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- ▶ PHP code is embedded between **<?php** and **?>** tags.
 - ▶ You might want to **omit the closing tag** since it produces a space in the output.

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The First Example

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <title></title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>
      <?php
        echo 'Mixing PHP and'
        . ' HTML in the same '
        . 'file this way gives '
        . 'bad cohesion. TRY TO'
        . ' AVOID THAT!';
      ?>
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- ▶ **Namespace**, which corresponds to packages, are named in PascalCase,
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Comments

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There are three different kinds of **comments**:

```
// Single line comment
```

```
# Single line comment
```

```
/*  
    Multiple line comment  
*/
```

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// 2
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The String Type

- ▶ A string consists of **one-byte characters**.
- ▶ Variables and escape sequences are **not expanded with single-quoted** string literals.

```
$a = 2;  
echo 'The value is \n $a';  
// Prints: The value is \n $a
```

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// 2
```

- ▶ Note that **\n** is expanded to a line break, not to a **
** tag.

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String Concatenation

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•

```
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echo $what . " " . $who;
```


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Cast (Explicit Conversion)

- ▶ Three ways to specify an explicit conversion.

```
(int)$total  
intval($total)  
settype($total, "integer")
```

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```
function cons($param) {  
    echo "<script>" .  
        "console.log(' $param '); " .  
        "</script>";  
}
```

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Logical Operators

- ▶ The **logical operators** come in two flavors. The difference is that number one has higher precedence than assignment operators while number two has lower.
 1. **&&**, **!** and **||**
 2. **and**, **or** and **xor**

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Internal Array Structure

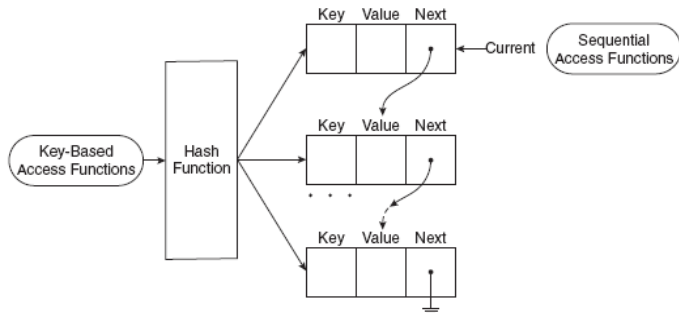


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echo "$arr[1]"; // Prints: hi
```

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Iterating Over Elements

- ▶ An array can be iterated with the **foreach** construct.

```
foreach ($arr as $value) {  
    echo("$value");  
}
```

```
foreach ($arr as $key => $value) {  
    echo "Key: $key, Value: $value; ";  
}
```

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```
function add_a_dot(&$string) {  
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}  
  
$str = 'My name is Olle';  
add_a_dot($str);  
echo $str;      // prints 'My name is Olle.'
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- ▶ There can be default argument values.

```
function add_two($op1, $op2=2) {  
    return $op1 + $op2;  
}  
  
echo add_two(3); // prints '5'
```

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Variable-Length Argument List

- ▶ A variable-length argument list is implemented with the functions

func_num_args(),
func_get_arg() and
func_get_args().

```
function sum() {  
    $acc = 0;  
    foreach (func_get_args() as $n) {  
        $acc += $n;  
    }  
    return $acc;  
}  
  
echo sum(1, 2, 3, 4); // prints '10'
```

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Variable Function

A **variable function** is a function whose name is the **value of a variable**. Variables with appended parentheses are treated as variable functions.

```
function foo() {  
    echo "In foo";  
}  
  
function bar() {  
    echo "In bar";  
}  
  
$func = 'foo';  
$func();           // prints 'In foo'  
  
$func = 'bar';  
$func();          // prints 'In bar'
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```
▶ $myFunc = function($a, $b) {  
    return $a + $b;  
};  
$myFunc(4, 3); //Returns 7
```

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Closures

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    return function() use ($param) {  
        echo "Inner got '$param'";  
    };  
}  
  
$func = outer('Hi!');  
echo $func(); //prints Inner got 'Hi!'
```

- ▶ As can be seen above, **closures are defined** with the construct **use**.

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- ▶ Note that the destructor can **not take any parameters**.

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self and static

self is resolved to the class where it is written, **static** is resolved to the called class.

```
class SuperClass {  
    public static function whoAreYouSelf() {  
        self::me();  
    }  
  
    public static function whoAreYouStatic() {  
        static::me();  
    }  
  
    protected static function me() {  
        echo "I am SuperClass";  
    }  
}  
  
class SubClass extends SuperClass {  
    protected static function me() {  
        echo "I am SubClass";  
    }  
}
```

```
SubClass::whoAreYouSelf();    //prints 'I am SuperClass'
```

```
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```
class Person {  
    public $name;  
    public $phone;  
    public $address;  
  
    public function __construct($name, $phone, $address) {  
        $this->address = $address;  
        $this->phone = $phone;  
        $this->name = $name;  
    }  
}  
  
$stina = new Person("Stina", "1234567", "at home");  
foreach ($stina as $key => $value) {  
    echo "$key: $value";  
}
```

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Object Serialization, Example

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    public $phone;
    public $address;

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        $this->name = $name;
    }
}

$stina = new Person("Stina", "1234567", "at home");
$serialized = serialize($stina);
// prints O:6:"Person":3:{s:4:"name";s:5:"Stina";
//          s:5:"phone";s:7:"1234567";
//          s:7:"address";s:7:"at home";}
echo $serialized;

$someone = unserialize($serialized);
foreach ($someone as $key => $value) {
    echo "$key: $value"; //Same output as before serializing
}
```

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spl_autoload_register(function ($class) {  
    include 'classes/' .  
        \str_replace('\\', '/', $class) .  
        '.php';  
});
```

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 - ▶ If, for example, the MVC architecture is used, there should be the namespaces **Model**, **View** and **Controller**.

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Declaring Namespaces

Namespaces are declared with the **namespace** keyword, placed first in a file.

```
namespace \Model;
```

```
namespace \MyProject\Model\Payment;
```

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- ▶ It is good practice to **prefix all functions** in the global space with `\`, even though the interpreter always looks for functions in the global space before failing.

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Exceptions

- ▶ PHP exception handling works exactly **like runtime exceptions in Java**. There are no checked exceptions in PHP.
- ▶ The constructs **throw**, **try**, **catch** and **finally** have the same meaning as in Java.
- ▶ There is no **throws** construct since there are **no checked exceptions**.
- ▶ **Custom exception classes** shall extend the class **Exception**, which is in the global namespace.

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Writing PHPDoc

- For simple use cases, PHPDoc is **very much like Javadoc**.

```
/**
 * Creates a cache with the specified layout.
 *
 * @param \Csim\Model\CacheLayout $layout The layout
 *        of the cache that shall be created.
 * @return \Csim\Model\SimulationState The state of
 *        the newly created, empty, cahce.
 */
public function
    defineCache(\Csim\Model\CacheLayout $layout) {
    $this->cache = new \Csim\Model\Cache($layout);
    return $this->cache->getState();
}
```

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- ▶ Use for example ApiGen, **`http://apigen.org/`**, which can be integrated with NetBeans.

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