
Ch3 - Lesson 5: Functions in PHP

PHP FUNCTIONS

■ Functions in PHP

- Must be defined before they called.
- Defined as:

```
function functionName ($arg1, arg2, ...$argn) {  
    // statements  
}
```

- Function names are not case sensitive unlike variables

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■ Functions in PHP

- Function statements do the actual work of the function and must be contained within the function braces.

{ }

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■ Creating function

```
function addFunction($num1, $num2) {  
    $sum = $num1 + $num2;  
    echo "Sum of the two numbers is : $sum";  
}  
addFunction(10, 20);
```

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■ Passing arguments by reference

```
function addFive(&$num) {  
    $num += 5; }  
function addSix(&$num) {  
    $num += 6;  
}  
  
$orignum = 10;  
addFive($orignum );  
echo "Original Value is $orignum<br />";  
addSix($orignum );  
echo "Original Value is $orignum<br />";
```

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■ Function's return value:

- A function can return a value using the **return** statement in conjunction with a **value** or **object**.
- Return stops the execution of the function and sends the value back to the calling code.
- It is possible to return more than one value from a function using **return array(1,2,3,4)**.

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■ Example:

```
function addFunction($num1, $num2) {  
    $sum = $num1 + $num2;  
    return $sum;}  
$return_value = addFunction(10, 20);  
echo "Returned value from the function : $return_value";
```

- We can return multiple values from a function, by placing them all in an array and returning the array

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```
function add_sub ($num1, $num2) {  
    $add=$num1+$num2;  
    $sub=$num1-$num2;  
    return array ($add, $sub) ;  
}  
$result_array=add_sub (15,20) ;  
echo "Add:". $result_array[0]. "<br>";  
echo "Sub:". $result_array[1]. "<br>";
```


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Setting Default Values for Function Parameters

```
function studinfo ($department="CS", $year="3rd") {  
    return "You are $year year $department  
student<br>";  
}  
echo studinfo ();  
echo studinfo ("Software Engineering", "1st");  
echo studinfo ("Electrical", Null);  
echo studinfo ("2nd");
```

Output

*You are 3rd year CS student
You are 1st year Software Engineering student
You are year Electrical student
You are 3rd year 2nd student*

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■ Dynamic Function Calls:

- It is possible to assign function names as strings to variables and then treat these variables exactly as the function name itself.

```
function sayHello() {  
    echo "Hello<br />";  
}  
$function_holder = "sayHello";  
$function_holder();
```



thankYou();