "John,Paul,George,Ringo"));
```

```
In [ ]: print_r(explode(',', "John,Paul,George,Ringo"), true);
```

Arrays

- Arrays in PHP can either be
 - associative
 - indexed
- Arrays are heterogeneous in PHP
- Indexed using square brackets
 - indexing starts at 0

Array Syntax

- Arrays are created by calling the special `array` function
- To initialize an indexed style array, pass the values separated by commas
 - Key-value pairs are specified using the syntax `key => value`

```
$assoc_array = array('course'=>'CMSC 433', 'title'=>'Scripting Languages');
```

```
In [ ]: $assoc_array = array('course'=>'CMSC 433',  
                             'title'=>'Scripting Languages',  
                             'time'=> 11.5);  
echo print_r($assoc_array,true);
```

Adding to an Array

- To push a new element on the end of an array, assign the new element to the array indexed with empty square brackets

```
$an_array[] = 5;
```

- To add a new element and a specific key, assign into the array indexed at that new key

```
$an_array['new_key'] = 10;
```

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- Either of these methods can be used with a previously undeclared variable to both create an array and insert one element into it


```
In [ ]: $some_numbers = array(0,4,6,1,4,9,0,22);  
        $some_numbers[] = 100;  
        echo print_r($some_numbers,true)
```

```
In [ ]: $ascii = array('A' => 65, 'B' => 66, 'a' => 97);  
        $ascii['b'] = 98;  
        echo print_r($ascii,true);
```

```
In [ ]: $ascii = array('A' => 65, 'B' => 66, 'a' => 97);  
        $ascii[] = 98;  
        echo print_r($ascii,true);
```

Array Functions

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- Some example functions:
 - range
 - count
 - list
 - array_slice
 - array_chunk

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 - `array_key_exists`
 - `in_array`
 - `shuffle`
 - `array_sum`
 - `sort`

```
In [ ]: echo print_r(range(1,10) ,true);
```

```
In [ ]: ## Range in PHP must take two parameters!  
        echo print_r(range(10),true);
```

```
In [ ]: echo print_r(range(1,10,4),true);
```



```
In [ ]: count(range(1,10));
```

```
In [ ]: $info = array('coffee', 'brown', 'caffeine');  
        list($drink, $color, $power) = $info;  
        echo $drink;  
        echo $color;  
        echo $power;
```

```
In [ ]: $my_range = range(1,10);  
        echo print_r(array_slice($my_range,3,7),true);
```

```
In [ ]: echo print_r(array_slice($my_range,-4,6),true);
```

```
In [ ]: echo print_r(array_chunk($my_range,2),true);
```

```
In [ ]: array_key_exists('Dog', range(0,10));
```

```
In [ ]: array_key_exists('Dog',array('Dog' => 40, 'Cat' => 20))
```

```
In [ ]: in_array(10,range(0,10));
```



```
In [ ]: in_array(10, range(0,5));
```

```
In [ ]: in_array(10,array('ten' => 10, 'twenty' => 20));
```

```
In [ ]: in_array(0,array('ten' => 10, 'twenty' => 20));
```

```
In [ ]: shuffle(range(1,10));
```

```
In [ ]: shuffle($my_range);  
        echo print_r($my_range,true);
```

```
In [ ]: array_sum(array(1,2,3,"5",2.4));
```

Extract and Compact

- `extract` and `compact` are two functions that allow you to convert from and to arrays respectively
- Rather than return anything, `extract` creates new variables with names based on the keys in the array
- `compact` on the other hand takes a list of strings, and looks for variables with those names, creating an array out of them
 - How would you write your own compact function?

```
In [ ]: $info = array('school'=>'UMBC',  
                    'department'=>'CSEE',  
                    'building'=>'ITE');  
extract($info);  
echo print_r($info,true);  
echo "The $department department of $school is located in $building";
```



```
In [ ]: $name = 'Raúl González Blanco';  
        $position = "Forward";  
        $nationality = "Spanish";  
        $player = compact('name','position','nationality');  
        echo print_r($player,true);
```

Multi-Dimensional Arrays

- Multi-Dimensional arrays are fairly well supported in PHP
 - You could make an array of arrays manually
- Just like with a one-dimensional array, you can assign directly to multiple indices with out ever declaring something as an array

```
In [ ]: $matrix[0][] = 10;
        $matrix[1][1] = 20;
        $matrix[1]['Key'] = 30;
        $matrix[1][] = 3;
        $matrix[][][] = 40;
        #shift($matrix,10);
        echo print_r($matrix,true);
```

Loops

- PHP has all the standard looping constructs
 - While
 - Do-While
 - For
- It also has a specific `foreach` construct

```
foreach($array as $element){  
}
```

```
In [ ]: $i = 10;
        while($i > 0)
        {
            echo $i;
            $i--;
        }
```

```
In [ ]: $i = 10;
do
{
    echo $i;
    $i--;
}while($i > 0); #Note the Semicolon
```

```
In [ ]: for($i = 0; $i < 10; $i++){  
        echo $i;  
        }
```

```
In [ ]: $to_loop = array('a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e');  
        foreach($to_loop as $el){  
            echo $el;  
        }
```



```
In [ ]: $to_loop = array('a'=>97, 'b'=>98, 'c'=>99, 'd'=>100, 'e'=>101);  
        foreach($to_loop as $el){  
            echo $el;  
        }
```

```
In [ ]: $to_loop = array('a'=>97, 'b'=>98, 'c'=>99, 'd'=>100, 'e'=>101);  
        foreach($to_loop as $k => $v){  
            echo $k, $v;  
        }
```

Function Definitions

- Function in PHP are declared using the keyword `function`
 - The parameters also use the `$` notation
- Function definitions can appear anywhere in a file
 - Must be defined before they are used
- Support returning by reference

```
In [ ]: function my_first_function(){
        echo "Hello from inside a function";
    }
    my_first_function();
    my_first_function();
```

```
In [ ]: function someMath($number1, $number2){  
        echo $number1 * $number2;  
    }  
    someMath(1,2);
```

```
In [ ]: function someMath2($number1, $number2){  
        return $number1 * $number2;  
    }  
    someMath2(1,2);
```

Scope Refresher

- Remember in PHP scope is global, except in functions where it is local
 - In functions, things in global scope aren't in scope either
- We can modify the scope of a variable using two different keywords
 - `global`
 - `static`

```
In [ ]: function scope_tester() {
        $a .= " World!";
        echo "a in scope_tester(): $a";
    }
$a = "Hello";
echo "a before scope_tester(): ", $a;
scope_tester();
echo "a after scope_tester(): ", $a;
```



```
In [ ]: function scope_tester2() {
        $a .= " World!";
        echo "a in scope_tester(): $a";
    }
global $a;
$a = "Hello";
echo "a before scope_tester2(): ", $a;
scope_tester2();
echo "a after scope_tester2(): ", $a;
```

```
In [ ]: function scope_tester3() {
        global $a;
        $a .= " World!";
        echo "a in scope_tester(): $a";
    }
$a = "Hello";
echo "a before scope_tester3(): ", $a;
scope_tester3();
echo "a after scope_tester3(): ", $a;
```

```
In [ ]: function counter() {  
        static $n = 0;  
        $n++;  
        return $n;  
    }  
    echo counter();  
    echo counter();  
    echo counter();
```

Pass-by-Value and Pass-by-reference

- By default PHP passes parameters by value
 - Even arrays
 - This is fine in most instances
- If you want your function to modify a variable (like shuffle does), append an ampersand & before the variable in the definition
 - Can't pass literals by reference

```
In [ ]: function change_array($arr){
        $arr[0] = 20;
        echo $arr[0];
    }
    $my_array = range(0,10);
    echo $my_array[0];
    change_array($my_array);
    echo $my_array[0];
```

```
In [ ]: function change_array_correct(&$arr) {  
        $arr[0] = 20;  
        echo $arr[0];  
    }  
    $my_array = range(0,10);  
    echo $my_array[0];  
    change_array_correct($my_array);  
    echo $my_array[0];
```

```
In [ ]: change_array_correct(range(0,10));
```

Default Parameters

- PHP allows default parameters, following the conventions of most languages that do so
 - Optional parameters must appear after all non-optional parameters
 - Parameters not pass will use their default value


```
In [ ]: function say_hello($who = "World"){
        echo "Hello $who!";
    }
    say_hello();
    say_hello("Class");
```

```
In [ ]: function custom_range($end, $start = 0){  
        return range($start,$end);  
        }  
        echo print_r(custom_range(4),true);  
        echo print_r(custom_range(4,1),true);
```

Return

- Just as with parameters, PHP allows values to be returned by either copy or reference
 - By default, values that are returned are copied
- To return by reference, place an amperstand (&) before the function name in the declaration

```
function &name(...)  
{  
}
```

```
In [ ]: function getFredReturnByValue() {
        global $names;
        return $names[0];
    }

    function & getFredReturnByRef() {
        global $names;
        return $names[0];
    }

    $names = array("Fred", "Barney", "Wilma", "Betty");
```

```
In [ ]: $fred = getFredReturnByValue();  
        echo $fred;  
        $fred = 'Bam Bam';  
        $fred = getFredReturnByValue();  
        echo $fred;
```

```
In [ ]: $fred =& getFredReturnByRef();  
        echo $fred;  
        $fred = 'Bam Bam';  
        $fred =& getFredReturnByRef();  
        echo $fred;
```

Varargs

- To use a variable number of arguments in PHP, don't change the function signature at all
- Inside the function, call the function `func_get_args`
 - This returns an array holding the additional arguments

```
In [ ]: function maximum() {
        $args = func_get_args();
        $max = $args[0];
        for($i = 1, $n = count($args); $i < $n; $i++) {
            $max = $args[$i] > $max ? $args[$i] : $max;
        }
        return $max;
    }
    echo maximum(1,2,300,4,5,6);
```


Anonymous Functions

- Since PHP 5.3, truly anonymous functions have been supported
- To write one, provide the parameters directly after the `function` keyword
 - This can be saved to a variable if you'd like, or passed directly to another function

```
In [ ]: $max = function($a,$b){  
        return ($a > $b)?$a:$b;  
}; #Note the semicolon  
$max(1,2);
```

Reading Files

- PHP file reading can be done in a traditional manner using a file pointer
 - `fopen(file_name)`
- PHP also has numerous special functions meant to help with reading files
 - `file_get_contents(name)`
 - `file(name)`

```
In [ ]: if($fp = fopen('hello.sh','r')){
        while($line = fgets($fp)){
            echo htmlspecialchars($line);
        }
    }else{
        echo "Can't read file";
    }
```

```
In [ ]: htmlspecialchars(file_get_contents('hello.sh'));
```

```
In [ ]: $contents = file('hello.sh');  
        echo print_r($contents,true);
```

Writing Files

- Just as with reading files, PHP allows files to be written using
 - The traditional file handle way
 - A simplified function
 - `file_put_contents` (Since PHP 5 on)

```
In [ ]: if($fp = fopen('hello.txt','w')){
        fwrite($fp, "Hello");
        fwrite($fp, " World\n");
        fwrite($fp, "You need to include new lines explicitly\n");
        fclose($fp);
    }else{
        echo "Can't open file";
    }
}
```



```
In [ ]: if($fp = fopen('hello.txt','a')){
        fwrite($fp, "Hello");
        fwrite($fp, " World\n");
        fwrite($fp, "You need to include new lines explicitly\n");
        fclose($fp);
    }else{
        echo "Can't open file";
    }
}
```

```
In [ ]: file_put_contents("hello.txt","This\nWrites\nIt\nAll at once!")
```

```
In [ ]: file_put_contents("hello.txt","This\nWrites\nIt\nAll at once!",FILE_APPEND)
```

```
In [ ]: file_put_contents("range.txt",range(0,20));
```

Locking Files

- In general, you should expect your PHP script to be running multiple copies of itself at once
 - Lots of people are going to be on your website constantly
- When you lock a file in PHP, it only prevents other PHP processes from accessing it

```
In [ ]: if($fp = fopen('hello.txt','a')){
        if(flock($fp,LOCK_EX)){
            fwrite($fp, "Hello");
            fwrite($fp, " World\n");
            fwrite($fp, "You need to include new lines explicitly\n");
            flock($fp,LOCK_UN);
            fclose($fp); }
        else{
            echo "Couldn't get lock";
        }
    }else{
        echo "Can't open file";
    }
```

```
In [ ]: file_put_contents("range.txt",range(0,20),LOCK_EX);
```

Externalizing Code

- To pull in code from another location, there are several functions PHP provides
 - `include(file_name)` - Includes and evaluates the file
 - `require(file_name)` - Includes and evaluates the file, killing the script if unable to do so
 - `include_once(file_name)` - Only include and evaluate this file one time
 - `require_once(file_name)` - Only require this file one time


```
In [ ]: include 'header.php'; #same as include('header.php')
```

```
In [ ]: include 'I dont exist';
```

```
In [ ]: require 'I dont exist';
```

```
In [ ]: include_once 'header.php';  
include_once 'header.php';
```