Web Programming Step by Step, 2nd Edition

Chapter 5

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5.1: Server-Side Basics

URLs and web servers

```
http://server/path/file
```

- usually when you type a URL in your browser:
  - your computer looks up the server's IP address using DNS
  - your browser connects to that IP address and requests the given file
  - the web server software (e.g. Apache) grabs that file from the server's local file system, and sends back its contents to you
- some URLs actually specify *programs* that the web server should run, and then send their output back to you as the result:

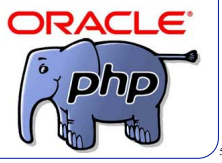
  https://webster.cs.washington.edu/cse190m/quote.php
  - the above URL tells the server webster.cs.washington.edu to run the program quote.php and send back its output

Server-Side web programming

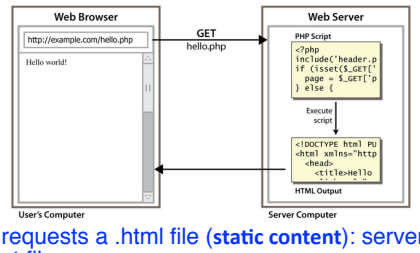
- server-side pages are programs written using one of many web programming languages/frameworks
  - examples: PHP, Java/JSP, Ruby on Rails, ASP.NET, Python, Perl
- the web server contains software that allows it to run those programs and send back their output
- each language/framework has its pros and cons
  - we use PHP for server-side programming in this textbook

What is PHP?

- **PHP** stands for "PHP Hypertext Preprocessor"
- a server-side scripting language
- used to make web pages dynamic:
  - provide different content depending on context
  - interface with other services: database, e-mail, etc
  - authenticate users
  - process form information
- PHP code can be embedded in XHTML code



Lifecycle of a PHP web request



- browser requests a .html file (**static content**): server just sends that file
- browser requests a .php file (**dynamic content**): server reads it, runs any script code inside it, then sends result across the network
  - script produces output that becomes the response sent back

Why PHP?

- There are many other options for server-side languages: Ruby on Rails, JSP, ASP.NET, etc. Why choose PHP?
- **free and open source**: anyone can run a PHP-enabled server free of charge
- **compatible**: supported by most popular web servers
- **simple**: lots of built-in functionality; familiar syntax
- **available**: installed on UCY's servers and most commercial web hosts
- **well-documented**: type php.net/functionName in browser Address bar to get docs for any function

Hello, World!

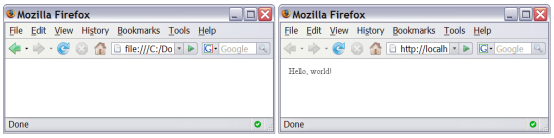
- The following contents could go into a file hello.php:

```php
<?php
print "Hello, world!";
?>
```

```
Hello, world!
```

- a block or file of PHP code begins with `<?php` and ends with `?>`
- PHP statements, function declarations, etc. appear between these endpoints

Viewing PHP output



- you can't view your .php page on your local hard drive; you'll either see nothing or see the PHP source code
- if you upload the file to a PHP-enabled web server, requesting the .php file will run the program and send you back its output

5.2: PHP Basic Syntax

PHP syntax template

```
HTML content
  <?php
    PHP code
  ?>
HTML content
  <?php
    PHP code
  ?>
HTML content ...
```

- any contents of a .php file between **<?php** and **?>** are executed as PHP code
- all other contents are output as pure HTML
- can switch back and forth between HTML and PHP "modes"

Console output: print

```php
print "text";
```

```php
print "Hello, World!\n";
print "Escape \"chars\" are the SAME as in Java!\n";

print "You can have
line breaks in a string.";

print 'A string can use "single-quotes".  It\'s cool!';
```

```
Hello, World! Escape "chars" are the SAME as in Java! You can have line breaks in a string. A string can use "single-quotes". It's cool!
```

- some PHP programmers use the equivalent `echo` instead of `print`

Arithmetic operators

- + - * / %
  . ++ --
  = += -= *= /= %= .=
- many operators auto-convert types: 5 + "7" is 12

Variables

```
$name = expression;
```
PHP

```
$user_name = "PinkHeartLuvr78";
$age = 16;
$drinking_age = $age + 5;
$this_class_rocks = TRUE;
```
PHP

- names are case sensitive; separate multiple words with _
- names always begin with **$**, on both declaration and usage
- implicitly declared by assignment (type is not written; a "loosely typed" language)

Types

- basic types: int, float, boolean, string, array, object, NULL
  - test what type a variable is with ***is_type*** functions, e.g. is_string
  - gettype function returns a variable's type as a string (not often needed)
- PHP converts between types automatically in many cases:
  - string → int auto-conversion on + ("1" + 1 == 2)
  - int → float auto-conversion on / (3 / 2 == 1.5)
- type-cast with (*type*):
  - $age = **(int)** "21";

Comments

```
# single-line comment

// single-line comment

/*
multi-line comment
*/
```
PHP

- like Java, but # is also allowed
  - a lot of PHP code uses # comments instead of //
  - we recommend # and will use it in our examples

for loop

```
for (initialization; condition; update) {
  statements;
}
```
PHP

```
for ($i = 0; $i < 10; $i++) {
  print "$i squared is " . $i * $i . ".\n";
}
```
PHP

if/else statement

```
if (condition) {
  statements;
} elseif (condition) {
  statements;
} else {
  statements;
}
```
PHP

- NOTE: although **elseif** keyword is much more common, **else if** is also supported

while loop *(same as Java)*

```
while (condition) {
  statements;
}
```
PHP

```
do {
  statements;
} while (condition);
```
PHP

- break and continue keywords also behave as in Java
  - *break* ends execution of the current *for*, *foreach*, *while*, *do-while* or *switch* structure
  - *continue* is used within looping structures to skip the rest of the current loop iteration and continue execution at the condition evaluation and then the beginning of the next iteration.

Math operations

```
$a = 3;
$b = 4;
$c = sqrt(pow($a, 2) + pow($b, 2));
```
PHP

abs	ceil	cos	floor	log	log10	max
min	pow	rand	round	sin	sqrt	tan

math functions

M_PI	M_E	M_LN2

math constants

- the syntax for method calls, parameters, returns is the same as Java

int and float types

```
$a = 7 / 2;             # float: 3.5
$b = (int) $a;          # int: 3
$c = round($a);         # float: 4.0
$d = "123";             # string: "123"
$e = (int) $d;          # int: 123
```

- `int` for integers and `float` for reals
- division between two int values can produce a float

String type

```
$favorite_food = "Ethiopian";
print $favorite_food[2];            # h
```

- zero-based indexing using bracket notation
- string concatenation operator is `.` (period), not +
  - 5 + "2 turtle doves" produces 7
  - 5 . "2 turtle doves" produces "52 turtle doves"
- can be specified with `""` or `''`

Interpreted strings

```
$age = 16;
print "You are " . $age . " years old.\n";
print "You are $age years old.\n";    # You are 16 years old.
```

- strings inside " " are **interpreted**
  - variables that appear inside them will have their values inserted into the string
- strings inside ' ' are ***not*** interpreted:

```
print 'You are $age years old.\n';    # You are $age years old.\n
```
PHP

String functions

Name	Java Equivalent
strlen	length
strpos	indexOf
substr	substring
strtolower, strtoupper	toLowerCase, toUpperCase
trim	trim
explode, implode	split, join
strcmp	compareTo

```
# index  0123456789012345
$name = "Stefanie Hatcher";
$length = strlen($name);            # 16
$cmp = strcmp($name, "Brian Le");   # > 0
$index = strpos($name, "e");        # 2
$first = substr($name, 9, 5);       # "Hatch"
$name = strtoupper($name);          # "STEFANIE HATCHER"
```
PHP

String functions (ctd)

Name
array explode (string, string)
string implode(string, array)
string trim(string, [,string])
rtrim
ltrim

bool (Boolean) type

```
$feels_like_summer = FALSE;
$php_is_rad = TRUE;

$student_count = 217;
$nonzero = (bool) $student_count;     # TRUE
```

- the following values are considered to be FALSE (all others are TRUE):
  - 0 and 0.0
  - "", "0", and NULL (includes unset variables)
  - arrays with 0 elements
- can cast to boolean using `(bool)`
- FALSE prints as an empty string (no output); TRUE prints as a 1

5.3: Embedded PHP

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Printing HTML tags in PHP = bad style

```
<?php
print "<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC \"-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.1//EN\"\n";
print " \"http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml11/DTD/xhtml11.dtd\">\n";
print "<html xmlns=\"http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml\">\n";
print "  <head>\n";
print "    <title>Geneva's web page</title>\n";
...
for ($i = 1; $i <= 10; $i++) {
  print "<p> I can count to $i! </p>\n";
}
?>
```

- printing HTML tags with print statements is bad style and error-prone:
  - must quote the HTML and escape special characters, e.g. \"
- but without print, how do we insert dynamic content into the page?

Embedding PHP in HTML

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>                                          HTML Mode
<head><title>My web page</title></head>
<body>
<?php                                           Enter PHP Mode
 for ($i = 1; $i <= 100; $i++) {
?>                                              Exit PHP Mode
  <p>Hello world!</p>                           HTML Mode
 <?php                                          Enter PHP Mode
 }
 ?>                                             Exit PHP Mode
</body>
</html>                                         HTML Mode
```


PHP expression blocks

```
<?= expression ?>                                              PHP

<h2> The answer is <?= 6 * 7 ?> </h2>                          PHP
```

The answer is 42 output

- **PHP expression block**: evaluates and embeds an expression's value into HTML
- ***<?= expr ?>*** is equivalent to **<?php print *expr*; ?>**

Expression block example

```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.1//EN"
 "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml11/DTD/xhtml11.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
  <head><title>CSE 190 M: Embedded PHP</title></head>
  <body>
    <?php for ($i = 99; $i >= 1; $i--) { ?>
      <p> <?= $i ?> bottles of beer on the wall, <br />
          <?= $i ?> bottles of beer. <br />
          Take one down, pass it around, <br />
          <?= $i - 1 ?> bottles of beer on the wall. </p>
    <?php } ?>
  </body>
</html>
```
PHP

Common errors: unclosed braces, missing = sign

```
  <body>
    <p>Watch how high I can count:
      <?php for ($i = 1; $i <= 10; $i++) { ?>
        <? $i ?>
    </p>
  </body>
</html>
```
PHP

- `</body>` and `</html>` above are inside the for loop, which is never closed
- if you forget to close your braces, you'll see an error about `'unexpected $end'`
- if you forget = in `<?=`, the expression does not produce any output

Complex expression blocks

```
  <body>
    <?php for ($i = 1; $i <= 3; $i++) { ?>
      <h<?= $i ?>>This is a level <?= $i ?> heading.</h<?= $i ?>>
    <?php } ?>
  </body>
```
PHP

This is a level 1 heading.
This is a level 2 heading.
This is a level 3 heading.
output

- expression blocks can *even go inside HTML tags and attributes*

5.4: Advanced PHP Syntax

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- 6.1: Parameterized Pages

NULL

```
$name = "Victoria";
$name = NULL;
if (isset($name)) {
  print "This line isn't going to be reached.\n";
}
```

- a variable is NULL if
  - it has not been set to any value (undefined variables)
  - it has been assigned the constant NULL
  - it has been deleted using the unset function
- can test if a variable is NULL using the isset function
- NULL prints as an empty string (no output)

Arrays

```
$name = array();                    # create
$name = array(value0, value1, ..., valueN);

$name[index]                        # get element value
$name[index] = value;               # set element value
$name[] = value;                    # append
```
PHP

```
$a = array();      # empty array (length 0)
$a[0] = 23;        # stores 23 at index 0 (length 1)
$a2 = array("some", "strings", "in", "an", "array");
$a2[] = "Ooh!";    # add string to end (at index 5)
```
PHP

- `array()` : creates empty array
- to append, use bracket notation without specifying an index
- element type is not specified; can mix types
- element indexes can be non-consecutive
  - if you assign a value at an index that is past the end of the array, the array creates a new index and element at that index

Array functions

function name(s)	description
count	number of elements in the array
print_r	print array's contents
array_pop, array_push, array_shift, array_unshift	using array as a stack/queue
in_array, array_search, array_reverse, sort, rsort, shuffle	searching and reordering
array_fill, array_merge, array_intersect, array_diff, array_slice, range	creating, filling, filtering
array_sum, array_product, array_unique, array_filter, array_reduce	processing elements

Array function example

```php
$tas = array("MD", "BH", "KK", "HM", "JP");
for ($i = 0; $i < count($tas); $i++) {
  $tas[$i] = strtolower($tas[$i]);
}                              # ("md", "bh", "kk", "hm", "jp")
$morgan = array_shift($tas);   # ("bh", "kk", "hm", "jp")
array_pop($tas);               # ("bh", "kk", "hm")
array_push($tas, "ms");        # ("bh", "kk", "hm", "ms")
array_reverse($tas);           # ("ms", "hm", "kk", "bh")
sort($tas);                    # ("bh", "hm", "kk", "ms")
$best = array_slice($tas, 1, 2);  # ("hm", "kk")
```

- the array in PHP replaces many other collections in Java
  - list, stack, queue, set, map, ...

The foreach loop

```php
foreach ($array as $variableName) {
  ...
}
```

```php
$stooges = array("Larry", "Moe", "Curly", "Shemp");
for ($i = 0; $i < count($stooges); $i++) {
  print "Moe slaps {$stooges[$i]}\n";
}
foreach ($stooges as $stooge) {
  print "Moe slaps $stooge\n";  # even himself!
}
```

- a convenient way to loop over each element of an array without indexes

Splitting/joining strings

```
$array = explode(delimiter, string);
$string = implode(delimiter, array);
```

```php
$s  = "CSE 190 M";
$a  = explode(" ", $s);     # ("CSE", "190", "M")
$s2 = implode("...", $a);   # "CSE...190...M"
```

- **explode** and **implode** convert between strings and arrays
- for more complex string splitting, you can use **regular expressions** (later)

```php
<?php

$array = array('lastname', 'email', 'phone');
$comma_separated = implode(",", $array);

echo $comma_separated; // lastname,email,phone

// Empty string when using an empty array:
var_dump(implode('hello', array())); // string(0) ""

?>
```

```php
<?php
// Example 1
$pizza  = "piece1 piece2 piece3 piece4 piece5 piece6";
$pieces = explode(" ", $pizza);
echo $pieces[0]; // piece1
echo $pieces[1]; // piece2

// Example 2
$data = "foo:*:1023:1000::/home/foo:/bin/sh";
list($user, $pass, $uid, $gid, $gecos, $home, $shell) = explode(":", $data);
echo $user; // foo
echo $pass; // *

?>
```


Example with explode

contents of input file `names.txt`

```
Martin D Stepp
Jessica K Miller
Victoria R Kirst
```

```php
foreach (file("names.txt") as $name) {
$tokens = explode(" ", $name);
?>
<p> author: <?= $tokens[2] ?>, <?= $tokens[0] ?> </p>
<?php
}
```

output

author: Stepp, Marty

author: Miller, Jessica

author: Kirst, Victoria

file: Returns the file in an array.

Each element of the array corresponds to a line in the file, with the newline still attached.

Query strings and parameters

URL`?`*name*`=`*value*`&`*name*`=`*value*`...`

```
http://www.google.com/search?q=Obama

http://example.com/student_login.php?username=stepp&id=1234567
```

- **query string**: a set of parameters passed from a browser to a web server
  - often passed by placing name/value pairs at the end of a URL
  - above, parameter **username** has value **stepp**, and **id** has value **1234567**
- PHP code on the server can examine and utilize the value of parameters
- a way for PHP code to produce different output based on values passed by the user

Query parameters: $_REQUEST

```
$user_name = $_REQUEST["username"];
$id_number = (int) $_REQUEST["id"];
$eats_meat = FALSE;
if (isset($_REQUEST["meat"])) {
  $eats_meat = TRUE;
}
```

- `$_REQUEST["parameter name"]` returns a parameter's value as a `string`
- test whether a given parameter was passed with `isset`

Functions

```
function name(parameterName, ..., parameterName) {
  statements;
}
```

```
function bmi($weight, $height) {
  $result = 703 * $weight / $height / $height;
  return $result;
}
```

- parameter types and return types are not written
- a function with no return statements is implicitly "void"
- can be declared in any PHP block, at start/end/middle of code

Calling functions

```
name(expression, ..., expression);
```

```
$w = 163;  # pounds
$h = 70;   # inches
$my_bmi = bmi($w, $h);
```

- parameters are passed "*by value*" (κατ' αξία / με τιμή), meaning that the actual parameter values are copied into the functions
- parameters are also passed "*by reference*" (κατ' αναφορά), which causes the function's parameters to be an alias or link to the original parameter
  - to do this, place a `&` before the `$` in front of its name
- if the wrong number of parameters are passed, it's an error

Variable scope: global and local vars

```
$school = "UW";                  # global
...

function downgrade() {
  global $school;
  $suffix = "(Wisconsin)";       # local

  $school = "$school $suffix";
  print "$school\n";
}
```

- variables declared in a function are `local` to that function; others are `global`
- PHP does not have a narrower scope than function-level
- if a function wants to use a global variable, *it must have a global statement*
  - but don't abuse this; mostly you should use parameters

Default parameter values

```
function name(parameterName = value, ..., parameterName = value) {
  statements;
}
```

```
function print_separated($str, $separator = ", ") {
  if (strlen($str) > 0) {
    print $str[0];
    for ($i = 1; $i < strlen($str); $i++) {
      print $separator . $str[$i];
    }
  }
}
```

```
print_separated("hello");        # h, e, l, l, o
print_separated("hello", "-");   # h-e-l-l-o
```

- if no value is passed, the default will be used (defaults must come last)


```
function make_bigger($num) { $num = $num * 2.2; }
$x = 5;
make_bigger($x);
print $x;
```

Ποιά τιμή θα εκτυπωθεί;

- 5
- 10
- 11
- 10.1

```
function make_bigger(&$num) { $num = $num * 2.2; }
$x = 5;
make_bigger($x);
print $x;
```

Ποιά τιμή θα εκτυπωθεί;

- 5
- 10
- 11
- 10.1


```
<?php
  $firstname="Victoria";
?>

<?php
  $fullname = "$firstname" . "Kirst";
?>
<p>Your full name is <?= $fullname ?></p>
```

Τι θα εκτυπωθεί κάτα τη μεταφόρτωση του αρχείου;

- Your full name is VictoriaKirst
- Your full name is Victoria Kirst
- Your full name is Kirst
- Your full name is NULL Kirst

PHP file I/O functions

function name(s)	category
file, **file_get_contents**, **file_put_contents**	reading/writing entire files
basename, file_exists, filesize, fileperms, filemtime, is_dir, is_readable, is_writable, disk_free_space	asking for information
copy, rename, unlink, chmod, chgrp, chown, mkdir, rmdir	manipulating files and directories
glob, **scandir**	reading directories

The file function

- file returns the lines of a file as an array of strings
- each ends with \n ;
- to strip it, use an optional second parameter:

```
$lines = file("todolist.txt", FILE_IGNORE_NEW_LINES);
```

- common idiom: foreach or for loop over lines of file

```
# display lines of file as a bulleted list
$lines = file("todolist.txt");
foreach ($lines as $line) {        # for ($i = 0; $i < count($lines); $i++)
  print "<li>$line</li>\n";
}
```


Reading an entire file

- file_get_contents returns entire contents of a file as a string
  - if the file doesn't exist, you will get a warning and an empty return string

```
# reverse a file
$text = file_get_contents("poem.txt");
$text = strrev($text);
file_put_contents("poem.txt", $text);
```


Reading files

contents of foo.txt	file("foo.txt")	file_get_contents("foo.txt")
Hello how r u? I'm fine	array("Hello\n", # 0 "how r u?\n", # 1 "\n", # 2 "I'm fine\n" # 3)	"Hello\n how r u?\n # a single \n # string I'm fine\n"

Unpacking an array: list

```
list($var1, ..., $varN) = array;
```
PHP

contents of input file `personal.txt`

```
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(206) 685-2181
570-86-7326
```

```
list($name, $phone, $ssn) = file("personal.txt");
...
```
PHP

- the odd list function "unpacks" an array into a set of variables you declare
- when you know a file's exact length/format, use file and list to unpack it

Writing / Appending to a file

- file_put_contents writes a string into a file, *replacing* its old contents
  - if the file doesn't exist, it will be created

```
# add a line to a file
$new_text = "P.S. ILY, GTG TTYL!~";
file_put_contents("poem.txt", $new_text, FILE_APPEND);
```

old contents	new contents
Roses are red, Violets are blue. All my base, Are belong to you.	Roses are red, Violets are blue. All my base, Are belong to you. P.S. ILY, GTG TTYL!~

Reading directories

function	*description*
scandir	*returns an array of all file names in a given directory (returns just the file names, such as "myfile.txt")*
glob	*returns an array of all file names that match a given pattern (returns a file path and name, such as "foo/bar/myfile.txt")*

- `glob` can accept a general path with the * wildcard character

glob example

```
# reverse all poems in the poetry directory
$poems = glob("poetry/poem*.dat");
foreach ($poems as $poemfile) {
  $text = file_get_contents($poemfile);
  file_put_contents($poemfile, strrev($text));
  print "<p>I just reversed " . basename($poemfile) . "</p>\n";
}
```

- **`glob`** can match a "wildcard" path with the * character
  - glob("foo/bar/***.doc**") returns all .doc files in the foo/bar subdirectory
  - glob("**food***") returns all files whose names begin with "food"
- the **`basename`** function strips any leading directory from a file path
  - basename("foo/bar/baz.txt") returns "baz.txt"

scandir example

```
<ul>
  <?php
  $folder = "taxes/old";
  foreach (scandir($folder) as $filename) {
    print "<li>$filename</li>\n"
  }
  ?>
</ul>
```
PHP

- .
- ..
- 2007_w2.pdf
- 2006_1099.doc

output

- **`scandir`** sucks; current directory (".") and parent ("..") are included in the array
- don't need **`basename`** with **`scandir`**; returns file names only without directory

Why use classes and objects?

- PHP is a primarily procedural language
- small programs are easily written without adding any classes or objects
- larger programs, however, become cluttered with so many disorganized functions
- grouping *related data and behavior* into objects helps manage size and complexity

Constructing and using objects

```
# construct an object
$name = new ClassName(parameters);

# access an object's field (if the field is public)
$name->fieldName

# call an object's method
$name->methodName(parameters);
```

```
$zip = new ZipArchive();
$zip->open("moviefiles.zip");
$zip->extractTo("images/");
$zip->close();
```

- the above code unzips a file
- test whether a class is installed with class_exists

Object example: Fetch file from web

```
# create an HTTP request to fetch student.php
$req = new HttpRequest("student.php", HttpRequest::METH_GET);
$params = array("first_name" => $fname, "last_name" => $lname);
$req->addPostFields($params);

# send request and examine result
$req->send();
$http_result_code = $req->getResponseCode();   # 200 means OK
print "$http_result_code\n";
print $req->getResponseBody();
```

- PHP's HttpRequest object can fetch a document from the web

Class declaration syntax

```
class ClassName {
  # fields - data inside each object
  public $name;    # public field
  private $name;   # private field

  # constructor - initializes each object's state
  public function __construct(parameters) {
    statement(s);
  }

  # method - behavior of each object
  public function name(parameters) {
    statements;
  }
}
```

- inside a constructor or method, refer to the current object as $this

Class example

```
<?php
class Point {
  public $x;
  public $y;

  # equivalent of a Java constructor
  public function __construct($x, $y) {
    $this->x = $x;
    $this->y = $y;
  }

  public function distance($p) {
    $dx = $this->x - $p->x;
    $dy = $this->y - $p->y;
    return sqrt($dx * $dx + $dy * $dy);
  }

  # equivalent of Java's toString method
  public function __toString() {
    return "(" . $this->x . ", " . $this->y . ")";
  }
}
?>
```


Class usage example

```
<?php
# this code could go into a file named use_point.php
include("Point.php");

$p1 = new Point(0, 0);
$p2 = new Point(4, 3);
print "Distance between $p1 and $p2 is " . $p1->distance($p2) . "\n\n";

var_dump($p2);   # var_dump prints detailed state of an object
?>
```

```
Distance between (0, 0) and (4, 3) is 5

object(Point)[2]
  public 'x' => int 4
  public 'y' => int 3
```

- $p1 and $p2 are references to Point objects

Basic inheritance

```
class ClassName extends ClassName {
  ...
}
```

```
class Point3D extends Point {
  public $z;

  public function __construct($x, $y, $z) {
    parent::__construct($x, $y);
    $this->z = $z;
  }

  ...
}
```

- the given class will inherit all data and behavior from *ClassName*

Static methods, fields, and constants

```php
static $name = value;     # declaring a static field
const $name = value;      # declaring a static constant
```

```php
# declaring a static method
public static function name(parameters) {
  statements;
}
```

```php
ClassName::methodName(parameters);  # calling a static method (outside class)
self::methodName(parameters);       # calling a static method (within class)
```

- static fields/methods are shared throughout a class rather than replicated in every object

Abstract classes and interfaces

```php
interface InterfaceName {
  public function name(parameters);
  public function name(parameters);
  ...
}

class ClassName implements InterfaceName { ...
```

```php
abstract class ClassName {
  abstract public function name(parameters);
  ...
}
```

- **interfaces** are supertypes that specify method headers without implementations
  - cannot be instantiated; cannot contain function bodies or fields
  - enables polymorphism between subtypes without sharing implementation code
- **abstract classes** are like interfaces, but you can specify fields, constructors, methods
  - also cannot be instantiated; enables polymorphism with sharing of implementation code