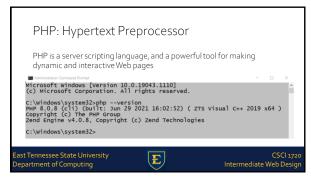




PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor

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PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor PHP is an acronym for "PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor" PHP is a widely-used, open source scripting language PHP scripts are executed on the server PHP is free to download and use East Tennessee State University Department of Computing CSCI 1720 Intermediate Web Design

What is a PHP File? PHP files can contain text, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and PHP code PHP code is executed on the server, and the result is returned to the browser as plain HTML PHP files have extension ".php" East Tennessee State University Department of Computing CSCI 1720 Intermediate Web Design

What Can PHP Do? PHP can generate dynamic page content PHP can create, open, read, write, delete, and close files on the server PHP can collect form data PHP can send and receive cookies East Tennessee State University Department of Computing CSCI 1720 Intermediate Web Design

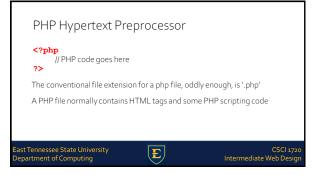
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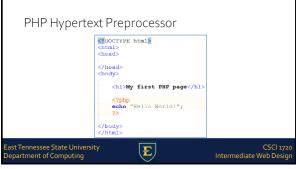
What Can PHP Do? PHP can add, delete, modify data in your database PHP can be used to control user-access PHP can encrypt data With PHP you are not limited to output HTML. You can output images, PDF files, and even Flash movies. You can also output any text, such as XHTML and XML East Tennessee State University Department of Computing CSCI 1720 Intermediate Web Design

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Why PHP? PHP runs on various platforms (Windows, Linux, Unix, Mac OS X, etc.) PHP is compatible with almost all servers used today (Apache, IIS, etc.) PHP supports a wide range of databases PHP is free. Download it from the official PHP resource: www.php.net PHP is easy to learn and runs efficiently on the server side East Tennessee State University CSCI 1720 Intermediate Web Design

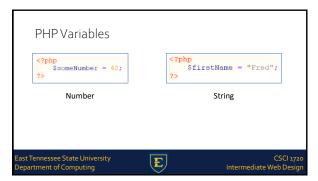




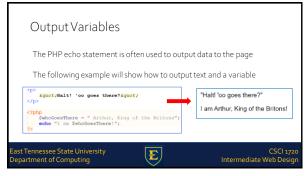


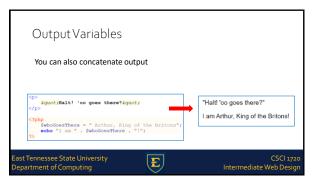


PHP Variables A variable starts with a dollar sign 's' PHP is a non-declarative language – you don't tell it what kind of variable you're declaring It'll figure it out when a value is assigned (or when it is initialized): East Tennessee State University Department of Computing CSCI 1720 Intermediate Web Design



Rules for PHP variables A variable starts with the \$ sign, followed by the name of the variable A variable name must start with a letter or the underscore character A variable name cannot start with a number A variable name can only contain alpha-numeric characters and underscores (A-z, o-9, and _) Variable names are case-sensitive (\$age and \$AGE are two different variables) East Tennessee State University Department of Computing CSCI 1720 Intermediate Web Design

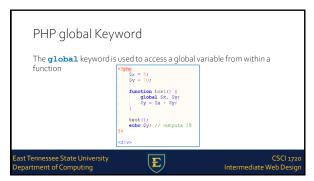




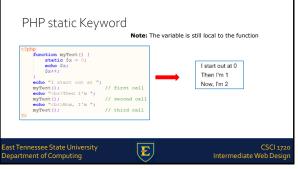
PHP is a Loosely Typed Language PHP automatically associates a data type to the variable, depending on its value Since the data types are not set in a strict sense, you can do things like adding a string to an integer without causing an error In PHP 7, type declarations were added. This gives an option to specify the data type expected when declaring a function, and by enabling the strict requirement, it will throw a "Fatal Error" on a type mismatch East Tennessee State University Department of Computing CSCI 3720 Intermediate Web Design

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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: I local I global I static East Tennessee State University Department of Computing CSCI 1720 Intermediate Web Design



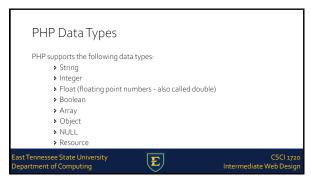
PHP static Keyword Normally, when a function is completed/executed, all of its variables are deleted Sometimes we want a local variable NOT to be deleted. We need it for a further job To do this, use the static keyword when you first declare the variable East Tennessee State University Department of Computing CSCI 1720 Intermediate Web Design



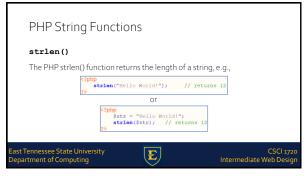


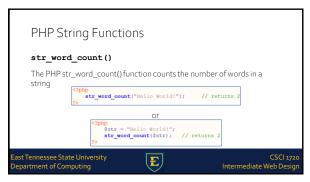




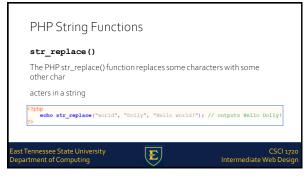






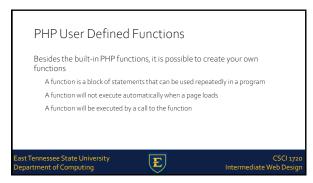














PHP User Defined Functions

Information can be passed to functions through arguments. An argument is just like a variable

Arguments are specified after the function name, inside the parentheses. You can add as many arguments as you want, just separate them with a comma

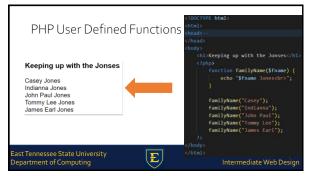
The following example has a function with one argument (**\$fname**). When the **familyName()** function is called, we also pass along a name (e.g. Jani), and the name is used inside the function, which outputs several different first names, but an equal last name

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PHP Typing

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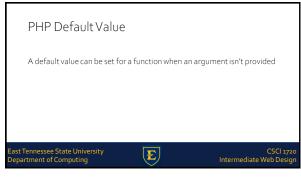
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function addNumbers(int $a, int $b) {
    return $a + $b;
}
echo addNumbers(5, "5 days");
// since 'strict' is not enabled,
// "5 days" is cast to int(5). This
// will return 10. Weird.

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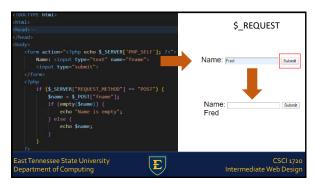




PHP Return Type Declarations PHP 7 also supports Type Declarations for the return statement. Like with the type declaration for function arguments, by enabling the strict requirement, it will throw a "Fatal Error" on a type mismatch To declare a type for the function return, add a colon (:) and the type right before the opening curly ({) bracket when declaring the function East Tennessee State University Department of Computing CSCI 1720 Intermediate Web Design

PHP Superglobals Some predefined variables in PHP are "superglobals" They are always accessible, regardless of scope - and you can access them from any function, class or file without having to do anything special East Tennessee State University CSCI 1720 Intermediate Web Design





PHP \$_GET & \$_POST PHP \$_GET is a PHP super global variable which is used to collect form data after submitting an HTML form with method="get" PHP \$_POST is a PHP super global variable which is used to collect form data after submitting an HTML form with method="post". \$_POST is also widely used to pass variables East Tennessee State University Department of Computing CSCI 1720 Intermediate Web Design

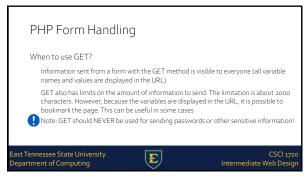




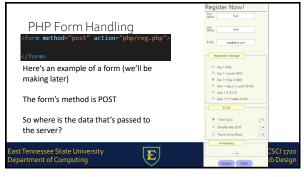


















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Croppe class Toon {
    public $name;
    public $name;
    public $name;
    public $name;
    public $name;
    public $name;
    function _construct($name, $level) {
        $this->name = $name;
        $this->name = $name;
    }
    function get_name() {
            return $this->name;
    }
    }

    We didn't use get_name() inthis example, but it should be obvious how getters/ setters and other functions could be added

// create an object

*cyprus = naw Toon("Cyprus", 75);

// show object properties echo "tunter"s name: ".$cyprus->name . "chr>";
    echo $cyprus->name: ".$cyprus->name . "chr>";
    echo $cyprus->name: ".$cyprus->name . "chr>";
        character";
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Conclusion – For Now

Some folks argue that PHP is getting a little 'long in the tooth,' and is no longer relevant or at least is inferior to other options

Still the basis for a LOT of web applications (e.g., Wordpress)

Still evolving (hence, ver. 7.4.xxx)

One part of the stack

Frameworks – e.g., Laravel

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