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Preface

PHP, which stands for "PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor", is an open-source HTML-embedded scripting language. Much of its syntax is borrowed from C, Java and Perl with some unique features thrown in. The main goal of the language is to allow web developers to write dynamically generated pages quickly. You can do many more with PHP. Read on, and see.

About this Manual

This manual tries to give you an overview of PHP's capabilities, the functions provided, and features instructions about how to solve some common problems. The main focus of this manual is to give a reference for functions, so you can easily find syntax information and usage examples. We also provide details about the building blocks of PHP.

We provide this manual in several formats and languages. To read more about the formats, and how we generate them, read the *More about this Manual* appendix. You can find information about used conventions, and further suggested reading in that part.

You can download actual versions of this manual in several formats at <http://www.php.net/docs.php>. The downloads are updated as the content changes.

Part I. Getting Started

Chapter 1. Introduction

What is PHP?

PHP (recursive acronym for "PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor") is an open-source server-side HTML-embedded scripting language.

Simple answer, but what does that mean? An example:

Example 1-1. An introductory example

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title>Example</title>
  </head>
  <body>

    <?php
    echo "Hi, I'm a PHP script!";
    ?>

  </body>
</html>
```

Notice how this is different from a script written in other languages like Perl or C -- instead of writing a program with lots of commands to output HTML, you write an HTML script with some embedded code to do something (in this case, output some text). The PHP code is enclosed in special start and end tags that allow you to jump into and out of "PHP mode".

What distinguishes PHP from something like client-side JavaScript is that the code is executed on the server. If you were to have a script similar to the above on your server, the client would receive the results of running that script, with no way of determining what the underlying code may be. You can even configure your web server to process all your HTML files with PHP, and then there's really no way that users can tell what you have up your sleeve.

The best things in using PHP are that it is extremely simple for a newcomer, but offers many advanced features for a professional programmer. Don't be afraid reading the long list of PHP's features. You can jump in, in a short time, and start writing simple scripts in a few hours.

Although PHP's development is focused on server-side scripting, you can do much more with it. Read on, and see more in the What can PHP do? section.

What can PHP do?

Anything. PHP is mainly focused on server-side scripting, so you can do anything any other CGI program can do, such as collect form data, generate dynamic page content, or send and receive cookies. But PHP can do much more.

There are three main fields where PHP scripts are used.

- Server-side scripting. This is the most traditional and main target field for PHP. You need three things to make this work. The PHP parser (CGI or server module), a webserver and a web browser. You need to run the webserver, with a connected PHP installation. You can access the PHP program output with a web browser, viewing the PHP page through the server. See the installation instructions section for more information.
- Command line scripting. You can make a PHP script to run it without any server and any browser. You only need the PHP parser to use it this way. This type of usage is ideal for scripts regularly executed using cron (task sheduler on Windows), or simple text processing tasks. See the section about Command line usage of PHP for more information.
- Writing client-side GUI applications. PHP is probably not the very best language to write windowing applications, but if you know PHP very well, and would like to use some advanced PHP features in your client-side applications you can also use PHP-GTK to write such programs. You also have the ability to write cross-platform applications this way. PHP-GTK is an extension to PHP, not available in the main distribution. If you are interested in PHP-GTK, visit it's own website (<http://gtk.php.net/>).

PHP can be used on all major operating systems, including Linux, many Unix variants (including HP-UX, Solaris and OpenBSD), Microsoft Windows, Mac OS X, RISC OS, and probably others. PHP has also support for most of the web servers today. This includes Apache, Microsoft Internet Information Server, Personal Web Server, Netscape and iPlanet servers, Oreilly Website Pro server, Caudium, Xitami, OmniHTTPd, and many others. For the majority of the servers PHP has a module, for the others supporting the CGI standard, PHP can work as a CGI processor.

So with PHP, you have the freedom of choosing an operating system and a web server. Furthermore, you also have the choice of using procedural programming or object oriented programming, or a mixture of them. Although not every standard OOP feature is realized in the current version of PHP, many code libraries and large applications (including the PEAR library) are written only using OOP code.

With PHP you are not limited to output HTML. PHP's abilities includes outputting images, PDF files and even Flash movies (using libswf and Ming) generated on the fly. You can also output easily any text, such as XHTML and any other XML file. PHP can autogenerate these files, and save them in the file system, instead of printing it out, forming a server-side cache for your dynamic content.

One of the strongest and most significant feature in PHP is its support for a wide range of databases. Writing a database-enabled web page is incredibly simple. The following databases are currently supported:

Adabas D	Ingres	Oracle (OCI7 and OCI8)
dBase	InterBase	Ovrimos
Empress	FrontBase	PostgreSQL
FilePro (read-only)	mSQL	Solid
Hyperwave	Direct MS-SQL	Sybase
IBM DB2	MySQL	Velocis
Informix	ODBC	Unix dbm

We also have a DBX database abstraction extension allowing you to transparently use any database supported by that extension. Additionally PHP supports ODBC, the Open Database Connection standard, so you can connect to any other database supporting this world standard.

PHP also has support for talking to other services using protocols such as LDAP, IMAP, SNMP, NNTP, POP3, HTTP, COM (on Windows) and countless others. You can also open raw network sockets and

interact using any other protocol. PHP has support for the WDDX complex data exchange between virtually all Web programming languages. Talking about interconnection, PHP has support for instantiation of Java objects and using them transparently as PHP objects. You can also use our CORBA extension to access remote objects.

PHP has extremely useful text processing features, from the POSIX Extended or Perl regular expressions to parsing XML documents. For parsing and accessing XML documents, we support the SAX and DOM standards. You can use our XSLT extension to transform XML documents.

While using PHP in the ecommerce field, you'll find the Cybercash payment, CyberMUT, Verisign Payflow Pro and CCVS functions useful for your online payment programs.

At last but not least, we have many other interesting extensions, the mnoGoSearch search engine functions, the IRC Gateway functions, many compression utilities (gzip, bz2), calendar conversion, translation...

As you can see this page is not enough to list all the features and benefits PHP can offer. Read on in the sections about installing PHP, and see the function reference part for explanation of the extensions mentioned here.

A brief history of PHP

PHP was conceived sometime in the fall of 1994 by Rasmus Lerdorf (<mailto:rasmus@php.net>). Early non-released versions were used on his home page to keep track of who was looking at his online resume. The first version used by others was available sometime in early 1995 and was known as the Personal Home Page Tools. It consisted of a very simplistic parser engine that only understood a few special macros and a number of utilities that were in common use on home pages back then. A guestbook, a counter and some other stuff. The parser was rewritten in mid-1995 and named PHP/FI Version 2. The FI came from another package Rasmus had written which interpreted html form data. He combined the Personal Home Page tools scripts with the Form Interpreter and added mSQL support and PHP/FI was born. PHP/FI grew at an amazing pace and people started contributing code to it.

It is difficult to give any hard statistics, but it is estimated that by late 1996 PHP/FI was in use on at least 15,000 web sites around the world. By mid-1997 this number had grown to over 50,000. Mid-1997 also saw a change in the development of PHP. It changed from being Rasmus' own pet project that a handful of people had contributed to, to being a much more organized team effort. The parser was rewritten from scratch by Zeev Suraski and Andi Gutmans and this new parser formed the basis for PHP Version 3. A lot of the utility code from PHP/FI was ported over to PHP 3 and a lot of it was completely rewritten.

The latest version (PHP 4) uses the Zend (<http://www.zend.com/>) scripting engine to deliver higher performance, supports an even wider array of third-party libraries and extensions, and runs as a native server module with all of the popular web servers.

Today (1/2001) PHP 3 or PHP 4 now ships with a number of commercial products such as Red Hat's Stronghold web server. A conservative estimate based on an extrapolation from numbers provided by Netcraft (<http://www.netcraft.com/>) (see also Netcraft Web Server Survey (<http://www.netcraft.com/survey/>)) would be that PHP is in use on over 5,100,000 sites around the world. To put that in perspective, that is slightly more sites than run Microsoft's IIS server on the Internet (5.03 million).

Chapter 2. Installation

General Installation Considerations

Before installing first, you need to know what do you want to use PHP for. There are three main fields you can use PHP, as described in the What can PHP do? section:

- Server-side scripting
- Command line scripting
- Client-side GUI applications

For the first and most common form, you need three things: PHP itself, a web server and a web browser. You probably already have a web browser, and depending on your operating system setup, you may also have a web server (eg. Apache on Linux or IIS on Windows). You may also rent webspace at a company. This way, you don't need to set up anything on your own, only write your PHP scripts, upload it to the server you rent, and see the results in your browser. You can find a list of hosting companies at <http://hosts.php.net/>.

While setting up the server and PHP on your own, you have two choices for the method of connecting PHP to the server. For many servers PHP has a direct module interface (also called SAPI). These servers include Apache, Microsoft Internet Information Server, Netscape and iPlanet servers. Many other servers have support for ISAPI, the Microsoft module interface (OmniHTTPd for example). If PHP has no module support for your web server, you can always use it as a CGI processor. This means you set up your server to use the command line executable of PHP (`php.exe` on Windows) to process all PHP file requests on the server.

If you are also interested to use PHP for command line scripting (eg. write scripts autogenerating some images for you offline, or processing text files depending on some arguments you pass to them), you always need the command line executable. For more information, read the section about writing command line PHP applications. In this case, you need no server and no browser.

With PHP you can also write client side GUI applications using the PHP-GTK extension. This is a completely different approach than writing web pages, as you do not output any HTML, but manage windows and objects within them. For more information about PHP-GTK, please visit the site dedicated to this extension (<http://gtk.php.net/>). PHP-GTK is not included in the official PHP distribution.

From now on, this section deals with setting up PHP for web servers on Unix and Windows with server module interfaces and CGI executables.

Downloading PHP, the source code, and binary distributions for Windows can be found at <http://www.php.net/>. We recommend you to choose a mirror (<http://www.php.net/mirrors.php>) nearest to you for downloading the distributions.

Installation on UNIX systems

This section will guide you through the general configuration and installation of PHP on Unix systems. Be sure to investigate any sections specific to your platform or web server before you begin the process.

Prerequisite knowledge and software:

- Basic UNIX skills (being able to operate "make" and a C compiler, if compiling)
- An ANSI C compiler (if compiling)
- flex (for compiling)
- bison (for compiling)
- A web server
- Any module specific components (such as gd, pdf libs, etc.)

There are several ways to install PHP for the Unix platform, either with a compile and configure process, or through various pre-packaged methods. This documentation is mainly focused around the process of compiling and configuring PHP.

The initial PHP setup and configuration process is controlled by the use of the commandline options of the `configure` script. This page outlines the usage of the most common options, but there are many others to play with. Check out the [Complete list of configure options](#) for an exhaustive rundown. There are several ways to install PHP:

- As an Apache module
- As an `fhttpd` module
- For use with AOLServer, NSAPI, `phttpd`, `Pi3Web`, `Roxen`, `thttpd`, or `Zeus`.
- As a CGI executable

Apache Module Quick Reference

PHP can be compiled in a number of different ways, but one of the most popular is as an Apache module. The following is a quick installation overview.

Example 2-1. Quick Installation Instructions for PHP 4 (Apache Module Version)

```
1. gunzip apache_1.3.x.tar.gz
2. tar xvf apache_1.3.x.tar
3. gunzip php-x.x.x.tar.gz
4. tar xvf php-x.x.x.tar
5. cd apache_1.3.x
6. ./configure --prefix=/www
7. cd ../php-x.x.x
8. ./configure --with-mysql --with-apache=../apache_1.3.x --enable-track-vars
9. make
10. make install
11. cd ../apache_1.3.x
12. ./configure --activate-module=src/modules/php4/libphp4.a
13. make
14. make install
15. cd ../php-x.x.x
```

16. `cp php.ini-dist /usr/local/lib/php.ini`
17. Edit your `httpd.conf` or `srm.conf` file and add:
 `AddType application/x-httpd-php .php`
18. Use your normal procedure for restarting the Apache server. (You must stop and restart the server, not just cause the server to reload by use a HUP or USR1 signal.)

Building

When PHP is configured, you are ready to build the CGI executable. The command **make** should take care of this. If it fails and you can't figure out why, see the Problems section.

Unix/Linux installs

This section contains notes and hints specific to installing PHP on Linux distributions.

Using Packages

Many Linux distributions have some sort of package installation, such as RPM. This can assist in setting up a standard configuration, but if you need to have a different set of features (such as a secure server, or a different database driver), you may need to build php and/or your webserver. If you are unfamiliar with building and compiling your own software, it is worth checking to see whether somebody has already built a packaged version of PHP with the features you need.

Unix/HP-UX installs

This section contains notes and hints specific to installing PHP on HP-UX systems.

Example 2-2. Installation Instructions for HP-UX 10

From: paul_mckay@clearwater-it.co.uk
04-Jan-2001 09:49
(These tips are for PHP 4.0.4 and Apache v1.3.9)

So you want to install PHP and Apache on a HP-UX 10.20 box?

1. You need gzip, download a binary distribution from
<http://hpux.connect.org.uk/ftp/hpux/Gnu/gzip-1.2.4a/gzip-1.2.4a-sd-10.20.depot.Z>
uncompress the file and install using `swinstall`

2. You need gcc, download a binary distribution from <http://gatekeep.cs.utah.edu/ftp/hpux/Gnu/gcc-2.95.2/gcc-2.95.2-sd-10.20.depot.gz> gunzip this file and install gcc using swinstall.

3. You need the GNU binutils, you can download a binary distribution from <http://hpux.connect.org.uk/ftp/hpux/Gnu/binutils-2.9.1/binutils-2.9.1-sd-10.20.depot.gz> gunzip and install using swinstall.

4. You now need bison, you can download a binary distribution from <http://hpux.connect.org.uk/ftp/hpux/Gnu/bison-1.28/bison-1.28-sd-10.20.depot.gz> install as above.

5. You now need flex, you need to download the source from one of the <http://www.gnu.org> mirrors. It is in the <filename>non-gnu</filename> directory of the ftp site. Download the file, gunzip, then tar -xvf it. Go into the newly created flex directory and do a ./configure, then a make, and then a make install

If you have errors here, it's probably because gcc etc. are not in your PATH so add them to your PATH.

Right, now into the hard stuff.

6. Download the PHP and apache sources.

7. gunzip and tar -xvf them.

We need to hack a couple of files so that they can compile ok.

8. Firstly the configure file needs to be hacked because it seems to lose track of the fact that you are a hpux machine, there will be a better way of doing this but a cheap and cheerful hack is to put

```
lt_target=hpux10.20
```

on line 47286 of the configure script.

9. Next, the Apache GuessOS file needs to be hacked. Under apache_1.3.9/src/helpers change line 89 from

```
"echo "hp${HPUXMACH}-hpux${HPUXVER}"; exit 0"
```

to:

```
"echo "hp${HPUXMACH}-hp-hpux${HPUXVER}"; exit 0"
```

10. You cannot install PHP as a shared object under HP-UX so you must compile it as a static, just follow the instructions at the Apache page.

11. PHP and apache should have compiled OK, but Apache won't start. you need to create a new user for Apache, eg www, or apache. You then change lines 252 and 253 of the conf/httpd.conf in Apache so that instead of

```
User nobody
```

```
Group nogroup
```

you have something like

```
User www
```

```
Group sys
```

This is because you can't run Apache as nobody under hp-ux.
Apache and PHP should then work.

Hope this helps somebody,
Paul Mckay.

Unix/Solaris installs

This section contains notes and hints specific to installing PHP on Solaris systems.

Required software

Solaris installs often lack C compilers and their related tools. The required software is as follows:

- gcc (recommended, other C compilers may work)
- make
- flex
- bison
- m4
- autoconf
- automake
- perl
- gzip
- tar

In addition, you will need to install (and possibly compile) any additional software specific to your configuration, such as Oracle or MySQL.

Using Packages

You can simplify the Solaris install process by using pkgadd to install most of your needed components.

Unix/OpenBSD installs

This section contains notes and hints specific to installing PHP on OpenBSD (<http://www.openbsd.org/>).

Using Ports

This is the recommended method of installing PHP on OpenBSD, as it will have the latest patches and security fixes applied to it by the maintainers. To use this method, ensure that you have a recent ports tree (<http://www.openbsd.org/ports.html>). Then simply find out which flavors you wish to install, and issue the **make install** command. Below is an example of how to do this.

Example 2-3. OpenBSD Ports Install Example

```
$ cd /usr/ports/www/php4
$ make show VARNAME=FLAVORS
  (choose which flavors you want from the list)
$ env FLAVOR="imap gettext ldap mysql gd" make install
$ /usr/local/sbin/php4-enable
```

Using Packages

There are pre-compiled packages available for your release of OpenBSD (<http://www.openbsd.org/>). These integrate automatically with the version of Apache installed with the OS. However, since there are a large number of options (called *flavors*) available for this port, you may find it easier to compile it from source using the ports tree. Read the `packages(7)` (<http://www.openbsd.org/cgi-bin/man.cgi?query=packages>) manual page for more information in what packages are available.

Unix/Mac OS X installs

This section contains notes and hints specific to installing PHP on Mac OS X Server.

Using Packages

There are a few pre-packaged and pre-compiled versions of PHP for Mac OS X. This can help in setting up a standard configuration, but if you need to have a different set of features (such as a secure server, or a different database driver), you may need to build PHP and/or your web server yourself. If you are unfamiliar with building and compiling your own software, it's worth checking whether somebody has already built a packaged version of PHP with the features you need.

Compiling for OS X server

There are two slightly different versions of Mac OS X, client and server. The following is for OS X Server.

Example 2-4. Mac OS X server install

1. Get the latest distributions of Apache and PHP
2. Untar them, and run the configure program on Apache like so.


```
./configure --exec-prefix=/usr \
--localstatedir=/var \
--mandir=/usr/share/man \
--libexecdir=/System/Library/Apache/Modules \
--iconsdir=/System/Library/Apache/Icons \
--includedir=/System/Library/Frameworks/Apache.framework/Versions/1.3/Headers \
--enable-shared=max \
--enable-module=most \
--target=apache
```

4. You may also want to add this line:


```
setenv OPTIM=-O2
```

 If you want the compiler to do some optimization.

5. Next, go to the PHP 4 source directory and configure it.


```
./configure --prefix=/usr \
--sysconfdir=/etc \
--localstatedir=/var \
--mandir=/usr/share/man \
--with-xml \
--with-apache=/src/apache_1.3.12
```

If you have any other additions (MySQL, GD, etc.), be sure to add them here. For the `--with-apache` string, put in the path to your apache source directory, for example `"/src/apache_1.3.12"`.

6. `make`
7. `make install`
 This will add a directory to your Apache source directory under `src/modules/php4`.

8. Now, reconfigure Apache to build in PHP 4.


```
./configure --exec-prefix=/usr \
--localstatedir=/var \
--mandir=/usr/share/man \
--libexecdir=/System/Library/Apache/Modules \
--iconsdir=/System/Library/Apache/Icons \
--includedir=/System/Library/Frameworks/Apache.framework/Versions/1.3/Headers \
--enable-shared=max \
--enable-module=most \
--target=apache \
--activate-module=src/modules/php4/libphp4.a
```

You may get a message telling you that `libmodphp4.a` is out of date. If so, go to the `src/modules/php4` directory inside your apache source directory and run this command:

```
ranlib libmodphp4.a
```

Then go back to the root of the apache source directory and run the above configure command again. That'll bring the link table up to date.

9. make

10. make install

11. copy and rename the php.ini-dist file to your "bin" directory from your PHP 4 source directory:

```
cp php.ini-dist /usr/local/bin/php.ini
```

or (if you don't have a local directory)

```
cp php.ini-dist /usr/bin/php.ini
```

Other examples for Mac OS X client

(<http://www.stepwise.com/Articles/Workbench/Apache-1.3.14-MacOSX.html>) and Mac OS X server

(<http://www.stepwise.com/Articles/Workbench/Apache-1.3.14-MacOSX.html>) are available at Stepwise

(<http://www.stepwise.com/>).

Compiling for MacOS X client

Those tips are graciously provided by Marc Liyanage (<http://www.entropy.ch/software/macosex>).

The PHP module for the Apache web server included in Mac OS X. This version includes support for the MySQL and PostgreSQL databases.

NOTE: Be careful when you do this, you could screw up your Apache web server!

Do this to install:

- 1. Open a terminal window
- 2. Type "wget <http://www.diix.ch/users/liyanage/software/macosex/libphp4.so.gz>", wait for download to finish
- 3. Type "gunzip libphp4.so.gz"
- 4. Type "sudo apxs -i -a -n php4 libphp4.so"

Now type "sudo open -a TextEdit /etc/httpd/httpd.conf" TextEdit will open with the web server configuration file. Locate these two lines towards the end of the file: (Use the Find command)

```
#AddType application/x-httpd-php .php
#AddType application/x-httpd-php-source .phps
```

Remove the two hash marks (#), then save the file and quit TextEdit.

Finally, type `sudo apachectl graceful` to restart the web server.

PHP should now be up and running. You can test it by dropping a file into your "Sites" folder which is called "test.php". Into that file, write this line: `<?php phpinfo() ?>`.

Now open up `127.0.0.1/~your_username/test.php` in your web browser. You should see a status table with information about the PHP module.

Complete list of configure options

Note: These are only used at compile time. If you want to alter PHP's runtime configuration, please see the chapter on Configuration.

The following is a complete list of options supported by the PHP 3 and PHP 4 `configure` scripts, used when compiling in Unix-like environments. Some are available in PHP 3, some in PHP 4, and some in both, as noted. There are many options the names of which have changed between PHP 3 and PHP 4, but which accomplish the same things. These entries are cross-referenced to each other, so if you have a problem getting your PHP 3-era configuration options to work, check here to see whether the names have changed.

- Database
- Ecommerce
- Graphics
- Miscellaneous
- Networking
- PHP Behaviour
- Server
- Text and language
- XML

Database

`--with-adabas[=DIR]`

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include Adabas D support. DIR is the Adabas base install directory, defaults to `/usr/local`.

Adabas home page (<http://www.adabas.com/>)

--enable-dba=shared

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Build DBA as a shared module

--enable-dbx

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include DBX support

--enable-dbase

PHP 3: Option not available; use --with-dbase instead.

PHP 4: Enable the bundled dbase library. No external libraries are required.

--with-dbase

PHP 3: Include the bundled dbase library. No external libraries are required.

PHP 4: Option not available; use --enable-dbase instead.

--with-db2[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include Berkeley DB2 support

--with-db3[=DIR]

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include Berkeley DB3 support

--with-dbm[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include DBM support

--with-dbmaker[=DIR]

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include DBMaker support. DIR is the DBMaker base install directory, defaults to where the latest version of DBMaker is installed (such as /home/dbmaker/3.6).

--with-empress[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include Empress support. DIR is the Empress base install directory, defaults to \$EMPRESSPATH

--enable-filepro

PHP 3: Option not available; use --with-filepro instead.

PHP 4: Enable the bundled read-only filePro support. No external libraries are required.

--with-filepro

PHP 3: Include the bundled read-only filePro support. No external libraries are required.

PHP 4: Option not available; use --enable-filepro instead.

--with-fbsql[=DIR]

PHP 3: Option not available.

PHP 4: Include FrontBase SQL support. DIR is the FrontBase base install directory, defaults to usual Frontbase install dir. Usual install dirs depends on your OS : Solaris: /opt/FrontBase, WinNT: \usr\FrontBase, Linux: /usr/frontbase, Mac OSX: /Library/FrontBase.

--with-gdbm[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include GDBM support

--with-hyperwave

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include Hyperwave support

--with-ibm-db2[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include IBM DB2 support. DIR is the DB2 base install directory, defaults to /home/db2inst1/sqllib.

IBM DB2 home page (<http://www.ibm.com/db2/>)

--with-informix[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include Informix support. DIR is the Informix base install directory, defaults to nothing.

--with-ingres[=DIR]

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include Ingres II support. DIR is the Ingres base directory (default /II/ingres)

--with-interbase[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include InterBase support. DIR is the InterBase base install directory, which defaults to /usr/interbase.

Interbase functions

Interbase home page (<http://www.interbase.com/>)

--with-ldap[=DIR]

PHP 3: Include LDAP support. DIR is the LDAP base install directory. Defaults to /usr and /usr/local

PHP 4: Include LDAP support. DIR is the LDAP base install directory.

This provides LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol support). The parameter is the LDAP base install directory, defaults to /usr/local/ldap.

More information about LDAP can be found in RFC1777 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc1777.html>) and RFC1778 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc1778.html>).

--with-mysql[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Enables mSQL support. The parameter to this option is the mSQL install directory and defaults to /usr/local/Hughes. This is the default directory of the mSQL 2.0 distribution. **configure** automatically detects which mSQL version you are running and PHP supports both 1.0 and 2.0, but if you compile PHP with mSQL 1.0, you can only access mSQL 1.0 databases, and vice-versa.

See also mSQL Configuration Directives in the configuration file.

mSQL home page (<http://www.hughes.com.au/>)

--with-mysql[=DIR]

PHP 3: Include MySQL support. DIR is the MySQL base install directory, defaults to searching through a number of common places for the MySQL files.

PHP 4: Include MySQL support. DIR is the MySQL base directory. If unspecified, the bundled MySQL library will be used. This option is turned on by default.

See also MySQL Configuration Directives in the configuration file.

MySQL home page (<http://www.mysql.com/>)

--with-ndbm[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include NDBM support

--with-ovrimos

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include Ovrmos support.

--with-oci8[=DIR]

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include Oracle-oci8 support. Default DIR is ORACLE_HOME.

--with-oracle[=DIR]

PHP 3: Include Oracle database support. DIR is Oracle's home directory, defaults to \$ORACLE_HOME.

PHP 4: Include Oracle-oci7 support. Default DIR is ORACLE_HOME.

Includes Oracle support. Has been tested and should be working at least with Oracle versions 7.0 through 7.3. The parameter is the ORACLE_HOME directory. You do not have to specify this parameter if your Oracle environment has been set up.

Oracle home page (<http://www.oracle.com/>)

--with-pgsql[=DIR]

PHP 3: Include PostgreSQL support. DIR is the PostgreSQL base install directory, which defaults to /usr/local/pgsql.

PHP 4: Include PostgreSQL support. DIR is the PostgreSQL base install directory, which defaults to /usr/local/pgsql. Set DIR to shared to build as a dl, or shared,DIR to build as a dl and still specify DIR.

See also Postgres Configuration Directives in the configuration file.

PostgreSQL home page (<http://www.postgresql.org/>)

--with-solid[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include Solid support. DIR is the Solid base install directory, defaults to /usr/local/solid

Solid home page (<http://www.solidtech.com/>)

--with-sybase-ct[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include Sybase-CT support. DIR is the Sybase home directory, defaults to /home/sybase.

See also Sybase-CT Configuration Directives in the configuration file.

--with-sybase[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include Sybase-DB support. DIR is the Sybase home directory, which defaults to /home/sybase.

See also Sybase Configuration Directives in the configuration file.

Sybase home page (<http://www.sybase.com/>)

--with-openlink[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include OpenLink ODBC support. DIR is the OpenLink base install directory, defaults to `/usr/local/openlink`. As of PHP 4.0.6 this configure option is no longer valid. Please use the ***--with-iodbc*** if you wish to use OpenLink Software's ODBC system.

OpenLink Software's home page (<http://www.openlinksw.com/>)

--with-iodbc[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include iODBC support. DIR is the iODBC base install directory, defaults to `/usr/local`.

This feature was first developed for iODBC Driver Manager, a freely redistributable ODBC driver manager which runs under many flavors of UNIX.

FreeODBC home page (<http://users.ids.net/~bjepson/freeODBC/>) or iODBC home page (<http://www.iodbc.org/>)

--with-custom-odbc[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Includes support for an arbitrary custom ODBC library. The parameter is the base directory and defaults to `/usr/local`.

This option implies that you have defined `CUSTOM_ODBC_LIBS` when you run the configure script. You also must have a valid `odbc.h` header somewhere in your include path. If you don't have one, create it and include your specific header from there. Your header may also require some extra definitions, particularly when it is multiplatform. Define them in `CFLAGS`.

For example, you can use Sybase SQL Anywhere on QNX as following: `CFLAGS=-DODBC_QNX LDFLAGS=-lunix CUSTOM_ODBC_LIBS="-ldblib -lodbc" ./configure --with-custom-odbc=/usr/lib/sqlany50`

--disable-unified-odbc

PHP 3: Disable unified ODBC support. Only applicable if iODBC, Adabas, Solid, Velocis or a custom ODBC interface is enabled.

PHP 4: Option not available in PHP 4

The Unified ODBC module, which is a common interface to all the databases with ODBC-based interfaces, such as Solid, IBM DB2 and Adabas D. It also works for normal ODBC libraries. Has been tested with iODBC, Solid, Adabas D, IBM DB2 and Sybase SQL Anywhere. Requires that one (and only one) of these extensions or the Velocis extension is enabled, or a custom ODBC library specified. This option is only applicable if one of the following options is used: ***--with-iodbc***, ***--with-solid***, ***--with-ibm-db2***, ***--with-adabas***, ***--with-velocis***, or ***--with-custom-odbc***.

See also Unified ODBC Configuration Directives in the configuration file.

`--with-unixODBC[=DIR]`

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include unixODBC support. DIR is the unixODBC base install directory, defaults to /usr/local.

`--with-velocis[=DIR]`

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include Velocis support. DIR is the Velocis base install directory, defaults to /usr/local/velocis.

Velocis home page (<http://www.raima.com/>)

Ecommerce

`--with-ccvs[=DIR]`

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Compile CCVS support into PHP 4. Please specify your CCVS base install directory as DIR.

`--with-cybermut[=DIR]`

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include Cybermut support into PHP 4. DIR is the Cybermut SDK directory, which contains both `libcm-mac.a` and `cm-mac.h`.

`--with-mck[=DIR]`

PHP 3: Include Cybercash MCK support. DIR is the cybercash mck build directory, which defaults to /usr/src/mck-3.2.0.3-linux. For help, look in `extra/cyberlib`.

PHP 4: Option not available; use `--with-cybercash` instead.

`--with-cybercash[=DIR]`

PHP 3: Option not available; use `--with-mck` instead.

PHP 4: Include CyberCash support. DIR is the CyberCash MCK install directory.

`--with-pfpro[=DIR]`

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include Verisign Payflow Pro support

Graphics

--enable-freetype-4bit-antialias-hack

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include support for FreeType2 (experimental).

--with-gd[=DIR]

PHP 3: Include GD support (DIR is GD's install dir).

PHP 4: Include GD support (DIR is GD's install dir). Set DIR to shared to build as a dl, or shared,DIR to build as a dl and still specify DIR.

--without-gd

PHP 3, PHP 4: Disable GD support.

--with-imagick[=DIR]

PHP 3: Include ImageMagick support. DIR is the install directory, and if left out, PHP will try to find it on its own. [experimental]

PHP 4: Option not available in PHP 4

--with-jpeg-dir[=DIR]

PHP 3: jpeg dir for pdflib 2.0

PHP 4: jpeg dir for pdflib 3.x and 4.x

--with-png-dir[=DIR]

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: png dir for pdflib 3.x and 4.x

--enable-t1lib

PHP 3: Enable t1lib support.

PHP 4: Option not available; use --with-t1lib instead.

--with-t1lib[=DIR]

PHP 3: Option not available; use *--enable-t1lib* instead.

PHP 4: Include T1lib support.

--with-tiff-dir[=DIR]

PHP 3: tiff dir for pdflib 2.0

PHP 4: tiff dir for pdflib 3.x and 4.x

--with-ttf[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include FreeType support

--with-xpm-dir[=DIR]

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: xpm dir for gd-1.8+

Miscellaneous

These are being classified over time, where appropriate.

--with-gmp

PHP 3, PHP 4 : Include GMP support.

--disable-bcmath

PHP 3: Compile without BC arbitrary precision math functions. These functions allow you to operate with numbers outside of the ranges allowed by regular integers and floats; see [BCMath Arbitrary Precision Mathematics Functions](#) for more information.

PHP 4: Option not available; bcmath is not compiled in by default. Use *--enable-bcmath* to compile it in.

--disable-display-source

PHP 3: Compile without displaying source support

PHP 4: Option not available in PHP 4

--disable-libtool-lock

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: avoid locking (might break parallel builds)

--disable-pear

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Do not install PEAR

--disable-pic

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Disable PIC for shared objects

--disable-posix

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3; use --without-posix instead.

PHP 4: Disable POSIX-like functions

--enable-pcntl

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Enable process control functions. (fork, waitpid, signal, et. al.)

--disable-rpath

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Disable passing additional runtime library search paths

--disable-session

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Disable session support

--enable-bcmath

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3; bcmath is compiled in by default. Use --disable-bcmath to disable it.

PHP 4: Compile with bc style precision math functions. Read README-BCMATH for instructions on how to get this module installed. These functions allow you to operate with numbers outside of

the ranges allowed by regular integers and floats; see BCMath Arbitrary Precision Mathematics Functions for more information.

--enable-c9x-inline

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Enable C9x-inline semantics

--enable-calendar

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Enable support for calendar conversion

--enable-debug

PHP 3, PHP 4: Compile with debugging symbols.

--enable-debugger

PHP 3: Compile with remote debugging functions

PHP 4: Option not available in PHP 4

--enable-discard-path

PHP 3, PHP 4: If this is enabled, the PHP CGI binary can safely be placed outside of the web tree and people will not be able to circumvent .htaccess security.

--enable-dmalloc

PHP 3, PHP 4: Enable dmalloc

--enable-exif

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Enable exif support

--enable-experimental-zts

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: This will most likely break your build

--enable-fast-install[=PKGS]

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: optimize for fast installation [default=yes]

--enable-force-cgi-redirect

PHP 3, PHP 4: Enable the security check for internal server redirects. You should use this if you are running the CGI version with Apache.

--enable-inline-optimization

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: If you have much memory and are using gcc, you might try this.

--enable-libgcc

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Enable explicitly linking against libgcc

--enable-maintainer-mode

PHP 3, PHP 4: enable make rules and dependencies not useful (and sometimes confusing) to the casual installer

--enable-mbstr-enc-trans

PHP 4: enable http input character automatic detection and translation for multi-byte character encodings.

Warning

This switch is only available for PHP 4.0.6 or higher.

--enable-mbstring

PHP 4: enable multi-byte character encoding related functions.

Warning

This switch is only available for PHP 4.0.6 or higher.

--enable-memory-limit

PHP 3, PHP 4: Compile with memory limit support. [default=no]

--enable-safe-mode

PHP 3, PHP 4: Enable safe mode by default.

--enable-satellite

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Enable CORBA support via Satellite (Requires ORBit)

--enable-shared[=PKGS]

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: build shared libraries [default=yes]

--enable-sigchild

PHP 3, PHP 4: Enable PHP's own SIGCHLD handler.

--enable-static[=PKGS]

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: build static libraries [default=yes]

--enable-sysvsem

PHP 3, PHP 4: Enable System V semaphore support.

--enable-sysvshm

PHP 3, PHP 4: Enable the System V shared memory support

--enable-trans-sid

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Enable transparent session id propagation

--with-cdb[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include CDB support

--with-config-file-path=PATH

PHP 3: Sets the path in which to look for php3.ini. Defaults to /usr/local/lib

PHP 4: Sets the path in which to look for php.ini. Defaults to /usr/local/lib

--with-cpdflib[=DIR]

PHP 3: Include ClibPDF support. DIR is the ClibPDF install directory, defaults to /usr/local.

PHP 4: Include cpdfliB support (requires cpdfliB >= 2). DIR is the cpdfliB install directory, defaults to /usr.

`--with-esoob[=DIR]`

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include Easysoft OOB support. DIR is the OOB base install directory, defaults to /usr/local/easysoft/oob/client.

`--with-exec-dir[=DIR]`

PHP 3, PHP 4: Only allow executables in DIR when in safe mode defaults to /usr/local/php/bin

`--with-fdftk[=DIR]`

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include fdftk support. DIR is the fdftk install directory, defaults to /usr/local.

`--with-gnu-ld`

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: assume the C compiler uses GNU ld [default=no]

`--with-icap[=DIR]`

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include ICAP support.

`--with-imap[=DIR]`

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include IMAP support. DIR is the IMAP include and c-client.a directory.

`--with-imsf[=DIR]`

PHP 3: Include IMSP support (DIR is IMSP's include dir and libimsp.a dir).

PHP 4: Option not available in PHP 4

`--with-java[=DIR]`

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include Java support. DIR is the base install directory for the JDK. This extension can only be built as a shared dl.

`--with-kerberos[=DIR]`

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include Kerberos support in IMAP.

`--with-mcal[=DIR]`

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include MCAL support.

`--with-mcrypt[=DIR]`

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include mcrypt support. DIR is the mcrypt install directory.

`--with-mhash[=DIR]`

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include mhash support. DIR is the mhash install directory.

`--with-mm[=DIR]`

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include mm support for session storage

`--with-mod_charset`

PHP 3, PHP 4: Enable transfer tables for mod_charset (Rus Apache).

`--with-pdflib[=DIR]`

PHP 3: Include pdflib support (tested with 0.6 and 2.0). DIR is the pdflib install directory, which defaults to `/usr/local`.

PHP 4: Include pdflib 3.x/4.x support. DIR is the pdflib install location, which defaults to `/usr/local`.

PHP 4 and PDFlib 3.x/4.x require that you have the JPEG and TIFF libraries available. When compiling PDFlib support, use the `--with-jpeg-dir` and `--with-tiff-dir` configure options. You may wish to additionally specify the `--with-png-dir` and `--with-zlib-dir` configure options to compile PNG and Zlib support into the PDFlib extension.

`--enable-shared-pdflib`

PHP 3, PHP 4: Activate pdflib as shared library.

`--with-readline[=DIR]`

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include readline support. DIR is the readline install directory.

`--with-regex=TYPE`

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: regex library type: system, apache, php

`--with-servlet[=DIR]`

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include servlet support. DIR is the base install directory for the JSDK. This SAPI requires that the Java extension be built as a shared dl.

`--with-ming`

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include Flash 4 support, with Ming

`--with-swf[=DIR]`

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include swf support

`--with-system-regex`

PHP 3: Do not use the bundled regex library

PHP 4: (deprecated) Use system regex library

`--with-tsrml-pth[=pth-config]`

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Use GNU Pth.

`--with-tsrml-pthreads`

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Use POSIX threads (default)

`--with-x`

PHP 3: use the X Window System

PHP 4: Option not available in PHP 4

`--with-bzip2[=DIR]`

PHP 4: Include support bzip2. DIR is the bzip2 install dir.

`--with-zlib-dir[=DIR]`

PHP 3: zlib dir for pdflib 2.0 or include zlib support

PHP 4: zlib dir for pdflib 3.x/4.x or include zlib support

`--with-zlib[=DIR]`

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include zlib support (requires zlib >= 1.0.9). DIR is the zlib install directory, defaults to /usr.

`--with-zip[=DIR]`

PHP 4: Include zip support (requires zziplib >= 0.10.6). DIR is the zziplib install directory, defaults to /usr/local.

The latest version of zziplib can be found at <http://zziplib.sourceforge.net/>.

`--without-pcre-regex`

PHP 3: Don't include Perl Compatible Regular Expressions support

PHP 4: Do not include Perl Compatible Regular Expressions support. Use `--with-pcre-regex=DIR` to specify DIR where PCRE's include and library files are located, if not using bundled library.

`--without-posix`

PHP 3: Don't include POSIX functions

PHP 4: Option not available in PHP 4; use `--disable-posix` instead.

`--enable-overload`

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Enable object property and method call overloading support.

Networking

`--with-curl[=DIR]`

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include CURL support

--enable-ftp

PHP 3: Option not available; use --with-ftp instead.

PHP 4: Enable FTP support

--with-ftp

PHP 3: Include FTP support.

PHP 4: Option not available; use --enable-ftp instead

--disable-url-fopen-wrapper

PHP 3, PHP 4: Disable the URL-aware fopen wrapper that allows accessing files via http or ftp.

Warning This switch is only available for PHP versions up to 4.0.3, newer versions provide an INI parameter called <code>allow_url_fopen</code> instead of forcing you to decide upon this feature at compile time.

--with-mod-dav=DIR

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include DAV support through Apache's mod_dav, DIR is mod_dav's installation directory (Apache module version only!)

--with-openssl[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include OpenSSL support in SNMP.

--with-snmp[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include SNMP support. DIR is the SNMP base install directory, defaults to searching through a number of common locations for the snmp install. Set DIR to shared to build as a dl, or shared,DIR to build as a dl and still specify DIR.

--enable-ucd-snmp-hack

PHP 3, PHP 4: Enable UCD SNMP hack

--enable-sockets

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Enable sockets support

--with-yaz[=DIR]

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include YAZ support (ANSI/NISO Z39.50). DIR is the YAZ bin install directory

--enable-yp

PHP 3: Option not available; use --with-yp instead.

PHP 4: Include YP support

--with-yp

PHP 3: Include YP support

PHP 4: Option not available; use --enable-yp instead.

--with-mnogosearch

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include mnoGoSearch support.

PHP Behaviour

--enable-magic-quotes

PHP 3, PHP 4: Enable magic quotes by default.

--disable-short-tags

PHP 3, PHP 4: Disable the short-form <? start tag by default.

--enable-track-vars

PHP 3: Enable GET/POST/Cookie track variables by default.

PHP 4: Option not available in PHP 4; as of PHP 4.0.2, track_vars is always on.

Server

--with-aolserver-src=DIR

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Specify path to the source distribution of AOLserver

--with-aolserver=DIR

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Specify path to the installed AOLserver

--with-apache[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Build Apache module. DIR is the top-level Apache build directory, defaults to /usr/local/etc/httpd.

--with-apxs[=FILE]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Build shared Apache module. FILE is the optional pathname to the Apache apxs tool; defaults to apxs.

--enable-versioning

PHP 3: Take advantage of versioning and scoping Provided by Solaris 2.x and Linux

PHP 4: Export only required symbols. See INSTALL for more information

--with-caudium[=DIR]

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Build PHP as a Pike module for use with the Caudium webserver. DIR is the Caudium base directory. If no directory is specified \$prefix/caudium/server is used. The prefix is controlled by the --prefix option and is /usr/local per default.

--with-fhttpd[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Build fhttpd module. DIR is the fhttpd sources directory, defaults to /usr/local/src/fhttpd.

--with-nsapi=DIR

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Specify path to the installed Netscape

--with-phttpd=DIR

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4:

--with-pi3web=DIR

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Build PHP as a module for use with Pi3Web.

--with-roxen=DIR

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Build PHP as a Pike module. DIR is the base Roxen directory, normally /usr/local/roxen/server.

--enable-roxen-zts

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Build the Roxen module using Zend Thread Safety.

--with-thttpd=SRCDIR

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4:

--with-zeus=DIR

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Build PHP as an ISAPI module for use with Zeus.

Text and language

--with-aspell[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include ASPELL support.

--with-gettext[=DIR]

PHP 3, PHP 4: Include GNU gettext support. DIR is the gettext install directory, defaults to /usr/local

--with-iconv[=DIR]

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include iconv support.

--with-pspell[=DIR]

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include PSPELL support.

--with-recode[=DIR]

PHP 3: Include GNU recode support.

PHP 4: Include recode support. DIR is the recode install directory.

--enable-shmop

PHP 3, PHP 4 : Activate shmop support.

XML

--with-dom[=DIR]

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include DOM support (requires libxml >= 2.0). DIR is the libxml install directory, defaults to /usr

--enable-sablot-errors-descriptive

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Enable Descriptive errors

--with-sablot[=DIR]

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Include Sablotron support

--enable-wddx

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3

PHP 4: Enable WDDX support

--disable-xml

PHP 3: Option not available in PHP 3; XML functionality is not built in by default. Use --with-xml to turn it on.

PHP 4: Disable XML support using bundled expat lib

`--with-xml`

PHP 3: Include XML support

PHP 4: Option not available; XML support is built in by default. Use `--disable-xml` to turn it off.

Installation on Windows systems

This section applies to Windows 95/98/Me and Windows NT/2000/XP. Do not expect PHP to work on 16 bit platforms such as Windows 3.1. Sometimes we refer to the supported Windows platforms as Win32.

There are two main ways to install PHP for Windows: either manually or by using the InstallShield installer.

If you have Microsoft Visual Studio, you can also build PHP from the original source code.

Once you have PHP installed on your Windows system, you may also want to load various extensions for added functionality.

Windows InstallShield

The Windows PHP installer available from the downloads page at <http://www.php.net/>, this installs the CGI version of PHP and, for IIS, PWS, and Xitami, configures the web server as well. Also note, that while the InstallShield installer is an easy way to make PHP work, it is restricted in many aspects, as automatic setup of extensions for example is not supported.

Install your selected HTTP server on your system and make sure that it works.

Run the executable installer and follow the instructions provided by the installation wizard. Two types of installation are supported - standard, which provides sensible defaults for all the settings it can, and advanced, which asks questions as it goes along.

The installation wizard gathers enough information to set up the `php.ini` file and configure the web server to use PHP. For IIS and also PWS on NT Workstation, a list of all the nodes on the server with script map settings is displayed, and you can choose those nodes to which you wish to add the PHP script mappings.

Once the installation has completed the installer will inform you if you need to restart your system, restart the server, or just start using PHP.

Warning

Be aware, that this setup of PHP is not secure. If you would like to have a secure PHP setup, you'd better go on the manual way, and set every option carefully. This automatically working setup gives you an instantly working PHP installation, but it is not meant to be used on online servers.

Manual Installation Steps

This install guide will help you manually install and configure PHP on your Windows webserver. You need to download the zip binary distribution from the downloads page at <http://www.php.net/>. The original version of this guide was compiled by Bob Silva (mailto:bob_silva@mail.umesd.k12.or.us), and can be found at <http://www.umesd.k12.or.us/php/win32install.html>.

This guide provides manual installation support for:

- Personal Web Server 3 and 4 or newer
- Internet Information Server 3 and 4 or newer
- Apache 1.3.x
- OmniHTTPd 2.0b1 and up
- Oreilly Website Pro
- Xitami
- Netscape Enterprise Server, iPlanet

PHP 4 for Windows comes in two flavours - a CGI executable (php.exe), and several SAPI modules (for example: php4isapi.dll). The latter form is new to PHP 4, and provides significantly improved performance and some new functionality.

Warning

However, please note that the SAPI modules are *NOT* yet considered to be production quality. In particular, with the ISAPI module, you are likely to encounter serious reliability problems especially on platforms older than W2K - you may witness a lot of server 500 errors and suffer from other server modules such as ASP also failing. You have been warned!

The reason for this is that the PHP SAPI modules are using the thread-safe version of the PHP code, which is new to PHP 4, and has not yet been tested and pounded enough to be considered completely stable, and there are actually a few known bugs. On the other hand, some people have reported very good results with the SAPI modules, even though we're not aware of anyone actually running it on a production site. In short - your mileage may vary; If you need absolute stability, trade the performance of the SAPI modules with the stability of the CGI executable.

If you choose one of the SAPI modules and use Windows 95, be sure to download the DCOM update from the Microsoft DCOM pages (<http://download.microsoft.com/msdownload/dcom/95/x86/en/dcom95.exe>). For the ISAPI module, an ISAPI 4.0 compliant Web server is required (tested on IIS 4.0, PWS 4.0 and IIS 5.0). IIS 3.0 is *NOT* supported. You should download and install the Windows NT 4.0 Option Pack with IIS 4.0 if you want native PHP support.

The following steps should be performed on all installations before the server specific instructions.

- Extract the distribution file to a directory of your choice. c:\php\ is a good start.

- You need to ensure that the DLLs which PHP uses can be found. The precise DLLs involved depend on which web server you use and whether you want to run PHP as a CGI or as a server module. `php4ts.dll` is always used. If you are using a server module (e.g. ISAPI or Apache) then you will need the relevant DLL from the `sapi` folder. If you are using any PHP extension DLLs then you will need those as well. To make sure that the DLLs can be found, you can either copy them to the system directory (e.g. `winnt/system32` or `windows/system`) or you can make sure that they live in the same directory as the main PHP executable or DLL your web server will use (e.g. `php.exe`, `php4apache.dll`).

The PHP binary, the SAPI modules, and some extensions rely on external DLLs for execution. Make sure that these DLLs in the distribution exist in a directory that is in the Windows PATH. The best bet to do it is to copy the files below into your system directory, which is typically:

`c:\windows\system` for Windows 9x/Me
`c:\winnt\system32` for Windows NT/2000/XP

The files to copy are:

'`php4ts.dll`', if it already exists there, overwrite it

The files in your distribution's '`dlls`' directory. If you have them already installed on your system, overwrite them only if

Download the latest version of the Microsoft Data Access Components (MDAC) for your platform, especially if you use Microsoft Windows 9x/NT4. MDAC is available at <http://www.microsoft.com/data/>.

- Copy your chosen ini file (see below) to your '`%WINDOWS%`' directory on Windows 9x/Me or to your '`%SYSTEMROOT%`' directory under Windows NT/2000/XP and rename it to `php.ini`. Your '`%WINDOWS%`' or '`%SYSTEMROOT%`' directory is typically:

`c:\windows` for Windows 9x/Me
`c:\winnt` or `c:\winnt40` for NT/2000/XP servers

There are two ini files distributed in the zip file, `php.ini-dist` and `php.ini-optimized`. We advise you to use `php.ini-optimized`, because we optimized the default settings in this file for performance, and security. The best is to study all the ini settings and set every element manually yourself. If you would like to achieve the best security, then this is the way for you, although PHP works fine with these default ini files.

- Edit your new '`php.ini`' file:
 - You will need to change the '`extension_dir`' setting to point to your `php-install-dir`, or where you have placed your '`php_*.dll`' files. ex: `c:\php\extensions`
 - If you are using OmniHTTPd, do not follow the next step. Set the '`doc_root`' to point to your webserver's `document_root`. For example: `c:\apache\htdocs` or `c:\webroot`
 - Choose which extensions you would like to load when PHP starts. See the section about Windows extensions, about how to set up one, and what is already built in. Note that on a new installation it is advisable to first get PHP working and tested without any extensions before enabling them in `php.ini`.
 - On PWS and IIS, you can set the `browscap.ini` to point to:
'`c:\windows\system\inetrv\browscap.ini`' on Windows 9x/Me and
'`c:\winnt\system32\inetrv\browscap.ini`' on NT/2000/XP Server.
 - Note that the `mibs` directory supplied with the Windows distribution contains support files for

SNMP. This directory should be moved to `DRIVE:\usr\mibs` (DRIVE being the drive where PHP is installed.)

Building from source

Before getting started, it is worthwhile answering the question: "Why is building on Windows so hard?" Two reasons come to mind:

1. Windows does not (yet) enjoy a large community of developers who are willing to freely share their source. As a direct result, the necessary investment in infrastructure required to support such development hasn't been made. By and large, what is available has been made possible by the porting of necessary utilities from Unix. Don't be surprised if some of this heritage shows through from time to time.
2. Pretty much all of the instructions that follow are of the "set and forget" variety. So sit back and try follow the instructions below as faithfully as you can.

Preparations

Before you get started, you have a lot to download...

- For starters, get the Cygwin toolkit from the closest cygwin (<http://sources.redhat.com/cygwin/download.html>) mirror site. This will provide you most of the popular GNU utilities used by the build process.
- Download the rest of the build tools you will need from the PHP site at <http://www.php.net/extra/win32build.zip>.
- Get the source code for the DNS name resolver used by PHP at http://www.php.net/extra/bindlib_w32.zip. This is a replacement for the `resolv.lib` library included in `win32build.zip`.
- If you don't already have an unzip utility, you will need one. A free version is available from InfoZip (<http://www.cdrom.com/pub/infzip/UnZip.html>).

Finally, you are going to need the source to PHP 4 itself. You can get the latest development version using anonymous CVS (<http://www.php.net/anoncv.php>). If you get a snapshot (<http://snaps.php.net/>) or a source (<http://www.php.net/downloads.php>) tarball, you not only will have to untar and unzip it, but you will have to convert the bare linefeeds to crlf's in the `*.dsp` and `*.dsw` files before Microsoft Visual C++ will have anything to do with them.

Note: Place the Zend and TSRM directories inside the php4 directory in order for the projects to be found during the build process.

Putting it all together

- Follow the instructions for installing the unzip utility of your choosing.
- Execute `setup.exe` and follow the installation instructions. If you choose to install to a path other than `c:\cygnus`, let the build process know by setting the Cygwin environment variable. On Windows 95/98 setting an environment variable can be done by placing a line in your `autoexec.bat`. On Windows NT, go to My Computer => Control Panel => System and select the environment tab.

Warning

Make a temporary directory for Cygwin to use, otherwise many commands (particularly bison) will fail. On Windows 95/98, **`mkdir C:\TMP`**. For Windows NT, **`mkdir %SystemDrive%\tmp`**.

- Make a directory and unzip `win32build.zip` into it.
- Launch Microsoft Visual C++, and from the menu select Tools => Options. In the dialog, select the directories tab. Sequentially change the dropdown to Executables, Includes, and Library files, and ensure that `cygwin\bin`, `win32build\include`, and `win32build\lib` are in each list, respectively. (To add an entry, select a blank line at the end of the list and begin typing). Typical entries will look like this:
 - `c:\cygnus\bin`
 - `c:\php-win32build\include`
 - `c:\php-win32build\lib`
 Press OK, and exit out of Visual C++.
- Make another directory and unzip `bindlib_w32.zip` into it. Decide whether you want to have debug symbols available (bindlib - Win32 Debug) or not (bindlib - Win32 Release). Build the appropriate configuration:
 - For GUI users, launch VC++, and then select File => Open Workspace and select `bindlib`. Then select Build=>Set Active Configuration and select the desired configuration. Finally select Build=>Rebuild All.
 - For command line users, make sure that you either have the C++ environment variables registered, or have run **`vcvars.bat`**, and then execute one of the following:
 - **`msdev bindlib.dsp /MAKE "bindlib - Win32 Debug"`**
 - **`msdev bindlib.dsp /MAKE "bindlib - Win32 Release"`**
- At this point, you should have a usable `resolv.lib` in either your Debug or Release subdirectories. Copy this file into your `win32build\lib` directory over the file by the same name found in there.

Compiling

The best way to get started is to build the standalone/CGI version.

- For GUI users, launch VC++, and then select File => Open Workspace and select php4ts. Then select Build=>Set Active Configuration and select the desired configuration. Finally select Build=>Rebuild All.
- For command line users, make sure that you either have the C++ environment variables registered, or have run **vcvars.bat**, and then execute one of the following:
 - **msdev php4ts.dsp /MAKE "php4ts - Win32 Debug_TS"**
 - **msdev php4ts.dsp /MAKE "php4ts - Win32 Release_TS"**
- At this point, you should have a usable `php.exe` in either your `Debug_TS` or `Release_TS` subdirectories.

Repeat the above steps with `php4isapi.dsp` (which can be found in `sapi\isapi`) in order to build the code necessary for integrating PHP with Microsoft IIS.

Installation of Windows extensions

After installing PHP and a webserver on Windows, you will probably want to install some extensions for added functionality. The following table describes some of the extensions available. You can choose which extensions you would like to load when PHP starts by uncommenting the: `'extension=php_*.dll'` lines in `php.ini`. You can also load a module dynamically in your script using `dl()`.

The DLLs for PHP extensions are prefixed with `'php_'` in PHP 4 (and `'php3_'` in PHP 3). This prevents confusion between PHP extensions and their supporting libraries.

Note: In PHP 4.0.6 Bcmath, Calendar, COM, FTP, MySQL, ODBC, PCRE, Session, WDDX and XML support is *built in*. You don't need to load any additional extensions in order to use these functions. See your distributions `README.txt` or `install.txt` for a list of built in modules.

Note: Some of these extensions need extra dlls to work. Couple of them can be found in the distribution package, in the 'dlls' folder but some, for example Oracle (`php_oci8.dll`) require dlls which are not bundled with the distribution package.

Copy the bundled dlls from 'dlls' folder to your Windows PATH, safe places are:

`c:\windows\system` for Windows 9x/Me
`c:\winnt\system32` for Windows NT/2000/XP

If you have them already installed on your system, overwrite them only if something doesn't work correctly (Before overwriting them, it is a good idea to make a backup of them, or move them to another folder - just in case something goes wrong).

Table 2-1. PHP Extensions

Extension	Description	Notes
php_bz2.dll	bzip2 compression functions	None
php_calendar.dll	Calendar conversion functions	Built in since PHP 4.0.3
php_cpdf.dll	ClibPDF functions	None
php3_crypt.dll	Crypt functions	unknown
php_ctype.dll	ctype family functions	None
php_curl.dll	CURL, Client URL library functions	Requires: libeay32.dll, ssleay32.dll (bundled)
php_cybercash.dll	Cybercash payment functions	None
php_db.dll	DBM functions	Deprecated. Use DBA instead (php_dba.dll)
php_dba.dll	DBA: DataBase (dbm-style) Abstraction layer functions	None
php_dbase.dll	dBase functions	None
php3_dbm.dll	Berkeley DB2 library	unknown
php_domxml.dll	DOM XML functions	Requires: libxml2.dll (bundled)
php_dotnet.dll	.NET functions	None
php_exif.dll	Read EXIF headers from JPEG	None
php_fbsql.dll	FrontBase functions	None
php_fdf.dll	FDF: Forms Data Format functions.	Requires: fdfk.dll (bundled)
php_filepro.dll	filePro functions	Read-only access
php_ftp.dll	FTP functions	Built-in since PHP 4.0.3
php_gd.dll	GD library image functions	None
php_gettext.dll	Gettext functions	Requires: gnu_gettext.dll (bundled)
php_hyperwave.dll	HyperWave functions	None
php_iconv.dll	ICONV character set conversion	Requires: iconv-1.3.dll (bundled)
php_ifx.dll	Informix functions	Requires: Informix libraries
php_iisfunc.dll	IIS management functions	None
php_imap.dll	IMAP POP3 and NNTP functions	PHP 3: php3_imap4r1.dll
php_ingres.dll	Ingres II functions	Requires: Ingres II libraries
php_interbase.dll	InterBase functions	Requires: gds32.dll (bundled)
php_java.dll	Java extension	Requires: jvm.dll (bundled)
php_ldap.dll	LDAP functions	Requires: libsasl.dll (bundled)
php_mhash.dll	Mhash Functions	None
php_ming.dll	Ming functions for Flash	None
php_msql.dll	mSQL functions	Requires: msql.dll (bundled)
php3_msql1.dll	mSQL 1 client	unknown

Extension	Description	Notes
php3_mysql2.dll	mSQL 2 client	unknown
php_mssql.dll	MSSQL functions	Requires: ntwdblib.dll (bundled)
php3_mysql.dll	MySQL functions	Built-in in PHP 4
php3_nsmail.dll	Netscape mail functions	unknown
php3_oci73.dll	Oracle functions	unknown
php_oci8.dll	Oracle 8 functions	Requires: Oracle 8 client libraries
php_openssl.dll	OpenSSL functions	Requires: libeay32.dll (bundled)
php_oracle.dll	Oracle functions	Requires: Oracle 7 client libraries
php_pdf.dll	PDF functions	None
php_pgsql.dll	PostgreSQL functions	None
php_printer.dll	Printer functions	None
php_sablot.dll	XSLT functions	Requires: sablot.dll (bundled)
php_snmp.dll	SNMP get and walk functions	NT only!
php_sybase_ct.dll	Sybase functions	Requires: Sybase client libraries
php_yaz.dll	YAZ functions	None
php_zlib.dll	ZLib compression functions	None

Servers-Apache

This section contains notes and hints specific to Apache installs of PHP, both for Unix and Windows versions.

Details of installing PHP with Apache on Unix

You can select arguments to add to the **configure** on line 8 below from the Complete list of configure options.

Example 2-5. Installation Instructions (Apache Module Version)

```

1. gunzip apache_1.3.x.tar.gz
2. tar xvf apache_1.3.x.tar
3. gunzip php-x.x.x.tar.gz
4. tar xvf php-x.x.x.tar
5. cd apache_1.3.x
6. ./configure --prefix=/www
7. cd ../php-x.x.x
8. ./configure --with-mysql --with-apache=../apache_1.3.x --enable-track-vars
9. make
10. make install
```

11. `cd ../apache_1.3.x`
12. for PHP 3: `./configure --activate-module=src/modules/php3/libphp3.a`
for PHP 4: `./configure --activate-module=src/modules/php4/libphp4.a`
13. `make`
14. `make install`

Instead of this step you may prefer to simply copy the `httpd` binary overtop of your existing binary. Make sure you shut down your server first though.

15. `cd ../php-x.x.x`
16. for PHP 3: `cp php3.ini-dist /usr/local/lib/php3.ini`
for PHP 4: `cp php.ini-dist /usr/local/lib/php.ini`

You can edit your `.ini` file to set PHP options. If you prefer this file in another location, use `--with-config-file-path=/path` in step 8.

17. Edit your `httpd.conf` or `srm.conf` file and add:

```
For PHP 3:  AddType application/x-httpd-php3 .php3
For PHP 4:  AddType application/x-httpd-php .php
```

You can choose any extension you wish here. `.php` is simply the one we suggest. You can even include `.html`.

18. Use your normal procedure for starting the Apache server. (You must stop and restart the server, not just cause the server to reload by use a `HUP` or `USR1` signal.)

Depending on your Apache install and Unix variant, there are many possible ways to stop and restart the server. Below are some typical lines used in restarting the server, for different apache/unix installations. You should replace `/path/to/` with the path to these applications on your systems.

1. Several Linux and SysV variants:

```
/etc/rc.d/init.d/httpd restart
```

2. Using `apachectl` scripts:

```
/path/to/apachectl stop
/path/to/apachectl start
```

3. `httpdctl` and `httpsdctl` (Using OpenSSL), similar to `apachectl`:

```
/path/to/httpsdctl stop
/path/to/httpsdctl start
```

4. Using `mod_ssl`, or another SSL server, you may want to manually stop and start:

```
/path/to/apachectl stop
/path/to/apachectl startssl
```

The locations of the `apachectl` and `http(s)dctl` binaries often vary. If your system has `locate` or `whereis` or `which` commands, these can assist you in finding your server control programs.

Different examples of compiling PHP for Apache are as follows:

```
./configure --with-apxs --with-pgsql
```

This will create a `libphp4.so` shared library that is loaded into Apache using a `LoadModule` line in Apache's `httpd.conf` file. The PostgreSQL support is embedded into this `libphp4.so` library.

```
./configure --with-apxs --with-pgsql=shared
```

This will again create a `libphp4.so` shared library for Apache, but it will also create a `pgsql.so` shared library that is loaded into PHP either by using the extension directive in `php.ini` file or by loading it explicitly in a script using the `dl()` function.

```
./configure --with-apache=/path/to/apache_source --with-pgsql
```

This will create a `libmodphp4.a` library, a `mod_php4.c` and some accompanying files and copy this into the `src/modules/php4` directory in the Apache source tree. Then you compile Apache using `--activate-module=src/modules/php4/libphp4.a` and the Apache build system will create `libphp4.a` and link it statically into the `httpd` binary. The PostgreSQL support is included directly into this `httpd` binary, so the final result here is a single `httpd` binary that includes all of Apache and all of PHP.

```
./configure --with-apache=/path/to/apache_source --with-pgsql=shared
```

Same as before, except instead of including PostgreSQL support directly into the final `httpd` you will get a `pgsql.so` shared library that you can load into PHP from either the `php.ini` file or directly using `dl()`.

When choosing to build PHP in different ways, you should consider the advantages and drawbacks of each method. Building as a shared object will mean that you can compile apache separately, and don't have to recompile everything as you add to, or change, PHP. Building PHP into apache (static method) means that PHP will load and run faster. For more information, see the Apache webpage on DSO support (<http://www.apache.org/docs/dso.html>).

Installing PHP on Windows with Apache 1.3.x

There are two ways to set up PHP to work with Apache 1.3.x on Windows. One is to use the CGI binary (`php.exe`), the other is to use the Apache module `dll`. In either case you need to stop the Apache server, and edit your `srm.conf` or `httpd.conf` to configure Apache to work with PHP.

Although there can be a few variations of configuring PHP under Apache, these are simple enough to be used by the newcomer. Please consult the Apache Docs for further configuration directives.

If you unzipped the PHP package to `c:\php\` as described in the Manual Installation Steps section, you need to insert these lines to your Apache configuration file to set up the CGI binary:

- `ScriptAlias /php/ "c:/php/"`
- `AddType application/x-httpd-php .php .html`
- `Action application/x-httpd-php "/php/php.exe"`

Note that the second line in the list above can be found in the actual versions of `httpd.conf`, but it is commented out. After changing the configuration file, remember to restart the server, for example, `NET STOP APACHE` followed by `NET START APACHE`, if you run Apache as a Windows Service, or use your regular shortcuts.

If you would like to use PHP as a module in Apache, be sure to move `php4ts.dll` to the `windows/system` (for Windows 9x/Me) or `winnt/system32` (for Windows NT/2000/XP) directory, overwriting any older file. Then you should add the following two lines to you Apache conf file:

- `LoadModule php4_module c:/php/sapi/php4apache.dll`
- `AddType application/x-httpd-php .php .html`

Note: In Apache 1.3.22 for Windows, the default configuration file (`httpd.conf-dist-win`) has a `ClearModuleList` directive included by default. If this directive is used, it is required to put an `AddModule mod_php4.c` to the `AddModule` list, as else PHP will not be registered as an Apache module.

To use the source code highlighting feature, simply create a PHP script file and stick this code in: `<?php show_source ("original_php_script.php"); ?>`. Substitute `original_php_script.php`

with the name of the file you wish to show the source of. (This is the only way of doing this, as there is no .phps like feature on Windows).

Note: On Win-Apache all backslashes in a path statement such as "c:\directory\file.ext", must be converted to forward slashes, as "c:/directory/file.ext".

Servers-CGI/Commandline

The default is to build PHP as a CGI program. This creates a commandline interpreter, which can be used for CGI processing, or for non-web-related PHP scripting. If you are running a web server PHP has module support for, you should generally go for that solution for performance reasons. However, the CGI version enables Apache users to run different PHP-enabled pages under different user-ids. Please make sure you read through the Security chapter if you are going to run PHP as a CGI.

Testing

If you have built PHP as a CGI program, you may test your build by typing **make test**. It is always a good idea to test your build. This way you may catch a problem with PHP on your platform early instead of having to struggle with it later.

Benchmarking

If you have built PHP 3 as a CGI program, you may benchmark your build by typing **make bench**. Note that if Safe Mode is on by default, the benchmark may not be able to finish if it takes longer then the 30 seconds allowed. This is because the `set_time_limit()` can not be used in safe mode. Use the `max_execution_time` configuration setting to control this time for your own scripts. **make bench** ignores the configuration file.

Note: **make bench** is only available for PHP 3.

Servers-fhttpd

To build PHP as an fhttpd module, answer "yes" to "Build as an fhttpd module?" (the `--with-fhttpd=DIR` option to configure) and specify the fhttpd source base directory. The default directory is `/usr/local/src/fhttpd`. If you are running fhttpd, building PHP as a module will give better performance, more control and remote execution capability.

Servers-Caudium

PHP 4 can be build as a Pike module for the Caudium webserver. Note that this is not supported with PHP 3. Follow the simple instructions below to install PHP 4 for Caudium.

Example 2-6. Caudium Installation Instructions

1. Make sure you have Caudium installed prior to attempting to install PHP 4. For PHP 4 to work correctly, you will need Pike 7.0.268 or newer. For the sake of this example we assume that Caudium is installed in /opt/caudium/server/.
2. Change directory to php-x.y.z (where x.y.z is the version number).
3. `./configure --with-caudium=/opt/caudium/server`
4. `make`
5. `make install`
6. Restart Caudium if it's currently running.
7. Log into the graphical configuration interface and go to the virtual server where you want to add PHP 4 support.
8. Click Add Module and locate and then add the PHP 4 Script Support module.
9. If the documentation says that the 'PHP 4 interpreter isn't available', make sure that you restarted the server. If you did check /opt/caudium/logs/debug/default.1 for any errors related to `<filename>PHP4.so</filename>`. Also make sure that `<filename>caudium/server/lib/[pike-version]/PHP4.so</filename>` is present.
10. Configure the PHP Script Support module if needed.

You can of course compile your Caudium module with support for the various extensions available in PHP 4. See the complete list of configure options for an exhaustive rundown.

Note: When compiling PHP 4 with MySQL support you must make sure that the normal MySQL client code is used. Otherwise there might be conflicts if your Pike already has MySQL support. You do this by specifying a MySQL install directory the `--with-mysql` option.

Servers-IIS/PWS

This section contains notes and hints specific to IIS (Microsoft Internet Information Server). Installing PHP for PWS/IIS 3, PWS 4 or newer and IIS 4 or newer versions.

Windows and PWS/IIS 3

The recommended method for configuring these servers is to use the REG file included with the distribution (pws-php4cgi.reg). You may want to edit this file and make sure the extensions and PHP install directories match your configuration. Or you can follow the steps below to do it manually.

Warning

These steps involve working directly with the Windows registry. One error here can leave your system in an unstable state. We highly recommend that you back up your registry first. The PHP Development team will not be held responsible if you damage your registry.

- Run Regedit.
- Navigate to: `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE /System /CurrentControlSet /Services /W3Svc /Parameters /ScriptMap`.
- On the edit menu select: `New->String Value`.
- Type in the extension you wish to use for your php scripts. For example `.php`
- Double click on the new string value and enter the path to `php.exe` in the value data field. ex: `c:\php\php.exe`.
- Repeat these steps for each extension you wish to associate with PHP scripts.

The following steps do not affect the web server installation and only apply if you want your php scripts to be executed when they are run from the command line (ex. run `c:\myscripts\test.php`) or by double clicking on them in a directory viewer window. You may wish to skip these steps as you might prefer the PHP files to load into a text editor when you double click on them.

- Navigate to: `HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT`
- On the edit menu select: `New->Key`.
- Name the key to the extension you setup in the previous section. ex: `.php`
- Highlight the new key and in the right side pane, double click the "default value" and enter `phpfile`.
- Repeat the last step for each extension you set up in the previous section.
- Now create another `New->Key` under `HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT` and name it `phpfile`.
- Highlight the new key `phpfile` and in the right side pane, double click the "default value" and enter `PHP Script`.
- Right click on the `phpfile` key and select `New->Key`, name it `Shell`.
- Right click on the `Shell` key and select `New->Key`, name it `open`.
- Right click on the `open` key and select `New->Key`, name it `command`.
- Highlight the new key `command` and in the right side pane, double click the "default value" and enter the path to `php.exe`. ex: `c:\php\php.exe -q %1`. (don't forget the `%1`).
- Exit Regedit.
- If using PWS on Windows, reboot to reload the registry.

PWS and IIS 3 users now have a fully operational system. IIS 3 users can use a nifty tool (<http://www.genusa.com/iis/iiscfg.html>) from Steven Genusa to configure their script maps.

Windows and PWS 4 or newer

When installing PHP on Windows with PWS 4 or newer version, you have two options. One to set up the PHP CGI binary, the other is to use the ISAPI module dll.

If you choose the CGI binary, do the following:

- Edit the enclosed `pws-php4cgi.reg` file (look into the sapi dir) to reflect the location of your `php.exe`. Forward slashes should be escaped, for example:
`[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\w3svc\parameters\Script Map] ".php"="c:\\php\\php.exe"`
- In the PWS Manager, right click on a given directory you want to add PHP support to, and select Properties. Check the 'Execute' checkbox, and confirm.

If you choose the ISAPI module, do the following:

- Edit the enclosed `pws-php4isapi.reg` file (look into the sapi dir) to reflect the location of your `php4isapi.dll`. Forward slashes should be escaped, for example:
`[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\w3svc\parameters\Script Map] ".php"="c:\\php\\sapi\\php4isapi.dll"`
- In the PWS Manager, right click on a given directory you want to add PHP support to, and select Properties. Check the 'Execute' checkbox, and confirm.

Windows NT/2000/XP and IIS 4 or newer

To install PHP on an NT/2000/XP Server running IIS 4 or newer, follow these instructions. You have two options to set up PHP, using the CGI binary (`php.exe`) or with the ISAPI module.

In either case, you need to start the Microsoft Management Console (may appear as 'Internet Services Manager', either in your Windows NT 4.0 Option Pack branch or the Control Panel=>Administrative Tools under Windows 2000/XP). Then right click on your Web server node (this will most probably appear as 'Default Web Server'), and select 'Properties'.

If you want to use the CGI binary, do the following:

- Under 'Home Directory', 'Virtual Directory', or 'Directory', click on the 'Configuration' button, and then enter the App Mappings tab.
- Click Add, and in the Executable box, type: `c:\\php\\php.exe` (assuming that you have unzipped PHP in `c:\\php\\`).

- In the Extension box, type the file name extension you want associated with PHP scripts. Leave 'Method exclusions' blank, and check the Script engine checkbox. You may also like to check the 'check that file exists' box - for a small performance penalty, IIS (or PWS) will check that the script file exists and sort out authentication before firing up php. This means that you will get sensible 404 style error messages instead of cgi errors complaining that php did not output any data.

You must start over from the previous step for each extension you want associated with PHP scripts. .php and .phtml are common, although .php3 may be required for legacy applications.

- Set up the appropriate security. (This is done in Internet Service Manager), and if your NT Server uses NTFS file system, add execute rights for IUSR_ to the directory that contains php.exe.

To use the ISAPI module, do the following:

- If you don't want to perform HTTP Authentication using PHP, you can (and should) skip this step. Under ISAPI Filters, add a new ISAPI filter. Use PHP as the filter name, and supply a path to the php4isapi.dll.
- Under 'Home Directory', click on the 'Configuration' button. Add a new entry to the Application Mappings. Use the path to the php4isapi.dll as the Executable, supply .php as the extension, leave Method exclusions blank, and check the Script engine checkbox.
- Stop IIS completely (NET STOP iisadmin)
- Start IIS again (NET START w3svc)

Servers-Netscape and iPlanet

This section contains notes and hints specific to Netscape and iPlanet installs of PHP, both for Sun Solaris and Windows versions.

You can find more information about setting up PHP for the Netscape Enterprise Server here:
<http://benoit.noss.free.fr/php/install-php4.html>

Installing PHP with Netscape on Sun Solaris

To build PHP with NES or iPlanet web servers, enter the proper install directory for the --with-nsapi = DIR option. The default directory is usually /opt/netcape/suitespot/. Please also read /php-xxx-version/sapi/nsapi/nsapi-readme.txt.

Example 2-7. Installation Example for Netscape Enterprise on Solaris

Instructions for Sun Solaris 2.6 with Netscape Enterprise Server 3.6
From: bhager@invacare.com

1. Install the following packages from www.sunfreeware.com or another download site:

```
flex-2_5_4a-sol26-sparc-local
gcc-2_95_2-sol26-sparc-local
gzip-1.2.4-sol26-sparc-local
perl-5_005_03-sol26-sparc-local
bison-1_25-sol26-sparc-local
make-3_76_1-sol26-sparc-local
m4-1_4-sol26-sparc-local
autoconf-2.13
automake-1.4
mysql-3.23.24-beta (if you want mysql support)
tar-1.13 (GNU tar)
```

2. Make sure your path includes the proper directories
`PATH=./usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/usr/ccs/bin`
`export PATH`
3. `gunzip php-x.x.x.tar.gz` (if you have a .gz dist, otherwise go to 4)
4. `tar xvf php-x.x.x.tar`
5. `cd ../php-x.x.x`
6. For the following step, make sure `/opt/netscape/suitespot/` is where your netscape server is installed. Otherwise, change to correct path:
`/configure --with-mysql=/usr/local/mysql --with-nsapi=/opt/netscape/suitespot/ -`
`-enable-track-vars --enable-libgcc`
7. `make`
8. `make install`

After performing the base install and reading the appropriate readme file, you may need to perform some additional configuration steps.

Firstly you may need to add some paths to the `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` environment for Netscape to find all the shared libs. This can best be done in the start script for your Netscape server. Windows users can probably skip this step. The start script is often located in:
`/path/to/server/https-servername/start`

You may also need to edit the configuration files that are located in:
`in:/path/to/server/https-servername/config/`.

Example 2-8. Configuration Example for Netscape Enterprise

Configuration Instructions for Netscape Enterprise Server
 From: bhager@invacare.com

1. Add the following line to `mime.types`:
`type=magnus-internal/x-httpd-php exts=php`

2. Add the following to obj.conf, shlib will vary depending on your OS, for unix it will be something like /opt/netscape/suitespot/bin/libphp4.so.

You should place the following lines after mime types init.

```
Init fn="load-modules" funcs="php4_init,php4_close,php4_execute,php4_auth_trans" shlib="
```

```
Init fn=php4_init errorString="Failed to initialize PHP!"
```

```
<object name="default">
```

```
.
```

```
.
```

```
.
```

```
 .#NOTE this next line should happen after all 'ObjectType' and before all 'AddLog' lines
```

```
Service fn="php4_execute" type="magnus-internal/x-httpd-php"
```

```
.
```

```
.
```

```
</Object>
```

```
<Object name="x-httpd-php">
```

```
ObjectType fn="force-type" type="magnus-internal/x-httpd-php"
```

```
Service fn=php4_execute
```

```
</Object>
```

Authentication configuration

PHP authentication cannot be used with any other authentication. ALL AUTHENTICATION IS

PASSED TO YOUR PHP SCRIPT. To configure PHP Authentication for the entire server, add the following line:

```
<Object name="default">
```

```
AuthTrans fn=php4_auth_trans
```

```
.
```

```
.
```

```
.
```

```
.
```

```
</Object>
```

To use PHP Authentication on a single directory, add the following:

```
<Object ppath="d:\path\to\authenticated\dir\*">
```

```
AuthTrans fn=php4_auth_trans
```

```
</Object>
```

If you are running Netscape Enterprise 4.x, then you should use the following:

Example 2-9. Configuration Example for Netscape Enterprise 4.x

Place these lines after the mime types init, and everything else is similar to the example configuration above.

From: Graeme Hoose (GraemeHoose@BrightStation.com)

```
Init fn="load-modules" shlib="/path/to/server4/bin/libphp4.so" funcs="php4_init,php4_close,p
Init fn="php4_init" LateInit="yes"
```

Installing PHP with Netscape on Windows

To Install PHP as CGI (for Netscape Enterprise Server, iPlanet, perhaps Fastrack), do the following:

- Copy `php4ts.dll` to your systemroot (the directory where you installed windows)
- Make a file association from the command line. Type the following two lines:

```
assoc .php=PHPScript
ftype PHPScript=c:\php\php.exe %1 %*
```

- In the Netscape Enterprise Administration Server create a dummy shellcgi directory and remove it just after (this step creates 5 important lines in `obj.conf` and allow the web server to handle shellcgi scripts).
- In the Netscape Enterprise Administration Server create a new mime type (Category: type, Content-Type: `magnus-internal/shellcgi`, File Suffix: `php`).
- Do it for each web server instance you want php to run

More details about setting up PHP as a CGI executable can be found here:

<http://benoit.noss.free.fr/php/install-php.html>

To Install PHP as NSAPI (for Netscape Enterprise Server, iPlanet, perhaps Fastrack), do the following:

- Copy `php4ts.dll` to your systemroot (the directory where you installed windows)
- Make a file association from the command line. Type the following two lines:

```
assoc .php=PHPScript
ftype PHPScript=c:\php\php.exe %1 %*
```

- In the Netscape Enterprise Administration Server create a new mime type (Category: type, Content-Type: `magnus-internal/x-httpd-php`, File Suffix: `php`).

- Stop your web service and edit `obj.conf`. At the end of the `Init` section, place these two lines (necessarily after `mime type init!`):

```
Init fn="load-modules" funcs="php4_init,php4_close,php4_execute,php4_auth_trans" shlib="c:  
Init fn="php4_init" errorString="Failed to initialise PHP!"
```

- In The `< Object name="default" >` section, place this line necessarily after all `'ObjectType'` and before all `'AddLog'` lines:

```
Service fn="php4_execute" type="magnus-internal/x-httpd-php"
```

- At the end of the file, create a new object called `x-httpd-php`, by inserting these lines:

```
<Object name="x-httpd-php">  
ObjectType fn="force-type" type="magnus-internal/x-httpd-php"  
Service fn=php4_execute  
</Object>
```

- Restart your web service and apply changes
- Do it for each web server instance you want PHP to run

More details about setting up PHP as an NSAPI filter can be found here:

<http://benoit.noss.free.fr/php/install-php4.html>

Servers-OmniHTTPd Server

This section contains notes and hints specific to OmniHTTPd.

OmniHTTPd 2.0b1 and up for Windows

You need to complete the following steps to make PHP work with OmniHTTPd. This is a CGI executable setup. SAPI is supported by OmniHTTPd, but some tests showed, that it is not so stable to use PHP as an ISAPI module in OmniHTTPd.

- Step 1: Install OmniHTTPd server.
- Step 2: Right click on the blue OmniHTTPd icon in the system tray and select **Properties**
- Step 3: Click on **Web Server Global Settings**
- Step 4: On the **'External'** tab, enter: `virtual = .php | actual = c:\path-to-php-dir\php.exe`, and use the **Add** button.

- Step 5: On the Mime tab, enter: `virtual = wwwserver/stdcgi | actual = .php`, and use the Add button.
- Step 6: Click OK

Repeat steps 2 - 6 for each extension you want to associate with PHP.

Note: Some OmniHTTPd packages come with built in PHP support. You can choose at setup time to do a custom setup, and uncheck the PHP component. We recommend you to use the latest PHP binaries. Some OmniHTTPd servers come with PHP 4 beta distributions, so you should choose not to set up the built in support, but install your own. If the server is already on your machine, use the Replace button in Step 4 and 5 to set the new, correct information.

Servers-Oreilly Website Pro

This section contains notes and hints specific to Oreilly Website Pro.

Oreilly Website Pro 2.5 and up for Windows

This list describes how to set up the PHP CGI binary or the ISAPI module to work with Oreilly Website Pro on Windows.

- Edit the Server Properties and select the tab "Mapping".
- From the List select "Associations" and enter the desired extension (`.php`) and the path to the CGI exe (ex. `c:\php\php.exe`) or the ISAPI DLL file (ex. `c:\php\sapi\php4isapi.dll`).
- Select "Content Types" add the same extension (`.php`) and enter the content type. If you choose the CGI executable file, enter `'wwwserver/shellcgi'`, if you chose the ISAPI module, enter `'wwwserver/isapi'` (both without quotes).

Servers-Xitami

This section contains notes and hints specific to Xitami.

Xitami for Windows

This list describes how to set up the PHP CGI binary to work with Xitami on Windows.

- Make sure the webserver is running, and point your browser to xitamis admin console (usually <http://127.0.0.1/admin>), and click on Configuration.
- Navigate to the Filters, and put the extension which PHP should parse (i.e. .php) into the field File extensions (.xxx).
- In Filter command or script put the path and name of your php executable i.e. `c:\php\php.exe`.
- Press the 'Save' icon.

Servers-Other web servers

PHP can be built to support a large number of web servers. Please see Server-related options for a full list of server-related configure options. The PHP CGI binaries are compatible with almost all web servers supporting the CGI standard.

Problems?

Read the FAQ

Some problems are more common than others. The most common ones are listed in the PHP FAQ, part of this manual.

Other problems

If you are still stuck, someone on the PHP installation mailing list may be able to help you. You should check out the archive first, in case someone already answered someone else who had the same problem as you. The archives are available from the support page on <http://www.php.net/>. To subscribe to the PHP installation mailing list, send an empty mail to php-install-subscribe@lists.php.net (<mailto:php-install-subscribe@lists.php.net>). The mailing list address is php-install@lists.php.net.

If you want to get help on the mailing list, please try to be precise and give the necessary details about your environment (which operating system, what PHP version, what web server, if you are running PHP as CGI or a server module, etc.), and preferably enough code to make others able to reproduce and test your problem.

Bug reports

If you think you have found a bug in PHP, please report it. The PHP developers probably don't know about it, and unless you report it, chances are it won't be fixed. You can report bugs using the

bug-tracking system at <http://bugs.php.net/>. Please do not send bug reports in mailing list or personal letters. The bug system is also suitable to submit feature requests.

Read the How to report a bug (<http://bugs.php.net/how-to-report.php>) document before submitting any bug reports!

Chapter 3. Configuration

The configuration file

The configuration file (called `php3.ini` in PHP 3.0, and simply `php.ini` as of PHP 4.0) is read when PHP starts up. For the server module versions of PHP, this happens only once when the web server is started. For the CGI version, it happens on every invocation.

Example 3-1. `php.ini` example

```
; any text on a line after an unquoted semicolon (;) is ignored
[php] ; section markers (text within square brackets) are also ignored
; Boolean values can be set to either:
;   true, on, yes
; or false, off, no, none
register_globals = off
magic_quotes_gpc = yes

; you can enclose strings in double-quotes
include_path = ".:usr/local/lib/php"

; backslashes are treated the same as any other character
include_path = ".;c:\php\lib"
```

When using PHP as an Apache module, you can also change the configuration settings using directives in Apache configuration files and `.htaccess` files.

With PHP 3.0, there are Apache directives that correspond to each configuration setting in the `php3.ini` name, except the name is prefixed by `"php3_"`.

With PHP 4.0, there are several Apache directives that allow you to change the PHP configuration from within the Apache configuration file itself.

`php_value` *name value*

This sets the value of the specified variable.

`php_flag` *name on | off*

This is used to set a Boolean configuration option.

`php_admin_value` *name value*

This sets the value of the specified variable. "Admin" configuration settings can only be set from within the main Apache configuration files, and not from `.htaccess` files.

`php_admin_flag` *name on | off*

This is used to set a Boolean configuration option.

Example 3-2. Apache configuration example

```

<IfModule mod_php4.c>
    php_value include_path ".:usr/local/lib/php"
    php_flag safe_mode on
</IfModule>
<IfModule mod_php3.c>
    php3_include_path ".:usr/local/lib/php"
    php3_safe_mode on
</IfModule>

```

You can view the settings of the configuration values in the output of `phpinfo()`. You can also access the values of individual configuration settings using `get_cfg_var()`.

General Configuration Directives

allow_url_fopen boolean

This option enables the URL-aware fopen wrappers that enable accessing URL object like files. Default wrappers are provided for the access of remote files using the ftp or http protocol, some extensions like zlib may register additional wrappers.

Note: This option was introduced immediately after the release of version 4.0.3. For versions up to and including 4.0.3 you can only disable this feature at compile time by using the configuration switch `--disable-url-fopen-wrapper`.

asp_tags boolean

Enables the use of ASP-like `<% %>` tags in addition to the usual `<?php ?>` tags. This includes the variable-value printing shorthand of `<%= $value %>`. For more information, see Escaping from HTML.

Note: Support for ASP-style tags was added in 3.0.4.

auto_append_file string

Specifies the name of a file that is automatically parsed after the main file. The file is included as if it was called with the `include()` function, so `include_path` is used.

The special value `none` disables auto-appending.

Note: If the script is terminated with `exit()`, auto-append will *not* occur.

auto_prepend_file string

Specifies the name of a file that is automatically parsed before the main file. The file is included as if it was called with the `include()` function, so `include_path` is used.

The special value `none` disables auto-prepend.

cgi_ext string

display_errors boolean

This determines whether errors should be printed to the screen as part of the HTML output or not.

doc_root string

PHP's "root directory" on the server. Only used if non-empty. If PHP is configured with safe mode, no files outside this directory are served.

engine boolean

This directive is really only useful in the Apache module version of PHP. It is used by sites that would like to turn PHP parsing on and off on a per-directory or per-virtual server basis. By putting **engine off** in the appropriate places in the `httpd.conf` file, PHP can be enabled or disabled.

error_log string

Name of file where script errors should be logged. If the special value `syslog` is used, the errors are sent to the system logger instead. On UNIX, this means `syslog(3)` and on Windows NT it means the event log. The system logger is not supported on Windows 95.

error_reporting integer

Set the error reporting level. The parameter is an integer representing a bit field. Add the values of the error reporting levels you want.

Table 3-1. Error Reporting Levels

bit value	enabled reporting
1	normal errors
2	normal warnings
4	parser errors
8	non-critical style-related warnings

The default value for this directive is 7 (normal errors, normal warnings and parser errors are

shown).

html_errors boolean

Turn off HTML tags in error messages.

open_basedir string

Limit the files that can be opened by PHP to the specified directory-tree.

When a script tries to open a file with, for example, `fopen` or `gzopen`, the location of the file is checked. When the file is outside the specified directory-tree, PHP will refuse to open it. All symbolic links are resolved, so it's not possible to avoid this restriction with a symlink.

The special value `.` indicates that the directory in which the script is stored will be used as base-directory.

Under Windows, separate the directories with a semicolon. On all other systems, separate the directories with a colon. As an Apache module, `open_basedir` paths from parent directories are now automatically inherited.

Note: Support for multiple directories was added in 3.0.7.

The default is to allow all files to be opened.

gpc_order string

Set the order of GET/POST/COOKIE variable parsing. The default setting of this directive is "GPC". Setting this to "GP", for example, will cause PHP to completely ignore cookies and to overwrite any GET method variables with POST-method variables of the same name.

Note, that this option is not available in PHP 4. Use `variables_order` instead.

variables_order string

Set the order of the EGPCS (Environment, GET, POST, Cookie, Server) variable parsing. The default setting of this directive is "EGPCS". Setting this to "GP", for example, will cause PHP to completely ignore environment variables, cookies and server variables, and to overwrite any GET method variables with POST-method variables of the same name.

See also `register_globals`.

ignore_user_abort string

On by default. If changed to Off scripts will be terminated as soon as they try to output something after a client has aborted their connection. `ignore_user_abort()`.

include_path string

Specifies a list of directories where the `require()`, `include()` and **`fopen_with_path()`** functions look for files. The format is like the system's PATH environment variable: a list of directories separated with a colon in UNIX or semicolon in Windows.

Example 3-3. UNIX *include_path*

```
include_path=.: /home/httpd/php-lib
```

Example 3-4. Windows *include_path*

```
include_path=".;c:\www\phplib"
```

The default value for this directive is `.` (only the current directory).

isapi_ext string

log_errors boolean

Tells whether script error messages should be logged to the server's error log. This option is thus server-specific.

magic_quotes_gpc boolean

Sets the *magic_quotes* state for GPC (Get/Post/Cookie) operations. When *magic_quotes* are on, all `'` (single-quote), `"` (double quote), `\` (backslash) and NUL's are escaped with a backslash automatically. If *magic_quotes_sybase* is also on, a single-quote is escaped with a single-quote instead of a backslash.

magic_quotes_runtime boolean

If *magic_quotes_runtime* is enabled, most functions that return data from any sort of external source including databases and text files will have quotes escaped with a backslash. If *magic_quotes_sybase* is also on, a single-quote is escaped with a single-quote instead of a backslash.

magic_quotes_sybase boolean

If *magic_quotes_sybase* is also on, a single-quote is escaped with a single-quote instead of a backslash if *magic_quotes_gpc* or *magic_quotes_runtime* is enabled.

max_execution_time integer

This sets the maximum time in seconds a script is allowed to run before it is terminated by the parser. This helps prevent poorly written scripts from tying up the server. The default setting is 30.

The maximum execution time is not affected by system calls, the `sleep()` function, etc. Please see the `set_time_limit()` function for more details.

memory_limit integer

This sets the maximum amount of memory in bytes that a script is allowed to allocate. This helps prevent poorly written scripts for eating up all available memory on a server.

nsapi_ext string

register_globals boolean

Tells whether or not to register the EGPCS (Environment, GET, POST, Cookie, Server) variables as global variables. You may want to turn this off if you don't want to clutter your scripts' global scope with user data. This makes the most sense when coupled with *track_vars* - in which case you can access all of the EGPCS variables through the `$HTTP_ENV_VARS`, `$HTTP_GET_VARS`, `$HTTP_POST_VARS`, `$HTTP_COOKIE_VARS`, and `$HTTP_SERVER_VARS` arrays in the global scope.

Please note that you need to set AllowOverride All in your Directory block in the apache configfile for this to work.

short_open_tag boolean

Tells whether the short form (`<? ?>`) of PHP's open tag should be allowed. If you want to use PHP in combination with XML, you have to disable this option. If disabled, you must use the long form of the open tag (`<?php ?>`).

sql.safe_mode boolean

track_errors boolean

If enabled, the last error message will always be present in the global variable `$php_errormsg`.

track_vars boolean

If enabled, then Environment, GET, POST, Cookie, and Server variables can be found in the global associative arrays `$HTTP_ENV_VARS`, `$HTTP_GET_VARS`, `$HTTP_POST_VARS`, `$HTTP_COOKIE_VARS`, and `$HTTP_SERVER_VARS`.

Note that as of PHP 4.0.3, *track_vars* is always turned on.

upload_tmp_dir string

The temporary directory used for storing files when doing file upload. Must be writable by whatever user PHP is running as.

upload_max_filesize integer

The maximum size of an uploaded file. The value is in bytes.

user_dir string

The base name of the directory used on a user's home directory for PHP files, for example `public_html`.

warn_plus_overloading boolean

If enabled, this option makes PHP output a warning when the plus (+) operator is used on strings. This is to make it easier to find scripts that need to be rewritten to using the string concatenator instead (.

Safe Mode Configuration Directives

safe_mode boolean

Whether to enable PHP's safe mode. Read the Security and Safe Mode chapters for more information.

safe_mode_exec_dir string

If PHP is used in safe mode, `system()` and the other functions executing system programs refuse to start programs that are not in this directory.

Debugger Configuration Directives

debugger.host string

DNS name or IP address of host used by the debugger.

debugger.port string

Port number used by the debugger.

debugger.enabled boolean

Whether the debugger is enabled.

Extension Loading Directives

enable_dl boolean

This directive is really only useful in the Apache module version of PHP. You can turn dynamic loading of PHP extensions with `dl()` on and off per virtual server or per directory.

The main reason for turning dynamic loading off is security. With dynamic loading, it's possible to ignore all the `safe_mode` and `open_basedir` restrictions.

The default is to allow dynamic loading, except when using safe-mode. In safe-mode, it's always impossible to use `dl()`.

extension_dir string

In what directory PHP should look for dynamically loadable extensions.

extension string

Which dynamically loadable extensions to load when PHP starts up.

MySQL Configuration Directives

mysql.allow_persistent boolean

Whether to allow persistent MySQL connections.

mysql.default_host string

The default server host to use when connecting to the database server if no other host is specified.

mysql.default_user string

The default user name to use when connecting to the database server if no other name is specified.

mysql.default_password string

The default password to use when connecting to the database server if no other password is specified.

mysql.default_port string

The default TCP port number to use when connecting to the database server if no other port is specified. If no default is specified, the port will be obtained from the `MYSQL_TCP_PORT` environment variable, the `mysql-tcp` entry in `/etc/services` or the compile-time `MYSQL_PORT` constant, in that order. Win32 will only use the `MYSQL_PORT` constant.

mysql.default_socket string

The default socket name to use when connecting to a local database server if no other socket name is specified.

mysql.max_persistent integer

The maximum number of persistent MySQL connections per process.

mysql.max_links integer

The maximum number of MySQL connections per process, including persistent connections.

mSQL Configuration Directives

mysql.allow_persistent boolean

Whether to allow persistent mSQL connections.

mysql.max_persistent integer

The maximum number of persistent mSQL connections per process.

mysql.max_links integer

The maximum number of mSQL connections per process, including persistent connections.

Postgres Configuration Directives

pgsql.allow_persistent boolean

Whether to allow persistent Postgres connections.

pgsql.max_persistent integer

The maximum number of persistent Postgres connections per process.

pgsql.max_links integer

The maximum number of Postgres connections per process, including persistent connections.

SESAM Configuration Directives

sesam_oml string

Name of BS2000 PLAM library containing the loadable SESAM driver modules. Required for using SESAM functions. The BS2000 PLAM library must be set ACCESS=READ,SHARE=YES because it must be readable by the apache server's user id.

sesam_configfile string

Name of SESAM application configuration file. Required for using SESAM functions. The BS2000 file must be readable by the apache server's user id.

The application configuration file will usually contain a configuration like (see SESAM reference manual):

```
CNF=B
NAM=K
NOTYPE
```

sesam_messagecatalog string

Name of SESAM message catalog file. In most cases, this directive is not necessary. Only if the SESAM message file is not installed in the system's BS2000 message file table, it can be set with this directive.

The message catalog must be set ACCESS=READ,SHARE=YES because it must be readable by the apache server's user id.

Sybase Configuration Directives

sybase.allow_persistent boolean

Whether to allow persistent Sybase connections.

sybase.max_persistent integer

The maximum number of persistent Sybase connections per process.

sybase.max_links integer

The maximum number of Sybase connections per process, including persistent connections.

Sybase-CT Configuration Directives

sybct.allow_persistent boolean

Whether to allow persistent Sybase-CT connections. The default is on.

sybct.max_persistent integer

The maximum number of persistent Sybase-CT connections per process. The default is -1 meaning unlimited.

sybct.max_links integer

The maximum number of Sybase-CT connections per process, including persistent connections. The default is -1 meaning unlimited.

sybct.min_server_severity integer

Server messages with severity greater than or equal to *sybct.min_server_severity* will be reported as warnings. This value can also be set from a script by calling *sybase_min_server_severity()*. The default is 10 which reports errors of information severity or greater.

sybct.min_client_severity integer

Client library messages with severity greater than or equal to *sybct.min_client_severity* will be reported as warnings. This value can also be set from a script by calling *sybase_min_client_severity()*. The default is 10 which effectively disables reporting.

sybct.login_timeout integer

The maximum time in seconds to wait for a connection attempt to succeed before returning failure. Note that if *max_execution_time* has been exceeded when a connection attempt times out, your script will be terminated before it can take action on failure. The default is one minute.

sybct.timeout integer

The maximum time in seconds to wait for a *select_db* or query operation to succeed before returning failure. Note that if *max_execution_time* has been exceeded when an operation times out, your script will be terminated before it can take action on failure. The default is no limit.

sybct.hostname string

The name of the host you claim to be connecting from, for display by *sp_who*. The default is none.

Informix Configuration Directives

ifx.allow_persistent boolean

Whether to allow persistent Informix connections.

ifx.max_persistent integer

The maximum number of persistent Informix connections per process.

ifx.max_links integer

The maximum number of Informix connections per process, including persistent connections.

ifx.default_host string

The default host to connect to when no host is specified in *ifx_connect()* or *ifx_pconnect()*.

ifx.default_user string

The default user id to use when none is specified in *ifx_connect()* or *ifx_pconnect()*.

ifx.default_password string

The default password to use when none is specified in *ifx_connect()* or *ifx_pconnect()*.

ifx.blobinfile boolean

Set to TRUE if you want to return blob columns in a file, FALSE if you want them in memory. You can override the setting at runtime with *ifx_blobinfile_mode()*.

ifx.textasvarchar boolean

Set to TRUE if you want to return TEXT columns as normal strings in select statements, FALSE if you want to use blob id parameters. You can override the setting at runtime with `ifx_textasvarchar()`.

ifx.byteasvarchar boolean

Set to TRUE if you want to return BYTE columns as normal strings in select queries, FALSE if you want to use blob id parameters. You can override the setting at runtime with `ifx_textasvarchar()`.

ifx.charasvarchar boolean

Set to TRUE if you want to trim trailing spaces from CHAR columns when fetching them.

ifx.nullformat boolean

Set to TRUE if you want to return NULL columns as the literal string "NULL", FALSE if you want them returned as the empty string "". You can override this setting at runtime with `ifx_nullformat()`.

BC Math Configuration Directives

bcmath.scale integer

Number of decimal digits for all bcmath functions.

Browser Capability Configuration Directives

browscap string

Name of browser capabilities file. See also `get_browser()`.

Unified ODBC Configuration Directives

uodbc.default_db string

ODBC data source to use if none is specified in `odbc_connect()` or `odbc_pconnect()`.

uodbc.default_user string

User name to use if none is specified in `odbc_connect()` or `odbc_pconnect()`.

uodbc.default_pw string

Password to use if none is specified in `odbc_connect()` or `odbc_pconnect()`.

uodbc.allow_persistent boolean

Whether to allow persistent ODBC connections.

uodbc.max_persistent integer

The maximum number of persistent ODBC connections per process.

uodbc.max_links integer

The maximum number of ODBC connections per process, including persistent connections.

Multi-Byte String Configuration Directives

mbstring.internal_encoding string

`mbstring.internal_encoding` defines default internal character encoding.

mbstring.http_input string

`mbstring.http_input` defines default HTTP input character encoding.

mbstring.http_output string

`mbstring.http_output` defines default HTTP output character encoding.

mbstring.detect_order string

`mbstring.detect_order` defines default character encoding detection order.

mbstring.substitute_character string

`mbstring.substitute_character` defines character to substitute for invalid character codes.

Chapter 4. Security

PHP is a powerful language and the interpreter, whether included in a web server as a module or executed as a separate CGI binary, is able to access files, execute commands and open network connections on the server. These properties make anything run on a web server insecure by default. PHP is designed specifically to be a more secure language for writing CGI programs than Perl or C, and with correct selection of compile-time and runtime configuration options, and proper coding practices, it can give you exactly the combination of freedom and security you need.

As there are many different ways of utilizing PHP, there are many configuration options controlling its behaviour. A large selection of options guarantees you can use PHP for a lot of purposes, but it also means there are combinations of these options and server configurations that result in an insecure setup.

The configuration flexibility of PHP is equally rivalled by the code flexibility. PHP can be used to build complete server applications, with all the power of a shell user, or it can be used for simple server-side includes with little risk in a tightly controlled environment. How you build that environment, and how secure it is, is largely up to the PHP developer.

This chapter starts with some general security advice, explains the different configuration option combinations and the situations they can be safely used, and describes different considerations in coding for different levels of security.

General considerations

A completely secure system is a virtual impossibility, so an approach often used in the security profession is one of balancing risk and usability. If every variable submitted by a user required two forms of biometric validation (such as a retinal scan and a fingerprint), you would have an extremely high level of accountability. It would also take half an hour to fill out a fairly complex form, which would tend to encourage users to find ways of bypassing the security.

The best security is often inobtrusive enough to suit the requirements without the user being prevented from accomplishing their work, or over-burdening the code author with excessive complexity. Indeed, some security attacks are merely exploits of this kind of overly built security, which tends to erode over time.

A phrase worth remembering: A system is only as good as the weakest link in a chain. If all transactions are heavily logged based on time, location, transaction type, etc. but the user is only verified based on a single cookie, the validity of tying the users to the transaction log is severely weakened.

When testing, keep in mind that you will not be able to test all possibilities for even the simplest of pages. The input you may expect will be completely unrelated to the input given by a disgruntled employee, a cracker with months of time on their hands, or a housecat walking across the keyboard. This is why it's best to look at the code from a logical perspective, to discern where unexpected data can be introduced, and then follow how it is modified, reduced, or amplified.

The Internet is filled with people trying to make a name for themselves by breaking your code, crashing your site, posting inappropriate content, and otherwise making your day interesting. It doesn't matter if you have a small or large site, you are a target by simply being online, by having a server that can be connected to. Many cracking programs do not discern by size, they simply trawl massive IP blocks looking for victims. Try not to become one.

Installed as CGI binary

Possible attacks

Using PHP as a CGI binary is an option for setups that for some reason do not wish to integrate PHP as a module into server software (like Apache), or will use PHP with different kinds of CGI wrappers to create safe chroot and setuid environments for scripts. This setup usually involves installing executable PHP binary to the web server cgi-bin directory. CERT advisory CA-96.11 (http://www.cert.org/advisories/CA-96.11.interpreters_in_cgi_bin_dir.html) recommends against placing any interpreters into cgi-bin. Even if the PHP binary can be used as a standalone interpreter, PHP is designed to prevent the attacks this setup makes possible:

- Accessing system files: `http://my.host/cgi-bin/php?etc/passwd`

The query information in a url after the question mark (?) is passed as command line arguments to the interpreter by the CGI interface. Usually interpreters open and execute the file specified as the first argument on the command line.

When invoked as a CGI binary, PHP refuses to interpret the command line arguments.

- Accessing any web document on server: `http://my.host/cgi-bin/php/secret/doc.html`

The path information part of the url after the PHP binary name, `/secret/doc.html` is conventionally used to specify the name of the file to be opened and interpreted by the CGI program. Usually some web server configuration directives (Apache: Action) are used to redirect requests to documents like `http://my.host/secret/script.php` to the PHP interpreter. With this setup, the web server first checks the access permissions to the directory `/secret`, and after that creates the redirected request `http://my.host/cgi-bin/php/secret/script.php`. Unfortunately, if the request is originally given in this form, no access checks are made by web server for file `/secret/script.php`, but only for the `/cgi-bin/php` file. This way any user able to access `/cgi-bin/php` is able to access any protected document on the web server.

In PHP, compile-time configuration option `--enable-force-cgi-redirect` and runtime configuration directives `doc_root` and `user_dir` can be used to prevent this attack, if the server document tree has any directories with access restrictions. See below for full the explanation of the different combinations.

Case 1: only public files served

If your server does not have any content that is not restricted by password or ip based access control, there is no need for these configuration options. If your web server does not allow you to do redirects, or the server does not have a way to communicate to the PHP binary that the request is a safely redirected request, you can specify the option `--enable-force-cgi-redirect` to the configure script. You still have to make sure your PHP scripts do not rely on one or another way of calling the script, neither by directly `http://my.host/cgi-bin/php/dir/script.php` nor by redirection `http://my.host/dir/script.php`.

Redirection can be configured in Apache by using `AddHandler` and `Action` directives (see below).

Case 2: using `--enable-force-cgi-redirect`

This compile-time option prevents anyone from calling PHP directly with a url like `http://my.host/cgi-bin/php/secret_dir/script.php`. Instead, PHP will only parse in this mode if it has gone through a web server redirect rule.

Usually the redirection in the Apache configuration is done with the following directives:

```
Action php-script /cgi-bin/php
AddHandler php-script .php
```

This option has only been tested with the Apache web server, and relies on Apache to set the non-standard CGI environment variable `REDIRECT_STATUS` on redirected requests. If your web server does not support any way of telling if the request is direct or redirected, you cannot use this option and you must use one of the other ways of running the CGI version documented here.

Case 3: setting `doc_root` or `user_dir`

To include active content, like scripts and executables, in the web server document directories is sometimes consider an insecure practice. If, because of some configuration mistake, the scripts are not executed but displayed as regular HTML documents, this may result in leakage of intellectual property or security information like passwords. Therefore many sysadmins will prefer setting up another directory structure for scripts that are accessible only through the PHP CGI, and therefore always interpreted and not displayed as such.

Also if the method for making sure the requests are not redirected, as described in the previous section, is not available, it is necessary to set up a script `doc_root` that is different from web document root.

You can set the PHP script document root by the configuration directive `doc_root` in the configuration file, or you can set the environment variable `PHP_DOCUMENT_ROOT`. If it is set, the CGI version of PHP will always construct the file name to open with this *doc_root* and the path information in the request, so you can be sure no script is executed outside this directory (except for *user_dir* below).

Another option usable here is `user_dir`. When `user_dir` is unset, only thing controlling the opened file name is *doc_root*. Opening an url like `http://my.host/~user/doc.php` does not result in opening a file under users home directory, but a file called `~user/doc.php` under `doc_root` (yes, a directory name starting with a tilde [~]).

If `user_dir` is set to for example `public_php`, a request like `http://my.host/~user/doc.php` will open a file called `doc.php` under the directory named `public_php` under the home directory of the user. If the home of the user is `/home/user`, the file executed is `/home/user/public_php/doc.php`.

user_dir expansion happens regardless of the *doc_root* setting, so you can control the document root and user directory access separately.

Case 4: PHP parser outside of web tree

A very secure option is to put the PHP parser binary somewhere outside of the web tree of files. In `/usr/local/bin`, for example. The only real downside to this option is that you will now have to put a line similar to:

```
#!/usr/local/bin/php
```

as the first line of any file containing PHP tags. You will also need to make the file executable. That is, treat it exactly as you would treat any other CGI script written in Perl or sh or any other common scripting language which uses the `#!` shell-escape mechanism for launching itself.

To get PHP to handle `PATH_INFO` and `PATH_TRANSLATED` information correctly with this setup, the php parser should be compiled with the `--enable-discard-path` configure option.

Installed as an Apache module

When PHP is used as an Apache module it inherits Apache's user permissions (typically those of the "nobody" user). This has several impacts on security and authorization. For example, if you are using PHP to access a database, unless that database has built-in access control, you will have to make the database accessible to the "nobody" user. This means a malicious script could access and modify the database, even without a username and password. It's entirely possible that a web spider could stumble across a database administrator's web page, and drop all of your databases. You can protect against this with Apache authorization, or you can design your own access model using LDAP, .htaccess files, etc. and include that code as part of your PHP scripts.

Often, once security is established to the point where the PHP user (in this case, the apache user) has very little risk attached to it, it is discovered that PHP is now prevented from writing any files to user directories. Or perhaps it has been prevented from accessing or changing databases. It has equally been secured from writing good and bad files, or entering good and bad database transactions.

A frequent security mistake made at this point is to allow apache root permissions, or to escalate apache's abilities in some other way.

Escalating the Apache user's permissions to root is extremely dangerous and may compromise the entire system, so sudo'ing, chroot'ing, or otherwise running as root should not be considered by those who are not security professionals.

There are some simpler solutions. By using `open_basedir` you can control and restrict what directories are allowed to be used for PHP. You can also set up apache-only areas, to restrict all web based activity to non-user, or non-system, files.

Filesystem Security

PHP is subject to the security built into most server systems with respect to permissions on a file and directory basis. This allows you to control which files in the filesystem may be read. Care should be taken with any files which are world readable to ensure that they are safe for reading by all users who have access to that filesystem.

Since PHP was designed to allow user level access to the filesystem, it's entirely possible to write a PHP script that will allow you to read system files such as `/etc/passwd`, modify your ethernet connections, send massive printer jobs out, etc. This has some obvious implications, in that you need to ensure that the files that you read from and write to are the appropriate ones.

Consider the following script, where a user indicates that they'd like to delete a file in their home directory. This assumes a situation where a PHP web interface is regularly used for file management, so the Apache user is allowed to delete files in the user home directories.

Example 4-1. Poor variable checking leads to....

```
<?php
// remove a file from the user's home directory
$username = $_HTTP_POST_VARS['user_submitted_name'];
$homedir = "/home/$username";
$file_to_delete = "$userfile";
unlink ($homedir/$userfile);
echo "$file_to_delete has been deleted!";
?>
```

Since the username is postable from a user form, they can submit a username and file belonging to someone else, and delete files. In this case, you'd want to use some other form of authentication. Consider what could happen if the variables submitted were `"/etc/"` and `"passwd"`. The code would then effectively read:

Example 4-2. ... A filesystem attack

```
<?php
// removes a file from anywhere on the hard drive that
// the PHP user has access to. If PHP has root access:
$username = "../etc/";
$homedir = "/home/../etc/";
$file_to_delete = "passwd";
unlink ("/home/../etc/passwd");
echo "/home/../etc/passwd has been deleted!";
?>
```

There are two important measures you should take to prevent these issues.

- Only allow limited permissions to the PHP web user binary.
- Check all variables which are submitted.

Here is an improved script:

Example 4-3. More secure file name checking

```
<?php
// removes a file from the hard drive that
// the PHP user has access to.
$username = $_HTTP_SERVER_VARS['REMOTE_USER']; // using an authentication mechanism

$homedir = "/home/$username";

$file_to_delete = basename("$userfile"); // strip paths
unlink ($homedir/$file_to_delete);

$fhp = fopen("/home/logging/filedelete.log","a"); //log the deletion
$logstring = "$username $homedir $file_to_delete";
fputs ($fhp, $logstring);
fclose($fhp);

echo "$file_to_delete has been deleted!";
?>
```

However, even this is not without its flaws. If your authentication system allowed users to create their own user logins, and a user chose the login "../etc/", the system is once again exposed. For this reason, you may prefer to write a more customized check:

Example 4-4. More secure file name checking

```
<?php
$username = $_HTTP_SERVER_VARS['REMOTE_USER']; // using an authentication mechanism
$homedir = "/home/$username";

if (!ereg('^[^./][^/]*$', $userfile))
    die('bad filename'); //die, do not process

if (!ereg('^[^./][^/]*$', $username))
    die('bad username'); //die, do not process
//etc...
?>
```

Depending on your operating system, there are a wide variety of files which you should be concerned about, including device entries (/dev/ or COM1), configuration files (/etc/ files and the .ini files), well known file storage areas (/home/, My Documents), etc. For this reason, it's usually easier to create a policy where you forbid everything except for what you explicitly allow.

Error Reporting

With PHP security, there are two sides to error reporting. One is beneficial to increasing security, the other is detrimental.

A standard attack tactic involves profiling a system by feeding it improper data, and checking for the kinds, and contexts, of the errors which are returned. This allows the system cracker to probe for information about the server, to determine possible weaknesses. For example, if an attacker had gleaned information about a page based on a prior form submission, they may attempt to override variables, or modify them:

Example 4-5. Attacking Variables with a custom HTML page

```
<form method="post" action="attacktarget?username=badfoo&password=badfoo">
<input type="hidden" name="username" value="badfoo">
<input type="hidden" name="password" value="badfoo">
</form>
```

The PHP errors which are normally returned can be quite helpful to a developer who is trying to debug a script, indicating such things as the function or file that failed, the PHP file it failed in, and the line number which the failure occurred in. This is all information that can be exploited. It is not uncommon for a php developer to use `show_source()`, `highlight_string()`, or `highlight_file()` as a debugging measure, but in a live site, this can expose hidden variables, unchecked syntax, and other dangerous information. Especially dangerous is running code from known sources with built-in debugging handlers, or using common debugging techniques. If the attacker can determine what general technique you are using, they may try to brute-force a page, by sending various common debugging strings:

Example 4-6. Exploiting common debugging variables

```
<form method="post" action="attacktarget?errors=Y&showerrors=1&debug=1">
<input type="hidden" name="errors" value="Y">
<input type="hidden" name="showerrors" value="1">
<input type="hidden" name="debug" value="1">
</form>
```

Regardless of the method of error handling, the ability to probe a system for errors leads to providing an attacker with more information.

For example, the very style of a generic PHP error indicates a system is running PHP. If the attacker was looking at an .html page, and wanted to probe for the back-end (to look for known weaknesses in the system), by feeding it the wrong data they may be able to determine that a system was built with PHP.

A function error can indicate whether a system may be running a specific database engine, or give clues as to how a web page or program was designed. This allows for deeper investigation into open database ports, or to look for specific bugs or weaknesses in a web page. By feeding different pieces of bad data, for example, an attacker can determine the order of authentication in a script, (from the line number errors) as well as probe for exploits that may be exploited in different locations in the script.

A filesystem or general PHP error can indicate what permissions the webserver has, as well as the structure and organization of files on the web server. Developer written error code can aggravate this problem, leading to easy exploitation of formerly "hidden" information.

There are three major solutions to this issue. The first is to scrutinize all functions, and attempt to compensate for the bulk of the errors. The second is to disable error reporting entirely on the running code. The third is to use PHP's custom error handling functions to create your own error handler. Depending on your security policy, you may find all three to be applicable to your situation.

One way of catching this issue ahead of time is to make use of PHP's own `error_reporting()`, to help you secure your code and find variable usage that may be dangerous. By testing your code, prior to deployment, with `E_ALL`, you can quickly find areas where your variables may be open to poisoning or modification in other ways. Once you are ready for deployment, by using `E_NONE`, you insulate your code from probing.

Example 4-7. Finding dangerous variables with E_ALL

```
<?php
if ($username) { // Not initialized or checked before usage
    $good_login = 1;
}
if ($good_login == 1) { // If above test fails, not initialized or checked before usage
    fpassthru ("/highly/sensitive/data/index.html");
}
?>
```

Using Register Globals

One feature of PHP that can be used to enhance security is configuring PHP with `register_globals = off`. By turning off the ability for any user-submitted variable to be injected into PHP code, you can reduce the amount of variable poisoning a potential attacker may inflict. They will have to take the additional time to forge submissions, and your internal variables are effectively isolated from user submitted data.

While it does slightly increase the amount of effort required to work with PHP, it has been argued that the benefits far outweigh the effort.

Example 4-8. Working without `register_globals=off`

```
<?php
if ($username) { // can be forged by a user in get/post/cookies
    $good_login = 1;
}

if ($good_login == 1) { // can be forged by a user in get/post/cookies,
    fpassthru ("/highly/sensitive/data/index.html");
}
?>
```

Example 4-9. Working with `register_globals = off`

```
<?php
if($HTTP_COOKIE_VARS['username']){
    // can only come from a cookie, forged or otherwise
    $good_login = 1;
    fpassthru ("/highly/sensitive/data/index.html");
}
?>
```

By using this wisely, it's even possible to take preventative measures to warn when forging is being attempted. If you know ahead of time exactly where a variable should be coming from, you can check to see if submitted data is coming from an inappropriate kind of submission. While it doesn't guarantee that data has not been forged, it does require an attacker to guess the right kind of forging.

Example 4-10. Detecting simple variable poisoning

```
<?php
if ($HTTP_COOKIE_VARS['username'] &&
    !$HTTP_POST_VARS['username'] &&
    !$HTTP_GET_VARS['username'] ) {
    // Perform other checks to validate the user name...
    $good_login = 1;
    fpassthru ("/highly/sensitive/data/index.html");
} else {
    mail("admin@example.com", "Possible breakin attempt", $HTTP_SERVER_VARS['REMOTE_ADDR']);
    echo "Security violation, admin has been alerted.";
    exit;
}
```


?>

Of course, simply turning off `register_globals` does not mean code is secure. For every piece of data that is submitted, it should also be checked in other ways.

User Submitted Data

The greatest weakness in many PHP programs is not inherent in the language itself, but merely an issue of code not being written with security in mind. For this reason, you should always take the time to consider the implications of a given piece of code, to ascertain the possible damage if an unexpected variable is submitted to it.

Example 4-11. Dangerous Variable Usage

```
<?php
// remove a file from the user's home directory... or maybe
// somebody else's?
unlink ($evil_var);

// Write logging of their access... or maybe an /etc/passwd entry?
fputs ($fp, $evil_var);

// Execute something trivial.. or rm -rf *?
system ($evil_var);
exec ($evil_var);

?>
```

You should always carefully examine your code to make sure that any variables being submitted from a web browser are being properly checked, and ask yourself the following questions:

- Will this script only affect the intended files?
- Can unusual or undesirable data be acted upon?
- Can this script be used in unintended ways?
- Can this be used in conjunction with other scripts in a negative manner?
- Will any transactions be adequately logged?

By adequately asking these questions while writing the script, rather than later, you prevent an unfortunate re-write when you need to increase your security. By starting out with this mindset, you won't guarantee the security of your system, but you can help improve it.

You may also want to consider turning off `register_globals`, `magic_quotes`, or other convenience settings which may confuse you as to the validity, source, or value of a given variable. Working with PHP in `error_reporting(E_ALL)` mode can also help warn you about variables being used before they are checked or initialized (so you can prevent unusual data from being operated upon).

Hiding PHP

A few simple techniques can help to hide PHP, possibly slowing down an attacker who is attempting to discover weaknesses in your system. By setting `expose_php = off` in your `php.ini` file, you reduce the amount of information available to them.

Another tactic is to configure web servers such as apache to parse different filetypes through PHP, either with an `.htaccess` directive, or in the apache configuration file itself. You can then use misleading file extensions:

Example 4-12. Hiding PHP as another language

```
# Make PHP code look like other code types
AddType application/x-httpd-php .asp .py .pl
```

Or obscure it completely:

Example 4-13. Using unknown types for PHP extensions

```
# Make PHP code look like unknown types
AddType application/x-httpd-php .bop .foo .133t
```

Or hide it as html code, which has a slight performance hit because all html will be parsed through the PHP engine:

Example 4-14. Using html types for PHP extensions

```
# Make all PHP code look like html
AddType application/x-httpd-php .htm .html
```

For this to work effectively, you must rename your PHP files with the above extensions. While it is a form of security through obscurity, it's a minor preventative measure with few drawbacks.

Keeping Current

PHP, like any other large system, is under constant scrutiny and improvement. Each new version will often include both major and minor changes to enhance and repair security flaws, configuration mishaps, and other issues that will affect the overall security and stability of your system.

Like other system-level scripting languages and programs, the best approach is to update often, and maintain awareness of the latest versions and their changes.

Part II. Language Reference

Chapter 5. Basic syntax

Escaping from HTML

When PHP parses a file, it simply passes the text of the file through until it encounters one of the special tags which tell it to start interpreting the text as PHP code. The parser then executes all the code it finds, up until it runs into a PHP closing tag, which tells the parser to just start passing the text through again. This is the mechanism which allows you to embed PHP code inside HTML: everything outside the PHP tags is left utterly alone, while everything inside is parsed as code.

There are four sets of tags which can be used to denote blocks of PHP code. Of these, only two (`<?php. . .?>` and `<script language="php"> . . .</script>`) are always available; the others can be turned on or off from the `php.ini` configuration file. While the short-form tags and ASP-style tags may be convenient, they are not as portable as the longer versions. Also, if you intend to embed PHP code in XML or XHTML, you will need to use the `<?php. . .?>` form to conform to the XML.

The tags supported by PHP are:

Example 5-1. Ways of escaping from HTML

1. `<? echo ("this is the simplest, an SGML processing instruction\n"); ?>`
`<?= expression ?>` This is a shortcut for `"<? echo expression ?>"`
2. `<?php echo("if you want to serve XHTML or XML documents, do like this\n"); ?>`
3. `<script language="php">`
`echo ("some editors (like FrontPage) don't`
`like processing instructions");`
`</script>`
4. `<% echo ("You may optionally use ASP-style tags"); %>`
`<%= $variable; # This is a shortcut for "<% echo . . ." %>`

The first way is only available if short tags have been enabled. This can be done via the **short_tags()** function (PHP 3 only), by enabling the `short_open_tag` configuration setting in the PHP config file, or by compiling PHP with the `--enable-short-tags` option to **configure**.

Again, the second way is the generally preferred method, as it allows for the use of PHP in XML-conformant code such as XHTML.

The fourth way is only available if ASP-style tags have been enabled using the `asp_tags` configuration setting.

Note: Support for ASP-style tags was added in 3.0.4.

The closing tag for the block will include the immediately trailing newline if one is present. Also, the closing tag automatically implies a semicolon; you do not need to have a semicolon terminating the last line of a PHP block.

PHP allows you to use structures like this:

Example 5-2. Advanced escaping

```
<?php
if ($expression) {
    ?>
    <strong>This is true.</strong>
    <?php
} else {
    ?>
    <strong>This is false.</strong>
    <?php
}
?>
```

This works as expected, because when PHP hits the > closing tags, it simply starts outputting whatever it finds until it hits another opening tag. The example given here is contrived, of course, but for outputting large blocks of text, dropping out of PHP parsing mode is generally more efficient than sending all of the text through echo() or print() or somesuch.

Instruction separation

Instructions are separated the same as in C or Perl - terminate each statement with a semicolon.

The closing tag (?>) also implies the end of the statement, so the following are equivalent:

```
<?php
    echo "This is a test";
?>

<?php echo "This is a test" ?>
```

Comments

PHP supports 'C', 'C++' and Unix shell-style comments. For example:

```
<?php
    echo "This is a test"; // This is a one-line c++ style comment
    /* This is a multi line comment
       yet another line of comment */
    echo "This is yet another test";
    echo "One Final Test"; # This is shell-style style comment
?>
```

The "one-line" comment styles actually only comment to the end of the line or the current block of PHP code, whichever comes first.

```
<h1>This is an <?php # echo "simple";?> example.>/h1>
<p>The header above will say 'This is an example'.
```

You should be careful not to nest 'C' style comments, which can happen when commenting out large blocks.

```
<?php
/*
    echo "This is a test"; /* This comment will cause a problem */
*/
?>
```

Chapter 6. Types

Introduction

PHP supports eight primitive types.

Four scalar types:

- boolean
- integer
- floating-point number (float)
- string

Two compound types:

- array
- object

And finally two special types:

- resource
- NULL

Note: In this manual you'll often find mixed parameters. This pseudo-type indicates multiple possibilities for that parameter.

The type of a variable is usually not set by the programmer; rather, it is decided at runtime by PHP depending on the context in which that variable is used.

Tip: If you want to check out the type and value of a certain expression, use `var_dump()`.

If you simply want a human-readable representation of the type for debugging, use `gettype()`. To check for a certain type, do *not* use `gettype()`, but use the `is_type` functions.

If you would like to force a variable to be converted to a certain type, you may either cast the variable or use the `settype()` function on it.

Note that a variable may behave in different manners in certain situations, depending on what type it is at the time. For more information, see the section on Type Juggling.

Booleans

This is the easiest type. A boolean expresses a truth value. It can be either `TRUE` or `FALSE`.

Note: The boolean type was introduced in PHP 4.

Syntax

To specify a boolean literal, use either the keyword `TRUE` or `FALSE`. Both are case-insensitive.

```
$foo = True; // assign the value TRUE to $foo
```

Usually you use some kind of operator which returns a boolean value, and then pass it on to a control structure.

```
if ($action == "show_version") { // == is an <link linkend="language.operators">operator</link>
    turns a <type>boolean</type>
    echo "The version is 1.23";
}

// this is not necessary:
if ($show_separators == true) {
    echo "<hr>\n";
}

// because you can simply type this:
if ($show_separators) {
    echo "<hr>\n";
}
```

Converting to boolean

To explicitly convert a value to boolean, use either the `(bool)` or the `(boolean)` cast. However, in most cases you do not need to use the cast, since a value will be automatically converted if an operator, function or control structure requires a boolean argument.

See also [Type Juggling](#).

When converting to boolean, the following values are considered `FALSE`:

- the boolean `FALSE`
- the integer `0` (zero)
- the float `0.0` (zero)

- the empty string, and the string "0"
- an array with zero elements
- an object with zero elements
- the special type NULL

Every other value is considered TRUE (including any resource).

Warning

-1 is considered TRUE, like any other non-zero (whether negative or positive) number!

Integers

An integer is a number of the set $Z = \{..., -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, ...\}$.

See also: Arbitrary precision integers and Floating point numbers

Syntax

Integers can be specified in decimal (10-based), hexadecimal (16-based) or octal (8-based) notation, optionally preceded by a sign (- or +).

If you use the octal notation, you must precede the number with a 0 (zero), to use hexadecimal notation precede the number with 0x.

Example 6-1. Integer literals

```
$a = 1234; # decimal number
$a = -123; # a negative number
$a = 0123; # octal number (equivalent to 83 decimal)
$a = 0x1A; # hexadecimal number (equivalent to 26 decimal)
```

The size of an integer is platform-dependent, although a maximum value of about two billion is the usual value (that's 32 bits signed). PHP does not support unsigned integers.

Integer overflow

If you specify a number beyond the bounds of the integer type, it will be interpreted as a float instead. Also, if you perform an operation that results in a number beyond the bounds of the integer type, a float will be returned instead.

```
$large_number = 2147483647;
var_dump($large_number);
// output: int(2147483647)

$large_number = 2147483648;
var_dump($large_number);
// output: float(2147483648)

// this goes also for hexadecimal specified integers:
var_dump( 0x80000000 );
// output: float(2147483648)

$million = 1000000;
$large_number = 50000 * $million;
var_dump($large_number);
// output: float(500000000000)
```

Warning

Unfortunately, there was a bug in PHP so that this does not always work correctly when there are negative numbers involved. For example: when you do `-50000 * $million`, the result will be `-429496728`. However, when both operands are positive there is no problem.

This is solved in PHP 4.1.0.

There is no integer division operator in PHP. `1/2` yields the float `0.5`.

```
var_dump( 25/7 );
// output: float(3.5714285714286)
```

Converting to integer

To explicitly convert a value to integer, use either the `(int)` or the `(integer)` cast. However, in most cases you do not need to use the cast, since a value will be automatically converted if an operator, function or control structure requires a integer argument.

See also type-juggling.

From booleans

`FALSE` will yield 0 (zero), and `TRUE` will yield 1 (one).

From floating point numbers

When converting from float to integer, the number will be rounded *towards zero*.

If the float is beyond the boundaries of integer (usually $\pm 2.15e+9 = 2^{31}$), the result is undefined, since the float hasn't got enough precision to give an exact integer result. No warning, not even a notice will be issued in this case!

Warning

Never cast an unknown fraction to integer, as this can sometimes lead to unexpected results.

```
echo (int) ( (0.1+0.7) * 10 ); // echoes 7!
```

See for more information the warning about float-precision.

From strings

See String conversion

From other types

Caution

Behaviour of converting to integer is undefined for other types. Currently, the behaviour is the same as if the value was first converted to boolean. However, do *not* relay on this behaviour, as it can change without notice.

Floating point numbers

Floating point numbers (AKA "floats", "doubles" or "real numbers") can be specified using any of the following syntaxes:

```
$a = 1.234; $a = 1.2e3; $a = 7E-10;
```

The size of a float is platform-dependent, although a maximum of $\sim 1.8e308$ with a precision of roughly 14 decimal digits is a common value (that's 64 bit IEEE format).

Floating point precision

It is quite usual that simple decimal fractions like 0.1 or 0.7 cannot be converted into their internal binary counterparts without a little loss of precision. This can lead to confusing results: for example, `floor((0.1+0.7)*10)` will usually return 7 instead of the expected 8 as the result of the internal representation really being something like 7.999999999...

This is related to the fact that it is impossible to exactly express some fractions in decimal notation with a finite number of digits. For instance, 1/3 in decimal form becomes 0.3333333... . . .

So never trust floating number results to the last digit and never compare floating point numbers for equality. If you really need higher precision, you should use the arbitrary precision math functions or gmp functions instead.

Strings

A string is series of characters. In PHP, a character is the same as a byte, that is, there are exactly 256 different characters possible. This also implies that PHP has no native support of Unicode.

Note: It is no problem for a string to become very large. There is no practical bound to the size of strings imposed by PHP, so there is no reason at all to worry about long strings.

Syntax

A string literal can be specified in three different ways.

- single quoted
- double quoted
- heredoc syntax

Single quoted

The easiest way to specify a simple string is to enclose it in single quotes (the character `'`).

To specify a literal single quote, you will need to escape it with a backslash (`\`), like in many other languages. If a backslash needs to occur before a single quote or at the end of the string, you need to double it. Note that if you try to escape any other character, the backslash too will be printed! So usually there is no need to escape the backslash itself.

Note: In PHP 3, a warning will be issued at the `E_NOTICE` level when this happens.

Note: Unlike the two other syntaxes, variables will *not* be expanded when they occur in single quoted strings.

```
echo 'this is a simple string';
echo 'You can also have embedded newlines in strings,
like this way.';
echo 'Arnold once said: "I\'ll be back"';
// output: ... "I'll be back"
echo 'Are you sure you want to delete C:\\*.??';
// output: ... delete C:\\*.??
echo 'Are you sure you want to delete C:\\*.??';
// output: ... delete C:\\*.??
echo 'I am trying to include at this point: \n a newline';
// output: ... this point: \n a newline
```

Double quoted

If the string is enclosed in double-quotes (`"`), PHP understands more escape sequences for special characters:

Table 6-1. Escaped characters

sequence	meaning
<code>\n</code>	linefeed (LF or 0x0A (10) in ASCII)
<code>\r</code>	carriage return (CR or 0x0D (13) in ASCII)
<code>\t</code>	horizontal tab (HT or 0x09 (9) in ASCII)
<code>\\</code>	backslash
<code>\\$</code>	dollar sign
<code>\"</code>	double-quote

sequence	meaning
<code>\[0-7]{1,3}</code>	the sequence of characters matching the regular expression is a character in octal notation
<code>\x[0-9A-Fa-f]{1,2}</code>	the sequence of characters matching the regular expression is a character in hexadecimal notation

Again, if you try to escape any other character, the backslash will be printed too!

But the most important pre of double-quoted strings is the fact that variable names will be expanded. See string parsing for details.

Heredoc

Another way to delimit strings is by using here doc syntax ("`<<<`"). One should provide an identifier after `<<<`, then the string, and then the same identifier to close the quotation.

The closing identifier *must* begin in the first column of the line. Also, the identifier used must follow the same naming rules as any other label in PHP: it must contain only alphanumeric characters and underscores, and must start with a non-digit character or underscore.

Warning

It is very important to note that the line with the closing identifier contains no other characters, except *possibly* a semicolon (;). That means especially that the identifier *may not be indented*, and there may not be any spaces or tabs after or before the semicolon.

Probably the nastiest gotcha is that there may also not be a carriage return (`\r`) at the end of the line, only a form feed, AKA newline (`\n`). Since Microsoft Windows uses the sequence `\r\n` as a line terminator, your heredoc may not work if you write your script in a Windows editor. However, most programming editors provide a way to save your files with a UNIX line terminator.

Here doc text behaves just like a double-quoted string, without the double-quotes. This means that you do not need to escape quotes in your here docs, but you can still use the escape codes listed above.

Variables are expanded, but the same care must be taken when expressing complex variables inside a here doc as with strings.

Example 6-2. Here doc string quoting example

```
<?php
$str = <<<EOD
Example of string
spanning multiple lines
using heredoc syntax.
EOD;

/* More complex example, with variables. */
class foo
```



```

{
    var $foo;
    var $bar;

    function foo()
    {
        $this->foo = 'Foo';
        $this->bar = array('Bar1', 'Bar2', 'Bar3');
    }
}

$foo = new foo();
$name = 'MyName';

echo <<<EOT
My name is "$name". I am printing some $foo->foo.
Now, I am printing some {$foo->bar[1]}.
This should print a capital 'A': \x41
EOT;
?>

```

Note: Here doc support was added in PHP 4.

Variable parsing

When a string is specified in double quotes or with heredoc, variables are parsed within it.

There are two types of syntax, a simple one and a complex one. The simple syntax is the most common and convenient, it provides a way to parse a variable, an array value, or an object property.

The complex syntax was introduced in PHP 4, and can be recognised by the curly braces surrounding the expression.

Simple syntax

If a dollar sign (\$) is encountered, the parser will greedily take as much tokens as possible to form a valid variable name. Enclose the variable name in curly braces if you want to explicitly specify the end of the name.

```

$beer = 'Heineken';
echo "$beer's taste is great"; // works, "'" is an invalid character for varnames
echo "He drunk some $beers"; // won't work, 's' is a valid character for varnames
echo "He drunk some ${beer}s"; // works

```

Similarly, you can also have an array index or an object property parsed. With array indices, the closing square bracket (]) marks the end of the index. For object properties the same rules apply as to simple variables, though with object properties there doesn't exist a trick like the one with variables.

```
$fruits = array( 'strawberry' => 'red' , 'banana' => 'yellow' );
echo "A banana is $fruits[banana]."; // note that this works differently
outside string-quotes. See <link
linkend="language.types.array.foo-bar"><literal>$foo[bar]</literal> outside strings</link>
echo "This square is $square->width meters broad.";
echo "This square is $square->width00 centimeters broad."; // won't work,
    // for a solution, see the <link linkend="language.types.string.parsing.complex">complex
tax</link>.

<!-- XXX this won't work:
echo "This square is $square->{width}00 centimeters broad.";
// XXX: php developers: it would be consequent to make this work.
// XXX: like the $obj->{expr} syntax outside a string works,
// XXX: analogously to the ${expr} syntax for variable var's.
-->
```

For anything more complex, you should use the complex syntax.

Complex (curly) syntax

This isn't called complex because the syntax is complex, but because you can include complex expressions this way.

In fact, you can include any value that is in the namespace in strings with this syntax. You simply write the expression the same way as you would outside the string, and then include it in { and }. Since you can't escape '{', this syntax will only be recognised when the \$ is immediately following the {. (Use "{\\$" or "\{\$" to get a literal "{\$"). Some examples to make it clear:

```
$great = 'fantastic';
echo "This is { $great}"; // won't work, outputs: This is { fantastic}
echo "This is {$great}"; // works, outputs: This is fantastic
echo "This square is {$square->width}00 centimeters broad.";
echo "This works: {$arr[4][3]}";
echo "This is wrong: {$arr[foo][3]}"; // for the same reason
    // as <link linkend="language.types.array.foo-bar">$foo[bar]</link
    > is wrong outside a string.
echo "You should do it this way: {$arr['foo'][3]}";
echo "You can even write {$obj->values[3]->name}";
echo "This is the value of the var named $name: {${$name}}";
<!-- <xxx> maybe it's better to leave this out??
// this works, but i discourage its use, since this is NOT
// involving functions, rather than mere variables, arrays and objects.
$beer = 'Heineken';
```

```
echo "I'd like to have another ${ strrev('reeb') }, hips";
</xxx> -->
```

String access by character

Characters within strings may be accessed by specifying the zero-based offset of the desired character after the string in curly braces.

Note: For backwards compatibility, you can still use the array-braces. However, this syntax is deprecated as of PHP 4.

Example 6-3. Some string examples

```
<!-- TODO: either move these examples to a example section,
as with arrays, or distribute them under the applicable
sections. -->
<?php
/* Assigning a string. */
$str = "This is a string";

/* Appending to it. */
$str = $str . " with some more text";

/* Another way to append, includes an escaped newline. */
$str .= " and a newline at the end.\n";

/* This string will end up being '<p>Number: 9</p>' */
$num = 9;
$str = "<p>Number: $num</p>";

/* This one will be '<p>Number: $num</p>' */
$num = 9;
$str = '<p>Number: $num</p>';

/* Get the first character of a string */
$str = 'This is a test.';
$first = $str{0};

/* Get the last character of a string. */
$str = 'This is still a test.';
$last = $str{strlen($str)-1};
?>
```

Useful functions

Strings may be concatenated using the '.' (dot) operator. Note that the '+' (addition) operator will not work for this. Please see String operators for more information.

There are a lot of useful functions for string modification.

See the string functions section for general functions, the regular expression functions for advanced find&replacing (in two tastes: Perl and POSIX extended).

There are also functions for URL-strings, and functions to encrypt/decrypt strings (mccrypt and mhash).

Finally, if you still didn't find what you're looking for, see also the character type functions.

String conversion

When a string is evaluated as a numeric value, the resulting value and type are determined as follows.

The string will evaluate as a float if it contains any of the characters '.', 'e', or 'E'. Otherwise, it will evaluate as an integer.

The value is given by the initial portion of the string. If the string starts with valid numeric data, this will be the value used. Otherwise, the value will be 0 (zero). Valid numeric data is an optional sign, followed by one or more digits (optionally containing a decimal point), followed by an optional exponent. The exponent is an 'e' or 'E' followed by one or more digits.

When the first expression is a string, the type of the variable will depend on the second expression.

```
$foo = 1 + "10.5";           // $foo is float (11.5)
$foo = 1 + "-1.3e3";         // $foo is float (-1299)
$foo = 1 + "bob-1.3e3";      // $foo is integer (1)
$foo = 1 + "bob3";          // $foo is integer (1)
$foo = 1 + "10 Small Pigs";  // $foo is integer (11)
$foo = 1 + "10 Little Piggies"; // $foo is integer (11)
$foo = "10.0 pigs " + 1;     // $foo is integer (11)
$foo = "10.0 pigs " + 1.0;   // $foo is float (11)
```

For more information on this conversion, see the Unix manual page for strtod(3).

If you would like to test any of the examples in this section, you can cut and paste the examples and insert the following line to see for yourself what's going on:

```
echo "\$foo==\$foo; type is " . gettype ($foo) . "<br>\n";
```

Arrays

An array in PHP is actually an ordered map. A map is a type that maps *values* to *keys*. This type is optimized in several ways, so you can use it as a real array, or a list (vector), hashtable (which is an implementation of a map), dictionary, collection, stack, queue and probably more. Because you can have another PHP-array as a value, you can also quite easily simulate trees.

Explanation of those structures is beyond the scope of this manual, but you'll find at least one example for each of those structures. For more information about those structures, we refer you to external literature about this broad topic.

Syntax

Specifying with array()

An array can be created by the array() language-construct. It takes a certain number of comma-separated *key => value* pairs.

A key is either a nonnegative integer or a string. If a key is the standard representation of a non-negative integer, it will be interpreted as such (i.e. '8' will be interpreted as 8, while '08' will be interpreted as '08').

A value can be anything.

Omitting keys. If you omit a key, the maximum of the integer-indices is taken, and the new key will be that maximum + 1. If no integer-indices exist yet, the key will be 0 (zero). If you specify a key that already has a value assigned to it, that value will be overwritten.

```
array( [key =>] value
      , ...
      )
// key is either string or nonnegative integer
// value can be anything
```

Creating/modifying with square-bracket syntax

You can also modify an existing array, by explicitly setting values.

This is done by assigning values to the array while specifying the key in brackets. You can also omit the key, add an empty pair of brackets ("[]") to the variable-name in that case.

```
$arr[key] = value;
$arr[] = value;
```

```
// key is either string or nonnegative integer
// value can be anything
```

If `$arr` doesn't exist yet, it will be created. So this is also an alternative way to specify an array. To change a certain value, just assign a new value to it. If you want to remove a key/value pair, you need to `unset()` it.

Useful functions

There are quite some useful function for working with arrays, see the array-functions section.

The `foreach` control structure exists specifically for arrays. It provides an easy way to traverse an array.

Array do's and don'ts

Why is `$foo[bar]` wrong?

You might have seen the following syntax in old scripts:

```
$foo[bar] = 'enemy';
echo $foo[bar];
// etc
```

This is wrong, but it works. Then, why is it wrong? The reason is that, as stated in the syntax section, there must be an expression between the square brackets (`'[ ' and ' ]'`). That means that you can write things like this:

```
echo $arr[ foo(true) ];
```

This is an example of using a function return value as the array index. PHP knows also about constants, and you may have seen the `E_*` before.

```
$error_descriptions[E_ERROR] = "A fatal error has occurred";
$error_descriptions[E_WARNING] = "PHP issued a warning";
$error_descriptions[E_NOTICE] = "This is just an informal notice";
```

Note that `E_ERROR` is also a valid identifier, just like `bar` in the first example. But the last example is in fact the same as writing:

```
$error_descriptions[1] = "A fatal error has occurred";
$error_descriptions[2] = "PHP issued a warning";
$error_descriptions[8] = "This is just an informal notice";
```

because `E_ERROR` equals 1, etc.

Then, how is it possible that `$foo[bar]` works? It works, because `bar` is due to its syntax expected to be a constant expression. However, in this case no constant with the name `bar` exists. PHP now assumes that you meant `bar` literally, as the string `"bar"`, but that you forgot to write the quotes.

So why is it bad then?

At some point in the future, the PHP team might want to add another constant or keyword, and then you get in trouble. For example, you already cannot use the words `empty` and `default` this way, since they are special keywords.

And, if these arguments don't help: this syntax is simply deprecated, and it might stop working some day.

Tip: When you turn `error_reporting` to `E_ALL`, you will see that PHP generates warnings whenever this construct is used. This is also valid for other deprecated 'features'. (put the line `error_reporting(E_ALL);` in your script)

Note: Inside a double-quoted string, an other syntax is valid. See variable parsing in strings for more details.

Examples

The array type in PHP is very versatile, so here will be some examples to show you the full power of arrays.

```
// this
$a = array( 'color' => 'red'
           , 'taste'  => 'sweet'
           , 'shape'  => 'round'
           , 'name'   => 'apple'
           ,          4          // key will be 0
           );
```

```
// is completely equivalent with
$a['color'] = 'red';
$a['taste'] = 'sweet';
$a['shape'] = 'round';
$a['name'] = 'apple';
$a[] = 4;           // key will be 0

$b[] = 'a';
$b[] = 'b';
$b[] = 'c';
// will result in the array array( 0 => 'a' , 1 => 'b' , 2 => 'c' ),
// or simply array('a', 'b', 'c')
```

Example 6-4. Using array()

```
// Array as (property-)map
$map = array( 'version' => 4
             , 'OS'      => 'Linux'
             , 'lang'    => 'english'
             , 'short_tags' => true
             );

// strictly numerical keys
$array = array( 7
               , 8
               , 0
               , 156
               , -10
               );
// this is the same as array( 0 => 7, 1 => 8, ...)

$switching = array(          10 // key = 0
                   , 5      => 6
                   , 3      => 7
                   , 'a'    => 4
                   ,          11 // key = 6 (maximum of integer-indices was 5)
                   , '8'    => 2 // key = 8 (integer!)
                   , '02'   => 77 // key = '02'
                   , 0      => 12 // the value 10 will be overwritten by 12
                   );

<!-- TODO example of
- mixed keys
- overwriting keys
- integer keys as string
- using vars/functions as key/values
- mixed skipping
```



```
-->

// empty array
$empty = array();
```

Example 6-5. Collection

```
$colors = array('red','blue','green','yellow');

foreach ( $colors as $color ) {
    echo "Do you like $color?\n";
}

/* output:
Do you like red?
Do you like blue?
Do you like green?
Do you like yellow?
*/
```

Note that it is currently not possible to change the values of the array directly in such a loop. A workaround is the following:

Example 6-6. Collection

```
foreach ( $colors as $key => $color ) {
    // won't work:
    //$color = strtoupper($color);

    //works:
    $colors[$key] = strtoupper($color);
}
print_r($colors);

/* output:
Array
(
    [0] => RED
    [1] => BLUE
    [2] => GREEN
    [3] => YELLOW
)
*/
```

This example creates a one-based array.

Example 6-7. One-based index

```
$firstquarter = array(1 => 'January', 'February', 'March');
print_r($firstquarter);

/* output:
Array
(
    [1] => 'January'
    [2] => 'February'
    [3] => 'March'
)
*/
```

Example 6-8. Filling real array

```
// fill an array with all items from a directory
$handle = opendir('.');
while ($file = readdir($handle))
{
    $files[] = $file;
}
closedir($handle);
```

Arrays are ordered. You can also change the order using various sorting-functions. See array-functions for more information.

Example 6-9. Sorting array

```
sort($files);
print_r($files);
```

Because the value of an array can be everything, it can also be another array. This way you can make recursive and multi-dimensional arrays.

Example 6-10. Recursive and multi-dimensional arrays

```
$fruits = array ( "fruits" => array ( "a" => "orange"
                                     , "b" => "banana"
                                     , "c" => "apple"
                                     )
                , "numbers" => array ( 1
                                     , 2
                                     , 3
                                     , 4
                                     )
                )
```

```

, 5
, 6
)
, "holes" => array (    "first"
, 5 => "second"
, "third"
)
);

```

Objects

Object Initialization

To initialize an object, you use the `new` statement to instantiate the object to a variable.

```

<?php
class foo
{
    function do_foo()
    {
        echo "Doing foo.";
    }
}

$bar = new foo;
$bar->do_foo();
?>

```

For a full discussion, please read the section [Classes and Objects](#).

Resource

A resource is a special variable, holding a reference to an external resource. Resources are created and used by special functions. See the appendix for a listing of all these functions and the corresponding resource types.

Note: The resource type was introduced in PHP 4

Freeing resources

Due to the reference-counting system introduced with PHP4's Zend-engine, it is automatically detected when a resource is no longer referred to (just like Java). When this is the case, all resources that were in use for this resource are made free by the garbage collector. For this reason, it is rarely ever necessary to free the memory manually by using some `free_result` function.

Note: Persistent database-links are special, they are *not* destroyed by the gc. See also persistent links

NULL

The special NULL value represents that a variable has no value. NULL is the only possible value of type NULL.

Note: The null type was introduced in PHP 4

Syntax

There is only one value of type NULL, and that is the case-insensitive keyword NULL.

```
$var = NULL;
```

Type Juggling

PHP does not require (or support) explicit type definition in variable declaration; a variable's type is determined by the context in which that variable is used. That is to say, if you assign a string value to variable *var*, *var* becomes a string. If you then assign an integer value to *var*, it becomes an integer.

An example of PHP's automatic type conversion is the addition operator '+'. If any of the operands is a float, then all operands are evaluated as floats, and the result will be a float. Otherwise, the operands will be interpreted as integers, and the result will also be an integer. Note that this does NOT change the types of the operands themselves; the only change is in how the operands are evaluated.

```
$foo = "0"; // $foo is string (ASCII 48)
```

```
$foo += 2;    // $foo is now an integer (2)
$foo = $foo + 1.3; // $foo is now a float (3.3)
$foo = 5 + "10 Little Piggies"; // $foo is integer (15)
$foo = 5 + "10 Small Pigs";    // $foo is integer (15)
```

If the last two examples above seem odd, see String conversion.

If you wish to force a variable to be evaluated as a certain type, see the section on Type casting. If you wish to change the type of a variable, see `settype()`.

If you would like to test any of the examples in this section, you can use the `var_dump()` function.

Note: The behaviour of an automatic conversion to array is currently undefined.

```
$a = 1;        // $a is an integer
$a[0] = "f";   // $a becomes an array, with $a[0] holding "f"
```

While the above example may seem like it should clearly result in `$a` becoming an array, the first element of which is 'f', consider this:

```
$a = "1";      // $a is a string
$a[0] = "f";   // What about string offsets? What happens?
```

Since PHP supports indexing into strings via offsets using the same syntax as array indexing, the example above leads to a problem: should `$a` become an array with its first element being "f", or should "f" become the first character of the string `$a`?

For this reason, as of PHP 3.0.12 and PHP 4.0b3-RC4, the result of this automatic conversion is considered to be undefined. Fixes are, however, being discussed.

Type Casting

Type casting in PHP works much as it does in C: the name of the desired type is written in parentheses before the variable which is to be cast.

```
$foo = 10;    // $foo is an integer
$bar = (float) $foo; // $bar is a float
```

The casts allowed are:

- (int), (integer) - cast to integer
- (bool), (boolean) - cast to boolean
- (float), (double), (real) - cast to float
- (string) - cast to string
- (array) - cast to array
- (object) - cast to object

Tip: Instead of casting a variable to string, you can also enclose the variable in double quotes.

Note that tabs and spaces are allowed inside the parentheses, so the following are functionally equivalent:

```
$foo = (int) $bar;
$foo = ( int ) $bar;
```

It may not be obvious exactly what will happen when casting between certain types. For more info, see these sections:

- Converting to boolean
- Converting to integer

When casting or forcing a conversion from array to string, the result will be the word `Array`. When casting or forcing a conversion from object to string, the result will be the word `Object`.

When casting from a scalar or a string variable to an array, the variable will become the first element of the array:

```
$var = 'ciao';
$arr = (array) $var;
echo $arr[0]; // outputs 'ciao'
```

When casting from a scalar or a string variable to an object, the variable will become an attribute of the object; the attribute name will be 'scalar':

```
$var = 'ciao';
$obj = (object) $var;
echo $obj->scalar; // outputs 'ciao'
```


Chapter 7. Variables

Basics

Variables in PHP are represented by a dollar sign followed by the name of the variable. The variable name is case-sensitive.

Variable names follow the same rules as other labels in PHP. A valid variable name starts with a letter or underscore, followed by any number of letters, numbers, or underscores. As a regular expression, it would be expressed thus: `'[a-zA-Z_\x7f-\xff][a-zA-Z0-9_\x7f-\xff]*'`

Note: For our purposes here, a letter is a-z, A-Z, and the ASCII characters from 127 through 255 (0x7f-0xff).

```
$var = "Bob";
$Var = "Joe";
echo "$var, $Var";      // outputs "Bob, Joe"

$4site = 'not yet';    // invalid; starts with a number
$_4site = 'not yet';   // valid; starts with an underscore
$täyte = 'mansikka';   // valid; 'ä' is ASCII 228.
```

In PHP 3, variables are always assigned by value. That is to say, when you assign an expression to a variable, the entire value of the original expression is copied into the destination variable. This means, for instance, that after assigning one variable's value to another, changing one of those variables will have no effect on the other. For more information on this kind of assignment, see Expressions.

PHP 4 offers another way to assign values to variables: *assign by reference*. This means that the new variable simply references (in other words, "becomes an alias for" or "points to") the original variable. Changes to the new variable affect the original, and vice versa. This also means that no copying is performed; thus, the assignment happens more quickly. However, any speedup will likely be noticed only in tight loops or when assigning large arrays or objects.

To assign by reference, simply prepend an ampersand (&) to the beginning of the variable which is being assigned (the source variable). For instance, the following code snippet outputs 'My name is Bob' twice:

```
<?php
$foo = 'Bob';           // Assign the value 'Bob' to $foo
$bar = &$foo;           // Reference $foo via $bar.
$bar = "My name is $bar"; // Alter $bar...
echo $foo;              // $foo is altered too.
echo $bar;
?>

</programlisting>
</informalexample>
</para>
```

```

<para>
  One important thing to note is that only named variables may be
  assigned by reference.
</informalexample>
<programlisting role="php">
<?php
$foo = 25;
$bar = &$foo;      // This is a valid assignment.
$bar = &(24 * 7);  // Invalid; references an unnamed expression.

function test()
{
    return 25;
}

$bar = &test();    // Invalid.
?>

```

Predefined variables

PHP provides a large number of predefined variables to any script which it runs. Many of these variables, however, cannot be fully documented as they are dependent upon which server is running, the version and setup of the server, and other factors. Some of these variables will not be available when PHP is run on the command-line.

Despite these factors, here is a list of predefined variables available under a stock installation of PHP 3 running as a module under a stock installation of Apache (<http://www.apache.org/>) 1.3.6.

For a list of all predefined variables (and lots of other useful information), please see (and use) `phpinfo()`.

Note: This list is neither exhaustive nor intended to be. It is simply a guideline as to what sorts of predefined variables you can expect to have access to in your script.

Apache variables

These variables are created by the Apache (<http://www.apache.org/>) webserver. If you are running another webserver, there is no guarantee that it will provide the same variables; it may omit some, or provide others not listed here. That said, a large number of these variables are accounted for in the CGI 1.1 specification (<http://hoohoo.ncsa.uiuc.edu/cgi/env.html>), so you should be able to expect those.

Note that few, if any, of these will be available (or indeed have any meaning) if running PHP on the command line.

`$GATEWAY_INTERFACE`

What revision of the CGI specification the server is using; i.e. 'CGI/1.1'.

`$SERVER_NAME`

The name of the server host under which the current script is executing. If the script is running on a virtual host, this will be the value defined for that virtual host.

`$SERVER_SOFTWARE`

Server identification string, given in the headers when responding to requests.

`$SERVER_PROTOCOL`

Name and revision of the information protocol via which the page was requested; i.e. 'HTTP/1.0';

`$REQUEST_METHOD`

Which request method was used to access the page; i.e. 'GET', 'HEAD', 'POST', 'PUT'.

`$QUERY_STRING`

The query string, if any, via which the page was accessed.

`$DOCUMENT_ROOT`

The document root directory under which the current script is executing, as defined in the server's configuration file.

`$HTTP_ACCEPT`

Contents of the Accept : header from the current request, if there is one.

`$HTTP_ACCEPT_CHARSET`

Contents of the Accept-Charset : header from the current request, if there is one. Example: 'iso-8859-1,*,utf-8'.

`$HTTP_ACCEPT_ENCODING`

Contents of the Accept-Encoding : header from the current request, if there is one. Example: 'gzip'.

`$HTTP_ACCEPT_LANGUAGE`

Contents of the Accept-Language : header from the current request, if there is one. Example: 'en'.

`$HTTP_CONNECTION`

Contents of the Connection : header from the current request, if there is one. Example: 'Keep-Alive'.

`$HTTP_HOST`

Contents of the Host : header from the current request, if there is one.

`$HTTP_REFERER`

The address of the page (if any) which referred the browser to the current page. This is set by the user's browser; not all browsers will set this.

`$HTTP_USER_AGENT`

Contents of the `User-Agent` : header from the current request, if there is one. This is a string denoting the browser software being used to view the current page; i.e. `Mozilla/4.5 [en] (X11; U; Linux 2.2.9 i586)`. Among other things, you can use this value with `get_browser()` to tailor your page's functionality to the capabilities of the user's browser.

`$REMOTE_ADDR`

The IP address from which the user is viewing the current page.

`$REMOTE_PORT`

The port being used on the user's machine to communicate with the web server.

`$SCRIPT_FILENAME`

The absolute pathname of the currently executing script.

`$SERVER_ADMIN`

The value given to the `SERVER_ADMIN` (for Apache) directive in the web server configuration file. If the script is running on a virtual host, this will be the value defined for that virtual host.

`$SERVER_PORT`

The port on the server machine being used by the web server for communication. For default setups, this will be '80'; using SSL, for instance, will change this to whatever your defined secure HTTP port is.

`$SERVER_SIGNATURE`

String containing the server version and virtual host name which are added to server-generated pages, if enabled.

`$PATH_TRANSLATED`

Filesystem- (not document root-) based path to the current script, after the server has done any virtual-to-real mapping.

`$SCRIPT_NAME`

Contains the current script's path. This is useful for pages which need to point to themselves.

`$REQUEST_URI`

The URI which was given in order to access this page; for instance, `'/index.html'`.

Environment variables

These variables are imported into PHP's global namespace from the environment under which the PHP parser is running. Many are provided by the shell under which PHP is running and different systems are likely running different kinds of shells, a definitive list is impossible. Please see your shell's documentation for a list of defined environment variables.

Other environment variables include the CGI variables, placed there regardless of whether PHP is running as a server module or CGI processor.

PHP variables

These variables are created by PHP itself. The `$HTTP_*_VARS` variables are available only if the `track_vars` configuration is turned on. When enabled, the variables are always set, even if they are empty arrays. This prevents a malicious user from spoofing these variables.

Note: As of PHP 4.0.3, `track_vars` is always turned on, regardless of the configuration file setting.

If the `register_globals` directive is set, then these variables will also be made available in the global scope of the script; i.e., separate from the `$HTTP_*_VARS` arrays. This feature should be used with care, and turned off if possible; while the `$HTTP_*_VARS` variables are safe, the bare global equivalents can be overwritten by user input, with possibly malicious intent. If you cannot turn off `register_globals`, you must take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the data you are using is safe.

`$argv`

Array of arguments passed to the script. When the script is run on the command line, this gives C-style access to the command line parameters. When called via the GET method, this will contain the query string.

`$argc`

Contains the number of command line parameters passed to the script (if run on the command line).

`$PHP_SELF`

The filename of the currently executing script, relative to the document root. If PHP is running as a command-line processor, this variable is not available.

`$HTTP_COOKIE_VARS`

An associative array of variables passed to the current script via HTTP cookies.

`$HTTP_GET_VARS`

An associative array of variables passed to the current script via the HTTP GET method.

`$HTTP_POST_VARS`

An associative array of variables passed to the current script via the HTTP POST method.

\$HTTP_POST_FILES

An associative array of variables containing information about files uploaded via the HTTP POST method. See POST method uploads for information on the contents of `$HTTP_POST_FILES`.

`$HTTP_POST_FILES` is available only in PHP 4.0.0 and later.

\$HTTP_ENV_VARS

An associative array of variables passed to the current script via the parent environment.

\$HTTP_SERVER_VARS

An associative array of variables passed to the current script from the HTTP server. These variables are analogous to the Apache variables described above.

Variable scope

The scope of a variable is the context within which it is defined. For the most part all PHP variables only have a single scope. This single scope spans included and required files as well. For example:

```
$a = 1;
include "b.inc";
```

Here the `$a` variable will be available within the included `b.inc` script. However, within user-defined functions a local function scope is introduced. Any variable used inside a function is by default limited to the local function scope. For example:

```
$a = 1; /* global scope */

function Test()
{
    echo $a; /* reference to local scope variable */
}

Test();
```

This script will not produce any output because the `echo` statement refers to a local version of the `$a` variable, and it has not been assigned a value within this scope. You may notice that this is a little bit different from the C language in that global variables in C are automatically available to functions unless specifically overridden by a local definition. This can cause some problems in that people may

inadvertently change a global variable. In PHP global variables must be declared global inside a function if they are going to be used in that function. An example:

```
$a = 1;
$b = 2;

function Sum()
{
    global $a, $b;

    $b = $a + $b;
}

Sum();
echo $b;
```

The above script will output "3". By declaring `$a` and `$b` global within the function, all references to either variable will refer to the global version. There is no limit to the number of global variables that can be manipulated by a function.

A second way to access variables from the global scope is to use the special PHP-defined `$GLOBALS` array. The previous example can be rewritten as:

```
$a = 1;
$b = 2;

function Sum()
{
    $GLOBALS["b"] = $GLOBALS["a"] + $GLOBALS["b"];
}

Sum();
echo $b;
```

The `$GLOBALS` array is an associative array with the name of the global variable being the key and the contents of that variable being the value of the array element.

Another important feature of variable scoping is the *static* variable. A static variable exists only in a local function scope, but it does not lose its value when program execution leaves this scope. Consider the following example:

```
function Test ()
{
    $a = 0;
    echo $a;
```

```

    $a++;
}

```

This function is quite useless since every time it is called it sets `$a` to 0 and prints "0". The `$a++` which increments the variable serves no purpose since as soon as the function exits the `$a` variable disappears. To make a useful counting function which will not lose track of the current count, the `$a` variable is declared static:

```

function Test()
{
    static $a = 0;
    echo $a;
    $a++;
}

```

Now, every time the `Test()` function is called it will print the value of `$a` and increment it.

Static variables also provide one way to deal with recursive functions. A recursive function is one which calls itself. Care must be taken when writing a recursive function because it is possible to make it recurse indefinitely. You must make sure you have an adequate way of terminating the recursion. The following simple function recursively counts to 10, using the static variable `$count` to know when to stop:

```

function Test()
{
    static $count = 0;

    $count++;
    echo $count;
    if ($count < 10) {
        Test ();
    }
    $count--;
}

```

Variable variables

Sometimes it is convenient to be able to have variable variable names. That is, a variable name which can be set and used dynamically. A normal variable is set with a statement such as:

```

$a = "hello";

```


A variable variable takes the value of a variable and treats that as the name of a variable. In the above example, *hello*, can be used as the name of a variable by using two dollar signs. i.e.

```
$$a = "world";
```

At this point two variables have been defined and stored in the PHP symbol tree: `$a` with contents "hello" and `$hello` with contents "world". Therefore, this statement:

```
echo "$a ${$a}";
```

produces the exact same output as:

```
echo "$a $hello";
```

i.e. they both produce: `hello world`.

In order to use variable variables with arrays, you have to resolve an ambiguity problem. That is, if you write `$$a[1]` then the parser needs to know if you meant to use `$a[1]` as a variable, or if you wanted `$$a` as the variable and then the `[1]` index from that variable. The syntax for resolving this ambiguity is: `${$a[1]}` for the first case and ``${$a}[1]` for the second.

Variables from outside PHP

HTML Forms (GET and POST)

When a form is submitted to a PHP script, any variables from that form will be automatically made available to the script by PHP. If the `track_vars` configuration option is turned on, then these variables will be located in the associative arrays `$HTTP_POST_VARS`, `$HTTP_GET_VARS`, and/or `$HTTP_POST_FILES`, according to the source of the variable in question.

For more information on these variables, please read *Predefined variables*.

Example 7-1. Simple form variable

```
<form action="foo.php" method="post">
```

```
Name: <input type="text" name="username"><br>
<input type="submit">
</form>
```

When the above form is submitted, the value from the text input will be available in `$HTTP_POST_VARS[ 'username' ]`. If the `register_globals` configuration directive is turned on, then the variable will also be available as `$username` in the global scope.

Note: The `magic_quotes_gpc` configuration directive affects Get, Post and Cookie values. If turned on, value (It's "PHP!") will automatically become (It's \'PHP!\'). Escaping is needed for DB insertion. Also see `addslashes()`, `stripslashes()` and `magic_quotes_sybase`.

PHP also understands arrays in the context of form variables (see the related faq). You may, for example, group related variables together, or use this feature to retrieve values from a multiple select input:

Example 7-2. More complex form variables

```
<form action="array.php" method="post">
  Name: <input type="text" name="personal[name]"><br>
  Email: <input type="text" name="personal[email]"><br>
  Beer: <br>
  <select multiple name="beer[]">
    <option value="warthog">Warthog
    <option value="guinness">Guinness
    <option value="stuttgart">Stuttgarter Schwabenbr&auml;u
  </select>
  <input type="submit">
</form>
```

In PHP 3, the array form variable usage is limited to single-dimensional arrays. In PHP 4, no such restriction applies.

IMAGE SUBMIT variable names

When submitting a form, it is possible to use an image instead of the standard submit button with a tag like:

```
<input type="image" src="image.gif" name="sub">
```

When the user clicks somewhere on the image, the accompanying form will be transmitted to the server with two additional variables, `sub_x` and `sub_y`. These contain the coordinates of the user click within the image. The experienced may note that the actual variable names sent by the browser contains a period rather than an underscore, but PHP converts the period to an underscore automatically.

HTTP Cookies

PHP transparently supports HTTP cookies as defined by Netscape's Spec (http://www.netscape.com/newsref/std/cookie_spec.html). Cookies are a mechanism for storing data in the remote browser and thus tracking or identifying return users. You can set cookies using the `setcookie()` function. Cookies are part of the HTTP header, so the `SetCookie` function must be called before any output is sent to the browser. This is the same restriction as for the `header()` function. Any cookies sent to you from the client will automatically be turned into a PHP variable just like GET and POST method data.

If you wish to assign multiple values to a single cookie, just add `[]` to the cookie name. For example:

```
setcookie("MyCookie[]", "Testing", time()+3600);
```

Note that a cookie will replace a previous cookie by the same name in your browser unless the path or domain is different. So, for a shopping cart application you may want to keep a counter and pass this along, i.e.

Example 7-3. SetCookie Example

```
$Count++;
setcookie("Count", $Count, time()+3600);
setcookie("Cart[$Count]", $item, time()+3600);
```

Environment variables

PHP automatically makes environment variables available as normal PHP variables.

```
echo $HOME; /* Shows the HOME environment variable, if set. */
```

Since information coming in via GET, POST and Cookie mechanisms also automatically create PHP variables, it is sometimes best to explicitly read a variable from the environment in order to make sure that you are getting the right version. The `getenv()` function can be used for this. You can also set an environment variable with the `putenv()` function.

Dots in incoming variable names

Typically, PHP does not alter the names of variables when they are passed into a script. However, it should be noted that the dot (period, full stop) is not a valid character in a PHP variable name. For the reason, look at it:

```
$varname.ext; /* invalid variable name */
```

Now, what the parser sees is a variable named `$varname`, followed by the string concatenation operator, followed by the barestring (i.e. unquoted string which doesn't match any known key or reserved words) `'ext'`. Obviously, this doesn't have the intended result.

For this reason, it is important to note that PHP will automatically replace any dots in incoming variable names with underscores.

Determining variable types

Because PHP determines the types of variables and converts them (generally) as needed, it is not always obvious what type a given variable is at any one time. PHP includes several functions which find out what type a variable is. They are `gettype()`, `is_long()`, `is_double()`, `is_string()`, `is_array()`, and `is_object()`.

Chapter 8. Constants

A constant is a identifier (name) for a simple value. As the name suggests, that value cannot change during the execution of the script (the magic constants `__FILE__` and `__LINE__` are the only exception). A constant is case-sensitive by default. By convention constants are always uppercase.

The name of a constant follows the same rules as any label in PHP. A valid constant name starts with a letter or underscore, followed by any number of letters, numbers, or underscores. As a regular expression, it would be expressed thus: `[a-zA-Z_\x7f-\xff][a-zA-Z0-9_\x7f-\xff]*`

Note: For our purposes here, a letter is a-z, A-Z, and the ASCII characters from 127 through 255 (0x7f-0xff).

The scope of a constant is global.

Syntax

You can define a constant by using the `define()`-function. Once a constant is defined, it can never be changed or undefined.

Only scalar data (boolean, integer, double and string) can be contained in constants.

You can get the value of a constant by simply specifying its name. Unlike with variables, you should *not* prepend a constant with a \$. You can also use the function `constant()`, to read a constant's value, if you are to obtain the constant's name dynamically. Use `get_defined_constants()` to get a list of all defined constants.

Note: Constants and (global) variables are in a different namespace. This implies that for example `TRUE` and `$TRUE` are generally different.

If you use an undefined constant, PHP assumes that you mean the name of the constant itself. A notice will be issued when this happens. Use the `defined()`-function if you want to know if a constant is set.

These are the differences with variables:

- Constants do not have a dollar sign (\$) before them;
- Constants may be defined and accessed anywhere without regard to variable scoping rules;
- Constants may not be redefined or undefined once they have been set; and
- Constants may only evaluate to scalar values.

Example 8-1. Defining Constants

```
<?php
define("CONSTANT", "Hello world.");
echo CONSTANT; // outputs "Hello world."
```

```
echo Constant; // outputs "Constant" and issues a notice.
?>
```

Predefined constants

The predefined constants (always available) are:

__FILE__ (case-insensitive)

The name of the script file presently being parsed. If used within a file which has been included or required, then the name of the included file is given, and not the name of the parent file.

__LINE__ (case-insensitive)

The number of the line within the current script file which is being parsed. If used within a file which has been included or required, then the position within the included file is given.

PHP_VERSION

The string representation of the version of the PHP parser presently in use; for example '4.1.0'.

PHP_OS

The name of the operating system on which the PHP parser is executing;. Possible values may be : "AIX", "Darwin" (MacOS), "Linux", "SunOS", "WIN32", "WINNT". Note: other values may be available too.

TRUE (case-insensitive)

A TRUE value (see the boolean type).

FALSE (case-insensitive)

A FALSE value (see the boolean type).

NULL (case-insensitive)

A NULL value (see the null type).

E_ERROR

Denotes an error other than a parsing error from which recovery is not possible.

E_WARNING

Denotes a condition where PHP knows something is wrong, but will continue anyway; these can be caught by the script itself. An example would be an invalid regexp in `ereg()`.

E_PARSE

The parser choked on invalid syntax in the script file. Recovery is not possible.

E_NOTICE

Something happened which may or may not be an error. Execution continues. Examples include using an unquoted string as an array index, or accessing a variable which has not been set.

E_ALL

All of the E_* constants rolled into one. If used with error_reporting(), will cause any and all problems noticed by PHP to be reported.

The E_* constants are typically used with the error_reporting() function for setting the error reporting level. See all these constants at Error handling.

Example 8-2. Using __FILE__ and __LINE__

```
<?php
function report_error($file, $line, $message)
{
    echo "An error occurred in $file on line $line: $message.";
}

report_error(__FILE__, __LINE__, "Something went wrong!");
?>
```


Chapter 9. Expressions

Expressions are the most important building stones of PHP. In PHP, almost anything you write is an expression. The simplest yet most accurate way to define an expression is "anything that has a value".

The most basic forms of expressions are constants and variables. When you type "`$a = 5`", you're assigning '5' into `$a`. '5', obviously, has the value 5, or in other words '5' is an expression with the value of 5 (in this case, '5' is an integer constant).

After this assignment, you'd expect `$a`'s value to be 5 as well, so if you wrote `$b = $a`, you'd expect it to behave just as if you wrote `$b = 5`. In other words, `$a` is an expression with the value of 5 as well. If everything works right, this is exactly what will happen.

Slightly more complex examples for expressions are functions. For instance, consider the following function:

```
function foo ()
{
    return 5;
}
```

Assuming you're familiar with the concept of functions (if you're not, take a look at the chapter about functions), you'd assume that typing `$c = foo()` is essentially just like writing `$c = 5`, and you're right. Functions are expressions with the value of their return value. Since `foo()` returns 5, the value of the expression '`foo()`' is 5. Usually functions don't just return a static value but compute something.

Of course, values in PHP don't have to be integers, and very often they aren't. PHP supports three scalar value types: integer values, floating point values and string values (scalar values are values that you can't 'break' into smaller pieces, unlike arrays, for instance). PHP also supports two composite (non-scalar) types: arrays and objects. Each of these value types can be assigned into variables or returned from functions.

So far, users of PHP/FI 2 shouldn't feel any change. However, PHP takes expressions much further, in the same way many other languages do. PHP is an expression-oriented language, in the sense that almost everything is an expression. Consider the example we've already dealt with, '`$a = 5`'. It's easy to see that there are two values involved here, the value of the integer constant '5', and the value of `$a` which is being updated to 5 as well. But the truth is that there's one additional value involved here, and that's the value of the assignment itself. The assignment itself evaluates to the assigned value, in this case 5. In practice, it means that '`$a = 5`', regardless of what it does, is an expression with the value 5. Thus, writing something like '`$b = ($a = 5)`' is like writing '`$a = 5; $b = 5;`' (a semicolon marks the end of a statement). Since assignments are parsed in a right to left order, you can also write '`$b = $a = 5`'.

Another good example of expression orientation is pre- and post-increment and decrement. Users of PHP/FI 2 and many other languages may be familiar with the notation of `variable++` and `variable--`. These are increment and decrement operators. In PHP/FI 2, the statement '`$a++`' has no value (is not an expression), and thus you can't assign it or use it in any way. PHP enhances the increment/decrement capabilities by making these expressions as well, like in C. In PHP, like in C, there are two types of increment - pre-increment and post-increment. Both pre-increment and post-increment essentially increment the variable, and the effect on the variable is identical. The difference is with the value of the increment expression. Pre-increment, which is written '`++$variable`', evaluates to the incremented value

(PHP increments the variable before reading its value, thus the name 'pre-increment'). Post-increment, which is written '\$variable++' evaluates to the original value of \$variable, before it was incremented (PHP increments the variable after reading its value, thus the name 'post-increment').

A very common type of expressions are comparison expressions. These expressions evaluate to either 0 or 1, meaning FALSE or TRUE (respectively). PHP supports > (bigger than), >= (bigger than or equal to), == (equal), != (not equal), < (smaller than) and <= (smaller than or equal to). These expressions are most commonly used inside conditional execution, such as if statements.

The last example of expressions we'll deal with here is combined operator-assignment expressions. You already know that if you want to increment \$a by 1, you can simply write '\$a++' or '++\$a'. But what if you want to add more than one to it, for instance 3? You could write '\$a++' multiple times, but this is obviously not a very efficient or comfortable way. A much more common practice is to write '\$a = \$a + 3'. '\$a + 3' evaluates to the value of \$a plus 3, and is assigned back into \$a, which results in incrementing \$a by 3. In PHP, as in several other languages like C, you can write this in a shorter way, which with time would become clearer and quicker to understand as well. Adding 3 to the current value of \$a can be written '\$a += 3'. This means exactly "take the value of \$a, add 3 to it, and assign it back into \$a". In addition to being shorter and clearer, this also results in faster execution. The value of '\$a += 3', like the value of a regular assignment, is the assigned value. Notice that it is NOT 3, but the combined value of \$a plus 3 (this is the value that's assigned into \$a). Any two-place operator can be used in this operator-assignment mode, for example '\$a -= 5' (subtract 5 from the value of \$a), '\$b *= 7' (multiply the value of \$b by 7), etc.

There is one more expression that may seem odd if you haven't seen it in other languages, the ternary conditional operator:

```
$first ? $second : $third
```

If the value of the first subexpression is TRUE (non-zero), then the second subexpression is evaluated, and that is the result of the conditional expression. Otherwise, the third subexpression is evaluated, and that is the value.

The following example should help you understand pre- and post-increment and expressions in general a bit better:

```
function double($i)
{
    return $i*2;
}
$b = $a = 5;          /* assign the value five into the variable $a and $b */
$c = $a++;            /* post-increment, assign original value of $a
                       (5) to $c */
$d = $e = ++$b;       /* pre-increment, assign the incremented value of
                       $b (6) to $d and $e */

/* at this point, both $d and $e are equal to 6 */

$f = double($d++);    /* assign twice the value of $d <emphasis>before</emphasis>
```

```

                                the increment, 2*6 = 12 to $f */
$g = double(++$e); /* assign twice the value of $e <emphasis>after</emphasis>
                                the increment, 2*7 = 14 to $g */
$h = $g += 10;      /* first, $g is incremented by 10 and ends with the
                                value of 24. the value of the assignment (24) is
                                then assigned into $h, and $h ends with the value
                                of 24 as well. */

```

In the beginning of the chapter we said that we'll be describing the various statement types, and as promised, expressions can be statements. However, not every expression is a statement. In this case, a statement has the form of 'expr' ';' that is, an expression followed by a semicolon. In '\$b=\$a=5;', '\$a=5' is a valid expression, but it's not a statement by itself. '\$b=\$a=5;' however is a valid statement.

One last thing worth mentioning is the truth value of expressions. In many events, mainly in conditional execution and loops, you're not interested in the specific value of the expression, but only care about whether it means TRUE or FALSE. The constants TRUE and FALSE (case-insensitive) are the two possible boolean values. When necessary, an expression is automatically converted to boolean. See the section about type-casting for details about how.

PHP provides a full and powerful implementation of expressions, and documenting it entirely goes beyond the scope of this manual. The above examples should give you a good idea about what expressions are and how you can construct useful expressions. Throughout the rest of this manual we'll write *expr* to indicate any valid PHP expression.

Chapter 10. Operators

Arithmetic Operators

Remember basic arithmetic from school? These work just like those.

Table 10-1. Arithmetic Operators

Example	Name	Result
<code>\$a + \$b</code>	Addition	Sum of \$a and \$b.
<code>\$a - \$b</code>	Subtraction	Difference of \$a and \$b.
<code>\$a * \$b</code>	Multiplication	Product of \$a and \$b.
<code>\$a / \$b</code>	Division	Quotient of \$a and \$b.
<code>\$a % \$b</code>	Modulus	Remainder of \$a divided by \$b.

The division operator ("`/`") returns an integer value (the result of an integer division) if the two operands are integers (or strings that get converted to integers) and the quotient is an integer. If either operand is a floating-point value, or the operation results in a non-integer value, a floating-point value is returned.

Assignment Operators

The basic assignment operator is "`=`". Your first inclination might be to think of this as "equal to". Don't. It really means that the left operand gets set to the value of the expression on the right (that is, "gets set to").

The value of an assignment expression is the value assigned. That is, the value of "`$a = 3`" is 3. This allows you to do some tricky things:

```
$a = ($b = 4) + 5; // $a is equal to 9 now, and $b has been set to 4.
```

In addition to the basic assignment operator, there are "combined operators" for all of the binary arithmetic and string operators that allow you to use a value in an expression and then set its value to the result of that expression. For example:

```
$a = 3;
$a += 5; // sets $a to 8, as if we had said: $a = $a + 5;
$b = "Hello ";
$b .= "There!"; // sets $b to "Hello There!", just like $b = $b . "There!";
```

Note that the assignment copies the original variable to the new one (assignment by value), so changes to one will not affect the other. This may also have relevance if you need to copy something like a large

array inside a tight loop. PHP 4 supports assignment by reference, using the `$var = &$othervar;` syntax, but this is not possible in PHP 3. 'Assignment by reference' means that both variables end up pointing at the same data, and nothing is copied anywhere. To learn more about references, please read [References explained](#).

Bitwise Operators

Bitwise operators allow you to turn specific bits within an integer on or off.

Table 10-2. Bitwise Operators

Example	Name	Result
<code>\$a & \$b</code>	And	Bits that are set in both \$a and \$b are set.
<code>\$a \$b</code>	Or	Bits that are set in either \$a or \$b are set.
<code>\$a ^ \$b</code>	Xor	Bits that are set in \$a or \$b but not both are set.
<code>~ \$a</code>	Not	Bits that are set in \$a are not set, and vice versa.
<code>\$a << \$b</code>	Shift left	Shift the bits of \$a \$b steps to the left (each step means "multiply by two")
<code>\$a >> \$b</code>	Shift right	Shift the bits of \$a \$b steps to the right (each step means "divide by two")

Comparison Operators

Comparison operators, as their name implies, allow you to compare two values.

Table 10-3. Comparison Operators

Example	Name	Result
<code>\$a == \$b</code>	Equal	TRUE if \$a is equal to \$b.
<code>\$a === \$b</code>	Identical	TRUE if \$a is equal to \$b, and they are of the same type. (PHP 4 only)
<code>\$a != \$b</code>	Not equal	TRUE if \$a is not equal to \$b.
<code>\$a <> \$b</code>	Not equal	TRUE if \$a is not equal to \$b.

Example	Name	Result
<code>\$a !== \$b</code>	Not identical	TRUE if \$a is not equal to \$b, or they are not of the same type. (PHP 4 only)
<code>\$a < \$b</code>	Less than	TRUE if \$a is strictly less than \$b.
<code>\$a > \$b</code>	Greater than	TRUE if \$a is strictly greater than \$b.
<code>\$a <= \$b</code>	Less than or equal to	TRUE if \$a is less than or equal to \$b.
<code>\$a >= \$b</code>	Greater than or equal to	TRUE if \$a is greater than or equal to \$b.

Another conditional operator is the ":" (or ternary) operator, which operates as in C and many other languages.

```
(expr1) ? (expr2) : (expr3);
```

This expression evaluates to *expr2* if *expr1* evaluates to TRUE, and *expr3* if *expr1* evaluates to FALSE.

Error Control Operators

PHP supports one error control operator: the at sign (@). When prepended to an expression in PHP, any error messages that might be generated by that expression will be ignored.

If the `track_errors` feature is enabled, any error message generated by the expression will be saved in the global variable `$php_errormsg`. This variable will be overwritten on each error, so check early if you want to use it.

```
<?php
/* Intentional file error */
$my_file = @file ('non_existent_file') or
    die ("Failed opening file: error was '$php_errormsg'");

// this works for any expression, not just functions:
$value = @$cache[$key];
// will not issue a notice if the index $key doesn't exist.

?>
```


Note: The @-operator works only on expressions. A simple rule of thumb is: if you can take the value of something, you can prepend the @ operator to it. For instance, you can prepend it to variables, function and include() calls, constants, and so forth. You cannot prepend it to function or class definitions, or conditional structures such as if and foreach, and so forth.

See also error_reporting().

Warning

Currently the "@" error-control operator prefix will even disable error reporting for critical errors that will terminate script execution. Among other things, this means that if you use "@" to suppress errors from a certain function and either it isn't available or has been mistyped, the script will die right there with no indication as to why.

Execution Operators

PHP supports one execution operator: backticks (`). Note that these are not single-quotes! PHP will attempt to execute the contents of the backticks as a shell command; the output will be returned (i.e., it won't simply be dumped to output; it can be assigned to a variable).

```
$output = `ls -al`;
echo "<pre>$output</pre>";
```

Note: The backtick operator is disabled when safe mode is enabled.

See also system(), passthru(), exec(), popen(), and escapeshellcmd().

Incrementing/Decrementing Operators

PHP supports C-style pre- and post-increment and decrement operators.

Table 10-4. Increment/decrement Operators

Example	Name	Effect
++\$a	Pre-increment	Increments \$a by one, then returns \$a.

Example	Name	Effect
<code>\$a++</code>	Post-increment	Returns <code>\$a</code> , then increments <code>\$a</code> by one.
<code>--\$a</code>	Pre-decrement	Decrements <code>\$a</code> by one, then returns <code>\$a</code> .
<code>\$a--</code>	Post-decrement	Returns <code>\$a</code> , then decrements <code>\$a</code> by one.

Here's a simple example script:

```
<?php
echo "<h3>Postincrement</h3>";
$a = 5;
echo "Should be 5: " . $a++ . "<br>\n";
echo "Should be 6: " . $a . "<br>\n";

echo "<h3>Preincrement</h3>";
$a = 5;
echo "Should be 6: " . ++$a . "<br>\n";
echo "Should be 6: " . $a . "<br>\n";

echo "<h3>Postdecrement</h3>";
$a = 5;
echo "Should be 5: " . $a-- . "<br>\n";
echo "Should be 4: " . $a . "<br>\n";

echo "<h3>Predecrement</h3>";
$a = 5;
echo "Should be 4: " . --$a . "<br>\n";
echo "Should be 4: " . $a . "<br>\n";
?>
```

Logical Operators

Table 10-5. Logical Operators

Example	Name	Result
<code>\$a and \$b</code>	And	TRUE if both <code>\$a</code> and <code>\$b</code> are TRUE.
<code>\$a or \$b</code>	Or	TRUE if either <code>\$a</code> or <code>\$b</code> is TRUE.
<code>\$a xor \$b</code>	Xor	TRUE if either <code>\$a</code> or <code>\$b</code> is TRUE, but not both.

Example	Name	Result
! \$a	Not	TRUE if \$a is not TRUE.
\$a && \$b	And	TRUE if both \$a and \$b are TRUE.
\$a \$b	Or	TRUE if either \$a or \$b is TRUE.

The reason for the two different variations of "and" and "or" operators is that they operate at different precedences. (See Operator Precedence.)

Operator Precedence

The precedence of an operator specifies how "tightly" it binds two expressions together. For example, in the expression `1 + 5 * 3`, the answer is 16 and not 18 because the multiplication ("`*`") operator has a higher precedence than the addition ("`+`") operator. Parentheses may be used to force precedence, if necessary. For instance: `(1 + 5) * 3` evaluates to 18.

The following table lists the precedence of operators with the lowest-precedence operators listed first.

Table 10-6. Operator Precedence

Associativity	Operators
left	,
left	or
left	xor
left	and
right	print
left	= += -= *= /= .= %= &= = ^= ~= <<= >>=
left	? :
left	
left	&&
left	
left	^
left	&
non-associative	== != === !==
non-associative	< <= > >=
left	<< >>
left	+ - .
left	* / %
right	! ~ ++ -- (int) (double) (string) (array) (object) @
right	[
non-associative	new

String Operators

There are two string operators. The first is the concatenation operator ('.'), which returns the concatenation of its right and left arguments. The second is the concatenating assignment operator ('.='), which appends the argument on the right side to the argument on the left side. Please read Assignment Operators for more information.

```
$a = "Hello ";  
$b = $a . "world!"; // now $b contains "Hello world!"
```

```
$a = "Hello ";  
$a .= "world!";      // now $a contains "Hello world!"
```

Chapter 11. Control Structures

Any PHP script is built out of a series of statements. A statement can be an assignment, a function call, a loop, a conditional statement or even a statement that does nothing (an empty statement). Statements usually end with a semicolon. In addition, statements can be grouped into a statement-group by encapsulating a group of statements with curly braces. A statement-group is a statement by itself as well. The various statement types are described in this chapter.

if

The `if` construct is one of the most important features of many languages, PHP included. It allows for conditional execution of code fragments. PHP features an `if` structure that is similar to that of C:

```
if (expr)
    statement
```

As described in the section about expressions, `expr` is evaluated to its truth value. If `expr` evaluates to `TRUE`, PHP will execute `statement`, and if it evaluates to `FALSE` - it'll ignore it.

The following example would display `a is bigger than b` if `$a` is bigger than `$b`:

```
if ($a > $b)
    print "a is bigger than b";
```

Often you'd want to have more than one statement to be executed conditionally. Of course, there's no need to wrap each statement with an `if` clause. Instead, you can group several statements into a statement group. For example, this code would display `a is bigger than b` if `$a` is bigger than `$b`, and would then assign the value of `$a` into `$b`:

```
if ($a > $b) {
    print "a is bigger than b";
    $b = $a;
}
```

If statements can be nested indefinitely within other `if` statements, which provides you with complete flexibility for conditional execution of the various parts of your program.

else

Often you'd want to execute a statement if a certain condition is met, and a different statement if the condition is not met. This is what `else` is for. `else` extends an `if` statement to execute a statement in case the expression in the `if` statement evaluates to `FALSE`. For example, the following code would display `a is bigger than b` if `$a` is bigger than `$b`, and `a is NOT bigger than b` otherwise:

```
if ($a > $b) {
    print "a is bigger than b";
} else {
    print "a is NOT bigger than b";
}
```

The `else` statement is only executed if the `if` expression evaluated to `FALSE`, and if there were any `elseif` expressions - only if they evaluated to `FALSE` as well (see `elseif`).

elseif

`elseif`, as its name suggests, is a combination of `if` and `else`. Like `else`, it extends an `if` statement to execute a different statement in case the original `if` expression evaluates to `FALSE`. However, unlike `else`, it will execute that alternative expression only if the `elseif` conditional expression evaluates to `TRUE`. For example, the following code would display `a is bigger than b`, `a equal to b` or `a is smaller than b`:

```
if ($a > $b) {
    print "a is bigger than b";
} elseif ($a == $b) {
    print "a is equal to b";
} else {
    print "a is smaller than b";
}
```

There may be several `elseif`s within the same `if` statement. The first `elseif` expression (if any) that evaluates to `TRUE` would be executed. In PHP, you can also write `'else if'` (in two words) and the behavior would be identical to the one of `'elseif'` (in a single word). The syntactic meaning is slightly different (if you're familiar with C, this is the same behavior) but the bottom line is that both would result in exactly the same behavior.

The `elseif` statement is only executed if the preceding `if` expression and any preceding `elseif` expressions evaluated to `FALSE`, and the current `elseif` expression evaluated to `TRUE`.

Alternative syntax for control structures

PHP offers an alternative syntax for some of its control structures; namely, `if`, `while`, `for`, `foreach`, and `switch`. In each case, the basic form of the alternate syntax is to change the opening brace to a colon (`:`) and the closing brace to `endif;`, `endwhile;`, `endfor;`, `endforeach;`, or `endswitch;`, respectively.

```
<?php if ($a == 5): ?>
A is equal to 5
<?php endif; ?>
```

In the above example, the HTML block "A = 5" is nested within an `if` statement written in the alternative syntax. The HTML block would be displayed only if `$a` is equal to 5.

The alternative syntax applies to `else` and `elseif` as well. The following is an `if` structure with `elseif` and `else` in the alternative format:

```
if ($a == 5):
    print "a equals 5";
    print "...";
elseif ($a == 6):
    print "a equals 6";
    print "!!!";
else:
    print "a is neither 5 nor 6";
endif;
```

See also `while`, `for`, and `if` for further examples.

while

`while` loops are the simplest type of loop in PHP. They behave just like their C counterparts. The basic form of a `while` statement is:

```
while (expr) statement
```


The meaning of a `while` statement is simple. It tells PHP to execute the nested statement(s) repeatedly, as long as the `while` expression evaluates to `TRUE`. The value of the expression is checked each time at the beginning of the loop, so even if this value changes during the execution of the nested statement(s), execution will not stop until the end of the iteration (each time PHP runs the statements in the loop is one iteration). Sometimes, if the `while` expression evaluates to `FALSE` from the very beginning, the nested statement(s) won't even be run once.

Like with the `if` statement, you can group multiple statements within the same `while` loop by surrounding a group of statements with curly braces, or by using the alternate syntax:

```
while (expr): statement ... endwhile;
```

The following examples are identical, and both print numbers from 1 to 10:

```
/* example 1 */

$i = 1;
while ($i <= 10) {
    print $i++; /* the printed value would be
                  $i before the increment
                  (post-increment) */
}

/* example 2 */

$i = 1;
while ($i <= 10):
    print $i;
    $i++;
endwhile;
```

do..while

`do..while` loops are very similar to `while` loops, except the truth expression is checked at the end of each iteration instead of in the beginning. The main difference from regular `while` loops is that the first iteration of a `do..while` loop is guaranteed to run (the truth expression is only checked at the end of the iteration), whereas it's may not necessarily run with a regular `while` loop (the truth expression is checked at the beginning of each iteration, if it evaluates to `FALSE` right from the beginning, the loop execution would end immediately).

There is just one syntax for `do...while` loops:

```
$i = 0;
do {
    print $i;
} while ($i>0);
```

The above loop would run one time exactly, since after the first iteration, when truth expression is checked, it evaluates to `FALSE` (`$i` is not bigger than 0) and the loop execution ends.

Advanced C users may be familiar with a different usage of the `do...while` loop, to allow stopping execution in the middle of code blocks, by encapsulating them with `do...while(0)`, and using the `break` statement. The following code fragment demonstrates this:

```
do {
    if ($i < 5) {
        print "i is not big enough";
        break;
    }
    $i *= $factor;
    if ($i < $minimum_limit) {
        break;
    }
    print "i is ok";

    ...process i...
} while(0);
```

Don't worry if you don't understand this right away or at all. You can code scripts and even powerful scripts without using this 'feature'.

for

`for` loops are the most complex loops in PHP. They behave like their C counterparts. The syntax of a `for` loop is:

```
for (expr1; expr2; expr3) statement
```

The first expression (*expr1*) is evaluated (executed) once unconditionally at the beginning of the loop.

In the beginning of each iteration, *expr2* is evaluated. If it evaluates to TRUE, the loop continues and the nested statement(s) are executed. If it evaluates to FALSE, the execution of the loop ends.

At the end of each iteration, *expr3* is evaluated (executed).

Each of the expressions can be empty. *expr2* being empty means the loop should be run indefinitely (PHP implicitly considers it as TRUE, like C). This may not be as useless as you might think, since often you'd want to end the loop using a conditional break statement instead of using the for truth expression.

Consider the following examples. All of them display numbers from 1 to 10:

```
/* example 1 */

for ($i = 1; $i <= 10; $i++) {
    print $i;
}

/* example 2 */

for ($i = 1;;$i++) {
    if ($i > 10) {
        break;
    }
    print $i;
}

/* example 3 */

$i = 1;
for (;;) {
    if ($i > 10) {
        break;
    }
    print $i;
    $i++;
}

/* example 4 */

for ($i = 1; $i <= 10; print $i, $i++);
```

Of course, the first example appears to be the nicest one (or perhaps the fourth), but you may find that being able to use empty expressions in for loops comes in handy in many occasions.

PHP also supports the alternate "colon syntax" for for loops.

```
for (expr1; expr2; expr3): statement; ...; endfor;
```

Other languages have a `foreach` statement to traverse an array or hash. PHP 3 has no such construct; PHP 4 does (see `foreach`). In PHP 3, you can combine `while` with the `list()` and `each()` functions to achieve the same effect. See the documentation for these functions for an example.

foreach

PHP 4 (not PHP 3) includes a `foreach` construct, much like Perl and some other languages. This simply gives an easy way to iterate over arrays. There are two syntaxes; the second is a minor but useful extension of the first:

```
foreach(array_expression as $value) statement
foreach(array_expression as $key => $value) statement
```

The first form loops over the array given by `array_expression`. On each loop, the value of the current element is assigned to `$value` and the internal array pointer is advanced by one (so on the next loop, you'll be looking at the next element).

The second form does the same thing, except that the current element's key will be assigned to the variable `$key` on each loop.

Note: When `foreach` first starts executing, the internal array pointer is automatically reset to the first element of the array. This means that you do not need to call `reset()` before a `foreach` loop.

Note: Also note that `foreach` operates on a copy of the specified array, not the array itself, therefore the array pointer is not modified as with the `each()` construct and changes to the array element returned are not reflected in the original array.

Note: `foreach` does not support the ability to suppress error messages using '@'.

You may have noticed that the following are functionally identical:

```
reset ($arr);
while (list(, $value) = each ($arr)) {
    echo "Value: $value<br>\n";
}

foreach ($arr as $value) {
    echo "Value: $value<br>\n";
}
```

The following are also functionally identical:

```
reset ($arr);
while (list($key, $value) = each ($arr)) {
    echo "Key: $key; Value: $value<br>\n";
}

foreach ($arr as $key => $value) {
    echo "Key: $key; Value: $value<br>\n";
}
```

Some more examples to demonstrate usages:

```
/* foreach example 1: value only */

$a = array (1, 2, 3, 17);

foreach ($a as $v) {
    print "Current value of \$a: $v.\n";
}

/* foreach example 2: value (with key printed for illustration) */

$a = array (1, 2, 3, 17);

$i = 0; /* for illustrative purposes only */

foreach($a as $v) {
    print "\$a[$i] => $v.\n";
}

/* foreach example 3: key and value */
```

```

$a = array (
    "one" => 1,
    "two" => 2,
    "three" => 3,
    "seventeen" => 17
);

foreach($a as $k => $v) {
    print "\$a[$k] => $v.\n";
}

/* foreach example 4: multi-dimensional arrays */

$a[0][0] = "a";
$a[0][1] = "b";
$a[1][0] = "y";
$a[1][1] = "z";

foreach($a as $v1) {
    foreach ($v1 as $v2) {
        print "$v2\n";
    }
}

/* foreach example 5: dynamic arrays */

foreach(array(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) as $v) {
    print "$v\n";
}

```

break

`break` ends execution of the current `for`, `foreach` `while`, `do..while` or `switch` structure.

`break` accepts an optional numeric argument which tells it how many nested enclosing structures are to be broken out of.

```

$arr = array ('one', 'two', 'three', 'four', 'stop', 'five');
while (list(, $val) = each ($arr)) {
    if ($val == 'stop') {
        break; /* You could also write 'break 1;' here. */
    }
    echo "$val<br>\n";
}

```

```

/* Using the optional argument. */

$i = 0;
while (++$i) {
    switch ($i) {
        case 5:
            echo "At 5<br>\n";
            break 1; /* Exit only the switch. */
        case 10:
            echo "At 10; quitting<br>\n";
            break 2; /* Exit the switch and the while. */
        default:
            break;
    }
}

```

continue

`continue` is used within looping structures to skip the rest of the current loop iteration and continue execution at the beginning of the next iteration.

`continue` accepts an optional numeric argument which tells it how many levels of enclosing loops it should skip to the end of.

```

while (list ($key, $value) = each ($arr)) {
    if (!$key % 2) { // skip odd members
        continue;
    }
    do_something_odd ($value);
}

$i = 0;
while ($i++ < 5) {
    echo "Outer<br>\n";
    while (1) {
        echo "&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;Middle<br>\n";
        while (1) {
            echo "&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;Inner<br>\n";
            continue 3;
        }
        echo "This never gets output.<br>\n";
    }
    echo "Neither does this.<br>\n";
}

```

switch

The switch statement is similar to a series of IF statements on the same expression. In many occasions, you may want to compare the same variable (or expression) with many different values, and execute a different piece of code depending on which value it equals to. This is exactly what the switch statement is for.

The following two examples are two different ways to write the same thing, one using a series of if statements, and the other using the switch statement:

```
if ($i == 0) {
    print "i equals 0";
}
if ($i == 1) {
    print "i equals 1";
}
if ($i == 2) {
    print "i equals 2";
}

switch ($i) {
    case 0:
        print "i equals 0";
        break;
    case 1:
        print "i equals 1";
        break;
    case 2:
        print "i equals 2";
        break;
}
```

It is important to understand how the switch statement is executed in order to avoid mistakes. The switch statement executes line by line (actually, statement by statement). In the beginning, no code is executed. Only when a case statement is found with a value that matches the value of the switch expression does PHP begin to execute the statements. PHP continues to execute the statements until the end of the switch block, or the first time it sees a break statement. If you don't write a break statement at the end of a case's statement list, PHP will go on executing the statements of the following case. For example:


```

switch ($i) {
    case 0:
        print "i equals 0";
    case 1:
        print "i equals 1";
    case 2:
        print "i equals 2";
}

```

Here, if `$i` equals to 0, PHP would execute all of the print statements! If `$i` equals to 1, PHP would execute the last two print statements, and only if `$i` equals to 2, you'd get the 'expected' behavior and only 'i equals 2' would be displayed. So, it's important not to forget `break` statements (even though you may want to avoid supplying them on purpose under certain circumstances).

In a `switch` statement, the condition is evaluated only once and the result is compared to each case statement. In an `elseif` statement, the condition is evaluated again. If your condition is more complicated than a simple compare and/or is in a tight loop, a `switch` may be faster.

The statement list for a case can also be empty, which simply passes control into the statement list for the next case.

```

switch ($i) {
    case 0:
    case 1:
    case 2:
        print "i is less than 3 but not negative";
        break;
    case 3:
        print "i is 3";
}

```

A special case is the default case. This case matches anything that wasn't matched by the other cases, and should be the last case statement. For example:

```

switch ($i) {
    case 0:
        print "i equals 0";
        break;
    case 1:
        print "i equals 1";
        break;
    case 2:
        print "i equals 2";
}

```

```

        break;
    default:
        print "i is not equal to 0, 1 or 2";
}

```

The case expression may be any expression that evaluates to a simple type, that is, integer or floating-point numbers and strings. Arrays or objects cannot be used here unless they are dereferenced to a simple type.

The alternative syntax for control structures is supported with switches. For more information, see [Alternative syntax for control structures](#).

```

switch ($i):
    case 0:
        print "i equals 0";
        break;
    case 1:
        print "i equals 1";
        break;
    case 2:
        print "i equals 2";
        break;
    default:
        print "i is not equal to 0, 1 or 2";
endswitch;

```

declare

The `declare` construct is used to set execution directives for a block of code. The syntax of `declare` is similar to the syntax of other flow control constructs:

```
declare (directive) statement
```

The directive section allows the behavior of the `declare` block to be set. Currently only one directive is recognized: the `ticks` directive. (See below for more information on the `ticks` directive)

The statement part of the `declare` block will be executed - how it is executed and what side-effects occur during execution may depend on the directive set in the directive block.

Ticks

A tick is an event that occurs for every N low-level statements executed by the parser within the `declare` block. The value for N is specified using `ticks= $N$` within the `declare` blocks's directive section.

The event(s) that occurs on each tick is specified using the `register_tick_function()`. See the example below for more details. Note that more than one event can occur for each tick.

Example 11-1. Profile a section of PHP code

```
<pre>
<?php
// A function that records the time when it is called
function profile ($dump = FALSE)
{
    static $profile;

    // Return the times stored in profile, then erase it
    if ($dump) {
        $temp = $profile;
        unset ($profile);
        return ($temp);
    }

    $profile[] = microtime ();
}

// Set up a tick handler
register_tick_function("profile");

// Initialize the function before the declare block
profile ();

// Run a block of code, throw a tick every 2nd statement
declare (ticks=2) {
    for ($x = 1; $x < 50; ++$x) {
        echo similar_text (md5($x), md5($x*$x)), "<br>";
    }
}

// Display the data stored in the profiler
print_r (profile (TRUE));
?>
</pre>
```

The example profiles the PHP code within the 'declare' block, recording the time at which every second low-level statement in the block was executed. This information can then be used to find the slow areas within particular segments of code. This process can be performed using other methods: using ticks is more convenient and easier to implement.

Ticks are well suited for debugging, implementing simple multitasking, backgrounded I/O and many other tasks.

See also `register_tick_function()` and `unregister_tick_function()`.

require()

The `require()` statement replaces itself with the specified file, much like the C preprocessor's `#include` works.

If "URL fopen wrappers" are enabled in PHP (which they are in the default configuration), you can specify the file to be `require()`ed using an URL instead of a local pathname. See Remote files and `fopen()` for more information.

An important note about how this works is that when a file is `include()`ed or `require()`ed, parsing drops out of PHP mode and into HTML mode at the beginning of the target file, and resumes PHP mode again at the end. For this reason, any code inside the target file which should be executed as PHP code must be enclosed within valid PHP start and end tags.

`require()` is not actually a function in PHP; rather, it is a language construct. It is subject to some different rules than functions are. For instance, `require()` is not subject to any containing control structures. For another, it does not return any value; attempting to read a return value from a `require()` call results in a parse error.

Unlike `include()`, `require()` will *always* read in the target file, *even if the line it's on never executes*. If you want to conditionally include a file, use `include()`. The conditional statement won't affect the `require()`. However, if the line on which the `require()` occurs is not executed, neither will any of the code in the target file be executed.

Similarly, looping structures do not affect the behaviour of `require()`. Although the code contained in the target file is still subject to the loop, the `require()` itself happens only once.

This means that you can't put a `require()` statement inside of a loop structure and expect it to include the contents of a different file on each iteration. To do that, use an `include()` statement.

```
require ('header.inc');
```

When a file is `require()`ed, the code it contains inherits the variable scope of the line on which the `require()` occurs. Any variables available at that line in the calling file will be available within the called file. If the `require()` occurs inside a function within the calling file, then all of the code contained in the called file will behave as though it had been defined inside that function.

If the `require()`ed file is called via HTTP using the `fopen` wrappers, and if the target server interprets the target file as PHP code, variables may be passed to the `require()`ed file using an URL request string as used with HTTP GET. This is not strictly speaking the same thing as `require()`ing the file and having it inherit the parent file's variable scope; the script is actually being run on the remote server and the result is then being included into the local script.

```
/* This example assumes that someserver is configured to parse .php
 * files and not .txt files. Also, 'works' here means that the variables
 * $varone and $vartwo are available within the require()ed file. */

/* Won't work; file.txt wasn't handled by someserver. */
require ("http://someserver/file.txt?varone=1&vartwo=2");

/* Won't work; looks for a file named 'file.php?varone=1&vartwo=2'
 * on the local filesystem. */
require ("file.php?varone=1&vartwo=2");

/* Works. */
require ("http://someserver/file.php?varone=1&vartwo=2");

$varone = 1;
$vartwo = 2;
require ("file.txt"); /* Works. */
require ("file.php"); /* Works. */
```

In PHP 3, it is possible to execute a `return` statement inside a `require()`ed file, as long as that statement occurs in the global scope of the `require()`ed file. It may not occur within any block (meaning inside braces `{}`). In PHP 4, however, this ability has been discontinued. If you need this functionality, see `include()`.

See also `include()`, `require_once()`, `include_once()`, `readfile()`, and `virtual()`.

include()

The `include()` statement includes and evaluates the specified file.

If "URL `fopen` wrappers" are enabled in PHP (which they are in the default configuration), you can specify the file to be `include()`ed using an URL instead of a local pathname. See [Remote files and `fopen\(\)`](#) for more information.

An important note about how this works is that when a file is `include()`ed or `require()`ed, parsing drops out of PHP mode and into HTML mode at the beginning of the target file, and resumes again at the end. For this reason, any code inside the target file which should be executed as PHP code must be enclosed within valid PHP start and end tags.

This happens each time the `include()` statement is encountered, so you can use an `include()` statement within a looping structure to include a number of different files.

```
$files = array ('first.inc', 'second.inc', 'third.inc');
for ($i = 0; $i < count($files); $i++) {
    include $files[$i];
}
```

`include()` differs from `require()` in that the `include` statement is re-evaluated each time it is encountered (and only when it is being executed), whereas the `require()` statement is replaced by the required file when it is first encountered, whether the contents of the file will be evaluated or not (for example, if it is inside an `if` statement whose condition evaluated to `FALSE`).

Because `include()` is a special language construct, you must enclose it within a statement block if it is inside a conditional block.

```
/* This is WRONG and will not work as desired. */

if ($condition)
    include($file);
else
    include($other);

/* This is CORRECT. */

if ($condition) {
    include($file);
} else {
    include($other);
}
```

In both PHP 3 and PHP 4, it is possible to execute a `return` statement inside an `include()`ed file, in order to terminate processing in that file and return to the script which called it. Some differences in the way this works exist, however. The first is that in PHP 3, the `return` may not appear inside a block unless it's a function block, in which case the `return` applies to that function and not the whole file. In PHP 4, however, this restriction does not exist. Also, PHP 4 allows you to return values from `include()`ed files. You can take the value of the `include()` call as you would a normal function. This generates a parse error in PHP 3.

Example 11-2. include() in PHP 3 and PHP 4

Assume the existence of the following file (named `test.inc`) in the same directory as the main file:

```
<?php
echo "Before the return <br>\n";
if (1) {
    return 27;
}
echo "After the return <br>\n";
?>
```

Assume that the main file (`main.html`) contains the following:

```
<?php
$retval = include ('test.inc');
echo "File returned: '$retval'<br>\n";
?>
```

When `main.html` is called in PHP 3, it will generate a parse error on line 2; you can't take the value of an `include()` in PHP 3. In PHP 4, however, the result will be:

```
Before the return
File returned: '27'
```

Now, assume that `main.html` has been altered to contain the following:

```
<?php
include ('test.inc');
echo "Back in main.html<br>\n";
?>
```

In PHP 4, the output will be:

```
Before the return
Back in main.html
```

However, PHP 3 will give the following output:

```
Before the return
27Back in main.html
```

Parse error: parse error in `/home/torben/public_html/phptest/main.html` on line 5

The above parse error is a result of the fact that the `return` statement is enclosed in a non-function block within `test.inc`. When the `return` is moved outside of the block, the output is:

```
Before the return
```

27Back in main.html

The spurious '27' is due to the fact that PHP 3 does not support returning values from files like that.

When a file is `include()`d, the code it contains inherits the variable scope of the line on which the `include()` occurs. Any variables available at that line in the calling file will be available within the called file. If the `include()` occurs inside a function within the calling file, then all of the code contained in the called file will behave as though it had been defined inside that function.

If the `include()`d file is called via HTTP using the `fopen` wrappers, and if the target server interprets the target file as PHP code, variables may be passed to the `include()`d file using an URL request string as used with HTTP GET. This is not strictly speaking the same thing as `include()`ing the file and having it inherit the parent file's variable scope; the script is actually being run on the remote server and the result is then being included into the local script.

```
/* This example assumes that someserver is configured to parse .php
 * files and not .txt files. Also, 'works' here means that the variables
 * $varone and $vartwo are available within the include()ed file. */

/* Won't work; file.txt wasn't handled by someserver. */
include ("http://someserver/file.txt?varone=1&vartwo=2");

/* Won't work; looks for a file named 'file.php?varone=1&vartwo=2'
 * on the local filesystem. */
include ("file.php?varone=1&vartwo=2");

/* Works. */
include ("http://someserver/file.php?varone=1&vartwo=2");

$varone = 1;
$vartwo = 2;
include ("file.txt"); /* Works. */
include ("file.php"); /* Works. */
```

See also `require()`, `require_once()`, `include_once()`, `readfile()`, and `virtual()`.

require_once()

The `require_once()` statement replaces itself with the specified file, much like the C preprocessor's `#include` works, and in that respect is similar to the `require()` statement. The main difference is that in an inclusion chain, the use of `require_once()` will assure that the code is added to your script only once, and avoid clashes with variable values or function names that can happen.

For example, if you create the following 2 include files `utils.inc` and `foolib.inc`

Example 11-3. utils.inc

```
<?php
define("PHPVERSION", floor(phpversion()));
echo "GLOBALS ARE NICE\n";
function goodTea()
{
    return "Oolong tea tastes good!";
}
?>
```

Example 11-4. foolib.inc

```
<?php
require ("utils.inc");
function showVar($var)
{
    if (PHPVERSION == 4) {
        print_r($var);
    } else {
        var_dump($var);
    }
}

// bunch of other functions ...
?>
```

And then you write a script `cause_error_require.php`

Example 11-5. cause_error_require.php

```
<?php
require("foolib.inc");
/* the following will generate an error */
require("utils.inc");
$foo = array("1",array("complex","quaternion"));
echo "this is requiring utils.inc again which is also\n";
echo "required in foolib.inc\n";
echo "Running goodTea: ".goodTea()."\n";
echo "Printing foo: \n";
showVar($foo);
?>
```

When you try running the latter one, the resulting output will be (using PHP 4.01pl2):

```
GLOBALS ARE NICE
GLOBALS ARE NICE
```

```
Fatal error:  Cannot redeclare goodTea() in utils.inc on line 5
```

By modifying `foolib.inc` and `cause_error_require.php` to use `require_once()` instead of `require()` and renaming the last one to `avoid_error_require_once.php`, we have:

Example 11-6. foolib.inc (fixed)

```
...
require_once("utils.inc");
function showVar($var)
{
...

```

Example 11-7. avoid_error_require_once.php

```
...
require_once("foolib.inc");
require_once("utils.inc");
$foo = array("1",array("complex", "quaternion"));
...

```

And when running the latter, the output will be (using PHP 4.0.1pl2):

```
GLOBALS ARE NICE
this is requiring globals.inc again which is also
required in foolib.inc
Running goodTea: Oolong tea tastes good!
Printing foo:
Array
(
    [0] => 1
    [1] => Array
        (
            [0] => complex
            [1] => quaternion
        )
)
```

```

        )
    )

```

Also note that, analogous to the behavior of the `#include` of the C preprocessor, this statement acts at "compile time", e.g. when the script is parsed and before it is executed, and should not be used for parts of the script that need to be inserted dynamically during its execution. You should use `include_once()` or `include()` for that purpose.

For more examples on using `require_once()` and `include_once()`, look at the PEAR code included in the latest PHP source code distributions.

See also: `require()`, `include()`, `include_once()`, `get_required_files()`, `get_included_files()`, `readfile()`, and `virtual()`.

include_once()

The `include_once()` statement includes and evaluates the specified file during the execution of the script. This is a behavior similar to the `include()` statement, with the important difference that if the code from a file has already been included, it will not be included again.

As mentioned in the `require_once()` description, the `include_once()` should be used in the cases in which the same file might be included and evaluated more than once during a particular execution of a script, and you want to be sure that it is included exactly once to avoid problems with function redefinitions, variable value reassignments, etc.

For more examples on using `require_once()` and `include_once()`, look at the PEAR code included in the latest PHP source code distributions.

`include_once()` was added in PHP 4.0.1pl2

See also: `require()`, `include()`, `require_once()`, `get_required_files()`, `get_included_files()`, `readfile()`, and `virtual()`.

Chapter 12. Functions

User-defined functions

A function may be defined using syntax such as the following:

```
function foo ($arg_1, $arg_2, ..., $arg_n)
{
    echo "Example function.\n";
    return $retval;
}
```

Any valid PHP code may appear inside a function, even other functions and class definitions.

In PHP 3, functions must be defined before they are referenced. No such requirement exists in PHP 4.

PHP does not support function overloading, nor is it possible to undefine or redefine previously-declared functions.

PHP 3 does not support variable numbers of arguments to functions, although default arguments are supported (see Default argument values for more information). PHP 4 supports both: see Variable-length argument lists and the function references for `func_num_args()`, `func_get_arg()`, and `func_get_args()` for more information.

Function arguments

Information may be passed to functions via the argument list, which is a comma-delimited list of variables and/or constants.

PHP supports passing arguments by value (the default), passing by reference, and default argument values. Variable-length argument lists are supported only in PHP 4 and later; see Variable-length argument lists and the function references for `func_num_args()`, `func_get_arg()`, and `func_get_args()` for more information. A similar effect can be achieved in PHP 3 by passing an array of arguments to a function:

```
function takes_array($input)
{
    echo "$input[0] + $input[1] = ", $input[0]+$input[1];
}
```

Making arguments be passed by reference

By default, function arguments are passed by value (so that if you change the value of the argument within the function, it does not get changed outside of the function). If you wish to allow a function to modify its arguments, you must pass them by reference.

If you want an argument to a function to always be passed by reference, you can prepend an ampersand (&) to the argument name in the function definition:

```
function add_some_extra(&$string)
{
    $string .= 'and something extra.';
}
$str = 'This is a string, ';
add_some_extra($str);
echo $str;    // outputs 'This is a string, and something extra.'
```

If you wish to pass a variable by reference to a function which does not do this by default, you may prepend an ampersand to the argument name in the function call:

```
function foo ($bar)
{
    $bar .= ' and something extra.';
}
$str = 'This is a string, ';
foo ($str);
echo $str;    // outputs 'This is a string, '
foo (&$str);
echo $str;    // outputs 'This is a string, and something extra.'
```

Default argument values

A function may define C++-style default values for scalar arguments as follows:

```
function makecoffee ($type = "cappuccino")
{
    return "Making a cup of $type.\n";
}
echo makecoffee ();
echo makecoffee ("espresso");
```

The output from the above snippet is:

```
Making a cup of cappuccino.
Making a cup of espresso.
```

The default value must be a constant expression, not (for example) a variable or class member.

Note that when using default arguments, any defaults should be on the right side of any non-default arguments; otherwise, things will not work as expected. Consider the following code snippet:

```
function makeyogurt ($type = "acidophilus", $flavour)
{
    return "Making a bowl of $type $flavour.\n";
}

echo makeyogurt ("raspberry");    // won't work as expected
```

The output of the above example is:

```
Warning: Missing argument 2 in call to makeyogurt() in
/usr/local/etc/httpd/htdocs/php3test/functest.html on line 41
Making a bowl of raspberry .
```

Now, compare the above with this:

```
function makeyogurt ($flavour, $type = "acidophilus")
{
    return "Making a bowl of $type $flavour.\n";
}

echo makeyogurt ("raspberry");    // works as expected
```

The output of this example is:

```
Making a bowl of acidophilus raspberry.
```

Variable-length argument lists

PHP 4 has support for variable-length argument lists in user-defined functions. This is really quite easy, using the `func_num_args()`, `func_get_arg()`, and `func_get_args()` functions.

No special syntax is required, and argument lists may still be explicitly provided with function definitions and will behave as normal.

Returning values

Values are returned by using the optional return statement. Any type may be returned, including lists and objects.

```
function square ($num)
{
    return $num * $num;
}
echo square (4);    // outputs '16'.
```

You can't return multiple values from a function, but similar results can be obtained by returning a list.

```
function small_numbers()
{
    return array (0, 1, 2);
}
list ($zero, $one, $two) = small_numbers();
```

To return a reference from a function, you have to use the reference operator `&` in both the function declaration and when assigning the returned value to a variable:

```
function &returns_reference()
{
    return $someref;
```



```

}

$newref =& returns_reference();

```

old_function

The `old_function` statement allows you to declare a function using a syntax identical to PHP/FI2 (except you must replace 'function' with 'old_function').

This is a deprecated feature, and should only be used by the PHP/FI2->PHP 3 convertor.

Warning

Functions declared as `old_function` cannot be called from PHP's internal code. Among other things, this means you can't use them in functions such as `usort()`, `array_walk()`, and `register_shutdown_function()`. You can get around this limitation by writing a wrapper function (in normal PHP 3 form) to call the `old_function`.

Variable functions

PHP supports the concept of variable functions. This means that if a variable name has parentheses appended to it, PHP will look for a function with the same name as whatever the variable evaluates to, and will attempt to execute it. Among other things, this can be used to implement callbacks, function tables, and so forth.

Variable functions won't work with language constructs such as `echo()`, `unset()`, `isset()` and `empty()`. This is one of the major differences between PHP functions and language constructs.

Example 12-1. Variable function example

```

<?php
function foo()
{
    echo "In foo()<br>\n";
}

function bar($arg = "")
{
    echo "In bar(); argument was '$arg'.<br>\n";
}

$func = 'foo';

```

```
$func();  
$func = 'bar';  
$func('test');  
?>
```

Chapter 13. Classes and Objects

class

A class is a collection of variables and functions working with these variables. A class is defined using the following syntax:

```
<?php
class Cart
{
    var $items; // Items in our shopping cart

    // Add $num articles of $artnr to the cart

    function add_item ($artnr, $num)
    {
        $this->items[$artnr] += $num;
    }

    // Take $num articles of $artnr out of the cart

    function remove_item ($artnr, $num)
    {
        if ($this->items[$artnr] > $num) {
            $this->items[$artnr] -= $num;
            return true;
        } else {
            return false;
        }
    }
}
?>
```

This defines a class named `Cart` that consists of an associative array of articles in the cart and two functions to add and remove items from this cart.

Caution

The following cautionary notes are valid for PHP 4.

The name `stdClass` is used internally by Zend and is reserved. You cannot have a class named `stdClass` in PHP.

The function names `__sleep` and `__wakeup` are magical in PHP classes. You cannot have functions with these names in any of your classes unless you want the magic functionality associated with them. See below for more information.

PHP reserves all function names starting with `__` as magical. It is recommended that you do not use function names with `__` in PHP unless you want some documented magic functionality.

Note: In PHP 4, only constant initializers for var variables are allowed. To initialize variables with non-constant values, you need an initialization function which is called automatically when an object is being constructed from the class. Such a function is called a constructor (see below).

```
<?php
/* None of these will work in PHP 4. */
class Cart
{
    var $todays_date = date("Y-m-d");
    var $name = $firstname;
    var $owner = 'Fred ' . 'Jones';
    var $items = array("VCR", "TV");
}

/* This is how it should be done. */
class Cart
{
    var $todays_date;
    var $name;
    var $owner;
    var $items;

    function Cart()
    {
        $this->todays_date = date("Y-m-d");
        $this->name = $GLOBALS['firstname'];
        /* etc. . . */
    }
}
```

Classes are types, that is, they are blueprints for actual variables. You have to create a variable of the desired type with the new operator.

```
<?php
$cart = new Cart;
$cart->add_item("10", 1);

$another_cart = new Cart;
$another_cart->add_item("0815", 3);
```

This creates the objects \$cart and \$another_cart, both of the class Cart. The function add_item() of the \$cart object is being called to add 1 item of article number 10 to the \$cart. 3 items of article number 0815 are being added to \$another_cart.

Both, \$cart and \$another_cart, have functions add_item(), remove_item() and a variable items. These are distinct functions and variables. You can think of the objects as something similar to directories in a filesystem. In a filesystem you can have two different files README.TXT, as long as they are in

different directories. Just like with directories where you'll have to type the full pathname in order to reach each file from the toplevel directory, you have to specify the complete name of the function you want to call: In PHP terms, the toplevel directory would be the global namespace, and the pathname separator would be `->`. Thus, the names `$cart->items` and `$another_cart->items` name two different variables. Note that the variable is named `$cart->items`, not `$cart->$items`, that is, a variable name in PHP has only a single dollar sign.

```
// correct, single $
$cart->items = array("10" => 1);

// invalid, because $cart->$items becomes $cart->""
$cart->$items = array("10" => 1);

// correct, but may or may not be what was intended:
// $cart->$myvar becomes $cart->items
$myvar = 'items';
$cart->$myvar = array("10" => 1);
```

Within a class definition, you do not know under which name the object will be accessible in your program: at the time the `Cart` class was written, it was unknown that the object will be named `$cart` or `$another_cart` later. Thus, you cannot write `$cart->items` within the `Cart` class itself. Instead, in order to be able to access its own functions and variables from within a class, one can use the pseudo-variable `$this` which can be read as 'my own' or 'current object'. Thus, `'$this->items[$artnr] += $num'` can be read as 'add `$num` to the `$artnr` counter of my own items array' or 'add `$num` to the `$artnr` counter of the items array within the current object'.

extends

Often you need classes with similar variables and functions to another existing class. In fact, it is good practice to define a generic class which can be used in all your projects and adapt this class for the needs of each of your specific projects. To facilitate this, classes can be extensions of other classes. The extended or derived class has all variables and functions of the base class (this is called 'inheritance' despite the fact that nobody died) and what you add in the extended definition. It is not possible to subtract from a class, that is, to undefine any existing functions or variables. An extended class is always dependent on a single base class, that is, multiple inheritance is not supported. Classes are extended using the keyword 'extends'.

```
class Named_Cart extends Cart
{
    var $owner;

    function set_owner ($name)
    {
        $this->owner = $name;
    }
}
```

```

    }
}

```

This defines a class `Named_Cart` that has all variables and functions of `Cart` plus an additional variable `$owner` and an additional function `set_owner()`. You create a named cart the usual way and can now set and get the cart's owner. You can still use normal cart functions on named carts:

```

$ncart = new Named_Cart;    // Create a named cart
$ncart->set_owner("kris");  // Name that cart
print $ncart->owner;        // print the cart owner's name
$ncart->add_item("10", 1);  // (inherited functionality from cart)

```

Constructors

Caution

In PHP 3 and PHP 4 constructors behave differently. The PHP 4 semantics are strongly preferred.

Constructors are functions in a class that are automatically called when you create a new instance of a class with `new`. In PHP 3, a function becomes a constructor when it has the same name as the class. In PHP 4, a function becomes a constructor, when it has the same name as the class it is defined in - the difference is subtle, but crucial (see below).

```

// Works in PHP 3 and PHP 4.
class Auto_Cart extends Cart
{
    function Auto_Cart()
    {
        $this->add_item ("10", 1);
    }
}

```

This defines a class `Auto_Cart` that is a `Cart` plus a constructor which initializes the cart with one item of article number "10" each time a new `Auto_Cart` is being made with `new`. Constructors can take arguments and these arguments can be optional, which makes them much more useful. To be able to still use the class without parameters, all parameters to constructors should be made optional by providing default values.

```
// Works in PHP 3 and PHP 4.
class Constructor_Cart extends Cart
{
    function Constructor_Cart($item = "10", $num = 1)
    {
        $this->add_item ($item, $num);
    }
}

// Shop the same old boring stuff.

$default_cart = new Constructor_Cart;

// Shop for real...

$different_cart = new Constructor_Cart("20", 17);
```

Caution

In PHP 3, derived classes and constructors have a number of limitations. The following examples should be read carefully to understand these limitations.

```
class A
{
    function A()
    {
        echo "I am the constructor of A.<br>\n";
    }
}

class B extends A
{
    function C()
    {
        echo "I am a regular function.<br>\n";
    }
}

// no constructor is being called in PHP 3.
$b = new B;
```

In PHP 3, no constructor is being called in the above example. The rule in PHP 3 is: 'A constructor is a function of the same name as the class.'. The name of the class is B, and there is no function called B() in class B. Nothing happens.

This is fixed in PHP 4 by introducing another rule: If a class has no constructor, the constructor of the base class is being called, if it exists. The above example would have printed 'I am the constructor of A.
' in PHP 4.

```
class A
{
    function A()
    {
        echo "I am the constructor of A.<br>\n";
    }

    function B()
    {
        echo "I am a regular function named B in class A.<br>\n";
        echo "I am not a constructor in A.<br>\n";
    }
}

class B extends A
{
    function C()
    {
        echo "I am a regular function.<br>\n";
    }
}

// This will call B() as a constructor.
$b = new B;
```

In PHP 3, the function B() in class A will suddenly become a constructor in class B, although it was never intended to be. The rule in PHP 3 is: 'A constructor is a function of the same name as the class.'. PHP 3 does not care if the function is being defined in class B, or if it has been inherited.

This is fixed in PHP 4 by modifying the rule to: 'A constructor is a function of the same name as the class it is being defined in.'. Thus in PHP 4, the class B would have no constructor function of its own and the constructor of the base class would have been called, printing 'I am the constructor of A.
'.

Caution

Neither PHP 3 nor PHP 4 call constructors of the base class automatically from a constructor of a derived class. It is your responsibility to propagate the call to constructors upstream where appropriate.

Note: There are no destructors in PHP 3 or PHP 4. You may use `register_shutdown_function()` instead to simulate most effects of destructors.

Destructors are functions that are called automatically when an object is destroyed, either with `unset()` or by simply going out of scope. There are no destructors in PHP.

::

Caution

The following is valid for PHP 4 only.

Sometimes it is useful to refer to functions and variables in base classes or to refer to functions in classes that have not yet any instances. The `::` operator is being used for this.

```
class A
{
    function example()
    {
        echo "I am the original function A::example().<br>\n";
    }
}

class B extends A
{
    function example()
    {
        echo "I am the redefined function B::example().<br>\n";
        A::example();
    }
}

// there is no object of class A.
// this will print
//   I am the original function A::example().<br>
A::example();

// create an object of class B.
$b = new B;

// this will print
//   I am the redefined function B::example().<br>
//   I am the original function A::example().<br>
$b->example();
```

The above example calls the function `example()` in class `A`, but there is no object of class `A`, so that we cannot write `$a->example()` or similar. Instead we call `example()` as a 'class function', that is, as a function of the class itself, not any object of that class.

There are class functions, but there are no class variables. In fact, there is no object at all at the time of the call. Thus, a class function may not use any object variables (but it can use local and global variables), and it may not use `$this` at all.

In the above example, class B redefines the function `example()`. The original definition in class A is shadowed and no longer available, unless you are referring specifically to the implementation of `example()` in class A using the `::`-operator. Write `A::example()` to do this (in fact, you should be writing `parent::example()`, as shown in the next section).

In this context, there is a current object and it may have object variables. Thus, when used from WITHIN an object function, you may use `$this` and object variables.

parent

You may find yourself writing code that refers to variables and functions in base classes. This is particularly true if your derived class is a refinement or specialisation of code in your base class.

Instead of using the literal name of the base class in your code, you should be using the special name `parent`, which refers to the name of your base class as given in the `extends` declaration of your class. By doing this, you avoid using the name of your base class in more than one place. Should your inheritance tree change during implementation, the change is easily made by simply changing the `extends` declaration of your class.

```
class A
{
    function example()
    {
        echo "I am A::example() and provide basic functionality.<br>\n";
    }
}

class B extends A
{
    function example()
    {
        echo "I am B::example() and provide additional functionality.<br>\n";
        parent::example();
    }
}

$b = new B;

// This will call B::example(), which will in turn call A::example().
$b->example();
```

Serializing objects - objects in sessions

Note: In PHP 3, objects will lose their class association throughout the process of serialization and unserialization. The resulting variable is of type object, but has no class and no methods, thus it is pretty useless (it has become just like an array with a funny syntax).

Caution

The following information is valid for PHP 4 only.

`serialize()` returns a string containing a byte-stream representation of any value that can be stored in PHP. `unserialize()` can use this string to recreate the original variable values. Using `serialize` to save an object will save all variables in an object. The functions in an object will not be saved, only the name of the class.

In order to be able to `unserialize()` an object, the class of that object needs to be defined. That is, if you have an object `$a` of class `A` on `page1.php` and `serialize` this, you'll get a string that refers to class `A` and contains all values of variables contained in `$a`. If you want to be able to `unserialize` this on `page2.php`, recreating `$a` of class `A`, the definition of class `A` must be present in `page2.php`. This can be done for example by storing the class definition of class `A` in an include file and including this file in both `page1.php` and `page2.php`.

```
classa.inc:
class A
{
    var $one = 1;

    function show_one()
    {
        echo $this->one;
    }
}

page1.php:
include("classa.inc");

$a = new A;
$s = serialize($a);
// store $s somewhere where page2.php can find it.
$fp = fopen("store", "w");
fputs($fp, $s);
fclose($fp);

page2.php:
// this is needed for the unserialize to work properly.
include("classa.inc");

$s = implode("", @file("store"));
```

```
$a = unserialize($s);

// now use the function show_one() of the $a object.
$a->show_one();
```

If you are using sessions and use `session_register()` to register objects, these objects are serialized automatically at the end of each PHP page, and are unserialized automatically on each of the following pages. This basically means that these objects can show up on any of your pages once they become part of your session.

It is strongly recommended that you include the class definitions of all such registered objects on all of your pages, even if you do not actually use these classes on all of your pages. If you don't and an object is being unserialized without its class definition being present, it will lose its class association and become an object of class `stdClass` without any functions available at all, that is, it will become quite useless.

So if in the example above `$a` became part of a session by running `session_register("a")`, you should include the file `classa.inc` on all of your pages, not only `page1.php` and `page2.php`.

The magic functions `__sleep` and `__wakeup`

`serialize()` checks if your class has a function with the magic name `__sleep`. If so, that function is being run prior to any serialization. It can clean up the object and is supposed to return an array with the names of all variables of that object that should be serialized.

The intended use of `__sleep` is to close any database connections that object may have, committing pending data or perform similar cleanup tasks. Also, the function is useful if you have very large objects which need not be saved completely.

Conversely, `unserialize()` checks for the presence of a function with the magic name `__wakeup`. If present, this function can reconstruct any resources that object may have.

The intended use of `__wakeup` is to reestablish any database connections that may have been lost during serialization and perform other reinitialization tasks.

References inside the constructor

Creating references within the constructor can lead to confusing results. This tutorial-like section helps you to avoid problems.

```
class Foo
{
    function Foo($name)
    {
        // create a reference inside the global array $globalref
        global $globalref;
        $globalref[] = &$this;
```

```

        // set name to passed value
        $this->setName($name);
        // and put it out
        $this->echoName();
    }

    function echoName()
    {
        echo "<br>",$this->name;
    }

    function setName($name)
    {
        $this->name = $name;
    }
}

```

Let us check out if there is a difference between \$bar1 which has been created using the copy = operator and \$bar2 which has been created using the reference =& operator...

```

$bar1 = new Foo('set in constructor');
$bar1->echoName();
$globalref[0]->echoName();

/* output:
set in constructor
set in constructor
set in constructor */

$bar2 =& new Foo('set in constructor');
$bar2->echoName();
$globalref[1]->echoName();

/* output:
set in constructor
set in constructor
set in constructor */

```

Apparently there is no difference, but in fact there is a very significant one: \$bar1 and \$globalref[0] are NOT referenced, they are NOT the same variable. This is because "new" does not return a reference by default, instead it returns a copy.

Note: There is no performance loss (since PHP 4 and up use reference counting) returning copies instead of references. On the contrary it is most often better to simply work with copies instead of

references, because creating references takes some time where creating copies virtually takes no time (unless none of them is a large array or object and one of them gets changed and the other(s) one(s) subsequently, then it would be wise to use references to change them all concurrently).

To prove what is written above let us watch the code below.

```
// now we will change the name. what do you expect?
// you could expect that both $bar1 and $globalref[0] change their names...
$bar1->setName('set from outside');

// as mentioned before this is not the case.
$bar1->echoName();
$globalref[0]->echoName();

/* output:
set from outside
set in constructor */

// let us see what is different with $bar2 and $globalref[1]
$bar2->setName('set from outside');

// luckily they are not only equal, they are the same variable
// thus $bar2->name and $globalref[1]->name are the same too
$bar2->echoName();
$globalref[1]->echoName();

/* output:
set from outside
set from outside */
```

Another final example, try to understand it.

```
class A
{
    function A($i)
    {
        $this->value = $i;
        // try to figure out why we do not need a reference here
        $this->b = new B($this);
    }

    function createRef()
    {
        $this->c = new B($this);
    }

    function echoValue()
```

```

        {
            echo "<br>", "class ", get_class($this), ': ', $this->value;
        }
    }

class B
{
    function B(&$a)
    {
        $this->a = &$a;
    }

    function echoValue()
    {
        echo "<br>", "class ", get_class($this), ': ', $this->a->value;
    }
}

// try to understand why using a simple copy here would yield
// in an undesired result in the *-marked line
$a =& new A(10);
$a->createRef();

$a->echoValue();
$a->b->echoValue();
$a->c->echoValue();

$a->value = 11;

$a->echoValue();
$a->b->echoValue(); // *
$a->c->echoValue();

/*
output:
class A: 10
class B: 10
class B: 10
class A: 11
class B: 11
class B: 11
*/

```


Chapter 14. References Explained

What References Are

References are a means in PHP to access the same variable content by different names. They are not like C pointers, they are symbol table aliases. Note that in PHP, variable name and variable content are different, so the same content can have different names. The most close analogy is with Unix filenames and files - variable names are directory entries, while variable contents is the file itself. References can be thought of as hardlinking in Unix filesystem.

What References Do

PHP references allow you to make two variables to refer to the same content. Meaning, when you do:

```
$a =& $b
```

it means that \$a and \$b point to the same variable.

Note: \$a and \$b are completely equal here, that's not \$a is pointing to \$b or vice versa, that's \$a and \$b pointing to the same place.

The same syntax can be used with functions, that return references, and with new operator (in PHP 4.0.4 and later):

```
$bar =& new fooclass();
$foo =& find_var ($bar);
```

Note: Unless you use the syntax above, the result of \$bar = new fooclass() will not be the same variable as \$this in the constructor, meaning that if you have used reference to \$this in the constructor, you should use reference assignment, or you get two different objects.

The second thing references do is to pass variables by-reference. This is done by making a local variable in a function and a variable in the calling scope reference to the same content. Example:

```
function foo (&$var)
{
```

```

    $var++;
}

$a=5;
foo ($a);

```

will make `$a` to be 6. This happens because in the function `foo` the variable `$var` refers to the same content as `$a`. See also more detailed explanations about passing by reference.

The third thing reference can do is return by reference.

What References Are Not

As said before, references aren't pointers. That means, the following construct won't do what you expect:

```

function foo (&$var)
{
    $var =& $GLOBALS["baz"];
}
foo($bar);

```

What happens is that `$var` in `foo` will be bound with `$bar` in caller, but then it will be re-bound with `$GLOBALS["baz"]`. There's no way to bind `$bar` in the calling scope to something else using the reference mechanism, since `$bar` is not available in the function `foo` (it is represented by `$var`, but `$var` has only variable contents and not name-to-value binding in the calling symbol table).

Passing by Reference

You can pass variable to function by reference, so that function could modify its arguments. The syntax is as follows:

```

function foo (&$var)
{
    $var++;
}

$a=5;
foo ($a);
// $a is 6 here

```

Note that there's no reference sign on function call - only on function definition. Function definition alone is enough to correctly pass the argument by reference.

Following things can be passed by reference:

- Variable, i.e. `foo($a)`
- New statement, i.e. `foo(new foobar())`
- Reference, returned from a function, i.e.:

```
function &bar()
{
    $a = 5;
    return $a;
}
foo(bar());
```

See also explanations about returning by reference.

Any other expression should not be passed by reference, as the result is undefined. For example, the following examples of passing by reference are invalid:

```
function bar() // Note the missing &
{
    $a = 5;
    return $a;
}
foo(bar());

foo($a = 5) // Expression, not variable
foo(5) // Constant, not variable
```

These requirements are for PHP 4.0.4 and later.

Returning References

Returning by-reference is useful when you want to use a function to find which variable a reference should be bound to. When returning references, use this syntax:

```
function &find_var ($param)
{
    ...code...
    return $found_var;
}

$foo =& find_var ($bar);
$foo->x = 2;
```

In this example, the property of the object returned by the `find_var` function would be set, not the copy, as it would be without using reference syntax.

Note: Unlike parameter passing, here you have to use `&` in both places - to indicate that you return by-reference, not a copy as usual, and to indicate that reference binding, rather than usual assignment, should be done for `$foo`.

Unsetting References

When you unset the reference, you just break the binding between variable name and variable content. This does not mean that variable content will be destroyed. For example:

```
$a = 1;
$b =&$a;
unset ($a);
```

won't unset `$b`, just `$a`.

Again, it might be useful to think about this as analogous to Unix **unlink** call.

Spotting References

Many syntax constructs in PHP are implemented via referencing mechanisms, so everything told above about reference binding also apply to these constructs. Some constructs, like passing and returning by-reference, are mentioned above. Other constructs that use references are:

global References

When you declare variable as **global \$var** you are in fact creating reference to a global variable. That means, this is the same as:

```
$var =& $GLOBALS["var"];
```

That means, for example, that unsetting `$var` won't unset global variable.

\$this

In an object method, `$this` is always reference to the caller object.

Part III. Features

Chapter 15. Error Handling

There are several types of errors and warnings in PHP. They are:

Table 15-1. PHP error types

Value	Constant	Description	Note
1	E_ERROR	fatal run-time errors	
2	E_WARNING	run-time warnings (non fatal errors)	
4	E_PARSE	compile-time parse errors	
8	E_NOTICE	run-time notices (less serious than warnings)	
16	E_CORE_ERROR	fatal errors that occur during PHP's initial startup	PHP 4 only
32	E_CORE_WARNING	warnings (non fatal errors) that occur during PHP's initial startup	PHP 4 only
64	E_COMPILE_ERROR	fatal compile-time errors	PHP 4 only
128	E_COMPILE_WARNING	compile-time warnings (non fatal errors)	PHP 4 only
256	E_USER_ERROR	user-generated error message	PHP 4 only
512	E_USER_WARNING	user-generated warning message	PHP 4 only
1024	E_USER_NOTICE	user-generated notice message	PHP 4 only
	E_ALL	all of the above, as supported	

The above values (either numerical or symbolic) are used to build up a bitmask that specifies which errors to report. You can use the bitwise operators to combine these values or mask out certain types of errors. Note that only '|', '~', '!', and '&' will be understood within `php.ini`, however, and that no bitwise operators will be understood within `php3.ini`.

In PHP 4, the default `error_reporting` setting is `E_ALL & ~E_NOTICE`, meaning to display all errors and warnings which are not `E_NOTICE`-level. In PHP 3, the default setting is `(E_ERROR | E_WARNING | E_PARSE)`, meaning the same thing. Note, however, that since constants are not supported in PHP 3's `php3.ini`, the `error_reporting` setting there must be numeric; hence, it is 7.

The initial setting can be changed in the ini file with the `error_reporting` directive, in your Apache `httpd.conf` file with the `php_error_reporting` (`php3_error_reporting` for PHP 3) directive, and lastly it may be set at runtime within a script by using the `error_reporting()` function.

Warning

When upgrading code or servers from PHP 3 to PHP 4 you should check these settings and calls to `error_reporting()` or you might disable reporting the new error types, especially `E_COMPILE_ERROR`. This may lead to empty documents without any feedback of what happened or where to look for the problem.

All PHP expressions can also be called with the "@" prefix, which turns off error reporting for that particular expression. If an error occurred during such an expression and the `track_errors` feature is enabled, you can find the error message in the global variable `$php_errormsg`.

Note: The @ error-control operator prefix will not disable messages that are the result of parse errors.

Warning

Currently the @ error-control operator prefix will even disable error reporting for critical errors that will terminate script execution. Among other things, this means that if you use @ to suppress errors from a certain function and either it isn't available or has been mistyped, the script will die right there with no indication as to why.

Below we can see an example of using the error handling capabilities in PHP. We define a error handling function which logs the information into a file (using an XML format), and e-mails the developer in case a critical error in the logic happens.

Example 15-1. Using error handling in a script

```
<?php
// we will do our own error handling
error_reporting(0);

// user defined error handling function
function userErrorHandler ($errno, $errmsg, $filename, $linenum, $vars) {
    // timestamp for the error entry
    $dt = date("Y-m-d H:i:s (T)");

    // define an assoc array of error string
    // in reality the only entries we should
    // consider are 2,8,256,512 and 1024
    $errortype = array (
        1  => "Error",
        2  => "Warning",
        4  => "Parsing Error",
        8  => "Notice",
        16 => "Core Error",
        32 => "Core Warning",
```

```

        64 => "Compile Error",
        128 => "Compile Warning",
        256 => "User Error",
        512 => "User Warning",
        1024=> "User Notice"
    );
    // set of errors for which a var trace will be saved
    $user_errors = array(E_USER_ERROR, E_USER_WARNING, E_USER_NOTICE);

    $err = "<errorentry>\n";
    $err .= "\t<datetime>".$dt."</datetime>\n";
    $err .= "\t<errornum>".$serrno."</errnumber>\n";
    $err .= "\t<errortype>".$serrortype[$serrno."</errortype>\n";
    $err .= "\t<errmsg>".$serrmsg."</errmsg>\n";
    $err .= "\t<scriptname>".$sfilename."</scriptname>\n";
    $err .= "\t<scriptlinenum>".$slineum."</scriptlinenum>\n";

    if (in_array($serrno, $user_errors))
        $err .= "\t<vartrace>".wddx_serialize_value($vars, "Variables")."</vartrace>\n";
    $err .= "</errorentry>\n\n";

    // for testing
    // echo $err;

    // save to the error log, and e-mail me if there is a critical user error
    error_log($err, 3, "/usr/local/php4/error.log");
    if ($serrno == E_USER_ERROR)
        mail("phpdev@mydomain.com", "Critical User Error", $err);
}

function distance ($vect1, $vect2) {
    if (!is_array($vect1) || !is_array($vect2)) {
        trigger_error("Incorrect parameters, arrays expected", E_USER_ERROR);
        return NULL;
    }

    if (count($vect1) != count($vect2)) {
        trigger_error("Vectors need to be of the same size", E_USER_ERROR);
        return NULL;
    }

    for ($i=0; $i<count($vect1); $i++) {
        $c1 = $vect1[$i]; $c2 = $vect2[$i];
        $d = 0.0;
        if (!is_numeric($c1)) {
            trigger_error("Coordinate $i in vector 1 is not a number, using zero",
                E_USER_WARNING);
            $c1 = 0.0;
        }
        if (!is_numeric($c2)) {
            trigger_error("Coordinate $i in vector 2 is not a number, using zero",
                E_USER_WARNING);

```

```

        $c2 = 0.0;
    }
    $d += $c2*$c2 - $c1*$c1;
}
return sqrt($d);
}

$dold_error_handler = set_error_handler("userErrorHandler");

// undefined constant, generates a warning
$t = I_AM_NOT_DEFINED;

// define some "vectors"
$a = array(2,3,"foo");
$b = array(5.5, 4.3, -1.6);
$c = array (1,-3);

// generate a user error
$t1 = distance($c,$b)."\n";

// generate another user error
$t2 = distance($b,"i am not an array")."\n";

// generate a warning
$t3 = distance($a,$b)."\n";

?>

```

This is just a simple example showing how to use the Error Handling and Logging functions.

See also `error_reporting()`, `error_log()`, `set_error_handler()`, `restore_error_handler()`, `trigger_error()`, `user_error()`

Chapter 16. Creating and manipulating images

PHP is not limited to creating just HTML output. It can also be used to create and manipulate image files in a variety of different image formats, including gif, png, jpg, wbmp, and xpm. Even more convenient, php can output image streams directly to a browser. You will need to compile PHP with the GD library of image functions for this to work. GD and PHP may also require other libraries, depending on which image formats you want to work with. GD stopped supporting Gif images in version 1.6.

Example 16-1. PNG creation with PHP

```
<?php
    Header("Content-type: image/png");
    $string=implode($argv, " ");
    $im = imageCreateFromPng("images/button1.png");
    $orange = ImageColorAllocate($im, 220, 210, 60);
    $px = (imagesx($im)-7.5*strlen($string))/2;
    ImageString($im,3,$px,9,$string,$orange);
    ImagePng($im);
    ImageDestroy($im);
?>
```

This example would be called from a page with a tag like: `` The above button.php script then takes this "text" string and overlays it on top of a base image which in this case is "images/button1.png" and outputs the resulting image. This is a very convenient way to avoid having to draw new button images every time you want to change the text of a button. With this method they are dynamically generated.

Chapter 17. HTTP authentication with PHP

The HTTP Authentication hooks in PHP are only available when it is running as an Apache module and is hence not available in the CGI version. In an Apache module PHP script, it is possible to use the `header()` function to send an "Authentication Required" message to the client browser causing it to pop up a Username/Password input window. Once the user has filled in a username and a password, the URL containing the PHP script will be called again with the variables, `$PHP_AUTH_USER`, `$PHP_AUTH_PW` and `$PHP_AUTH_TYPE` set to the user name, password and authentication type respectively. Only "Basic" authentication is supported at this point. See the `header()` function for more information.

An example script fragment which would force client authentication on a page would be the following:

Example 17-1. HTTP Authentication example

```
<?php
    if(!isset($PHP_AUTH_USER)) {
        header("WWW-Authenticate: Basic realm=\"My Realm\"");
        header("HTTP/1.0 401 Unauthorized");
        echo "Text to send if user hits Cancel button\n";
        exit;
    } else {
        echo "<p>Hello $PHP_AUTH_USER.</p>";
        echo "<p>You entered $PHP_AUTH_PW as your password.</p>";
    }
?>
```

Note: Please be careful when coding the HTTP header lines. In order to guarantee maximum compatibility with all clients, the keyword "Basic" should be written with an uppercase "B", the realm string must be enclosed in double (not single) quotes, and exactly one space should precede the "401" code in the "HTTP/1.0 401" header line.

Instead of simply printing out the `$PHP_AUTH_USER` and `$PHP_AUTH_PW`, you would probably want to check the username and password for validity. Perhaps by sending a query to a database, or by looking up the user in a dbm file.

Watch out for buggy Internet Explorer browsers out there. They seem very picky about the order of the headers. Sending the *WWW-Authenticate* header before the HTTP/1.0 401 header seems to do the trick for now.

In order to prevent someone from writing a script which reveals the password for a page that was authenticated through a traditional external mechanism, the `PHP_AUTH` variables will not be set if external authentication is enabled for that particular page. In this case, the `$REMOTE_USER` variable can be used to identify the externally-authenticated user.

Configuration Note: PHP uses the presence of an `AuthType` directive to determine whether external authentication is in effect. Remember to avoid this directive for the context where you want to use PHP authentication (otherwise each authentication attempt will fail).

Note, however, that the above does not prevent someone who controls a non-authenticated URL from stealing passwords from authenticated URLs on the same server.

Both Netscape Navigator and Internet Explorer will clear the local browser window's authentication cache for the realm upon receiving a server response of 401. This can effectively "log out" a user, forcing them to re-enter their username and password. Some people use this to "time out" logins, or provide a "log-out" button.

Example 17-2. HTTP Authentication example forcing a new name/password

```
<?php
function authenticate() {
    header( "WWW-Authenticate: Basic realm=\"Test Authentication System\"");
    header( "HTTP/1.0 401 Unauthorized");
    echo "You must enter a valid login ID and password to access this resource\n";
    exit;
}

if(!isset($PHP_AUTH_USER) || ($SeenBefore == 1 && !strcmp($oldAuth, $PHP_AUTH_USER)) ) {
    authenticate();
}
else {
    echo "</p>Welcome: $PHP_AUTH_USER<br>";
    echo "Old: $oldAuth";
    echo "<form action='$PHP_SELF' METHOD=POST>\n";
    echo "<input type='hidden' name='SeenBefore' value='1'>\n";
    echo "<input type='hidden' name='OldAuth' value='$PHP_AUTH_USER'>\n";
    echo "<input type='submit' value='Re Authenticate'>\n";
    echo "</form></p>\n";
}
?>
```

This behavior is not required by the HTTP Basic authentication standard, so you should never depend on this. Testing with Lynx has shown that Lynx does not clear the authentication credentials with a 401 server response, so pressing back and then forward again will open the resource as long as the credential requirements haven't changed. The user can press the '_' key to clear their authentication information, however.

Also note that this does not work using Microsoft's IIS server and the CGI version of PHP due to a limitation of IIS.

Chapter 18. Cookies

PHP transparently supports HTTP cookies. Cookies are a mechanism for storing data in the remote browser and thus tracking or identifying return users. You can set cookies using the `setcookie()` function. Cookies are part of the HTTP header, so `setcookie()` must be called before any output is sent to the browser. This is the same limitation that `header()` has.

Any cookies sent to you from the client will automatically be turned into a PHP variable just like GET and POST method data. If you wish to assign multiple values to a single cookie, just add `[]` to the cookie name. For more details see the `setcookie()` function.

Chapter 19. Handling file uploads

POST method uploads

PHP is capable of receiving file uploads from any RFC-1867 compliant browser (which includes Netscape Navigator 3 or later, Microsoft Internet Explorer 3 with a patch from Microsoft, or later without a patch). This feature lets people upload both text and binary files. With PHP's authentication and file manipulation functions, you have full control over who is allowed to upload and what is to be done with the file once it has been uploaded.

Note that PHP also supports PUT-method file uploads as used by Netscape Composer and W3C's Amaya clients. See the PUT Method Support for more details.

A file upload screen can be built by creating a special form which looks something like this:

Example 19-1. File Upload Form

```
<form enctype="multipart/form-data" action="_URL_" method="post">
<input type="hidden" name="MAX_FILE_SIZE" value="1000">
Send this file: <input name="userfile" type="file">
<input type="submit" value="Send File">
</form>
```

The `_URL_` should point to a PHP file. The `MAX_FILE_SIZE` hidden field must precede the file input field and its value is the maximum filesize accepted. The value is in bytes.

Warning

The `MAX_FILE_SIZE` is advisory to the browser. It is easy to circumvent this maximum. So don't count on it that the browser obeys you wish! The PHP-settings for maximum-size, however, cannot be fooled.

In PHP, the following variables will be defined within the destination script upon a successful upload, assuming that `register_globals` is turned on in `php.ini`. If `track_vars` is turned on, they will also be available in PHP within the global array `$HTTP_POST_VARS`. Note that the following variable names assume the use of the file upload name 'userfile', as used in the example above:

- `$userfile` - The temporary filename in which the uploaded file was stored on the server machine.
- `$userfile_name` - The original name or path of the file on the sender's system.
- `$userfile_size` - The size of the uploaded file in bytes.
- `$userfile_type` - The mime type of the file if the browser provided this information. An example would be "image/gif".

Note that the "`$userfile`" part of the above variables is whatever the name of the INPUT field of `TYPE=file` is in the upload form. In the above upload form example, we chose to call it "userfile"

In PHP 4, the behaviour is slightly different, in that the new global array `$HTTP_POST_FILES` is provided to contain the uploaded file information. This is still only available if `track_vars` is turned on, but `track_vars` is always turned on in versions of PHP after PHP 4.0.2.

The contents of `$HTTP_POST_FILES` are as follows. Note that this assumes the use of the file upload name 'userfile', as used in the example above:

`$HTTP_POST_FILES['userfile']['name']`

The original name of the file on the client machine.

`$HTTP_POST_FILES['userfile']['type']`

The mime type of the file, if the browser provided this information. An example would be "image/gif".

`$HTTP_POST_FILES['userfile']['size']`

The size, in bytes, of the uploaded file.

`$HTTP_POST_FILES['userfile']['tmp_name']`

The temporary filename of the file in which the uploaded file was stored on the server.

Files will by default be stored in the server's default temporary directory, unless another location has been given with the `upload_tmp_dir` directive in `php.ini`. The server's default directory can be changed by setting the environment variable `TMPDIR` in the environment in which PHP runs. Setting it using `putenv()` from within a PHP script will not work. This environment variable can also be used to make sure that other operations are working on uploaded files, as well.

Example 19-2. Validating file uploads

The following examples are for versions of PHP 3 greater than 3.0.16, and versions of PHP 4 greater than 4.0.2. See the function entries for `is_uploaded_file()` and `move_uploaded_file()`.

```
<?php
if (is_uploaded_file($userfile)) {
    copy($userfile, "/place/to/put/uploaded/file");
} else {
    echo "Possible file upload attack: filename '$userfile'.";
}
/* ...or... */
move_uploaded_file($userfile, "/place/to/put/uploaded/file");
?>
```

For earlier versions of PHP, you'll need to do something like the following.

Note: This will *not* work in versions of PHP 4 after 4.0.2. It depends on internal functionality of PHP which changed after that version.

```

<?php
/* Userland test for uploaded file. */
function is_uploaded_file($filename) {
    if (!$tmp_file = get_cfg_var('upload_tmp_dir')) {
        $tmp_file = dirname(tempnam("", ""));
    }
    $tmp_file .= '/' . basename($filename);
    /* User might have trailing slash in php.ini... */
    return (ereg_replace('/+', '/', $tmp_file) == $filename);
}

if (is_uploaded_file($userfile)) {
    copy($userfile, "/place/to/put/uploaded/file");
} else {
    echo "Possible file upload attack: filename '$userfile'.";
}
?>

```

The PHP script which receives the uploaded file should implement whatever logic is necessary for determining what should be done with the uploaded file. You can for example use the `$file_size` variable to throw away any files that are either too small or too big. You could use the `$file_type` variable to throw away any files that didn't match a certain type criteria. Whatever the logic, you should either delete the file from the temporary directory or move it elsewhere.

The file will be deleted from the temporary directory at the end of the request if it has not been moved away or renamed.

Common Pitfalls

The `MAX_FILE_SIZE` item cannot specify a file size greater than the file size that has been set in the `upload_max_filesize` ini-setting. The default is 2 Megabytes.

Not validating which file you operate on may mean that users can access sensitive information in other directories.

Please note that the CERN httpd seems to strip off everything starting at the first whitespace in the content-type mime header it gets from the client. As long as this is the case, CERN httpd will not support the file upload feature.

Uploading multiple files

It is possible to upload multiple files simultaneously and have the information organized automatically in arrays for you. To do so, you need to use the same array submission syntax in the HTML form as you do with multiple selects and checkboxes:

Note: Support for multiple file uploads was added in version 3.0.10.

Example 19-3. Uploading multiple files

```
<form action="file-upload.php" method="post" enctype="multipart/form-data">
  Send these files:<br>
  <input name="userfile[]" type="file"><br>
  <input name="userfile[]" type="file"><br>
  <input type="submit" value="Send files">
</form>
```

When the above form is submitted, the arrays `$userfile`, `$userfile_name`, and `$userfile_size` will be formed in the global scope (as well as in `$HTTP_POST_FILES` (`$HTTP_POST_VARS` in PHP 3)). Each of these will be a numerically indexed array of the appropriate values for the submitted files.

For instance, assume that the filenames `/home/test/review.html` and `/home/test/xwp.out` are submitted. In this case, `$userfile_name[0]` would contain the value `review.html`, and `$userfile_name[1]` would contain the value `xwp.out`. Similarly, `$userfile_size[0]` would contain `review.html`'s filesize, and so forth.

`$userfile['name'][0]`, `$userfile['tmp_name'][0]`, `$userfile['size'][0]`, and `$userfile['type'][0]` are also set.

PUT method support

PHP provides support for the HTTP PUT method used by clients such as Netscape Composer and W3C Amaya. PUT requests are much simpler than a file upload and they look something like this:

```
PUT /path/filename.html HTTP/1.1
```

This would normally mean that the remote client would like to save the content that follows as: `/path/filename.html` in your web tree. It is obviously not a good idea for Apache or PHP to automatically let everybody overwrite any files in your web tree. So, to handle such a request you have to first tell your

web server that you want a certain PHP script to handle the request. In Apache you do this with the *Script* directive. It can be placed almost anywhere in your Apache configuration file. A common place is inside a <Directory> block or perhaps inside a <Virtualhost> block. A line like this would do the trick:

```
Script PUT /put.php
```

This tells Apache to send all PUT requests for URIs that match the context in which you put this line to the put.php script. This assumes, of course, that you have PHP enabled for the .php extension and PHP is active.

Inside your put.php file you would then do something like this:

```
<?php copy($PHP_UPLOADED_FILE_NAME,$DOCUMENT_ROOT.$REQUEST_URI); ?>
```

This would copy the file to the location requested by the remote client. You would probably want to perform some checks and/or authenticate the user before performing this file copy. The only trick here is that when PHP sees a PUT-method request it stores the uploaded file in a temporary file just like those handled but the POST-method. When the request ends, this temporary file is deleted. So, your PUT handling PHP script has to copy that file somewhere. The filename of this temporary file is in the \$PHP_PUT_FILENAME variable, and you can see the suggested destination filename in the \$REQUEST_URI (may vary on non-Apache web servers). This destination filename is the one that the remote client specified. You do not have to listen to this client. You could, for example, copy all uploaded files to a special uploads directory.

Chapter 20. Using remote files

As long as support for the "URL fopen wrapper" is enabled when you configure PHP (which it is unless you explicitly pass the `--disable-url-fopen-wrapper` flag to configure (for versions up to 4.0.3) or set `allow_url_fopen` to off in `php.ini` (for newer versions)), you can use HTTP and FTP URLs with most functions that take a filename as a parameter, including the `require()` and `include()` statements.

Note: You can't use remote files in `include()` and `require()` statements on Windows.

For example, you can use this to open a file on a remote web server, parse the output for the data you want, and then use that data in a database query, or simply to output it in a style matching the rest of your website.

Example 20-1. Getting the title of a remote page

```
<?php
$file = fopen ("http://www.php.net/", "r");
if (!$file) {
    echo "<p>Unable to open remote file.\n";
    exit;
}
while (!feof ($file)) {
    $line = fgets ($file, 1024);
    /* This only works if the title and its tags are on one line */
    if (eregi ("<title>(.*?)</title>", $line, $out)) {
        $title = $out[1];
        break;
    }
}
fclose($file);
?>
```

You can also write to files on an FTP as long you connect as a user with the correct access rights, and the file doesn't exist already. To connect as a user other than 'anonymous', you need to specify the username (and possibly password) within the URL, such as 'ftp://user:password@ftp.example.com/path/to/file'. (You can use the same sort of syntax to access files via HTTP when they require Basic authentication.)

Example 20-2. Storing data on a remote server

```
<?php
$file = fopen ("ftp://ftp.php.net/incoming/outputfile", "w");
if (!$file) {
    echo "<p>Unable to open remote file for writing.\n";
```

```
        exit;
    }
    /* Write the data here. */
    fputs ($file, "$HTTP_USER_AGENT\n");
    fclose ($file);
?>
```

Note: You might get the idea from the example above to use this technique to write to a remote log, but as mentioned above, you can only write to a new file using the URL `fopen()` wrappers. To do distributed logging like that, you should take a look at `syslog()`.

Chapter 21. Connection handling

Note: The following applies to 3.0.7 and later.

Internally in PHP a connection status is maintained. There are 3 possible states:

- 0 - NORMAL
- 1 - ABORTED
- 2 - TIMEOUT

When a PHP script is running normally the NORMAL state, is active. If the remote client disconnects the ABORTED state flag is turned on. A remote client disconnect is usually caused by the user hitting his STOP button. If the PHP-imposed time limit (see `set_time_limit()`) is hit, the TIMEOUT state flag is turned on.

You can decide whether or not you want a client disconnect to cause your script to be aborted. Sometimes it is handy to always have your scripts run to completion even if there is no remote browser receiving the output. The default behaviour is however for your script to be aborted when the remote client disconnects. This behaviour can be set via the `ignore_user_abort` php.ini directive as well as through the corresponding `php3_ignore_user_abort` Apache .conf directive or with the `ignore_user_abort()` function. If you do not tell PHP to ignore a user abort and the user aborts, your script will terminate. The one exception is if you have registered a shutdown function using `register_shutdown_function()`. With a shutdown function, when the remote user hits his STOP button, the next time your script tries to output something PHP will detect that the connection has been aborted and the shutdown function is called. This shutdown function will also get called at the end of your script terminating normally, so to do something different in case of a client disconnect you can use the `connection_aborted()` function. This function will return TRUE if the connection was aborted.

Your script can also be terminated by the built-in script timer. The default timeout is 30 seconds. It can be changed using the `max_execution_time` php.ini directive or the corresponding `php3_max_execution_time` Apache .conf directive as well as with the `set_time_limit()` function. When the timer expires the script will be aborted and as with the above client disconnect case, if a shutdown function has been registered it will be called. Within this shutdown function you can check to see if a timeout caused the shutdown function to be called by calling the `connection_timeout()` function. This function will return TRUE if a timeout caused the shutdown function to be called.

One thing to note is that both the ABORTED and the TIMEOUT states can be active at the same time. This is possible if you tell PHP to ignore user aborts. PHP will still note the fact that a user may have broken the connection, but the script will keep running. If it then hits the time limit it will be aborted and your shutdown function, if any, will be called. At this point you will find that `connection_timeout()` and `connection_aborted()` return TRUE. You can also check both states in a single call by using the `connection_status()`. This function returns a bitfield of the active states. So, if both states are active it would return 3, for example.

Chapter 22. Persistent Database Connections

Persistent connections are SQL links that do not close when the execution of your script ends. When a persistent connection is requested, PHP checks if there's already an identical persistent connection (that remained open from earlier) - and if it exists, it uses it. If it does not exist, it creates the link. An 'identical' connection is a connection that was opened to the same host, with the same username and the same password (where applicable).

People who aren't thoroughly familiar with the way web servers work and distribute the load may mistake persistent connects for what they're not. In particular, they do *not* give you an ability to open 'user sessions' on the same SQL link, they do *not* give you an ability to build up a transaction efficiently, and they don't do a whole lot of other things. In fact, to be extremely clear about the subject, persistent connections don't give you *any* functionality that wasn't possible with their non-persistent brothers.

Why?

This has to do with the way web servers work. There are three ways in which your web server can utilize PHP to generate web pages.

The first method is to use PHP as a CGI "wrapper". When run this way, an instance of the PHP interpreter is created and destroyed for every page request (for a PHP page) to your web server. Because it is destroyed after every request, any resources that it acquires (such as a link to an SQL database server) are closed when it is destroyed. In this case, you do not gain anything from trying to use persistent connections -- they simply don't persist.

The second, and most popular, method is to run PHP as a module in a multiprocess web server, which currently only includes Apache. A multiprocess server typically has one process (the parent) which coordinates a set of processes (its children) who actually do the work of serving up web pages. When each request comes in from a client, it is handed off to one of the children that is not already serving another client. This means that when the same client makes a second request to the server, it may be serviced by a different child process than the first time. What a persistent connection does for you in this case it make it so each child process only needs to connect to your SQL server the first time that it serves a page that makes use of such a connection. When another page then requires a connection to the SQL server, it can reuse the connection that child established earlier.

The last method is to use PHP as a plug-in for a multithreaded web server. Currently PHP 4 has support for ISAPI, WSAPI, and NSAPI (on Windows), which all allow PHP to be used as a plug-in on multithreaded servers like Netscape FastTrack (iPlanet), Microsoft's Internet Information Server (IIS), and O'Reilly's WebSite Pro. The behavior is essentially the same as for the multiprocess model described before. Note that SAPI support is not available in PHP 3.

If persistent connections don't have any added functionality, what are they good for?

The answer here is extremely simple -- efficiency. Persistent connections are good if the overhead to create a link to your SQL server is high. Whether or not this overhead is really high depends on many factors. Like, what kind of database it is, whether or not it sits on the same computer on which your web server sits, how loaded the machine the SQL server sits on is and so forth. The bottom line is that if that connection overhead is high, persistent connections help you considerably. They cause the child process to simply connect only once for its entire lifespan, instead of every time it processes a page that requires connecting to the SQL server. This means that for every child that opened a persistent connection will have its own open persistent connection to the server. For example, if you had 20 different child processes that ran a script that made a persistent connection to your SQL server, you'd have 20 different connections to the SQL server, one from each child.

Note, however, that this can have some drawbacks if you are using a database with connection limits that

are exceeded by persistent child connections. If your database has a limit of 16 simultaneous connections, and in the course of a busy server session, 17 child threads attempt to connect, one will not be able to. If there are bugs in your scripts which do not allow the connections to shut down (such as infinite loops), a database with only 32 connections may be rapidly swamped. Check your database documentation for information on handling abandoned or idle connections.

Warning

There are a couple of additional caveats to keep in mind when using persistent connections. One is that when using table locking on a persistent connection, if the script for whatever reason cannot release the lock, then subsequent scripts using the same connection will block indefinitely and may require that you either restart the httpd server or the database server. Another is that when using transactions, a transaction block will also carry over to the next script which uses that connection if script execution ends before the transaction block does. In either case, you can use `register_shutdown_function()` to register a simple cleanup function to unlock your tables or roll back your transactions. Better yet, avoid the problem entirely by not using persistent connections in scripts which use table locks or transactions (you can still use them elsewhere).

An important summary. Persistent connections were designed to have one-to-one mapping to regular connections. That means that you should *always* be able to replace persistent connections with non-persistent connections, and it won't change the way your script behaves. It *may* (and probably will) change the efficiency of the script, but not its behavior!

Chapter 23. Safe Mode

Safe Mode is an attempt to solve the shared-server security problem. It is architecturally incorrect to try to solve this problem at the PHP level, but since the alternatives at the web server and OS levels aren't very realistic, many people, especially ISP's, use Safe Mode for now.

The configuration directives that control Safe Mode are:

```
safe_mode = Off
open_basedir =
safe_mode_exec_dir =
safe_mode_allowed_env_vars = PHP_
safe_mode_protected_env_vars = LD_LIBRARY_PATH
disable_functions =
```

When `safe_mode` is on, PHP checks to see if the owner of the current script matches the owner of the file to be operated on by a file function. For example:

```
-rw-rw-r-- 1 rasmus rasmus 33 Jul 1 19:20 script.php
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1116 May 26 18:01 /etc/passwd
```

Running this `script.php`

```
<?php
  readfile('/etc/passwd');
?>
```

results in this error when Safe Mode is enabled:

```
Warning: SAFE MODE Restriction in effect. The script whose uid is 500 is not
allowed to access /etc/passwd owned by uid 0 in /docroot/script.php on line 2
```

If instead of `safe_mode`, you set an `open_basedir` directory then all file operations will be limited to files under the specified directory. For example (Apache `httpd.conf` example):

```
<Directory /docroot>
  php_admin_value open_basedir /docroot
</Directory>
```

If you run the same script.php with this open_basedir setting then this is the result:

```
Warning: open_basedir restriction in effect. File is in wrong directory in
/docroot/script.php on line 2
```

You can also disable individual functions. If we add this to our php.ini file:

```
disable_functions readfile,system
```

Then we get this output:

```
Warning: readfile() has been disabled for security reasons in
/docroot/script.php on line 2
```

Functions restricted/disabled by Safe Mode

This is a still probably incomplete and possibly incorrect listing of the functions limited by Safe Mode.

Table 23-1. Safe Mode limited functions

Function	Limitations
dbmopen()	Checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed.
dbase_open()	Checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed.
filepro()	Checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed.
filepro_rowcount()	Checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed.
filepro_retrieve()	Checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed.

Function	Limitations
ifx_* ()	sql_safe_mode restrictions, (!= Safe Mode)
ingres_* ()	sql_safe_mode restrictions, (!= Safe Mode)
mysql_* ()	sql_safe_mode restrictions, (!= Safe Mode)
pg_loimport()	Checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed.
posix_mkfifo()	Checks whether the directory in which you are about to operate, has the same UID as the script that is being executed.
putenv()	Obeys the safe_mode_protected_env_vars and safe_mode_allowed_env_vars ini-directives. See also the documentation on putenv()
move_uploaded_file()	Checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed.
chdir()	Checks whether the directory in which you are about to operate, has the same UID as the script that is being executed.
dl()	This function is disabled in safe-mode
backtick operator	This function is disabled in safe-mode
shell_exec() (functional equivalent of backticks)	This function is disabled in safe-mode
exec()	You can only execute executables within the safe_mode_exec_dir. For practical reasons it's currently not allowed to have . . components in the path to the executable.
system()	You can only execute executables within the safe_mode_exec_dir. For practical reasons it's currently not allowed to have . . components in the path to the executable.
passthru()	You can only execute executables within the safe_mode_exec_dir. For practical reasons it's currently not allowed to have . . components in the path to the executable.
popen()	You can only execute executables within the safe_mode_exec_dir. For practical reasons it's currently not allowed to have . . components in the path to the executable.
mkdir()	Checks whether the directory in which you are about to operate, has the same UID as the script that is being executed.
rmdir()	Checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed.

Function	Limitations
rename()	Checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed. Checks whether the directory in which you are about to operate, has the same UID as the script that is being executed.
unlink()	Checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed. Checks whether the directory in which you are about to operate, has the same UID as the script that is being executed.
copy()	Checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed. Checks whether the directory in which you are about to operate, has the same UID as the script that is being executed. (on <i>source</i> and <i>target</i>)
chgrp()	Checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed.
chown()	Checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed.
chmod()	Checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed. In addition, you cannot set the SUID, SGID and sticky bits
touch()	Checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed. Checks whether the directory in which you are about to operate, has the same UID as the script that is being executed.
symlink()	Checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed. Checks whether the directory in which you are about to operate, has the same UID as the script that is being executed. (note: only the target is checked)
link()	Checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed. Checks whether the directory in which you are about to operate, has the same UID as the script that is being executed. (note: only the target is checked)

Function	Limitations
getallheaders()	In Safe Mode, headers beginning with 'authorization' (case-insensitive) will not be returned. Warning: this is broken with the aol-server implementation of getallheaders()!
Any function that uses php4/main/fopen_wrappers.c	??

Part IV. Function Reference

I. Apache-specific Functions

apache_lookup_uri (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Perform a partial request for the specified URI and return all info about it

object **apache_lookup_uri** (string *filename*)

This performs a partial request for a URI. It goes just far enough to obtain all the important information about the given resource and returns this information in a class. The properties of the returned class are:

```
status
the_request
status_line
method
content_type
handler
uri
filename
path_info
args
boundary
no_cache
no_local_copy
allowed
send_bodyct
bytes_sent
byterange
clength
unparsed_uri
mtime
request_time
```

Note: **apache_lookup_uri()** only works when PHP is installed as an Apache module.

apache_note (PHP 3>= 3.0.2, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get and set apache request notes

string **apache_note** (string *note_name*, string [*note_value*])

apache_note() is an Apache-specific function which gets and sets values in a request's notes table. If called with one argument, it returns the current value of note *note_name*. If called with two arguments, it sets the value of note *note_name* to *note_value* and returns the previous value of note *note_name*.

ascii2ebcdic (PHP 3>= 3.0.17)

Translate string from ASCII to EBCDIC

```
int ascii2ebcdic (string ascii_str)
```

ascii2ebcdic() is an Apache-specific function which is available only on EBCDIC based operating systems (OS/390, BS2000). It translates the ASCII encoded string *ascii_str* to its equivalent EBCDIC representation (binary safe), and returns the result.

See also the reverse function `ebcdic2ascii()`

ebcdic2ascii (PHP 3>= 3.0.17)

Translate string from EBCDIC to ASCII

```
int ebcdic2ascii (string ebcdic_str)
```

ebcdic2ascii() is an Apache-specific function which is available only on EBCDIC based operating systems (OS/390, BS2000). It translates the EBCDIC encoded string *ebcdic_str* to its equivalent ASCII representation (binary safe), and returns the result.

See also the reverse function `ascii2ebcdic()`

getallheaders (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch all HTTP request headers

```
array getallheaders ( )
```

This function returns an associative array of all the HTTP headers in the current request.

Note: You can also get at the value of the common CGI variables by reading them from the environment, which works whether or not you are using PHP as an Apache module. Use `phpinfo()` to see a list of all of the environment variables defined this way.

Example 1. getallheaders() Example

```
$headers = getallheaders();
while (list ($header, $value) = each ($headers)) {
    echo "$header: $value<br>\n";
}
```

This example will display all the request headers for the current request.

Note: `getallheaders()` is currently only supported when PHP runs as an Apache module.

virtual (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Perform an Apache sub-request

```
int virtual (string filename)
```

virtual() is an Apache-specific function which is equivalent to `<!--#include virtual...-->` in `mod_include`. It performs an Apache sub-request. It is useful for including CGI scripts or `.shtml` files, or anything else that you would parse through Apache. Note that for a CGI script, the script must generate valid CGI headers. At the minimum that means it must generate a Content-type header. For PHP files, you need to use `include()` or `require()`; **virtual()** cannot be used to include a document which is itself a PHP file.

II. Array Functions

These functions allow you to interact with and manipulate arrays in various ways. Arrays are essential for storing, managing, and operating on sets of variables.

Simple and multi-dimensional arrays are supported, and may be either user created or created by another function. There are specific database handling functions for populating arrays from database queries, and several functions return arrays.

Please see the Arrays section of the manual for a detailed explanation of how arrays are implemented and used in PHP.

See also `is_array()`, `explode()`, `implode()`, `split()` and `join()`.

array (unknown)

Create an array

```
array array ([mixed ...])
```

Returns an array of the parameters. The parameters can be given an index with the => operator.

Note: `array()` is a language construct used to represent literal arrays, and not a regular function.

Syntax "index => values", separated by commas, define index and values. index may be of type string or numeric. When index is omitted, a integer index is automatically generated, starting at 0. If index is an integer, next generated index will be the biggest integer index + 1. Note that when two identical index are defined, the last overwrite the first.

The following example demonstrates how to create a two-dimensional array, how to specify keys for associative arrays, and how to skip-and-continue numeric indices in normal arrays.

Example 1. array() example

```
$fruits = array (
    "fruits" => array ("a"=>"orange", "b"=>"banana", "c"=>"apple"),
    "numbers" => array (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6),
    "holes"   => array ("first", 5 => "second", "third")
);
```

Example 2. Automatic index with array()

```
$array = array( 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 8=>1, 4=>1, 19, 3=>13);
print_r($array);
```

will display :

```
Array
(
    [0] => 1
    [1] => 1
    [2] => 1
```

```

    [3] => 13
    [4] => 1
    [8] => 1
    [9] => 19
)

```

Note that index '3' is defined twice, and keep its final value of 13. Index 4 is defined after index 8, and next generated index (value 19) is 9, since biggest index was 8.

This example creates a 1-based array.

Example 3. 1-based index with array()

```

$firstquarter = array(1 => 'January', 'February', 'March');
print_r($firstquarter);

```

will display :

```

Array
(
    [1] => 'January'
    [2] => 'February'
    [3] => 'March'
)

```

See also: `list()`.

array_change_key_case (PHP 4 CVS only)

Returns an array with all string keys lowercased or uppercased

```
array array_change_key_case (array input [, int case])
```

array_change_key_case() changes the keys in the *input* array to be all lowercase or uppercase. The change depends on the last optional *case* parameter. You can pass two constants there, `CASE_UPPER` and `CASE_LOWER`. The default is `CASE_LOWER`. The function will leave number indices as is.

Example 1. array_change_key_case() example

```
$input_array = array("FirSt" => 1, "Sec0nd" => 4);
print_r(array_change_key_case($input_array, CASE_UPPER);
```

The printout of the above program will be:

```
Array
(
    [FIRST] => 1
    [SECOND] => 2
)
```

array_chunk (unknown)

Split an array into chunks

```
array array_chunk (array input, int size [, bool preserve_keys])
```

array_chunk() splits the array into several arrays with *size* values in them. You may also have an array with less values at the end. You get the arrays as members of a multidimensional array indexed with numbers starting from zero.

By setting the optional *preserve_keys* parameter to TRUE, you can force PHP to preserve the original keys from the input array. If you specify FALSE new number indicies will be used in each resulting array with indices starting from zero. The default is FALSE.

Example 1. array_chunk() example

```
$input_array = array('a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e');
print_r(array_chunk($input_array, 2));
print_r(array_chunk($input_array, 2, TRUE));
```

The printout of the above program will be:

```
Array
(
    [0] => Array
        (
```

```

        [0] => a
        [1] => b
    )

    [1] => Array
    (
        [0] => c
        [1] => d
    )

    [2] => Array
    (
        [0] => e
    )
)
Array
(
    [0] => Array
    (
        [0] => a
        [1] => b
    )

    [1] => Array
    (
        [2] => c
        [3] => d
    )

    [2] => Array
    (
        [4] => e
    )
)

```

array_count_values (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Counts all the values of an array

array **array_count_values** (array *input*)

array_count_values() returns an array using the values of the *input* array as keys and their frequency in *input* as values.

Example 1. array_count_values() example

```
$array = array (1, "hello", 1, "world", "hello");
array_count_values ($array); // returns array (1=>2, "hello"=>2, "world"=>1)
```

array_diff (PHP 4)

Computes the difference of arrays

```
array array_diff (array array1, array array2 [, array ...])
```

array_diff() returns an array containing all the values of *array1* that are not present in any of the other arguments. Note that keys are preserved.

Example 1. array_diff() example

```
$array1 = array ("a" => "green", "red", "blue", "red");
$array2 = array ("b" => "green", "yellow", "red");
$result = array_diff ($array1, $array2);
```

This makes `$result` have array ("blue");. Multiple occurrences in `$array1` are all treated the same way.

Note: Two elements are considered equal if and only if (string) `$elem1` === (string) `$elem2`. In words: when the string representation is the same.

Warning

This was broken in PHP 4.0.4!

See also `array_intersect()`.

array_filter (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Filters elements of an array using a callback function

array **array_filter** (array *input* [, mixed *callback*])

array_filter() returns an array containing all the elements of *input* filtered according a callback function. If the *input* is an associative array the keys are preserved.

Example 1. array_filter() example

```
function odd($var) {
    return ($var % 2 == 1);
}

function even($var) {
    return ($var % 2 == 0);
}

$array1 = array ("a"=>1, "b"=>2, "c"=>3, "d"=>4, "e"=>5);
$array2 = array (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12);

$odd_arr = array_filter($array1, "odd");
$even_arr = array_filter($array2, "even");
```

This makes `$odd_arr` have array ("a"=>1, "c"=>3, "e"=>5);, and `$even_arr` have array (6, 8, 10, 12);,

See also `array_map()`, `array_reduce()`.

array_flip (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Flip all the values of an array

array **array_flip** (array *trans*)

array_flip() returns an array in flip order, i.e. keys from *trans* become values and *trans*'s values become keys.

Note that the values of *trans* need to be valid keys, i.e. they need to be either integer or string. A warning will be emitted if a value has the wrong type, and the key/value pair in question *will not be flipped*.

If a value has several occurrences, the latest key will be used as its values, and all others will be lost.

array_flip() returns FALSE if it fails.

Example 1. array_flip() example

```
$trans = array_flip ($trans);
$original = strstr ($str, $trans);
```

Example 2. array_flip() example : collision

```
$trans = array ("a" => 1, "b" => 1, "c" => 2);
$trans = array_flip ($trans);
// now $trans is : array(1 => "b", 2 => "c");
```

array_fill (unknown)

Fill an array with values

```
array array_fill (int start_index, int num, mixed value)
```

array_fill() fills an array with *num* entries of the value of the *value* parameter, keys starting at the *start_index* parameter.

Example 1. array_fill() example

```
$a = array_fill(5, 6, 'banana');

/*
$a now has the following entries:
```

```

$a[5] = "banana";
$a[6] = "banana";
$a[7] = "banana";
$a[8] = "banana";
$a[9] = "banana";
$a[10] = "banana";
*/

```

array_intersect (PHP 4)

Computes the intersection of arrays

```
array array_intersect (array array1, array array2 [, array ...])
```

array_intersect() returns an array containing all the values of *array1* that are present in all the arguments. Note that keys are preserved.

Example 1. array_intersect() example

```

$array1 = array ("a" => "green", "red", "blue");
$array2 = array ("b" => "green", "yellow", "red");
$result = array_intersect ($array1, $array2);

```

This makes `$result` have array `("a" => "green", "red");`

Note: Two elements are considered equal if and only if `(string) $elem1 === (string) $elem2`. In words: when the string representation is the same.

Warning

This was broken in PHP 4.0.4!

See also `array_diff()`.

array_key_exists (unknown)

Checks if the given key or index exists in the array

`bool array_key_exists (mixed key, array search)`

array_key_exists() returns TRUE if the given *key* is set in the array. *key* can be any value possible for an array index.

Example 1. array_key_exists() example

```
$search_array = array("first" => 1, "second" => 4);
if (array_key_exists("first", $search_array)) {
    echo "The 'first' element is in the array";
}
```

Note: This name of this function is **key_exists()** in PHP version 4.0.6.

See also `isset()`.

array_keys (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return all the keys of an array

`array array_keys (array input, mixed [search_value])`

array_keys() returns the keys, numeric and string, from the *input* array.

If the optional *search_value* is specified, then only the keys for that value are returned. Otherwise, all the keys from the *input* are returned.

Example 1. array_keys() example

```
$array = array (0 => 100, "color" => "red");
array_keys ($array);          // returns array (0, "color")
```

```
$array = array ("blue", "red", "green", "blue", "blue");
array_keys ($array, "blue"); // returns array (0, 3, 4)
```

```
$array = array ("color" => array("blue", "red", "green"), "size" => array("small", "medium"),
array_keys ($array); // returns array ("color", "size")
```

Note: This function was added to PHP 4, below is an implementation for those still using PHP 3.

Example 2. Implementation of `array_keys()` for PHP 3 users

```
function array_keys ($arr, $term="") {
    $t = array();
    while (list($k,$v) = each($arr)) {
        if ($term && $v != $term) {
            continue;
            $t[] = $k;
        }
        return $t;
    }
}
```

See also `array_values()`.

array_map (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Applies the callback to the elements of the given arrays

array **array_map** (mixed *callback*, array *arr1* [, array *arr2*...])

array_map() returns an array containing all the elements of *arr1* after applying the callback function to each one. The number of parameters that the callback function accepts should match the number of arrays passed to the **array_map()**

Example 1. array_map() example

```
function cube($n) {
    return $n*$n*$n;
}

$a = array(1, 2, 3, 4, 5);
$b = array_map("cube", $a);
```

This will result in `$b` containing array (1, 8, 27, 64, 125);

Example 2. array_map() - using more arrays

```
function show_Spanish($n, $m) {
    return "The number $n is called $m in Spanish";
}

function map_Spanish($n, $m) {
    return array ($n => $m);
}

$a = array(1, 2, 3, 4, 5);
$b = array("uno", "dos", "tres", "cuatro", "cinco");

$c = array_map("show_Spanish", $a, $b);

print_r($c);

// will output:
// Array
// (
//     [0] => The number 1 is called uno in Spanish
//     [1] => The number 2 is called dos in Spanish
//     [2] => The number 3 is called tres in Spanish
//     [3] => The number 4 is called cuatro in Spanish
//     [4] => The number 5 is called cinco in Spanish
// )

$d = array_map("map_Spanish", $a , $b);

print_r($d);

// will output:
// Array
// (
//     [0] => Array
//         (
```

```
//          [1] => uno
//      )
//
//      [1] => Array
//      (
//          [2] => dos
//      )
//
//      [2] => Array
//      (
//          [3] => tres
//      )
//
//      [3] => Array
//      (
//          [4] => cuatro
//      )
//
//      [4] => Array
//      (
//          [5] => cinco
//      )
// )
```

Usually when using two or more arrays, they should be of equal length because the callback function is applied in parallel to the corresponding elements. If the arrays are of unequal length, the shortest one will be extended with empty elements.

An interesting use of this function is to construct an array of arrays, which can be easily performed by using NULL as the name of the callback function

Example 3. Creating an array of arrays

```
$a = array(1, 2, 3, 4, 5);
$b = array("one", "two", "three", "four", "five");
$c = array("uno", "dos", "tres", "cuatro", "cinco");

$d = array_map(null, $a, $b, $c);
print_r($d);

// will output:
// Array
// (
//     [0] => Array
//     (
//         [0] => 1
//         [1] => one
```

```

//          [2] => uno
//      )
//
//      [1] => Array
//      (
//          [0] => 2
//          [1] => two
//          [2] => dos
//      )
//
//      [2] => Array
//      (
//          [0] => 3
//          [1] => three
//          [2] => tres
//      )
//
//      [3] => Array
//      (
//          [0] => 4
//          [1] => four
//          [2] => cuatro
//      )
//
//      [4] => Array
//      (
//          [0] => 5
//          [1] => five
//          [2] => cinco
//      )
//
// )

```

See also `array_filter()`, `array_reduce()`.

array_merge (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Merge two or more arrays

`array` **array_merge** (`array` *array1*, `array` *array2* [, `array` ...])

array_merge() merges the elements of two or more arrays together so that the values of one are appended to the end of the previous one. It returns the resulting array.

If the input arrays have the same string keys, then the later value for that key will overwrite the previous one. If, however, the arrays have the same numeric key, the later value will not overwrite the original value, but will be appended.

Example 1. array_merge() example

```
$array1 = array ("color" => "red", 2, 4);
$array2 = array ("a", "b", "color" => "green", "shape" => "trapezoid", 4);
$result = array_merge ($array1, $array2);
```

Resulting array will be array("color" => "green", 2, 4, "a", "b", "shape" => "trapezoid", 4).

See also array_merge_recursive().

array_merge_recursive (PHP 4)

Merge two or more arrays recursively

```
array array_merge_recursive (array array1, array array2 [, array ...])
```

array_merge_recursive() merges the elements of two or more arrays together so that the values of one are appended to the end of the previous one. It returns the resulting array.

If the input arrays have the same string keys, then the values for these keys are merged together into an array, and this is done recursively, so that if one of the values is an array itself, the function will merge it with a corresponding entry in another array too. If, however, the arrays have the same numeric key, the later value will not overwrite the original value, but will be appended.

Example 1. array_merge_recursive() example

```
$ar1 = array ("color" => array ("favorite" => "red"), 5);
$ar2 = array (10, "color" => array ("favorite" => "green", "blue"));
$result = array_merge_recursive ($ar1, $ar2);
```

Resulting array will be array ("color" => array ("favorite" => array ("red", "green"), "blue"), 5, 10).

See also `array_merge()`.

array_multisort (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sort multiple or multi-dimensional arrays

```
bool array_multisort (array ar1 [, mixed arg [, mixed ... [, array ...]])
```

array_multisort() can be used to sort several arrays at once or a multi-dimensional array according by one of more dimensions. It maintains key association when sorting.

The input arrays are treated as columns of a table to be sorted by rows - this resembles the functionality of SQL ORDER BY clause. The first array is the primary one to sort by. The rows (values) in that array that compare the same are sorted by the next input array, and so on.

The argument structure of this function is a bit unusual, but flexible. The very first argument has to be an array. Subsequently, each argument can be either an array or a sorting flag from the following lists.

Sorting order flags:

- SORT_ASC - sort in ascending order
- SORT_DESC - sort in descending order

Sorting type flags:

- SORT_REGULAR - compare items normally
- SORT_NUMERIC - compare items numerically
- SORT_STRING - compare items as strings

No two sorting flags of the same type can be specified after each array. The sortings flags specified after an array argument apply only to that array - they are reset to default SORT_ASC and SORT_REGULAR after before each new array argument.

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on failure.

Example 1. Sorting multiple arrays

```
$ar1 = array ("10", 100, 100, "a");  
$ar2 = array (1, 3, "2", 1);  
array_multisort ($ar1, $ar2);
```

In this example, after sorting, the first array will contain 10, "a", 100, 100. The second array will contain 1, 1, "2", 3. The entries in the second array corresponding to the identical entries in the first array (100 and 100) were sorted as well.

Example 2. Sorting multi-dimensional array

```
$ar = array (array ("10", 100, 100, "a"), array (1, 3, "2", 1));
array_multisort ($ar[0], SORT_ASC, SORT_STRING,
                 $ar[1], SORT_NUMERIC, SORT_DESC);
```

In this example, after sorting, the first array will contain 10, 100, 100, "a" (it was sorted as strings in ascending order), and the second one will contain 1, 3, "2", 1 (sorted as numbers, in descending order).

array_pad (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Pad array to the specified length with a value

```
array array_pad (array input, int pad_size, mixed pad_value)
```

array_pad() returns a copy of the *input* padded to size specified by *pad_size* with value *pad_value*. If *pad_size* is positive then the array is padded on the right, if it's negative then on the left. If the absolute value of *pad_size* is less than or equal to the length of the *input* then no padding takes place.

Example 1. array_pad() example

```
$input = array (12, 10, 9);

$result = array_pad ($input, 5, 0);
// result is array (12, 10, 9, 0, 0)

$result = array_pad ($input, -7, -1);
// result is array (-1, -1, -1, -1, 12, 10, 9)

$result = array_pad ($input, 2, "noop");
// not padded
```

array_pop (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Pop the element off the end of array

```
mixed array_pop (array array)
```

array_pop() pops and returns the last value of the *array*, shortening the *array* by one element. If *array* is empty (or is not an array), *NULL* will be returned.

Example 1. array_pop() example

```
$stack = array ("orange", "apple", "raspberry");
$fruit = array_pop ($stack);
```

After this, *\$stack* has only 2 elements: "orange" and "apple", and *\$fruit* has "raspberry".

See also *array_push()*, *array_shift()*, and *array_unshift()*.

array_push (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Push one or more elements onto the end of array

```
int array_push (array array, mixed var [, mixed ...])
```

array_push() treats *array* as a stack, and pushes the passed variables onto the end of *array*. The length of *array* increases by the number of variables pushed. Has the same effect as:

```
$array[] = $var;
```

repeated for each *var*.

Returns the new number of elements in the array.

Example 1. array_push() example

```
$stack = array (1, 2);
array_push ($stack, "+", 3);
```

This example would result in `$stack` having 4 elements: 1, 2, "+", and 3.

See also: `array_pop()`, `array_shift()`, and `array_unshift()`.

array_rand (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Pick one or more random entries out of an array

```
mixed array_rand (array input [, int num_req])
```

array_rand() is rather useful when you want to pick one or more random entries out of an array. It takes an *input* array and an optional argument *num_req* which specifies how many entries you want to pick - if not specified, it defaults to 1.

If you are picking only one entry, **array_rand()** returns the key for a random entry. Otherwise, it returns an array of keys for the random entries. This is done so that you can pick random keys as well as values out of the array.

Don't forget to call `srand()` to seed the random number generator.

Example 1. array_rand() example

```
srand ((float) microtime() * 100000000);
$input = array ("Neo", "Morpheus", "Trinity", "Cypher", "Tank");
$rand_keys = array_rand ($input, 2);
print $input[$rand_keys[0]]."\n";
print $input[$rand_keys[1]]."\n";
```

array_reverse (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return an array with elements in reverse order

```
array array_reverse (array array [, bool preserve_keys])
```

array_reverse() takes input *array* and returns a new array with the order of the elements reversed, preserving the keys if *preserve_keys* is TRUE.

Example 1. array_reverse() example

```
$input = array ("php", 4.0, array ("green", "red"));
$result = array_reverse ($input);
$result_keyed = array_reverse ($input, TRUE);
```

This makes both `$result` and `$result_keyed` be `array(array ("green", "red"), 4.0, "php")`. But `$result_keyed[0]` is still "php".

Note: The second parameter was added in PHP 4.0.3.

array_reduce (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Iteratively reduce the array to a single value using a callback function

```
mixed array_reduce (array input, mixed callback [, int initial])
```

array_reduce() applies iteratively the *callback* function to the elements of the array *input*, so as to reduce the array to a single value. If the optional *initial* is available, it will be used at the beginning of the process, or as a final result in case the array is empty.

Example 1. array_reduce() example

```
function rsum($v, $w) {
    $v += $w;
    return $v;
}

function rmul($v, $w) {
    $v *= $w;
    return $v;
}
```

```
$a = array(1, 2, 3, 4, 5);
$x = array();
$b = array_reduce($a, "rsum");
$c = array_reduce($a, "rmul", 10);
$d = array_reduce($x, "rsum", 1);
```

This will result in `$b` containing 15, `$c` containing 1200 (= 1*2*3*4*5*10), and `$d` containing 1.

See also `array_filter()`, `array_map()`.

array_shift (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Shift an element off the beginning of array

```
mixed array_shift (array array)
```

array_shift() shifts the first value of the *array* off and returns it, shortening the *array* by one element and moving everything down. If *array* is empty (or is not an array), NULL will be returned.

Example 1. array_shift() example

```
$args = array ("-v", "-f");
$opt = array_shift ($args);
```

This would result in `$args` having one element `"-f"` left, and `$opt` being `"-v"`.

See also `array_unshift()`, `array_push()`, and `array_pop()`.

array_slice (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Extract a slice of the array

```
array array_slice (array array, int offset, int [length])
```

array_slice() returns a sequence of elements from the *array* specified by the *offset* and *length* parameters.

If *offset* is positive, the sequence will start at that offset in the *array*. If *offset* is negative, the sequence will start that far from the end of the *array*.

If *length* is given and is positive, then the sequence will have that many elements in it. If *length* is given and is negative then the sequence will stop that many elements from the end of the array. If it is omitted, then the sequence will have everything from *offset* up until the end of the *array*.

Example 1. array_slice() examples

```
$input = array ("a", "b", "c", "d", "e");

$output = array_slice ($input, 2);           // returns "c", "d", and "e"
$output = array_slice ($input, 2, -1);      // returns "c", "d"
$output = array_slice ($input, -2, 1);      // returns "d"
$output = array_slice ($input, 0, 3);       // returns "a", "b", and "c"
```

See also array_splice().

array_splice (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Remove a portion of the array and replace it with something else

```
array array_splice (array input, int offset [, int length, array
[replacement]])
```

array_splice() removes the elements designated by *offset* and *length* from the *input* array, and replaces them with the elements of the *replacement* array, if supplied.

If *offset* is positive then the start of removed portion is at that offset from the beginning of the *input* array. If *offset* is negative then it starts that far from the end of the *input* array.

If *length* is omitted, removes everything from *offset* to the end of the array. If *length* is specified and is positive, then that many elements will be removed. If *length* is specified and is negative then the end of the removed portion will be that many elements from the end of the array. Tip: to remove everything from *offset* to the end of the array when *replacement* is also specified, use `count($input)` for *length*.

If *replacement* array is specified, then the removed elements are replaced with elements from this array. If *offset* and *length* are such that nothing is removed, then the elements from the

replacement array are inserted in the place specified by the *offset*. Tip: if the replacement is just one element it is not necessary to put `array()` around it, unless the element is an array itself.

The following equivalences hold:

<code>array_push (\$input, \$x, \$y)</code>	<code>array_splice (\$input, count (\$input), 0, array (\$x, \$y))</code>
<code>array_pop (\$input)</code>	<code>array_splice (\$input, -1)</code>
<code>array_shift (\$input)</code>	<code>array_splice (\$input, 0, 1)</code>
<code>array_unshift (\$input, \$x, \$y)</code>	<code>array_splice (\$input, 0, 0, array (\$x, \$y))</code>
<code>\$a[\$x] = \$y</code>	<code>array_splice (\$input, \$x, 1, \$y)</code>

Returns the array consisting of removed elements.

Example 1. `array_splice()` examples

```
$input = array ("red", "green", "blue", "yellow");
array_splice ($input, 2);
// $input is now array ("red", "green")

$input = array ("red", "green", "blue", "yellow");
array_splice ($input, 1, -1);
// $input is now array ("red", "yellow")

$input = array ("red", "green", "blue", "yellow");
array_splice ($input, 1, count($input), "orange");
// $input is now array ("red", "orange")

$input = array ("red", "green", "blue", "yellow");
array_splice ($input, -1, 1, array("black", "maroon"));
// $input is now array ("red", "green",
//                      "blue", "black", "maroon")
```

See also `array_slice()`.

array_sum (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Calculate the sum of values in an array.

mixed **array_sum** (array *arr*)

array_sum() returns the sum of values in an array as an integer or float.

Example 1. array_sum() examples

```
$a = array(2, 4, 6, 8);
echo "sum(a) = ".array_sum($a)."\n";
// prints: sum(a) = 20

$b = array("a"=>1.2,"b"=>2.3,"c"=>3.4);
echo "sum(b) = ".array_sum($b)."\n";
// prints: sum(b) = 6.9
```

array_unique (PHP 4)

Removes duplicate values from an array

array **array_unique** (array *array*)

array_unique() takes input *array* and returns a new array without duplicate values.

Note that keys are preserved. **array_unique()** will keep the first key encountered for every value, and ignore all following keys.

Note: Two elements are considered equal if and only if (string) \$elem1 === (string) \$elem2. In words: when the string representation is the same.

The first element will be used.

Warning

This was broken in PHP 4.0.4!

Example 1. array_unique() example

```
$input = array ("a" => "green", "red", "b" => "green", "blue", "red");
$result = array_unique ($input);
```

```

print_r($result);
// this will output :
//Array
//(
//    [a] => green
//    [0] => red
//    [1] => blue
//)

```

Example 2. array_unique() and types

```

$input = array (4,"4","3",4,3,"3");
$result = array_unique ($input);
var_dump($result);

/* output:
array(2) {
    [0]=>
    int(4)
    [1]=>
    string(1) "3"
}
*/

```

array_unshift (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Prepend one or more elements to the beginning of array

```
int array_unshift (array array, mixed var, mixed [...])
```

array_unshift() prepends passed elements to the front of the *array*. Note that the list of elements is prepended as a whole, so that the prepended elements stay in the same order.

Returns the new number of elements in the *array*.

Example 1. array_unshift() example

```
$queue = array ("p1", "p3");
array_unshift ($queue, "p4", "p5", "p6");
```

This would result in \$queue having 5 elements: "p4", "p5", "p6", "p1", and "p3".

See also array_shift(), array_push(), and array_pop().

array_values (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return all the values of an array

```
array array_values (array input)
```

array_values() returns all the values from the *input* array.

Example 1. array_values() example

```
$array = array ("size" => "XL", "color" => "gold");
array_values ($array);    // returns array ("XL", "gold")
```

Note: This function was added to PHP 4, below is an implementation for those still using PHP 3.

Example 2. Implementation of array_values() for PHP 3 users

```
function array_values ($arr) {
    $t = array();
    while (list($k, $v) = each ($arr)) {
        $t[] = $v;
    }
    return $t;
}
```

array_walk (PHP 3 >= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Apply a user function to every member of an array

```
int array_walk (array arr, string func [, mixed userdata])
```

Applies the user-defined function named by *func* to each element of *arr*. *func* will be passed array value as the first parameter and array key as the second parameter. If *userdata* is supplied, it will be passed as the third parameter to the user function. *func* must be a user-defined function, and can't be a native PHP function. Thus, you can't use **array_walk()** straight with **str2lower()**, you must build a user-defined function with it first, and pass this function as argument.

If *func* requires more than two or three arguments, depending on *userdata*, a warning will be generated each time **array_walk()** calls *func*. These warnings may be suppressed by prepending the '@' sign to the **array_walk()** call, or by using `error_reporting()`.

Note: If *func* needs to be working with the actual values of the array, specify that the first parameter of *func* should be passed by reference. Then any changes made to those elements will be made in the array itself.

Note: Passing the key and userdata to *func* was added in 4.0.

In PHP 4 `reset()` needs to be called as necessary since **array_walk()** does not reset the array by default.

Example 1. array_walk() example

```
$fruits = array ("d"=>"lemon", "a"=>"orange", "b"=>"banana", "c"=>"apple");

function test_alter (&$item1, $key, $prefix) {
    $item1 = "$prefix: $item1";
}

function test_print ($item2, $key) {
    echo "$key. $item2<br>\n";
}

array_walk ($fruits, 'test_print');
reset ($fruits);
array_walk ($fruits, 'test_alter', 'fruit');
reset ($fruits);
array_walk ($fruits, 'test_print');
```

See also `each()` and `list()`.

arsort (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sort an array in reverse order and maintain index association

```
void arsort (array array [, int sort_flags])
```

This function sorts an array such that array indices maintain their correlation with the array elements they are associated with. This is used mainly when sorting associative arrays where the actual element order is significant.

Example 1. arsort() example

```
$fruits = array ("d"=>"lemon", "a"=>"orange", "b"=>"banana", "c"=>"apple");
arsort ($fruits);
reset ($fruits);
while (list ($key, $val) = each ($fruits)) {
    echo "$key = $val\n";
}
```

This example would display:

```
a = orange
d = lemon
b = banana
c = apple
```

The fruits have been sorted in reverse alphabetical order, and the index associated with each element has been maintained.

You may modify the behavior of the sort using the optional parameter *sort_flags*, for details see `sort()`.

See also: `asort()`, `rsort()`, `ksort()`, and `sort()`.

asort (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sort an array and maintain index association

```
void asort (array array [, int sort_flags])
```

This function sorts an array such that array indices maintain their correlation with the array elements they are associated with. This is used mainly when sorting associative arrays where the actual element order is significant.

Example 1. asort() example

```
$fruits = array ("d"=>"lemon", "a"=>"orange", "b"=>"banana", "c"=>"apple");
asort ($fruits);
reset ($fruits);
while (list ($key, $val) = each ($fruits)) {
    echo "$key = $val\n";
}
```

This example would display:

```
c = apple
b = banana
d = lemon
a = orange
```

The fruits have been sorted in alphabetical order, and the index associated with each element has been maintained.

You may modify the behavior of the sort using the optional parameter *sort_flags*, for details see `sort()`.

See also `arsort()`, `rsort()`, `krsort()`, and `sort()`.

compact (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Create array containing variables and their values

```
array compact (mixed varname [, mixed ...])
```

compact() takes a variable number of parameters. Each parameter can be either a string containing the name of the variable, or an array of variable names. The array can contain other arrays of variable names inside it; **compact()** handles it recursively.

For each of these, **compact()** looks for a variable with that name in the current symbol table and adds it to the output array such that the variable name becomes the key and the contents of the variable become the value for that key. In short, it does the opposite of **extract()**. It returns the output array with all the variables added to it.

Any strings that are not set will simply be skipped.

Example 1. compact() example

```
$city = "San Francisco";
$state = "CA";
$event = "SIGGRAPH";

$location_vars = array ("city", "state");

$result = compact ("event", "nothing_here", $location_vars);
```

After this, `$result` will be array ("event" => "SIGGRAPH", "city" => "San Francisco", "state" => "CA").

See also **extract()**.

count (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Count elements in a variable

```
int count (mixed var)
```

Returns the number of elements in *var*, which is typically an array (since anything else will have one element).

If *var* is not an array, 1 will be returned (exception: `count (NULL)` equals 0).

Warning

count() may return 0 for a variable that isn't set, but it may also return 0 for a variable that has been initialized with an empty array. Use **isset()** to test if a variable is set.

Please see the Arrays section of the manual for a detailed explanation of how arrays are implemented and used in PHP.

Example 1. count() example

```
$a[0] = 1;
$a[1] = 3;
$a[2] = 5;
$result = count ($a);
// $result == 3

$b[0] = 7;
$b[5] = 9;
$b[10] = 11;
$result = count ($b);
// $result == 3;
```

Note: The **sizeof()** function is an alias for **count()**.

See also: **sizeof()**, **isset()**, and **is_array()**.

current (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return the current element in an array

mixed **current** (array *array*)

Every array has an internal pointer to its "current" element, which is initialized to the first element inserted into the array.

The **current()** function simply returns the array element that's currently being pointed by the internal pointer. It does not move the pointer in any way. If the internal pointer points beyond the end of the elements list, **current()** returns FALSE.

Warning

If the array contains empty elements (0 or "", the empty string) then this function will return FALSE for these elements as well. This makes it impossible to determine if you are really at the end of the list in such an array using **current()**. To properly traverse an array that may contain empty elements, use the **each()** function.

See also: **end()**, **next()**, **prev()**, and **reset()**.

each (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return the current key and value pair from an array and advance the array cursor

array **each** (array *array*)

Returns the current key and value pair from the array *array* and advances the array cursor. This pair is returned in a four-element array, with the keys *0*, *1*, *key*, and *value*. Elements *0* and *key* contain the key name of the array element, and *1* and *value* contain the data.

If the internal pointer for the array points past the end of the array contents, **each()** returns FALSE.

Example 1. each() examples

```
$foo = array ("bob", "fred", "jussi", "jouni", "egon", "marliese");
$bar = each ($foo);
```

\$bar now contains the following key/value pairs:

- 0 => 0
- 1 => 'bob'
- key => 0
- value => 'bob'

```
$foo = array ("Robert" => "Bob", "Seppo" => "Sepi");
$bar = each ($foo);
```

\$bar now contains the following key/value pairs:

- 0 => 'Robert'
- 1 => 'Bob'

- `key => 'Robert'`
- `value => 'Bob'`

each() is typically used in conjunction with `list()` to traverse an array; for instance, `$HTTP_POST_VARS`:

Example 2. Traversing `$HTTP_POST_VARS` with `each()`

```
echo "Values submitted via POST method:<br>";
reset ($HTTP_POST_VARS);
while (list ($key, $val) = each ($HTTP_POST_VARS)) {
    echo "$key => $val<br>";
}
```

After **each()** has executed, the array cursor will be left on the next element of the array, or on the last element if it hits the end of the array. You have to use `reset()` if you want to traverse the array again using `each`.

See also `key()`, `list()`, `current()`, `reset()`, `next()`, and `prev()`.

end (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the internal pointer of an array to its last element

```
mixed end (array array)
```

end() advances *array*'s internal pointer to the last element, and returns that element.

See also: `current()`, `each()`, **end()**, `next()`, and `reset()`.

extract (PHP 3 >= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Import variables into the symbol table from an array

```
int extract (array var_array [, int extract_type [, string prefix]])
```

This function is used to import variables from an array into the current symbol table. It takes associative array *var_array* and treats keys as variable names and values as variable values. For each key/value pair it will create a variable in the current symbol table, subject to *extract_type* and *prefix* parameters.

Note: Since version 4.0.5 this function returns the number of variables extracted.

extract() checks each key to see whether it constitutes a valid variable name and also for collisions with existing variables in the symbol table. The way invalid/numeric keys and collisions are treated is determined by *extract_type*. It can be one of the following values:

EXTR_OVERWRITE

If there is a collision, overwrite the existing variable.

EXTR_SKIP

If there is a collision, don't overwrite the existing variable.

EXTR_PREFIX_SAME

If there is a collision, prefix the variable name with *prefix*.

EXTR_PREFIX_ALL

Prefix all variable names with *prefix*. Since PHP 4.0.5 this includes numeric ones as well.

EXTR_PREFIX_INVALID

Only prefix invalid/numeric variable names with *prefix*. This flag has been added in PHP 4.0.5.

If *extract_type* is not specified, it is assumed to be EXTR_OVERWRITE.

Note that *prefix* is only required if *extract_type* is EXTR_PREFIX_SAME, EXTR_PREFIX_ALL, or EXTR_PREFIX_INVALID. If the prefixed result is not a valid variable name, it is not imported into the symbol table.

extract() returns the number of variables successfully imported into the symbol table.

A possible use for *extract* is to import into symbol table variables contained in an associative array returned by *wddx_deserialize()*.

Example 1. *extract()* example

```
<?php
```

```
/* Suppose that $var_array is an array returned from
   wddx_deserialize */
```

```

$size = "large";
$var_array = array ("color" => "blue",
                    "size"  => "medium",
                    "shape" => "sphere");
extract ($var_array, EXTR_PREFIX_SAME, "wddx");

print "$color, $size, $shape, $wddx_size\n";

?>

```

The above example will produce:

```
blue, large, sphere, medium
```

The `$size` wasn't overwritten, because we specified `EXTR_PREFIX_SAME`, which resulted in `$wddx_size` being created. If `EXTR_SKIP` was specified, then `$wddx_size` wouldn't even have been created. `EXTR_OVERWRITE` would have caused `$size` to have value "medium", and `EXTR_PREFIX_ALL` would result in new variables being named `$wddx_color`, `$wddx_size`, and `$wddx_shape`.

You must use an associative array, a numerically indexed array will not produce results.

See also: `compact()`.

in_array (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return TRUE if a value exists in an array

```
bool in_array (mixed needle, array haystack [, bool strict])
```

Searches *haystack* for *needle* and returns TRUE if it is found in the array, FALSE otherwise.

If the third parameter *strict* is set to TRUE then the **in_array()** will also check the types of the *needle* in the *haystack*.

Example 1. in_array() example

```

$os = array ("Mac", "NT", "Irix", "Linux");
if (in_array ("Irix", $os)) {

```

```
    print "Got Irix";
}
```

Example 2. `in_array()` with strict example

```
<?php
$a = array('1.10', 12.4, 1.13);

if (in_array('12.4', $a, TRUE))
    echo "'12.4' found with strict check\n";
if (in_array(1.13, $a, TRUE))
    echo "1.13 found with strict check\n";
?>

// This will output:

1.13 found with strict check
```

See also `array_search()`.

array_search (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Searches the array for a given value and returns the corresponding key if successful

`mixed array_search (mixed needle, array haystack [, bool strict])`

Searches *haystack* for *needle* and returns the key if it is found in the array, FALSE otherwise.

If the optional third parameter *strict* is set to TRUE then the **array_search()** will also check the types of the *needle* in the *haystack*.

See also `in_array()`.

key (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch a key from an associative array

mixed **key** (array *array*)

key() returns the index element of the current array position.

See also `current()` and `next()`.

krsort (PHP 3 >= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sort an array by key in reverse order

int **krsort** (array *array* [, int *sort_flags*])

Sorts an array by key in reverse order, maintaining key to data correlations. This is useful mainly for associative arrays.

Example 1. krsort() example

```
$fruits = array ("d"=>"lemon", "a"=>"orange", "b"=>"banana", "c"=>"apple");
krsort ($fruits);
reset ($fruits);
while (list ($key, $val) = each ($fruits)) {
    echo "$key = $val\n";
}
```

This example would display:

```
d = lemon
c = apple
b = banana
a = orange
```

You may modify the behavior of the sort using the optional parameter *sort_flags*, for details see `sort()`.

See also `asort()`, `arsort()`, `ksort()` `sort()`, `natsort()` and `rsort()`.

ksort (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sort an array by key

```
int ksort (array array [, int sort_flags])
```

Sorts an array by key, maintaining key to data correlations. This is useful mainly for associative arrays.

Example 1. ksort() example

```
$fruits = array ("d"=>"lemon", "a"=>"orange", "b"=>"banana", "c"=>"apple");
ksort ($fruits);
reset ($fruits);
while (list ($key, $val) = each ($fruits)) {
    echo "$key = $val\n";
}
```

This example would display:

```
a = orange
b = banana
c = apple
d = lemon
```

You may modify the behavior of the sort using the optional parameter *sort_flags*, for details see `sort()`.

See also `asort()`, `arsort()`, `sort()`, `natsort()`, and `rsort()`.

Note: The second parameter was added in PHP 4.

list (unknown)

Assign variables as if they were an array


```
void list (...)
```

Like `array()`, this is not really a function, but a language construct. **list()** is used to assign a list of variables in one operation.

Example 1. list() example

```
<table>
  <tr>
    <th>Employee name</th>
    <th>Salary</th>
  </tr>

<?php

$result = mysql_query ($conn, "SELECT id, name, salary FROM employees");
while (list ($id, $name, $salary) = mysql_fetch_row ($result)) {
    print (" <tr>\n".
        "   <td><a href=\"info.php3?id=$id\">$name</a></td>\n".
        "   <td>$salary</td>\n".
        " </tr>\n");
}

?>

</table>
```

See also `each()` and `array()`.

natsort (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sort an array using a "natural order" algorithm

```
void natsort (array array)
```

This function implements a sort algorithm that orders alphanumeric strings in the way a human being would. This is described as a "natural ordering". An example of the difference between this algorithm and the regular computer string sorting algorithms (used in `sort()`) can be seen below:

Example 1. natsort() example

```

$array1 = $array2 = array ("img12.png", "img10.png", "img2.png", "img1.png");

sort($array1);
echo "Standard sorting\n";
print_r($array1);

natsort($array2);
echo "\nNatural order sorting\n";
print_r($array2);

```

The code above will generate the following output:

```

Standard sorting
Array
(
    [0] => img1.png
    [1] => img10.png
    [2] => img12.png
    [3] => img2.png
)

Natural order sorting
Array
(
    [3] => img1.png
    [2] => img2.png
    [1] => img10.png
    [0] => img12.png
)

```

For more information see: Martin Pool's Natural Order String Comparison (<http://naturalordersort.org/>) page.

See also `natcasesort()`, `strnatcmp()` and `strnatcasecmp()`.

natcasesort (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sort an array using a case insensitive "natural order" algorithm

```
void natcasesort (array array)
```

This function implements a sort algorithm that orders alphanumeric strings in the way a human being would. This is described as a "natural ordering".

natcasesort() is a case insensitive version of **natsort()**. See **natsort()** for an example of the difference between this algorithm and the regular computer string sorting algorithms.

For more information see: Martin Pool's Natural Order String Comparison (<http://naturalordersort.org/>) page.

See also **sort()**, **natsort()**, **strnatcmp()** and **strnatcasecmp()**.

next (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Advance the internal array pointer of an array

mixed **next** (array *array*)

Returns the array element in the next place that's pointed by the internal array pointer, or FALSE if there are no more elements.

next() behaves like **current()**, with one difference. It advances the internal array pointer one place forward before returning the element. That means it returns the next array element and advances the internal array pointer by one. If advancing the internal array pointer results in going beyond the end of the element list, **next()** returns FALSE.

Warning

If the array contains empty elements, or elements that have a key value of 0 then this function will return FALSE for these elements as well. To properly traverse an array which may contain empty elements or elements with key values of 0 see the **each()** function.

See also: **current()**, **end()**, **prev()**, and **reset()**.

pos (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the current element from an array

mixed **pos** (array *array*)

This is an alias for `current()`.

See also: `end()`, `next()`, `prev()` and `reset()`.

prev (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Rewind the internal array pointer

mixed **prev** (array *array*)

Returns the array element in the previous place that's pointed by the internal array pointer, or `FALSE` if there are no more elements.

Warning

If the array contains empty elements then this function will return `FALSE` for these elements as well. To properly traverse an array which may contain empty elements see the `each()` function.

prev() behaves just like `next()`, except it rewinds the internal array pointer one place instead of advancing it.

See also: `current()`, `end()`, `next()`, and `reset()`.

range (PHP 3 >= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Create an array containing a range of elements

array **range** (mixed *low*, mixed *high*)

range() returns an array of elements from *low* to *high*, inclusive. If *low* > *high*, the sequence will be from high to low.

Example 1. range() examples

```
foreach(range(0, 9) as $number) {
    echo $number;
}
foreach(range('a', 'z') as $letter) {
    echo $letter;
}
```

```
foreach(range('z', 'a') as $letter) {
    echo $letter;
}
```

Note: Prior to version 4.1.0 the **range()** function only generated incrementing integer arrays. Support for character sequences and decrementing arrays was added in 4.1.0.

See `shuffle()` for another example of its use.

reset (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the internal pointer of an array to its first element

```
mixed reset (array array)
```

reset() rewinds *array*'s internal pointer to the first element.

reset() returns the value of the first array element.

See also: `current()`, `each()`, `next()`, and `prev()`.

rsort (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sort an array in reverse order

```
void rsort (array array [, int sort_flags])
```

This function sorts an array in reverse order (highest to lowest).

Example 1. rsort() example

```
$fruits = array ("lemon", "orange", "banana", "apple");
rsort ($fruits);
reset ($fruits);
while (list ($key, $val) = each ($fruits)) {
    echo "$key = $val\n";
}
```

This example would display:

```
0 = orange
1 = lemon
2 = banana
3 = apple
```

The fruits have been sorted in reverse alphabetical order.

You may modify the behavior of the sort using the optional parameter *sort_flags*, for details see `sort()`.

See also: `arsort()`, `asort()`, `ksort()`, `sort()`, and `usort()`.

shuffle (PHP 3 >= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Shuffle an array

```
void shuffle (array array)
```

This function shuffles (randomizes the order of the elements in) an array. You must use `srand()` to seed this function.

Example 1. shuffle() example

```
$numbers = range (1,20);
srand ((float)microtime()*1000000);
shuffle ($numbers);
while (list (, $number) = each ($numbers)) {
    echo "$number ";
}
```

See also `arsort()`, `asort()`, `ksort()`, `rsort()`, `sort()` and `usort()`.

sizeof (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the number of elements in variable

```
int sizeof (mixed var)
```

The **sizeof()** function is an alias for `count()`.

See also `count()`.

sort (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sort an array

```
void sort (array array [, int sort_flags])
```

This function sorts an array. Elements will be arranged from lowest to highest when this function has completed.

Example 1. sort() example

```
<?php

$fruits = array ("lemon", "orange", "banana", "apple");
sort ($fruits);
reset ($fruits);
while (list ($key, $val) = each ($fruits)) {
    echo "fruits[\".$key.\"] = ".$val."\n";
}

?>
```

This example would display:

```
fruits[0] = apple
fruits[1] = banana
fruits[2] = lemon
fruits[3] = orange
```

The fruits have been sorted in alphabetical order.

The optional second parameter *sort_flags* may be used to modify the sorting behavior using these values:

Sorting type flags:

- SORT_REGULAR - compare items normally
- SORT_NUMERIC - compare items numerically
- SORT_STRING - compare items as strings

See also: `arsort()`, `asort()`, `krsort()`, `natsort()`, `natcasesort()`, `rsort()`, `usort()`, `array_multisort()`, and `uksort()`.

Note: The second parameter was added in PHP 4.

uasort (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sort an array with a user-defined comparison function and maintain index association

```
void uasort (array array, function cmp_function)
```

This function sorts an array such that array indices maintain their correlation with the array elements they are associated with. This is used mainly when sorting associative arrays where the actual element order is significant. The comparison function is user-defined.

Note: Please see `usort()` and `uksort()` for examples of user-defined comparison functions.

See also: `usort()`, `uksort()`, `sort()`, `asort()`, `arsort()`, `krsort()` and `rsort()`.

uksort (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sort an array by keys using a user-defined comparison function

```
void uksort (array array, function cmp_function)
```


This function will sort the keys of an array using a user-supplied comparison function. If the array you wish to sort needs to be sorted by some non-trivial criteria, you should use this function.

Example 1. uksort() example

```
function cmp ($a, $b) {
    if ($a == $b) return 0;
    return ($a > $b) ? -1 : 1;
}

$a = array (4 => "four", 3 => "three", 20 => "twenty", 10 => "ten");

uksort ($a, "cmp");

while (list ($key, $value) = each ($a)) {
    echo "$key: $value\n";
}
```

This example would display:

```
20: twenty
10: ten
4: four
3: three
```

See also: usort(), uasort(), sort(), asort(), arsort(), ksort(), natsort() and rsort().

usort (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sort an array by values using a user-defined comparison function

```
void usort (array array, string cmp_function)
```

This function will sort an array by its values using a user-supplied comparison function. If the array you wish to sort needs to be sorted by some non-trivial criteria, you should use this function.

The comparison function must return an integer less than, equal to, or greater than zero if the first argument is considered to be respectively less than, equal to, or greater than the second. If two members compare as equal, their order in the sorted array is undefined.

It is also possible to use a member function of an object as the comparison function. See example number 3 below.

Example 1. usort() example

```
function cmp ($a, $b) {
    if ($a == $b) return 0;
    return ($a > $b) ? -1 : 1;
}

$a = array (3, 2, 5, 6, 1);

usort ($a, "cmp");

while (list ($key, $value) = each ($a)) {
    echo "$key: $value\n";
}
```

This example would display:

```
0: 6
1: 5
2: 3
3: 2
4: 1
```

Note: Obviously in this trivial case the `rsort()` function would be more appropriate.

Example 2. usort() example using multi-dimensional array

```
function cmp ($a, $b) {
    return strcmp($a["fruit"], $b["fruit"]);
}
```

```

$fruits[0]["fruit"] = "lemons";
$fruits[1]["fruit"] = "apples";
$fruits[2]["fruit"] = "grapes";

usort($fruits, "cmp");

while (list ($key, $value) = each ($fruits)) {
    echo "\$fruits[$key]: " . $value["fruit"] . "\n";
}

```

When sorting a multi-dimensional array, \$a and \$b contain references to the first index of the array.

This example would display:

```

$fruits[0]: apples
$fruits[1]: grapes
$fruits[2]: lemons

```

Example 3. usort() example using a member function of an object

```

class TestObj {
    var $name;

    function TestObj($name)
    {
        $this->name = $name;
    }

    /* This is the static comparing function: */
    function cmp_obj($a, $b)
    {
        $a1 = strtolower($a->name);
        $b1 = strtolower($b->name);
        if ($a1 == $b1) return 0;
        return ($a1 > $b1) ? +1 : -1;
    }
}

$a[] = new TestObj("c");
$a[] = new TestObj("b");
$a[] = new TestObj("d");

uasort($a, array ("TestObj", "cmp_obj"));

```

```
foreach ($a as $item) {  
    print $item->name."\n";  
}
```

This example would display:

```
b  
c  
d
```

Warning

The underlying quicksort function in some C libraries (such as on Solaris systems) may cause PHP to crash if the comparison function does not return consistent values.

See also: `uasort()`, `uksort()`, `sort()`, `asort()`, `arsort()`, `ksort()`, `natsort()`, and `rsort()`.

III. Aspell functions [deprecated]

The **aspell()** functions allows you to check the spelling on a word and offer suggestions.

Note: aspell works only with very old (up to .27.* or so) versions of aspell library. Neither this module, nor those versions of aspell library are supported any longer. If you want to use spell-checking capabilities in php, use pspell instead. It uses pspell library and works with newer versions of aspell.

You need the aspell library, available from: <http://aspell.sourceforge.net/>.

aspell_new (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Load a new dictionary [deprecated]

```
int aspell_new (string master [, string personal])
```

aspell_new() opens up a new dictionary and returns the dictionary link identifier for use in other aspell functions. Returns FALSE on error.

Example 1. aspell_new()

```
$aspell_link = aspell_new("english");
```

aspell_check (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Check a word [deprecated]

```
bool aspell_check (int dictionary_link, string word)
```

aspell_check() checks the spelling of a word and returns TRUE if the spelling is correct, FALSE if not.

Example 1. aspell_check()

```
$aspell_link = aspell_new("english");

if (aspell_check($aspell_link, "testt")) {
    echo "This is a valid spelling";
} else {
    echo "Sorry, wrong spelling";
}
```

aspell_check_raw (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Check a word without changing its case or trying to trim it [deprecated]

```
bool aspell_check_raw (int dictionary_link, string word)
```

aspell_check_raw() checks the spelling of a word, without changing its case or trying to trim it in any way and returns TRUE if the spelling is correct, FALSE if not.

Example 1. aspell_check_raw()

```
$aspell_link = aspell_new("english");

if (aspell_check_raw($aspell_link, "test")) {
    echo "This is a valid spelling";
} else {
    echo "Sorry, wrong spelling";
}
```

aspell_suggest (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Suggest spellings of a word [deprecated]

```
array aspell_suggest (int dictionary_link, string word)
```

aspell_suggest() returns an array of possible spellings for the given word.

Example 1. aspell_suggest()

```
$aspell_link = aspell_new("english");

if (!aspell_check($aspell_link, "test")) {
    $suggestions = aspell_suggest($aspell_link, "test");

    foreach ($suggestions as $suggestion) {
        echo "Possible spelling: $suggestion<br>\n";
    }
}
```

}

IV. BCMath Arbitrary Precision Mathematics Functions

In PHP 4, these functions are only available if PHP was configured with `--enable-bcmath`. In PHP 3, these functions are only available if PHP was not configured with `--disable-bcmath`.

Note: Due to changes in the licensing, the BCMATH library is distributed separate from the standard PHP source distribution. You can download the tar-gzipped archive at the url: <http://www.php.net/extra/number4.tar.gz>. Read the file `README.BCMATH` in the PHP distribution for more information.

bcadd (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Add two arbitrary precision numbers

```
string bcadd (string left operand, string right operand [, int scale])
```

Adds the *left operand* to the *right operand* and returns the sum in a string. The optional *scale* parameter is used to set the number of digits after the decimal place in the result.

See also `bcsub()`.

bccomp (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Compare two arbitrary precision numbers

```
int bccomp (string left operand, string right operand [, int scale])
```

Compares the *left operand* to the *right operand* and returns the result as an integer. The optional *scale* parameter is used to set the number of digits after the decimal place which will be used in the comparison. The return value is 0 if the two operands are equal. If the *left operand* is larger than the *right operand* the return value is +1 and if the *left operand* is less than the *right operand* the return value is -1.

bcdiv (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Divide two arbitrary precision numbers

```
string bcdiv (string left operand, string right operand [, int scale])
```

Divides the *left operand* by the *right operand* and returns the result. The optional *scale* sets the number of digits after the decimal place in the result.

See also `bcmul()`.

bcmod (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get modulus of an arbitrary precision number

```
string bcmod (string left operand, string modulus)
```

Get the modulus of the *left operand* using *modulus*.

See also `bcdiv()`.

bcmul (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Multiply two arbitrary precision number

```
string bcmul (string left operand, string right operand [, int scale])
```

Multiply the *left operand* by the *right operand* and returns the result. The optional *scale* sets the number of digits after the decimal place in the result.

See also `bcdiv()`.

bcpow (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Raise an arbitrary precision number to another

```
string bcpow (string x, string y [, int scale])
```

Raise *x* to the power *y*. The optional *scale* can be used to set the number of digits after the decimal place in the result.

See also `bcsqrt()`.

bcscale (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set default scale parameter for all bc math functions

```
string bcscale (int scale)
```

This function sets the default scale parameter for all subsequent bc math functions that do not explicitly specify a scale parameter.

bcsqrt (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the square root of an arbitrary precision number

```
string bcsqrt (string operand [, int scale])
```

Return the square root of the *operand*. The optional *scale* parameter sets the number of digits after the decimal place in the result.

See also `bcpow()`.

bcsub (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Subtract one arbitrary precision number from another

```
string bcsub (string left operand, string right operand [, int scale])
```

Subtracts the *right operand* from the *left operand* and returns the result in a string. The optional *scale* parameter is used to set the number of digits after the decimal place in the result.

See also `bcadd()`.

V. Bzip2 Compression Functions

This module uses the functions of the bzip2 (<http://sources.redhat.com/bzip2/>) library by Julian Seward to transparently read and write bzip2 (.bz2) compressed files.

Bzip2 support in PHP is not enabled by default. You will need to use the --with-bz2 configuration option when compiling PHP to enable bzip2 support. This module requires bzip2/libbzip2 version >= 1.0.x.

Small code example

This example opens a temporary file and writes a test string to it, then prints out the contents of the file.

Example 1. Small bzip2 Example

```
<?php

$filename = "/tmp/testfile.bz2";
$str = "This is a test string.\n";

// open file for writing
$bz = bzopen($filename, "w");

// write string to file
bzwrite($bz, $str);

// close file
bzclos($bz);

// open file for reading
$bz = bzopen($filename, "r");

// read 10 characters
print bzread($bz, 10);

// output until end of the file (or the next 1024 char) and close it.
print bzread($bz);

bzclos($bz);

?>
```

bzclose (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Close a bzip2 file pointer

```
int bzclose (int bz)
```

Closes the bzip2 file referenced by the pointer *bz*.

Returns TRUE on success and FALSE on failure.

The file pointer must be valid, and must point to a file successfully opened by `bzopen()`.

See also `bzopen()`.

bzcompress (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Compress a string into bzip2 encoded data

```
string bzcompress (string source [, int blocksize [, int workfactor]])
```

bzcompress() compresses the *source* string and returns it as bzip2 encoded data.

The optional parameter *blocksize* specifies the blocksize used during compression and should be a number from 1 to 9 with 9 giving the best compression, but using more resources to do so. *blocksize* defaults to 4.

The optional parameter *workfactor* controls how the compression phase behaves when presented with worst case, highly repetitive, input data. The value can be between 0 and 250 with 0 being a special case and 30 being the default value. Regardless of the *workfactor*, the generated output is the same.

Example 1. bzcompress() Example

```
<?php
$str = "sample data";
$bzstr = bzcompress($str, 9);
print( $bzstr );
?>
```

See also `bzdecompress()`.

bzdecompress (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Decompresses bzip2 encoded data

```
string bzdecompress (string source [, int small])
```

bzdecompress() decompresses the *SOURCE* string containing bzip2 encoded data and returns it. If the optional parameter *small* is TRUE, an alternative decompression algorithm will be used which uses less memory (the maximum memory requirement drops to around 2300K) but works at roughly half the speed. See the bzip2 documentation (<http://sources.redhat.com/bzip2/>) for more information about this feature.

Example 1. bzdecompress()

```
<?php
$start_str = "This is not an honest face?";
$bzstr = bzcompress($start_str);

print( "Compressed String: " );
print( $bzstr );
print( "\n<br>\n" );

$str = bzdecompress($bzstr);
print( "Decompressed String: " );
print( $str );
print( "\n<br>\n" );
?>
```

See also bzcompress().

bzerrno (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Returns a bzip2 error number

```
int bzerrno (int bz)
```

Returns the error number of any bzip2 error returned by the file pointer *bz*.

See also bzerror() and bzerrstr().

bzerror (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Returns the bzip2 error number and error string in an array

array **bzerror** (int *bz*)

Returns the error number and error string, in an associative array, of any bzip2 error returned by the file pointer *bz*.

Example 1. bzerror() Example

```
<?php
$error = bzerror($bz);

echo $error["errno"];
echo $error["errstr"];
?>
```

See also bzerrno() and bzerrstr().

bzerrstr (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Returns a bzip2 error string

string **bzerrstr** (int *bz*)

Returns the error string of any bzip2 error returned by the file pointer *bz*.

See also bzerrno() and bzerror().

bzflush (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Force a write of all buffered data

int **bzflush** (int *bz*)

Forces a write of all buffered bzip2 data for the file pointer *bz*.

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on failure.

See also bzread() and bzwrite().

bzopen (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Open a bzip2 compressed file

```
int bzopen (string filename, string mode)
```

Opens a bzip2 (.bz2) file for reading or writing. *filename* is the name of the file to open. *mode* is similar to the fopen() function ('r' for read, 'w' for write, etc.).

If the open fails, the function returns FALSE, otherwise it returns a pointer to the newly opened file.

Example 1. bzopen() Example

```
<?php
$bz = bzopen("/tmp/foo.bz2", "r");
$decompressed_file = bzread($bz, filesize("/tmp/foo.bz2"));
bzclose($bz);

print( "The contents of /tmp/foo.bz2 are: " );
print( "\n<br>\n" );
print( $decompressed_file );
?>
```

See also bzclose().

bzread (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Binary safe bzip2 file read

```
string bzread (int bz [, int length])
```

bzread() reads up to *length* bytes from the bzip2 file pointer referenced by *bz*. Reading stops when *length* (uncompressed) bytes have been read or EOF is reached, whichever comes first. If the optional parameter *length* is not specified, **bzread()** will read 1024 (uncompressed) bytes at a time.

Example 1. bzread() Example

```
<?php
$bz = bzopen("/tmp/foo.bz2", "r");
$str = bzread($bz, 2048);
print( $str );
?>
```

See also bzwrite() and bzopen().

bzwrite (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Binary safe bzip2 file write

```
int bzwrite (int bz, string data [, int length])
```

bzwrite() writes the contents of the string *data* to the bzip2 file stream pointed to by *bz*. If the optional *length* argument is given, writing will stop after length (uncompressed) bytes have been written or the end of string is reached, whichever comes first.

Example 1. bzwrite() Example

```
<?php
$str = "uncompressed data";
$bz = bzopen("/tmp/foo.bz2", "w");
bzwrite($bz, $str, strlen($str));
bzclose($bz);
?>
```

See also bzread() and bzopen().

VI. Calendar functions

The calendar functions are only available if you have compiled the calendar extension, found in either the "dl" or "ext" subdirectories of your PHP source code. Please see the README file before using it.

The calendar extension presents a series of functions to simplify converting between different calendar formats. The intermediary or standard it is based on is the Julian Day Count. The Julian Day Count is a count of days starting way earlier than any date most people would need to track (somewhere around 4000bc). To convert between calendar systems, you must first convert to Julian Day Count, then to the calendar system of your choice. Julian Day Count is very different from the Julian Calendar! For more information on calendar systems visit <http://genealogy.org/~scottlee/cal-overview.html>. Excerpts from this page are included in these instructions, and are in quotes.

JDTToGregorian (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Converts Julian Day Count to Gregorian date

```
string jdtogregorian (int julianday)
```

Converts Julian Day Count to a string containing the Gregorian date in the format of "month/day/year".

GregorianToJD (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Converts a Gregorian date to Julian Day Count

```
int gregoriantojd (int month, int day, int year)
```

Valid Range for Gregorian Calendar 4714 B.C. to 9999 A.D.

Although this software can handle dates all the way back to 4714 B.C., such use may not be meaningful. The Gregorian calendar was not instituted until October 15, 1582 (or October 5, 1582 in the Julian calendar). Some countries did not accept it until much later. For example, Britain converted in 1752, The USSR in 1918 and Greece in 1923. Most European countries used the Julian calendar prior to the Gregorian.

Example 1. Calendar functions

```
<?php
$jd = GregorianToJD (10,11,1970);
echo "$jd\n";
$gregorian = JDTToGregorian ($jd);
echo "$gregorian\n";
?>
```

JDTToJulian (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Converts a Julian Day Count to a Julian Calendar Date

```
string jdtojulian (int julianday)
```

Converts Julian Day Count to a string containing the Julian Calendar Date in the format of "month/day/year".

JulianToJD (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Converts a Julian Calendar date to Julian Day Count

```
int juliantojd (int month, int day, int year)
```

Valid Range for Julian Calendar 4713 B.C. to 9999 A.D.

Although this software can handle dates all the way back to 4713 B.C., such use may not be meaningful. The calendar was created in 46 B.C., but the details did not stabilize until at least 8 A.D., and perhaps as late as the 4th century. Also, the beginning of a year varied from one culture to another - not all accepted January as the first month.

JDToJewish (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Converts a Julian Day Count to the Jewish Calendar

```
string jdtojewish (int julianday)
```

Converts a Julian Day Count to the Jewish Calendar.

JewishToJD (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Converts a date in the Jewish Calendar to Julian Day Count

```
int jewishtojd (int month, int day, int year)
```

Valid Range Although this software can handle dates all the way back to the year 1 (3761 B.C.), such use may not be meaningful.

The Jewish calendar has been in use for several thousand years, but in the early days there was no formula to determine the start of a month. A new month was started when the new moon was first observed.

JDToFrench (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Converts a Julian Day Count to the French Republican Calendar

```
string jdtofrrench (int juliandaycount)
```

Converts a Julian Day Count to the French Republican Calendar.

FrenchToJD (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Converts a date from the French Republican Calendar to a Julian Day Count

```
int frenchtojd (int month, int day, int year)
```

Converts a date from the French Republican Calendar to a Julian Day Count.

These routines only convert dates in years 1 through 14 (Gregorian dates 22 September 1792 through 22 September 1806). This more than covers the period when the calendar was in use.

JDMonthName (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns a month name

```
string jdmonthname (int julianday, int mode)
```

Returns a string containing a month name. *mode* tells this function which calendar to convert the Julian Day Count to, and what type of month names are to be returned.

Table 1. Calendar modes

Mode	Meaning
0	Gregorian - abbreviated
1	Gregorian
2	Julian - abbreviated
3	Julian
4	Jewish
5	French Republican

JDDayOfWeek (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the day of the week

```
mixed jddayofweek (int julianday, int mode)
```

Returns the day of the week. Can return a string or an int depending on the mode.

Table 1. Calendar week modes

Mode	Meaning
0	Returns the day number as an int (0=sunday, 1=monday, etc)
1	Returns string containing the day of week (english-gregorian)
2	Returns a string containing the abbreviated day of week (english-gregorian)

easter_date (PHP 3>= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get UNIX timestamp for midnight on Easter of a given year

```
int easter_date (int year)
```

Returns the UNIX timestamp corresponding to midnight on Easter of the given year. If no year is specified, the current year is assumed.

Warning: This function will generate a warning if the year is outside of the range for UNIX timestamps (i.e. before 1970 or after 2037).

Example 1. easter_date() example

```
echo date ("M-d-Y", easter_date(1999));      /* "Apr-04-1999" */
echo date ("M-d-Y", easter_date(2000));      /* "Apr-23-2000" */
echo date ("M-d-Y", easter_date(2001));      /* "Apr-15-2001" */
```

The date of Easter Day was defined by the Council of Nicaea in AD325 as the Sunday after the first full moon which falls on or after the Spring Equinox. The Equinox is assumed to always fall on 21st March, so the calculation reduces to determining the date of the full moon and the date of the following Sunday. The algorithm used here was introduced around the year 532 by Dionysius Exiguus. Under the Julian Calendar (for years before 1753) a simple 19-year cycle is used to track the phases of the Moon. Under the Gregorian Calendar (for years after 1753 - devised by Clavius and Lilius, and introduced by Pope Gregory XIII in October 1582, and into Britain and its then colonies in September 1752) two correction factors are added to make the cycle more accurate.

(The code is based on a C program by Simon Kershaw, <webmaster@ely.anglican.org>)

See `easter_days()` for calculating Easter before 1970 or after 2037.

easter_days (PHP 3>= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get number of days after March 21 on which Easter falls for a given year

```
int easter_days (int year)
```

Returns the number of days after March 21 on which Easter falls for a given year. If no year is specified, the current year is assumed.

This function can be used instead of `easter_date()` to calculate Easter for years which fall outside the range of UNIX timestamps (i.e. before 1970 or after 2037).

Example 1. easter_days() example

```
echo easter_days (1999);      /* 14, i.e. April 4   */
echo easter_days (1492);      /* 32, i.e. April 22  */
echo easter_days (1913);      /*  2, i.e. March 23  */
```

The date of Easter Day was defined by the Council of Nicaea in AD325 as the Sunday after the first full moon which falls on or after the Spring Equinox. The Equinox is assumed to always fall on 21st March, so the calculation reduces to determining the date of the full moon and the date of the following Sunday. The algorithm used here was introduced around the year 532 by Dionysius Exiguus. Under the Julian Calendar (for years before 1753) a simple 19-year cycle is used to track the phases of the Moon. Under the Gregorian Calendar (for years after 1753 - devised by Clavius and Lilius, and introduced by Pope Gregory XIII in October 1582, and into Britain and its then colonies in September 1752) two correction factors are added to make the cycle more accurate.

(The code is based on a C program by Simon Kershaw, <webmaster@ely.anglican.org>)

See also `easter_date()`.

unixtojd (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Convert UNIX timestamp to Julian Day

```
int unixtojd ([int timestamp])
```

Return the Julian Day for a UNIX *timestamp* (seconds since 1.1.1970), or for the current day if no *timestamp* is given.

See also `jdtounix()`.

Note: This function is only available in PHP versions after PHP 4RC1.

jdtounix (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Convert Julian Day to UNIX timestamp

```
int jdtounix (int jday)
```

This function will return a UNIX timestamp corresponding to the Julian Day given in *jday* or FALSE if *jday* is not inside the UNIX epoch (Gregorian years between 1970 and 2037 or 2440588 <= *jday* <= 2465342)

See also `jdtounix()`.

Note: This function is only available in PHP versions after PHP 4RC1.

VII. CCVS API Functions

These functions interface the CCVS API, allowing you to directly work with CCVS from your PHP scripts. CCVS is RedHat's (<http://www.redhat.com/>) solution to the "middle-man" in credit card processing. It lets you directly address the credit card clearing houses via your *nix box and a modem. Using the CCVS module for PHP, you can process credit cards directly through CCVS via your PHP Scripts. The following references will outline the process.

To enable CCVS Support in PHP, first verify your CCVS installation directory. You will then need to configure PHP with the `--with-ccvs` option. If you use this option without specifying the path to your CCVS installation, PHP Will attempt to look in the default CCVS Install location (`/usr/local/ccvs`). If CCVS is in a non-standard location, run configure with: `--with-ccvs=$ccvs_path`, where `$ccvs_path` is the path to your CCVS installation. Please note that CCVS support requires that `$ccvs_path/lib` and `$ccvs_path/include` exist, and include `cv_api.h` under the include directory and `libccvs.a` under the lib directory.

Additionally, a `ccvsd` process will need to be running for the configurations you intend to use in your PHP scripts. You will also need to make sure the PHP Processes are running under the same user as your CCVS was installed as (e.g. if you installed CCVS as user 'ccvs', your PHP processes must run as 'ccvs' as well.)

Additional information about CCVS can be found at <http://www.redhat.com/products/ccvs>.

This documentation section is being worked on. Until then, RedHat maintains slightly outdated but still useful documentation at <http://www.redhat.com/products/ccvs/support/CCVS3.3docs/ProgPHP.html>.

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()

VIII. COM support functions for Windows

COM is a technology which allows the reuse of code written in any language (by any language) using a standard calling convention and hiding behind APIs the implementation details such as what machine the Component is stored on and the executable which houses it. It can be thought of as a super Remote Procedure Call (RPC) mechanism with some basic object roots. It separates implementation from interface.

COM encourages versioning, separation of implementation from interface and hiding the implementation details such as executable location and the language it was written in.

COM functions are only available on the Windows version of PHP.

For further information on COM read the COM specification

(<http://www.microsoft.com/Com/resources/comdocs.asp>) or perhaps take a look at Don Box's Yet Another COM Library (YACL) (<http://www.developmentor.com/dbox/yacl.htm>)

COM (unknown)

COM class

Synopsis

```
$obj = new COM("server.object")
```

The COM class provides a framework to integrate (D)COM components into your php scripts.

```
string COM::COM (string module_name [, string server_name [, int codepage]])
```

COM class constructor. Parameters:

module_name

name or class-id of the requested component.

server_name

name of the DCOM server from which the component should be fetched. If NULL, localhost is assumed. To allow DCOM `com.allow_dcom` has to be set to TRUE in `php.ini`.

codepage

specifies the codepage that is used to convert php-strings to unicode-strings and vice versa. Possible values are CP_ACP, CP_MACCP, CP_OEMCP, CP_SYMBOL, CP_THREAD_ACP, CP_UTF7 and CP_UTF8.

Example 1. COM example (1)

```
// starting word
$word = new COM("word.application") or die("Unable to instanciate Word");
print "Loaded Word, version {$word->Version}\n";

//bring it to front
$word->Visible = 1;

//open an empty document
$word->Documents->Add();

//do some weird stuff
$word->Selection->TypeText("This is a test...");
$word->Documents[1]->SaveAs("Useless test.doc");
```

```
//closing word
$word->Quit();

//free the object
$word->Release();
$word = null;
```

Example 2. COM example (2)

```
$conn = new COM("ADODB.Connection") or die("Cannot start ADO");
$conn->Open("Provider=SQLOLEDB; Data Source=localhost;
Initial Catalog=database; User ID=user; Password=password");

$rs = $conn->Execute("SELECT * FROM sometable");    // Recordset

$num_columns = $rs->Fields->Count();
echo $num_columns . "\n";

for ($i=0; $i < $num_columns; $i++)
{
    $fld[$i] = $rs->Fields($i);
}

$rowcount = 0;
while (!$rs->EOF)
{
    for ($i=0; $i < $num_columns; $i++)
    {
        echo $fld[$i]->value . "\t";
    }
    echo "\n";
    $rowcount++;           // increments rowcount
    $rs->MoveNext();
}

$rs->Close();
$conn->Close();

$rs->Release();
$conn->Release();

$rs = null;
$conn = null;
```

VARIANT (unknown)

VARIANT class

Synopsis

```
$vVar = new VARIANT($var)
```

A simple container to wrap variables into VARIANT structures.

```
string VARIANT::VARIANT ([mixed value [, int type [, int codepage]]])
```

VARIANT class constructor. Parameters:

value

initial value. if omitted an VT_EMPTY object is created.

type

specifies the content type of the VARIANT object. Possible values are VT_UI1, VT_UI2, VT_UI4, VT_I1, VT_I2, VT_I4, VT_R4, VT_R8, VT_INT, VT_UINT, VT_BOOL, VT_ERROR, VT_CY, VT_DATE, VT_BSTR, VT_DECIMAL, VT_UNKNOWN, VT_DISPATCH and VT_VARIANT. These values are mutual exclusive, but they can be combined with VT_BYREF to specify beeing a value. If omitted, the type of *value* is used. Consult the msdn library for additional information.

codepage

specifies the codepage that is used to convert php-strings to unicode-strings and vice versa. Possible values are CP_ACP, CP_MACCP, CP_OEMCP, CP_SYMBOL, CP_THREAD_ACP, CP_UTF7 and CP_UTF8.

com_load (PHP 3>= 3.0.3)

Creates a new reference to a COM component

```
string com_load (string module name, string [server name], int [codepage])
```

com_load() creates a new COM component and returns a reference to it. Returns FALSE on failure. Possible values for *codepage* are CP_ACP, CP_MACCP, CP_OEMCP, CP_SYMBOL, CP_THREAD_ACP, CP_UTF7 and CP_UTF8.

com_invoke (PHP 3>= 3.0.3)

Calls a COM component's method.

```
mixed com_invoke (resource com_object, string function_name, mixed [function parameters, ...])
```

com_invoke() invokes a method of the COM component referenced by *com_object*. Returns FALSE on error, returns the *function_name*'s return value on success.

com_propget (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets the value of a COM Component's property

```
mixed com_propget (resource com_object, string property)
```

This function is an alias for com_get().

com_get (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets the value of a COM Component's property

```
mixed com_get (resource com_object, string property)
```

Returns the value of the *property* of the COM component referenced by *com_object*. Returns FALSE on error.

com_propput (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Assigns a value to a COM component's property

```
void com_propput (resource com_object, string property, mixed value)
```

This function is an alias for `com_set()`.

com_propset (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Assigns a value to a COM component's property

```
void com_propset (resource com_object, string property, mixed value)
```

This function is an alias for `com_set()`.

com_set (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Assigns a value to a COM component's property

```
void com_set (resource com_object, string property, mixed value)
```

Sets the value of the *property* of the COM component referenced by *com_object*. Returns the newly set value if succeeded, FALSE on error.

com_addref (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Increases the components reference counter.

```
void com_addref ( )
```

Increases the components reference counter.

com_release (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Decreases the components reference counter.

```
void com_release ( )
```

Decreases the components reference counter.

IX. Class/Object Functions

Introduction

About

These functions allow you to obtain information about classes and instance objects. You can obtain the name of the class to which an object belongs, as well as its member properties and methods. Using these functions, you can find out not only the class membership of an object, but also its parentage (i.e. what class is the object class extending).

An example of use

In this example, we first define a base class and an extension of the class. The base class describes a general vegetable, whether it is edible or not and what is its color. The subclass *Spinach* adds a method to cook it and another to find out if it is cooked.

Example 1. classes.inc

```
<?php

// base class with member properties and methods
class Vegetable {

    var $edible;
    var $color;

    function Vegetable( $edible, $color="green" ) {
        $this->edible = $edible;
        $this->color = $color;
    }

    function is_edible() {
        return $this->edible;
    }

    function what_color() {
        return $this->color;
    }

} // end of class Vegetable


// extends the base class
class Spinach extends Vegetable {
```

```

    var $cooked = false;

    function Spinach() {
        $this->Vegetable( true, "green" );
    }

    function cook_it() {
        $this->cooked = true;
    }

    function is_cooked() {
        return $this->cooked;
    }
} // end of class Spinach

?>

```

We then instantiate 2 objects from these classes and print out information about them, including their class parentage. We also define some utility functions, mainly to have a nice printout of the variables.

Example 2. test_script.php

```

<pre>
<?php

include "classes.inc";

// utility functions

function print_vars($obj) {
    $arr = get_object_vars($obj);
    while (list($prop, $val) = each($arr))
        echo "\t$prop = $val\n";
}

function print_methods($obj) {
    $arr = get_class_methods(get_class($obj));
    foreach ($arr as $method)
        echo "\tfunction $method()\n";
}

function class_parentage($obj, $class) {
    global $$obj;
    if (is_subclass_of($$obj, $class)) {
        echo "Object $obj belongs to class ".get_class($$obj);
        echo " a subclass of $class\n";
    }
}

```

```

    } else {
        echo "Object $obj does not belong to a subclass of $class\n";
    }
}

// instantiate 2 objects

$veggie = new Vegetable(true,"blue");
$leafy = new Spinach();

// print out information about objects
echo "veggie: CLASS ".get_class($veggie)."\n";
echo "leafy: CLASS ".get_class($leafy);
echo ", PARENT ".get_parent_class($leafy)."\n";

// show veggie properties
echo "\nveggie: Properties\n";
print_vars($veggie);

// and leafy methods
echo "\nleafy: Methods\n";
print_methods($leafy);

echo "\nParentage:\n";
class_parentage("leafy", "Spinach");
class_parentage("leafy", "Vegetable");
?>
</pre>

```

One important thing to note in the example above is that the object `$leafy` is an instance of the class `Spinach` which is a subclass of `Vegetable`, therefore the last part of the script above will output:

```

[...]
```

Parentage:
Object leafy does not belong to a subclass of Spinach
Object leafy belongs to class spinach a subclass of Vegetable

call_user_method_array (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Call a user method given with an array of parameters

```
mixed call_user_method_array (string method_name, object obj [, array
paramarr])
```

Calls a the method referred by *method_name* from the user defined *obj* object, using the paramaters in *paramarr*.

See also: `call_user_func_array()`, `call_user_func()`, `call_user_method()`.

Note: This function was added to the CVS code after release of PHP 4.0.4pl1

call_user_method (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Call a user method on an specific object

```
mixed call_user_method (string method_name, object obj [, mixed parameter [,
mixed ...]])
```

Calls a the method referred by *method_name* from the user defined *obj* object. An example of usage is below, where we define a class, instantiate an object and use **call_user_method()** to call indirectly its `print_info` method.

```
<?php
class Country {
    var $NAME;
    var $TLD;

    function Country($name, $tld) {
        $this->NAME = $name;
        $this->TLD = $tld;
    }

    function print_info($prestr="") {
        echo $prestr."Country: ".$this->NAME."\n";
        echo $prestr."Top Level Domain: ".$this->TLD."\n";
    }
}

$cntry = new Country("Peru","pe");
```

```

echo "* Calling the object method directly\n";
$cntry->print_info();

echo "\n* Calling the same method indirectly\n";
call_user_method ("print_info", $cntry, "\t");
?>

```

See also `call_user_func_array()`, `call_user_func()`, `call_user_method_array()`.

class_exists (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Checks if the class has been defined

```
bool class_exists (string class_name)
```

This function returns TRUE if the class given by *class_name* has been defined, FALSE otherwise.

get_class (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the name of the class of an object

```
string get_class (object obj)
```

This function returns the name of the class of which the object *obj* is an instance. Upon failure, FALSE is returned.

Note: `get_class()` returns a user defined class name in lowercase. A class defined in a PHP extension is returned in its original notation.

See also `get_parent_class()` and `is_subclass_of()`

get_class_methods (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns an array of class methods' names

```
array get_class_methods (string class_name)
```

This function returns an array of method names defined for the class specified by *class_name*.

Note: As of PHP 4.0.6, you can specify the object itself instead of *class_name*. For example:

```
$class_methods = get_class_methods($my_class);
```

Example 1. get_class_methods() example

```
<?php

class myclass {
    // constructor
    function myclass() {
        return(true);
    }

    // method 1
    function myfunc1() {
        return(true);
    }

    // method 2
    function myfunc2() {
        return(true);
    }
}

$my_class = new myclass();

$class_methods = get_class_methods(get_class($my_class));

foreach ($class_methods as $method_name) {
    echo "$method_name\n";
}
```



```
?>
```

Will produce:

```
myclass
myfunc1
myfunc2
```

See also `get_class_vars()`, `get_object_vars()`

get_class_vars (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns an array of default properties of the class

```
array get_class_vars (string class_name)
```

This function will return an associative array of default properties of the class. The resulting array elements are in the form of *varname* => *value*.

Note: Uninitialized class variables will not be reported by `get_class_vars()`.

Example 1. get_class_vars() example

```
<?php
```

```
class myclass {
```

```
    var $var1; // this has no default value...
    var $var2 = "xyz";
    var $var3 = 100;
```

```
    // constructor
    function myclass() {
        return(true);
    }
}
```

```

}

$my_class = new myclass();

$class_vars = get_class_vars(get_class($my_class));

foreach ($class_vars as $name => $value) {
    echo "$name : $value\n";
}

?>

```

Will produce:

```

var2 : xyz
var3 : 100

```

See also `get_class_methods()`, `get_object_vars()`

get_declared_classes (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns an array with the name of the defined classes

```
array get_declared_classes ( )
```

This function returns an array of the names of the declared classes in the current script.

Note: In PHP 4.0.1pl2, three extra classes are returned at the beginning of the array: `stdClass` (defined in `Zend/zend.c`), `OverloadedTestClass` (defined in `ext/standard/basic_functions.c`) and `Directory` (defined in `ext/standard/dir.c`).

Also note that depending on what libraries you have compiled into PHP, additional classes could be present.

get_object_vars (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns an associative array of object properties

array **get_object_vars** (object *obj*)

This function returns an associative array of defined object properties for the specified object *obj*. If variables declared in the class of which the *obj* is an instance, have not been assigned a value, those will not be returned in the array.

Example 1. Use of get_object_vars()

```
<?php
class Point2D {
    var $x, $y;
    var $label;

    function Point2D($x, $y) {
        $this->x = $x;
        $this->y = $y;
    }

    function setLabel($label) {
        $this->label = $label;
    }

    function getPoint() {
        return array("x" => $this->x,
                    "y" => $this->y,
                    "label" => $this->label);
    }
}

$p1 = new Point2D(1.233, 3.445);
print_r(get_object_vars($p1));
// "$label" is declared but not defined
// Array
// (
//     [x] => 1.233
//     [y] => 3.445
// )

$p1->setLabel("point #1");
print_r(get_object_vars($p1));
// Array
// (
//     [x] => 1.233
//     [y] => 3.445
//     [label] => point #1
// )
```

```
// )
?>
```

See also `get_class_methods()`, `get_class_vars()`

get_parent_class (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the name of the parent class of an object

```
string get_parent_class (object obj)
```

This function returns the name of the parent class to the class of which the object *obj* is an instance.

See also `get_class()`, `is_subclass_of()`

is_subclass_of (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Determines if an object belongs to a subclass of the specified class

```
bool is_subclass_of (object obj, string superclass)
```

This function returns TRUE if the object *obj*, belongs to a class which is a subclass of *superclass*, FALSE otherwise.

See also `get_class()`, `get_parent_class()`

method_exists (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Checks if the class method exists

```
bool method_exists (object object, string method_name)
```

This function returns `TRUE` if the method given by *method_name* has been defined for the given *object*, `FALSE` otherwise.

X. ClibPDF functions

ClibPDF lets you create PDF documents with PHP. It is available for download from FastIO (<http://www.fastio.com/>), but requires that you purchase a license for commercial use. ClibPDF functionality and API is similar to PDFlib.

This documentation should be read alongside the ClibPDF manual since it explains the library in much greater detail.

Many functions in the native ClibPDF and the PHP module, as well as in PDFlib, have the same name. All functions except for `cpdf_open()` take the handle for the document as their first parameter.

Currently this handle is not used internally since ClibPDF does not support the creation of several PDF documents at the same time. Actually, you should not even try it, the results are unpredictable. I can't oversee what the consequences in a multi threaded environment are. According to the author of ClibPDF this will change in one of the next releases (current version when this was written is 1.10). If you need this functionality use the `pdflib` module.

Note: The function `cpdf_set_font()` has changed since PHP 3 to support asian fonts. The encoding parameter is no longer an integer but a string.

A nice feature of ClibPDF (and PDFlib) is the ability to create the pdf document completely in memory without using temporary files. It also provides the ability to pass coordinates in a predefined unit length. (This feature can also be simulated by `pdf_translate()` when using the PDFlib. functions.)

Another nice feature of ClibPDF is the fact that any page can be modified at any time even if a new page has been already opened. The function `cpdf_set_current_page()` allows to leave the current page and presume modifying an other page.

Most of the functions are fairly easy to use. The most difficult part is probably creating a very simple PDF document at all. The following example should help you to get started. It creates a document with one page. The page contains the text "Times-Roman" in an outlined 30pt font. The text is underlined.

Example 1. Simple ClibPDF Example

```
<?php
$cpdf = cpdf_open(0);
cpdf_page_init($cpdf, 1, 0, 595, 842);
cpdf_add_outline($cpdf, 0, 0, 0, 1, "Page 1");
cpdf_begin_text($cpdf);
cpdf_set_font($cpdf, "Times-Roman", 30, "WinAnsiEncoding");
cpdf_set_text_rendering($cpdf, 1);
cpdf_text($cpdf, "Times Roman outlined", 50, 750);
cpdf_end_text($cpdf);
cpdf_moveto($cpdf, 50, 740);
cpdf_lineto($cpdf, 330, 740);
cpdf_stroke($cpdf);
cpdf_finalize($cpdf);
Header("Content-type: application/pdf");
cpdf_output_buffer($cpdf);
```

```
cpdf_close($cpdf);
?>
```

The pdflib distribution contains a more complex example which creates a series of pages with an analog clock. Here is that example converted into PHP using the ClibPDF extension:

Example 2. pdfclock example from pdflib 2.0 distribution

```
<?php
$radius = 200;
$margin = 20;
$pagecount = 40;

$pdf = cpdf_open(0);
cpdf_set_creator($pdf, "pdf_clock.php3");
cpdf_set_title($pdf, "Analog Clock");

while($pagecount-- > 0) {
    cpdf_page_init($pdf, $pagecount+1, 0, 2 * ($radius + $margin), 2 * ($radius + $margin), 1.0);

    cpdf_set_page_animation($pdf, 4, 0.5, 0, 0, 0); /* wipe */

    cpdf_translate($pdf, $radius + $margin, $radius + $margin);
    cpdf_save($pdf);
    cpdf_setrgbcolor($pdf, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);

    /* minute strokes */
    cpdf_setlinewidth($pdf, 2.0);
    for ($alpha = 0; $alpha < 360; $alpha += 6)
    {
        cpdf_rotate($pdf, 6.0);
        cpdf_moveto($pdf, $radius, 0.0);
        cpdf_lineto($pdf, $radius-$margin/3, 0.0);
        cpdf_stroke($pdf);
    }

    cpdf_restore($pdf);
    cpdf_save($pdf);

    /* 5 minute strokes */
    cpdf_setlinewidth($pdf, 3.0);
    for ($alpha = 0; $alpha < 360; $alpha += 30)
    {
        cpdf_rotate($pdf, 30.0);
        cpdf_moveto($pdf, $radius, 0.0);
        cpdf_lineto($pdf, $radius-$margin, 0.0);
        cpdf_stroke($pdf);
    }
}
```

```

$time = getdate();

/* draw hour hand */
cpdf_save($pdf);
cpdf_rotate($pdf, -(($time['minutes']/60.0) + $time['hours'] - 3.0) * 30.0);
cpdf_moveto($pdf, -$radius/10, -$radius/20);
cpdf_lineto($pdf, $radius/2, 0.0);
cpdf_lineto($pdf, -$radius/10, $radius/20);
cpdf_closepath($pdf);
cpdf_fill($pdf);
cpdf_restore($pdf);

/* draw minute hand */
cpdf_save($pdf);
cpdf_rotate($pdf, -(($time['seconds']/60.0) + $time['minutes'] - 15.0) * 6.0);
cpdf_moveto($pdf, -$radius/10, -$radius/20);
cpdf_lineto($pdf, $radius * 0.8, 0.0);
cpdf_lineto($pdf, -$radius/10, $radius/20);
cpdf_closepath($pdf);
cpdf_fill($pdf);
cpdf_restore($pdf);

/* draw second hand */
cpdf_setrgbcolor($pdf, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0);
cpdf_setlinewidth($pdf, 2);
cpdf_save($pdf);
cpdf_rotate($pdf, -(($time['seconds'] - 15.0) * 6.0));
cpdf_moveto($pdf, -$radius/5, 0.0);
cpdf_lineto($pdf, $radius, 0.0);
cpdf_stroke($pdf);
cpdf_restore($pdf);

/* draw little circle at center */
cpdf_circle($pdf, 0, 0, $radius/30);
cpdf_fill($pdf);

cpdf_restore($pdf);

cpdf_finalize_page($pdf, $pagecount+1);
}

cpdf_finalize($pdf);
Header("Content-type: application/pdf");
cpdf_output_buffer($pdf);
cpdf_close($pdf);
?>

```


cpdf_add_annotation (PHP 3>= 3.0.12, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Adds annotation

```
void cpdf_add_annotation (int pdf document, float llx, float lly, float urx,
float ury, string title, string content [, int mode])
```

The **cpdf_add_annotation()** adds a note with the lower left corner at (*llx*, *lly*) and the upper right corner at (*urx*, *ury*).

The optional parameter *mode* determines the unit length. If it's 0 or omitted the default unit as specified for the page is used. Otherwise the coordinates are measured in postscript points disregarding the current unit.

cpdf_add_outline (PHP 3>= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Adds bookmark for current page

```
void cpdf_add_outline (int pdf document, string text)
```

The **cpdf_add_outline()** function adds a bookmark with text *text* that points to the current page.

Example 1. Adding a page outline

```
<?php
$cpdf = cpdf_open(0);
cpdf_page_init($cpdf, 1, 0, 595, 842);
cpdf_add_outline($cpdf, 0, 0, 0, 1, "Page 1");
// ...
// some drawing
// ...
cpdf_finalize($cpdf);
Header("Content-type: application/pdf");
cpdf_output_buffer($cpdf);
cpdf_close($cpdf);
?>
```

cpdf_arc (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draws an arc

```
void cpdf_arc (int pdf document, float x-coor, float y-coor, float radius,
float start, float end [, int mode])
```

The **cpdf_arc()** function draws an arc with center at point (*x-coor*, *y-coor*) and radius *radius*, starting at angle *start* and ending at angle *end*.

The optional parameter *mode* determines the unit length. If it's 0 or omitted the default unit as specified for the page is used. Otherwise the coordinates are measured in postscript points disregarding the current unit.

See also `cpdf_circle()`.

cpdf_begin_text (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Starts text section

```
void cpdf_begin_text (int pdf document)
```

The **cpdf_begin_text()** function starts a text section. It must be ended with `cpdf_end_text()`.

Example 1. Text output

```
<?php
cpdf_begin_text($pdf);
cpdf_set_font($pdf, 16, "Helvetica", "WinAnsiEncoding");
cpdf_text($pdf, 100, 100, "Some text");
cpdf_end_text($pdf)
?>
```

See also `cpdf_end_text()`.

cpdf_circle (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draw a circle

```
void cpdf_circle (int pdf document, float x-coor, float y-coor, float radius
[, int mode])
```

The **cpdf_circle()** function draws a circle with center at point (*x-coor*, *y-coor*) and radius *radius*. The optional parameter *mode* determines the unit length. If it's 0 or omitted the default unit as specified for the page is used. Otherwise the coordinates are measured in postscript points disregarding the current unit.

See also `cpdf_arc()`.

cpdf_clip (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Clips to current path

```
void cpdf_clip (int pdf document)
```

The **cpdf_clip()** function clips all drawing to the current path.

cpdf_close (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Closes the pdf document

```
void cpdf_close (int pdf document)
```

The **cpdf_close()** function closes the pdf document. This should be the last function even after `cpdf_finalize()`, `cpdf_output_buffer()` and `cpdf_save_to_file()`.

See also `cpdf_open()`.

cpdf_closepath (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Close path

```
void cpdf_closepath (int pdf document)
```

The **cpdf_closepath()** function closes the current path.

cpdf_closepath_fill_stroke (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Close, fill and stroke current path

```
void cpdf_closepath_fill_stroke (int pdf document)
```

The **cpdf_closepath_fill_stroke()** function closes, fills the interior of the current path with the current fill color and draws current path.

See also `cpdf_closepath()`, `cpdf_stroke()`, `cpdf_fill()`, `cpdf_setgray_fill()`, `cpdf_setgray()`, `cpdf_setrgbcolor_fill()`, `cpdf_setrgbcolor()`.

cpdf_closepath_stroke (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Close path and draw line along path

```
void cpdf_closepath_stroke (int pdf document)
```

The **cpdf_closepath_stroke()** function is a combination of `cpdf_closepath()` and `cpdf_stroke()`. Then clears the path.

See also `cpdf_closepath()`, `cpdf_stroke()`.

cpdf_continue_text (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Output text in next line

```
void cpdf_continue_text (int pdf document, string text)
```

The **cpdf_continue_text()** function outputs the string in *text* in the next line.

See also `cpdf_show_xy()`, `cpdf_text()`, `cpdf_set_leading()`, `cpdf_set_text_pos()`.

cpdf_curveto (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draws a curve

```
void cpdf_curveto (int pdf document, float x1, float y1, float x2, float y2,
float x3, float y3 [, int mode])
```

The **cpdf_curveto()** function draws a Bezier curve from the current point to the point (*x3*, *y3*) using (*x1*, *y1*) and (*x2*, *y2*) as control points.

The optional parameter *mode* determines the unit length. If it's 0 or omitted the default unit as specified for the page is used. Otherwise the coordinates are measured in postscript points disregarding the current unit.

See also cpdf_moveto(), cpdf_rmoveto(), cpdf_rlineto(), cpdf_lineto().

cpdf_end_text (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Ends text section

```
void cpdf_end_text (int pdf document)
```

The **cpdf_end_text()** function ends a text section which was started with cpdf_begin_text().

Example 1. Text output

```
<?php
cpdf_begin_text($pdf);
cpdf_set_font($pdf, 16, "Helvetica", "WinAnsiEncoding");
cpdf_text($pdf, 100, 100, "Some text");
cpdf_end_text($pdf)
?>
```

See also cpdf_begin_text().

cpdf_fill (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fill current path

```
void cpdf_fill (int pdf document)
```

The **cpdf_fill()** function fills the interior of the current path with the current fill color.

See also `cpdf_closepath()`, `cpdf_stroke()`, `cpdf_setgray_fill()`, `cpdf_setgray()`, `cpdf_setrgbcolor_fill()`, `cpdf_setrgbcolor()`.

cpdf_fill_stroke (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fill and stroke current path

```
void cpdf_fill_stroke (int pdf document)
```

The **cpdf_fill_stroke()** function fills the interior of the current path with the current fill color and draws current path.

See also `cpdf_closepath()`, `cpdf_stroke()`, `cpdf_fill()`, `cpdf_setgray_fill()`, `cpdf_setgray()`, `cpdf_setrgbcolor_fill()`, `cpdf_setrgbcolor()`.

cpdf_finalize (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Ends document

```
void cpdf_finalize (int pdf document)
```

The **cpdf_finalize()** function ends the document. You still have to call `cpdf_close()`

See also `cpdf_close()`.

cpdf_finalize_page (PHP 3>= 3.0.10, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Ends page

```
void cpdf_finalize_page (int pdf document, int page number)
```

The **cpdf_finalize_page()** function ends the page with page number *page number*.

This function is only for saving memory. A finalized page takes less memory but cannot be modified anymore.

See also `cpdf_page_init()`.

cpdf_global_set_document_limits (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets document limits for any pdf document

```
void cpdf_global_set_document_limits (int maxpages, int maxfonts, int maximages, int maxannotations, int maxobjects)
```

The **cpdf_global_set_document_limits()** function sets several document limits. This function has to be called before **cpdf_open()** to take effect. It sets the limits for any document open afterwards.

See also **cpdf_open()**.

cpdf_import_jpeg (PHP 3 >= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Opens a JPEG image

```
int cpdf_import_jpeg (int pdf document, string file name, float x-coor, float y-coor, float angle, float width, float height, float x-scale, float y-scale [, int mode])
```

The **cpdf_import_jpeg()** function opens an image stored in the file with the name *file name*. The format of the image has to be jpeg. The image is placed on the current page at position (*x-coor*, *y-coor*). The image is rotated by *angle* degrees.

The optional parameter *mode* determines the unit length. If it's 0 or omitted the default unit as specified for the page is used. Otherwise the coordinates are measured in postscript points disregarding the current unit.

See also **cpdf_place_inline_image()**.

cpdf_lineto (PHP 3 >= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draws a line

```
void cpdf_lineto (int pdf document, float x-coor, float y-coor [, int mode])
```

The **cpdf_lineto()** function draws a line from the current point to the point with coordinates (*x-coor*, *y-coor*).

The optional parameter *mode* determines the unit length. If it's 0 or omitted the default unit as specified for the page is used. Otherwise the coordinates are measured in postscript points disregarding the current unit.

See also `cpdf_moveto()`, `cpdf_rmoveto()`, `cpdf_curveto()`.

cpdf_moveto (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets current point

```
void cpdf_moveto (int pdf document, float x-coor, float y-coor [, int mode])
```

The **cpdf_moveto()** function set the current point to the coordinates *x-coor* and *y-coor*.

The optional parameter *mode* determines the unit length. If it's 0 or omitted the default unit as specified for the page is used. Otherwise the coordinates are measured in postscript points disregarding the current unit.

cpdf_newpath (PHP 3>= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Starts a new path

```
void cpdf_newpath (int pdf document)
```

The **cpdf_newpath()** starts a new path on the document given by the *pdf document* parameter.

cpdf_open (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Opens a new pdf document

```
int cpdf_open (int compression [, string filename])
```

The **cpdf_open()** function opens a new pdf document. The first parameter turns document compression on if it is unequal to 0. The second optional parameter sets the file in which the document is written. If it is omitted the document is created in memory and can either be written into a file with the `cpdf_save_to_file()` or written to standard output with `cpdf_output_buffer()`.

Note: The return value will be needed in further versions of ClibPDF as the first parameter in all other functions which are writing to the pdf document.

The ClibPDF library takes the filename "-" as a synonym for stdout. If PHP is compiled as an apache module this will not work because the way ClibPDF outputs to stdout does not work with apache. You can solve this problem by skipping the filename and using `cpdf_output_buffer()` to output the pdf document.

See also `cpdf_close()`, `cpdf_output_buffer()`.

cpdf_output_buffer (PHP 3>= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Outputs the pdf document in memory buffer

```
void cpdf_output_buffer (int pdf document)
```

The **cpdf_output_buffer()** function outputs the pdf document to stdout. The document has to be created in memory which is the case if `cpdf_open()` has been called with no filename parameter.

See also `cpdf_open()`.

cpdf_page_init (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Starts new page

```
void cpdf_page_init (int pdf document, int page number, int orientation,  
float height, float width [, float unit])
```

The **cpdf_page_init()** function starts a new page with height *height* and width *width*. The page has number *page number* and orientation *orientation*. *orientation* can be 0 for portrait and 1 for landscape. The last optional parameter *unit* sets the unit for the coordinate system. The value should be the number of postscript points per unit. Since one inch is equal to 72 points, a value of 72 would set the unit to one inch. The default is also 72.

See also `cpdf_set_current_page()`.

cpdf_place_inline_image (PHP 3>= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Places an image on the page

```
void cpdf_place_inline_image (int pdf document, int image, float x-coor,
float y-coor, float angle, float width, float height [, int mode])
```

The **cpdf_place_inline_image()** function places an image created with the php image functions on the page at position (*x-coor*, *y-coor*). The image can be scaled at the same time.

The optional parameter *mode* determines the unit length. If it's 0 or omitted the default unit as specified for the page is used. Otherwise the coordinates are measured in postscript points disregarding the current unit.

See also `cpdf_import_jpeg()`.

cpdf_rect (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draw a rectangle

```
void cpdf_rect (int pdf document, float x-coor, float y-coor, float width,
float height [, int mode])
```

The **cpdf_rect()** function draws a rectangle with its lower left corner at point (*x-coor*, *y-coor*). This width is set to *width*. This height is set to *height*.

The optional parameter *mode* determines the unit length. If it's 0 or omitted the default unit as specified for the page is used. Otherwise the coordinates are measured in postscript points disregarding the current unit.

cpdf_restore (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Restores formerly saved environment

```
void cpdf_restore (int pdf document)
```

The **cpdf_restore()** function restores the environment saved with `cpdf_save()`. It works like the postscript command `grestore`. Very useful if you want to translate or rotate an object without effecting other objects.

Example 1. Save/Restore

```
<?php
cpdf_save($pdf);
// do all kinds of rotations, transformations, ...
cpdf_restore($pdf)
?>
```

See also `cpdf_save()`.

cpdf_rlineto (PHP 3>= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draws a line

```
void cpdf_rlineto (int pdf document, float x-coor, float y-coor [, int mode])
```

The **cpdf_rlineto()** function draws a line from the current point to the relative point with coordinates (*x-coor*, *y-coor*).

The optional parameter *mode* determines the unit length. If it's 0 or omitted the default unit as specified for the page is used. Otherwise the coordinates are measured in postscript points disregarding the current unit.

See also `cpdf_moveto()`, `cpdf_rmoveto()`, `cpdf_curveto()`.

cpdf_rmoveto (PHP 3>= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets current point

```
void cpdf_rmoveto (int pdf document, float x-coor, float y-coor [, int mode])
```

The **cpdf_rmoveto()** function set the current point relative to the coordinates *x-coor* and *y-coor*.

The optional parameter *mode* determines the unit length. If it's 0 or omitted the default unit as specified for the page is used. Otherwise the coordinates are measured in postscript points disregarding the current unit.

See also `cpdf_moveto()`.

cpdf_rotate (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets rotation

```
void cpdf_rotate (int pdf document, float angle)
```

The **cpdf_rotate()** function set the rotation in degrees to *angle*.

cpdf_save (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Saves current environment

```
void cpdf_save (int pdf document)
```

The **cpdf_save()** function saves the current environment. It works like the postscript command `gsave`. Very useful if you want to translate or rotate an object without affecting other objects.

See also `cpdf_restore()`.

cpdf_save_to_file (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Writes the pdf document into a file

```
void cpdf_save_to_file (int pdf document, string filename)
```

The **cpdf_save_to_file()** function outputs the pdf document into a file if it has been created in memory.

This function is not needed if the pdf document has been open by specifying a filename as a parameter of `cpdf_open()`.

See also `cpdf_output_buffer()`, `cpdf_open()`.

cpdf_scale (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets scaling

```
void cpdf_scale (int pdf document, float x-scale, float y-scale)
```

The **cpdf_scale()** function set the scaling factor in both directions.

cpdf_set_char_spacing (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets character spacing

```
void cpdf_set_char_spacing (int pdf document, float space)
```

The **cpdf_set_char_spacing()** function sets the spacing between characters.

See also `cpdf_set_word_spacing()`, `cpdf_set_leading()`.

cpdf_set_creator (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the creator field in the pdf document

```
void cpdf_set_creator (string creator)
```

The **cpdf_set_creator()** function sets the creator of a pdf document.

See also `cpdf_set_subject()`, `cpdf_set_title()`, `cpdf_set_keywords()`.

cpdf_set_current_page (PHP 3>= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets current page

```
void cpdf_set_current_page (int pdf document, int page number)
```

The **cpdf_set_current_page()** function set the page on which all operations are performed. One can switch between pages until a page is finished with `cpdf_finalize_page()`.

See also `cpdf_finalize_page()`.

cpdf_set_font (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Select the current font face and size

```
void cpdf_set_font (int pdf document, string font name, float size, string encoding)
```

The **cpdf_set_font()** function sets the current font face, font size and encoding. Currently only the standard postscript fonts are supported.

The last parameter *encoding* can take the following values: "MacRomanEncoding", "MacExpertEncoding", "WinAnsiEncoding", and "NULL". "NULL" stands for the font's built-in encoding.

See the ClibPDF Manual for more information, especially how to support asian fonts.

cpdf_set_horiz_scaling (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets horizontal scaling of text

```
void cpdf_set_horiz_scaling (int pdf document, float scale)
```

The **cpdf_set_horiz_scaling()** function sets the horizontal scaling to *scale* percent.

cpdf_set_keywords (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the keywords field of the pdf document

```
void cpdf_set_keywords (string keywords)
```

The **cpdf_set_keywords()** function sets the keywords of a pdf document.

See also **cpdf_set_title()**, **cpdf_set_creator()**, **cpdf_set_subject()**.

cpdf_set_leading (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets distance between text lines

```
void cpdf_set_leading (int pdf document, float distance)
```

The **cpdf_set_leading()** function sets the distance between text lines. This will be used if text is output by `cpdf_continue_text()`.

See also `cpdf_continue_text()`.

cpdf_set_page_animation (PHP 3>= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets duration between pages

```
void cpdf_set_page_animation (int pdf document, int transition, float duration)
```

The **cpdf_set_page_animation()** function set the transition between following pages.

The value of *transition* can be

- 0 for none,
- 1 for two lines sweeping across the screen reveal the page,
- 2 for multiple lines sweeping across the screen reveal the page,
- 3 for a box reveals the page,
- 4 for a single line sweeping across the screen reveals the page,
- 5 for the old page dissolves to reveal the page,
- 6 for the dissolve effect moves from one screen edge to another,
- 7 for the old page is simply replaced by the new page (default)

The value of *duration* is the number of seconds between page flipping.

cpdf_set_subject (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the subject field of the pdf document

```
void cpdf_set_subject (string subject)
```

The **cpdf_set_subject()** function sets the subject of a pdf document.

See also `cpdf_set_title()`, `cpdf_set_creator()`, `cpdf_set_keywords()`.

cpdf_set_text_matrix (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the text matrix

```
void cpdf_set_text_matrix (int pdf document, array matrix)
```

The **cpdf_set_text_matrix()** function sets a matrix which describes a transformation applied on the current text font.

cpdf_set_text_pos (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets text position

```
void cpdf_set_text_pos (int pdf document, float x-coor, float y-coor [, int mode])
```

The **cpdf_set_text_pos()** function sets the position of text for the next **cpdf_show()** function call.

The optional parameter *mode* determines the unit length. If it's 0 or omitted the default unit as specified for the page is used. Otherwise the coordinates are measured in postscript points disregarding the current unit.

See also **cpdf_show()**, **cpdf_text()**.

cpdf_set_text_rendering (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Determines how text is rendered

```
void cpdf_set_text_rendering (int pdf document, int mode)
```

The **cpdf_set_text_rendering()** function determines how text is rendered.

The possible values for *mode* are 0=fill text, 1=stroke text, 2=fill and stroke text, 3=invisible, 4=fill text and add it to clipping path, 5=stroke text and add it to clipping path, 6=fill and stroke text and add it to clipping path, 7=add it to clipping path.

cpdf_set_text_rise (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the text rise

```
void cpdf_set_text_rise (int pdf document, float value)
```

The **cpdf_set_text_rise()** function sets the text rising to *value* units.

cpdf_set_title (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the title field of the pdf document

```
void cpdf_set_title (string title)
```

The **cpdf_set_title()** function sets the title of a pdf document.

See also `cpdf_set_subject()`, `cpdf_set_creator()`, `cpdf_set_keywords()`.

cpdf_set_word_spacing (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets spacing between words

```
void cpdf_set_word_spacing (int pdf document, float space)
```

The **cpdf_set_word_spacing()** function sets the spacing between words.

See also `cpdf_set_char_spacing()`, `cpdf_set_leading()`.

cpdf_setdash (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets dash pattern

```
void cpdf_setdash (int pdf document, float white, float black)
```

The **cpdf_setdash()** function set the dash pattern *white* white units and *black* black units. If both are 0 a solid line is set.

cpdf_setflat (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets flatness

```
void cpdf_setflat (int pdf document, float value)
```

The **cpdf_setflat()** function set the flatness to a value between 0 and 100.

cpdf_setgray (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets drawing and filling color to gray value

```
void cpdf_setgray (int pdf document, float gray value)
```

The **cpdf_setgray_stroke()** function sets the current drawing and filling color to the given gray value.
See also **cpdf_setrgbcolor_stroke()**, **cpdf_setrgbcolor_fill()**.

cpdf_setgray_fill (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets filling color to gray value

```
void cpdf_setgray_fill (int pdf document, float value)
```

The **cpdf_setgray_fill()** function sets the current gray value to fill a path.
See also **cpdf_setrgbcolor_fill()**.

cpdf_setgray_stroke (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets drawing color to gray value

```
void cpdf_setgray_stroke (int pdf document, float gray value)
```

The **cpdf_setgray_stroke()** function sets the current drawing color to the given gray value.

See also `cpdf_setrgbcolor_stroke()`.

cpdf_setlinecap (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets linecap parameter

```
void cpdf_setlinecap (int pdf document, int value)
```

The **cpdf_setlinecap()** function set the linecap parameter between a value of 0 and 2. 0 = butt end, 1 = round, 2 = projecting square.

cpdf_setlinejoin (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets linejoin parameter

```
void cpdf_setlinejoin (int pdf document, long value)
```

The **cpdf_setlinejoin()** function set the linejoin parameter between a value of 0 and 2. 0 = miter, 1 = round, 2 = bevel.

cpdf_setlinewidth (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets line width

```
void cpdf_setlinewidth (int pdf document, float width)
```

The **cpdf_setlinewidth()** function set the line width to *width*.

cpdf_setmiterlimit (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets miter limit

```
void cpdf_setmiterlimit (int pdf document, float value)
```

The **cpdf_setmiterlimit()** function set the miter limit to a value greater or equal than 1.

cpdf_setrgbcolor (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets drawing and filling color to rgb color value

```
void cpdf_setrgbcolor (int pdf document, float red value, float green value,  
float blue value)
```

The **cpdf_setrgbcolor_stroke()** function sets the current drawing and filling color to the given rgb color value.

See also **cpdf_setrgbcolor_stroke()**, **cpdf_setrgbcolor_fill()**.

cpdf_setrgbcolor_fill (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets filling color to rgb color value

```
void cpdf_setrgbcolor_fill (int pdf document, float red value, float green value, float blue value)
```

The **cpdf_setrgbcolor_fill()** function sets the current rgb color value to fill a path.

See also **cpdf_setrgbcolor_stroke()**, **cpdf_setrgbcolor()**.

cpdf_setrgbcolor_stroke (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets drawing color to rgb color value

```
void cpdf_setrgbcolor_stroke (int pdf document, float red value, float green value, float blue value)
```

The **cpdf_setrgbcolor_stroke()** function sets the current drawing color to the given rgb color value.
See also `cpdf_setrgbcolor_fill()`, `cpdf_setrgbcolor()`.

cpdf_show (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Output text at current position

```
void cpdf_show (int pdf document, string text)
```

The **cpdf_show()** function outputs the string in *text* at the current position.
See also `cpdf_text()`, `cpdf_begin_text()`, `cpdf_end_text()`.

cpdf_show_xy (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Output text at position

```
void cpdf_show_xy (int pdf document, string text, float x-coor, float y-coor [, int mode])
```

The **cpdf_show_xy()** function outputs the string *text* at position with coordinates (*x-coor*, *y-coor*).
The optional parameter *mode* determines the unit length. If it's 0 or omitted the default unit as specified for the page is used. Otherwise the coordinates are measured in postscript points disregarding the current unit.

Note: The function **cpdf_show_xy()** is identical to `cpdf_text()` without the optional parameters.

See also `cpdf_text()`.

cpdf_stringwidth (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns width of text in current font

```
float cpdf_stringwidth (int pdf document, string text)
```

The **cpdf_stringwidth()** function returns the width of the string in *text*. It requires a font to be set before.

See also `cpdf_set_font()`.

cpdf_stroke (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draw line along path

```
void cpdf_stroke (int pdf document)
```

The **cpdf_stroke()** function draws a line along current path.

See also `cpdf_closepath()`, `cpdf_closepath_stroke()`.

cpdf_text (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Output text with parameters

```
void cpdf_text (int pdf document, string text, float x-coor, float y-coor [,  
int mode [, float orientation [, int alignmode]])
```

The **cpdf_text()** function outputs the string *text* at position with coordinates (*x-coor*, *y-coor*).

The optional parameter *mode* determines the unit length. If it's 0 or omitted the default unit as specified for the page is used. Otherwise the coordinates are measured in postscript points disregarding the current unit. The optional parameter *orientation* is the rotation of the text in degree. The optional parameter *alignmode* determines how the text is aligned.

See the ClibPDF documentation for possible values.

See also `cpdf_show_xy()`.

cpdf_translate (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets origin of coordinate system

```
void cpdf_translate (int pdf document, float x-coor, float y-coor [, int  
mode])
```

The **cpdf_translate()** function set the origin of coordinate system to the point (*x-coor*, *y-coor*).

The optional parameter *mode* determines the unit length. If it's 0 or omitted the default unit as specified for the page is used. Otherwise the coordinates are measured in postscript points disregarding the current unit.

XI. CURL, Client URL Library Functions

PHP supports libcurl, a library created by Daniel Stenberg, that allows you to connect and communicate to many different types of servers with many different types of protocols. libcurl currently supports the http, https, ftp, gopher, telnet, dict, file, and ldap protocols. libcurl also supports HTTPS certificates, HTTP POST, HTTP PUT, FTP uploading (this can also be done with PHP's ftp extension), HTTP form based upload, proxies, cookies, and user+password authentication.

In order to use the CURL functions you need to install the CURL (<http://curl.haxx.se/>) package. PHP requires that you use CURL 7.0.2-beta or higher. PHP will not work with any version of CURL below version 7.0.2-beta.

To use PHP's CURL support you must also compile PHP `--with-curl[=DIR]` where DIR is the location of the directory containing the lib and include directories. In the "include" directory there should be a folder named "curl" which should contain the easy.h and curl.h files. There should be a file named "libcurl.a" located in the "lib" directory.

These functions have been added in PHP 4.0.2.

Once you've compiled PHP with CURL support, you can begin using the curl functions. The basic idea behind the CURL functions is that you initialize a CURL session using the `curl_init()`, then you can set all your options for the transfer via the `curl_exec()` and then you finish off your session using the `curl_close()`. Here is an example that uses the CURL functions to fetch the PHP homepage into a file:

Example 1. Using PHP's CURL module to fetch the PHP homepage

```
<?php

$ch = curl_init ("http://www.php.net/");
$fp = fopen ("php_homepage.txt", "w");

curl_setopt ($ch, CURLOPT_FILE, $fp);
curl_setopt ($ch, CURLOPT_HEADER, 0);

curl_exec ($ch);
curl_close ($ch);
fclose ($fp);
?>
```


curl_init (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Initialize a CURL session

```
int curl_init (string [url])
```

The **curl_init()** will initialize a new session and return a CURL handle for use with the `curl_setopt()`, `curl_exec()`, and `curl_close()` functions. If the optional *url* parameter is supplied then the `CURLOPT_URL` option will be set to the value of the parameter. You can manually set this using the `curl_setopt()` function.

Example 1. Initializing a new CURL session and fetching a webpage

```
<?php
$ch = curl_init();

curl_setopt ($ch, CURLOPT_URL, "http://www.zend.com/");
curl_setopt ($ch, CURLOPT_HEADER, 0);

curl_exec ($ch);

curl_close ($ch);
?>
```

See also: `curl_close()`, `curl_setopt()`

curl_setopt (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Set an option for a CURL transfer

```
bool curl_setopt (int ch, string option, mixed value)
```

The **curl_setopt()** function will set options for a CURL session identified by the *ch* parameter. The *option* parameter is the option you want to set, and the *value* is the value of the option given by the *option*.

The *value* should be a long for the following options (specified in the *option* parameter):

- **CURLOPT_INFILESIZE**: When you are uploading a file to a remote site, this option should be used to tell PHP what the expected size of the infile will be.

- **CURLOPT_VERBOSE**: Set this option to a non-zero value if you want CURL to report everything that is happening.
- **CURLOPT_HEADER**: Set this option to a non-zero value if you want the header to be included in the output.
- **CURLOPT_NOPROGRESS**: Set this option to a non-zero value if you don't want PHP to display a progress meter for CURL transfers

Note: PHP automatically sets this option to a non-zero parameter, this should only be changed for debugging purposes.

- **CURLOPT_NOBODY**: Set this option to a non-zero value if you don't want the body included with the output.
- **CURLOPT_FAILONERROR**: Set this option to a non-zero value if you want PHP to fail silently if the HTTP code returned is greater than 300. The default behaviour is to return the page normally, ignoring the code.
- **CURLOPT_UPLOAD**: Set this option to a non-zero value if you want PHP to prepare for an upload.
- **CURLOPT_POST**: Set this option to a non-zero value if you want PHP to do a regular HTTP POST. This POST is a normal application/x-www-form-urlencoded kind, most commonly used by HTML forms.
- **CURLOPT_FTPLISTONLY**: Set this option to a non-zero value and PHP will just list the names of an FTP directory.
- **CURLOPT_FTPAPPEND**: Set this option to a non-zero value and PHP will append to the remote file instead of overwriting it.
- **CURLOPT_NETRC**: Set this option to a non-zero value and PHP will scan your ~/.netrc file to find your username and password for the remote site that you're establishing a connection with.
- **CURLOPT_FOLLOWLOCATION**: Set this option to a non-zero value to follow any "Location: " header that the server sends as a part of the HTTP header (note this is recursive, PHP will follow as many "Location: " headers that it is sent.)
- **CURLOPT_PUT**: Set this option a non-zero value to HTTP PUT a file. The file to PUT must be set with the CURLOPT_INFILE and CURLOPT_INFILESIZE.
- **CURLOPT_MUTE**: Set this option to a non-zero value and PHP will be completely silent with regards to the CURL functions.
- **CURLOPT_TIMEOUT**: Pass a long as a parameter that contains the maximum time, in seconds, that you'll allow the curl functions to take.
- **CURLOPT_LOW_SPEED_LIMIT**: Pass a long as a parameter that contains the transfer speed in bytes per second that the transfer should be below during CURLOPT_LOW_SPEED_TIME seconds for PHP to consider it too slow and abort.
- **CURLOPT_LOW_SPEED_TIME**: Pass a long as a parameter that contains the time in seconds that the transfer should be below the CURLOPT_LOW_SPEED_LIMIT for PHP to consider it too slow and abort.

- **CURLOPT_RESUME_FROM**: Pass a long as a parameter that contains the offset, in bytes, that you want the transfer to start from.
- **CURLOPT_SSLVERSION**: Pass a long as a parameter that contains the SSL version (2 or 3) to use. By default PHP will try and determine this by itself, although, in some cases you must set this manually.
- **CURLOPT_TIMECONDITION**: Pass a long as a parameter that defines how the CURLOPT_TIMEVALUE is treated. You can set this parameter to TIMECOND_IFMODSINCE or TIMECOND_ISUNMODSINCE. This is a HTTP-only feature.
- **CURLOPT_TIMEVALUE**: Pass a long as a parameter that is the time in seconds since January 1st, 1970. The time will be used as specified by the CURLOPT_TIMEVALUE option, or by default the TIMECOND_IFMODSINCE will be used.

The *value* parameter should be a string for the following values of the *option* parameter:

- **CURLOPT_URL**: This is the URL that you want PHP to fetch. You can also set this option when initializing a session with the curl_init() function.
- **CURLOPT_USERPWD**: Pass a string formatted in the [username]:[password] manner, for PHP to use for the connection.
- **CURLOPT_PROXYUSERPWD**: Pass a string formatted in the [username]:[password] format for connection to the HTTP proxy.
- **CURLOPT_RANGE**: Pass the specified range you want. It should be in the "X-Y" format, where X or Y may be left out. The HTTP transfers also support several intervals, separated with commas as in X-Y,N-M.
- **CURLOPT_POSTFIELDS**: Pass a string containing the full data to post in an HTTP "POST" operation.
- **CURLOPT_REFERER**: Pass a string containing the "referer" header to be used in an HTTP request.
- **CURLOPT_USERAGENT**: Pass a string containing the "user-agent" header to be used in an HTTP request.
- **CURLOPT_FTPPORT**: Pass a string containing the which will be used to get the IP address to use for the ftp "POST" instruction. The POST instruction tells the remote server to connect to our specified IP address. The string may be a plain IP address, a hostname, a network interface name (under UNIX), or just a plain '-' to use the systems default IP address.
- **CURLOPT_COOKIE**: Pass a string containing the content of the cookie to be set in the HTTP header.
- **CURLOPT_SSLCERT**: Pass a string containing the filename of PEM formatted certificate.
- **CURLOPT_SSLCERTPASSWD**: Pass a string containing the password required to use the CURLOPT_SSLCERT certificate.
- **CURLOPT_COOKIEFILE**: Pass a string containing the name of the file containing the cookie data. The cookie file can be in Netscape format, or just plain HTTP-style headers dumped into a file.
- **CURLOPT_CUSTOMREQUEST**: Pass a string to be used instead of GET or HEAD when doing an HTTP request. This is useful for doing DELETE or another, more obscure, HTTP request.

Note: Don't do this without making sure your server supports the command first.

The following options expect a file descriptor that is obtained by using the `fopen()` function:

- `CURLOPT_FILE`: The file where the output of your transfer should be placed, the default is `STDOUT`.
- `CURLOPT_INFILE`: The file where the input of your transfer comes from.
- `CURLOPT_WRITEHEADER`: The file to write the header part of the output into.
- `CURLOPT_STDERR`: The file to write errors to instead of `stderr`.

curl_exec (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Perform a CURL session

```
bool curl_exec (int ch)
```

This function should be called after you initialize a CURL session and all the options for the session are set. Its purpose is simply to execute the predefined CURL session (given by the *ch*).

curl_close (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Close a CURL session

```
void curl_close (int ch)
```

This function closes a CURL session and frees all resources. The CURL handle, *ch*, is also deleted.

curl_version (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Return the current CURL version

```
string curl_version ()
```

The **curl_version()** function returns a string containing the current CURL version.

XII. Cybercash payment functions

These functions are only available if the interpreter has been compiled with the
--with-cybercash=[DIR]. These functions have been added in PHP 4.

cybercash_encr (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

???

```
array cybercash_encr (string wmk, string sk, string inbuff)
```

The function returns an associative array with the elements "errcode" and, if "errcode" is FALSE, "outbuff" (string), "outLth" (long) and "macbuff" (string).

cybercash_decr (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

???

```
array cybercash_decr (string wmk, string sk, string inbuff)
```

The function returns an associative array with the elements "errcode" and, if "errcode" is FALSE, "outbuff" (string), "outLth" (long) and "macbuff" (string).

cybercash_base64_encode (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

???

```
string cybercash_base64_encode (string inbuff)
```

cybercash_base64_decode (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

```
string cybercash_base64_decode (string inbuff)
```

XIII. Crédit Mutuel CyberMUT functions

This extension allows you to process credit cards transactions using Crédit Mutuel CyberMUT system (http://www.creditmutuel.fr/centre_commercial/vendez_sur_internet.html).

CynerMUT is a popular Web Payment Service in France, provided by the Crédit Mutuel bank. If you are foreign in France, these functions will not be useful for you.

These functions are only available if PHP has been compiled with the `--with-cybermut[=DIR]` option, where DIR is the location of `libcm-mac.a` and `cm-mac.h`. You will require the appropriate SDK for your platform, which may be sent to you after your CyberMUT's subscription (contact them via Web, or go to the nearest Crédit Mutuel).

The use of these functions is almost identical to the original functions, except for the parameters of return for `cybermut_creerformulairecm()` and `cybermut_creerreponsecm()`, which are returned directly by functions PHP, whereas they had passed in reference in the original functions.

These functions have been added in PHP 4.0.6.

Note: These functions only provide a link to CyberMUT SDK. Be sure to read the CyberMUT Developers Guide for full details of the required parameters.

cybermut_creerformulairecm (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Generate HTML form of request for payment

```
string cybermut_creerformulairecm (string url_CM, string version, string TPE,
string montant, string ref_commande, string texte_libre, string url_retour,
string url_retour_ok, string url_retour_err, string langue, string
code_societe, string texte_bouton)
```

cybermut_creerformulairecm() is used to generate the HTML form of request for payment.

Example 1. First step of payment (equiv cgi1.c)

```
<?php
// Directory where are located the keys
putenv("CMKEYDIR=/var/creditmut/cles");

// Version number
$VERSION="1.2";

$retour = creditmut_creerformulairecm(
    "https://www.creditmutuel.fr/test/telepaiement/paiement.cgi",
    $VERSION,
    "1234567890",
    "300FRF",
    $REFERENCE,
    $TEXTE_LIBRE,
    $URL_RETOUR,
    $URL_RETOUR_OK,
    $URL_RETOUR_ERR,
    "francais",
    "company",
    "Paielement par carte bancaire");

echo $retour;
?>
```

See also **cybermut_testmac()** and **cybermut_creerreponsecm()**.

cybermut_testmac (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Make sure that there no was data diddling contained in the received message of confirmation

```
bool cybermut_testmac (string code_MAC, string version, string TPE, string
cdate, string montant, string ref_commande, string texte_libre, string
code-retour)
```

cybermut_testmac() is used to make sure that there was not data diddling contained in the received message of confirmation. Pay attention to parameters *code-retour* and *texte-libre*, which cannot be evaluated as is, because auf the dash. You must retrieve them by using:

```
<?php
    $code_retour=$HTTP_GET_VARS["code-retour"];
    $texte_libre=$HTTP_GET_VARS["texte-libre"];
?>
```

Example 1. Last step of payment (equiv cgi2.c)

```
<?php
// Make sure that Enable Track Vars is ON.
// Directory where are located the keys
putenv("CMKEYDIR=/var/creditmut/cles");

// Version number
$VERSION="1.2";

$texte_libre = $HTTP_GET_VARS["texte-libre"];
$code_retour = $HTTP_GET_VARS["code-retour"];

$mac_ok = creditmut_testmac($MAC,$VERSION,$TPE,$date,$montant,$reference,$texte_libre,$code_

if ($mac_ok) {

    //
    // insert data processing here
    //
    //

    $result=creditmut_creerreponsecm("OK");
} else {
    $result=creditmut_creerreponsecm("Document Falsifie");
}

?>
```

See also **cybermut_creerformulairecm()** and **cybermut_creerreponsecm()**.

cybermut_creerreponsecm (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Generate the acknowledgement of delivery of the confirmation of payment

```
string cybermut_creerreponsecm (string phrase)
```

cybermut_creerreponsecm() returns a string containing delivery acknowledgement message.

The parameter is "OK" if the message of confirmation of the payment were correctly authenticated by `cybermut_testmac()`. Any other chain is regarded as an error message.

See also `cybermut_creerformulairecm()` and `cybermut_testmac()`.

XIV. Character type functions

Warning

This module is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of these functions, these function names, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this module at your own risk.

These functions check whether a character or string falls into a certain character class according to the current locale.

When called with an integer argument these functions behave exactly like their C counterparts.

When called with a string argument they will check every character in the string and will only return TRUE if every character in the string matches the requested criteria.

Passing anything else but a string or integer will return FALSE immediately.

Warning

These functions are new as of PHP 4.0.4 and might change their name in the near future. Suggestions are to change them to **ctype_issomething()** instead of **ctype_something()** or even to make them part of ext/standard and use their original C-names, although this would possibly lead to further confusion regarding the `isset()` vs. `is_sometype()` problem.

ctype_alnum (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Check for alphanumeric character(s)

```
bool ctype_alnum (string c)
```

Warning

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See also `setlocale()`.

ctype_alpha (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Check for alphabetic character(s)

```
bool ctype_alpha (string c)
```

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

ctype_cntrl (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Check for control character(s)

```
bool ctype_cntrl (string c)
```

Warning

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ctype_digit (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Check for numeric character(s)

```
bool ctype_digit (string c)
```

Warning

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ctype_lower (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Check for lowercase character(s)

```
bool ctype_lower (string c)
```

Warning

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ctype_graph (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Check for any printable character(s) except space

```
bool ctype_graph (string c)
```

Warning

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ctype_print (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Check for printable character(s)

```
bool ctype_print (string c)
```

Warning

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ctype_punct (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Check for any printable character which is not whitespace or an alphanumeric character

```
bool ctype_punct (string c)
```

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

ctype_space (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Check for whitespace character(s)

```
bool ctype_space (string c)
```

Warning

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ctype_upper (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Check for uppercase character(s)

```
bool ctype_upper (string c)
```

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

ctype_xdigit (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Check for character(s) representing a hexadecimal digit

```
bool ctype_xdigit (string c)
```

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

XV. Database (dbm-style) abstraction layer functions

These functions build the foundation for accessing Berkeley DB style databases.

This is a general abstraction layer for several file-based databases. As such, functionality is limited to a common subset of features supported by modern databases such as Sleepycat Software's DB2 (<http://www.sleepycat.com/>). (This is not to be confused with IBM's DB2 software, which is supported through the ODBC functions.)

The behaviour of various aspects depends on the implementation of the underlying database. Functions such as `dba_optimize()` and `dba_sync()` will do what they promise for one database and will do nothing for others.

When invoking the `dba_open()` or `dba_popen()` functions, one of the following handler names must be supplied as an argument. The actually available list of handlers is displayed by invoking `phpinfo()`. (To add support for any of the following handlers during the production of PHP, add the specified `--with-XXXX` configure switch to your PHP configure line.)

Table 1. List of DBA handlers

Handler	Notes
dbm	Dbm is the oldest (original) type of Berkeley DB style databases. You should avoid it, if possible. We do not support the compatibility functions built into DB2 and gdbm, because they are only compatible on the source code level, but cannot handle the original dbm format. (<code>--with-dbm</code>)
ndbm	Ndbm is a newer type and more flexible than dbm. It still has most of the arbitrary limits of dbm (therefore it is deprecated). (<code>--with-ndbm</code>)
gdbm	Gdbm is the GNU database manager (ftp://ftp.gnu.org/pub/gnu/gdbm/). (<code>--with-gdbm</code>)
db2	DB2 is Sleepycat Software's DB2 (http://www.sleepycat.com/). It is described as "a programmatic toolkit that provides high-performance built-in database support for both standalone and client/server applications." (<code>--with-db2</code>)
db3	DB3 is Sleepycat Software's DB3 (http://www.sleepycat.com/). (<code>--with-db3</code>)
cdb	Cdb is "a fast, reliable, lightweight package for creating and reading constant databases." It is from the author of qmail and can be found here (http://cr.yp.to/cdb.html). Since it is constant, we support only reading operations. (<code>--with-cdb</code>)

Example 1. DBA example

```

<?php

$id = dba_open ("/tmp/test.db", "n", "db2");

if (!$id) {
    echo "dba_open failed\n";
    exit;
}

dba_replace ("key", "This is an example!", $id);

if (dba_exists ("key", $id)) {
    echo dba_fetch ("key", $id);
    dba_delete ("key", $id);
}

dba_close ($id);
?>

```

DBA is binary safe and does not have any arbitrary limits. However, it inherits all limits set by the underlying database implementation.

All file-based databases must provide a way of setting the file mode of a new created database, if that is possible at all. The file mode is commonly passed as the fourth argument to `dba_open()` or `dba_popen()`.

You can access all entries of a database in a linear way by using the `dba_firstkey()` and `dba_nextkey()` functions. You may not change the database while traversing it.

Example 2. Traversing a database

```

<?php

# ...open database...

$key = dba_firstkey ($id);

while ($key != false) {
    if (...) { # remember the key to perform some action later
        $handle_later[] = $key;
    }
    $key = dba_nextkey ($id);
}

```

```
for ($i = 0; $i < count($handle_later); $i++)  
    dba_delete ($handle_later[$i], $id);
```

```
?>
```

dba_close (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Close database

```
void dba_close (int handle)
```

dba_close() closes the established database and frees all resources specified by *handle*.

handle is a database handle returned by dba_open().

dba_close() does not return any value.

See also: dba_open() and dba_popen()

dba_delete (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Delete entry specified by key

```
bool dba_delete (string key, int handle)
```

dba_delete() deletes the entry specified by *key* from the database specified with *handle*.

key is the key of the entry which is deleted.

handle is a database handle returned by dba_open().

dba_delete() returns TRUE or FALSE, if the entry is deleted or not deleted, respectively.

See also: dba_exists(), dba_fetch(), dba_insert(), and dba_replace().

dba_exists (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Check whether key exists

```
bool dba_exists (string key, int handle)
```

dba_exists() checks whether the specified *key* exists in the database specified by *handle*.

Key is the key the check is performed for.

Handle is a database handle returned by dba_open().

dba_exists() returns TRUE or FALSE, if the key is found or not found, respectively.

See also: `dba_fetch()`, `dba_delete()`, `dba_insert()`, and `dba_replace()`.

dba_fetch (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch data specified by key

```
string dba_fetch (string key, int handle)
```

dba_fetch() fetches the data specified by *key* from the database specified with *handle*.

Key is the key the data is specified by.

Handle is a database handle returned by `dba_open()`.

dba_fetch() returns the associated string or FALSE, if the key/data pair is found or not found, respectively.

See also: `dba_exists()`, `dba_delete()`, `dba_insert()`, and `dba_replace()`.

dba_firstkey (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch first key

```
string dba_firstkey (int handle)
```

dba_firstkey() returns the first key of the database specified by *handle* and resets the internal key pointer. This permits a linear search through the whole database.

Handle is a database handle returned by `dba_open()`.

dba_firstkey() returns the key or FALSE depending on whether it succeeds or fails, respectively.

See also: `dba_nextkey()` and example 2 in the DBA overview

dba_insert (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Insert entry

```
bool dba_insert (string key, string value, int handle)
```

dba_insert() inserts the entry described with *key* and *value* into the database specified by *handle*. It fails, if an entry with the same *key* already exists.

key is the key of the entry to be inserted.

value is the value to be inserted.

handle is a database handle returned by dba_open().

dba_insert() returns TRUE or FALSE, depending on whether it succeeds or fails, respectively.

See also: dba_exists() dba_delete() dba_fetch() dba_replace()

dba_nextkey (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch next key

```
string dba_nextkey (int handle)
```

dba_nextkey() returns the next key of the database specified by *handle* and advances the internal key pointer.

handle is a database handle returned by dba_open().

dba_nextkey() returns the key or FALSE depending on whether it succeeds or fails, respectively.

See also: dba_firstkey() and example 2 in the DBA overview

dba_popen (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open database persistently

```
int dba_popen (string path, string mode, string handler [, ...])
```

dba_popen() establishes a persistent database instance for *path* with *mode* using *handler*.

path is commonly a regular path in your filesystem.

mode is "r" for read access, "w" for read/write access to an already existing database, "c" for read/write access and database creation if it doesn't currently exist, and "n" for create, truncate and read/write access.

handler is the name of the handler which shall be used for accessing *path*. It is passed all optional parameters given to **dba_popen()** and can act on behalf of them.

dba_popen() returns a positive handle or FALSE, in the case the open is successful or fails, respectively.

See also: dba_open() dba_close()

dba_open (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open database

```
int dba_open (string path, string mode, string handler [, ...])
```

dba_open() establishes a database instance for *path* with *mode* using *handler*.

path is commonly a regular path in your filesystem.

mode is "r" for read access, "w" for read/write access to an already existing database, "c" for read/write access and database creation if it doesn't currently exist, and "n" for create, truncate and read/write access.

handler is the name of the handler which shall be used for accessing *path*. It is passed all optional parameters given to **dba_open()** and can act on behalf of them.

dba_open() returns a positive handle or FALSE, in the case the open is successful or fails, respectively.

See also: dba_popen() dba_close()

dba_optimize (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Optimize database

```
bool dba_optimize (int handle)
```

dba_optimize() optimizes the underlying database specified by *handle*.

handle is a database handle returned by dba_open().

dba_optimize() returns TRUE or FALSE, if the optimization succeeds or fails, respectively.

See also: dba_sync()

dba_replace (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Replace or insert entry

```
bool dba_replace (string key, string value, int handle)
```

dba_replace() replaces or inserts the entry described with *key* and *value* into the database specified by *handle*.

key is the key of the entry to be inserted.

value is the value to be inserted.

handle is a database handle returned by `dba_open()`.

dba_replace() returns TRUE or FALSE, depending on whether it succeeds or fails, respectively.

See also: `dba_exists()`, `dba_delete()`, `dba_fetch()`, and `dba_insert()`.

dba_sync (PHP 3 >= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Synchronize database

bool **dba_sync** (int *handle*)

dba_sync() synchronizes the database specified by *handle*. This will probably trigger a physical write to disk, if supported.

handle is a database handle returned by `dba_open()`.

dba_sync() returns TRUE or FALSE, if the synchronization succeeds or fails, respectively.

See also: `dba_optimize()`

XVI. Date and Time functions

checkdate (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Validate a gregorian date/time

```
int checkdate (int month, int day, int year)
```

Returns TRUE if the date given is valid; otherwise returns FALSE. Checks the validity of the date formed by the arguments. A date is considered valid if:

- year is between 1 and 32767 inclusive
- month is between 1 and 12 inclusive
- *Day* is within the allowed number of days for the given *month*. Leap *years* are taken into consideration.

date (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Format a local time/date

```
string date (string format, int [timestamp])
```

Returns a string formatted according to the given format string using the given integer *timestamp* or the current local time if no timestamp is given.

Note: The valid range of a timestamp is typically from Fri, 13 Dec 1901 20:45:54 GMT to Tue, 19 Jan 2038 03:14:07 GMT. (These are the dates that correspond to the minimum and maximum values for a 32-bit signed integer.)

To generate a timestamp from a string representation of the date, you may be able to use `strtotime()`. Additionally, some databases have functions to convert their date formats into timestamps (such as MySQL's `UNIX_TIMESTAMP` function).

The following characters are recognized in the format string:

- a - "am" or "pm"
- A - "AM" or "PM"
- B - Swatch Internet time
- d - day of the month, 2 digits with leading zeros; i.e. "01" to "31"

- D - day of the week, textual, 3 letters; i.e. "Fri"
- F - month, textual, long; i.e. "January"
- g - hour, 12-hour format without leading zeros; i.e. "1" to "12"
- G - hour, 24-hour format without leading zeros; i.e. "0" to "23"
- h - hour, 12-hour format; i.e. "01" to "12"
- H - hour, 24-hour format; i.e. "00" to "23"
- i - minutes; i.e. "00" to "59"
- I (capital i) - "1" if Daylight Savings Time, "0" otherwise.
- j - day of the month without leading zeros; i.e. "1" to "31"
- l (lowercase 'L') - day of the week, textual, long; i.e. "Friday"
- L - boolean for whether it is a leap year; i.e. "0" or "1"
- m - month; i.e. "01" to "12"
- M - month, textual, 3 letters; i.e. "Jan"
- n - month without leading zeros; i.e. "1" to "12"
- O - Difference to Greenwich time in hours; i.e. "+0200"
- r - RFC 822 formatted date; i.e. "Thu, 21 Dec 2000 16:01:07 +0200" (added in PHP 4.0.4)
- s - seconds; i.e. "00" to "59"
- S - English ordinal suffix, textual, 2 characters; i.e. "th", "nd"
- t - number of days in the given month; i.e. "28" to "31"
- T - Timezone setting of this machine; i.e. "MDT"
- U - seconds since the epoch
- w - day of the week, numeric, i.e. "0" (Sunday) to "6" (Saturday)
- Y - year, 4 digits; i.e. "1999"
- y - year, 2 digits; i.e. "99"
- z - day of the year; i.e. "0" to "365"
- Z - timezone offset in seconds (i.e. "-43200" to "43200"). The offset for timezones west of UTC is always negative, and for those east of UTC is always positive.

Unrecognized characters in the format string will be printed as-is. The "Z" format will always return "0" when using gmdate().

Example 1. date() example

```
echo date ("l dS of F Y h:i:s A");
echo "July 1, 2000 is on a " . date ("l", mktime(0,0,0,7,1,2000));
```

You can prevent a recognized character in the format string from being expanded by escaping it with a preceding backslash. If the character with a backslash is already a special sequence, you may need to also escape the backslash.

Example 2. Escaping characters in date()

```
echo date("l \\t\\h\\e jS"); // prints something like 'Saturday the 8th'
```

It is possible to use **date()** and **mktime()** together to find dates in the future or the past.

Example 3. date() and mktime() example

```
$tomorrow = mktime (0,0,0,date("m") ,date("d")+1,date("Y"));
$lastmonth = mktime (0,0,0,date("m")-1,date("d"), date("Y"));
$nextyear = mktime (0,0,0,date("m"), date("d"), date("Y")+1);
```

Note: This can be more reliable than simply adding or subtracting the number of seconds in a day or month to a timestamp because of daylight savings time.

Some examples of **date()** formatting. Note that you should escape any other characters, as any which currently have a special meaning will produce undesirable results, and other characters may be assigned meaning in future PHP versions. When escaping, be sure to use single quotes to prevent characters like `\n` from becoming newlines.

Example 4. date() Formatting

```
/* Today is March 10th, 2001, 5:16:18 pm */
$today = date("F j, Y, g:i a");           // March 10, 2001, 5:16 pm
$today = date("m.d.y");                   // 03.10.01
$today = date("j, m, Y");                  // 10, 3, 2001
$today = date("Ymd");                      // 20010310
$today = date('h-i-s, j-m-y, it is w Day z '); // 05-16-17, 10-03-01, 1631 1618 6 Fripm01
$today = date('\\i\\t \\i\\s \\t\\h\\e jS \\d\\a\\y.\\'); // It is the 10th day.
$today = date("D M j G:i:s T Y");          // Sat Mar 10 15:16:08 MST 2001
$today = date('H:m:s \\m \\i\\s\\ \\m\\o\\n\\t\\h\\'); // 17:03:17 m is month
$today = date("H:i:s");                    // 17:16:17
```

To format dates in other languages, you should use the `setlocale()` and `strftime()` functions.
See also `getlastmod()`, `gmdate()`, `mktime()`, `strftime()` and `time()`.

getdate (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get date/time information

array **getdate** ([int *timestamp*])

Returns an associative array containing the date information of the *timestamp*, or the current local time if no timestamp is given, as the following array elements:

- "seconds" - seconds
- "minutes" - minutes
- "hours" - hours
- "mday" - day of the month
- "wday" - day of the week, numeric : from 0 as Sunday up to 6 as Saturday
- "mon" - month, numeric
- "year" - year, numeric
- "yday" - day of the year, numeric; i.e. "299"
- "weekday" - day of the week, textual, full; i.e. "Friday"
- "month" - month, textual, full; i.e. "January"

Example 1. getdate() example

```
$today = getdate();  
$month = $today['month'];  
$mday = $today['mday'];  
$year = $today['year'];  
echo "$month $mday, $year";
```

gettimeofday (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get current time

```
array gettimeofday ( )
```

This is an interface to gettimeofday(2). It returns an associative array containing the data returned from the system call.

- "sec" - seconds
- "usec" - microseconds
- "minuteswest" - minutes west of Greenwich
- "dstime" - type of dst correction

gmdate (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Format a GMT/CUT date/time

```
string gmdate (string format [, int timestamp])
```

Identical to the date() function except that the time returned is Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). For example, when run in Finland (GMT +0200), the first line below prints "Jan 01 1998 00:00:00", while the second prints "Dec 31 1997 22:00:00".

Example 1. gmdate() example

```
echo date ("M d Y H:i:s", mktime (0,0,0,1,1,1998));  
echo gmdate ("M d Y H:i:s", mktime (0,0,0,1,1,1998));
```

See also date(), mktime(), gmmktime() and strftime()

gmmktime (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get UNIX timestamp for a GMT date

```
int gmmktime (int hour, int minute, int second, int month, int day, int year
[, int is_dst])
```

Identical to `mktime()` except the passed parameters represents a GMT date.

gmstrftime (PHP 3>= 3.0.12, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Format a GMT/CUT time/date according to locale settings

```
string gmstrftime (string format [, int timestamp])
```

Behaves the same as `strftime()` except that the time returned is Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). For example, when run in Eastern Standard Time (GMT -0500), the first line below prints "Dec 31 1998 20:00:00", while the second prints "Jan 01 1999 01:00:00".

Example 1. gmstrftime() example

```
setlocale ('LC_TIME', 'en_US');
echo strftime ("%b %d %Y %H:%M:%S", mktime (20,0,0,12,31,98))."\n";
echo gmstrftime ("%b %d %Y %H:%M:%S", mktime (20,0,0,12,31,98))."\n";
```

See also `strftime()`.

localtime (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the local time

```
array localtime (int [timestamp], bool [is_associative])
```

The **localtime()** function returns an array identical to that of the structure returned by the C function call. The first argument to **localtime()** is the timestamp, if this is not given the current time is used. The second argument to the **localtime()** is the *is_associative*, if this is set to 0 or not supplied then the array is returned as a regular, numerically indexed array. If the argument is set to 1 then **localtime()** is an associative array containing all the different elements of the structure returned by the C function call to `localtime`. The names of the different keys of the associative array are as follows:

- "tm_sec" - seconds
- "tm_min" - minutes
- "tm_hour" - hour
- "tm_mday" - day of the month
- "tm_mon" - month of the year, starting with 0 for january
- "tm_year" - Years since 1900
- "tm_wday" - Day of the week
- "tm_yday" - Day of the year
- "tm_isdst" - Is daylight savings time in effect

microtime (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return current UNIX timestamp with microseconds

```
string microtime ()
```

Returns the string "msec sec" where sec is the current time measured in the number of seconds since the Unix Epoch (0:00:00 January 1, 1970 GMT), and msec is the microseconds part. This function is only available on operating systems that support the gettimeofday() system call.

Both portions of the string are returned in units of seconds.

Example 1. microtime() example

```
function getmicrotime(){
    list($usec, $sec) = explode(" ",microtime());
    return ((float)$usec + (float)$sec);
}

$time_start = getmicrotime();

for ($i=0; $i < 1000; $i++){
    //do nothing, 1000 times
}

$time_end = getmicrotime();
$time = $time_end - $time_start;

echo "Did nothing in $time seconds";
```

See also `time()`.

mktime (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get UNIX timestamp for a date

```
int mktime (int hour, int minute, int second, int month, int day, int year [,
int is_dst])
```

Warning: Note the strange order of arguments, which differs from the order of arguments in a regular UNIX `mktime()` call and which does not lend itself well to leaving out parameters from right to left (see below). It is a common error to mix these values up in a script.

Returns the Unix timestamp corresponding to the arguments given. This timestamp is a long integer containing the number of seconds between the Unix Epoch (January 1 1970) and the time specified.

Arguments may be left out in order from right to left; any arguments thus omitted will be set to the current value according to the local date and time.

Is_dst can be set to 1 if the time is during daylight savings time, 0 if it is not, or -1 (the default) if it is unknown whether the time is within daylight savings time or not.

Note: *Is_dst* was added in 3.0.10.

mktime() is useful for doing date arithmetic and validation, as it will automatically calculate the correct value for out-of-range input. For example, each of the following lines produces the string "Jan-01-1998".

Example 1. mktime() example

```
echo date ("M-d-Y", mktime (0,0,0,12,32,1997));
echo date ("M-d-Y", mktime (0,0,0,13,1,1997));
echo date ("M-d-Y", mktime (0,0,0,1,1,1998));
echo date ("M-d-Y", mktime (0,0,0,1,1,98));
```

Year may be a two or four digit value, with values between 0-69 mapping to 2000-2069 and 70-99 to 1970-1999 (on systems where `time_t` is a 32bit signed integer, as most common today, the valid range for *year* is somewhere between 1902 and 2037).

The last day of any given month can be expressed as the "0" day of the next month, not the -1 day. Both of the following examples will produce the string "The last day in Feb 2000 is: 29".

Example 2. Last day of next month

```
$lastday = mktime (0,0,0,3,0,2000);
echo strftime ("Last day in Feb 2000 is: %d", $lastday);

$lastday = mktime (0,0,0,4,-31,2000);
echo strftime ("Last day in Feb 2000 is: %d", $lastday);
```

Date with year, month and day equal to zero is considered illegal (otherwise it what be regarded as 30.11.1999, which would be strange behaviour).

See also `date()` and `time()`.

strftime (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Format a local time/date according to locale settings

```
string strftime (string format, int [timestamp])
```

Returns a string formatted according to the given format string using the given *timestamp* or the current local time if no timestamp is given. Month and weekday names and other language dependent strings respect the current locale set with `setlocale()`.

The following conversion specifiers are recognized in the format string:

- %a - abbreviated weekday name according to the current locale
- %A - full weekday name according to the current locale
- %b - abbreviated month name according to the current locale
- %B - full month name according to the current locale
- %c - preferred date and time representation for the current locale
- %C - century number (the year divided by 100 and truncated to an integer, range 00 to 99)
- %d - day of the month as a decimal number (range 01 to 31)
- %D - same as %m/%d/%y
- %e - day of the month as a decimal number, a single digit is preceded by a space (range ' 1' to '31')
- %h - same as %b
- %H - hour as a decimal number using a 24-hour clock (range 00 to 23)
- %I - hour as a decimal number using a 12-hour clock (range 01 to 12)

- %j - day of the year as a decimal number (range 001 to 366)
- %m - month as a decimal number (range 01 to 12)
- %M - minute as a decimal number
- %n - newline character
- %p - either 'am' or 'pm' according to the given time value, or the corresponding strings for the current locale
- %r - time in a.m. and p.m. notation
- %R - time in 24 hour notation
- %S - second as a decimal number
- %t - tab character
- %T - current time, equal to %H:%M:%S
- %u - weekday as a decimal number [1,7], with 1 representing Monday
- %U - week number of the current year as a decimal number, starting with the first Sunday as the first day of the first week
- %V - The ISO 8601:1988 week number of the current year as a decimal number, range 01 to 53, where week 1 is the first week that has at least 4 days in the current year, and with Monday as the first day of the week.
- %W - week number of the current year as a decimal number, starting with the first Monday as the first day of the first week
- %w - day of the week as a decimal, Sunday being 0
- %x - preferred date representation for the current locale without the time
- %X - preferred time representation for the current locale without the date
- %y - year as a decimal number without a century (range 00 to 99)
- %Y - year as a decimal number including the century
- %Z - time zone or name or abbreviation
- %% - a literal '%' character

Note: Not all conversion specifiers may be supported by your C library, in which case they will not be supported by PHP's **strftime()**.

Example 1. strftime() example

```
setlocale ("LC_TIME", "C");
print (strftime ("%A in Finnish is "));
setlocale ("LC_TIME", "fi_FI");
print (strftime ("%A, in French "));
setlocale ("LC_TIME", "fr_CA");
print (strftime ("%A and in German "));
```

```
setlocale ("LC_TIME", "de_DE");
print (strftime ("%A.\n"));
```

This example works if you have the respective locales installed in your system.

See also `setlocale()` and `mktime()` and the Open Group specification of **`strftime()`** (<http://www.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/7908799/xsh/strftime.html>).

time (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return current UNIX timestamp

```
int time ()
```

Returns the current time measured in the number of seconds since the Unix Epoch (January 1 1970 00:00:00 GMT).

See also `date()`.

strtotime (PHP 3>= 3.0.12, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Parse about any english textual datetime description into a UNIX timestamp

```
int strtotime (string time [, int now])
```

The function expects to be given a string containing an english date format and will try to parse that format into a UNIX timestamp. Upon failure, -1 is returned.

Example 1. strtotime() examples

```
echo strtotime ("now") . "\n";
echo strtotime ("10 September 2000") . "\n";
echo strtotime ("+1 day") . "\n";
echo strtotime ("+1 week") . "\n";
echo strtotime ("+1 week 2 days 4 hours 2 seconds") . "\n";
```

Example 2. Checking for failure

```
$str = 'Not Good';  
if (($timestamp = strtotime($str)) === -1) {  
    echo "The string ($str) is bogus";  
} else {  
    echo "$str == ". date('l dS of F Y h:i:s A', $timestamp);  
}
```

XVII. dBase functions

These functions allow you to access records stored in dBase-format (dbf) databases.

There is no support for indexes or memo fields. There is no support for locking, too. Two concurrent webserver processes modifying the same dBase file will very likely ruin your database.

dBase files are simple sequential files of fixed length records. Records are appended to the end of the file and delete records are kept until you call `dbase_pack()`.

We recommend that you do not use dBase files as your production database. Choose any real SQL server instead; MySQL or Postgres are common choices with PHP. dBase support is here to allow you to import and export data to and from your web database, because the file format is commonly understood by Windows spreadsheets and organizers.

dbase_create (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Creates a dBase database

```
int dbase_create (string filename, array fields)
```

The *fields* parameter is an array of arrays, each array describing the format of one field in the database. Each field consists of a name, a character indicating the field type, a length, and a precision.

The types of fields available are:

L

Boolean. These do not have a length or precision.

M

Memo. (Note that these aren't supported by PHP.) These do not have a length or precision.

D

Date (stored as YYYYMMDD). These do not have a length or precision.

N

Number. These have both a length and a precision (the number of digits after the decimal point).

C

String.

If the database is successfully created, a `dbase_identifier` is returned, otherwise `FALSE` is returned.

Example 1. Creating a dBase database file

```
// "database" name
$dbname = "/tmp/test.dbf";

// database "definition"
$def =
    array(
        array("date",      "D"),
        array("name",      "C",  50),
        array("age",       "N",   3, 0),
        array("email",     "C", 128),
        array("ismember",  "L")
    );

// creation
if (!dbase_create($dbname, $def))
```



```
print "<strong>Error!</strong>";
```

dbase__open (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Opens a dBase database

```
int dbase__open (string filename, int flags)
```

The flags correspond to those for the `open()` system call. (Typically 0 means read-only, 1 means write-only, and 2 means read and write.)

Returns a `dbase_identifier` for the opened database, or `FALSE` if the database couldn't be opened.

Note: When safe-mode is enabled, PHP checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed.

dbase__close (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Closes a dBase database

```
bool dbase__close (int dbase_identifier)
```

Closes the database associated with *dbase_identifier*.

dbase__pack (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Packs a dBase database

```
bool dbase__pack (int dbase_identifier)
```

Packs the specified database (permanently deleting all records marked for deletion using `dbase_delete_record()`).

dbase_add_record (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Add a record to a dBase database

```
bool dbase_add_record (int dbase_identifier, array record)
```

Adds the data in the *record* to the database. If the number of items in the supplied record isn't equal to the number of fields in the database, the operation will fail and FALSE will be returned.

dbase_replace_record (PHP 3 >= 3.0.11, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Replace a record in a dBase database

```
bool dbase_replace_record (int dbase_identifier, array record, int  
dbase_record_number)
```

Replaces the data associated with the record *dbase_record_number* with the data in the *record* in the database. If the number of items in the supplied record is not equal to the number of fields in the database, the operation will fail and FALSE will be returned.

dbase_record_number is an integer which spans from 1 to the number of records in the database (as returned by `dbase_numrecords()`).

dbase_delete_record (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deletes a record from a dBase database

```
bool dbase_delete_record (int dbase_identifier, int record)
```

Marks *record* to be deleted from the database. To actually remove the record from the database, you must also call `dbase_pack()`.

dbase_get_record (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets a record from a dBase database

```
array dbase_get_record (int dbase_identifier, int record)
```

Returns the data from *record* in an array. The array is indexed starting at 0, and includes an associative member named 'deleted' which is set to 1 if the record has been marked for deletion (see `dbase_delete_record()`).

Each field is converted to the appropriate PHP type. (Dates are left as strings.)

dbase_get_record_with_names (PHP 3 >= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets a record from a dBase database as an associative array

```
array dbase_get_record_with_names (int dbase_identifier, int record)
```

Returns the data from *record* in an associative array. The array also includes an associative member named 'deleted' which is set to 1 if the record has been marked for deletion (see `dbase_delete_record()`).

Each field is converted to the appropriate PHP type. (Dates are left as strings.)

dbase_numfields (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Find out how many fields are in a dBase database

```
int dbase_numfields (int dbase_identifier)
```

Returns the number of fields (columns) in the specified database. Field numbers are between 0 and `dbase_numfields($db)-1`, while record numbers are between 1 and `dbase_numrecords($db)`.

Example 1. Using `dbase_numfields()`

```
$rec = dbase_get_record($db, $recno);
$nf  = dbase_numfields($db);
for ($i=0; $i < $nf; $i++) {
    print $rec[$i]."<br>\n";
}
```

dbase_numrecords (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Find out how many records are in a dBase database

```
int dbase_numrecords (int dbase_identifier)
```

Returns the number of records (rows) in the specified database. Record numbers are between 1 and `dbase_numrecords($db)`, while field numbers are between 0 and `dbase_numfields($db)-1`.

XVIII. DBM Functions

These functions allow you to store records stored in a dbm-style database. This type of database (supported by the Berkeley DB, GDBM, and some system libraries, as well as a built-in flatfile library) stores key/value pairs (as opposed to the full-blown records supported by relational databases).

Example 1. DBM example

```
$dbm = dbmopen ("lastseen", "w");
if (dbmexists ($dbm, $userid)) {
    $last_seen = dbmfetch ($dbm, $userid);
} else {
    dbminsert ($dbm, $userid, time());
}
do_stuff();
dbmreplace ($dbm, $userid, time());
dbmclose ($dbm);
```

dbmopen (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Opens a DBM database

```
int dbmopen (string filename, string flags)
```

The first argument is the full-path filename of the DBM file to be opened and the second is the file open mode which is one of "r", "n", "c" or "w" for read-only, new (implies read-write, and most likely will truncate an already-existing database of the same name), create (implies read-write, and will not truncate an already-existing database of the same name) and read-write respectively.

Returns an identifier to be passed to the other DBM functions on success, or FALSE on failure.

If NDBM support is used, NDBM will actually create *filename.dir* and *filename.pag* files. GDBM only uses one file, as does the internal flat-file support, and Berkeley DB creates a *filename.db* file. Note that PHP does its own file locking in addition to any file locking that may be done by the DBM library itself. PHP does not delete the *.lck* files it creates. It uses these files simply as fixed inodes on which to do the file locking. For more information on DBM files, see your Unix man pages, or obtain GNU's GDBM (<ftp://ftp.gnu.org/pub/gnu/gdbm/>).

Note: When safe-mode is enabled, PHP checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed.

dbmclose (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Closes a dbm database

```
bool dbmclose (int dbm_identifier)
```

Unlocks and closes the specified database.

dbmexists (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Tells if a value exists for a key in a DBM database

```
bool dbmexists (int dbm_identifier, string key)
```

Returns TRUE if there is a value associated with the *key*.

dbmfetch (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetches a value for a key from a DBM database

```
string dbmfetch (int dbm_identifier, string key)
```

Returns the value associated with *key*.

dbminsert (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Inserts a value for a key in a DBM database

```
int dbminsert (int dbm_identifier, string key, string value)
```

Adds the value to the database with the specified key.

Returns -1 if the database was opened read-only, 0 if the insert was successful, and 1 if the specified key already exists. (To replace the value, use `dbmreplace()`.)

dbmreplace (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Replaces the value for a key in a DBM database

```
int dbmreplace (int dbm_identifier, string key, string value)
```

Replaces the value for the specified key in the database.

This will also add the key to the database if it didn't already exist.

dbmdelete (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deletes the value for a key from a DBM database

```
bool dbmdelete (int dbm_identifier, string key)
```

Deletes the value for *key* in the database.

Returns FALSE if the key didn't exist in the database.

dbmfirstkey (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Retrieves the first key from a DBM database

```
string dbmfirstkey (int dbm_identifier)
```

Returns the first key in the database. Note that no particular order is guaranteed since the database may be built using a hash-table, which doesn't guarantee any ordering.

dbmnextkey (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Retrieves the next key from a DBM database

```
string dbmnextkey (int dbm_identifier, string key)
```

Returns the next key after *key*. By calling `dbmfirstkey()` followed by successive calls to **dbmnextkey()** it is possible to visit every key/value pair in the dbm database. For example:

Example 1. Visiting every key/value pair in a DBM database

```
$key = dbmfirstkey ($dbm_id);
while ($key) {
    echo "$key = " . dbmfetch ($dbm_id, $key) . "\n";
    $key = dbmnextkey ($dbm_id, $key);
}
```


dblist (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Describes the DBM-compatible library being used

```
string dblist ( )
```

XIX. dbx functions

Warning

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The dbx module is a database abstraction layer (db 'X', where 'X' is a supported database). The dbx functions allow you to access all supported databases using a single calling convention. In order to have these functions available, you must compile PHP with dbx support by using the `--enable-dbx` option and all options for the databases that will be used, e.g. for MySQL you must also specify `--with-mysql`. The dbx-functions themselves do not interface directly to the databases, but interface to the modules that are used to support these databases. To be able to use a database with the dbx-module, the module must be either linked or loaded into PHP, and the database module must be supported by the dbx-module. Currently, MySQL, PostgreSQL, Microsoft SQL Server, FrontBase and ODBC are supported, but others will follow (soon, I hope :-).

Documentation for adding additional database support to dbx can be found at <http://www.guidance.nl/php/dbx/doc/>.

dbx_close (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Close an open connection/database

```
bool dbx_close (dbx_link_object link_identifier)
```

Warning

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Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

Example 1. dbx_close() example

```
<?php
$link = dbx_connect ("mysql", "localhost", "db", "username", "password")
    or die ("Could not connect");
print("Connected successfully");
dbx_close($link);
?>
```

Note: Always refer to the module-specific documentation as well.

See also: dbx_connect().

dbx_connect (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Open a connection/database

```
dbx_link_object dbx_connect (string module, string host, string database,
string username, string password [, int persistent])
```

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

Returns: a `dbx_link_object` on success, `FALSE` on error. If a connection has been made but the database could not be selected, the connection is closed and `FALSE` is returned. The 'persistent' parameter can be set to `DBX_PERSISTENT` so a persistent connection will be created.

The *module* parameter can be either a string or a constant. The possible values are given below, but keep in mind that they only work if the module is actually loaded.

- module `DBX_MYSQL` : "mysql"
- module `DBX_ODBC` : "odbc"
- module `DBX_PGSQL` : "pgsql"
- module `DBX_MSSQL` : "mssql"
- module `DBX_FBSQL` : "fbsql" (CVS only)

The `dbx_link_object` has three members, a 'handle', a 'module' and a 'database'. The 'database' member is the name of the currently selected database. The 'module' member is for internal use by dbx only, and is actually the module number mentioned above. The 'handle' member is a valid handle for the connected database, and as such can be used in module-specific functions (if required), e.g.

```
<?php
$link = dbx_connect ("mysql", "localhost", "db", "username", "password");
mysql_close ($link->handle); // dbx_close($link) would be better here
?>
```

Host, database, username and password parameters are expected, but not always used, depending on the connect-functions for the abstracted module.

Example 1. `dbx_connect()` example

```
<?php
$link = dbx_connect ("odbc", "", "db", "username", "password", DBX_PERSISTENT)
    or die ("Could not connect");
print ("Connected successfully");
dbx_close ($link);
?>
```

Note: Always refer to the module-specific documentation as well.

See also: `dbx_close()`.

dbx_error (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Report the error message of the latest function call in the module (not just in the connection)

string **dbx_error** (dbx_link_object *link_identifier*)

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

Returns a string containing the error-message from the last function call of the module (e.g. mysql-module). If there are multiple connections on the same module, just the last error is given. If there are connections on different modules, the latest error is returned for the specified module (specified by the link parameter, that is). Note that the ODBC-module doesn't support an `error_reporting` function at the moment.

Example 1. dbx_error() example

```
<?php
$link = dbx_connect ("mysql", "localhost", "db", "username", "password")
    or die ("Could not connect");
$result = dbx_query ($link, "select id from nonexistingtbl");
if ($result==0) {
    echo dbx_error ($link);
}
dbx_close ($link);
?>
```

Note: Always refer to the module-specific documentation as well.

The error-message for Microsoft SQL Server is actually the result of the `mssql_get_last_message()` function.

dbx_query (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Send a query and fetch all results (if any)

```
dbx_result_object dbx_query (dbx_link_object link_identifier, string
sql_statement [, long flags])
```

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

Returns a `dbx_result_object` or 1 on success (a result object is only returned for sql-statements that return results) or 0 on failure. The *flags* parameter is used to control the amount of information that is returned. It may be any combination of the constants `DBX_RESULT_INFO`, `DBX_RESULT_INDEX`, `DBX_RESULT_ASSOC`, OR-ed together. `DBX_RESULT_INFO` provides info about columns, such as field names and field types. `DBX_RESULT_INDEX` returns the results in a 2d indexed array (e.g. `data[2][3]`, where 2 is the row (or record) number and 3 is the column (or field) number), where the first row and column are indexed at 0. `DBX_RESULT_ASSOC` associates the column indices with field names. Note that `DBX_RESULT_INDEX` is always returned, regardless of the *flags* parameter. If `DBX_RESULT_ASSOC` is specified, `DBX_RESULT_INFO` is also returned even if it wasn't specified. This means that effectively only the combinations `DBX_RESULT_INDEX`, `DBX_RESULT_INDEX | DBX_RESULT_INFO` and `DBX_RESULT_INDEX | DBX_RESULT_INFO | DBX_RESULT_ASSOC` are possible. This last combination is the default if the *flags* parameter isn't specified. Associated results are actual references to the indexed data, so if you modify `data[0][0]`, then `data[0]['fieldnameforfirstcolumn']` is modified as well.

A `dbx_result_object` has five members (possibly four depending on *flags*), 'handle', 'cols', 'rows', 'info' (optional) and 'data'. Handle is a valid result identifier for the specified module, and as such can be used in module-specific functions, as seen in the example:

```
$result = dbx_query ($link, "SELECT id FROM tbl");
mysql_field_len ($result->handle, 0);
```

The cols and rows members contain the number of columns (or fields) and rows (or records) respectively, e.g.

```
$result = dbx_query ($link, "SELECT id FROM tbl");
echo "result size: " . $result->rows . " x " . $result->cols . "<br>\n";
```

The info member is only returned if DBX_RESULT_INFO and/or DBX_RESULT_ASSOC are specified in the *flags* parameter. It is a 2d array, that has two named rows ("name" and "type") to retrieve column information, e.g.

```
$result = dbx_query ($link, "SELECT id FROM tbl");
echo "column name: " . $result->info["name"][0] . "<br>\n";
echo "column type: " . $result->info["type"][0] . "<br>\n";
```

The data member contains the actual resulting data, possibly associated with column names as well. If DBX_RESULT_ASSOC is set, it is possible to use `$result->data[2]["fieldname"]`.

Example 1. dbx_query() example

```
<?php
$link = dbx_connect ("odbc", "", "db", "username", "password")
    or die ("Could not connect");
$result = dbx_query ($link, "SELECT id, parentid, description FROM tbl");
if ($result==0) echo "Query failed\n<br>";
elseif ($result==1) {
    echo "Query executed successfully\n<br>";
} else {
    $rows=$result->rows;
    $cols=$result->cols;
    echo "<p>table dimension: {$result->rows} x {$result->cols}<br><table border=1>\n";
    echo "<tr>";
    for ($col=0; $col<$cols; ++$col) {
        echo "<td>{-{$result->info["name"][$col]}-<br>{-{$result->info["type"][$col]}-</td>";
    }
    echo "</tr>\n";
    for ($row=0; $row<$rows; ++$row){
        echo "<tr>";
        for ($col=0; $col<$cols; ++$col) {
            echo "<td>{-{$result->data[$row][$col]}-</td>";
        }
    }
}
```

```

    }
    echo "</tr>\n";
}
echo "</table><p>\n";
echo "table dimension: {$result->rows} x id, parentid, description<br><table border=1>\n";
for ($row=0; $row<$rows; ++$row) {
    echo "<tr>";
    echo "<td>{-{$result->data[$row][\"id\"]}}-</td>";
    echo "<td>{-{$result->data[$row][\"parentid\"]}}-</td>";
    echo "<td>{-{$result->data[$row][\"description\"]}}-</td>";
    echo "</tr>\n";
}
echo "</table><p>\n";
}
dbx_close($link);
?>

```

Note: Always refer to the module-specific documentation as well.

See also: `dbx_connect()`.

dbx_sort (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Sort a result from a `dbx_query` by a custom sort function

`bool dbx_sort (dbx_result_object result, string user_compare_function)`

Warning

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Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

Example 1. dbx_sort() example

```

<?php
function user_re_order ($a, $b) {

```



```

    $rv = dbx_compare ($a, $b, "parentid", DBX_CMP_DESC);
    if (!$rv) $rv = dbx_compare ($a, $b, "id");
    return $rv;
}

$link = dbx_connect ("odbc", "", "db", "username", "password")
    or die ("Could not connect");
$result = dbx_query ($link, "SELECT id, parentid, description FROM tbl ORDER BY id");
echo "resulting data is now ordered by id<br>";
dbx_sort ($result, "user_re_order");
echo "resulting data is now ordered by parentid (descending), then by id<br>";
dbx_close ($link);
?>

```

See also `dbx_compare()`.

dbx_compare (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Compare two rows for sorting purposes

```

int dbx_compare (array row_a, array row_b, string columnname_or_index [, int
flags])

```

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

Returns 0 if `row_a[$columnname_or_index]` is equal to `row_b[$columnname_or_index]`, 1 if it is greater and -1 if it is smaller (or vice versa if the `DBX_CMP_DESC` flag is set).

The *flags* can be set to specify comparison direction (whether sorting is ascending or descending) and comparison type (force string or numeric compare by converting the data). The constants for direction are `DBX_CMP_ASC` and `DBX_CMP_DESC`. The constants for comparison type are `DBX_CMP_NATIVE` (no conversion), `DBX_CMP_TEXT` and `DBX_CMP_NUMBER`. These constants can be OR-ed together. The default value for the *flags* parameter is `DBX_CMP_ASC | DBX_CMP_NATIVE`.

Example 1. dbx_compare() example

```

<?php
function user_re_order ($a, $b) {
    $rv = dbx_compare ($a, $b, "parentid", DBX_CMP_DESC);

```

```
    if (!$rv) {
        $rv = dbx_compare ($a, $b, "id");
        return $rv;
    }
}

$link = dbx_connect ("odbc", "", "db", "username", "password")
    or die ("Could not connect");
$result = dbx_query ($link, "SELECT id, parentid, description FROM tbl ORDER BY id");
echo "resulting data is now ordered by id<br>";
dbx_sort ($result, "user_re_order");
echo "resulting data is now ordered by parentid (descending), then by id<br>";
dbx_close ($link);
?>
```

See also `dbx_sort()`.

XX. DB++ Functions

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DB++ Database Functions

db++, made by the german company Concept asa (<http://www.concept-asa.de/>), is a relational database system with high performance and low memory and disk usage in mind. While providing SQL as an additional language interface it is not really a SQL database in the first place but provides its own AQL query language which is much more influenced by the relational algebra then SQL is.

Concept asa always had an interest in supporting open source languages, db++ has had Perl and Tcl call interfaces for years now and uses Tcl as its internal stored procedure language.

Requirements

You need the developement libraries and header files included in every db++ installaion archive. Concept asa (<http://www.concept-asa.de/>) provides additional documentation (<http://www.concept-asa.de/downloads/doc-eng.tar.gz>) and Demo versions (<http://www.concept-asa.de/down-eng.html>) of db++ for Linux, some other UNIX versions and Windows95/NT.

Installation

Creation and installation of this extension requires the db++ client libraries and header files to be installed on your system. You have to run **configure** with option `--with-dbplus` to build this extension.

configure looks for the client libraries and header files under the default pathes `/usr/dbplus`, `/usr/local/dbplus` and `/opt/dbplus`. If you have installed db++ in a different place you have add the installation path to the **configure** option like this: `--with-dbplus=/your/installation/path`.

db++ error codes

Table 1. DB++ Error Codes

PHP Constant	db++ constant	meaning

PHP Constant	db++ constant	meaning
DBPLUS_ERR_NOERR	ERR_NOERR	Null error condition
DBPLUS_ERR_DUPLICATE	ERR_DUPLICATE	Tried to insert a duplicate tuple
DBPLUS_ERR_EOSCAN	ERR_EOSCAN	End of scan from rget()
DBPLUS_ERR_EMPTY	ERR_EMPTY	Relation is empty (server)
DBPLUS_ERR_CLOSE	ERR_CLOSE	The server can't close
DBPLUS_ERR_WLOCKED	ERR_WLOCKED	The record is write locked
DBPLUS_ERR_LOCKED	ERR_LOCKED	Relation was already locked
DBPLUS_ERR_NOLOCK	ERR_NOLOCK	Relation cannot be locked
DBPLUS_ERR_READ	ERR_READ	Read error on relation
DBPLUS_ERR_WRITE	ERR_WRITE	Write error on relation
DBPLUS_ERR_CREATE	ERR_CREATE	Create() system call failed
DBPLUS_ERR_LSEEK	ERR_LSEEK	Lseek() system call failed
DBPLUS_ERR_LENGTH	ERR_LENGTH	Tuple exceeds maximum length
DBPLUS_ERR_OPEN	ERR_OPEN	Open() system call failed
DBPLUS_ERR_WOPEN	ERR_WOPEN	Relation already opened for writing
DBPLUS_ERR_MAGIC	ERR_MAGIC	File is not a relation
DBPLUS_ERR_VERSION	ERR_VERSION	File is a very old relation
DBPLUS_ERR_PGSIZE	ERR_PGSIZE	Relation uses a different page size
DBPLUS_ERR_CRC	ERR_CRC	Invalid crc in the superpage
DBPLUS_ERR_PIPE	ERR_PIPE	Piped relation requires lseek()
DBPLUS_ERR_NIDX	ERR_NIDX	Too many secondary indices
DBPLUS_ERR_MALLOC	ERR_MALLOC	Malloc() call failed
DBPLUS_ERR_NUSERS	ERR_NUSERS	Error use of max users
DBPLUS_ERR_PREEXIT	ERR_PREEXIT	Caused by invalid usage
DBPLUS_ERR_ONTRAP	ERR_ONTRAP	Caused by a signal
DBPLUS_ERR_PREPROC	ERR_PREPROC	Error in the preprocessor
DBPLUS_ERR_DBPARSE	ERR_DBPARSE	Error in the parser
DBPLUS_ERR_DBRUNERR	ERR_DBRUNERR	Run error in db
DBPLUS_ERR_DBPREEXIT	ERR_DBPREEXIT	Exit condition caused by prexit() * procedure
DBPLUS_ERR_WAIT	ERR_WAIT	Wait a little (Simple only)
DBPLUS_ERR_CORRUPT_TUPLE	ERR_CORRUPT_TUPLE	A client sent a corrupt tuple
DBPLUS_ERR_WARNING0	ERR_WARNING0	The Simple routines encountered a non fatal error which was corrected
DBPLUS_ERR_PANIC	ERR_PANIC	The server should not really die but after a disaster send ERR_PANIC to all its clients

PHP Constant	db++ constant	meaning
DBPLUS_ERR_FIFO	ERR_FIFO	Can't create a fifo
DBPLUS_ERR_PERM	ERR_PERM	Permission denied
DBPLUS_ERR_TCL	ERR_TCL	TCL_error
DBPLUS_ERR_RESTRICTED	ERR_RESTRICTED	Only two users
DBPLUS_ERR_USER	ERR_USER	An error in the use of the library by an application programmer
DBPLUS_ERR_UNKNOWN	ERR_UNKNOWN	

dbplus_add (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Add a tuple to a relation

```
int dbplus_add (resource relation, array tuple)
```

Warning

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This function will add a tuple to a relation. The *tuple* data is an array of attribute/value pairs to be inserted into the given *relation*. After successfull execution the *tuple* array will contain the complete data of the newly created tuple, including all implicitly set domain fields like sequences.

The function will return zero (aka. DBPLUS_ERR_NOERR) on success or a db++ error code on failure. See dbplus_errcode() or the introduction to this chapter for more information on db++ error codes.

dbplus_aql (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Perform AQL query

```
resource dbplus_aql (string query [, string server [, string dbpath]])
```

Warning

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dbplus_aql() will execute an AQL *query* on the given *server* and *dbpath*.

On success it will return a relation handle. The result data may be fetched from this relation by calling dbplus_next() and **dbplus_current()**. Other relation access functions will not work on a result relation.

Further information on the AQL A... Query Language is provided in the opriginal db++ manual.

dbplus_chdir (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Get/Set database virtual current directory

```
string dbplus_chdir ([string newdir])
```

Warning

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dbplus_chdir() will change the virtual current directory where relation files will be looked for by **dbplus_open()**. **dbplus_chdir()** will return the absolute path of the current directory. Calling **dbplus_chdir()** without giving any *newdir* may be used to query the current working directory.

dbplus_close (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Close a relation

```
int dbplus_close (resource relation)
```

Warning

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Calling **dbplus_close()** will close a relation previously opened by **dbplus_open()**.

dbplus_curr (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Get current tuple from relation

```
int dbplus_curr (resource relation, array tuple)
```

Warning

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dbplus_curr() will read the data for the current tuple for the given *relation* and will pass it back as an associative array in *tuple*.

The function will return zero (aka. DBPLUS_ERR_NOERR) on success or a db++ error code on failure. See `dbplus_errcode()` or the introduction to this chapter for more information on db++ error codes.

See also `dbplus_first()`, `dbplus_prev()`, `dbplus_next()`, and `dbplus_last()`.

dbplus_errcode (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Get error string for given errorcode or last error

```
string dbplus_errcode (int errno)
```

Warning

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dbplus_errcode() returns a cleartext error string for the error code passed as *errno* or for the result code of the last db++ operation if no parameter is given.

dbplus_errno (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Get error code for last operation

```
int dbplus_errno ()
```


Warning

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dbplus_errno() will return the error code returned by the last db++ operation.

See also `dbplus_errcode()`.

dbplus_find (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Set a constraint on a relation

```
int dbplus_find (resource relation, array constraints, mixed tuple)
```

Warning

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dbplus_find() will place a constraint on the given relation. Further calls to functions like `dbplus_curr()` or `dbplus_next()` will only return tuples matching the given constraints.

Constraints are triplets of strings containing of a domain name, a comparison operator and a comparison value. The *constraints* parameter array may consist of a collection of string arrays, each of which contains a domain, an operator and a value, or of a single string array containing a multiple of three elements.

The comparison operator may be one of the following strings: '==', '>', '>=', '<', '<=', '!=', '~' for a regular expression match and 'BAND' or 'BOR' for bitwise operations.

See also `dbplus_unselect()`.

dbplus_first (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Get first tuple from relation

```
int dbplus_first (resource relation, array tuple)
```

Warning

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`dbplus_curr()` will read the data for the first tuple for the given *relation*, make it the current tuple and pass it back as an associative array in *tuple*.

The function will return zero (aka. `DBPLUS_ERR_NOERR`) on success or a db++ error code on failure. See `dbplus_errcode()` or the introduction to this chapter for more information on db++ error codes.

See also `dbplus_curr()`, `dbplus_prev()`, `dbplus_next()`, and `dbplus_last()`.

dbplus_flush (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Flush all changes made on a relation

```
int dbplus_flush (resource relation)
```

Warning

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`dbplus_flush()` will write all changes applied to *relation* since the last flush to disk.

The function will return zero (aka. `DBPLUS_ERR_NOERR`) on success or a db++ error code on failure. See `dbplus_errcode()` or the introduction to this chapter for more information on db++ error codes.

dbplus_freealllocks (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Free all locks held by this client

```
int dbplus_freealllocks ()
```

Warning

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dbplus_freealllocks() will free all tuple locks held by this client.

See also `dbplus_getlock()`, `dbplus_freelock()`, and `dbplus_freerlocks()`.

dbplus_freelock (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Release write lock on tuple

```
int dbplus_freelock (resource relation, string tname)
```

Warning

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dbplus_freelock() will release a write lock on the given *tuple* previously obtained by `dbplus_getlock()`.

See also `dbplus_getlock()`, `dbplus_freerlocks()`, and `dbplus_freealllocks()`.

dbplus_freerlocks (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Free all tuple locks on given relation

```
int dbplus_freerlocks (resource relation)
```

Warning

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dbplus_freerlocks() will free all tuple locks held on the given *relation*.

See also `dbplus_getlock()`, `dbplus_freelock()`, and `dbplus_freealllocks()`.

dbplus_getlock (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Get a write lock on a tuple

```
int dbplus_getlock (resource relation, string tname)
```

Warning

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dbplus_getlock() will request a write lock on the speified *tuple*. It will return zero on success or a non-zero error code, especially `DBPLUS_ERR_WLOCKED`, on failure.

See also `dbplus_freelock()`, `dbplus_freerlocks()`, and `dbplus_freealllocks()`.

dbplus_getunique (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Get a id number unique to a relation

```
int dbplus_getunique (resource relation, int uniqueid)
```

Warning

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dbplus_getunique() will obtain a number guaranteed to be unique for the given *relation* and will pass it back in the variable given as *uniqueid*.

The function will return zero (aka. `DBPLUS_ERR_NOERR`) on success or a db++ error code on failure. See `dbplus_errcode()` or the introduction to this chapter for more information on db++ error codes.

dbplus_info (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

???

```
int dbplus_info (resource relation, string key, array )
```

Warning

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Not implemented yet.

dbplus_last (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Get last tuple from relation

```
int dbplus_last (resource relation, array tuple)
```

Warning

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`dbplus_curr()` will read the data for the last tuple for the given *relation*, make it the current tuple and pass it back as an associative array in *tuple*.

The function will return zero (aka. `DBPLUS_ERR_NOERR`) on success or a db++ error code on failure. See `dbplus_errcode()` or the introduction to this chapter for more information on db++ error codes.

See also `dbplus_first()`, `dbplus_curr()`, `dbplus_prev()`, and `dbplus_next()`.

dbplus_lockrel (unknown)

Request write lock on relation

```
int dbplus_lockrel (resource relation)
```

Warning

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dbplus_lockrel() will request a write lock on the given relation. Other clients may still query the relation, but can't alter it while it is locked.

dbplus_next (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Get next tuple from relation

```
int dbplus_next (resource relation, array )
```

Warning

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dbplus_curr() will read the data for the next tuple for the given *relation*, will make it the current tuple and will pass it back as an associative array in *tuple*.

The function will return zero (aka. DBPLUS_ERR_NOERR) on success or a db++ error code on failure. See **dbplus_errcode()** or the introduction to this chapter for more information on db++ error codes.

See also **dbplus_first()**, **dbplus_curr()**, **dbplus_prev()**, and **dbplus_last()**.

dbplus_open (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Open relation file

```
resource dbplus_open (string name)
```

Warning

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The relation file *name* will be opened. *name* can be either a file name or a relative or absolute path name. This will be mapped in any case to an absolute relation file path on a specific host machine and server.

On success a relation file resource (cursor) is returned which must be used in any subsequent commands referencing the relation. Failure leads to a zero return value, the actual error code may be asked for by calling `dbplus_errno()`.

dbplus_prev (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Get previous tuple from relation

```
int dbplus_prev (resource relation, array tuple)
```

Warning

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`dbplus_curr()` will read the data for the next tuple for the given *relation*, will make it the current tuple and will pass it back as an associative array in *tuple*.

The function will return zero (aka. `DBPLUS_ERR_NOERR`) on success or a db++ error code on failure. See `dbplus_errcode()` or the introduction to this chapter for more information on db++ error codes.

See also `dbplus_first()`, `dbplus_curr()`, `dbplus_next()`, and `dbplus_last()`.

dbplus_rchperm (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Change relation permissions

```
int dbplus_rchperm (resource relation, int mask, string user, string group)
```

Warning

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dbplus_rchperm() will change access permissions as specified by *mask*, *user* and *group*. The values for these are operating system specific.

dbplus_rcreate (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

resource **dbplus_rcreate** (string *name*, mixed *domlist* [, boolean *overwrite*])

Warning

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dbplus_rcreate() will create a new relation named *name*. An existing relation by the same name will only be overwritten if the relation is currently not in use and *overwrite* is set to TRUE.

domlist should contain the domain specification for the new relation within an array of domain description strings. (**dbplus_rcreate()** will also accept a string with space delimited domain description strings, but it is recommended to use an array). A domain description string consists of a domain name unique to this relation, a slash and a type specification character. See the db++ documentation, especially the dbcreate(1) manpage, for a description of available type specifiers and their meanings.

dbplus_rcrtextact (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

resource **dbplus_rcrtextact** (string *name*, resource *relation*, boolean *overwrite*)

Warning

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dbplus_rcrtexact() will create an exact but empty copy of the given *relation* under a new *name*. An existing relation by the same *name* will only be overwritten if *overwrite* is TRUE and no other process is currently using the relation.

dbplus_rcrtlike (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

resource **dbplus_rcrtlike** (string *name*, resource *relation*, int *flag*)

Warning

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dbplus_rcrtexact() will create an empty copy of the given *relation* under a new *name*, but with default indices. An existing relation by the same *name* will only be overwritten if *overwrite* is TRUE and no other process is currently using the relation.

dbplus_resolve (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Resolve host information for relation

int **dbplus_resolve** (string *relation_name*)

Warning

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dbplus_resolve() will try to resolve the given *relation_name* and find out internal server id, real hostname and the database path on this host. The function will return an array containing these values under the keys 'sid', 'host' and 'host_path' or FALSE on error.

See also `dbplus_tcl()`.

dbplus_rkeys (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Specify new primary key for a relation

resource **dbplus_rkeys** (resource *relation*, mixed *domlist*)

Warning

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dbplus_rkeys() will replace the current primary key for *relation* with the combination of domains specified by *domlist*.

domlist may be passed as a single domain name string or as an array of domain names.

dbplus_restorepos (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

???

int **dbplus_restorepos** (resource *relation*, array *tuple*)

Warning

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Not implemented yet.

dbplus_ropen (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Open relation file local

resource **dbplus_ropen** (string *name*)

Warning

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dbplus_ropen() will open the relation *file* locally for quick access without any client/server overhead. Access is read only and only **dbplus_current()** and **dbplus_next()** may be applied to the returned relation.

dbplus_rquery (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Perform local (raw) AQL query

int **dbplus_rquery** (string *query*, string *dbpath*)

Warning

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dbplus_rquery() performs a local (raw) AQL query using an AQL interpreter embedded into the db++ client library. **dbplus_rquery()** is faster than **dbplus_aql()** but will work on local data only.

dbplus_rename (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Rename a relation

int **dbplus_rename** (resource *relation*, string *name*)

Warning

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dbplus_rrename() will change the name of *relation* to *name*.

dbplus_rsecindex (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Create a new secondary index for a relation

resource **dbplus_rsecindex** (resource *relation*, mixed *domlist*, int *type*)

Warning

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dbplus_rsecindex() will create a new secondary index for *relation* with consists of the domains specified by *domlist* and is of type *type*

domlist may be passed as a single domain name string or as an array of domain names.

dbplus_runlink (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Remove relation from filesystem

int **dbplus_runlink** (resource *relation*)

Warning

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dbplus_unlink() will close and remove the *relation*.

dbplus_rzap (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Remove all tuples from relation

```
int dbplus_rzap (resource relation)
```

Warning

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dbplus_rzap() will remove all tuples from *relation*.

dbplus_savepos (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

???

```
int dbplus_savepos (resource relation)
```

Warning

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Not implemented yet.

dbplus_setindex (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

???

```
int dbplus_setindex (resource relation, string idx_name)
```

Warning

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Not implemented yet.

dbplus_setindexbynumber (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

???

int **dbplus_setindexbynumber** (resource *relation*, int *idx_number*)

Warning

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Not implemented yet.

dbplus_sql (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Perform SQL query

resource **dbplus_sql** (string *query*, string *server*, string *dbpath*)

Warning

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Not implemented yet.

dbplus_tcl (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Execute TCL code on server side

```
int dbplus_tcl (int sid, string script)
```

Warning

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A db++ server will prepare a TCL interpreter for each client connection. This interpreter will enable the server to execute TCL code provided by the client as a sort of stored procedures to improve the performance of database operations by avoiding client/server data transfers and context switches.

dbplus_tcl() needs to pass the client connection id the TCL *script* code should be executed by. **dbplus_resolve()** will provide this connection id. The function will return whatever the TCL code returns or a TCL error message if the TCL code fails.

See also **dbplus_resolve()**.

dbplus_tremove (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Remove tuple and return new current tuple

```
int dbplus_tremove (resource relation, array tuple [, array current])
```

Warning

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dbplus_tremove() removes *tuple* from *relation* if it perfectly matches a tuple within the relation. *current*, if given, will contain the data of the new current tuple after calling **dbplus_tremove()**.

dbplus_undo (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

???

```
int dbplus_undo (resource relation)
```

Warning

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Not implemented yet.

dbplus_undoprepere (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

???

```
int dbplus_undoprepere (resource relation)
```

Warning

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Not implemented yet.

dbplus_unlockrel (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Give up write lock on relation

```
int dbplus_unlockrel (resource relation)
```


Warning

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dbplus_unlockrel() will release a write lock previously obtained by **dbplus_lockrel()**.

dbplus_unselect (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Remove a constraint from relation

```
int dbplus_unselect (resource relation)
```

Warning

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Calling **dbplus_unselect()** will remove a constraint previously set by **dbplus_find()** on *relation*.

dbplus_update (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Update specified tuple in relation

```
int dbplus_update (resource relation, array old, array new)
```

Warning

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dbplus_update() replaces the tuple given by *old* with the data from *new* if and only if *old* completely matches a tuple within *relation*.

dbplus_xlockrel (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Request exclusive lock on relation

```
int dbplus_xlockrel (resource relation)
```

Warning

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dbplus_xlockrel() will request an exclusive lock on *relation* preventing even read access from other clients.

See also dbplus_xunlockrel().

dbplus_xunlockrel (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Free exclusive lock on relation

```
int dbplus_xunlockrel (resource relation)
```

Warning

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dbplus_xunlockrel() will release an exclusive lock on *relation* previously obtained by dbplus_xlockrel().

XXI. Directory functions

For related functions such as `dirname()`, `is_dir()`, `mkdir()`, and `rmdir()`, see the Filesystem section.

chroot (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

change the root directory

bool **chroot** (string *directory*)

Changes the root directory of the current process to *directory*. Returns FALSE if unable to change the root directory, TRUE otherwise.

Note: It's not wise to use this function when running in a webserver environment, because it's not possible to reset the root directory to / again at the end of the request. This function will only function correct when running as CGI this way.

chdir (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

change directory

bool **chdir** (string *directory*)

Changes PHP's current directory to *directory*. Returns FALSE if unable to change directory, TRUE otherwise.

dir (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

directory class

object **dir** (string *directory*)

A pseudo-object oriented mechanism for reading a directory. The given *directory* is opened. Two properties are available once the directory has been opened. The handle property can be used with other directory functions such as readdir(), rewinddir() and closedir(). The path property is set to path the directory that was opened. Three methods are available: read, rewind and close.

Example 1. dir() example

```
$d = dir("/etc");  
echo "Handle: ".$d->handle."<br>\n";  
echo "Path: ".$d->path."<br>\n";  
while (false !== ($entry = $d->read())) {  
    echo $entry."<br>\n";  
}  
$d->close();
```

closedir (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

close directory handle

```
void closedir (resource dir_handle)
```

Closes the directory stream indicated by *dir_handle*. The stream must have previously been opened by `opendir()`.

getcwd (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

gets the current working directory

```
string getcwd ( )
```

Returns the current working directory.

opendir (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

open directory handle

```
resource opendir (string path)
```

Returns a directory handle to be used in subsequent `closedir()`, `readdir()`, and `rewinddir()` calls.

If *path* is not a valid directory or the directory can not be opened due to permission restrictions or filesystem errors, **`opendir()`** returns `FALSE` and generates a PHP error. You can suppress the error output of **`opendir()`** by prepending '@' to the front of the function name.

Example 1. `opendir()` example

```
<?php

if ($dir = @opendir("/tmp")) {
    while (($file = readdir($dir)) !== false) {
        echo "$file\n";
    }
    closedir($dir);
}

?>
```

readdir (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

read entry from directory handle

string **`readdir`** (resource *dir_handle*)

Returns the filename of the next file from the directory. The filenames are not returned in any particular order.

Example 1. List all files in the current directory

```
// Note that !== did not exist until 4.0.0-RC2
<?php
$handle=opendir('.');
echo "Directory handle: $handle\n";
echo "Files:\n";
while (false !== ($file = readdir($handle))) {
    echo "$file\n";
}
closedir($handle);
?>
```

Note that **readdir()** will return the `.` and `..` entries. If you don't want these, simply strip them out:

Example 2. List all files in the current directory and strip out `.` and `..`

```
<?php
$handle = opendir('.');
while (false !== ($file = readdir($handle))) {
    if ($file != "." && $file != "..") {
        echo "$file\n";
    }
}
closedir($handle);
?>
```

rewinddir (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

rewind directory handle

```
void rewinddir (resource dir_handle)
```

Resets the directory stream indicated by *dir_handle* to the beginning of the directory.

XXII. DOM XML functions

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These functions are only available if PHP was configured with `--with-dom=[DIR]`, using the GNOME xml library (<http://www.xmlsoft.org>). You will need at least libxml-2.2.7 These functions have been added in PHP 4.

The extension allows you to operate on an XML document with the DOM API. It also provides a function `xmltree()` to turn the complete XML document into a tree of PHP objects. Currently this tree should be considered read-only - you can modify it but this would not make any sense since **`dumpmem()`** cannot be applied to it. Therefore, if you want to read an XML file and write a modified version use the **`add_node()`**, **`set_attribute()`**, etc. and finally **`dumpmem()`** functions.

This module defines the following constants:

Table 1. XML constants

Constant	Value	Description
<code>XML_ELEMENT_NODE</code>	1	Node is an element
<code>XML_ATTRIBUTE_NODE</code>	2	Node is an attribute
<code>XML_TEXT_NODE</code>	3	Node is a piece of text
<code>XML_CDATA_SECTION_NODE</code>	4	
<code>XML_ENTITY_REF_NODE</code>	5	
<code>XML_ENTITY_NODE</code>	6	Node is an entity like
<code>XML_PI_NODE</code>	7	Node is a processing instruction
<code>XML_COMMENT_NODE</code>	8	Node is a comment
<code>XML_DOCUMENT_NODE</code>	9	Node is a document
<code>XML_DOCUMENT_TYPE_NODE</code>	10	
<code>XML_DOCUMENT_FRAG_NODE</code>	11	
<code>XML_NOTATION_NODE</code>	12	
<code>XML_GLOBAL_NAMESPACE</code>	1	
<code>XML_LOCAL_NAMESPACE</code>	2	

Each function in this extension can be used in two ways. In a non-object oriented way by passing the object to apply the function to as a first argument, or in an object oriented way by calling the function as

a method of an object. This documentation describes the non-object oriented functions, though you get the object methods by skipping the prefix "domxml_".

This module defines a number of classes, which are listed — including their properties and method — in the following table.

Table 2. DomDocument class (methods)

Method name	Function name	Description
root	domxml_root()	
children	domxml_children()	
add_root	domxml_add_root()	
dtd	domxml_intdtd()	
dumpmem	domxml()	
xpath_init	xpath_init	
xpath_new_context	xpath_new_context	
xptr_new_context	xptr_new_context	

Table 3. DomDocument class (attributes)

Name	Type	Description
doc	class DomDocument	The object itself
name	string	
url	string	
version	string	Version of XML
encoding	string	
standalone	long	1 if the file is a standalone version
type	long	One of the constants in table ...
compression	long	1 if the file is compressed
charset	long	

Table 4. DomNode class (methods)

Name	PHP name	Description
lastchild	domxml_last_child()	
children	domxml_children()	
parent	domxml_parent()	
new_child	domxml_new_child()	
get_attribute	domxml_get_attribute()	

Name	PHP name	Description
set_attribute	domxml_set_attribute()	
attributes	domxml_attributes()	
node	domxml_node()	
set_content()	domxml_set_content	

Table 5. DomNode class (attributes)

Name	Type	Description
node	class DomNode	The object itself
type	long	
name	string	
content	string	

xmlDoc (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Creates a DOM object of an XML document

object **xmlDoc** (string *str*)

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The function parses the XML document in *str* and returns an object of class "Dom document", having the properties as listed above.

See also xmlDocfile()

xmlDocfile (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Creates a DOM object from XML file

object **xmlDocfile** (string *filename*)

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The function parses the XML document in the file named *filename* and returns an object of class "Dom document", having the properties as listed above. The file is accessed read-only.

See also xmlDoc()

xmltree (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Creates a tree of PHP objects from XML document

object **xmltree** (string *str*)

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The function parses the XML document in *str* and returns a tree PHP objects as the parsed document. This function is isolated from the other functions, which means you cannot access the tree with any of the other functions. Modifying it, for example by adding nodes, makes no sense since there is currently no way to dump it as an XML file. However this function may be valuable if you want to read a file and investigate the content.

domxml_root (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns root element node

object **domxml_root** (object *doc*)

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domxml_root() takes one argument, an object of class "Dom document", and returns the root element node. There are actually other possible nodes like comments which are currently disregarded.

The following example returns just the element with name CHAPTER and prints it. The other root node -- the comment -- is not returned.

Example 1. Retrieving root element

```
<?php
$xmlstr = "<?xml version='1.0' standalone='yes'?>
<!DOCTYPE chapter SYSTEM '/share/sgml/Norman_walsh/db3xml10/db3xml10.dtd'
[ <!ENTITY sp \"spanish\">
]>
<!-- ls fj -->
<chapter language='en'><title language='en'>Title</title>
```

```

<para language='ge'>
  &sp;
  <!-- comment -->
  <informaltable language='&sp;'>
    <tgroup cols='3'>
      <tbody>
        <row><entry>a1</entry><entry>
morerows='1'>b1</entry><entry>c1</entry></row>
<row><entry>a2</entry><entry>c2</entry></row>
        <row><entry>a3</entry><entry>b3</entry><entry>c3</entry></row>
      </tbody>
    </tgroup>
  </informaltable>
</para>
</chapter>";

if(!$dom = xmldoc($xmlstr)) {
  echo "Error while parsing the document\n";
  exit;
}

$root = $dom->root();
/* or $root = domxml_root($dom); */
print_r($root);
?>

```

domxml_add_root (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Adds a further root node

resource **domxml_add_root** (resource *doc*, string *name*)

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Adds a root element node to a dom document and returns the new node. The element name is given in the second parameter.

Example 1. Creating a simple HTML document header

```
<?php
$doc = new_xmldoc("1.0");
$root = $doc->add_root("HTML");
$head = $root->new_child("HEAD", "");
$head->new_child("TITLE", "Hier der Titel");
echo $doc->dumpmem();
?>
```

domxml_dumpmem (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Dumps the internal XML tree back into a string

string **domxml_dumpmem** (resource *doc*)

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Creates an XML document from the dom representation. This function usually is called after a building a new dom document from scratch as in the example of `domxml_add_root()`.

See also `domxml_add_root()`

domxml_attributes (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns an array of attributes of a node

array **domxml_attributes** (resource *node*)

Warning

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Returns all attributes of a node as array of objects of type "dom attribute".

domxml_get_attribute (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Returns a certain attribute of a node

object **domxml_get_attribute** (resource *node*, string *name*)

Warning

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Returns the attribute with name *name* of the given node.

See also domxml_set_attribute()

domxml_set_attribute (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

object **domxml_set_attribute** (resource *node*, string *name*, string *value*)

Warning

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Sets an attribute with name *name* of the given node on a value.

If we take the example from `domxml_add_root()` it is simple to add an attribute to the HEAD element by the simply calling the **`set_attribute()`** function of the node class.

Example 1. Adding an attribute to an element

```
<?php
$doc = new_xmldoc("1.0");
$root = $doc->add_root("HTML");
$head = $root->new_child("HEAD", "");
$head->new_child("TITLE", "Hier der Titel");
$head->set_attribute("Language", "ge");
echo $doc->dumpmem();
?>
```

domxml__children (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns children of a node or document

array **domxml__children** (object *doc|node*)

Warning

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Returns all children of a node as an array of nodes.

In the following example the variable `children` will contain an array with one node of type `XML_ELEMENT`. This node is the `TITLE` element.

Example 1. Adding an attribute to an element

```
<?php
$doc = new_xmldoc("1.0");
$root = $doc->add_root("HTML");
$head = $root->new_child("HEAD", "");
$head->new_child("TITLE", "Hier der Titel");
$head->set_attribute("Language", "ge");
$children = $head->children();
```


?>

domxml_new_child (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Adds new child node

resource **domxml_new_child** (string *name*, string *content*)

Warning

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Adds a new child of type element to a node and returns it.

domxml_new_xmldoc (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Creates new empty XML document

object **domxml_new_xmldoc** (string *version*)

Warning

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Creates a new dom document from scratch and returns it.

See also domxml_add_root()

xpath_new_context (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Creates new xpath context

object **xpath_new_context** (object *dom document*)

Warning

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See also ()

xpath_eval (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Evaluates an xpath expression

array **xpath_eval** (object *xpath context*)

Warning

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See also ()

XXIII. Error Handling and Logging Functions

These are functions dealing with error handling and logging. They allow you to define your own error handling rules, as well as modify the way the errors can be logged. This allows you to change and enhance error reporting to suit your needs.

With the logging functions, you can send messages directly to other machines, to an email (or email to pager gateway!), to system logs, etc., so you can selectively log and monitor the most important parts of your applications and websites.

The error reporting functions allow you to customize what level and kind of error feedback is given, ranging from simple notices to customized functions returned during errors.

error_log (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

send an error message somewhere

```
int error_log (string message, int message_type [, string destination [,
string extra_headers]])
```

Sends an error message to the web server's error log, a TCP port or to a file. The first parameter, *message*, is the error message that should be logged. The second parameter, *message_type* says where the message should go:

Table 1. error_log() log types

0	<i>message</i> is sent to PHP's system logger, using the Operating System's system logging mechanism or a file, depending on what the error_log configuration directive is set to.
1	<i>message</i> is sent by email to the address in the <i>destination</i> parameter. This is the only message type where the fourth parameter, <i>extra_headers</i> is used. This message type uses the same internal function as mail() does.
2	<i>message</i> is sent through the PHP debugging connection. This option is only available if remote debugging has been enabled. In this case, the <i>destination</i> parameter specifies the host name or IP address and optionally, port number, of the socket receiving the debug information.
3	<i>message</i> is appended to the file <i>destination</i> .

Warning

Remote debugging via TCP/IP is a PHP 3 feature that is *not* available in PHP 4.

Example 1. error_log() examples

```
// Send notification through the server log if we can not
// connect to the database.
if (!Ora_Logon ($username, $password)) {
    error_log ("Oracle database not available!", 0);
}
```

```
// Notify administrator by email if we run out of F00
if (!($foo = allocate_new_foo())) {
    error_log ("Big trouble, we're all out of F00s!", 1,
               "operator@mydomain.com");
}

// other ways of calling error_log():
error_log ("You messed up!", 2, "127.0.0.1:7000");
error_log ("You messed up!", 2, "loghost");
error_log ("You messed up!", 3, "/var/tmp/my-errors.log");
```

error_reporting (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

set which PHP errors are reported

```
int error_reporting ([int level])
```

Sets PHP's error reporting level and returns the old level. The error reporting level is either a bitmask, or named constant. Using named constants is strongly encouraged to ensure compatibility for future versions. As error levels are added, the range of integers increases, so older integer-based error levels will not always behave as expected.

Example 1. Error Integer changes

```
error_reporting (55);    // PHP 3 equivalent to E_ALL ^ E_NOTICE

/* ...in PHP 4, '55' would mean (E_ERROR | E_WARNING | E_PARSE |
E_CORE_ERROR | E_CORE_WARNING) */

error_reporting (2039); // PHP 4 equivalent to E_ALL ^ E_NOTICE

error_reporting (E_ALL ^ E_NOTICE); // The same in both PHP 3 and 4
```

Follow the links for the internal values to get their meanings:

Table 1. error_reporting() bit values

constant	value
1	E_ERROR

constant	value
2	E_WARNING
4	E_PARSE
8	E_NOTICE
16	E_CORE_ERROR
32	E_CORE_WARNING
64	E_COMPILE_ERROR
128	E_COMPILE_WARNING
256	E_USER_ERROR
512	E_USER_WARNING
1024	E_USER_NOTICE

Example 2. error_reporting() examples

```

error_reporting(0);
/* Turn off all reporting */

error_reporting (7); // Old syntax, PHP 2/3
error_reporting (E_ERROR | E_WARNING | E_PARSE); // New syntax for PHP 3/4
/* Good to use for simple running errors */

error_reporting (15); // Old syntax, PHP 2/3
error_reporting (E_ERROR | E_WARNING | E_PARSE | E_NOTICE); // New syntax for PHP 3/4
/* good for code authoring to report uninitialized or (possibly mis-spelled) variables */

error_reporting (63); // Old syntax, PHP 2/3
error_reporting (E_ALL); // New syntax for PHP 3/4
/* report all PHP errors */

```

restore_error_handler (PHP 4)

Restores the previous error handler function

```
void restore_error_handler ()
```

Used after changing the error handler function using `set_error_handler()`, to revert to the previous error handler (which could be the built-in or a user defined function)

See also `error_reporting()`, `set_error_handler()`, `trigger_error()`, `user_error()`

set_error_handler (PHP 4)

Sets a user-defined error handler function.

```
string set_error_handler (string error_handler)
```

Sets a user function (*error_handler*) to handle errors in a script. Returns the previously defined error handler (if any), or FALSE on error. This function can be used for defining your own way of handling errors during runtime, for example in applications in which you need to do cleanup of data/files when a critical error happens, or when you need to trigger an error under certain conditions (using `trigger_error()`)

The user function needs to accept 2 parameters: the error code, and a string describing the error. From PHP 4.0.2, an additional 3 optional parameters are supplied: the filename in which the error occurred, the line number in which the error occurred, and the context in which the error occurred (an array that points to the active symbol table at the point the error occurred).

The example below shows the handling of internal exceptions by triggering errors and handling them with a user defined function:

Example 1. Error handling with `set_error_handler()` and `trigger_error()`

```
<?php

// redefine the user error constants - PHP 4 only
define (FATAL,E_USER_ERROR);
define (ERROR,E_USER_WARNING);
define (WARNING,E_USER_NOTICE);

// set the error reporting level for this script
error_reporting (FATAL | ERROR | WARNING);

// error handler function
function myErrorHandler ($errno, $errstr, $errfile, $errline) {
    switch ($errno) {
        case FATAL:
            echo "<b>FATAL</b> [$errno] $errstr<br>\n";
            echo " Fatal error in line ".$errline." of file ".$errfile;
            echo ", PHP ".PHP_VERSION." (".PHP_OS.")<br>\n";
            echo "Aborting...<br>\n";
            exit -1;
            break;
```

```

case ERROR:
    echo "<b>ERROR</b> [$errno] $errstr<br>\n";
    break;
case WARNING:
    echo "<b>WARNING</b> [$errno] $errstr<br>\n";
    break;
default:
    echo "Unkown error type: [$errno] $errstr<br>\n";
    break;
}
}

// function to test the error handling
function scale_by_log ($vect, $scale) {
    if ( !is_numeric($scale) || $scale <= 0 )
        trigger_error("log(x) for x <= 0 is undefined, you used: scale = $scale",
            FATAL);
    if (!is_array($vect)) {
        trigger_error("Incorrect input vector, array of values expected", ERROR);
        return null;
    }
    for ($i=0; $i<count($vect); $i++) {
        if (!is_numeric($vect[$i]))
            trigger_error("Value at position $i is not a number, using 0 (zero)",
                WARNING);
        $temp[$i] = log($scale) * $vect[$i];
    }
    return $temp;
}

// set to the user defined error handler
$old_error_handler = set_error_handler("myErrorHandler");

// trigger some errors, first define a mixed array with a non-numeric item
echo "vector a\n";
$a = array(2,3,"foo",5.5,43.3,21.11);
print_r($a);

// now generate second array, generating a warning
echo "----\nvector b - a warning (b = log(PI) * a)\n";
$b = scale_by_log($a, M_PI);
print_r($b);

// this is trouble, we pass a string instead of an array
echo "----\nvector c - an error\n";
$c = scale_by_log("not array",2.3);
var_dump($c);

// this is a critical error, log of zero or negative number is undefined
echo "----\nvector d - fatal error\n";
$d = scale_by_log($a, -2.5);

?>

```


And when you run this sample script, the output will be

```
vector a
Array
(
    [0] => 2
    [1] => 3
    [2] => foo
    [3] => 5.5
    [4] => 43.3
    [5] => 21.11
)
----
vector b - a warning (b = log(PI) * a)
<b>WARNING</b> [1024] Value at position 2 is not a number, using 0 (zero)<br>
Array
(
    [0] => 2.2894597716988
    [1] => 3.4341896575482
    [2] => 0
    [3] => 6.2960143721717
    [4] => 49.566804057279
    [5] => 24.165247890281
)
----
vector c - an error
<b>ERROR</b> [512] Incorrect input vector, array of values expected<br>
NULL
----
vector d - fatal error
<b>FATAL</b> [256] log(x) for x <= 0 is undefined, you used: scale = -2.5<br>
    Fatal error in line 36 of file trigger_error.php, PHP 4.0.2 (Linux)<br>
Aborting...<br>
```

It is important to remember that the standard PHP error handler is completely bypassed. `error_reporting()` settings will have no effect and your error handler will be called regardless - however you are still able to read the current value of `error_reporting()` and act appropriately. Of particular note is that this value will be 0 if the statement that caused the error was prepended by the `@` error-control operator.

Also note that it is your responsibility to `die()` if necessary. If the error-handler function returns, script execution will continue with the next statement after the one that caused an error.

See also `error_reporting()`, `restore_error_handler()`, `trigger_error()`, `user_error()`

trigger_error (PHP 4)

Generates a user-level error/warning/notice message

```
void trigger_error (string error_msg [, int error_type])
```

Used to trigger a user error condition, it can be used by in conjunction with the built-in error handler, or with a user defined function that has been set as the new error handler (`set_error_handler()`). It only works with the `E_USER` family of constants, and will default to `E_USER_NOTICE`.

This function is useful when you need to generate a particular response to an exception at runtime. For example:

```
if (assert ($divisor == 0))  
    trigger_error ("Cannot divide by zero", E_USER_ERROR);
```

Note: See `set_error_handler()` for a more extensive example.

See also `error_reporting()`, `set_error_handler()`, `restore_error_handler()`, `user_error()`

user_error (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Generates a user-level error/warning/notice message

```
void user_error (string error_msg [, int error_type])
```

This is an alias for the function `trigger_error()`.

See also `error_reporting()`, `set_error_handler()`, `restore_error_handler()`, and `trigger_error()`

XXIV. FrontBase Functions

These functions allow you to access FrontBase database servers. In order to have these functions available, you must compile php with fbsql support by using the `--with-fbsql` option. If you use this option without specifying the path to fbsql, php will search for the fbsql client libraries in the default installation location for the platform. Users who installed FrontBase in a non standard directory should always specify the path to fbsql: `--with-fbsql=/path/to/fbsql`. This will force php to use the client libraries installed by FrontBase, avoiding any conflicts.

More information about FrontBase can be found at <http://www.frontbase.com/>.

Documentation for FrontBase can be found at <http://www.frontbase.com/cgi-bin/WebObjects/FrontBase.woa/wa/productsPage?currentPage=Documentation>.

Frontbase support has been added to PHP 4.0.6.

fbsql_affected_rows (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get number of affected rows in previous FrontBase operation

```
int fbsql_affected_rows (int [link_identifier])
```

fbsql_affected_rows() returns the number of rows affected by the last INSERT, UPDATE or DELETE query associated with *link_identifier*. If the link identifier isn't specified, the last link opened by **fbsql_connect()** is assumed.

Note: If you are using transactions, you need to call **fbsql_affected_rows()** after your INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE query, not after the commit.

If the last query was a DELETE query with no WHERE clause, all of the records will have been deleted from the table but this function will return zero.

Note: When using UPDATE, FrontBase will not update columns where the new value is the same as the old value. This creates the possibility that **fbsql_affected_rows()** may not actually equal the number of rows matched, only the number of rows that were literally affected by the query.

If the last query failed, this function will return -1.

See also: **fbsql_num_rows()**.

fbsql_autocommit (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Enable or disable autocommit.

```
bool fbsql_autocommit (resource link_identifier, bool [OnOff])
```

fbsql_autocommit() returns the current autocommit status. if the optional OnOff parameter is given the auto commit status will be changed. With OnOff set to TRUE each statement will be committed automatically, if no errors was found. With OnOff set to FALSE the user must commit or rollback the transaction using either **fbsql_commit()** or **fbsql_rollback()**.

See also: **fbsql_commit()** and **fbsql_rollback()**

fbsql_change_user (unknown)

Change logged in user of the active connection

```
resource fbsql_change_user (string user, string password, string [database],
int [link_identifier])
```

fbsql_change_user() changes the logged in user of the current active connection, or the connection given by the optional parameter *link_identifier*. If a database is specified, this will default or current database after the user has been changed. If the new user and password authorization fails, the current connected user stays active.

fbsql_close (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Close FrontBase connection

```
boolean fbsql_close (resource [link_identifier])
```

Returns: TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

fbsql_close() closes the connection to the FrontBase server that's associated with the specified link identifier. If *link_identifier* isn't specified, the last opened link is used.

Using **fbsql_close()** isn't usually necessary, as non-persistent open links are automatically closed at the end of the script's execution.

Example 1. fbsql_close() example

```
<?php
    $link = fbsql_connect ("localhost", "_SYSTEM", "secret")
        or die ("Could not connect");
    print ("Connected successfully");
    fbsql_close ($link);
?>
```

See also: **fbsql_connect()** and **fbsql_pconnect()**.

fbsql_commit (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Commits a transaction to the database

```
bool fbsql_commit (resource [link_identifier])
```

Returns: TRUE on success, FALSE on failure.

fbsql_commit() ends the current transaction by writing all insertsm updates and deletes to the disk and unlocking all row and table locks held by the transaction. This command is only needed if autocommit is set to false.

See also: `fbsql_autocommit()` and `fbsql_rollback()`

fbsql_connect (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Open a connection to a FrontBase Server

```
resource fbsql_connect (string [hostname], string [username], string [password])
```

Returns a positive FrontBase link identifier on success, or an error message on failure.

fbsql_connect() establishes a connection to a FrontBase server. The following defaults are assumed for missing optional parameters: *hostname* = 'NULL', *username* = '_SYSTEM' and *password* = empty password.

If a second call is made to **fbsql_connect()** with the same arguments, no new link will be established, but instead, the link identifier of the already opened link will be returned.

The link to the server will be closed as soon as the execution of the script ends, unless it's closed earlier by explicitly calling `fbsql_close()`.

Example 1. fbsql_connect() example

```
<?php

$link = fbsql_connect ("localhost", "_SYSTEM", "secret")
    or die ("Could not connect");
print ("Connected successfully");
fbsql_close ($link);

?>
```

See also `fbsql_pconnect()` and `fbsql_close()`.

fbsql_create_db (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Create a FrontBase database

bool fbsql_create_db (string *database name*, resource [*link_identifier*])

fbsql_create_db() attempts to create a new database on the server associated with the specified link identifier.

Example 1. fbsql_create_db() example

```
<?php
$link = fbsql_pconnect ("localhost", "_SYSTEM", "secret")
    or die ("Could not connect");
if (fbsql_create_db ("my_db")) {
    print("Database created successfully\n");
} else {
    printf("Error creating database: %s\n", fbsql_error ());
}
?>
```

See also: `fbsql_drop_db()`.

fbsql_create_blob (PHP 4 CVS only)

Create a BLOB

string fbsql_create_blob (string *blob_data*, resource [*link_identifier*])

Returns: A resource handle to the newly created blob.

fbsql_create_blob() creates a blob from *blob_data*. The returned resource handle can be used with insert and update commands to store the blob in the database.

Example 1. fbsql_create_blob() example

```

<?php
    $link = fbsql_pconnect ("localhost", "_SYSTEM", "secret")
        or die ("Could not connect");
    $filename = "blobfile.bin";
    $fp = fopen($filename, "rb");
    $blobdata = fread($fp, filesize($filename));
    fclose($fp);

    $blobHandle = fbsql_create_blob($blobdata, $link);

    $sql = "INSERT INTO BLOB_TABLE (BLOB_COLUMN) VALUES ($blobHandle)";
    $rs = fbsql_query($sql, $link);
?>

```

See also: `fbsql_create_clob()`, `fbsql_read_blob()`, `fbsql_read_clob()`, and `fbsql_set_lob_mode()`.

fbsql_create_clob (PHP 4 CVS only)

Create a CLOB

```
string fbsql_create_clob (string clob_data, resource [link_identifier])
```

Returns: A resource handle to the newly created CLOB.

fbsql_create_clob() creates a clob from *clob_data*. The returned resource handle can be used with insert and update commands to store the clob in the database.

Example 1. fbsql_create_clob() example

```

<?php
    $link = fbsql_pconnect ("localhost", "_SYSTEM", "secret")
        or die ("Could not connect");
    $filename = "clob_file.txt";
    $fp = fopen($filename, "rb");
    $clobdata = fread($fp, filesize($filename));
    fclose($fp);

    $clobHandle = fbsql_create_clob($clobdata, $link);

    $sql = "INSERT INTO CLOB_TABLE (CLOB_COLUMN) VALUES ($clobHandle)";
    $rs = fbsql_query($sql, $link);
?>

```


See also: `fbsql_create_blob()`, `fbsql_read_blob()`, `fbsql_read_clob()`, and `fbsql_set_lob_mode()`.

fbsql_database_password (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Sets or retrieves the password for a FrontBase database

```
string fbsql_database_password (resource link_identifier, string
[database_password])
```

Returns: The database password for the database represented by the link identifier.

fbsql_database_password() sets and retrieves the database password for the current database. If the second optional parameter is given the function sets the database password for the database on the server that's associated with the specified link identifier. If no link identifier is specified, the last opened link is assumed. If no link is open, the function will try to establish a link as if `fbsql_connect()` was called, and use it.

See also: `fbsql_connect()` and `fbsql_pconnect()`.

fbsql_data_seek (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Move internal result pointer

```
bool fbsql_data_seek (resource result_identifier, int row_number)
```

Returns: TRUE on success, FALSE on failure.

fbsql_data_seek() moves the internal row pointer of the FrontBase result associated with the specified result identifier to point to the specified row number. The next call to `fbsql_fetch_row()` would return that row.

Row_number starts at 0.

Example 1. fbsql_data_seek() example

```
<?php
$link = fbsql_pconnect ("localhost", "_SYSTEM", "secret")
    or die ("Could not connect");
```

```

fbsql_select_db ("samp_db")
    or die ("Could not select database");

$query = "SELECT last_name, first_name FROM friends;";
$result = fbsql_query ($query)
    or die ("Query failed");

# fetch rows in reverse order

for ($i = fbsql_num_rows ($result) - 1; $i >=0; $i--) {
    if (!fbsql_data_seek ($result, $i)) {
        printf ("Cannot seek to row %d\n", $i);
        continue;
    }

    if(!($row = fbsql_fetch_object ($result)))
        continue;

    printf("%s %s<BR>\n", $row->last_name, $row->first_name);
}

fbsql_free_result ($result);
?>

```

fbsql_db_query (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Send a FrontBase query

```
resource fbsql_db_query (string database, string query, resource
[link_identifier])
```

Returns: A positive FrontBase result identifier to the query result, or FALSE on error.

fbsql_db_query() selects a database and executes a query on it. If the optional link identifier isn't specified, the function will try to find an open link to the FrontBase server and if no such link is found it'll try to create one as if `fbsql_connect()` was called with no arguments

See also `fbsql_connect()`.

fbsql_db_status (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Get the status for a given database

```
int fbsql_db_status (string database_name, resource [link_identifier])
```

Returns: An integer value with the current status.

fbsql_db_status() requests the current status of the database specified by *database_name*. If the *link_identifier* is omitted the default link_identifier will be used.

The return value can be one of the following constants:

- FALSE - The exec handler for the host was invalid. This error will occur when the link_identifier connects directly to a database by using a port number. FBExec can be available on the server but no connection has been made for it.
- FBSQL_UNKNOWN - The Status is unknown.
- FBSQL_STOPPED - The database is not running. Use fbsql_start_db() to start the database.
- FBSQL_STARTING - The database is starting.
- FBSQL_RUNNING - The database is running and can be used to perform SQL operations.
- FBSQL_STOPPING - The database is stopping.
- FBSQL_NOEXEC - FBExec is not running on the server and it is not possible to get the status of the database.

See also: fbsql_start_db() and fbsql_stop_db().

fbsql_drop_db (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Drop (delete) a FrontBase database

```
bool fbsql_drop_db (string database_name, resource [link_identifier])
```

Returns: TRUE on success, FALSE on failure.

fbsql_drop_db() attempts to drop (remove) an entire database from the server associated with the specified link identifier.

fbsql_errno (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Returns the numerical value of the error message from previous FrontBase operation

```
int fbsql_errno (resource [link_identifier])
```

Returns the error number from the last fbsql function, or 0 (zero) if no error occurred.

Errors coming back from the fbsql database backend dont issue warnings. Instead, use **fbsql_errno()** to retrieve the error code. Note that this function only returns the error code from the most recently executed fbsql function (not including fbsql_error() and **fbsql_errno()**), so if you want to use it, make sure you check the value before calling another fbsql function.

```
<?php
fbsql_connect("marliesle");
echo fbsql_errno().": ".fbsql_error()."<BR>";
fbsql_select_db("nonexistentdb");
echo fbsql_errno().": ".fbsql_error()."<BR>";
$conn = fbsql_query("SELECT * FROM nonexistenttable;");
echo fbsql_errno().": ".fbsql_error()."<BR>";
?>
```

See also: fbsql_error() and fbsql_warnings().

fbsql_error (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Returns the text of the error message from previous FrontBase operation

```
string fbsql_error (resource [link_identifier])
```

Returns the error text from the last fbsql function, or "" (the empty string) if no error occurred.

Errors coming back from the fbsql database backend dont issue warnings. Instead, use **fbsql_error()** to retrieve the error text. Note that this function only returns the error text from the most recently executed fbsql function (not including **fbsql_error()** and fbsql_errno()), so if you want to use it, make sure you check the value before calling another fbsql function.

```
<?php
fbsql_connect("marliesle");
echo fbsql_errno().": ".fbsql_error()."<BR>";
fbsql_select_db("nonexistentdb");
echo fbsql_errno().": ".fbsql_error()."<BR>";
$conn = fbsql_query("SELECT * FROM nonexistenttable;");
echo fbsql_errno().": ".fbsql_error()."<BR>";
?>
```

See also: `fbsql_erro()` and `fbsql_warnings()`.

fbsql_fetch_array (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Fetch a result row as an associative array, a numeric array, or both

```
array fbsql_fetch_array (resource result, int [result_type])
```

Returns an array that corresponds to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

fbsql_fetch_array() is an extended version of `fbsql_fetch_row()`. In addition to storing the data in the numeric indices of the result array, it also stores the data in associative indices, using the field names as keys.

If two or more columns of the result have the same field names, the last column will take precedence. To access the other column(s) of the same name, you must the numeric index of the column or make an alias for the column.

```
select t1.f1 as foo t2.f1 as bar from t1, t2
```

An important thing to note is that using **fbsql_fetch_array()** is NOT significantly slower than using `fbsql_fetch_row()`, while it provides a significant added value.

The optional second argument *result_type* in **fbsql_fetch_array()** is a constant and can take the following values: `FBSQL_ASSOC`, `FBSQL_NUM`, and `FBSQL_BOTH`.

For further details, see also `fbsql_fetch_row()` and `fbsql_fetch_assoc()`.

Example 1. fbsql_fetch_array() example

```
<?php
fbsql_connect ($host, $user, $password);
$result = fbsql_db_query ("database","select user_id, fullname from table");
while ($row = fbsql_fetch_array ($result)) {
    echo "user_id: ".$row["user_id"]."<br>\n";
    echo "user_id: ".$row[0]."<br>\n";
    echo "fullname: ".$row["fullname"]."<br>\n";
    echo "fullname: ".$row[1]."<br>\n";
}
```

```
fbsql_free_result ($result);
?>
```

fbsql_fetch_assoc (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Fetch a result row as an associative array

```
array fbsql_fetch_assoc (resource result)
```

Returns an associative array that corresponds to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

fbsql_fetch_assoc() is equivalent to calling `fbsql_fetch_array()` with `FBSQL_ASSOC` for the optional second parameter. It only returns an associative array. This is the way `fbsql_fetch_array()` originally worked. If you need the numeric indices as well as the associative, use `fbsql_fetch_array()`.

If two or more columns of the result have the same field names, the last column will take precedence. To access the other column(s) of the same name, you must use `fbsql_fetch_array()` and have it return the numeric indices as well.

An important thing to note is that using **fbsql_fetch_assoc()** is NOT significantly slower than using `fbsql_fetch_row()`, while it provides a significant added value.

For further details, see also `fbsql_fetch_row()` and `fbsql_fetch_array()`.

Example 1. fbsql_fetch_assoc() example

```
<?php
fbsql_connect ($host, $user, $password);
$result = fbsql_db_query ("database","select * from table");
while ($row = fbsql_fetch_assoc ($result)) {
    echo $row["user_id"];
    echo $row["fullname"];
}
fbsql_free_result ($result);
?>
```

fbsql_fetch_field (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get column information from a result and return as an object

object **fbsql_fetch_field** (resource *result*, int [*field_offset*])

Returns an object containing field information.

fbsql_fetch_field() can be used in order to obtain information about fields in a certain query result. If the field offset isn't specified, the next field that wasn't yet retrieved by **fbsql_fetch_field()** is retrieved.

The properties of the object are:

- name - column name
- table - name of the table the column belongs to
- max_length - maximum length of the column
- not_null - 1 if the column cannot be NULL
- type - the type of the column

Example 1. fbsql_fetch_field() example

```
<?php
fbsql_connect ($host, $user, $password)
    or die ("Could not connect");
$result = fbsql_db_query ("database", "select * from table")
    or die ("Query failed");
# get column metadata
$i = 0;
while ($i < fbsql_num_fields ($result)) {
    echo "Information for column $i:<BR>\n";
    $meta = fbsql_fetch_field ($result);
    if (!$meta) {
        echo "No information available<BR>\n";
    }
    echo "<PRE>
max_length:  $meta->max_length
name:        $meta->name
not_null:    $meta->not_null
table:       $meta->table
type:        $meta->type
</PRE>";
    $i++;
}
fbsql_free_result ($result);
?>
```

See also `fbsql_field_seek()`.

fbsql_fetch_lengths (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get the length of each output in a result

```
array fbsql_fetch_lengths ([resource result])
```

Returns: An array that corresponds to the lengths of each field in the last row fetched by `fbsql_fetch_row()`, or FALSE on error.

fbsql_fetch_lengths() stores the lengths of each result column in the last row returned by `fbsql_fetch_row()`, `fbsql_fetch_array()` and `fbsql_fetch_object()` in an array, starting at offset 0.

See also: `fbsql_fetch_row()`.

fbsql_fetch_object (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Fetch a result row as an object

```
object fbsql_fetch_object (resource result, int [result_type])
```

Returns an object with properties that correspond to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

fbsql_fetch_object() is similar to `fbsql_fetch_array()`, with one difference - an object is returned, instead of an array. Indirectly, that means that you can only access the data by the field names, and not by their offsets (numbers are illegal property names).

The optional argument *result_type* is a constant and can take the following values: FBSQL_ASSOC, FBSQL_NUM, and FBSQL_BOTH.

Speed-wise, the function is identical to `fbsql_fetch_array()`, and almost as quick as `fbsql_fetch_row()` (the difference is insignificant).

Example 1. fbsql_fetch_object() example

```
<?php
fbsql_connect ($host, $user, $password);
$result = fbsql_db_query ("database", "select * from table");
while ($row = fbsql_fetch_object ($result)) {
    echo $row->user_id;
    echo $row->fullname;
}
fbsql_free_result ($result);
?>
```


See also: `fbsql_fetch_array()` and `fbsql_fetch_row()`.

fbsql_fetch_row (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get a result row as an enumerated array

```
array fbsql_fetch_row (resource result)
```

Returns: An array that corresponds to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

fbsql_fetch_row() fetches one row of data from the result associated with the specified result identifier. The row is returned as an array. Each result column is stored in an array offset, starting at offset 0.

Subsequent call to **fbsql_fetch_row()** would return the next row in the result set, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

See also: `fbsql_fetch_array()`, `fbsql_fetch_object()`, `fbsql_data_seek()`, `fbsql_fetch_lengths()`, and `fbsql_result()`.

fbsql_field_flags (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get the flags associated with the specified field in a result

```
string fbsql_field_flags (resource result, int field_offset)
```

fbsql_field_flags() returns the field flags of the specified field. The flags are reported as a single word per flag separated by a single space, so that you can split the returned value using `explode()`.

fbsql_field_name (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get the name of the specified field in a result

```
string fbsql_field_name (resource result, int field_index)
```

fbsql_field_name() returns the name of the specified field index. *result* must be a valid result identifier and *field_index* is the numerical offset of the field.

Note: *field_index* starts at 0.

e.g. The index of the third field would actually be 2, the index of the fourth field would be 3 and so on.

Example 1. `fbsql_field_name()` example

```
// The users table consists of three fields:
//  user_id
//  username
//  password.

$res = fbsql_db_query("users", "select * from users", $link);

echo fbsql_field_name($res, 0) . "\n";
echo fbsql_field_name($res, 2);
```

The above example would produce the following output:

```
user_id
password
```

`fbsql_field_len` (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Returns the length of the specified field

```
int fbsql_field_len (resource result, int field_offset)
```

fbsql_field_len() returns the length of the specified field.

`fbsql_field_seek` (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Set result pointer to a specified field offset

```
bool fbsql_field_seek (resource result, int field_offset)
```

Seeks to the specified field offset. If the next call to `fbsql_fetch_field()` doesn't include a field offset, the field offset specified in **fbsql_field_seek()** will be returned.

See also: `fbsql_fetch_field()`.

fbsql_field_table (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get name of the table the specified field is in

```
string fbsql_field_table (resource result, int field_offset)
```

Returns the name of the table that the specified field is in.

fbsql_field_type (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get the type of the specified field in a result

```
string fbsql_field_type (resource result, int field_offset)
```

fbsql_field_type() is similar to the `fbsql_field_name()` function. The arguments are identical, but the field type is returned instead. The field type will be one of "int", "real", "string", "blob", and others as detailed in the FrontBase documentation (<http://www.frontbase.com/cgi-bin/WebObjects/FrontBase.woa/wa/productsPage?currentPage=Documentation>).

Example 1. fbsql_field_type() example

```
<?php

fbsql_connect ("localhost", "_SYSTEM", "");
fbsql_select_db ("wisconsin");
$result = fbsql_query ("SELECT * FROM onek;");
$fields = fbsql_num_fields ($result);
$rows   = fbsql_num_rows ($result);
$i = 0;
$table = fbsql_field_table ($result, $i);
echo "Your '". $table. "' table has ".$fields." fields and ".$rows." records <BR>";
echo "The table has the following fields <BR>";
```

```

while ($i < $fields) {
    $type = fbsql_field_type ($result, $i);
    $name = fbsql_field_name ($result, $i);
    $len = fbsql_field_len ($result, $i);
    $flags = fbsql_field_flags ($result, $i);
    echo $type." ".$name." ".$len." ".$flags."<BR>";
    $i++;
}
fbsql_close();

?>

```

fbsql_free_result (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Free result memory

```
bool fbsql_free_result (int result)
```

fbsql_free_result() will free all memory associated with the result identifier *result*.

fbsql_free_result() only needs to be called if you are concerned about how much memory is being used for queries that return large result sets. All associated result memory is automatically freed at the end of the script's execution.

fbsql_insert_id (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get the id generated from the previous INSERT operation

```
int fbsql_insert_id (resource [link_identifier])
```

fbsql_insert_id() returns the ID generated for an column defined as DEFAULT UNIQUE by the previous INSERT query using the given *link_identifier*. If *link_identifier* isn't specified, the last opened link is assumed.

fbsql_insert_id() returns 0 if the previous query does not generate an DEFAULT UNIQUE value. If you need to save the value for later, be sure to call fbsql_insert_id() immediately after the query that generates the value.

Note: The value of the FrontBase SQL function `LAST_INSERT_ID()` always contains the most recently generated DEFAULT UNIQUE value, and is not reset between queries.

fbsql_list_dbs (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

List databases available on a FrontBase server

resource **fbsql_list_dbs** (resource *[link_identifier]*)

fbsql_list_dbs() will return a result pointer containing the databases available from the current fbsql daemon. Use the `fbsql_tablename()` function to traverse this result pointer.

Example 1. fbsql_list_dbs() example

```
$link = fbsql_connect('localhost', 'myname', 'secret');
$db_list = fbsql_list_dbs($link);

while ($row = fbsql_fetch_object($db_list)) {
    echo $row->Database . "\n";
}
```

The above example would produce the following output:

```
database1
database2
database3
...
```

Note: The above code would just as easily work with `fbsql_fetch_row()` or other similar functions.

fbsql_list_fields (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

List FrontBase result fields

```
resource fbsql_list_fields (string database_name, string table_name, resource
[link_identifier])
```

fbsql_list_fields() retrieves information about the given tablename. Arguments are the database name and the table name. A result pointer is returned which can be used with **fbsql_field_flags()**, **fbsql_field_len()**, **fbsql_field_name()**, and **fbsql_field_type()**.

A result identifier is a positive integer. The function returns -1 if a error occurs. A string describing the error will be placed in **\$php_errormsg**, and unless the function was called as **@fbsql()** then this error string will also be printed out.

Example 1. fbsql_list_fields() example

```
$link = fbsql_connect('localhost', 'myname', 'secret');

$fields = fbsql_list_fields("database1", "table1", $link);
$columns = fbsql_num_fields($fields);

for ($i = 0; $i < $columns; $i++) {
    echo fbsql_field_name($fields, $i) . "\n";
}
```

The above example would produce the following output:

```
field1
field2
field3
...
```

fbsql_list_tables (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

List tables in a FrontBase database

```
resource fbsql_list_tables (string database, resource [link_identifier])
```

fbsql_list_tables() takes a database name and returns a result pointer much like the **fbsql_db_query()** function. The **fbsql_tablename()** function should be used to extract the actual table names from the result pointer.

fbsql_next_result (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Move the internal result pointer to the next result

```
bool fbsql_next_result (int result_id)
```

When sending more than one SQL statement to the server or executing a stored procedure with multiple results will cause the server to return multiple result sets. This function will test for additional results available from the server. If an additional result set exists it will free the existing result set and prepare to fetch the words from the new result set. The function will return TRUE if an additional result set was available or FALSE otherwise.

Example 1. fbsql_next_result() example

```
<?php
$link = fbsql_connect ("localhost", "_SYSTEM", "secret");
fbsql_select_db("MyDB", $link);
$SQL = "Select * from table1; select * from table2;";
$rs = fbsql_query($SQL, $link);
do {
    while ($row = fbsql_fetch_row($rs)) {
    }
} while (fbsql_next_result($rs));
fbsql_free_result($rs);
fbsql_close ($link);
?>
```

fbsql_num_fields (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get number of fields in result

```
int fbsql_num_fields (resource result)
```

fbsql_num_fields() returns the number of fields in a result set.

See also: `fbsql_db_query()`, `fbsql_query()`, `fbsql_fetch_field()`, and `fbsql_num_rows()`.

fbsql_num_rows (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get number of rows in result

```
int fbsql_num_rows (resource result)
```

fbsql_num_rows() returns the number of rows in a result set. This command is only valid for SELECT statements. To retrieve the number of rows returned from a INSERT, UPDATE or DELETE query, use `fbsql_affected_rows()`.

Example 1. fbsql_num_rows() example

```
<?php

$link = fbsql_connect("localhost", "username", "password");
fbsql_select_db("database", $link);

$result = fbsql_query("SELECT * FROM table1;", $link);
$num_rows = fbsql_num_rows($result);

echo "$num_rows Rows\n";

?>
```

See also: `fbsql_affected_rows()`, `fbsql_connect()`, `fbsql_select_db()`, and `fbsql_query()`.

fbsql_pconnect (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Open a persistent connection to a FrontBase Server

```
resource fbsql_pconnect ([string hostname [, string username [, string  
password]]])
```


Returns: A positive FrontBase persistent link identifier on success, or FALSE on error.

fbsql_pconnect() establishes a connection to a FrontBase server. The following defaults are assumed for missing optional parameters: *host* = 'localhost', *username* = "_SYSTEM" and *password* = empty password.

fbsql_pconnect() acts very much like **fbsql_connect()** with two major differences.

To set Frontbase server port number, use **fbsql_select_db()**.

First, when connecting, the function would first try to find a (persistent) link that's already open with the same host, username and password. If one is found, an identifier for it will be returned instead of opening a new connection.

Second, the connection to the SQL server will not be closed when the execution of the script ends.

Instead, the link will remain open for future use.

This type of links is therefore called 'persistent'.

fbsql_query (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Send a FrontBase query

```
resource fbsql_query (string query [, resource link_identifier])
```

fbsql_query() sends a query to the currently active database on the server that's associated with the specified link identifier. If *link_identifier* isn't specified, the last opened link is assumed. If no link is open, the function tries to establish a link as if **fbsql_connect()** was called with no arguments, and use it.

Note: The query string shall always end with a semicolon.

fbsql_query() returns TRUE (non-zero) or FALSE to indicate whether or not the query succeeded. A return value of TRUE means that the query was legal and could be executed by the server. It does not indicate anything about the number of rows affected or returned. It is perfectly possible for a query to succeed but affect no rows or return no rows.

The following query is syntactically invalid, so **fbsql_query()** fails and returns FALSE:

Example 1. fbsql_query() example

```
<?php
$result = fbsql_query ("SELECT * WHERE 1=1")
    or die ("Invalid query");
?>
```

The following query is semantically invalid if `my_col` is not a column in the table `my_tbl`, so **`fbsql_query()`** fails and returns `FALSE`:

Example 2. **`fbsql_query()`** example

```
<?php
$result = fbsql_query ("SELECT my_col FROM my_tbl")
    or die ("Invalid query");
?>
```

`fbsql_query()` will also fail and return `FALSE` if you don't have permission to access the table(s) referenced by the query.

Assuming the query succeeds, you can call **`fbsql_num_rows()`** to find out how many rows were returned for a `SELECT` statement or **`fbsql_affected_rows()`** to find out how many rows were affected by a `DELETE`, `INSERT`, `REPLACE`, or `UPDATE` statement.

For `SELECT` statements, **`fbsql_query()`** returns a new result identifier that you can pass to **`fbsql_result()`**. When you are done with the result set, you can free the resources associated with it by calling **`fbsql_free_result()`**. Although, the memory will automatically be freed at the end of the script's execution.

See also: **`fbsql_affected_rows()`**, **`fbsql_db_query()`**, **`fbsql_free_result()`**, **`fbsql_result()`**, **`fbsql_select_db()`**, and **`fbsql_connect()`**.

`fbsql_read_blob` (unknown)

Read a BLOB from the database

```
string fbsql_read_blob (string blob_handle, resource [link_identifier])
```

Returns: A string containing the BLOB specified by `blob_handle`.

`fbsql_read_blob()` reads BLOB data from the database. If a select statement contains BLOB and/or BLOB columns FrontBase will return the data directly when data is fetched. This default behavior can be changed with **`fbsql_set_lob_mode()`** so the fetch functions will return handles to BLOB and CLOB data. If a handle is fetched a user must call **`fbsql_read_blob()`** to get the actual BLOB data from the database.

Example 1. **`fbsql_read_blob()`** example

```
<?php
$link = fbsql_pconnect ("localhost", "_SYSTEM", "secret")
```

```

        or die ("Could not connect");
$sql = "SELECT BLOB_COLUMN FROM BLOB_TABLE;";
$rs = fbsql_query($sql, $link);
$row_data = fbsql_fetch_row($rs);
// $row_data[0] will now contain the blob data for teh first row
fbsql_free_result($rs);

$rs = fbsql_query($sql, $link);
fbsql_set_lob_mode($rs, FBSQL_LOB_HANDLE);
$row_data = fbsql_fetch_row($rs);
// $row_data[0] will now contain a handle to the BLOB data in the first row
$blob_data = fbsql_read_blob($row_data[0]);
fbsql_free_result($rs);

?>

```

See also: `fbsql_create_blob()`, **`fbsql_read_blob()`**, `fbsql_read_clob()`, and `fbsql_set_lob_mode()`.

fbsql_read_clob (unknown)

Read a CLOB from the database

```
string fbsql_read_clob (string clob_handle, resource [link_identifier])
```

Returns: A string containing the CLOB specified by `clob_handle`.

fbsql_read_clob() reads CLOB data from the database. If a select statement contains BLOB and/or CLOB columns FrontBase will return the data directly when data is fetched. This default behavior can be changed with `fbsql_set_lob_mode()` so the fetch functions will return handles to BLOB and CLOB data. If a handle is fetched a user must call **fbsql_read_clob()** to get the actual CLOB data from the database.

Example 1. fbsql_read_clob() example

```

<?php
$link = fbsql_pconnect ("localhost", "_SYSTEM", "secret")
    or die ("Could not connect");
$sql = "SELECT CLOB_COLUMN FROM CLOB_TABLE;";
$rs = fbsql_query($sql, $link);
$row_data = fbsql_fetch_row($rs);
// $row_data[0] will now contain the clob data for teh first row
fbsql_free_result($rs);

$rs = fbsql_query($sql, $link);
fbsql_set_lob_mode($rs, FBSQL_LOB_HANDLE);
$row_data = fbsql_fetch_row($rs);

```

```
// $row_data[0] will now contain a handle to the CLOB data in the first row
$clob_data = fbsql_read_clob($row_data[0]);
fbsql_free_result($rs);
```

?>

See also: `fbsql_create_blob()`, `fbsql_read_blob()`, **`fbsql_read_clob()`**, and `fbsql_set_lob_mode()`.

fbsql_result (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get result data

```
mixed fbsql_result (resource result, int row, mixed [field])
```

fbsql_result() returns the contents of one cell from a FrontBase result set. The field argument can be the field's offset, or the field's name, or the field's table dot field's name (tablename.fieldname). If the column name has been aliased ('select foo as bar from...'), use the alias instead of the column name.

When working on large result sets, you should consider using one of the functions that fetch an entire row (specified below). As these functions return the contents of multiple cells in one function call, they're MUCH quicker than **fbsql_result()**. Also, note that specifying a numeric offset for the field argument is much quicker than specifying a fieldname or tablename.fieldname argument.

Calls to **fbsql_result()** should not be mixed with calls to other functions that deal with the result set.

Recommended high-performance alternatives: `fbsql_fetch_row()`, `fbsql_fetch_array()`, and `fbsql_fetch_object()`.

fbsql_rollback (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Rollback a transaction to the database

```
bool fbsql_rollback (resource [link_identifier])
```

Returns: TRUE on success, FALSE on failure.

fbsql_rollback() ends the current transaction by rolling back all statements issued since last commit. This command is only needed if autocommit is set to false.

See also: `fbsql_autocommit()` and `fbsql_commit()`

fbsql_set_lob_mode (unknown)

Set the LOB retrieve mode for a FrontBase result set

```
bool fbsql_set_lob_mode (resource result, string database_name)
```

Returns: TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

fbsql_set_lob_mode() sets the mode for retrieving LOB data from the database. When BLOB and CLOB data is stored in FrontBase it can be stored direct or indirect. Direct stored LOB data will always be fetched no matter the setting of the lob mode. If the LOB data is less than 512 bytes it will always be stored directly.

- **FBSQL_LOB_DIRECT** - LOB data is retrieved directly. When data is fetched from the database with **fbsql_fetch_row()**, and other fetch functions, all CLOB and BLOB columns will be returned as ordinary columns. This is the default value on a new FrontBase result.
- **FBSQL_LOB_HANDLE** - LOB data is retrieved as handles to the data. When data is fetched from the database with **fbsql_fetch_row ()**, and other fetch functions, LOB data will be returned as a handle to the data if the data is stored indirect or the data if it is stored direct. If a handle is returned it will be a 27 byte string formatted as "@'00000000000000000000000000000000'".

See also: **fbsql_create_blob()**, **fbsql_create_clob()**, **fbsql_read_blob()**, and **fbsql_read_clob()**.

fbsql_select_db (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Select a FrontBase database

```
bool fbsql_select_db (string database_name, resource [link_identifier])
```

Returns: TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

fbsql_select_db() sets the current active database on the server that's associated with the specified link identifier. If no link identifier is specified, the last opened link is assumed. If no link is open, the function will try to establish a link as if **fbsql_connect()** was called, and use it.

The client contacts FBExec to obtain the port number to use for the connection to the database. If the database name is a number the system will use that as a port number and it will not ask FBExec for the port number. The FrontBase server can be started as **FRontBase -FBExec=No -port=<port number> <database name>**.

Every subsequent call to **fbsql_query()** will be made on the active database.

See also: **fbsql_connect()**, **fbsql_pconnect()**, and **fbsql_query()**.

fbsql_start_db (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Start a database on local or remote server

```
bool fbsql_start_db (string database_name, resource [link_identifier])
```

Returns: TRUE on success, FALSE on failure.

fbsql_start_db()

See also: `fbsql_db_status()` and `fbsql_stop_db()`.

fbsql_stop_db (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Stop a database on local or remote server

```
bool fbsql_stop_db (string database_name, resource [link_identifier])
```

Returns: TRUE on success, FALSE on failure.

fbsql_stop_db()

See also: `fbsql_db_status()` and `fbsql_start_db()`.

fbsql_tablename (unknown)

Get table name of field

```
string fbsql_tablename (resource result, int i)
```

fbsql_tablename() takes a result pointer returned by the `fbsql_list_tables()` function as well as an integer index and returns the name of a table. The `fbsql_num_rows()` function may be used to determine the number of tables in the result pointer.

Example 1. fbsql_tablename() example

```
<?php
fbsql_connect ("localhost", "_SYSTEM", "");
$result = fbsql_list_tables ("wisconsin");
$i = 0;
```

```

while ($i < fbsql_num_rows ($result)) {
    $tb_names[$i] = fbsql_tablename ($result, $i);
    echo $tb_names[$i] . "<BR>";
    $i++;
}
?>

```

fbsql_warnings (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Enable or disable FrontBase warnings

```
bool fbsql_warnings (bool [OnOff])
```

Returns TRUE if warnings is turned on otherwise FALSE.

fbsql_warnings() enables or disables FrontBase warnings.

XXV. filePro functions

These functions allow read-only access to data stored in filePro databases.

filePro is a registered trademark of fP Technologies, Inc. You can find more information about filePro at <http://www.fptech.com/>.

filepro (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

read and verify the map file

```
bool filepro (string directory)
```

This reads and verifies the map file, storing the field count and info.

No locking is done, so you should avoid modifying your filePro database while it may be opened in PHP.

Note: When safe-mode is enabled, PHP checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed.

filepro_fieldname (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

gets the name of a field

```
string filepro_fieldname (int field_number)
```

Returns the name of the field corresponding to *field_number*.

filepro_fielddtype (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

gets the type of a field

```
string filepro_fielddtype (int field_number)
```

Returns the edit type of the field corresponding to *field_number*.

filepro_fieldwidth (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

gets the width of a field

```
int filepro_fieldwidth (int field_number)
```

Returns the width of the field corresponding to *field_number*.

filepro_retrieve (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

retrieves data from a filePro database

```
string filepro_retrieve (int row_number, int field_number)
```

Returns the data from the specified location in the database.

Note: When safe-mode is enabled, PHP checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed.

filepro_fieldcount (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

find out how many fields are in a filePro database

```
int filepro_fieldcount ( )
```

Returns the number of fields (columns) in the opened filePro database.

See also filepro().

filepro_rowcount (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

find out how many rows are in a filePro database

```
int filepro_rowcount ( )
```

Returns the number of rows in the opened filePro database.

Note: When safe-mode is enabled, PHP checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed.

See also `filepro()`.

XXVI. Filesystem functions

basename (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns filename component of path

string **basename** (string *path* [, string *suffix*])

Given a string containing a path to a file, this function will return the base name of the file. If the filename ends in *suffix* this will also be cut off.

On Windows, both slash (/) and backslash (\) are used as path separator character. In other environments, it is the forward slash (/).

Example 1. basename() example

```
$path = "/home/httpd/html/index.php";
$file = basename ($path);           // $file is set to "index.php"
$file = basename ($path, ".php");   // $file is set to "index"
```

Note: The *suffix* parameter was added in PHP 4.1.0.

See also: `dirname()`

chgrp (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Changes file group

int **chgrp** (string *filename*, mixed *group*)

Attempts to change the group of the file *filename* to *group*. Only the superuser may change the group of a file arbitrarily; other users may change the group of a file to any group of which that user is a member.

Returns TRUE on success; otherwise returns FALSE.

See also `chown()` and `chmod()`.

Note: This function does not work on Windows systems

chmod (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Changes file mode

```
int chmod (string filename, int mode)
```

Attempts to change the mode of the file specified by *filename* to that given in *mode*.

Note that *mode* is not automatically assumed to be an octal value, so strings (such as "g+w") will not work properly. To ensure the expected operation, you need to prefix *mode* with a zero (0):

```
chmod ("/somedir/somefile", 755);    // decimal; probably incorrect
chmod ("/somedir/somefile", "u+rwx,go+rx"); // string; incorrect
chmod ("/somedir/somefile", 0755);    // octal; correct value of mode
```

Returns TRUE on success and FALSE otherwise.

See also `chown()` and `chgrp()`.

Note: This function does not work on Windows systems

chown (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Changes file owner

```
int chown (string filename, mixed user)
```

Attempts to change the owner of the file *filename* to user *user*. Only the superuser may change the owner of a file.

Returns TRUE on success; otherwise returns FALSE.

See also `chown()` and `chmod()`.

Note: This function does not work on Windows systems

clearstatcache (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Clears file stat cache

```
void clearstatcache ( )
```

Invoking the stat or lstat system call on most systems is quite expensive. Therefore, the result of the last call to any of the status functions (listed below) is stored for use on the next such call using the same filename. If you wish to force a new status check, for instance if the file is being checked many times and may change or disappear, use this function to clear the results of the last call from memory.

This value is only cached for the lifetime of a single request.

Affected functions include stat(), lstat(), file_exists(), is_writable(), is_readable(), is_executable(), is_file(), is_dir(), is_link(), filectime(), fileatime(), filemtime(), fileinode(), filegroup(), fileowner(), filesize(), filetype(), and fileperms().

copy (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Copies file

```
int copy (string source, string dest)
```

Makes a copy of a file. Returns TRUE if the copy succeeded, FALSE otherwise.

Example 1. copy() example

```
if (!copy($file, $file.'.bak')) {  
    print ("failed to copy $file...<br>\n");  
}
```

See also: rename().

delete (unknown)

A dummy manual entry

```
void delete (string file)
```

This is a dummy manual entry to satisfy those people who are looking for `unlink()` or `unset()` in the wrong place.

See also: `unlink()` to delete files, `unset()` to delete variables.

dirname (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns directory name component of path

```
string dirname (string path)
```

Given a string containing a path to a file, this function will return the name of the directory.

On Windows, both slash (/) and backslash (\) are used as path separator character. In other environments, it is the forward slash (/).

Example 1. dirname() example

```
$path = "/etc/passwd";  
$file = dirname ($path); // $file is set to "/etc"
```

See also: `basename()`

disk_free_space (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Returns available space in directory

```
float disk_free_space (string directory)
```


Given a string containing a directory, this function will return the number of bytes available on the corresponding filesystem or disk partition.

Example 1. disk_free_space() example

```
$df = disk_free_space("/"); // $df contains the number of bytes
                             // available on "/"
```

diskfreespace (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Alias of disk_free_space()

```
float diskfreespace (string directory)
```

This is a deprecated alias of disk_free_space(). Use that function instead.

disk_total_space (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Returns the total size of a directory

```
float disk_total_space (string directory)
```

Given a string containing a directory, this function will return the total number of bytes on the corresponding filesystem or disk partition.

Example 1. disk_total_space() example

```
$df = disk_total_space("/"); // $df contains the total number of
                             // bytes available on "/"
```

fclose (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Closes an open file pointer

```
bool fclose (int fp)
```

The file pointed to by *fp* is closed.

Returns TRUE on success and FALSE on failure.

The file pointer must be valid, and must point to a file successfully opened by `fopen()` or `fsockopen()`.

feof (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Tests for end-of-file on a file pointer

```
int feof (int fp)
```

Returns TRUE if the file pointer is at EOF or an error occurs; otherwise returns FALSE.

The file pointer must be valid, and must point to a file successfully opened by `fopen()`, `popen()`, or `fsockopen()`.

fflush (PHP 4)

Flushes the output to a file

```
int fflush (int fp)
```

This function forces a write of all buffered output to the resource pointed to by the file handle *fp*. Returns TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise.

The file pointer must be valid, and must point to a file successfully opened by `fopen()`, `popen()`, or `fsockopen()`.

fgetc (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets character from file pointer

```
string fgetc (int fp)
```

Returns a string containing a single character read from the file pointed to by *fp*. Returns FALSE on EOF.

The file pointer must be valid, and must point to a file successfully opened by `fopen()`, `popen()`, or `fsockopen()`.

See also `fread()`, `fopen()`, `popen()`, `fsockopen()`, and `fgets()`.

fgetcsv (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets line from file pointer and parse for CSV fields

```
array fgetcsv (int fp, int length, string [delimiter])
```

Similar to `fgets()` except that **fgetcsv()** parses the line it reads for fields in CSV format and returns an array containing the fields read. The field delimiter is a comma, unless you specify another delimiter with the optional third parameter.

FP must be a valid file pointer to a file successfully opened by `fopen()`, `popen()`, or `fsockopen()`

Length must be greater than the longest line to be found in the CSV file (allowing for trailing line-end characters).

fgetcsv() returns FALSE on error, including end of file.

N.B. A blank line in a CSV file will be returned as an array comprising a single NULL field, and will not be treated as an error.

Example 1. fgetcsv() example - Read and print entire contents of a CSV file

```
$row = 1;
$fp = fopen ("test.csv", "r");
while ($data = fgetcsv ($fp, 1000, ",")) {
    $num = count ($data);
    print "<p> $num fields in line $row: <br>";
    $row++;
    for ($c=0; $c < $num; $c++) {
        print $data[$c] . "<br>";
    }
}
fclose ($fp);
```

fgets (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets line from file pointer

```
string fgets (int fp, int length)
```

Returns a string of up to length - 1 bytes read from the file pointed to by *fp*. Reading ends when length - 1 bytes have been read, on a newline (which is included in the return value), or on EOF (whichever comes first).

If an error occurs, returns FALSE.

Common Pitfalls:

People used to the 'C' semantics of fgets should note the difference in how EOF is returned.

The file pointer must be valid, and must point to a file successfully opened by fopen(), popen(), or fsockopen().

A simple example follows:

Example 1. Reading a file line by line

```
$fd = fopen ("/tmp/inputfile.txt", "r");
while (!feof ($fd)) {
    $buffer = fgets($fd, 4096);
    echo $buffer;
}
fclose ($fd);
```

See also fread(), fopen(), popen(), fgetc(), fsockopen(), and socket_set_timeout().

fgetss (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets line from file pointer and strip HTML tags

```
string fgetss (int fp, int length, string [allowable_tags])
```

Identical to fgets(), except that fgetss attempts to strip any HTML and PHP tags from the text it reads.

You can use the optional third parameter to specify tags which should not be stripped.

Note: *allowable_tags* was added in PHP 3.0.13, PHP4B3.

See also `fgets()`, `fopen()`, `fsockopen()`, `popen()`, and `strip_tags()`.

file (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Reads entire file into an array

array **file** (string *filename* [, int *use_include_path*])

Identical to `readfile()`, except that **file()** returns the file in an array. Each element of the array corresponds to a line in the file, with the newline still attached.

You can use the optional second parameter and set it to "1", if you want to search for the file in the `include_path`, too.

```
<?php
// get a web page into an array and print it out
$fcontents = file ('http://www.php.net');
while (list ($line_num, $line) = each ($fcontents)) {
    echo "<b>Line $line_num:</b>; " . htmlspecialchars ($line) . "<br>\n";
}

// get a web page into a string
$fcontents = join ("", file ('http://www.php.net'));
?>
```

See also `readfile()`, `fopen()`, `fsockopen()`, and `popen()`.

file_exists (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Checks whether a file exists

bool **file_exists** (string *filename*)

Returns TRUE if the file specified by *filename* exists; FALSE otherwise.

This function will not work on remote files; the file to be examined must be accessible via the server's filesystem.

The results of this function are cached. See `clearstatcache()` for more details.

filemtime (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets last access time of file

```
int filemtime (string filename)
```

Returns the time the file was last accessed, or FALSE in case of an error. The time is returned as a Unix timestamp.

The results of this function are cached. See `clearstatcache()` for more details.

Note: The atime of a file is supposed to change whenever the data blocks of a file are being read. This can be costly performancewise when an application regularly accesses a very large number of files or directories. Some Unix filesystems can be mounted with atime updates disabled to increase the performance of such applications; USENET news spools are a common example. On such filesystems this function will be useless.

This function will not work on remote files; the file to be examined must be accessible via the server's filesystem.

filectime (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets inode change time of file

```
int filectime (string filename)
```

Returns the time the file was last changed, or FALSE in case of an error. The time is returned as a Unix timestamp.

The results of this function are cached. See `clearstatcache()` for more details.

Note: In most Unix filesystems, a file is considered changed when its inode data is changed; that is, when the permissions, owner, group, or other metadata from the inode is updated. See also `filemtime()` (which is what you want to use when you want to create "Last Modified" footers on web pages) and `fileatime()`.

Note also that in some Unix texts the ctime of a file is referred to as being the creation time of the file. This is wrong. There is no creation time for Unix files in most Unix filesystems.

This function will not work on remote files; the file to be examined must be accessible via the server's filesystem.

filegroup (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets file group

```
int filegroup (string filename)
```

Returns the group ID of the owner of the file, or FALSE in case of an error. The group ID is returned in numerical format, use `posix_getgrgid()` to resolve it to a group name.

The results of this function are cached. See `clearstatcache()` for more details.

Note: This function does not work on Windows systems

This function will not work on remote files; the file to be examined must be accessible via the server's filesystem.

fileinode (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets file inode

```
int fileinode (string filename)
```

Returns the inode number of the file, or FALSE in case of an error.

The results of this function are cached. See `clearstatcache()` for more details.

This function will not work on remote files; the file to be examined must be accessible via the server's filesystem.

Note: This function does not work on Windows systems

filemtime (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets file modification time

```
int filemtime (string filename)
```

Returns the time the file was last modified, or FALSE in case of an error. The time is returned as a Unix timestamp.

The results of this function are cached. See `clearstatcache()` for more details.

This function will not work on remote files; the file to be examined must be accessible via the server's filesystem.

Note: This function returns the time when the data blocks of a file were being written to, that is, the time when the content of the file was changed. Use `date()` on the result of this function to get a printable modification date for use in page footers.

fileowner (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets file owner

```
int fileowner (string filename)
```

Returns the user ID of the owner of the file, or FALSE in case of an error. The user ID is returned in numerical format, use `posix_getpwuid()` to resolve it to a username.

The results of this function are cached. See `clearstatcache()` for more details.

This function will not work on remote files; the file to be examined must be accessible via the server's filesystem.

Note: This function does not work on Windows systems

fileperms (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets file permissions

```
int fileperms (string filename)
```

Returns the permissions on the file, or FALSE in case of an error.

This function will not work on remote files; the file to be examined must be accessible via the server's filesystem.

The results of this function are cached. See `clearstatcache()` for more details.

filesize (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets file size

```
int filesize (string filename)
```

Returns the size of the file, or `FALSE` in case of an error.

The results of this function are cached. See `clearstatcache()` for more details.

This function will not work on remote files; the file to be examined must be accessible via the server's filesystem.

filetype (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets file type

```
string filetype (string filename)
```

Returns the type of the file. Possible values are `fifo`, `char`, `dir`, `block`, `link`, `file`, and `unknown`.

Returns `FALSE` if an error occurs.

The results of this function are cached. See `clearstatcache()` for more details.

This function will not work on remote files; the file to be examined must be accessible via the server's filesystem.

flock (PHP 3 >= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Portable advisory file locking

```
bool flock (int fp, int operation, int [wouldblock])
```

PHP supports a portable way of locking complete files in an advisory way (which means all accessing programs have to use the same way of locking or it will not work).

flock() operates on *fp* which must be an open file pointer. *operation* is one of the following values:

- To acquire a shared lock (reader), set *operation* to LOCK_SH (set to 1 prior to PHP 4.0.1).
- To acquire an exclusive lock (writer), set *operation* to LOCK_EX (set to 2 prior to PHP 4.0.1).
- To release a lock (shared or exclusive), set *operation* to LOCK_UN (set to 3 prior to PHP 4.0.1).
- If you don't want **flock()** to block while locking, add LOCK_NB (4 prior to PHP 4.0.1) to *operation*.

flock() allows you to perform a simple reader/writer model which can be used on virtually every platform (including most Unices and even Windows). The optional 3rd argument is set to TRUE if the lock would block (EWOULDBLOCK errno condition)

flock() returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error (e.g. when a lock could not be acquired).

Warning

On most operation systems **flock()** is implemented at the process level. When using a multithreaded server API like ISAPI you cannot rely on **flock()** to protect files against other PHP scripts running in parallel threads of the same server instance!

fopen (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Opens file or URL

```
int fopen (string filename, string mode, int [use_include_path])
```

If *filename* begins with "http://" (not case sensitive), an HTTP 1.0 connection is opened to the specified server, the page is requested using the HTTP GET method, and a file pointer is returned to the beginning of the body of the response. A 'Host:' header is sent with the request in order to handle name-based virtual hosts.

Note that the file pointer allows you to retrieve only the *body* of the response; you cannot access the HTTP response header using this function.

Versions prior to PHP 4.0.5 do not handle HTTP redirects. Because of this, directories must include trailing slashes.

If *filename* begins with "ftp://" (not case sensitive), an ftp connection to the specified server is opened and a pointer to the requested file is returned. If the server does not support passive mode ftp, this will fail. You can open files for either reading or writing via ftp (but not both simultaneously).

If *filename* is one of "php://stdin", "php://stdout", or "php://stderr", the corresponding stdio stream will be opened. (This was introduced in PHP 3.0.13; in earlier versions, a filename such as "/dev/stdin" or "/dev/fd/0" must be used to access the stdio streams.)

If *filename* begins with anything else, the file will be opened from the filesystem, and a file pointer to the file opened is returned.

If the open fails, the function returns `FALSE`.

mode may be any of the following:

- `'r'` - Open for reading only; place the file pointer at the beginning of the file.
- `'r+'` - Open for reading and writing; place the file pointer at the beginning of the file.
- `'w'` - Open for writing only; place the file pointer at the beginning of the file and truncate the file to zero length. If the file does not exist, attempt to create it.
- `'w+'` - Open for reading and writing; place the file pointer at the beginning of the file and truncate the file to zero length. If the file does not exist, attempt to create it.
- `'a'` - Open for writing only; place the file pointer at the end of the file. If the file does not exist, attempt to create it.
- `'a+'` - Open for reading and writing; place the file pointer at the end of the file. If the file does not exist, attempt to create it.

Note: The *mode* may contain the letter `'b'`. This is useful only on systems which differentiate between binary and text files (i.e. Windows. It's useless on Unix). If not needed, this will be ignored.

You can use the optional third parameter and set it to `"1"`, if you want to search for the file in the `include_path`, too.

Example 1. `fopen()` example

```
$fp = fopen ("/home/rasmus/file.txt", "r");
$fp = fopen ("/home/rasmus/file.gif", "wb");
$fp = fopen ("http://www.php.net/", "r");
$fp = fopen ("ftp://user:password@example.com/", "w");
```

If you are experiencing problems with reading and writing to files and you're using the server module version of PHP, remember to make sure that the files and directories you're using are accessible to the server process.

On the Windows platform, be careful to escape any backslashes used in the path to the file, or use forward slashes.

```
$fp = fopen ("c:\\data\\info.txt", "r");
```

See also `fclose()`, `fsockopen()`, `socket_set_timeout()`, and `popen()`.

fpasssthru (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Output all remaining data on a file pointer

```
int fpasssthru (int fp)
```

Reads to EOF on the given file pointer and writes the results to standard output.

If an error occurs, **fpasssthru()** returns FALSE.

The file pointer must be valid, and must point to a file successfully opened by `fopen()`, `popen()`, or `fsockopen()`. The file is closed when **fpasssthru()** is done reading it (leaving *fp* useless).

If you just want to dump the contents of a file to stdout you may want to use the `readfile()`, which saves you the `fopen()` call.

See also `readfile()`, `fopen()`, `popen()`, and `fsockopen()`

fputs (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Writes to a file pointer

```
int fputs (int fp, string str, int [length])
```

fputs() is an alias to `fwrite()`, and is identical in every way. Note that the *length* parameter is optional and if not specified the entire string will be written.

fread (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Binary-safe file read

```
string fread (int fp, int length)
```

fread() reads up to *length* bytes from the file pointer referenced by *fp*. Reading stops when *length* bytes have been read or EOF is reached, whichever comes first.

```
// get contents of a file into a string
$filename = "/usr/local/something.txt";
$fd = fopen ($filename, "r");
$contents = fread ($fd, filesize ($filename));
fclose ($fd);
```

Note: On systems which differentiate between binary and text files (i.e. Windows) the file must be opened with 'b' included in fopen() mode parameter.

```
$filename = "c:\\files\\somepic.gif";
$fd = fopen ($filename, "rb");
$contents = fread ($fd, filesize ($filename));
fclose ($fd);
```

See also fwrite(), fopen(), fsockopen(), popen(), fgets(), fgetss(), fscanf(), file(), and fpassthru().

fscanf (PHP 4)

Parses input from a file according to a format

mixed **fscanf** (int *handle*, string *format* [, string *var1*...])

The function **fscanf()** is similar to **sscanf()**, but it takes its input from a file associated with *handle* and interprets the input according to the specified *format*. If only two parameters were passed to this function, the values parsed will be returned as an array. Otherwise, if optional parameters are passed, the function will return the number of assigned values. The optional parameters must be passed by reference.

Example 1. fscanf() Example

```
$fp = fopen ("users.txt","r");
while ($userinfo = fscanf ($fp, "%s\t%s\t%s\n")) {
    list ($name, $profession, $countrycode) = $userinfo;
    //... do something with the values
```

```

}
fclose($fp);

```

Example 2. users.txt

```

javier  argonaut      pe
hiroshi sculptor     jp
robert  slacker      us
luigi   florist       it

```

See also `fread()`, `fgets()`, `fgetss()`, `sscanf()`, `printf()`, and `sprintf()`.

fseek (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Seeks on a file pointer

```
int fseek (int fp, int offset [, int whence])
```

Sets the file position indicator for the file referenced by *fp*. The new position, measured in bytes from the beginning of the file, is obtained by adding *offset* to the position specified by *whence*, whose values are defined as follows:

SEEK_SET - Set position equal to *offset* bytes.

SEEK_CUR - Set position to current location plus *offset*.

SEEK_END - Set position to end-of-file plus *offset*.

If *whence* is not specified, it is assumed to be *SEEK_SET*.

Upon success, returns 0; otherwise, returns -1. Note that seeking past EOF is not considered an error.

May not be used on file pointers returned by `fopen()` if they use the "http://" or "ftp://" formats.

Note: The *whence* argument was added after PHP 4.0 RC1.

See also `ftell()` and `rewind()`.

fstat (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets information about a file using an open file pointer

```
array fstat (int fp)
```

Gathers the statistics of the file opened by the file pointer *fp*. This function is similar to the `stat()` function except that it operates on an open file pointer instead of a filename.

Returns an array with the statistics of the file with the following elements:

1. device
2. inode
3. number of links
4. user id of owner
5. group id owner
6. device type if inode device *
7. size in bytes
8. time of last access
9. time of last modification
10. time of last change
11. blocksize for filesystem I/O *
12. number of blocks allocated

* - only valid on systems supporting the `st_blksize` type--other systems (i.e. Windows) return -1

The results of this function are cached. See `clearstatcache()` for more details.

ftell (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Tells file pointer read/write position

```
int ftell (int fp)
```

Returns the position of the file pointer referenced by *fp*; i.e., its offset into the file stream.

If an error occurs, returns `FALSE`.

The file pointer must be valid, and must point to a file successfully opened by `fopen()` or `popen()`.

See also `fopen()`, `popen()`, `fseek()` and `rewind()`.

ftruncate (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Truncates a file to a given length.

```
int ftruncate (int fp, int size)
```

Takes the filepointer, *fp*, and truncates the file to length, *size*. This function returns TRUE on success and FALSE on failure.

fwrite (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Binary-safe file write

```
int fwrite (int fp, string string, int [length])
```

fwrite() writes the contents of *string* to the file stream pointed to by *fp*. If the *length* argument is given, writing will stop after *length* bytes have been written or the end of *string* is reached, whichever comes first.

Note that if the *length* argument is given, then the magic_quotes_runtime configuration option will be ignored and no slashes will be stripped from *string*.

Note: On systems which differentiate between binary and text files (i.e. Windows) the file must be opened with 'b' included in fopen() mode parameter.

See also fread(), fopen(), fsockopen(), popen(), and fputs().

set_file_buffer (PHP 3 >= 3.0.8, PHP 4)

Sets file buffering on the given file pointer

```
int set_file_buffer (int fp, int buffer)
```

Output using fwrite() is normally buffered at 8K. This means that if there are two processes wanting to write to the same output stream (a file), each is paused after 8K of data to allow the other to write.

set_file_buffer() sets the buffering for write operations on the given filepointer *fp* to *buffer* bytes. If

buffer is 0 then write operations are unbuffered. This ensures that all writes with `fwrite()` are completed before other processes are allowed to write to that output stream.

The function returns 0 on success, or EOF if the request cannot be honored.

The following example demonstrates how to use **`set_file_buffer()`** to create an unbuffered stream.

Example 1. `set_file_buffer()` example

```
$fp=fopen($file, "w");
if($fp){
    set_file_buffer($fp, 0);
    fputs($fp, $output);
    fclose($fp);
}
```

See also `fopen()`, `fwrite()`.

is_dir (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Tells whether the filename is a directory

```
bool is_dir (string filename)
```

Returns TRUE if the filename exists and is a directory.

The results of this function are cached. See `clearstatcache()` for more details.

This function will not work on remote files; the file to be examined must be accessible via the server's filesystem.

See also `is_file()` and `is_link()`.

is_executable (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Tells whether the filename is executable

```
bool is_executable (string filename)
```

Returns TRUE if the filename exists and is executable.

The results of this function are cached. See `clearstatcache()` for more details.

This function will not work on remote files; the file to be examined must be accessible via the server's filesystem.

See also `is_file()` and `is_link()`.

is_file (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Tells whether the filename is a regular file

```
bool is_file (string filename)
```

Returns TRUE if the filename exists and is a regular file.

The results of this function are cached. See `clearstatcache()` for more details.

See also `is_dir()` and `is_link()`.

is_link (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Tells whether the filename is a symbolic link

```
bool is_link (string filename)
```

Returns TRUE if the filename exists and is a symbolic link.

The results of this function are cached. See `clearstatcache()` for more details.

See also `is_dir()` and `is_file()`.

This function will not work on remote files; the file to be examined must be accessible via the server's filesystem.

Note: This function does not work on Windows systems

is_readable (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Tells whether the filename is readable

```
bool is_readable (string filename)
```

Returns TRUE if the filename exists and is readable.

Keep in mind that PHP may be accessing the file as the user id that the web server runs as (often 'nobody'). Safe mode limitations are not taken into account.

The results of this function are cached. See clearstatcache() for more details.

This function will not work on remote files; the file to be examined must be accessible via the server's filesystem.

See also is_writable().

is_writable (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Tells whether the filename is writable

```
bool is_writable (string filename)
```

Returns TRUE if the filename exists and is writable. The filename argument may be a directory name allowing you to check if a directory is writeable.

Keep in mind that PHP may be accessing the file as the user id that the web server runs as (often 'nobody'). Safe mode limitations are not taken into account.

The results of this function are cached. See clearstatcache() for more details.

This function will not work on remote files; the file to be examined must be accessible via the server's filesystem.

See also is_readable().

is_writeable (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Tells whether the filename is writable

```
bool is_writeable (string filename)
```

This is an alias for is_writable()

is_uploaded_file (PHP 3 >= 3.0.17, PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Tells whether the file was uploaded via HTTP POST.

```
bool is_uploaded_file (string filename)
```

This function is available only in versions of PHP 3 after PHP 3.0.16, and in versions of PHP 4 after 4.0.2.

Returns TRUE if the file named by *filename* was uploaded via HTTP POST. This is useful to help ensure that a malicious user hasn't tried to trick the script into working on files upon which it should not be working--for instance, */etc/passwd*.

This sort of check is especially important if there is any chance that anything done with uploaded files could reveal their contents to the user, or even to other users on the same system.

See also `move_uploaded_file()`, and the section Handling file uploads for a simple usage example.

link (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Create a hard link

```
int link (string target, string link)
```

link() creates a hard link.

See also the `symlink()` to create soft links, and `readlink()` along with `linkinfo()`.

Note: This function does not work on Windows systems

linkinfo (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets information about a link

```
int linkinfo (string path)
```

linkinfo() returns the `st_dev` field of the UNIX C `stat` structure returned by the `lstat` system call. This function is used to verify if a link (pointed to by *path*) really exists (using the same method as the `S_ISLNK` macro defined in `stat.h`). Returns 0 or FALSE in case of error.

See also `symlink()`, `link()`, and `readlink()`.

Note: This function does not work on Windows systems

mkdir (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Makes directory

```
int mkdir (string pathname, int mode)
```

Attempts to create the directory specified by *pathname*.

Note that you probably want to specify the mode as an octal number, which means it should have a leading zero. The mode is also modified by the current `umask`, which you can change using `umask()`.

```
mkdir ("/path/to/my/dir", 0700);
```

Returns TRUE on success and FALSE on failure.

See also `rmdir()`.

move_uploaded_file (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Moves an uploaded file to a new location.

```
bool move_uploaded_file (string filename, string destination)
```

This function is available only in versions of PHP 3 after PHP 3.0.16, and in versions of PHP 4 after 4.0.2.

This function checks to ensure that the file designated by *filename* is a valid upload file (meaning that it was uploaded via PHP's HTTP POST upload mechanism). If the file is valid, it will be moved to the filename given by *destination*.

If *filename* is not a valid upload file, then no action will occur, and **move_uploaded_file()** will return FALSE.

If *filename* is a valid upload file, but cannot be moved for some reason, no action will occur, and **move_uploaded_file()** will return FALSE. Additionally, a warning will be issued.

This sort of check is especially important if there is any chance that anything done with uploaded files could reveal their contents to the user, or even to other users on the same system.

Note: When safe-mode is enabled, PHP checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed.

See also `is_uploaded_file()`, and the section Handling file uploads for a simple usage example.

parse_ini_file (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Parse a configuration file

```
array parse_ini_file (string filename, bool [process_sections])
```

parse_ini_file() loads in the ini file specified in *filename*, and returns the settings in it in an associative array. By setting the last *process_sections* parameter to TRUE, you get a multidimensional array, with the section names and settings included. The default for *process_sections* is FALSE

Note: This function has nothing to do with the `php.ini` file. It is already processed, the time you run your script. This function can be used to read in your own application's configuration files.

The structure of the ini file is similar to that of the `php.ini`'s.

Example 1. Contents of sample.ini

```
; This is a sample configuration file
; Comments start with ';', as in php.ini

[first_section]
one = 1
five = 5

[second_section]
path = /usr/local/bin
```

Example 2. parse_ini_file() example

```
<?php

// Parse without sections
$ini_array = parse_ini_file("sample.ini");
print_r($ini_array);

// Parse with sections
$ini_array = parse_ini_file("sample.ini", TRUE);
print_r($ini_array);

?>
```

Would produce:

```
Array
(
    [one] => 1
    [five] => 5
    [path] => /usr/local/bin
)
Array
(
    [first_section] => Array
        (
            [one] => 1
            [five] => 5
        )

    [second_section] => Array
        (
            [path] => /usr/local/bin
        )
)
```

pathinfo (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Returns information about a file path

array **pathinfo** (string *path*)

pathinfo() returns an associative array containing information about *path*. The following array elements are returned: *dirname*, *basename* and *extension*.

Example 1. pathinfo() Example

```
<?php

$path_parts = pathinfo("/www/htdocs/index.html");

echo $path_parts["dirname"] . "\n";
echo $path_parts["basename"] . "\n";
echo $path_parts["extension"] . "\n";

?>
```

Would produce:

```
/www/htdocs
index.html
html
```

See also `dirname()`, `basename()`, `parse_url()` and `realpath()`.

pclose (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Closes process file pointer

int **pclose** (int *fp*)

Closes a file pointer to a pipe opened by `popen()`.

The file pointer must be valid, and must have been returned by a successful call to `popen()`.

Returns the termination status of the process that was run.

See also `popen()`.

popen (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Opens process file pointer

```
int popen (string command, string mode)
```

Opens a pipe to a process executed by forking the command given by `command`.

Returns a file pointer identical to that returned by `fopen()`, except that it is unidirectional (may only be used for reading or writing) and must be closed with `pclose()`. This pointer may be used with `fgets()`, `fgetss()`, and `fputs()`.

If an error occurs, returns `FALSE`.

```
$fp = popen ("/bin/ls", "r");
```

See also `pclose()`.

readfile (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Outputs a file

```
int readfile (string filename, int [use_include_path])
```

Reads a file and writes it to standard output.

Returns the number of bytes read from the file. If an error occurs, `FALSE` is returned and unless the function was called as `@readfile`, an error message is printed.

If *filename* begins with "http://" (not case sensitive), an HTTP 1.0 connection is opened to the specified server and the text of the response is written to standard output.

Versions prior to PHP 4.0.5 do not handle HTTP redirects. Because of this, directories must include trailing slashes.

If *filename* begins with "ftp://" (not case sensitive), an ftp connection to the specified server is opened and the requested file is written to standard output. If the server does not support passive mode ftp, this will fail.

If *filename* begins with neither of these strings, the file will be opened from the filesystem and its contents written to standard output.

You can use the optional second parameter and set it to "1", if you want to search for the file in the `include_path`, too.

See also `fpasssthru()`, `file()`, `fopen()`, `include()`, `require()`, and `virtual()`.

readlink (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the target of a symbolic link

```
string readlink (string path)
```

readlink() does the same as the `readlink` C function and returns the contents of the symbolic link *path* or 0 in case of error.

See also `symlink()`, **readlink()** and `linkinfo()`.

Note: This function does not work on Windows systems

rename (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Renames a file

```
int rename (string oldname, string newname)
```

Attempts to rename *oldname* to *newname*.

Returns TRUE on success and FALSE on failure.

rewind (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Rewind the position of a file pointer

```
int rewind (int fp)
```

Sets the file position indicator for *fp* to the beginning of the file stream.

If an error occurs, returns 0.

The file pointer must be valid, and must point to a file successfully opened by `fopen()`.

See also `fseek()` and `ftell()`.

rmdir (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Removes directory

```
int rmdir (string dirname)
```

Attempts to remove the directory named by *pathname*. The directory must be empty, and the relevant permissions must permit. this.

If an error occurs, returns 0.

See also `mkdir()`.

stat (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gives information about a file

```
array stat (string filename)
```

Gathers the statistics of the file named by *filename*.

Returns an array with the statistics of the file with the following elements:

1. device
2. inode
3. inode protection mode

4. number of links
5. user id of owner
6. group id owner
7. device type if inode device *
8. size in bytes
9. time of last access
10. time of last modification
11. time of last change
12. blocksize for filesystem I/O *
13. number of blocks allocated

* - only valid on systems supporting the `st_blksize` type--other systems (i.e. Windows) return -1.

Returns FALSE in case of error.

stat() doesn't handle URL as does `fopen()`.

The results of this function are cached. See `clearstatcache()` for more details.

lstat (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gives information about a file or symbolic link

array **lstat** (string *filename*)

Gathers the statistics of the file or symbolic link named by *filename*. This function is identical to the `stat()` function except that if the *filename* parameter is a symbolic link, the status of the symbolic link is returned, not the status of the file pointed to by the symbolic link.

Returns an array with the statistics of the file with the following elements:

1. device
2. inode
3. inode protection mode
4. number of links
5. user id of owner
6. group id owner
7. device type if inode device *
8. size in bytes
9. time of last access

- 10. time of last modification
- 11. time of last change
- 12. blocksize for filesystem I/O *
- 13. number of blocks allocated
- * - only valid on systems supporting the st_blksize type--other systems (i.e. Windows) return -1

The results of this function are cached. See clearstatcache() for more details.

realpath (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns canonicalized absolute pathname

```
string realpath (string path)
```

realpath() expands all symbolic links and resolves references to './', '../' and extra '/' characters in the input *path* and return the canonicalized absolute pathname. The resulting path will have no symbolic link, './' or '../' components.

Example 1. realpath() example

```
$real_path = realpath ("../../index.php");
```

symlink (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Creates a symbolic link

```
int symlink (string target, string link)
```

symlink() creates a symbolic link from the existing *target* with the specified name *link*.

See also link() to create hard links, and readlink() along with linkinfo().

Note: This function does not work on Windows systems.

tempnam (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Create file with unique file name

```
string tempnam (string dir, string prefix)
```

Creates a file with a unique filename in the specified directory. If the directory does not exist, **tempnam()** may generate a file in the system's temporary directory, and return the name of that.

Prior to PHP 4.0.6, the behaviour of the **tempnam()** function was system dependent. On Windows the TMP environment variable will override the *dir* parameter, on Linux the TMPDIR environment variable has precedence, while SVR4 will always use your *dir* parameter if the directory it points to exists. Consult your system documentation on the tempnam(3) function if in doubt.

Returns the new temporary filename, or the FALSE string on failure.

Example 1. tempnam() example

```
$tmpfname = tempnam ("/tmp", "FOO");

$fp = fopen($tmpfname, "w");
fwrite($fp, "writing to tempfile");
fclose($fp);

// do here something

unlink($tmpfname);
```

Note: This function's behavior changed in 4.0.3. The temporary file is also created to avoid a race condition where the file might appear in the filesystem between the time the string was generated and before the the script gets around to creating the file. Note, that you need to remove the file in case you need it no more, it is not done automatically.

See also tmpfile(), unlink().

tmpfile (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Creates a temporary file

```
int tmpfile ()
```

Creates a temporary file with an unique name in write mode, returning a file handle similar to the one returned by `fopen()`. The file is automatically removed when closed (using `fclose()`), or when the script ends.

For details, consult your system documentation on the `tmpfile(3)` function, as well as the `stdio.h` header file.

Example 1. `tmpfile()` example

```
$temp = tmpfile();
fwrite($temp, "writing to tmpfile");
fclose($temp); // this removes the file
```

See also `tempnam()`.

touch (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets modification time of file

```
int touch (string filename, int [time])
```

Attempts to set the modification time of the file named by `filename` to the value given by `time`. If the option `time` is not given, uses the present time.

If the file does not exist, it is created.

Returns `TRUE` on success and `FALSE` otherwise.

Example 1. `touch()` example

```
if (touch ($FileName)) {
    print "$FileName modification time has been
        changed to todays date and time";
} else {
    print "Sorry Could Not change modification time of $FileName";
}
```

umask (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Changes the current umask

```
int umask (int mask)
```

umask() sets PHP's umask to mask & 0777 and returns the old umask. When PHP is being used as a server module, the umask is restored when each request is finished.

umask() without arguments simply returns the current umask.

Note: This function may not work on Windows systems.

unlink (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deletes a file

```
int unlink (string filename)
```

Deletes *filename*. Similar to the Unix C unlink() function.

Returns 0 or FALSE on an error.

See also rmdir() for removing directories.

Note: This function may not work on Windows systems.

XXVII. Forms Data Format functions

Forms Data Format (FDF) is a format for handling forms within PDF documents. You should read the documentation at <http://partners.adobe.com/asn/developer/acrosdk/forms.html> for more information on what FDF is and how it is used in general.

Note: If you run into problems configuring php with fdfTk support, check whether the header file FdfTk.h and the library libFdfTk.so are at the right place. They should be in fdfTk-dir/include and fdfTk-dir/lib. This will not be the case if you just unpack the FdfTk distribution.

The general idea of FDF is similar to HTML forms. The difference is basically the format how data is transmitted to the server when the submit button is pressed (this is actually the Form Data Format) and the format of the form itself (which is the Portable Document Format, PDF). Processing the FDF data is one of the features provided by the fdf functions. But there is more. One may as well take an existing PDF form and populated the input fields with data without modifying the form itself. In such a case one would create a FDF document (fdf_create()) set the values of each input field (fdf_set_value()) and associate it with a PDF form (fdf_set_file()). Finally it has to be sent to the browser with MIMEType application/vnd.fdf. The Acrobat reader plugin of your browser recognizes the MIMEType, reads the associated PDF form and fills in the data from the FDF document.

If you look at an FDF-document with a text editor you will find a catalogue object with the name FDF. Such an object may contain a number of entries like Fields, F, Status etc.. The most commonly used entries are Fields which points to a list of input fields, and F which contains the filename of the PDF-document this data belongs to. Those entries are referred to in the FDF documentation as /F-Key or /Status-Key. Modifying this entries is done by functions like fdf_set_file() and fdf_set_status(). Fields are modified with fdf_set_value(), fdf_set_opt() etc..

The following examples shows just the evaluation of form data.

Example 1. Evaluating a FDF document

```
<?php
// Save the FDF data into a temp file
$fdffp = fopen("test.fdf", "w");
fwrite($fdffp, $HTTP_FDF_DATA, strlen($HTTP_FDF_DATA));
fclose($fdffp);

// Open temp file and evaluate data
// The pdf form contained several input text fields with the names
// volume, date, comment, publisher, preparer, and two checkboxes
// show_publisher and show_preparer.
$fdf = fdf_open("test.fdf");
$volume = fdf_get_value($fdf, "volume");
echo "The volume field has the value '<B>$volume</B>'  
<BR>";

$date = fdf_get_value($fdf, "date");
echo "The date field has the value '<B>$date</B>'  
<BR>";
```

```
$comment = fdf_get_value($fdf, "comment");
echo "The comment field has the value '<B>$comment</B>'  
<BR>";

if(fdf_get_value($fdf, "show_publisher") == "On") {
    $publisher = fdf_get_value($fdf, "publisher");
    echo "The publisher field has the value '<B>$publisher</B>'  
<BR>";
} else
    echo "Publisher shall not be shown.<BR>";

if(fdf_get_value($fdf, "show_preparer") == "On") {
    $preparer = fdf_get_value($fdf, "preparer");
    echo "The preparer field has the value '<B>$preparer</B>'  
<BR>";
} else
    echo "Preparer shall not be shown.<BR>";
fdf_close($fdf);
?>
```

fdf_open (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open a FDF document

```
int fdf_open (string filename)
```

The **fdf_open()** function opens a file with form data. This file must contain the data as returned from a PDF form. Currently, the file has to be created 'manually' by using `fopen()` and writing the content of `HTTP_FDF_DATA` with `fwrite()` into it. A mechanism like for HTML form data where for each input field a variable is created does not exist.

Example 1. Accessing the form data

```
<?php
// Save the FDF data into a temp file
$fdffp = fopen("test.fdf", "w");
fwrite($fdffp, $HTTP_FDF_DATA, strlen($HTTP_FDF_DATA));
fclose($fdffp);

// Open temp file and evaluate data
$fdf = fdf_open("test.fdf");
...
fdf_close($fdf);
?>
```

See also `fdf_close()`.

fdf_close (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Close an FDF document

```
bool fdf_close (int fdf_document)
```

The **fdf_close()** function closes the FDF document.

See also `fdf_open()`.

fdf_create (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Create a new FDF document

```
int fdf_create ()
```

The **fdf_create()** creates a new FDF document. This function is needed if one would like to populate input fields in a PDF document with data.

Example 1. Populating a PDF document

```
<?php
$outfdf = fdf_create();
fdf_set_value($outfdf, "volume", $volume, 0);

fdf_set_file($outfdf, "http://testfdf/resultlabel.pdf");
fdf_save($outfdf, "outtest.fdf");
fdf_close($outfdf);
Header("Content-type: application/vnd.fdf");
$fp = fopen("outtest.fdf", "r");
fpassthru($fp);
unlink("outtest.fdf");
?>
```

See also `fdf_close()`, `fdf_save()`, `fdf_open()`.

fdf_save (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Save a FDF document

```
int fdf_save (string filename)
```

The **fdf_save()** function saves a FDF document. The FDF Toolkit provides a way to output the document to stdout if the parameter *filename* is `'.'`. This does not work if PHP is used as an apache module. In such a case one will have to write to a file and use e.g. `fpassthru()` to output it.

See also `fdf_close()` and example for `fdf_create()`.

fdf_get_value (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the value of a field

```
string fdf_get_value (int fdf_document, string fieldname)
```

The **fdf_get_value()** function returns the value of a field.

See also **fdf_set_value()**.

fdf_set_value (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the value of a field

```
bool fdf_set_value (int fdf_document, string fieldname, string value, int  
isName)
```

The **fdf_set_value()** function sets the value of a field. The last parameter determines if the field value is to be converted to a PDF Name (*isName* = 1) or set to a PDF String (*isName* = 0).

See also **fdf_get_value()**.

fdf_next_field_name (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the next field name

```
string fdf_next_field_name (int fdf_document, string fieldname)
```

The **fdf_next_field_name()** function returns the name of the field after the field in *fieldname* or the field name of the first field if the second paramter is NULL.

See also **fdf_set_field()**, **fdf_get_field()**.

fdf_set_ap (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the appearance of a field

```
bool fdf_set_ap (int fdf_document, string field_name, int face, string
filename, int page_number)
```

The **fdf_set_ap()** function sets the appearance of a field (i.e. the value of the /AP key). The possible values of *face* are 1=FDFNormalAP, 2=FDFRolloverAP, 3=FDFDownAP.

fdf_set_status (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the value of the /STATUS key

```
bool fdf_set_status (int fdf_document, string status)
```

The **fdf_set_status()** sets the value of the /STATUS key.

See also `fdf_get_status()`.

fdf_get_status (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the value of the /STATUS key

```
string fdf_get_status (int fdf_document)
```

The **fdf_get_status()** returns the value of the /STATUS key.

See also `fdf_set_status()`.

fdf_set_file (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the value of the /F key

```
bool fdf_set_file (int fdf_document, string filename)
```

The **fdf_set_file()** sets the value of the /F key. The /F key is just a reference to a PDF form which is to be populated with data. In a web environment it is a URL (e.g. <http://testfdf/resultlabel.pdf>).

See also `fdf_get_file()` and example for `fdf_create()`.

fdf_get_file (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the value of the /F key

```
string fdf_get_file (int fdf_document)
```

The `fdf_get_file()` returns the value of the /F key.

See also `fdf_set_file()`.

fdf_set_flags (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Sets a flag of a field

```
bool fdf_set_flags (int fdf_document, string fieldname, int whichFlags, int newFlags)
```

The `fdf_set_flags()` sets certain flags of the given field *fieldname*.

See also `fdf_set_opt()`.

fdf_set_opt (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Sets an option of a field

```
bool fdf_set_opt (int fdf_document, string fieldname, int element, string str1, string str2)
```

The `fdf_set_opt()` sets options of the given field *fieldname*.

See also `fdf_set_flags()`.

fdf_set_submit_form_action (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Sets a submit form action of a field

```
bool fdf_set_submit_form_action (int fdf_document, string fieldname, int
trigger, string script, int flags)
```

The **fdf_set_submit_form_action()** sets a submit form action for the given field *fieldname*.

See also **fdf_set_javascript_action()**.

fdf_set_javascript_action (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Sets an javascript action of a field

```
bool fdf_set_javascript_action (int fdf_document, string fieldname, int
trigger, string script)
```

fdf_set_javascript_action() sets a javascript action for the given field *fieldname*.

See also **fdf_set_submit_form_action()**.

fdf_set_encoding (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Sets FDF character encoding

```
bool fdf_set_encoding (int fdf_document, string encoding)
```

fdf_set_encoding() sets the character encoding in FDF document *fdf_document*. *encoding* should be the valid encoding name. The valid encoding name in Acrobat 5.0 are "Shift_JIS", "UHC", "GBK", "BigFive".

The **fdf_set_encoding()** is available in PHP 4.1.0 or later.

XXVIII. FTP functions

The functions in this extension implement client access to file servers speaking the File Transfer Protocol FTP as defined in <http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc959.html>.

The following constants are defined when using the FTP module: `FTP_ASCII` and `FTP_BINARY`.

In order to use FTP functions with your PHP configuration, you should add the `--enable-ftp` option when installing PHP 4, and `--with-ftp` when using PHP 3.

Example 1. `ftp()` example

```
<?php
// set up basic connection
$conn_id = ftp_connect("$ftp_server");

// login with username and password
$login_result = ftp_login($conn_id, "$ftp_user_name", "$ftp_user_pass");

// check connection
if ((!$conn_id) || (!$login_result)) {
    echo "Ftp connection has failed!";
    echo "Attempted to connect to $ftp_server for user $ftp_user_name";
    die;
} else {
    echo "Connected to $ftp_server, for user $ftp_user_name";
}

// upload the file
$upload = ftp_put($conn_id, "$destination_file", "$source_file", FTP_BINARY);

// check upload status
if (!$upload) {
    echo "Ftp upload has failed!";
} else {
    echo "Uploaded $source_file to $ftp_server as $destination_file";
}

// close the FTP stream
ftp_quit($conn_id);
?>
```

ftp_connect (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Opens up an FTP connection

```
int ftp_connect (string host, int [port])
```

Returns a FTP stream on success, FALSE on error.

ftp_connect() opens up a FTP connection to the specified *host*. The *port* parameter specifies an alternate port to connect to. If it is omitted or zero, then the default FTP port, 21, will be used.

ftp_login (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Logs in an FTP connection

```
int ftp_login (int ftp_stream, string username, string password)
```

Logs in the given FTP stream.

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

ftp_pwd (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the current directory name

```
string ftp_pwd (int ftp_stream)
```

Returns the current directory, or FALSE on error.

ftp_cdup (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Changes to the parent directory

```
int ftp_cdup (int ftp_stream)
```

Changes to the parent directory.

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

ftp_chdir (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Changes directories on a FTP server

```
int ftp_chdir (int ftp_stream, string directory)
```

Changes to the specified *directory*.

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

ftp_mkdir (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Creates a directory

```
string ftp_mkdir (int ftp_stream, string directory)
```

Creates the specified *directory*.

Returns the newly created directory name on success, FALSE on error.

ftp_rmdir (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Removes a directory

```
int ftp_rmdir (int ftp_stream, string directory)
```

Removes the specified *directory*.

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

ftp_nlist (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns a list of files in the given directory.

array **ftp_nlist** (int *ftp_stream*, string *directory*)

Returns an array of filenames on success, FALSE on error.

ftp_rawlist (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns a detailed list of files in the given directory.

array **ftp_rawlist** (int *ftp_stream*, string *directory*)

ftp_rawlist() executes the FTP LIST command, and returns the result as an array. Each array element corresponds to one line of text. The output is not parsed in any way. The system type identifier returned by **ftp_systype()** can be used to determine how the results should be interpreted.

ftp_systype (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the system type identifier of the remote FTP server.

string **ftp_systype** (int *ftp_stream*)

Returns the remote system type, or FALSE on error.

ftp_pasv (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Turns passive mode on or off.

int **ftp_pasv** (int *ftp_stream*, int *pasv*)

ftp_pasv() turns on passive mode if the *pasv* parameter is TRUE (it turns off passive mode if *pasv* is FALSE.) In passive mode, data connections are initiated by the client, rather than by the server.

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

ftp_get (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Downloads a file from the FTP server.

```
int ftp_get (int ftp_stream, string local_file, string remote_file, int mode)
```

ftp_get() retrieves *remote_file* from the FTP server, and saves it to *local_file* locally. The transfer *mode* specified must be either FTP_ASCII or FTP_BINARY.

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

ftp_fget (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Downloads a file from the FTP server and saves to an open file.

```
int ftp_fget (int ftp_stream, int fp, string remote_file, int mode)
```

ftp_fget() retrieves *remote_file* from the FTP server, and writes it to the given file pointer, *fp*. The transfer *mode* specified must be either FTP_ASCII or FTP_BINARY.

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

ftp_put (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Uploads a file to the FTP server.

```
int ftp_put (int ftp_stream, string remote_file, string local_file, int mode)
```

ftp_put() stores *local_file* on the FTP server, as *remote_file*. The transfer *mode* specified must be either FTP_ASCII or FTP_BINARY.

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

Example 1. ftp_put() example

```
$upload = ftp_put ($conn_id, "$destination_file", "$source_file", FTP_ASCII);
```

ftp_fput (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Uploads from an open file to the FTP server.

```
int ftp_fput (int ftp_stream, string remote_file, int fp, int mode)
```

ftp_fput() uploads the data from the file pointer *fp* until end of file. The results are stored in *remote_file* on the FTP server. The transfer *mode* specified must be either FTP_ASCII or FTP_BINARY

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

ftp_size (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the size of the given file.

```
int ftp_size (int ftp_stream, string remote_file)
```

ftp_size() returns the size of a file. If an error occurs, or if the file does not exist, -1 is returned. Not all servers support this feature.

Returns the file size on success, or -1 on error.

ftp_mdtm (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the last modified time of the given file.

```
int ftp_mdtm (int ftp_stream, string remote_file)
```

ftp_mdtm() checks the last-modified time for a file, and returns it as a UNIX timestamp. If an error occurs, or the file does not exist, -1 is returned. Note that not all servers support this feature.

Returns a UNIX timestamp on success, or -1 on error.

Note: **ftp_mdtm()** does not work with directories.

ftp_rename (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Renames a file on the ftp server.

boolean **ftp_rename** (resource *ftp_stream*, string *from*, string *to*)

ftp_rename() renames the file or directory currently named *from* to the new name *to*, on the FTP stream *ftp_stream*.

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

ftp_delete (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deletes a file on the ftp server.

int **ftp_delete** (int *ftp_stream*, string *path*)

ftp_delete() deletes the file specified by *path* from the FTP server.

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

ftp_site (PHP 3>= 3.0.15, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sends a SITE command to the server.

int **ftp_site** (int *ftp_stream*, string *cmd*)

ftp_site() sends the command specified by *cmd* to the FTP server. SITE commands are not standardized, and vary from server to server. They are useful for handling such things as file permissions and group membership.

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

ftp_quit (PHP 3 >= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Closes an FTP connection

```
int ftp_quit (int ftp_stream)
```

ftp_quit() closes *ftp_stream*.

XXIX. Function Handling functions

These functions all handle various operations involved in working with functions.

call_user_func_array (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Call a user function given with an array of parameters

mixed **call_user_func_array** (string *function_name* [, array *paramarr*])

Call a user defined function given by *function_name*, with the parameters in *paramarr*. For example:

```
function debug($var, $val)
{
    echo "****DEBUGGING\nVARIABLE: $var\nVALUE:";
    if (is_array($val) || is_object($val) || is_resource($val))
        print_r($val);
    else
        echo "\n$val\n";
    echo "****\n";
}

$c = mysql_connect();
$host = $HTTP_SERVER_VARS["SERVER_NAME"];

call_user_func_array ('debug', array("host", $host));
call_user_func_array ('debug', array("c", $c));
call_user_func_array ('debug', array("HTTP_POST_VARS", $HTTP_POST_VARS));
```

See also: `call_user_func()`, `call_user_method()`, `call_user_method_array()`.

Note: This function was added to the CVS code after release of PHP 4.0.4pl1

call_user_func (PHP 3 >= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Call a user function given by the first parameter

mixed **call_user_func** (string *function_name* [, mixed *parameter* [, mixed ...]])

Call a user defined function given by the *function_name* parameter. Take the following:

```
function barber ($type) {
    print "You wanted a $type haircut, no problem";
}
call_user_func ('barber', "mushroom");
call_user_func ('barber', "shave");
```

See also: `call_user_func_array()`, `call_user_method()`, `call_user_method_array()`.

create_function (PHP 4)

Create an anonymous (lambda-style) function

```
string create_function (string args, string code)
```

Creates an anonymous function from the parameters passed, and returns a unique name for it. Usually the *args* will be passed as a single quote delimited string, and this is also recommended for the *code*. The reason for using single quoted strings, is to protect the variable names from parsing, otherwise, if you use double quotes there will be a need to escape the variable names, e.g. `\$avar`.

You can use this function, to (for example) create a function from information gathered at run time:

Example 1. Creating an anonymous function with `create_function()`

```
$newfunc = create_function('$a,$b','return "ln($a) + ln($b) = ".log($a * $b);');
echo "New anonymous function: $newfunc\n";
echo $newfunc(2,M_E)."\n";
// outputs
// New anonymous function: lambda_1
// ln(2) + ln(2.718281828459) = 1.6931471805599
```

Or, perhaps to have general handler function that can apply a set of operations to a list of parameters:

Example 2. Making a general processing function with `create_function()`

```
function process($var1, $var2, $farr) {
    for ($f=0; $f < count($farr); $f++)
        echo $farr[$f]($var1,$var2)."\n";
}
```

```
// create a bunch of math functions
$f1 = 'if ($a >=0) {return "b*a^2 = ".$b*sqrt($a);} else {return false;}}';
$f2 = "return \"min(b^2+a, a^2,b) = \".min(\"$a*\"$a+\"$b,\"$b*\"$b+\"$a)\";";
$f3 = 'if ($a > 0 && $b != 0) {return "ln(a)/b = ".log($a)/$b;} else {return false;}}';
$farr = array(
    create_function('$x,$y', 'return "some trig: ".(sin($x) + $x*cos($y));'),
    create_function('$x,$y', 'return "a hypotenuse: ".sqrt($x*$x + $y*$y);'),
    create_function('$a,$b', $f1),
    create_function('$a,$b', $f2),
    create_function('$a,$b', $f3)
);

echo "\nUsing the first array of anonymous functions\n";
echo "parameters: 2.3445, M_PI\n";
process(2.3445, M_PI, $farr);

// now make a bunch of string processing functions
$garr = array(
    create_function('$b,$a', 'if (strncmp($a,$b,3) == 0) return "*** \"$a\" ' .
        'and \"$b\"\\n** Look the same to me! (looking at the first 3 chars)";'),
    create_function('$a,$b', 'return "CRCs: ".crc32($a)." , ".crc32($b);'),
    create_function('$a,$b', 'return "similar(a,b) = ".similar_text($a,$b,&$p).("$p%)"');
);
echo "\nUsing the second array of anonymous functions\n";
process("Twas brillling and the slithy toves", "Twas the night", $garr);
```

and when you run the code above, the output will be:

```
Using the first array of anonymous functions
parameters: 2.3445, M_PI
some trig: -1.6291725057799
a hypotenuse: 3.9199852871011
b*a^2 = 4.8103313314525
min(b^2+a, a^2,b) = 8.6382729035898
ln(a/b) = 0.27122299212594
```

```
Using the second array of anonymous functions
** "Twas the night" and "Twas brillling and the slithy toves"
** Look the same to me! (looking at the first 3 chars)
CRCs: -725381282 , 1908338681
similar(a,b) = 11(45.833333333333%)
```

But perhaps the most common use for of lambda-style (anonymous) functions is to create callback functions, for example when using `array_walk()` or `usort()`

Example 3. Using anonymous functions as callback functions

```

$av = array("the ", "a ", "that ", "this ");
array_walk($av, create_function('&$v,$k','$v = $v."mango";'));
print_r($av); // for PHP 3 use var_dump()
// outputs:
// Array
// (
//     [0] => the mango
//     [1] => a mango
//     [2] => that mango
//     [3] => this mango
// )

// an array of strings ordered from shorter to longer
$sv = array("small", "larger", "a big string", "it is a string thing");
print_r($sv);
// outputs:
// Array
// (
//     [0] => small
//     [1] => larger
//     [2] => a big string
//     [3] => it is a string thing
// )

// sort it from longer to shorter
usort($sv, create_function('$a,$b','return strlen($b) - strlen($a);'));
print_r($sv);
// outputs:
// Array
// (
//     [0] => it is a string thing
//     [1] => a big string
//     [2] => larger
//     [3] => small
// )

```

func_get_arg (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return an item from the argument list

mixed **func_get_arg** (int *arg_num*)

Returns the argument which is at the *arg_num*'th offset into a user-defined function's argument list. Function arguments are counted starting from zero. **func_get_arg()** will generate a warning if called from outside of a function definition.

If *arg_num* is greater than the number of arguments actually passed, a warning will be generated and **func_get_arg()** will return FALSE.

```
<?php
function foo() {
    $numargs = func_num_args();
    echo "Number of arguments: $numargs<br>\n";
    if ($numargs >= 2) {
        echo "Second argument is: " . func_get_arg (1) . "<br>\n";
    }
}

foo (1, 2, 3);
?>
```

func_get_arg() may be used in conjunction with **func_num_args()** and **func_get_args()** to allow user-defined functions to accept variable-length argument lists.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.

func_get_args (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns an array comprising a function's argument list

array **func_get_args** ()

Returns an array in which each element is the corresponding member of the current user-defined function's argument list. **func_get_args()** will generate a warning if called from outside of a function definition.

```
<?php
function foo() {
    $numargs = func_num_args();
```

```

    echo "Number of arguments: $numargs<br>\n";
    if ($numargs >= 2) {
        echo "Second argument is: " . func_get_arg (1) . "<br>\n";
    }
    $arg_list = func_get_args();
    for ($i = 0; $i < $numargs; $i++) {
        echo "Argument $i is: " . $arg_list[$i] . "<br>\n";
    }
}

foo (1, 2, 3);
?>

```

func_get_args() may be used in conjunction with **func_num_args()** and **func_get_arg()** to allow user-defined functions to accept variable-length argument lists.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.

func_num_args (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the number of arguments passed to the function

```
int func_num_args ()
```

Returns the number of arguments passed into the current user-defined function. **func_num_args()** will generate a warning if called from outside of a function definition.

```

<?php
function foo() {
    $numargs = func_num_args();
    echo "Number of arguments: $numargs\n";
}

foo (1, 2, 3);    // Prints 'Number of arguments: 3'
?>

```

func_num_args() may be used in conjunction with **func_get_arg()** and **func_get_args()** to allow user-defined functions to accept variable-length argument lists.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.

function_exists (PHP 3 >= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return TRUE if the given function has been defined

bool function_exists (string *function_name*)

Checks the list of defined functions for *function_name*. Returns TRUE if the given function name was found, FALSE otherwise.

```
if (function_exists('imap_open')) {
    echo "IMAP functions are available.<br>\n";
} else {
    echo "IMAP functions are not available.<br>\n";
}
```

Note that a function name may exist, even if the function itself is unusable due to configuration or compiling options.

See also **method_exists()**.

get_defined_functions (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Returns an array of all defined functions

array get_defined_functions ()

This function returns an multidimensional array containing a list of all defined functions, both built-in (internal) and user-defined. The internal functions will be accessible via `$arr["internal"]`, and the user defined ones using `$arr["user"]` (see example below).

```
function myrow($id, $data) {
    return "<tr><th>$id</th><td>$data</td></tr>\n";
}
```



```

}

$arr = get_defined_functions();

print_r($arr);
</programlisting>
</informalexample>
</para>
<para>
    Will output something along the lines of:
</informalexample>
</programlisting>
Array
(
    [internal] => Array
        (
            [0] => zend_version
            [1] => func_num_args
            [2] => func_get_arg
            [3] => func_get_args
            [4] => strlen
            [5] => strcmp
            [6] => strncmp
            ...
            [750] => bcscale
            [751] => bccomp
        )

    [user] => Array
        (
            [0] => myrow
        )
)

```

See also `get_defined_vars()`.

register_shutdown_function (PHP 3 >= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Register a function for execution on shutdown

```
int register_shutdown_function (string func)
```

Registers the function named by *func* to be executed when script processing is complete.

Common Pitfalls:

Since no output is allowed to the browser in this function, you will be unable to debug it using statements such as `print` or `echo`.

register_tick_function (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Register a function for execution on each tick

```
void register_tick_function (string func [, mixed arg...])
```

Registers the function named by *func* to be executed when a tick is called.

unregister_tick_function (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

De-register a function for execution on each tick

```
void unregister_tick_function (string func [, mixed arg...])
```

De-registers the function named by *func* so it is no longer executed when a tick is called.

XXX. Gettext

The gettext functions implement a NLS (Native Language Support) API which can be used to internationalize your PHP applications. Please see the gettext documentation from your system for a thorough explanation of these functions.

bindtextdomain (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the path for a domain

```
string bindtextdomain (string domain, string directory)
```

The **bindtextdomain()** function sets the path for a domain.

dcgettext (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Overrides the domain for a single lookup

```
string dcgettext (string domain, string message, int category)
```

This function allows you to override the current domain for a single message lookup. It also allows you to specify a category.

dgettext (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Override the current domain

```
string dgettext (string domain, string message)
```

The **dgettext()** function allows you to override the current domain for a single message lookup.

gettext (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Lookup a message in the current domain

```
string gettext (string message)
```

This function returns a translated string if one is found in the translation table, or the submitted message if not found. You may use an underscore character as an alias to this function.

Example 1. gettext()-check

```
<?php
// Set language to German
putenv ("LANG=de");

// Specify location of translation tables
bindtextdomain ("myPHPApp", "./locale");

// Choose domain
textdomain ("myPHPApp");

// Print a test message
print (gettext ("Welcome to My PHP Application"));
?>
```

textdomain (PHP 3 >= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the default domain

```
string textdomain (string text_domain)
```

This function sets the domain to search within when calls are made to `gettext()`, usually the named after an application. The previous default domain is returned. Call it with `NULL` as parameter to get the current setting without changing it.

XXXI. GMP functions

These functions allow you to work with arbitrary-length integers using the GNU MP library. In order to have these functions available, you must compile PHP with GMP support by using the `--with-gmp` option.

You can download the GMP library from <http://www.swox.com/gmp/>. This site also has the GMP manual available.

You will need GMP version 2 or better to use these functions. Some functions may require more recent version of the GMP library.

These functions have been added in PHP 4.0.4.

Note: Most GMP functions accept GMP number arguments, defined as resource below. However, most of these functions will also accept numeric and string arguments, given that it is possible to convert the latter to a number. Also, if there is a faster function that can operate on integer arguments, it would be used instead of the slower function when the supplied arguments are integers. This is done transparently, so the bottom line is that you can use integers in every function that expects GMP number. See also the `gmp_init()` function.

Warning

If you want to explicitly specify a large integer, specify it as a string. If you don't do that, PHP will interpret the integer-literal first, possibly resulting in loss of precision, even before GMP comes into play.

Example 1. Factorial function using GMP

```
<?php
function fact ($x) {
    if ($x <= 1)
        return 1;
    else
        return gmp_mul ($x, fact ($x-1));
}

print gmp_strval (fact (1000)) . "\n";
?>
```

This will calculate factorial of 1000 (pretty big number) very fast.

gmp_init (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Create GMP number

resource **gmp_init** (mixed *number*)

Creates a GMP number from an integer or string. String representation can be decimal or hexadecimal. In the latter case, the string should start with 0x.

Example 1. Creating GMP number

```
<?php
    $a = gmp_init (123456);
    $b = gmp_init ("0xFFFFFDEBACDFEDF7200");
?>
```

Note: It is not necessary to call this function if you want to use integer or string in place of GMP number in GMP functions, like `gmp_add()`. Function arguments are automatically converted to GMP numbers, if such conversion is possible and needed, using the same rules as **gmp_init()**.

gmp_intval (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Convert GMP number to integer

int **gmp_intval** (resource *gmpnumber*)

This function allows to convert GMP number to integer.

Warning

This function returns a useful result only if the number actually fits the PHP integer (i.e., signed long type). If you want just to print the GMP number, use `gmp_strval()`.

gmp_strval (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Convert GMP number to string

string **gmp_strval** (resource *gmpnumber* [, int *base*])

Convert GMP number to string representation in base *base*. The default base is 10. Allowed values for the base are from 2 to 36.

Example 1. Converting a GMP number to a string

```
<?php
$a = gmp_init("0x41682179fbf5");
printf ("Decimal: %s, 36-based: %s", gmp_strval($a), gmp_strval($a,36));
?>
```

gmp_add (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Add numbers

resource **gmp_add** (resource *a*, resource *b*)

Add two GMP numbers. The result will be a GMP number representing the sum of the arguments.

gmp_sub (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Subtract numbers

resource **gmp_sub** (resource *a*, resource *b*)

Subtracts *b* from *a* and returns the result.

gmp_mul (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Multiply numbers

resource **gmp_mul** (resource *a*, resource *b*)

Multiplies *a* by *b* and returns the result.

gmp_div_q (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Divide numbers

resource **gmp_div_q** (resource *a*, resource *b* [, int *round*])

Divides *a* by *b* and returns the integer result. The result rounding is defined by the *round*, which can have the following values:

- *GMP_ROUND_ZERO*: The result is truncated towards 0.
- *GMP_ROUND_PLUSINF*: The result is rounded towards +infinity.
- *GMP_ROUND_MINUSINF*: The result is rounded towards -infinity.

This function can also be called as `gmp_div()`.

See also `gmp_div_r()`, `gmp_div_qr()`

gmp_div_r (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Remainder of the division of numbers

resource **gmp_div_r** (resource *n*, resource *d* [, int *round*])

Calculates remainder of the integer division of *n* by *d*. The remainder has the sign of the *n* argument, if not zero.

See the `gmp_div_q()` function for description of the *round* argument.

See also `gmp_div_q()`, `gmp_div_qr()`

gmp_div_qr (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Divide numbers and get quotient and remainder

array **gmp_div_qr** (resource *n*, resource *d* [, int *round*])

The function divides *n* by *d* and returns array, with the first element being $[n/d]$ (the integer result of the division) and the second being $(n - [n/d] * d)$ (the remainder of the division).

See the `gmp_div_q()` function for description of the *round* argument.

Example 1. Division of GMP numbers

```

<?php
    $a = gmp_init ("0x41682179fbf5");
    $res = gmp_div_qr ($a, "0xDEFE75");
    printf("Result is: q - %s, r - %s",
           gmp_strval ($res[0]), gmp_strval ($res[1]));
?>

```

See also `gmp_div_q()`, `gmp_div_r()`.

gmp_div (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Divide numbers

resource **gmp_div** (resource *a*, resource *b*)

This function is an alias to `gmp_div_q()`.

gmp_mod (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Modulo operation

resource **gmp_mod** (resource *n*, resource *d*)

Calculates n modulo d . The result is always non-negative, the sign of d is ignored.

gmp_divexact (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Exact division of numbers

resource **gmp_divexact** (resource n , resource d)

Divides n by d , using fast "exact division" algorithm. This function produces correct results only when it is known in advance that d divides n .

gmp_cmp (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Compare numbers

int **gmp_cmp** (resource a , resource b)

Returns a positive value if $a > b$, zero if $a = b$ and negative value if $a < b$.

gmp_neg (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Negate number

resource **gmp_neg** (resource a)

Returns $-a$.

gmp_abs (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Absolute value

resource **gmp_abs** (resource a)

Returns absolute value of *a*.

gmp_sign (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Sign of number

int **gmp_sign** (resource *a*)

Return sign of *a* - 1 if *a* is positive and -1 if it's negative.

gmp_fact (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Factorial

resource **gmp_fact** (int *a*)

Calculates factorial (*a*!) of *a*.

gmp_sqrt (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Square root

resource **gmp_sqrt** (resource *a*)

Calculates square root of *a*.

gmp_sqrtrm (unknown)

Square root with remainder

array **gmp_sqrtrm** (resource *a*)

Returns array where first element is the integer square root of *a* (see also `gmp_sqrt()`), and the second is the remainder (i.e., the difference between *a* and the first element squared).

gmp_perfect_square (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Perfect square check

```
bool gmp_perfect_square (resource a)
```

Returns TRUE if *a* is a perfect square, FALSE otherwise.

See also: `gmp_sqrt()`, `gmp_sqrtm()`.

gmp_pow (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Raise number into power

```
resource gmp_pow (resource base, int exp)
```

Raise *base* into power *exp*. The case of 0^0 yields 1. *exp* cannot be negative.

gmp_powm (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Raise number into power with modulo

```
resource gmp_powm (resource base, resource exp, resource mod)
```

Calculate (*base* raised into power *exp*) modulo *mod*. If *exp* is negative, result is undefined.

gmp_prob_prime (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Check if number is "probably prime"

```
int gmp_prob_prime (resource a [, int reps])
```

If this function returns 0, *a* is definitely not prime. If it returns 1, then *a* is "probably" prime. If it returns 2, then *a* is surely prime. Reasonable values of *reps* vary from 5 to 10 (default being 10); a higher value lowers the probability for a non-prime to pass as a "probable" prime.

The function uses Miller-Rabin's probabilistic test.

gmp_gcd (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Calculate GCD

```
resource gmp_gcd (resource a, resource b)
```

Calculate greatest common divisor of *a* and *b*. The result is always positive even if either of, or both, input operands are negative.

gmp_gcdext (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Calculate GCD and multipliers

```
array gmp_gcdext (resource a, resource b)
```

Calculates *g*, *s*, and *t*, such that $a*s + b*t = g = \text{gcd}(a, b)$, where *gcd* is the greatest common divisor. Returns an array with respective elements *g*, *s* and *t*.

gmp_invert (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Inverse by modulo

```
resource gmp_invert (resource a, resource b)
```

Computes the inverse of *a* modulo *b*. Returns FALSE if an inverse does not exist.

gmp_legendre (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Legendre symbol

```
int gmp_legendre (resource a, resource p)
```

Compute the Legendre symbol (<http://www.utm.edu/research/primes/glossary/LegendreSymbol.html>) of *a* and *p*. *p* should be odd and must be positive.

gmp_jacobi (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Jacobi symbol

```
int gmp_jacobi (resource a, resource p)
```

Computes Jacobi symbol (<http://www.utm.edu/research/primes/glossary/JacobiSymbol.html>) of *a* and *p*. *p* should be odd and must be positive.

gmp_random (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Random number

```
resource gmp_random (int limiter)
```

Generate a random number. The number will be up to *limiter* words long. If *limiter* is negative, negative numbers are generated.

gmp_and (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Logical AND

```
resource gmp_and (resource a, resource b)
```

Calculates logical AND of two GMP numbers.

gmp_or (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Logical OR

resource **gmp_or** (resource *a*, resource *b*)

Calculates logical inclusive OR of two GMP numbers.

gmp_xor (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Logical XOR

resource **gmp_xor** (resource *a*, resource *b*)

Calculates logical exclusive OR (XOR) of two GMP numbers.

gmp_setbit (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Set bit

resource **gmp_setbit** (resource *&a*, int *index* [, bool *set_clear*])

Sets bit *index* in *a*. *set_clear* defines if the bit is set to 0 or 1. By default the bit is set to 1.

gmp_clrbit (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Clear bit

resource **gmp_clrbit** (resource *&a*, int *index*)

Clears (sets to 0) bit *index* in *a*.

gmp_scan0 (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Scan for 0

```
int gmp_scan0 (resource a, int start)
```

Scans *a*, starting with bit *start*, towards more significant bits, until the first clear bit is found. Returns the index of the found bit.

gmp_scan1 (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Scan for 1

```
int gmp_scan1 (resource a, int start)
```

Scans *a*, starting with bit *start*, towards more significant bits, until the first set bit is found. Returns the index of the found bit.

gmp_popcount (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Population count

```
int gmp_popcount (resource a)
```

Return the population count of *a*.

gmp_hamdist (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Hamming distance

```
int gmp_hamdist (resource a, resource b)
```

Returns the hamming distance between *a* and *b*. Both operands should be non-negative.

XXXII. HTTP functions

These functions let you manipulate the output sent back to the remote browser right down to the HTTP protocol level.

header (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Send a raw HTTP header

```
int header (string string [, bool replace])
```

header() is used to send raw HTTP headers. See the HTTP/1.1 specification (<http://www.w3.org/Protocols/rfc2616/rfc2616>) for more information on HTTP headers.

The optional *replace* parameter indicates whether the header should replace a previous similar header, or add a second header of the same type. By default it will replace, but if you pass in FALSE as the second argument you can force multiple headers of the same type. For example:

```
header('WWW-Authenticate: Negotiate');
header('WWW-Authenticate: NTLM', false);
```

There are two special-case header calls. The first is the "Location" header. Not only does it send this header back to the browser, but it also returns a REDIRECT (302) status code to the browser.

```
header("Location: http://www.php.net/"); /* Redirect browser
                                          to PHP web site */
exit;                                   /* Make sure that code below does
                                          not get executed when we redirect. */
```

Note: HTTP/1.1 requires an absolute URI as argument to Location: (<http://www.w3.org/Protocols/rfc2616/rfc2616-sec14.html#sec14.30>) including the scheme, hostname and absolute path, but some clients accept relative URIs. You can usually use `$HTTP_SERVER_VARS['HTTP_HOST']`, `$HTTP_SERVER_VARS['PHP_SELF']` and `dirname()` to make an absolute URI from a relative one yourself:

```
header("Location: http://".$HTTP_SERVER_VARS['HTTP_HOST']
      ."/".dirname($HTTP_SERVER_VARS['PHP_SELF'])
      ."/".$relative_url);
```

The second special case is any header that starts with the string, "HTTP/" (case is not significant), which will be used to figure out the HTTP status code to send. For example, if you have configured Apache to use a PHP script to handle requests for missing files (using the `ErrorDocument` directive), you may want to make sure that your script generates the proper status code.

```
header("HTTP/1.0 404 Not Found");
```

Note: In PHP 3, this only works when PHP is compiled as an Apache module. You can achieve the same effect using the `Status` header.

```
header("Status: 404 Not Found");
```

PHP scripts often generate dynamic content that must not be cached by the client browser or any proxy caches between the server and the client browser. Many proxies and clients can be forced to disable caching with

```
header("Expires: Mon, 26 Jul 1997 05:00:00 GMT"); // Date in the past
header("Last-Modified: " . gmdate("D, d M Y H:i:s") . " GMT");
// always modified
header("Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache, must-revalidate"); // HTTP/1.1
header("Cache-Control: post-check=0, pre-check=0", false);
header("Pragma: no-cache"); // HTTP/1.0
```

Note: You may find that your pages aren't cached even if you don't output all of the headers above. There are a number of options that users may be able to set for their browser that change its default caching behavior. By sending the headers above, you should override any settings that may otherwise cause the output of your script to be cached.

Additionally, `session_cache_limiter()` and the `session.cache_limiter` configuration setting can be used to automatically generate the correct caching-related headers when sessions are being used.

Remember that **header()** must be called before any actual output is sent, either by normal HTML tags blank lines in a file, or from PHP. It is a very common error to read code with `include()`, or `require()`,

functions, or another file access function, and have spaces or empty lines that are output before **header()** is called. The same problem exists when using a single PHP/HTML file.

```
<?php require("user_logging.inc") ?>
```

```
<?php header ("Content-type: audio/x-pn-realaudio"); ?>
// Broken, Note the blank lines above
```

Note: In PHP 4, you can use output buffering to get around this problem, with the overhead of all of your output to the browser being buffered in the server until you send it. You can do this by calling `ob_start()` and `ob_end_flush()` in your script, or setting the `output_buffering` configuration directive on in your `php.ini` or server configuration files.

If you want the user to be prompted to save the data you are sending, such as a generated PDF file, you can use the Content-Disposition (<http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2183.txt>) header to supply a recommended filename and force the browser to display the save dialog.

```
<?php
header("Content-type: application/pdf");
header("Content-Disposition: attachment; filename=downloaded.pdf");

/* ... output pdf file ... */
```

Note: There is a bug in Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.01 that prevents this from working. There is no workaround. There is also a bug in Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.5 that interferes with this, which can be resolved by upgrading to Service Pack 2 or later.

See also `headers_sent()`, `setcookie()`, and the section on HTTP authentication.

headers_sent (PHP 3 >= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns TRUE if headers have been sent

```
bool headers_sent ( )
```

This function returns TRUE if the HTTP headers have already been sent, FALSE otherwise.

See also `header()`

setcookie (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Send a cookie

```
int setcookie (string name [, string value [, int expire [, string path [,
string domain [, int secure]]]]])
```

setcookie() defines a cookie to be sent along with the rest of the header information. Cookies must be sent *before* any other headers are sent (this is a restriction of cookies, not PHP). This requires you to place calls to this function before any `<html>` or `<head>` tags.

All the arguments except the *name* argument are optional. If only the name argument is present, the cookie by that name will be deleted from the remote client. You may also replace any argument with an empty string (""), in order to skip that argument. The *expire* and *secure* arguments are integers and cannot be skipped with an empty string. Use a zero (0) instead. The *expire* argument is a regular Unix time integer as returned by the `time()` or `mktime()` functions. The *secure* indicates that the cookie should only be transmitted over a secure HTTPS connection.

Common Pitfalls:

- Cookies will not become visible until the next loading of a page that the cookie should be visible for.
- Cookies must be deleted with the same parameters as they were set with.

In PHP 3, multiple calls to **setcookie()** in the same script will be performed in reverse order. If you are trying to delete one cookie before inserting another you should put the insert before the delete. In PHP 4, multiple calls to **setcookie()** are performed in the order called.

Some examples follow how to send cookies:

Example 1. setcookie() send examples

```
setcookie ("TestCookie", "Test Value");
setcookie ("TestCookie", $value,time()+3600); /* expire in 1 hour */
setcookie ("TestCookie", $value,time()+3600, "/~rasmus/", ".utoronto.ca", 1);
```

Examples follow how to delete cookies send in previous example:

Example 2. setcookie() delete examples

```
setcookie ("TestCookie");
// set the expiration date to one hour ago
setcookie ("TestCookie", "", time() - 3600);
setcookie ("TestCookie", "", time() - 3600, "/~rasmus/", ".utoronto.ca", 1);
```

When deleting a cookie you should assure that the expiration date is in the past, to trigger the removal mechanism in your browser.

Note that the value portion of the cookie will automatically be urlencoded when you send the cookie, and when it is received, it is automatically decoded and assigned to a variable by the same name as the cookie name. To see the contents of our test cookie in a script, simply use one of the following examples:

```
echo $TestCookie;
echo $HTTP_COOKIE_VARS["TestCookie"];
```

You may also set array cookies by using array notation in the cookie name. This has the effect of setting as many cookies as you have array elements, but when the cookie is received by your script, the values are all placed in an array with the cookie's name:

```
setcookie ("cookie[three]", "cookiethree");
setcookie ("cookie[two]", "cookietwo");
setcookie ("cookie[one]", "cookieone");
if (isset ($cookie)) {
    while (list ($name, $value) = each ($cookie)) {
        echo "$name == $value<br>\n";
    }
}
```

For more information on cookies, see Netscape's cookie specification at http://www.netscape.com/newsref/std/cookie_spec.html.

Microsoft Internet Explorer 4 with Service Pack 1 applied does not correctly deal with cookies that have their path parameter set.

Netscape Communicator 4.05 and Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.x appear to handle cookies incorrectly when the path and time are not set.

XXXIII. Hyperwave functions

Introduction

Hyperwave has been developed at IICM (<http://www.iicm.edu/>) in Graz. It started with the name Hyper-G and changed to Hyperwave when it was commercialised (If I remember properly it was in 1996).

Hyperwave is not free software. The current version, 4.1, is available at www.hyperwave.com (<http://www.hyperwave.com/>). A time limited version can be ordered for free (30 days).

Hyperwave is an information system similar to a database (HIS, Hyperwave Information Server). Its focus is the storage and management of documents. A document can be any possible piece of data that may as well be stored in file. Each document is accompanied by its object record. The object record contains meta data for the document. The meta data is a list of attributes which can be extended by the user. Certain attributes are always set by the Hyperwave server, other may be modified by the user. An attribute is a name/value pair of the form name=value. The complete object record contains as many of those pairs as the user likes. The name of an attribute does not have to be unique, e.g. a title may appear several times within an object record. This makes sense if you want to specify a title in several languages. In such a case there is a convention, that each title value is preceded by the two letter language abbreviation followed by a colon, e.g. 'en:Title in English' or 'ge:Titel in deutsch'. Other attributes like a description or keywords are potential candidates. You may also replace the language abbreviation by any other string as long as it separated by colon from the rest of the attribute value.

Each object record has native a string representation with each name/value pair separated by a newline. The Hyperwave extension also knows a second representation which is an associated array with the attribute name being the key. Multilingual attribute values itself form another associated array with the key being the language abbreviation. Actually any multiple attribute forms an associated array with the string left to the colon in the attribute value being the key. (This is not fully implemented. Only the attributes Title, Description and Keyword are treated properly yet.)

Besides the documents, all hyper links contained in a document are stored as object records as well. Hyper links which are in a document will be removed from it and stored as individual objects, when the document is inserted into the database. The object record of the link contains information about where it starts and where it ends. In order to gain the original document you will have to retrieve the plain document without the links and the list of links and reinsert them (The functions `hw_pipedocument()` and `hw_gettext()` do this for you. The advantage of separating links from the document is obvious. Once a document to which a link is pointing to changes its name, the link can easily be modified accordingly. The document containing the link is not affected at all. You may even add a link to a document without modifying the document itself.

Saying that `hw_pipedocument()` and `hw_gettext()` do the link insertion automatically is not as simple as it sounds. Inserting links implies a certain hierarchy of the documents. On a web server this is given by the file system, but Hyperwave has its own hierarchy and names do not reflect the position of an object in that hierarchy. Therefore creation of links first of all requires a mapping from the Hyperwave hierarchy and namespace into a web hierarchy respective web namespace. The fundamental difference between Hyperwave and the web is the clear distinction between names and hierarchy in Hyperwave. The name does not contain any information about the objects position in the hierarchy. In the web the name also contains the information on where the object is located in the hierarchy. This leads to two possible ways

of mapping. Either the Hyperwave hierarchy and name of the Hyperwave object is reflected in the URL or the name only. To make things simple the second approach is used. Hyperwave object with name 'my_object' is mapped to 'http://host/my_object' disregarding where it resides in the Hyperwave hierarchy. An object with name 'parent/my_object' could be the child of 'my_object' in the Hyperwave hierarchy, though in a web namespace it appears to be just the opposite and the user might get confused. This can only be prevented by selecting reasonable object names.

Having made this decision a second problem arises. How do you involve PHP? The URL `http://host/my_object` will not call any PHP script unless you tell your web server to rewrite it to e.g. `'http://host/php3_script/my_object'` and the script `'php3_script'` evaluates the `$PATH_INFO` variable and retrieves the object with name 'my_object' from the Hyperwave server. There is just one little drawback which can be fixed easily. Rewriting any URL would not allow any access to other document on the web server. A PHP script for searching in the Hyperwave server would be impossible. Therefore you will need at least a second rewriting rule to exclude certain URLs like all e.g. starting with `http://host/Hyperwave`. This is basically sharing of a namespace by the web and Hyperwave server.

Based on the above mechanism links are insert into documents.

It gets more complicated if PHP is not run as a server module or CGI script but as a standalone application e.g. to dump the content of the Hyperwave server on a CD-ROM. In such a case it makes sense to retain the Hyperwave hierarchy and map in onto the file system. This conflicts with the object names if they reflect its own hierarchy (e.g. by choosing names including '/'). Therefore '/' has to be replaced by another character, e.g. '_' to be continued.

The network protocol to communicate with the Hyperwave server is called HG-CSP (<http://www.hyperwave.com/7.17-hg-prot>) (Hyper-G Client/Server Protocol). It is based on messages to initiate certain actions, e.g. get object record. In early versions of the Hyperwave Server two native clients (Harmony, Amadeus) were provided for communication with the server. Those two disappeared when Hyperwave was commercialised. As a replacement a so called wavemaster was provided. The wavemaster is like a protocol converter from HTTP to HG-CSP. The idea is to do all the administration of the database and visualisation of documents by a web interface. The wavemaster implements a set of placeholders for certain actions to customise the interface. This set of placeholders is called the PLACE Language. PLACE lacks a lot of features of a real programming language and any extension to it only enlarges the list of placeholders. This has led to the use of JavaScript which IMO does not make life easier.

Adding Hyperwave support to PHP should fill in the gap of a missing programming language for interface customisation. It implements all the messages as defined by the HG-CSP but also provides more powerful commands to e.g. retrieve complete documents.

Hyperwave has its own terminology to name certain pieces of information. This has widely been taken over and extended. Almost all functions operate on one of the following data types.

- object ID: An unique integer value for each object in the Hyperwave server. It is also one of the attributes of the object record (ObjectID). Object ids are often used as an input parameter to specify an object.
- object record: A string with attribute-value pairs of the form `attribute=value`. The pairs are separated by a carriage return from each other. An object record can easily be converted into an object array with `hw_object2array()`. Several functions return object records. The names of those functions end with `obj`.
- object array: An associated array with all attributes of an object. The key is the attribute name. If an

attribute occurs more than once in an object record it will result in another indexed or associated array. Attributes which are language depended (like the title, keyword, description) will form an associated array with the key set to the language abbreviation. All other multiple attributes will form an indexed array. PHP functions never return object arrays.

- `hw_document`: This is a complete new data type which holds the actual document, e.g. HTML, PDF etc. It is somewhat optimised for HTML documents but may be used for any format.

Several functions which return an array of object records do also return an associated array with statistical information about them. The array is the last element of the object record array. The statistical array contains the following entries:

Hidden

Number of object records with attribute `PresentationHints` set to `Hidden`.

CollectionHead

Number of object records with attribute `PresentationHints` set to `CollectionHead`.

FullCollectionHead

Number of object records with attribute `PresentationHints` set to `FullCollectionHead`.

CollectionHeadNr

Index in array of object records with attribute `PresentationHints` set to `CollectionHead`.

FullCollectionHeadNr

Index in array of object records with attribute `PresentationHints` set to `FullCollectionHead`.

Total

Total: Number of object records.

Integration with Apache

The Hyperwave extension is best used when PHP is compiled as an Apache module. In such a case the underlying Hyperwave server can be hidden from users almost completely if Apache uses its rewriting engine. The following instructions will explain this.

Since PHP with Hyperwave support built into Apache is intended to replace the native Hyperwave solution based on Wavemaster I will assume that the Apache server will only serve as a Hyperwave web interface. This is not necessary but it simplifies the configuration. The concept is quite simple. First of all you need a PHP script which evaluates the `PATH_INFO` variable and treats its value as the name of a Hyperwave object. Let's call this script '`Hyperwave`'. The URL `http://your.hostname/Hyperwave/name_of_object` would then return the Hyperwave object with the name '`name_of_object`'. Depending on the type of the object the script has to react accordingly. If it is a collection, it will probably return a list of children. If it is a document it will return the mime type and the

content. A slight improvement can be achieved if the Apache rewriting engine is used. From the users point of view it would be more straight forward if the URL `http://your.hostname/name_of_object` would return the object. The rewriting rule is quite easy:

```
RewriteRule ^/(.*) /usr/local/apache/htdocs/HyperWave/$1 [L]
```

Now every URL relates to an object in the Hyperwave server. This causes a simple to solve problem. There is no way to execute a different script, e.g. for searching, than the 'Hyperwave' script. This can be fixed with another rewriting rule like the following:

```
RewriteRule ^/hw/(.*) /usr/local/apache/htdocs/hw/$1 [L]
```

This will reserve the directory `/usr/local/apache/htdocs/hw` for additional scripts and other files. Just make sure this rule is evaluated before the one above. There is just a little drawback: all Hyperwave objects whose name starts with 'hw/' will be shadowed. So, make sure you don't use such names. If you need more directories, e.g. for images just add more rules or place them all in one directory. Finally, don't forget to turn on the rewriting engine with

```
RewriteEngine on
```

My experiences have shown that you will need the following scripts:

- to return the object itself
- to allow searching
- to identify yourself
- to set your profile
- one for each additional function like to show the object attributes, to show information about users, to

show the status of the server, etc.

Todo

There are still some things todo:

- The `hw_InsertDocument` has to be split into `hw_insertobject()` and **`hw_putdocument()`**.
- The names of several functions are not fixed, yet.
- Most functions require the current connection as its first parameter. This leads to a lot of typing, which is quite often not necessary if there is just one open connection. A default connection will improve this.
- Conversion from object record into object array needs to handle any multiple attribute.

hw_Array2Objrec (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

convert attributes from object array to object record

```
string hw_array2objrec (array object_array)
```

Converts an *object_array* into an object record. Multiple attributes like 'Title' in different languages are treated properly.

See also hw_objrec2array().

hw_Children (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

object ids of children

```
array hw_children (int connection, int objectID)
```

Returns an array of object ids. Each id belongs to a child of the collection with ID *objectID*. The array contains all children both documents and collections.

hw_ChildrenObj (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

object records of children

```
array hw_childrenobj (int connection, int objectID)
```

Returns an array of object records. Each object record belongs to a child of the collection with ID *objectID*. The array contains all children both documents and collections.

hw_Close (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

closes the Hyperwave connection

```
int hw_close (int connection)
```

Returns FALSE if connection is not a valid connection index, otherwise TRUE. Closes down the connection to a Hyperwave server with the given connection index.

hw_Connect (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

opens a connection

```
int hw_connect (string host, int port, string username, string password)
```

Opens a connection to a Hyperwave server and returns a connection index on success, or FALSE if the connection could not be made. Each of the arguments should be a quoted string, except for the port number. The *username* and *password* arguments are optional and can be left out. In such a case no identification with the server will be done. It is similar to identify as user anonymous. This function returns a connection index that is needed by other Hyperwave functions. You can have multiple connections open at once. Keep in mind, that the password is not encrypted.

See also hw_pconnect().

hw_Cp (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

copies objects

```
int hw_cp (int connection, array object_id_array, int destination id)
```

Copies the objects with object ids as specified in the second parameter to the collection with the id *destination id*.

The value return is the number of copied objects.

See also hw_mv().

hw_Deleteobject (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

deletes object

```
int hw_deleteobject (int connection, int object_to_delete)
```

Deletes the object with the given object id in the second parameter. It will delete all instances of the object.

Returns TRUE if no error occurs otherwise FALSE.

See also `hw_mv()`.

hw_DocByAnchor (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

object id object belonging to anchor

```
int hw_docbyanchor (int connection, int anchorID)
```

Returns an th object id of the document to which *anchorID* belongs.

hw_DocByAnchorObj (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

object record object belonging to anchor

```
string hw_docbyanchorobj (int connection, int anchorID)
```

Returns an th object record of the document to which *anchorID* belongs.

hw_Document_Attributes (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

object record of hw_document

```
string hw_document_attributes (int hw_document)
```

Returns the object record of the document.

For backward compatibility, **hw_documentattributes()** is also accepted. This is deprecated, however.

See also `hw_document_bodytag()`, and `hw_document_size()`.

hw_Document_BodyTag (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

body tag of hw_document

```
string hw_document_bodytag (int hw_document)
```

Returns the BODY tag of the document. If the document is an HTML document the BODY tag should be printed before the document.

See also `hw_document_attributes()`, and `hw_document_size()`.

For backward compatibility, **hw_documentbodytag()** is also accepted. This is deprecated, however.

hw_Document_Content (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

returns content of hw_document

```
string hw_document_content (int hw_document)
```

Returns the content of the document. If the document is an HTML document the content is everything after the BODY tag. Information from the HEAD and BODY tag is in the stored in the object record.

See also `hw_document_attributes()`, `hw_document_size()`, and `hw_document_setcontent()`.

hw_Document_SetContent (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

sets/replaces content of hw_document

```
string hw_document_setcontent (int hw_document, string content)
```

Sets or replaces the content of the document. If the document is an HTML document the content is everything after the BODY tag. Information from the HEAD and BODY tag is in the stored in the object record. If you provide this information in the content of the document too, the Hyperwave server will change the object record accordingly when the document is inserted. Probably not a very good idea. If this functions fails the document will retain its old content.

See also `hw_document_attributes()`, `hw_document_size()`, and `hw_document_content()`.

hw__Document_Size (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

size of hw_document

```
int hw_document_size (int hw_document)
```

Returns the size in bytes of the document.

See also hw_document_bodytag(), and hw_document_attributes().

For backward compatibility, **hw_documentsize()** is also accepted. This is deprecated, however.

hw__ErrorMsg (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

returns error message

```
string hw_errormsg (int connection)
```

Returns a string containing the last error message or 'No Error'. If FALSE is returned, this function failed. The message relates to the last command.

hw__EditText (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

retrieve text document

```
int hw_edittest (int connection, int hw_document)
```

Uploads the text document to the server. The object record of the document may not be modified while the document is edited. This function will only work for pure text documents. It will not open a special data connection and therefore blocks the control connection during the transfer.

See also hw_pipedocument(), **hw_freedocument()**, hw_document_bodytag(), hw_document_size(), hw_output_document(), hw_gettext().

hw__Error (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

error number

```
int hw_error (int connection)
```

Returns the last error number. If the return value is 0 no error has occurred. The error relates to the last command.

hw_Free_Document (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

frees *hw_document*

```
int hw_free_document (int hw_document)
```

Frees the memory occupied by the Hyperwave document.

hw_GetParents (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

object ids of parents

```
array hw_getparents (int connection, int objectID)
```

Returns an indexed array of object ids. Each object id belongs to a parent of the object with ID *objectID*.

hw_GetParentsObj (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

object records of parents

```
array hw_getparentsobj (int connection, int objectID)
```

Returns an indexed array of object records plus an associated array with statistical information about the object records. The associated array is the last entry of the returned array. Each object record belongs to a parent of the object with ID *objectID*.

hw_GetChildColl (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

object ids of child collections

```
array hw_getchildcoll (int connection, int objectID)
```

Returns an array of object ids. Each object ID belongs to a child collection of the collection with ID *objectID*. The function will not return child documents.

See also `hw_children()`, and `hw_getchilddoccoll()`.

hw_GetChildCollObj (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

object records of child collections

```
array hw_getchildcollobj (int connection, int objectID)
```

Returns an array of object records. Each object records belongs to a child collection of the collection with ID *objectID*. The function will not return child documents.

See also `hw_childrenobj()`, and `hw_getchilddoccollobj()`.

hw_GetRemote (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets a remote document

```
int hw_getremote (int connection, int objectID)
```

Returns a remote document. Remote documents in Hyperwave notation are documents retrieved from an external source. Common remote documents are for example external web pages or queries in a database. In order to be able to access external sources through remote documents Hyperwave introduces the HGI (Hyperwave Gateway Interface) which is similar to the CGI. Currently, only ftp, http-servers and some databases can be accessed by the HGI. Calling **hw_getremote()** returns the document from the external source. If you want to use this function you should be very familiar with HGIs. You should also consider to use PHP instead of Hyperwave to access external sources. Adding database support by a Hyperwave gateway should be more difficult than doing it in PHP.

See also `hw_getremotechildren()`.

hw_GetRemoteChildren (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets children of remote document

```
int hw_getremotechildren (int connection, string object record)
```

Returns the children of a remote document. Children of a remote document are remote documents itself. This makes sense if a database query has to be narrowed and is explained in Hyperwave Programmers' Guide. If the number of children is 1 the function will return the document itself formatted by the Hyperwave Gateway Interface (HGI). If the number of children is greater than 1 it will return an array of object record with each maybe the input value for another call to **hw_getremotechildren()**. Those object records are virtual and do not exist in the Hyperwave server, therefore they do not have a valid object ID. How exactly such an object record looks like is up to the HGI. If you want to use this function you should be very familiar with HGIs. You should also consider to use PHP instead of Hyperwave to access external sources. Adding database support by a Hyperwave gateway should be more difficult than doing it in PHP.

See also `hw_getremote()`.

hw_GetSrcByDestObj (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns anchors pointing at object

```
array hw_getsrcbydestobj (int connection, int objectID)
```

Returns the object records of all anchors pointing to the object with ID *objectID*. The object can either be a document or an anchor of type destination.

See also `hw_getanchors()`.

hw_GetObject (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

object record

```
array hw_getobject (int connection, [int|array] objectID, string query)
```

Returns the object record for the object with ID *objectID* if the second parameter is an integer. If the second parameter is an array of integer the function will return an array of object records. In such a case the last parameter is also evaluated which is a query string.

The query string has the following syntax:

```
<expr> ::= "(" <expr> ")" |
"!<expr> | /* NOT */
<expr> "||" <expr> | /* OR */
<expr> "&&" <expr> | /* AND */
<attribute> <operator> <value>
<attribute> ::= /* any attribute name (Title, Author, DocumentType ...) */
<operator> ::= "=" | /* equal */
"<" | /* less than (string compare) */
">" | /* greater than (string compare) */
"~" /* regular expression matching */
```

The query allows to further select certain objects from the list of given objects. Unlike the other query functions, this query may use not indexed attributes. How many object records are returned depends on the query and if access to the object is allowed.

See also `hw_getandlock()`, and `hw_getobjectbyquery()`.

hw_GetAndLock (PHP 3 >= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

return bject record and lock object

```
string hw_getandlock (int connection, int objectID)
```

Returns the object record for the object with ID *objectID*. It will also lock the object, so other users cannot access it until it is unlocked.

See also `hw_unlock()`, and `hw_getobject()`.

hw_GetText (PHP 3 >= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

retrieve text document

```
int hw_gettext (int connection, int objectID, mixed [rootID/prefix])
```

Returns the document with object ID *objectID*. If the document has anchors which can be inserted, they will be inserted already. The optional parameter *rootID/prefix* can be a string or an integer. If it is an integer it determines how links are inserted into the document. The default is 0 and will result in

links that are constructed from the name of the link's destination object. This is useful for web applications. If a link points to an object with name 'internet_movie' the HTML link will be . The actual location of the source and destination object in the document hierarchy is disregarded. You will have to set up your web browser, to rewrite that URL to for example '/my_script.php3/internet_movie'. 'my_script.php3' will have to evaluate \$PATH_INFO and retrieve the document. All links will have the prefix '/my_script.php3/'. If you do not want this you can set the optional parameter *rootID/prefix* to any prefix which is used instead. In this case it has to be a string.

If *rootID/prefix* is an integer and unequal to 0 the link is constructed from all the names starting at the object with the id *rootID/prefix* separated by a slash relative to the current object. If for example the above document 'internet_movie' is located at 'a-b-c-internet_movie' with '-' being the separator between hierarchy levels on the Hyperwave server and the source document is located at 'a-b-d-source' the resulting HTML link would be: . This is useful if you want to download the whole server content onto disk and map the document hierarchy onto the file system.

This function will only work for pure text documents. It will not open a special data connection and therefore blocks the control connection during the transfer.

See also `hw_pipedocument()`, `hw_freedocument()`, `hw_document_bodytag()`, `hw_document_size()`, and `hw_output_document()`.

hw_GetObjectByQuery (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

search object

```
array hw_getobjectbyquery (int connection, string query, int max_hits)
```

Searches for objects on the whole server and returns an array of object ids. The maximum number of matches is limited to *max_hits*. If *max_hits* is set to -1 the maximum number of matches is unlimited.

The query will only work with indexed attributes.

See also `hw_getobjectbyqueryobj()`.

hw_GetObjectByQueryObj (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

search object

```
array hw_getobjectbyqueryobj (int connection, string query, int max_hits)
```

Searches for objects on the whole server and returns an array of object records. The maximum number of matches is limited to *max_hits*. If *max_hits* is set to -1 the maximum number of matches is unlimited.

The query will only work with indexed attributes.

See also `hw_getobjectbyquery()`.

hw_GetObjectByQueryColl (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

search object in collection

```
array hw_getobjectbyquerycoll (int connection, int objectID, string query,
int max_hits)
```

Searches for objects in collection with ID *objectID* and returns an array of object ids. The maximum number of matches is limited to *max_hits*. If *max_hits* is set to -1 the maximum number of matches is unlimited.

The query will only work with indexed attributes.

See also `hw_getobjectbyquerycollobj()`.

hw_GetObjectByQueryCollObj (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

search object in collection

```
array hw_getobjectbyquerycollobj (int connection, int objectID, string query,
int max_hits)
```

Searches for objects in collection with ID *objectID* and returns an array of object records. The maximum number of matches is limited to *max_hits*. If *max_hits* is set to -1 the maximum number of matches is unlimited.

The query will only work with indexed attributes.

See also `hw_getobjectbyquerycoll()`.

hw_GetChildDocColl (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

object ids of child documents of collection

array **hw_getchilddoccoll** (int *connection*, int *objectID*)

Returns array of object ids for child documents of a collection.

See also `hw_children()`, and `hw_getchildcoll()`.

hw_GetChildDocCollObj (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

object records of child documents of collection

array **hw_getchilddoccollobj** (int *connection*, int *objectID*)

Returns an array of object records for child documents of a collection.

See also `hw_childrenobj()`, and `hw_getchildcollobj()`.

hw_GetAnchors (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

object ids of anchors of document

array **hw_getanchors** (int *connection*, int *objectID*)

Returns an array of object ids with anchors of the document with object ID *objectID*.

hw_GetAnchorsObj (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

object records of anchors of document

array **hw_getanchorsobj** (int *connection*, int *objectID*)

Returns an array of object records with anchors of the document with object ID *objectID*.

hw_Mv (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

moves objects

```
int hw_mv (int connection, array object_id_array, int source_id, int
destination_id)
```

Moves the objects with object ids as specified in the second parameter from the collection with id *source_id* to the collection with the id *destination_id*. If the destination id is 0 the objects will be unlinked from the source collection. If this is the last instance of that object it will be deleted. If you want to delete all instances at once, use `hw_deleteobject()`.

The value return is the number of moved objects.

See also `hw_cp()`, and `hw_deleteobject()`.

hw_Identify (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

identifies as user

```
int hw_identify (string username, string password)
```

Identifies as user with *username* and *password*. Identification is only valid for the current session. I do not think this function will be needed very often. In most cases it will be easier to identify with the opening of the connection.

See also `hw_connect()`.

hw_InCollections (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

check if object ids in collections

```
array hw_incollections (int connection, array object_id_array, array
collection_id_array, int return_collections)
```

Checks whether a set of objects (documents or collections) specified by the *object_id_array* is part of the collections listed in *collection_id_array*. When the fourth parameter *return_collections* is 0, the subset of object ids that is part of the collections (i.e., the documents or collections that are children of one or more collections of collection ids or their subcollections, recursively) is returned as an array. When the fourth parameter is 1, however, the set of collections that

have one or more objects of this subset as children are returned as an array. This option allows a client to, e.g., highlight the part of the collection hierarchy that contains the matches of a previous query, in a graphical overview.

hw_Info (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

info about connection

```
string hw_info (int connection)
```

Returns information about the current connection. The returned string has the following format: <Serverstring>, <Host>, <Port>, <Username>, <Port of Client>, <Byte swapping>

hw_Inscoll (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

insert collection

```
int hw_inscoll (int connection, int objectID, array object_array)
```

Inserts a new collection with attributes as in *object_array* into collection with object ID *objectID*.

hw_InsDoc (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

insert document

```
int hw_insdoc (int connection, int parentID, string object_record, string text)
```

Inserts a new document with attributes as in *object_record* into collection with object ID *parentID*. This function inserts either an object record only or an object record and a pure ascii text in *text* if *text* is given. If you want to insert a general document of any kind use `hw_insertdocument()` instead.

See also `hw_insertdocument()`, and `hw_inscoll()`.

hw_InsertDocument (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

upload any document

```
int hw_insertdocument (int connection, int parent_id, int hw_document)
```

Uploads a document into the collection with *parent_id*. The document has to be created before with `hw_new_document()`. Make sure that the object record of the new document contains at least the attributes: Type, DocumentType, Title and Name. Possibly you also want to set the MimeType. The function returns the object id of the new document or FALSE.

See also `hw_pipedocument()`.

hw_InsertObject (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

inserts an object record

```
int hw_insertobject (int connection, string object_rec, string parameter)
```

Inserts an object into the server. The object can be any valid hyperwave object. See the HG-CSP documentation for a detailed information on how the parameters have to be.

Note: If you want to insert an Anchor, the attribute Position has always been set either to a start/end value or to 'invisible'. Invisible positions are needed if the annotation has no corresponding link in the annotation text.

See also `hw_pipedocument()`, `hw_insertdocument()`, `hw_insdock()`, and `hw_inscoll()`.

hw_mapid (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Maps global id on virtual local id

```
int hw_mapid (int connection, int server_id, int object_id)
```

Maps a global object id on any hyperwave server, even those you did not connect to with `hw_connect()`, onto a virtual object id. This virtual object id can then be used as any other object id, e.g. to obtain the object record with `hw_getobject()`. The server id is the first part of the global object id (GOid) of the object which is actually the IP number as an integer.

Note: In order to use this function you will have to set the `F_DISTRIBUTED` flag, which can currently only be set at compile time in `hg_comm.c`. It is not set by default. Read the comment at the beginning of `hg_comm.c`

hw_Modifyobject (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

modifies object record

```
int hw_modifyobject (int connection, int object_to_change, array remove,
array add, int mode)
```

This command allows to remove, add, or modify individual attributes of an object record. The object is specified by the Object ID *object_to_change*. The first array *remove* is a list of attributes to remove. The second array *add* is a list of attributes to add. In order to modify an attribute one will have to remove the old one and add a new one. **hw_modifyobject()** will always remove the attributes before it adds attributes unless the value of the attribute to remove is not a string or array.

The last parameter determines if the modification is performed recursively. 1 means recursive modification. If some of the objects cannot be modified they will be skipped without notice. `hw_error()` may not indicate an error though some of the objects could not be modified.

The keys of both arrays are the attributes name. The value of each array element can either be an array, a string or anything else. If it is an array each attribute value is constructed by the key of each element plus a colon and the value of each element. If it is a string it is taken as the attribute value. An empty string will result in a complete removal of that attribute. If the value is neither a string nor an array but something else, e.g. an integer, no operation at all will be performed on the attribute. This is necessary if you want to add a completely new attribute not just a new value for an existing attribute. If the remove array contained an empty string for that attribute, the attribute would be tried to be removed which would fail since it doesn't exist. The following addition of a new value for that attribute would also fail. Setting the value for that attribute to e.g. 0 would not even try to remove it and the addition will work.

If you would like to change the attribute 'Name' with the current value 'books' into 'articles' you will have to create two arrays and call **hw_modifyobject()**.

Example 1. modifying an attribute

```
// $connect is an existing connection to the Hyperwave server
// $objid is the ID of the object to modify
$remarr = array("Name" => "books");
$addarr = array("Name" => "articles");
$hw_modifyobject($connect, $objid, $remarr, $addarr);
```

In order to delete/add a name=value pair from/to the object record just pass the remove/add array and set the last/third parameter to an empty array. If the attribute is the first one with that name to add, set attribute value in the remove array to an integer.

Example 2. adding a completely new attribute

```
// $connect is an existing connection to the Hyperwave server
// $objid is the ID of the object to modify
$remarr = array("Name" => 0);
$addarr = array("Name" => "articles");
$hw_modifyobject($connect, $objid, $remarr, $addarr);
```

Note: Multilingual attributes, e.g. 'Title', can be modified in two ways. Either by providing the attributes value in its native form 'language':'title' or by providing an array with elements for each language as described above. The above example would than be:

Example 3. modifying Title attribute

```
$remarr = array("Title" => "en:Books");
$addarr = array("Title" => "en:Articles");
$hw_modifyobject($connect, $objid, $remarr, $addarr);
```

or

Example 4. modifying Title attribute

```
$remarr = array("Title" => array("en" => "Books"));
$addarr = array("Title" => array("en" => "Articles", "ge"=>"Artikel"));
$hw_modifyobject($connect, $objid, $remarr, $addarr);
```

This removes the english title 'Books' and adds the english title 'Articles' and the german title 'Artikel'.

Example 5. removing attribute

```
$remarr = array("Title" => "");
$addarr = array("Title" => "en:Articles");
```

```
$hw_modifyobject($connect, $objid, $remarr, $addarr);
```

Note: This will remove all attributes with the name 'Title' and adds a new 'Title' attribute. This comes in handy if you want to remove attributes recursively.

Note: If you need to delete all attributes with a certain name you will have to pass an empty string as the attribute value.

Note: Only the attributes 'Title', 'Description' and 'Keyword' will properly handle the language prefix. If those attributes don't carry a language prefix, the prefix 'xx' will be assigned.

Note: The 'Name' attribute is somewhat special. In some cases it cannot be complete removed. You will get an error message 'Change of base attribute' (not clear when this happens). Therefore you will always have to add a new Name first and than remove the old one.

Note: You may not surround this function by calls to `hw_getandlock()` and `hw_unlock()`. `hw_modifyobject()` does this internally.

Returns TRUE if no error occurs otherwise FALSE.

hw_New_Document (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

create new document

```
int hw_new_document (string object_record, string document_data, int
document_size)
```

Returns a new Hyperwave document with document data set to *document_data* and object record set to *object_record*. The length of the *document_data* has to passed in *document_size*. This function does not insert the document into the Hyperwave server.

See also `hw_freedocument()`, `hw_document_size()`, `hw_document_bodytag()`, `hw_output_document()`, and `hw_insertdocument()`.

hw_Objrec2Array (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

convert attributes from object record to object array

```
array hw_objrec2array (string object_record, array [format])
```

Converts an *object_record* into an object array. The keys of the resulting array are the attributes names. Multi-value attributes like 'Title' in different languages form its own array. The keys of this array are the left part to the colon of the attribute value. This left part must be two characters long. Other multi-value attributes without a prefix form an indexed array. If the optional parameter is missing the attributes 'Title', 'Description' and 'Keyword' are treated as language attributes and the attributes 'Group', 'Parent' and 'HtmlAttr' as non-prefixed multi-value attributes. By passing an array holding the type for each attribute you can alter this behaviour. The array is an associated array with the attribute name as its key and the value being one of HW_ATTR_LANG or HW_ATTR_NONE

See also `hw_array2objrec()`.

hw_Output_Document (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

prints hw_document

```
int hw_output_document (int hw_document)
```

Prints the document without the BODY tag.

For backward compatibility, `hw_outputdocument()` is also accepted. This is deprecated, however.

hw_pConnect (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

make a persistent database connection

```
int hw_pconnect (string host, int port, string username, string password)
```

Returns a connection index on success, or FALSE if the connection could not be made. Opens a persistent connection to a Hyperwave server. Each of the arguments should be a quoted string, except for the port number. The *username* and *password* arguments are optional and can be left out. In such a case no identification with the server will be done. It is similar to identify as user anonymous. This function returns a connection index that is needed by other Hyperwave functions. You can have multiple persistent connections open at once.

See also `hw_connect()`.

hw_PipeDocument (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

retrieve any document

```
int hw_pipedocument (int connection, int objectID)
```

Returns the Hyperwave document with object ID *objectID*. If the document has anchors which can be inserted, they will have been inserted already. The document will be transferred via a special data connection which does not block the control connection.

See also `hw_gettext()` for more on link insertion, **hw_freedocument()**, `hw_document_size()`, `hw_document_bodytag()`, and `hw_output_document()`.

hw_Root (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

root object id

```
int hw_root ( )
```

Returns the object ID of the hyperroot collection. Currently this is always 0. The child collection of the hyperroot is the root collection of the connected server.

hw_Unlock (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

unlock object

```
int hw_unlock (int connection, int objectID)
```

Unlocks a document, so other users regain access.

See also `hw_getandlock()`.

hw_Who (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

List of currently logged in users

```
int hw_who (int connection)
```

Returns an array of users currently logged into the Hyperwave server. Each entry in this array is an array itself containing the elements id, name, system, onSinceDate, onSinceTime, TotalTime and self. 'self' is 1 if this entry belongs to the user who initiated the request.

hw_getusername (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

name of currently logged in user

```
string hw_getusername (int connection)
```

Returns the username of the connection.

XXXIV. ICAP Functions

To get these functions to work, you have to compile PHP with `--with-icap`. That requires the icap library to be installed. Grab the latest version from <http://icap.chek.com/> and compile and install it.

icap_open (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Opens up an ICAP connection

```
stream icap_open (string calendar, string username, string password, string options)
```

Returns an ICAP stream on success, FALSE on error.

icap_open() opens up an ICAP connection to the specified *calendar* store. If the optional *options* is specified, passes the *options* to that mailbox also.

icap_close (unknown)

Close an ICAP stream

```
int icap_close (int icap_stream [, int flags])
```

Closes the given icap stream.

icap_fetch_event (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetches an event from the calendar stream/

```
int icap_fetch_event (int stream_id, int event_id [, int options])
```

icap_fetch_event() fetches an event from the calendar stream specified by *event_id*.

Returns an event object consisting of:

- int id - ID of that event.
- int public - TRUE if the event is public, FALSE if it is private.
- string category - Category string of the event.
- string title - Title string of the event.
- string description - Description string of the event.
- int alarm - number of minutes before the event to send an alarm/reminder.
- object start - Object containing a datetime entry.

- object end - Object containing a datetime entry.

All datetime entries consist of an object that contains:

- int year - year
- int month - month
- int mday - day of month
- int hour - hour
- int min - minutes
- int sec - seconds

icap_list_events (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return a list of events between two given datetimes

```
array icap_list_events (int stream_id, int begin_date [, int end_date])
```

Returns an array of event ID's that are between the two given datetimes.

icap_list_events() function takes in a beginning datetime and an end datetime for a calendar stream. An array of event id's that are between the given datetimes are returned.

All datetime entries consist of an object that contains:

- int year - year
- int month - month
- int mday - day of month
- int hour - hour
- int min - minutes
- int sec - seconds

icap_store_event (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Store an event into an ICAP calendar

```
string icap_store_event (int stream_id, object event)
```

icap_store_event() Stores an event into an ICAP calendar. An event object consists of:

- int public - 1 if public, 0 if private;
- string category - Category string of the event.
- string title - Title string of the event.
- string description - Description string of the event.
- int alarm - Number of minutes before the event to send out an alarm.
- datetime start - datetime object of the start of the event.
- datetime end - datetime object of the end of the event.

All datetime entries consist of an object that contains:

- int year - year
- int month - month
- int mday - day of month
- int hour - hour
- int min - minutes
- int sec - seconds

Returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error.

icap_delete_event (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Delete an event from an ICAP calendar

```
string icap_delete_event (int stream_id, int uid)
```

icap_delete_event() deletes the calendar event specified by the *uid*.

Returns TRUE.

icap_snooze (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Snooze an alarm

```
string icap_snooze (int stream_id, int uid)
```

icap_snooze() turns on an alarm for a calendar event specified by the *uid*.

Returns TRUE.

icap_list_alarms (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return a list of events that has an alarm triggered at the given datetime

```
int icap_list_alarms (int stream_id, array date, array time)
```

Returns an array of event ID's that has an alarm going off at the given datetime.

icap_list_alarms() function takes in a datetime for a calendar stream. An array of event id's that has an alarm should be going off at the datetime are returned.

All datetime entries consist of an object that contains:

- int year - year
- int month - month
- int mday - day of month
- int hour - hour
- int min - minutes
- int sec - seconds

XXXV. iconv functions

This module contains an interface to the iconv library functions. To be able to use the functions defined in this module you must compile your PHP interpreter using the `--with-iconv` option. In order to do so, you must have `iconv()` function in standard C library or `libiconv` installed on your system. `libiconv` library is available from <http://clisp.cons.org/~haible/packages-libiconv.html> (<http://clisp.cons.org/~haible/packages-libiconv.html>).

`iconv` library function converts files between various encoded character sets. The supported character sets depend on `iconv()` implementation on your system. Note that `iconv()` function in some system is not work well as you expect. In this case, you should install `libiconv` library.

iconv (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Convert string to requested character encoding

string **iconv** (string *in_charset*, string *out_charset*, string *str*)

It converts the string *string* encoded in *in_charset* to the string encoded in *out_charset*. It returns the converted string or FALSE, if it fails.

Example 1. iconv() example:

```
echo iconv("ISO-8859-1","UTF-8","This is test.");
```

iconv_get_encoding (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Get current setting for character encoding conversion

array **iconv_get_encoding** ([string *type*])

It returns the current settings of ob_iconv_handler() as array or FALSE in failure.

See also: iconv_set_encoding() and ob_iconv_handler().

iconv_set_encoding (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Set current setting for character encoding conversion

array **iconv_set_encoding** (string *type*, string *charset*)

It changes the value of *type* to *charset* and returns TRUE in success or FALSE in failure.

Example 1. iconv_set_encoding() example:

```
iconv_set_encoding("internal_encoding", "UTF-8");  
iconv_set_encoding("output_encoding", "ISO-8859-1");
```

See also: `iconv_get_encoding()` and `ob_iconv_handler()`.

ob_iconv_handler (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Convert character encoding as output buffer handler

```
array ob_iconv_handler (string contents, int status)
```

It converts the string encoded in *internal_encoding* to *output_encoding*.

internal_encoding and *output_encoding* should be defined by `iconv_set_encoding()` or in configuration file.

Example 1. ob_iconv_handler() example:

```
ob_start("ob_iconv_handler"); // start output buffering
```

See also: `iconv_get_encoding()` and `iconv_set_encoding()`.

XXXVI. Image functions

You can use the image functions in PHP to get the size of JPEG, GIF, PNG, and SWF images, and if you have the GD library (available at <http://www.boutell.com/gd/>) you will also be able to create and manipulate images.

The format of images you are able to manipulate depend on the version of gd you install, and any other libraries gd might need to access those image formats. Versions of gd older than gd-1.6 support gif format images, and do not support png, where versions greater than gd-1.6 support png, not gif.

In order to read and write images in jpeg format, you will need to obtain and install jpeg-6b (available at <ftp://ftp.uu.net/graphics/jpeg/>), and then recompile gd to make use of jpeg-6b. You will also have to compile PHP with `--with-jpeg-dir=/path/to/jpeg-6b`.

To add support for Type 1 fonts, you can install t1lib (available at <ftp://sunsite.unc.edu/pub/Linux/libs/graphics/>), and then add `--with-t1lib[=dir]`.

GetImageSize (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the size of an image

```
array getimagesize (string filename [, array imageinfo])
```

The **GetImageSize()** function will determine the size of any GIF, JPG, PNG, SWF, PSD or BMP image file and return the dimensions along with the file type and a height/width text string to be used inside a normal HTML IMG tag.

Returns an array with 4 elements. Index 0 contains the width of the image in pixels. Index 1 contains the height. Index 2 a flag indicating the type of the image. 1 = GIF, 2 = JPG, 3 = PNG, 4 = SWF, 5 = PSD, 6 = BMP. Index 3 is a text string with the correct "height=xxx width=xxx" string that can be used directly in an IMG tag.

Example 1. GetImageSize (file)

```
<?php $size = GetImageSize ("img/flag.jpg"); ?>
<IMG SRC="img/flag.jpg" <?php echo $size[3]; ?>
```

Example 2. GetImageSize (URL)

```
<?php $size = GetImageSize ("http://www.php.net/gifs/logo.gif"); ?>
```

With JPG images, two extras index are returned : *channel* and *bits*. *channel* will be 3 for RGB pictures, and 4 for CMYK pictures. *bits* is the number of bits for each color.

If accessing the *filename* image is impossible, or if it isn't a valid picture, **getimagesize()** will return NULL and generate a warning.

The optional *imageinfo* parameter allows you to extract some extended information from the image file. Currently this will return the different JPG APP markers in an associative Array. Some Programs use these APP markers to embedd text information in images. A very common one in to embed IPTC <http://www.iptc.org/> information in the APP13 marker. You can use the *iptcparse()* function to parse the binary APP13 marker into something readable.

Example 3. GetImageSize returning IPTC

```
<?php
    $size = GetImageSize ("testing.jpg",&$info);
    if (isset ($info["APP13"])) {
        $iptc = iptcparse ($info["APP13"]);
        var_dump ($iptc);
    }
?>
```

Note: This function does not require the GD image library.

Note: URL support was added in PHP 4.0.5

Image2WBMP (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Output image to browser or file

```
int image2WBMP (int im [, string filename [, int threshold]])
```

Image2WBMP() creates the WBMP file in filename from the image *im*. The *im* argument is the return from the **ImageCreate()** function.

The filename argument is optional, and if left off, the raw image stream will be output directly. By sending an image/vnd.wap.wbmp content-type using header(), you can create a PHP script that outputs WBMP images directly.

Note: WBMP support is only available in PHP if PHP was compiled against GD-1.8 or later.

See also **ImageWBMP()**.

ImageAlphaBlending (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Set the blending mode for an image

```
int imagealphablending (resource im, bool blendmode)
```

ImageAlphaBlending() allows for two different modes of drawing on truecolor images. In blending mode, the alpha channel component of the color supplied to all drawing function, such as **ImageSetPixel()** determines how much of the underlying color should be allowed to shine through. As a result, gd automatically blends the existing color at that point with the drawing color, and stores the result in the image. The resulting pixel is opaque. In non-blending mode, the drawing color is copied literally with its alpha channel information, replacing the destination pixel. Blending mode is not available when drawing on palette images. If *blendmode* is TRUE, then blending mode is enabled, otherwise disabled.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.6 and requires GD 2.0.1

ImageArc (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draw a partial ellipse

```
int imagearc (int im, int cx, int cy, int w, int h, int s, int e, int col)
```

ImageArc() draws a partial ellipse centered at *cx*, *cy* (top left is 0, 0) in the image represented by *im*. *w* and *h* specifies the ellipse's width and height respectively while the start and end points are specified in degrees indicated by the *s* and *e*. arguments.

ImageFilledArc (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Draw a partial ellipse and fill it

```
int imagefilledarc (int im, int cx, int cy, int w, int h, int s, int e, int col, int style)
```

ImageFilledArc() draws a partial ellipse centered at *cx*, *cy* (top left is 0, 0) in the image represented by *im*. *w* and *h* specifies the ellipse's width and height respectively while the start and end points are

specified in degrees indicated by the *s* and *e* arguments. *style* is a bitwise OR of the following possibilities:

1. IMG_ARC_PIE
2. IMG_ARC_CHORD
3. IMG_ARC_NOFILL
4. IMG_ARC_EDGED

IMG_ARC_PIE and IMG_ARC_CHORD are mutually exclusive; IMG_ARC_CHORD just connects the starting and ending angles with a straight line, while IMG_ARC_PIE produces a rounded edge. IMG_ARC_NOFILL indicates that the arc or chord should be outlined, not filled. IMG_ARC_EDGED, used together with IMG_ARC_NOFILL, indicates that the beginning and ending angles should be connected to the center - this is a good way to outline (rather than fill) a 'pie slice'.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.6 and requires GD 2.0.1

ImageEllipse (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Draw an ellipse

```
int imageellipse (resource im, int cx, int cy, int w, int h, int col)
```

ImageEllipse() draws an ellipse centered at *CX*, *CY* (top left is 0, 0) in the image represented by *im*. *W* and *h* specifies the ellipse's width and height respectively. The color of the ellipse is specified by *color*.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.6 and requires GD 2.0.2 or later

ImageFilledEllipse (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Draw a filled ellipse

```
int imagefilledellipse (resource im, int cx, int cy, int w, int h, int col)
```

ImageFilledEllipse() draws an ellipse centered at *CX*, *CY* (top left is 0, 0) in the image represented by *im*. *W* and *h* specifies the ellipse's width and height respectively. The ellipse is filled using *color*

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.6 and requires GD 2.0.1 or later

ImageChar (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draw a character horizontally

```
int imagechar (int im, int font, int x, int y, string c, int col)
```

ImageChar() draws the first character of *c* in the image identified by *id* with its upper-left at *x,y* (top left is 0, 0) with the color *col*. If *font* is 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, a built-in font is used (with higher numbers corresponding to larger fonts).

See also `imageloadfont()`.

ImageCharUp (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draw a character vertically

```
int imagecharup (int im, int font, int x, int y, string c, int col)
```

ImageCharUp() draws the character *c* vertically in the image identified by *im* at coordinates *x, y* (top left is 0, 0) with the color *col*. If *font* is 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, a built-in font is used.

See also `imageloadfont()`.

ImageColorAllocate (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Allocate a color for an image

```
int imagecolorallocate (int im, int red, int green, int blue)
```

ImageColorAllocate() returns a color identifier representing the color composed of the given RGB components. The *im* argument is the return from the `imagecreate()` function. *Red*, *green* and *blue* are the values of the red, green and blue component of the requested color respectively. These parameters are

integers between 0 and 255. **ImageColorAllocate()** must be called to create each color that is to be used in the image represented by *im*.

```
$white = ImageColorAllocate ($im, 255, 255, 255);  
$black = ImageColorAllocate ($im, 0, 0, 0);
```

ImageColorDeAllocate (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

De-allocate a color for an image

```
int imagecolordeallocate (int im, int index)
```

The **ImageColorDeAllocate()** function de-allocates a color previously allocated with the **ImageColorAllocate()** function.

```
$white = ImageColorAllocate($im, 255, 255, 255);  
ImageColorDeAllocate($im, $white);
```

ImageColorAt (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the index of the color of a pixel

```
int imagecolorat (int im, int x, int y)
```

Returns the index of the color of the pixel at the specified location in the image.

See also `imagecolorset()` and `imagecolorsforindex()`.

ImageColorClosest (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the index of the closest color to the specified color

```
int imagecolorclosest (int im, int red, int green, int blue)
```

Returns the index of the color in the palette of the image which is "closest" to the specified RGB value.

The "distance" between the desired color and each color in the palette is calculated as if the RGB values represented points in three-dimensional space.

See also `imagecolorexact()`.

ImageColorClosestAlpha (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get the index of the closest color to the specified color + alpha

```
int imagecolorclosestalpha (resource im, int red, int green, int blue, int alpha)
```

Returns the index of the color in the palette of the image which is "closest" to the specified RGB value and *alpha* level.

See also `imagecolorexactalpha()`.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.6 and requires GD 2.0.1

ImageColorExact (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the index of the specified color

```
int imagecolorexact (int im, int red, int green, int blue)
```

Returns the index of the specified color in the palette of the image.

If the color does not exist in the image's palette, -1 is returned.

See also `imagecolorclosest()`.

ImageColorExactAlpha (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get the index of the specified color + alpha

```
int imagecolorexactalpha (resource im, int red, int green, int blue, int alpha)
```

Returns the index of the specified color+alpha in the palette of the image.

If the color does not exist in the image's palette, -1 is returned.

See also `imagecolorclosestalpha()`.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.6 and requires GD 2.0.1 or later

ImageColorResolve (PHP 3 >= 3.0.2, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the index of the specified color or its closest possible alternative

```
int imagecolorresolve (int im, int red, int green, int blue)
```

This function is guaranteed to return a color index for a requested color, either the exact color or the closest possible alternative.

See also `imagecolorclosest()`.

ImageColorResolveAlpha (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get the index of the specified color + alpha or its closest possible alternative

```
int imagecolorresolvealpha (resource im, int red, int green, int blue, int alpha)
```

This function is guaranteed to return a color index for a requested color, either the exact color or the closest possible alternative.

See also `imagecolorclosestalpha()`.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.6 and requires GD 2.0.1

ImageGammaCorrect (PHP 3 >= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Apply a gamma correction to a GD image

```
int imagegammacorrect (int im, float inputgamma, float outputgamma)
```

The **ImageGammaCorrect()** function applies gamma correction to a gd image stream (*im*) given an input gamma, the parameter *inputgamma* and an output gamma, the parameter *outputgamma*.

ImageColorSet (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the color for the specified palette index

```
bool imagecolorset (int im, int index, int red, int green, int blue)
```

This sets the specified index in the palette to the specified color. This is useful for creating flood-fill-like effects in paletted images without the overhead of performing the actual flood-fill.

See also `imagecolorat()`.

ImageColorsForIndex (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the colors for an index

```
array imagecolorsforindex (int im, int index)
```

This returns an associative array with red, green, and blue keys that contain the appropriate values for the specified color index.

See also `imagecolorat()` and `imagecolorexact()`.

ImageColorsTotal (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Find out the number of colors in an image's palette

```
int imagecolorstotal (int im)
```

This returns the number of colors in the specified image's palette.

See also `imagecolorat()` and `imagecolorsforindex()`.

ImageColorTransparent (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Define a color as transparent

```
int imagecolortransparent (int im [, int col])
```

ImageColorTransparent() sets the transparent color in the *im* image to *col*. *Im* is the image identifier returned by **ImageCreate()** and *col* is a color identifier returned by **ImageColorAllocate()**.

The identifier of the new (or current, if none is specified) transparent color is returned.

ImageCopy (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Copy part of an image

```
int ImageCopy (resource dst_im, resource src_im, int dst_x, int dst_y, int src_x, int src_y, int src_w, int src_h)
```

Copy a part of *src_im* onto *dst_im* starting at the x,y coordinates *src_x*, *src_y* with a width of *src_w* and a height of *src_h*. The portion defined will be copied onto the x,y coordinates, *dst_x* and *dst_y*.

ImageCopyMerge (PHP 4)

Copy and merge part of an image

```
int ImageCopyMerge (resource dst_im, resource src_im, int dst_x, int dst_y,
int src_x, int src_y, int src_w, int src_h, int pct)
```

Copy a part of *src_im* onto *dst_im* starting at the x,y coordinates *src_x*, *src_y* with a width of *src_w* and a height of *src_h*. The portion defined will be copied onto the x,y coordinates, *dst_x* and *dst_y*. The two images will be merged according to *pct* which can range from 0 to 100. When *pct* = 0, no action is taken, when 100 this function behaves identically to **ImageCopy()**.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.6

ImageCopyMergeGray (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Copy and merge part of an image with gray scale

```
int ImageCopyMergeGray (resource dst_im, resource src_im, int dst_x, int
dst_y, int src_x, int src_y, int src_w, int src_h, int pct)
```

ImageCopyMergeGray() copy a part of *src_im* onto *dst_im* starting at the x,y coordinates *src_x*, *src_y* with a width of *src_w* and a height of *src_h*. The portion defined will be copied onto the x,y coordinates, *dst_x* and *dst_y*. The two images will be merged according to *pct* which can range from 0 to 100. When *pct* = 0, no action is taken, when 100 this function behaves identically to **ImageCopy()**.

This function is identical to **ImageCopyMerge()** except that when merging it preserves the hue of the source by converting the destination pixels to gray scale before the copy operation.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.6

ImageCopyResized (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Copy and resize part of an image

```
int imagecopyresized (resource dst_im, resource src_im, int dstX, int dstY,
int srcX, int srcY, int dstW, int dstH, int srcW, int srcH)
```

ImageCopyResized() copies a rectangular portion of one image to another image. *Dst_im* is the destination image, *src_im* is the source image identifier. If the source and destination coordinates and width and heights differ, appropriate stretching or shrinking of the image fragment will be performed. The coordinates refer to the upper left corner. This function can be used to copy regions within the same image (if *dst_im* is the same as *src_im*) but if the regions overlap the results will be unpredictable.

See also **ImageCopyResampled()**.

ImageCopyResampled (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Copy and resize part of an image with resampling

```
int imagecopyresampled (resource dst_im, resource src_im, int dstX, int dstY,
int srcX, int srcY, int dstW, int dstH, int srcW, int srcH)
```

ImageCopyResampled() copies a rectangular portion of one image to another image, smoothly interpolating pixel values so that, in particular, reducing the size of an image still retains a great deal of clarity. *Dst_im* is the destination image, *src_im* is the source image identifier. If the source and destination coordinates and width and heights differ, appropriate stretching or shrinking of the image fragment will be performed. The coordinates refer to the upper left corner. This function can be used to copy regions within the same image (if *dst_im* is the same as *src_im*) but if the regions overlap the results will be unpredictable.

See also **ImageCopyResized()**.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.6 and requires GD 2.0.1 or later

ImageCreate (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Create a new palette based image

```
int imagecreate (int x_size, int y_size)
```

ImageCreate() returns an image identifier representing a blank image of size *x_size* by *y_size*.

Example 1. Creating a new GD image stream and outputting an image.

```
<?php
header ("Content-type: image/png");
```

```
$im = @ImageCreate (50, 100)
    or die ("Cannot Initialize new GD image stream");
$background_color = ImageColorAllocate ($im, 255, 255, 255);
$text_color = ImageColorAllocate ($im, 233, 14, 91);
ImageString ($im, 1, 5, 5, "A Simple Text String", $text_color);
ImagePng ($im);
?>
```

ImageCreateTrueColor (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Create a new TRUE color image

```
resource imagecreatetruecolor (int x_size, int y_size)
```

ImageCreateTrueColor() returns an image identifier representing a black image of size *x_size* by *y_size*.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.6 and requires GD 2.0.1 or later

ImageTrueColorToPalette (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Convert a TRUE color image to a palette image

```
void imagetruecolortopalette (resource im, bool dither, int ncolors)
```

ImageTrueColorToPalette() converts a truecolor image to a palette image. The code for this function was originally drawn from the Independent JPEG Group library code, which is excellent. The code has been modified to preserve as much alpha channel information as possible in the resulting palette, in addition to preserving colors as well as possible. This does not work as well as might be hoped. It is usually best to simply produce a truecolor output image instead, which guarantees the highest output quality.

dither indicates if the image should be dithered - if it is TRUE then dithering will be used which will result in a more speckled image but with better color approximation.

ncolors sets the maximum number of colors that should be retained in the palette.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.6 and requires GD 2.0.1 or later

ImageCreateFromGIF (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Create a new image from file or URL

```
int imagecreatefromgif (string filename)
```

ImageCreateFromGif() returns an image identifier representing the image obtained from the given filename.

ImageCreateFromGif() returns an empty string on failure. It also outputs an error message, which unfortunately displays as a broken link in a browser. To ease debugging the following example will produce an error GIF:

Example 1. Example to handle an error during creation (courtesy vic@zysys.com)

```
function LoadGif ($imgname) {
    $im = @ImageCreateFromGIF ($imgname); /* Attempt to open */
    if (!$im) { /* See if it failed */
        $im = ImageCreate (150, 30); /* Create a blank image */
        $bgc = ImageColorAllocate ($im, 255, 255, 255);
        $tc = ImageColorAllocate ($im, 0, 0, 0);
        ImageFilledRectangle ($im, 0, 0, 150, 30, $bgc);
        /* Output an errmsg */
        ImageString($im, 1, 5, 5, "Error loading $imgname", $tc);
    }
    return $im;
}
```

Note: Since all GIF support was removed from the GD library in version 1.6, this function is not available if you are using that version of the GD library.

ImageCreateFromJPEG (PHP 3>= 3.0.16, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Create a new image from file or URL

```
int imagecreatefromjpeg (string filename)
```

ImageCreateFromJPEG() returns an image identifier representing the image obtained from the given filename.

imagecreatefromjpeg() returns an empty string on failure. It also outputs an error message, which unfortunately displays as a broken link in a browser. To ease debugging the following example will produce an error JPEG:

Example 1. Example to handle an error during creation (courtesy vic@zysmsys.com)

```
function LoadJpeg ($imgname) {
    $im = @ImageCreateFromJPEG ($imgname); /* Attempt to open */
    if (!$im) { /* See if it failed */
        $im = ImageCreate (150, 30); /* Create a blank image */
        $bgc = ImageColorAllocate ($im, 255, 255, 255);
        $tc = ImageColorAllocate ($im, 0, 0, 0);
        ImageFilledRectangle ($im, 0, 0, 150, 30, $bgc);
        /* Output an errmsg */
        ImageString ($im, 1, 5, 5, "Error loading $imgname", $tc);
    }
    return $im;
}
```

ImageCreateFromPNG (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Create a new image from file or URL

```
int imagecreatefrompng (string filename)
```

ImageCreateFromPNG() returns an image identifier representing the image obtained from the given filename.

ImageCreateFromPNG() returns an empty string on failure. It also outputs an error message, which unfortunately displays as a broken link in a browser. To ease debugging the following example will produce an error PNG:

Example 1. Example to handle an error during creation (courtesy vic@zysmsys.com)

```

function LoadPNG ($imgname) {
    $im = @ImageCreateFromPNG ($imgname); /* Attempt to open */
    if (!$im) { /* See if it failed */
        $im = ImageCreate (150, 30); /* Create a blank image */
        $bgc = ImageColorAllocate ($im, 255, 255, 255);
        $tc = ImageColorAllocate ($im, 0, 0, 0);
        ImageFilledRectangle ($im, 0, 0, 150, 30, $bgc);
        /* Output an errmsg */
        ImageString ($im, 1, 5, 5, "Error loading $imgname", $tc);
    }
    return $im;
}

```

ImageCreateFromWBMP (PHP 4)

Create a new image from file or URL

```
int imagecreatefromwbmp (string filename)
```

ImageCreateFromWBMP() returns an image identifier representing the image obtained from the given filename.

ImageCreateFromWBMP() returns an empty string on failure. It also outputs an error message, which unfortunately displays as a broken link in a browser. To ease debugging the following example will produce an error WBMP:

Example 1. Example to handle an error during creation (courtesy vic@zysmsys.com)

```

function LoadWBMP ($imgname) {
    $im = @ImageCreateFromWBMP ($imgname); /* Attempt to open */
    if (!$im) { /* See if it failed */
        $im = ImageCreate (20, 20); /* Create a blank image */
        $bgc = ImageColorAllocate ($im, 255, 255, 255);
        $tc = ImageColorAllocate ($im, 0, 0, 0);
        ImageFilledRectangle ($im, 0, 0, 10, 10, $bgc);
        /* Output an errmsg */
        ImageString ($im, 1, 5, 5, "Error loading $imgname", $tc);
    }
    return $im;
}

```

Note: WBMP support is only available in PHP if PHP was compiled against GD-1.8 or later.

ImageCreateFromString (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Create a new image from the image stream in the string

```
int imagecreatefromstring (string image)
```

ImageCreateFromString() returns an image identifier representing the image obtained from the given string.

ImageCreateFromXBM (PHP 4)

Create a new image from file or URL

```
int imagecreatefromxbm (string filename)
```

ImageCreateFromXBM() returns an image identifier representing the image obtained from the given filename.

ImageCreateFromXPM (PHP 4)

Create a new image from file or URL

```
int imagecreatefromxpm (string filename)
```

ImageCreateFromXPM() returns an image identifier representing the image obtained from the given filename.

ImageDashedLine (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draw a dashed line

```
int imagedashedline (int im, int x1, int y1, int x2, int y2, int col)
```

This function is deprecated. Use combination of **ImageSetStyle()** and **ImageLine()** instead.

ImageDestroy (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Destroy an image

```
int imagedestroy (int im)
```

ImageDestroy() frees any memory associated with image *im*. *Im* is the image identifier returned by the **ImageCreate()** function.

ImageFill (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Flood fill

```
int imagefill (int im, int x, int y, int col)
```

ImageFill() performs a flood fill starting at coordinate *x*, *y* (top left is 0, 0) with color *col* in the image *im*.

ImageFilledPolygon (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draw a filled polygon

```
int imagefilledpolygon (int im, array points, int num_points, int col)
```

ImageFilledPolygon() creates a filled polygon in image *im*. *Points* is a PHP array containing the polygon's vertices, ie. `points[0] = x0`, `points[1] = y0`, `points[2] = x1`, `points[3] = y1`, etc. *Num_points* is the total number of vertices.

ImageFilledRectangle (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draw a filled rectangle

```
int imagefilledrectangle (int im, int x1, int y1, int x2, int y2, int col)
```

ImageFilledRectangle() creates a filled rectangle of color *col* in image *im* starting at upper left coordinates *x1*, *y1* and ending at bottom right coordinates *x2*, *y2*. 0, 0 is the top left corner of the image.

ImageFillToBorder (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Flood fill to specific color

```
int imagefilltoborder (int im, int x, int y, int border, int col)
```

ImageFillToBorder() performs a flood fill whose border color is defined by *border*. The starting point for the fill is *x*, *y* (top left is 0, 0) and the region is filled with color *col*.

ImageFontHeight (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get font height

```
int imagefontheight (int font)
```

Returns the pixel height of a character in the specified font.

See also **ImageFontWidth()** and **ImageLoadFont()**.

ImageFontWidth (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get font width

```
int imagefontwidth (int font)
```

Returns the pixel width of a character in font.

See also **ImageFontHeight()** and **ImageLoadFont()**.

ImageGIF (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Output image to browser or file

```
int imagegif (int im [, string filename])
```

ImageGIF() creates the GIF file in filename from the image *im*. The *im* argument is the return from the `imagecreate()` function.

The image format will be GIF87a unless the image has been made transparent with

ImageColorTransparent(), in which case the image format will be GIF89a.

The filename argument is optional, and if left off, the raw image stream will be output directly. By sending an image/gif content-type using `header()`, you can create a PHP script that outputs GIF images directly.

Note: Since all GIF support was removed from the GD library in version 1.6, this function is not available if you are using that version of the GD library.

The following code snippet allows you to write more portable PHP applications by auto-detecting the type of GD support which is available. Replace the sequence `Header("Content-type: image/gif"); ImageGIF($im);` by the more flexible sequence:

```
<?php
if (function_exists("imagegif")) {
    Header("Content-type: image/gif");
    ImageGIF($im);
}
elseif (function_exists("imagejpeg")) {
    Header("Content-type: image/jpeg");
    ImageJPEG($im, "", 0.5);
}
elseif (function_exists("imagepng")) {
    Header("Content-type: image/png");
    ImagePNG($im);
}
```

```
elseif (function_exists("imagewbmp")) {
    Header("Content-type: image/vnd.wap.wbmp");
    ImageWBMP($im);
}
else
    die("No image support in this PHP server");
?>
```

Note: As of version 3.0.18 and 4.0.2 you can use the function `image_types()` in place of `function_exists()` for checking the presence of the various supported image formats:

```
if (ImageTypes() & IMG_GIF) {
    Header("Content-type: image/gif");
    ImageGif($im);
}
elseif (ImageTypes() & IMG_JPG) {
    ... etc.
```

See also **ImagePNG()**, **ImageWBMP()**, **ImageJPEG()**, **ImageTypes()**.

ImagePNG (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Output a PNG image to either the browser or a file

```
int imagepng (int im [, string filename])
```

The **ImagePNG()** outputs a GD image stream (*im*) in PNG format to standard output (usually the browser) or, if a filename is given by the *filename* it outputs the image to the file.

```
<?php
$im = ImageCreateFromPng("test.png");
ImagePng($im);
?>
```

See also **ImageGIF()**, **ImageWBMP()**, **ImageJPEG()**, **ImageTypes()**.

ImageJPEG (PHP 3>= 3.0.16, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Output image to browser or file

```
int imagejpeg (int im [, string filename [, int quality]])
```

ImageJPEG() creates the JPEG file in *filename* from the image *im*. The *im* argument is the return from the **ImageCreate()** function.

The *filename* argument is optional, and if left off, the raw image stream will be output directly. To skip the *filename* argument in order to provide a *quality* argument just use an empty string (""). By sending an `image/jpeg` content-type using `header()`, you can create a PHP script that outputs JPEG images directly.

Note: JPEG support is only available in PHP if PHP was compiled against GD-1.8 or later.

quality is optional, and ranges from 0 (worst quality, smaller file) to 100 (best quality, biggest file). Default is to 100.

If you want to output Progressive JPEGs, you need to set interlacing on with the **ImageInterlace()**.

See also **ImagePNG()**, **ImageGIF()**, **ImageWBMP()**, **ImageInterlace()** and **ImageTypes()**.

ImageWBMP (PHP 3>= 3.0.15, PHP 4)

Output image to browser or file

```
int imageWBMP (int im [, string filename [, int foreground]])
```

ImageWBMP() creates the WBMP file in *filename* from the image *im*. The *im* argument is the return from the **ImageCreate()** function.

The *filename* argument is optional, and if left off, the raw image stream will be output directly. By sending an `image/vnd.wap.wbmp` content-type using `header()`, you can create a PHP script that outputs WBMP images directly.

Note: WBMP support is only available in PHP if PHP was compiled against GD-1.8 or later.

Using the optional *foreground* parameter, you can set the foreground color. Use an identifier obtained from `imagecolorallocate()`. The default foreground color is black.

See also **image2WBMP()**, **ImagePNG()**, **ImageGIF()**, **ImageJPEG()**, **ImageTypes()**.

ImageInterlace (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Enable or disable interlace

```
int imageinterlace (int im [, int interlace])
```

ImageInterlace() turns the interlace bit on or off. If interlace is 1 the *im* image will be interlaced, and if interlace is 0 the interlace bit is turned off.

If the interlace bit is set and the image is used as a JPEG image, the image is created as a progressive JPEG.

This function returns whether the interlace bit is set for the image.

ImageLine (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draw a line

```
int imageline (int im, int x1, int y1, int x2, int y2, int col)
```

ImageLine() draws a line from *x1*, *y1* to *x2*, *y2* (top left is 0, 0) in image *im* of color *col*.

See also **ImageCreate()** and **ImageColorAllocate()**.

ImageLoadFont (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Load a new font

```
int imageloadfont (string file)
```

ImageLoadFont() loads a user-defined bitmap font and returns an identifier for the font (that is always greater than 5, so it will not conflict with the built-in fonts).

The font file format is currently binary and architecture dependent. This means you should generate the font files on the same type of CPU as the machine you are running PHP on.

Table 1. Font file format

byte position	C data type	description
byte 0-3	int	number of characters in the font
byte 4-7	int	value of first character in the font (often 32 for space)
byte 8-11	int	pixel width of each character
byte 12-15	int	pixel height of each character
byte 16-	char	array with character data, one byte per pixel in each character, for a total of (nchars*width*height) bytes.

See also **ImageFontWidth()** and **ImageFontHeight()**.

ImagePaletteCopy (PHP 4)

Copy the palette from one image to another

```
int imagepalettecopy (resource destination, resource source)
```

imagepalettecopy() copies the palette from the *source* image to the *destination* image.

ImagePolygon (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draw a polygon

```
int imagepolygon (int im, array points, int num_points, int col)
```

ImagePolygon() creates a polygon in image id. *Points* is a PHP array containing the polygon's vertices, ie. points[0] = x0, points[1] = y0, points[2] = x1, points[3] = y1, etc. *Num_points* is the total number of vertices.

See also `imagecreate()`.

ImagePSBBox (PHP 3>= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Give the bounding box of a text rectangle using PostScript Type1 fonts

```
array imagepsbbox (string text, int font, int size [, int space [, int tightness [, float angle]]])
```

Size is expressed in pixels.

Space allows you to change the default value of a space in a font. This amount is added to the normal value and can also be negative.

Tightness allows you to control the amount of white space between characters. This amount is added to the normal character width and can also be negative.

Angle is in degrees.

Parameters *space* and *tightness* are expressed in character space units, where 1 unit is 1/1000th of an em-square.

Parameters *space*, *tightness*, and *angle* are optional.

The bounding box is calculated using information available from character metrics, and unfortunately tends to differ slightly from the results achieved by actually rasterizing the text. If the angle is 0 degrees, you can expect the text to need 1 pixel more to every direction.

This function returns an array containing the following elements:

0	lower left x-coordinate
1	lower left y-coordinate
2	upper right x-coordinate
3	upper right y-coordinate

See also `imagepstext()`.

ImagePSEncodeFont (PHP 3>= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Change the character encoding vector of a font

```
int imagepsencodefont (int font_index, string encodingfile)
```

Loads a character encoding vector from a file and changes the font's encoding vector to it. As a PostScript font's default vector lacks most of the character positions above 127, you'll definitely want to change this if you use another language than English. The exact format of this file is described in T1lib's documentation. T1lib comes with two ready-to-use files, `IsoLatin1.enc` and `IsoLatin2.enc`.

If you find yourself using this function all the time, a much better way to define the encoding is to set `ps.default_encoding` in the configuration file to point to the right encoding file and all fonts you load will automatically have the right encoding.

ImagePSFreeFont (PHP 3 >= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Free memory used by a PostScript Type 1 font

```
void imagepsfreefont (int fontindex)
```

See also **ImagePSLoadFont()**.

ImagePSLoadFont (PHP 3 >= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Load a PostScript Type 1 font from file

```
int imagepsloadfont (string filename)
```

In the case everything went right, a valid font index will be returned and can be used for further purposes. Otherwise the function returns `FALSE` and prints a message describing what went wrong, which you cannot read directly, while the output type is image.

```
<?php
Header ("Content-type: image/jpeg");
$im = ImageCreate (350, 45);
$black = ImageColorAllocate ($im, 0, 0, 0);
$white = ImageColorAllocate ($im, 255, 255, 255);
$font=ImagePsLoadFont("bchbi.pfb");
// or locate your .pfb files on your machine
ImagePsText($im, "Testing... It worked!",
$font, 32, $white, $black, 32, 32);
ImagePsFreeFont($font);
```

```
ImageJpeg($im, "", 100); //for best quality... your mileage may vary
ImageDestroy ($im);
?>
```

See also **ImagePSFreeFont()**.

ImagePsExtendFont (PHP 3 >= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Extend or condense a font

```
bool imagepsextendfont (int font_index, float extend)
```

Extend or condense a font (*font_index*), if the value of the *extend* parameter is less than one you will be condensing the font.

ImagePsSlantFont (PHP 3 >= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Slant a font

```
bool imagepsslantfont (int font_index, float slant)
```

Slant a font given by the *font_index* parameter with a slant of the value of the *slant* parameter.

ImagePSText (PHP 3 >= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

To draw a text string over an image using PostScript Type1 fonts

```
array imagepstext (int image, string text, int font, int size, int  
foreground, int background, int x, int y, int [space], int [tightness], float  
[angle], int [antialias_steps])
```

Size is expressed in pixels.

Foreground is the color in which the text will be painted. *Background* is the color to which the text will try to fade in with antialiasing. No pixels with the color *background* are actually painted, so the background image does not need to be of solid color.

The coordinates given by *x*, *y* will define the origin (or reference point) of the first character (roughly the lower-left corner of the character). This is different from the **ImageString()**, where *x*, *y* define the upper-right corner of the first character. Refer to PostScript documentation about fonts and their measuring system if you have trouble understanding how this works.

Space allows you to change the default value of a space in a font. This amount is added to the normal value and can also be negative.

Tightness allows you to control the amount of white space between characters. This amount is added to the normal character width and can also be negative.

Angle is in degrees.

Antialias_steps allows you to control the number of colours used for antialiasing text. Allowed values are 4 and 16. The higher value is recommended for text sizes lower than 20, where the effect in text quality is quite visible. With bigger sizes, use 4. It's less computationally intensive.

Parameters *space* and *tightness* are expressed in character space units, where 1 unit is 1/1000th of an em-square.

Parameters *space*, *tightness*, *angle* and *antialias* are optional.

This function returns an array containing the following elements:

0	lower left x-coordinate
1	lower left y-coordinate
2	upper right x-coordinate
3	upper right y-coordinate

See also `imagepsbbox()`.

ImageRectangle (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draw a rectangle

```
int imagerectangle (int im, int x1, int y1, int x2, int y2, int col)
```

ImageRectangle() creates a rectangle of color *col* in image *im* starting at upper left coordinate *x1*, *y1* and ending at bottom right coordinate *x2*, *y2*. 0, 0 is the top left corner of the image.

ImageSetPixel (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set a single pixel

```
int imagepixel (int im, int x, int y, int col)
```

ImageSetPixel() draws a pixel at *x*, *y* (top left is 0, 0) in image *im* of color *col*.

See also **ImageCreate()** and **ImageColorAllocate()**.

ImageSetBrush (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Set the brush image for line drawing

```
int imagebrush (resource im, resource brush)
```

ImageSetBrush() sets the brush image to be used by all line drawing functions (such as **ImageLine()** and **ImagePolygon()**) when drawing with the special colors IMG_COLOR_BRUSHED or IMG_COLOR_STYLED. BRUSHED.

Note: You need not take special action when you are finished with a brush, but if you destroy the brush image, you must not use the IMG_COLOR_BRUSHED or IMG_COLOR_STYLED. BRUSHED colors until you have set a new brush image!

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.6

ImageSetStyle (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Set the style for line drawing

```
int imagestyle (resource im, array style)
```

ImageSetStyle() sets the style to be used by all line drawing functions (such as **ImageLine()** and **ImagePolygon()**) when drawing with the special color IMG_COLOR_STYLED or lines of images with color IMG_COLOR_STYLED. BRUSHED.

A tile is an image used to fill an area with a repeated pattern. Any GD image can be used as a tile, and by setting the transparent color index of the tile image with **ImageColorTransparent()**, a tile allows certain parts of the underlying area to shine through can be created.

Note: You need not take special action when you are finished with a tile, but if you destroy the tile image, you must not use the `IMG_COLOR_TILED` color until you have set a new tile image!

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.6

ImageSetThickness (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Set the thickness for line drawing

```
void imagesetthickness (resource im, int thickness)
```

ImageSetThickness() sets the thickness of the lines drawn when drawing rectangles, polygons, ellipses etc. etc. to *thickness* pixels.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.6 and requires GD 2.0.1 or later

ImageString (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draw a string horizontally

```
int imagestring (int im, int font, int x, int y, string s, int col)
```

ImageString() draws the string *s* in the image identified by *im* at coordinates *x*, *y* (top left is 0, 0) in color *col*. If font is 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, a built-in font is used.

See also **ImageLoadFont()**.

ImageStringUp (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draw a string vertically

```
int imagestringup (int im, int font, int x, int y, string s, int col)
```

ImageStringUp() draws the string *s* vertically in the image identified by *im* at coordinates *x*, *y* (top left is 0, 0) in color *col*. If font is 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, a built-in font is used.

See also **ImageLoadFont()**.

ImageSX (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get image width

```
int imagesx (int im)
```

ImageSX() returns the width of the image identified by *im*.

See also **ImageCreate()** and **ImageSY()**.

ImageSY (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get image height

```
int imagesy (int im)
```

ImageSY() returns the height of the image identified by *im*.

See also **ImageCreate()** and **ImageSX()**.

ImageTTFBBox (PHP 3 >= 3.0.1, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Give the bounding box of a text using TypeType fonts

```
array imagettfbbox (int size, int angle, string fontfile, string text)
```

This function calculates and returns the bounding box in pixels for a TrueType text.

text

The string to be measured.

size

The font size in pixels.

fontfile

The name of the TrueType font file. (Can also be an URL.)

angle

Angle in degrees in which *text* will be measured.

ImageTTFBBox() returns an array with 8 elements representing four points making the bounding box of the text:

0	lower left corner, X position
1	lower left corner, Y position
2	lower right corner, X position
3	lower right corner, Y position
4	upper right corner, X position
5	upper right corner, Y position
6	upper left corner, X position
7	upper left corner, Y position

The points are relative to the *text* regardless of the angle, so "upper left" means in the top left-hand corner seeing the text horizontally.

This function requires both the GD library and the FreeType library.

See also **ImageTTFText()**.

ImageTTFText (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Write text to the image using TrueType fonts

```
array imagettftext (int im, int size, int angle, int x, int y, int col,  
string fontfile, string text)
```

ImageTTFText() draws the string *text* in the image identified by *im*, starting at coordinates *x*, *y* (top left is 0, 0), at an angle of *angle* in color *col*, using the TrueType font file identified by *fontfile*.

The coordinates given by *x*, *y* will define the basepoint of the first character (roughly the lower-left corner of the character). This is different from the **ImageString()**, where *x*, *y* define the upper-right corner of the first character.

Angle is in degrees, with 0 degrees being left-to-right reading text (3 o'clock direction), and higher values representing a counter-clockwise rotation. (i.e., a value of 90 would result in bottom-to-top reading text).

Fontfile is the path to the TrueType font you wish to use.

Text is the text string which may include UTF-8 character sequences (of the form: `{`) to access characters in a font beyond the first 255.

Col is the color index. Using the negative of a color index has the effect of turning off antialiasing.

ImageTTFText() returns an array with 8 elements representing four points making the bounding box of the text. The order of the points is upper left, upper right, lower right, lower left. The points are relative to the text regardless of the angle, so "upper left" means in the top left-hand corner when you see the text horizontally.

This example script will produce a black GIF 400x30 pixels, with the words "Testing..." in white in the font Arial.

Example 1. ImageTTFText

```
<?php
Header ("Content-type: image/gif");
$im = imagecreate (400, 30);
$black = ImageColorAllocate ($im, 0, 0, 0);
$white = ImageColorAllocate ($im, 255, 255, 255);
ImageTTFText ($im, 20, 0, 10, 20, $white, "/path/arial.ttf",
              "Testing... Omega: &#937;");
ImageGif ($im);
ImageDestroy ($im);
?>
```

This function requires both the GD library and the FreeType (<http://www.freetype.org/>) library.

See also **ImageTTFBBox()**.

ImageTypes (PHP 3 CVS only, PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Return the image types supported by this PHP build

```
int imagetypes ()
```

This function returns a bit-field corresponding to the image formats supported by the version of GD linked into PHP. The following bits are returned, `IMG_GIF` | `IMG_JPG` | `IMG_PNG` | `IMG_WBMP`. To check for PNG support, for example, do this:

Example 1. ImageTypes

```
<?php
if (ImageTypes() & IMG_PNG) {
    echo "PNG Support is enabled";
}
?>
```

JPEG2WBMP (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Convert JPEG image file to WBMP image file

```
int jpeg2wbmp (string jpegname, string wbmpname, int d_height, int d_width)
```

Converts the *jpegname* JPEG file to WBMP format, and saves it as *wbmpname*. With the *d_height* and *d_width* you specify the height and width of the destination image.

Note: WBMP support is only available in PHP if PHP was compiled against GD-1.8 or later.

See also `png2wbmp()`.

PNG2WBMP (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Convert PNG image file to WBMP image file

```
int png2wbmp (string pngname, string wbmpname, int d_height, int d_width)
```

Converts the *pngname* PNG file to WBMP format, and saves it as *wbmpname*. With the *d_height* and *d_width* you specify the height and width of the destination image.

Note: WBMP support is only available in PHP if PHP was compiled against GD-1.8 or later.

See also `jpeg2wbmp()`.

read_exif_data (PHP 4)

Read the EXIF headers from a JPEG

array **read_exif_data** (string *filename*)

The **read_exif_data()** function reads the EXIF headers from a JPEG image file. It returns an associative array where the indexes are the Exif header names and the values are the values associated with those Exif headers. Exif headers tend to be present in JPEG images generated by digital cameras, but unfortunately each digital camera maker has a different idea of how to actually tag their images, so you can't always rely on a specific Exif header being present.

Example 1. read_exif_data

```
<?php
    $exif = read_exif_data ('p0001807.jpg');
    while(list($k,$v)=each($exif)) {
        echo "$k: $v<br>\n";
    }
?>
```

Output:

```
FileName: p0001807.jpg
FileDateTime: 929353056
FileSize: 378599
CameraMake: Eastman Kodak Company
CameraModel: KODAK DC265 ZOOM DIGITAL CAMERA (V01.00)
DateTime: 1999:06:14 01:37:36
Height: 1024
Width: 1536
IsColor: 1
FlashUsed: 0
FocalLength: 8.0mm
RawFocalLength: 8
ExposureTime: 0.004 s (1/250)
RawExposureTime: 0.0040000001899898
ApertureFNumber: f/ 9.5
RawApertureFNumber: 9.5100002288818
FocusDistance: 16.66m
```

RawFocusDistance: 16.659999847412
Orientation: 1
ExifVersion: 0200

Note: This function is only available in PHP 4 compiled using --enable-exif
This function does not require the GD image library.

XXXVII. IMAP, POP3 and NNTP functions

To get these functions to work, you have to compile PHP with `--with-imap`. That requires the `c-client` library to be installed. Grab the latest version from <ftp://ftp.cac.washington.edu/imap/> and compile it. Then copy `c-client/c-client.a` to `/usr/local/lib/libc-client.a` or some other directory on your link path and copy `c-client/rfc822.h`, `mail.h` and `linkage.h` to `/usr/local/include` or some other directory in your include path.

Note that these functions are not limited to the IMAP protocol, despite their name. The underlying `c-client` library also supports NNTP, POP3 and local mailbox access methods.

This document can't go into detail on all the topics touched by the provided functions. Further information is provided by the documentation of the `c-client` library source (`docs/internal.txt`), and the following RFC documents:

- RFC2821 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2821.html>): Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP).
- RFC2822 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2822.html>): Standard for ARPA internet text messages.
- RFC2060 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2060.html>): Internet Message Access Protocol (IMAP) Version 4rev1.
- RFC1939 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc1939.html>): Post Office Protocol Version 3 (POP3).
- RFC977 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc977.html>): Network News Transfer Protocol (NNTP).
- RFC2076 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2076.html>): Common Internet Message Headers.
- RFC2045 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2045.html>) , RFC2046 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2046.html>) , RFC2047 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2047.html>) , RFC2048 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2048.html>) & RFC2049 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2049.html>): Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME).

A detailed overview is also available in the books *Programming Internet Email* (<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/progintemail/noframes.html>) by David Wood and *Managing IMAP* (<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/mimap/noframes.html>) by Dianna Mullet & Kevin Mullet.

imap_8bit (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Convert an 8bit string to a quoted-printable string

```
string imap_8bit (string string)
```

Convert an 8bit string to a quoted-printable string (according to RFC2045 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2045.html>), section 6.7).

Returns a quoted-printable string.

See also `imap_qprint()`.

imap_alerts (PHP 3 >= 3.0.12, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

This function returns all IMAP alert messages (if any) that have occurred during this page request or since the alert stack was reset

```
array imap_alerts ()
```

This function returns an array of all of the IMAP alert messages generated since the last **imap_alerts()** call, or the beginning of the page. When **imap_alerts()** is called, the alert stack is subsequently cleared. The IMAP specification requires that these messages be passed to the user.

imap_append (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Append a string message to a specified mailbox

```
int imap_append (int imap_stream, string mbbox, string message [, string flags])
```

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

imap_append() appends a string message to the specified mailbox *mbbox*. If the optional *flags* is specified, writes the *flags* to that mailbox also.

When talking to the Cyrus IMAP server, you must use `"\r\n"` as your end-of-line terminator instead of `"\n"` or the operation will fail.

Example 1. imap_append() example

```

$stream = imap_open("{your.imap.host}INBOX.Drafts", "username", "password");

$check = imap_check($stream);
print "Msg Count before append: ". $check->Nmsgs."\n";

imap_append($stream, "{your.imap.host}INBOX.Drafts"
            , "From: me@my.host\r\n"
            . "To: you@your.host\r\n"
            . "Subject: test\r\n"
            . "\r\n"
            . "this is a test message, please ignore\r\n"
            );

$check = imap_check($stream);
print "Msg Count after append : ". $check->Nmsgs."\n";

imap_close($stream);

```

imap_base64 (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Decode BASE64 encoded text

```
string imap_base64 (string text)
```

imap_base64() function decodes BASE-64 encoded text (see RFC2045 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2045.html>), Section 6.8). The decoded message is returned as a string.

See also `imap_binary()`.

imap_binary (PHP 3 >= 3.0.2, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Convert an 8bit string to a base64 string

```
string imap_binary (string string)
```

Convert an 8bit string to a base64 string (according to RFC2045 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2045.html>), Section 6.8).

Returns a base64 string.

See also `imap_base64()`.

imap_body (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Read the message body

```
string imap_body (int imap_stream, int msg_number [, int flags])
```

imap_body() returns the body of the message, numbered *msg_number* in the current mailbox. The optional *flags* are a bit mask with one or more of the following:

- FT_UID - The *msgno* is a UID
- FT_PEEK - Do not set the \Seen flag if not already set
- FT_INTERNAL - The return string is in internal format, will not canonicalize to CRLF.

imap_body() will only return a verbatim copy of the message body. To extract single parts of a multipart MIME-encoded message you have to use `imap_fetchstructure()` to analyze its structure and `imap_fetchbody()` to extract a copy of a single body component.

imap_check (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Check current mailbox

```
object imap_check (int imap_stream)
```

Returns information about the current mailbox. Returns FALSE on failure.

The **imap_check()** function checks the current mailbox status on the server and returns the information in an object with following properties:

- Date - last change of mailbox contents
- Driver - protocol used to access this mailbox: POP3, IMAP, NNTP
- Mailbox - the mailbox name
- Nmsgs - number of messages in the mailbox

- Recent - number of recent messages in the mailbox

imap_clearflag_full (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Clears flags on messages

```
string imap_clearflag_full (int stream, string sequence, string flag, string options)
```

This function causes a store to delete the specified flag to the flags set for the messages in the specified sequence. The flags which you can unset are "\\Seen", "\\Answered", "\\Flagged", "\\Deleted", "\\Draft", and "\\Recent" (as defined by RFC2060).

The options are a bit mask with one or more of the following:

ST_UID The sequence argument contains UIDs instead of sequence numbers

imap_close (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Close an IMAP stream

```
int imap_close (int imap_stream [, int flags])
```

Close the imap stream. Takes an optional *flag* CL_EXPUNGE, which will silently expunge the mailbox before closing, removing all messages marked for deletion.

imap_createmailbox (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Create a new mailbox

```
int imap_createmailbox (int imap_stream, string mbox)
```

imap_createmailbox() creates a new mailbox specified by *mbox*. Names containing international characters should be encoded by `imap_utf7_encode()`

Returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error.

See also `imap_renamemailbox()`, `imap_deletemailbox()` and `imap_open()` for the format of *mbox* names.

Example 1. imap_createmailbox() example

```
$mbox = imap_open("{your.imap.host}", "username", "password", OP_HALFOPEN)
    or die("can't connect: ".imap_last_error());

$name1 = "phpnewbox";
$name2 = imap_utf7_encode("phpnewb&ouml;x");

$newname = $name1;

echo "Newname will be '$name1'<br>\n";

# we will now create a new mailbox "phptestbox" in your inbox folder,
# check its status after creation and finally remove it to restore
# your inbox to its initial state
if(@imap_createmailbox($mbox,imap_utf7_encode("{your.imap.host}INBOX.$newname"))) {
    $status = @imap_status($mbox,"{your.imap.host}INBOX.$newname",SA_ALL);
    if($status) {
        print("your new mailbox '$name1' has the following status:<br>\n");
        print("Messages:   ". $status->messages   )."<br>\n";
        print("Recent:     ". $status->recent      )."<br>\n";
        print("Unseen:      ". $status->unseen       )."<br>\n";
        print("UIDnext:     ". $status->uidnext      )."<br>\n";
        print("UIDvalidity:". $status->uidvalidity)."<br>\n";

        if(imap_renamemailbox($mbox,"{your.imap.host}INBOX.$newname","{your.imap.host}INBOX.$name2")) {
            echo "renamed new mailbox from '$name1' to '$name2'<br>\n";
            $newname=$name2;
        } else {
            print "imap_renamemailbox on new mailbox failed: ".imap_last_error()."<br>\n";
        }
    } else {
        print "imap_status on new mailbox failed: ".imap_last_error()."<br>\n";
    }
    if(@imap_deletemailbox($mbox,"{your.imap.host}INBOX.$newname")) {
        print "new mailbox removed to restore initial state<br>\n";
    } else {
        print "imap_deletemailbox on new mailbox failed: ".implode("<br>\n",imap_errors())."<br>\n";
    }
} else {
    print "could not create new mailbox: ".implode("<br>\n",imap_errors())."<br>\n";
}

imap_close($mbox);
```

imap_delete (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Mark a message for deletion from current mailbox

```
int imap_delete (int imap_stream, int msg_number [, int flags])
```

Returns TRUE.

imap_delete() function marks message pointed by *msg_number* for deletion. The optional *flags* parameter only has a single option, *FT_UID*, which tells the function to treat the *msg_number* argument as a *UID*. Messages marked for deletion will stay in the mailbox until either `imap_expunge()` is called or `imap_close()` is called with the optional parameter `CL_EXPUNGE`.

Example 1. imap_delete() Beispiel

```
$mbox = imap_open ("{your.imap.host}INBOX", "username", "password")
    or die ("can't connect: " . imap_last_error());

$check = imap_mailboxmsginfo ($mbox);
print "Messages before delete: " . $check->Nmsgs . "<br>\n" ;
imap_delete ($mbox, 1);
$check = imap_mailboxmsginfo ($mbox);
print "Messages after delete: " . $check->Nmsgs . "<br>\n" ;
imap_expunge ($mbox);
$check = imap_mailboxmsginfo ($mbox);
print "Messages after expunge: " . $check->Nmsgs . "<br>\n" ;
imap_close ($mbox);
```

imap_deletemailbox (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Delete a mailbox

```
int imap_deletemailbox (int imap_stream, string mbox)
```

imap_deletemailbox() deletes the specified mailbox (see `imap_open()` for the format of *mbox* names).

Returns `TRUE` on success and `FALSE` on error.

See also `imap_createmailbox()`, `imap_renamemailbox()`, and `imap_open()` for the format of *mbox*.

imap_errors (PHP 3>= 3.0.12, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

This function returns all of the IMAP errors (if any) that have occurred during this page request or since the error stack was reset.

```
array imap_errors ()
```

This function returns an array of all of the IMAP error messages generated since the last **imap_errors()** call, or the beginning of the page. When **imap_errors()** is called, the error stack is subsequently cleared.

imap_expunge (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Delete all messages marked for deletion

```
int imap_expunge (int imap_stream)
```

imap_expunge() deletes all the messages marked for deletion by `imap_delete()`, `imap_mail_move()`, or `imap_setflag_full()`.

Returns `TRUE`.

imap_fetch_overview (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Read an overview of the information in the headers of the given message

```
array imap_fetch_overview (int imap_stream, string sequence [, int flags])
```

This function fetches mail headers for the given *sequence* and returns an overview of their contents. *sequence* will contain a sequence of message indices or UIDs, if *flags* contains `FT_UID`. The returned value is an array of objects describing one message header each:

- subject - the messages subject
- from - who sent it
- date - when was it sent
- message_id - Message-ID
- references - is a reference to this message id
- size - size in bytes
- uid - UID the message has in the mailbox
- msgno - message sequence number in the mailbox
- recent - this message is flagged as recent
- flagged - this message is flagged
- answered - this message is flagged as answered
- deleted - this message is flagged for deletion
- seen - this message is flagged as already read
- draft - this message is flagged as being a draft

Example 1. imap_fetch_overview() example

```
$mbox = imap_open("{your.imap.host:143}", "username", "password")
    or die("can't connect: ".imap_last_error());

$overview = imap_fetch_overview($mbox, "2,4:6", 0);

if(is_array($overview)) {
    reset($overview);
    while( list($key,$val) = each($overview)) {
        print    $val->msgno
        . " - " . $val->date
        . " - " . $val->subject
        . "\n";
    }
}

imap_close($mbox);
```


imap_fetchbody (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch a particular section of the body of the message

```
string imap_fetchbody (int imap_stream, int msg_number, string part_number [,  
flags flags])
```

This function causes a fetch of a particular section of the body of the specified messages as a text string and returns that text string. The section specification is a string of integers delimited by period which index into a body part list as per the IMAP4 specification. Body parts are not decoded by this function.

The options for **imap_fetchbody()** is a bitmask with one or more of the following:

- FT_UID - The *msg_number* is a UID
- FT_PEEK - Do not set the \Seen flag if not already set
- FT_INTERNAL - The return string is in "internal" format, without any attempt to canonicalize CRLF.

See also: `imap_fetchstructure()`.

imap_fetchheader (PHP 3 >= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns header for a message

```
string imap_fetchheader (int imap_stream, int msgno, int flags)
```

This function causes a fetch of the complete, unfiltered RFC2822 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2822.html>) format header of the specified message as a text string and returns that text string.

The options are:

- FT_UID The *msgno* argument is a UID
- FT_INTERNAL The return string is in "internal" format,
 without any attempt to canonicalize to CRLF
 newlines
- FT_PREFETCHTEXT The RFC822.TEXT should be pre-fetched at the
 same time. This avoids an extra RTT on an
 IMAP connection if a full message text is
 desired (e.g. in a "save to local file"
 operation)

imap_fetchstructure (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Read the structure of a particular message

```
object imap_fetchstructure (int imap_stream, int msg_number [, int flags])
```

This function fetches all the structured information for a given message. The optional *flags* parameter only has a single option, *FT_UID*, which tells the function to treat the *msg_number* argument as a *UID*. The returned object includes the envelope, internal date, size, flags and body structure along with a similar object for each mime attachment. The structure of the returned objects is as follows:

Table 1. Returned Objects for imap_fetchstructure()

type	Primary body type
encoding	Body transfer encoding
ifsubtype	TRUE if there is a subtype string
subtype	MIME subtype
ifdescription	TRUE if there is a description string
description	Content description string
ifid	TRUE if there is an identification string
id	Identification string
lines	Number of lines
bytes	Number of bytes
ifdisposition	TRUE if there is a disposition string
disposition	Disposition string
ifdparameters	TRUE if the dparameters array exists
dparameters	Disposition parameter array
ifparameters	TRUE if the parameters array exists
parameters	MIME parameters array
parts	Array of objects describing each message part

1. dparameters is an array of objects where each object has an "attribute" and a "value" property.
2. Parameter is an array of objects where each object has an "attribute" and a "value" property.
3. Parts is an array of objects identical in structure to the top-level object, with the limitation that it cannot contain further 'parts' objects.

Table 2. Primary body type

0	text
1	multipart
2	message
3	application
4	audio
5	image
6	video
7	other

Table 3. Transfer encodings

0	7BIT
1	8BIT
2	BINARY
3	BASE64
4	QUOTED-PRINTABLE
5	OTHER

See also: `imap_fetchbody()`.

imap_get_quota (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Retrieve the quota level settings, and usage statics per mailbox

```
array imap_get_quota (int imap_stream, string quota_root)
```

Returns an array with integer values limit and usage for the given mailbox. The value of limit represents the total amount of space allowed for this mailbox. The usage value represents the mailboxes current level of capacity. Will return FALSE in the case of failure.

This function is currently only available to users of the c-client2000 library.

imap_stream should be the value returned from an `imap_status()` call. This stream is required to be opened as the mail admin user for the quota function to work. *quota_root* should normally be in the form of `user.name` where `name` is the mailbox you wish to retrieve information about.

Example 1. `imap_get_quota()` example

```
$mbox = imap_open("{your.imap.host}", "mailadmin", "password", OP_HALFOPEN)
    or die("can't connect: ".imap_last_error());

$quota_value = imap_get_quota($mbox, "user.kalowsky");
if(is_array($quota_value)) {
    print "Usage level is: " . $quota_value['usage'];
    print "Limit level is: " . $quota_value['limit'];
}

imap_close($mbox);
```

See also `imap_open()`, `imap_set_quota()`.

imap_getmailboxes (PHP 3 >= 3.0.12, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Read the list of mailboxes, returning detailed information on each one

```
array imap_getmailboxes (int imap_stream, string ref, string pattern)
```

Returns an array of objects containing mailbox information. Each object has the attributes *name*, specifying the full name of the mailbox; *delimiter*, which is the hierarchy delimiter for the part of the hierarchy this mailbox is in; and *attributes*. *Attributes* is a bitmask that can be tested against:

- LATT_NOINFERIORS - This mailbox has no "children" (there are no mailboxes below this one).
- LATT_NOSELECT - This is only a container, not a mailbox - you cannot open it.
- LATT_MARKED - This mailbox is marked. Only used by UW-IMAPD.
- LATT_UNMARKED - This mailbox is not marked. Only used by UW-IMAPD.

Mailbox names containing international Characters outside the printable ASCII range will be encoded and may be decoded by `imap_utf7_decode()`.

ref should normally be just the server specification as described in `imap_open()`, and *pattern* specifies where in the mailbox hierarchy to start searching. If you want all mailboxes, pass '*' for *pattern*.

There are two special characters you can pass as part of the *pattern*: '*' and '%'. '*' means to return all mailboxes. If you pass *pattern* as '*', you will get a list of the entire mailbox hierarchy. '%' means to return the current level only. '%' as the *pattern* parameter will return only the top level mailboxes; '~/' on UW-IMAPD will return every mailbox in the ~/mail directory, but none in subfolders of that directory.

Example 1. imap_getmailboxes() example

```
$mbox = imap_open("{your.imap.host}", "username", "password", OP_HALFOPEN)
    or die("can't connect: ".imap_last_error());

$list = imap_getmailboxes($mbox, "{your.imap.host}", "*");
if(is_array($list)) {
    reset($list);
    while (list($key, $val) = each($list))
    {
        print "($key) ";
        print imap_utf7_decode($val->name).", ";
        print "'".$val->delimiter."', ";
        print $val->attributes."<br>\n";
    }
} else
    print "imap_getmailboxes failed: ".imap_last_error()."\n";

imap_close($mbox);
```

See also `imap_getsubscribed()`.

imap_getsubscribed (PHP 3>= 3.0.12, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

List all the subscribed mailboxes

```
array imap_getsubscribed (int imap_stream, string ref, string pattern)
```

This function is identical to `imap_getmailboxes()`, except that it only returns mailboxes that the user is subscribed to.

imap_header (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Read the header of the message

```
object imap_header (int imap_stream, int msg_number [, int fromlength [, int
subjectlength [, string defaulthost]]])
```

This is an alias to `imap_headerinfo()` and is identical to this in any way.

imap_headerinfo (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Read the header of the message

```
object imap_headerinfo (int imap_stream, int msg_number [, int fromlength [,
int subjectlength [, string defaulthost]]])
```

This function returns an object of various header elements.

reply, *date*, *Date*, *subject*, *Subject*, *in_reply_to*, *message_id*,
 newsgroups, *followup_to*, *references*

message flags:

 Recent - 'R' if recent and seen,
 'N' if recent and not seen,
 ' ' if not recent
 Unseen - 'U' if not seen AND not recent,
 ' ' if seen OR not seen and recent
 Answered - 'A' if answered,
 ' ' if unanswered
 Deleted - 'D' if deleted,
 ' ' if not deleted
 Draft - 'X' if draft,
 ' ' if not draft
 Flagged - 'F' if flagged,
 ' ' if not flagged

NOTE that the Recent/Unseen behavior is a little odd. If you want to know if a message is Unseen, you must check for

Unseen == 'U' || Recent == 'N'

toaddress (full to: line, up to 1024 characters)

to[] (returns an array of objects from the To line, containing):

- personal
- adl
- mailbox
- host

fromaddress (full from: line, up to 1024 characters)

from[] (returns an array of objects from the From line, containing):

- personal
- adl
- mailbox
- host

ccaddress (full cc: line, up to 1024 characters)

cc[] (returns an array of objects from the Cc line, containing):

- personal
- adl
- mailbox
- host

bccaddress (full bcc line, up to 1024 characters)

bcc[] (returns an array of objects from the Bcc line, containing):

- personal
- adl
- mailbox
- host

reply_toaddress (full reply_to: line, up to 1024 characters)

reply_to[] (returns an array of objects from the Reply_to line, containing):

- personal
- adl
- mailbox
- host

senderaddress (full sender: line, up to 1024 characters)

sender[] (returns an array of objects from the sender line, containing):

- personal
- adl
- mailbox
- host

return_path (full return-path: line, up to 1024 characters)

return_path[] (returns an array of objects from the return_path line, containing):

personal
adl
mailbox
host

update (mail message date in unix time)

fetchfrom (from line formatted to fit *fromlength* characters)

fetchsubject (subject line formatted to fit *subjectlength* characters)

imap_headers (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns headers for all messages in a mailbox

array **imap_headers** (int *imap_stream*)

Returns an array of string formatted with header info. One element per mail message.

imap_last_error (PHP 3>= 3.0.12, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

This function returns the last IMAP error (if any) that occurred during this page request

string **imap_last_error** ()

This function returns the full text of the last IMAP error message that occurred on the current page. The error stack is untouched; calling **imap_last_error()** subsequently, with no intervening errors, will return the same error.

imap_listmailbox (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Read the list of mailboxes


```
array imap_listmailbox (int imap_stream, string ref, string pattern)
```

Returns an array containing the names of the mailboxes. See `imap_getmailboxes()` for a description of *ref* and *pattern*.

Example 1. `imap_listmailbox()` example

```
$mbox = imap_open("{your.imap.host}", "username", "password", OP_HALFOPEN)
    or die("can't connect: ".imap_last_error());

$list = imap_listmailbox($mbox, "{your.imap.host}", "");
if(is_array($list)) {
    reset($list);
    while (list($key, $val) = each($list))
        print imap_utf7_decode($val). "<br>\n";
} else
    print "imap_listmailbox failed: ".imap_last_error(). "\n";

imap_close($mbox);
```

imap_listsubscribed (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

List all the subscribed mailboxes

```
array imap_listsubscribed (int imap_stream, string ref, string pattern)
```

Returns an array of all the mailboxes that you have subscribed. This is almost identical to `imap_listmailbox()`, but will only return mailboxes the user you logged in as has subscribed.

imap_mail (PHP 3 >= 3.0.14, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Send an email message

```
string imap_mail (string to, string subject, string message [, string
additional_headers [, string cc [, string bcc [, string rpath]]]])
```

This function is currently only available in PHP 3.

imap_mail_compose (PHP 3 >= 3.0.5, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Create a MIME message based on given envelope and body sections

string **imap_mail_compose** (array *envelope*, array *body*)

Example 1. imap_mail_compose() example

```
<?php

$envelope["from"]="musone@afterfive.com";
$envelope["to"]="musone@darkstar";
$envelope["cc"]="musone@edgeglobal.com";

$part1["type"]=TYPEMULTIPART;
$part1["subtype"]="mixed";

$filename="/tmp/imap.c.gz";
$fp=fopen($filename,"r");
$contents=fread($fp,filesize($filename));
fclose($fp);

$part2["type"]=TYPEAPPLICATION;
$part2["encoding"]=ENCBINAR;
$part2["subtype"]="octet-stream";
$part2["description"]=basename($filename);
$part2["contents.data"]=$contents;

$part3["type"]=TYPETEXT;
$part3["subtype"]="plain";
$part3["description"]="description3";
$part3["contents.data"]="contents.data3\n\n\n\t";

$body[1]=$part1;
$body[2]=$part2;
$body[3]=$part3;

echo nl2br(imap_mail_compose($envelope,$body));

?>
```

imap_mail_copy (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Copy specified messages to a mailbox

```
int imap_mail_copy (int imap_stream, string msglist, string mbox [, int flags])
```

Returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error.

Copies mail messages specified by *msglist* to specified mailbox. *msglist* is a range not just message numbers (as described in RFC2060 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2060.html>)).

Flags is a bitmask of one or more of

- CP_UID - the sequence numbers contain UIDS
- CP_MOVE - Delete the messages from the current mailbox after copying

imap_mail_move (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Move specified messages to a mailbox

```
int imap_mail_move (int imap_stream, string msglist, string mbox [, int flags])
```

Moves mail messages specified by *msglist* to specified mailbox. *msglist* is a range not just message numbers (as described in RFC2060 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2060.html>)).

Flags is a bitmask and may contain the single option

- CP_UID - the sequence numbers contain UIDS

Returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error.

imap_mailboxmsginfo (PHP 3 >= 3.0.2, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get information about the current mailbox

object **imap_mailboxmsginfo** (int *imap_stream*)

Returns information about the current mailbox. Returns FALSE on failure.

The **imap_mailboxmsginfo()** function checks the current mailbox status on the server. It is similar to **imap_status()**, but will additionally sum up the size of all messages in the mailbox, which will take some additional time to execute. It returns the information in an object with following properties.

Table 1. Mailbox properties

Date	date of last change
Driver	driver
Mailbox	name of the mailbox
Nmsgs	number of messages
Recent	number of recent messages
Unread	number of unread messages
Deleted	number of deleted messages
Size	mailbox size

Example 1. imap_mailboxmsginfo() example

```
<?php

$mbox = imap_open("{your.imap.host}INBOX", "username", "password")
    or die("can't connect: ".imap_last_error());

$check = imap_mailboxmsginfo($mbox);

if($check) {
    print "Date: " . $check->Date . "<br>\n" ;
    print "Driver: " . $check->Driver . "<br>\n" ;
    print "Mailbox: " . $check->Mailbox . "<br>\n" ;
    print "Messages: " . $check->Nmsgs . "<br>\n" ;
    print "Recent: " . $check->Recent . "<br>\n" ;
    print "Unread: " . $check->Unread . "<br>\n" ;
    print "Deleted: " . $check->Deleted . "<br>\n" ;
    print "Size: " . $check->Size . "<br>\n" ;
} else {
    print "imap_check() failed: ".imap_last_error(). "<br>\n";
}
```

```

}

imap_close($mbox);

?>

```

imap_mime_header_decode (PHP 3 >= 3.0.17, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Decode MIME header elements

```
array imap_mime_header_decode (string text)
```

imap_mime_header_decode() function decodes MIME message header extensions that are non ASCII text (see RFC2047 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2047.html>)) The decoded elements are returned in an array of objects, where each object has two properties, "charset" & "text". If the element hasn't been encoded, and in other words is in plain US-ASCII, the "charset" property of that element is set to "default".

Example 1. imap_mime_header_decode() example

```

$text="=?ISO-8859-1?Q?Keld_J=F8rn_Simonsen?= <keld@dkuug.dk>";

$elements=imap_mime_header_decode($text);
for($i=0;$i<count($elements);$i++) {
    echo "Charset: {$elements[$i]->charset}\n";
    echo "Text: {$elements[$i]->text}\n\n";
}

```

In the above example we would have two elements, whereas the first element had previously been encoded with ISO-8859-1, and the second element would be plain US-ASCII.

imap_msgno (PHP 3 >= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

This function returns the message sequence number for the given UID

```
int imap_msgno (int imap_stream, int uid)
```

This function returns the message sequence number for the given UID. It is the inverse of `imap_uid()`.

imap_num_msg (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gives the number of messages in the current mailbox

```
int imap_num_msg (int imap_stream)
```

Return the number of messages in the current mailbox.

See also: `imap_num_recent()` and `imap_status()`.

imap_num_recent (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gives the number of recent messages in current mailbox

```
int imap_num_recent (int imap_stream)
```

Returns the number of recent messages in the current mailbox.

See also: `imap_num_msg()` and `imap_status()`.

imap_open (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open an IMAP stream to a mailbox

```
int imap_open (string mailbox, string username, string password [, int flags])
```

Returns an IMAP stream on success and FALSE on error. This function can also be used to open streams to POP3 and NNTP servers, but some functions and features are not available on IMAP servers.

A mailbox name consists of a server part and a mailbox path on this server. The special name INBOX stands for the current users personal mailbox. The server part, which is enclosed in '{' and '}', consists of the servers name or ip address, an optional port (prefixed by ':'), and an optional protocol specification

(prefixed by '/'). The server part is mandatory in all mailbox parameters. Mailbox names that contain international characters besides those in the printable ASCII space have to be encoded with `imap_utf7_encode()`.

The options are a bit mask with one or more of the following:

- `OP_READONLY` - Open mailbox read-only
- `OP_ANONYMOUS` - Dont use or update a `.newsr.c` for news (NNTP only)
- `OP_HALFOPEN` - For IMAP and NNTP names, open a connection but dont open a mailbox
- `CL_EXPUNGE` - Expunge mailbox automatically upon mailbox close

To connect to an IMAP server running on port 143 on the local machine, do the following:

```
$mbox = imap_open ("{localhost:143}INBOX", "user_id", "password");
```

To connect to a POP3 server on port 110 on the local server, use:

```
$mbox = imap_open ("{localhost:110/pop3}INBOX", "user_id", "password");
```

To connect to an SSL IMAP or POP3 server, add `/ssl` after the protocol specification:

```
$mbox = imap_open ("{localhost:993/imap/ssl}INBOX", "user_id", "password");
```

To connect to an SSL IMAP or POP3 server with a self-signed certificate, add `/ssl/novalidate-cert` after the protocol specification:

```
$mbox = imap_open ("{localhost:995/pop3/ssl/novalidate-cert}", "user_id", "password");
```

To connect to an NNTP server on port 119 on the local server, use:

```
$nntp = imap_open ("{localhost:119/nntp}comp.test", "", "");
```

To connect to a remote server replace "localhost" with the name or the IP address of the server you want to connect to.

Example 1. imap_open() example

```
$mbox = imap_open ("{your.imap.host:143}", "username", "password");

echo "<p><h1>Mailboxes</h1>\n";
$folders = imap_listmailbox ($mbox, "{your.imap.host:143}", "*");

if ($folders == false) {
    echo "Call failed<br>\n";
} else {
    while (list ($key, $val) = each ($folders)) {
        echo $val."<br>\n";
    }
}

echo "<p><h1>Headers in INBOX</h1>\n";
$headers = imap_headers ($mbox);

if ($headers == false) {
    echo "Call failed<br>\n";
} else {
    while (list ($key,$val) = each ($headers)) {
        echo $val."<br>\n";
    }
}

imap_close($mbox);
```

imap_ping (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Check if the IMAP stream is still active

```
int imap_ping (int imap_stream)
```

Returns TRUE if the stream is still alive, FALSE otherwise.

imap_ping() function pings the stream to see it is still active. It may discover new mail; this is the preferred method for a periodic "new mail check" as well as a "keep alive" for servers which have

inactivity timeout. (As PHP scripts do not tend to run that long, i can hardly imagine that this function will be usefull to anyone.)

imap_qprint (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Convert a quoted-printable string to an 8 bit string

```
string imap_qprint (string string)
```

Convert a quoted-printable string to an 8 bit string (according to RFC2045 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2045.html>), section 6.7).

Returns an 8 bit (binary) string.

See also `imap_8bit()`.

imap_renamemailbox (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Rename an old mailbox to new mailbox

```
int imap_renamemailbox (int imap_stream, string old_mbox, string new_mbox)
```

This function renames on old mailbox to new mailbox (see `imap_open()` for the format of *mbox* names).

Returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error.

See also `imap_createmailbox()`, `imap_deletemailbox()`, and `imap_open()` for the format of *mbox*.

imap_reopen (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Reopen IMAP stream to new mailbox

```
int imap_reopen (int imap_stream, string mailbox [, string flags])
```

This function reopens the specified stream to a new mailbox on an IMAP or NNTP server.

The options are a bit mask with one or more of the following:

- `OP_READONLY` - Open mailbox read-only

- OP_ANONYMOUS - Dont use or update a .newsrc for news (NNTP only)
- OP_HALFOPEN - For IMAP and NNTP names, open a connection but dont open a mailbox.
- CL_EXPUNGE - Expunge mailbox automatically upon mailbox close (see also `imap_delete()` and `imap_expunge()`)

Returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error.

imap_rfc822_parse_adrlist (PHP 3>= 3.0.2, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Parses an address string

```
array imap_rfc822_parse_adrlist (string address, string default_host)
```

This function parses the address string as defined in RFC2822 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2822.html>) and for each address, returns an array of objects. The objects properties are:

- mailbox - the mailbox name (username)
- host - the host name
- personal - the personal name
- adl - at domain source route

Example 1. imap_rfc822_parse_adrlist() example

```
$address_string = "Hartmut Holzgraefe <hartmut@cvs.php.net>, postmaster@somedomain.net, root@somedomain.net";
$address_array = imap_rfc822_parse_adrlist($address_string,"somedomain.net");
if(! is_array($address_array)) die("somethings wrong\n");

reset($address_array);
while(list($key,$val)=each($address_array)){
    print "mailbox : ".$val->mailbox."<br>\n";
    print "host      : ".$val->host."<br>\n";
    print "personal: ".$val->personal."<br>\n";
    print "adl       : ".$val->adl."<p>\n";
}
```

imap_rfc822_parse_headers (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Parse mail headers from a string

object **imap_rfc822_parse_headers** (string *headers* [, string *defaulthost*])

This function returns an object of various header elements, similar to `imap_header()`, except without the flags and other elements that come from the IMAP server.

imap_rfc822_write_address (PHP 3 >= 3.0.2, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns a properly formatted email address given the mailbox, host, and personal info.

string **imap_rfc822_write_address** (string *mailbox*, string *host*, string *personal*)

Returns a properly formatted email address as defined in RFC2822 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2822.html>) given the mailbox, host, and personal info.

Example 1. imap_rfc822_write_address() example

```
print imap_rfc822_write_address("hartmut", "cvs.php.net", "Hartmut Holzgraefe")."\n";
```

imap_scanmailbox (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Read the list of mailboxes, takes a string to search for in the text of the mailbox

array **imap_scanmailbox** (int *imap_stream*, string *ref*, string *pattern*, string *content*)

Returns an array containing the names of the mailboxes that have *string* in the text of the mailbox. This function is similar to `imap_listmailbox()`, but it will additionally check for the presence of the string *content* inside the mailbox data. See `imap_getmailboxes()` for a description of *ref* and *pattern*.

imap_search (PHP 3>= 3.0.12, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

This function returns an array of messages matching the given search criteria

```
array imap_search (int imap_stream, string criteria, int flags)
```

This function performs a search on the mailbox currently opened in the given imap stream. *criteria* is a string, delimited by spaces, in which the following keywords are allowed. Any multi-word arguments (eg. FROM "joey smith") must be quoted.

- ALL - return all messages matching the rest of the criteria
- ANSWERED - match messages with the \ANSWERED flag set
- BCC "string" - match messages with "string" in the Bcc: field
- BEFORE "date" - match messages with Date: before "date"
- BODY "string" - match messages with "string" in the body of the message
- CC "string" - match messages with "string" in the Cc: field
- DELETED - match deleted messages
- FLAGGED - match messages with the \FLAGGED (sometimes referred to as Important or Urgent) flag set
- FROM "string" - match messages with "string" in the From: field
- KEYWORD "string" - match messages with "string" as a keyword
- NEW - match new messages
- OLD - match old messages
- ON "date" - match messages with Date: matching "date"
- RECENT - match messages with the \RECENT flag set
- SEEN - match messages that have been read (the \SEEN flag is set)
- SINCE "date" - match messages with Date: after "date"
- SUBJECT "string" - match messages with "string" in the Subject:
- TEXT "string" - match messages with text "string"
- TO "string" - match messages with "string" in the To:
- UNANSWERED - match messages that have not been answered
- UNDELETED - match messages that are not deleted
- UNFLAGGED - match messages that are not flagged
- UNKEYWORD "string" - match messages that do not have the keyword "string"
- UNSEEN - match messages which have not been read yet

For example, to match all unanswered messages sent by Mom, you'd use: "UNANSWERED FROM mom". Searches appear to be case insensitive. This list of criteria is from a reading of the UW c-client source code and may be uncomplete or inaccurate (see also RFC2060, section 6.4.4).

Valid values for flags are SE_UID, which causes the returned array to contain UIDs instead of messages sequence numbers.

imap_set_quota (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Sets a quota for a given mailbox

```
int imap_set_quota (int imap_stream, string quota_root, int quota_limit)
```

Sets an upper limit quota on a per mailbox basis. This function requires the *imap_stream* to have been opened as the mail administrator account. It will not work if opened as any other user.

This function is currently only available to users of the c-client2000 library.

imap_stream is the stream pointer returned from a `imap_open()` call. This stream must be opened as the mail administrator, other wise this function will fail. *quota_root* is the mailbox to have a quota set. This should follow the IMAP standard format for a mailbox, 'user.name'. *quota_limit* is the maximum size (in KB) for the *quota_root*.

Returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error.

Example 1. imap_set_quota() example

```
$mbox = imap_open ("{your.imap.host:143}", "mailadmin", "password");

if(!imap_set_quota($mbox, "user.kalowsky", 3000)) {
    print "Error in setting quota\n";
    return;
}

imap_close($mbox);
```

See also `imap_open()`, `imap_set_quota()`.

imap_setflag_full (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets flags on messages

```
string imap_setflag_full (int stream, string sequence, string flag, string options)
```

This function causes a store to add the specified flag to the flags set for the messages in the specified sequence.

The flags which you can set are "\\Seen", "\\Answered", "\\Flagged", "\\Deleted", "\\Draft", and "\\Recent" (as defined by RFC2060).

The options are a bit mask with one or more of the following:

ST_UID The sequence argument contains UIDs instead of sequence numbers

Example 1. `imap_setflag_full()` example

```
$mbox = imap_open("{your.imap.host:143}", "username", "password")
    or die("can't connect: ".imap_last_error());

$status = imap_setflag_full($mbox, "2,5", "\\Seen \\Flagged");

print gettype($status)."\n";
print $status."\n";

imap_close($mbox);
```

imap_sort (PHP 3 >= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sort an array of message headers

```
array imap_sort (int stream, int criteria, int reverse, int options)
```

Returns an array of message numbers sorted by the given parameters.

Reverse is 1 for reverse-sorting.

Criteria can be one (and only one) of the following:

SORTDATE message Date
 SORTARRIVAL arrival date
 SORTFROM mailbox in first From address
 SORTSUBJECT message Subject
 SORTTO mailbox in first To address
 SORTCC mailbox in first cc address
 SORTSIZE size of message in octets

The flags are a bitmask of one or more of the following:

SE_UID Return UIDs instead of sequence numbers
 SE_NOPREFETCH Don't prefetch searched messages.

imap_status (PHP 3 >= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

This function returns status information on a mailbox other than the current one

object **imap_status** (int *imap_stream*, string *mailbox*, int *options*)

This function returns an object containing status information. Valid flags are:

- SA_MESSAGES - set status->messages to the number of messages in the mailbox
- SA_RECENT - set status->recent to the number of recent messages in the mailbox
- SA_UNSEEN - set status->unseen to the number of unseen (new) messages in the mailbox
- SA_UIDNEXT - set status->uidnext to the next uid to be used in the mailbox
- SA_UIDVALIDITY - set status->uidvalidity to a constant that changes when uids for the mailbox may no longer be valid
- SA_ALL - set all of the above

status->flags is also set, which contains a bitmask which can be checked against any of the above constants.

Example 1. imap_status() example

```
$mbox = imap_open("{your.imap.host}", "username", "password", OP_HALFOPEN)
or die("can't connect: ".imap_last_error());
```

```

$status = imap_status($mbox, "{your.imap.host}INBOX", SA_ALL);
if($status) {
    print("Messages:    ". $status->messages    )."<br>\n";
    print("Recent:      ". $status->recent      )."<br>\n";
    print("Unseen:       ". $status->unseen      )."<br>\n";
    print("UIDnext:      ". $status->uidnext     )."<br>\n";
    print("UIDvalidity:". $status->uidvalidity)."<br>\n";
} else
    print "imap_status failed: ".imap_last_error()."\n";

imap_close($mbox);

```

imap_subscribe (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Subscribe to a mailbox

```
int imap_subscribe (int imap_stream, string mbox)
```

Subscribe to a new mailbox.

Returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error.

imap_uid (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

This function returns the UID for the given message sequence number

```
int imap_uid (int imap_stream, int msgno)
```

This function returns the UID for the given message sequence number. An UID is an unique identifier that will not change over time while a message sequence number may change whenever the content of the mailbox changes. This function is the inverse of `imap_msgno()`.

Note: This is not supported by POP3 mailboxes.

imap_undelete (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Unmark the message which is marked deleted

```
int imap_undelete (int imap_stream, int msg_number)
```

This function removes the deletion flag for a specified message, which is set by `imap_delete()` or `imap_mail_move()`.

Returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error.

imap_unsubscribe (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Unsubscribe from a mailbox

```
int imap_unsubscribe (int imap_stream, string mbox)
```

Unsubscribe from a specified mailbox.

Returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error.

imap_utf7_decode (PHP 3 >= 3.0.15, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Decodes a modified UTF-7 encoded string.

```
string imap_utf7_decode (string text)
```

Decodes modified UTF-7 *text* into 8bit data.

Returns the decoded 8bit data, or FALSE if the input string was not valid modified UTF-7. This function is needed to decode mailbox names that contain international characters outside of the printable ASCII range. The modified UTF-7 encoding is defined in RFC 2060 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2060.html>), section 5.1.3 (original UTF-7 was defined in RFC1642 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc1642.html>)).

imap_utf7_encode (PHP 3 >= 3.0.15, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Converts 8bit data to modified UTF-7 text.

```
string imap_utf7_encode (string data)
```

Converts 8bit *data* to modified UTF-7 text. This is needed to encode mailbox names that contain international characters outside of the printable ASCII range. The modified UTF-7 encoding is defined in RFC 2060 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2060.html>), section 5.1.3 (original UTF-7 was defined in RFC1642 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc1642.html>)).

Returns the modified UTF-7 text.

imap_utf8 (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Converts text to UTF8

```
string imap_utf8 (string text)
```

Converts the given *text* to UTF8 (as defined in RFC2044 (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2044.html>)).

XXXVIII. Informix functions

The Informix driver for Informix (IDS) 7.x, SE 7.x, Universal Server (IUS) 9.x and IDS 2000 is implemented in "ifx.ec" and "php3_ifx.h" in the informix extension directory. IDS 7.x support is fairly complete, with full support for BYTE and TEXT columns. IUS 9.x support is partly finished: the new data types are there, but SLOB and CLOB support is still under construction.

Configuration notes: You need a version of ESQL/C to compile the PHP Informix driver. ESQL/C versions from 7.2x on should be OK. ESQL/C is now part of the Informix Client SDK.

Make sure that the "INFORMIXDIR" variable has been set, and that \$INFORMIXDIR/bin is in your PATH before you run the "configure" script.

The configure script will autodetect the libraries and include directories, if you run "configure --with_informix=yes". You can override this detection by specifying "IFX_LIBDIR", "IFX_LIBS" and "IFX_INCDIR" in the environment. The configure script will also try to detect your Informix server version. It will set the "HAVE_IFX_IUS" conditional compilation variable if your Informix version >= 9.00.

Runtime considerations: Make sure that the Informix environment variables INFORMIXDIR and INFORMIXSERVER are available to the PHP ifx driver, and that the INFORMIX bin directory is in the PATH. Check this by running a script that contains a call to **phpinfo()** before you start testing. The **phpinfo()** output should list these environment variables. This is TRUE for both CGI php and Apache mod_php. You may have to set these environment variables in your Apache startup script.

The Informix shared libraries should also be available to the loader (check LD_LIBRARY_PATH or ld.so.conf/ldconfig).

Some notes on the use of BLOBs (TEXT and BYTE columns): BLOBs are normally addressed by BLOB identifiers. Select queries return a "blob id" for every BYTE and TEXT column. You can get at the contents with "string_var = ifx_get_blob(\$blob_id);" if you choose to get the BLOBs in memory (with : "ifx_blobinfile(0);"). If you prefer to receive the content of BLOB columns in a file, use "ifx_blobinfile(1);", and "ifx_get_blob(\$blob_id);" will get you the filename. Use normal file I/O to get at the blob contents.

For insert/update queries you must create these "blob id's" yourself with "ifx_create_blob();". You then plug the blob id's into an array, and replace the blob columns with a question mark (?) in the query string. For updates/inserts, you are responsible for setting the blob contents with ifx_update_blob().

The behaviour of BLOB columns can be altered by configuration variables that also can be set at runtime :

configuration variable : ifx.textasvarchar

configuration variable : ifx.byteasvarchar

runtime functions :

ifx_textasvarchar(0) : use blob id's for select queries with TEXT columns

ifx_byteasvarchar(0) : use blob id's for select queries with BYTE columns

ifx_textasvarchar(1) : return TEXT columns as if they were VARCHAR columns, so that you don't

need to use blob id's for select queries.

`ifx_byteasvarchar(1)` : return BYTE columns as if they were VARCHAR columns, so that you don't need to use blob id's for select queries.

configuration variable : `ifx.blobinfile`

runtime function :

`ifx_blobinfile_mode(0)` : return BYTE columns in memory, the blob id lets you get at the contents.

`ifx_blobinfile_mode(1)` : return BYTE columns in a file, the blob id lets you get at the file name.

If you set `ifx_text/byteasvarchar` to 1, you can use TEXT and BYTE columns in select queries just like normal (but rather long) VARCHAR fields. Since all strings are "counted" in PHP, this remains "binary safe". It is up to you to handle this correctly. The returned data can contain anything, you are responsible for the contents.

If you set `ifx_blobinfile` to 1, use the file name returned by `ifx_get_blob(..)` to get at the blob contents. Note that in this case YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DELETING THE TEMPORARY FILES CREATED BY INFORMIX when fetching the row. Every new row fetched will create new temporary files for every BYTE column.

The location of the temporary files can be influenced by the environment variable "blobdir", default is "." (the current directory). Something like : `putenv(blobdir=tmpblob);` will ease the cleaning up of temp files accidentally left behind (their names all start with "blb").

Automatically trimming "char" (SQLCHAR and SQLNCHAR) data: This can be set with the configuration variable

`ifx.charasvarchar` : if set to 1 trailing spaces will be automatically trimmed, to save you some "chopping".

NULL values: The configuration variable `ifx.nullformat` (and the runtime function `ifx_nullformat()`) when set to TRUE will return NULL columns as the string "NULL", when set to FALSE they return the empty string. This allows you to discriminate between NULL columns and empty columns.

ifx_connect (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open Informix server connection

```
int ifx_connect (string [database], string [userid], string [password])
```

Returns a connection identifier on success, or FALSE on error.

ifx_connect() establishes a connection to an Informix server. All of the arguments are optional, and if they're missing, defaults are taken from values supplied in configuration file (ifx.default_host for the host (Informix libraries will use INFORMIXSERVER environment value if not defined), ifx.default_user for user, ifx.default_password for the password (none if not defined)).

In case a second call is made to **ifx_connect()** with the same arguments, no new link will be established, but instead, the link identifier of the already opened link will be returned.

The link to the server will be closed as soon as the execution of the script ends, unless it's closed earlier by explicitly calling ifx_close().

See also ifx_pconnect(), and ifx_close().

Example 1. Connect to a Informix database

```
$conn_id = ifx_connect ("mydb@ol_srv1", "imyself", "mypassword");
```

ifx_pconnect (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open persistent Informix connection

```
int ifx_pconnect ([string database [, string userid [, string password]]])
```

Returns: A positive Informix persistent link identifier on success, or FALSE on error

ifx_pconnect() acts very much like ifx_connect() with two major differences.

This function behaves exactly like ifx_connect() when PHP is not running as an Apache module. First, when connecting, the function would first try to find a (persistent) link that's already open with the same host, username and password. If one is found, an identifier for it will be returned instead of opening a new connection.

Second, the connection to the SQL server will not be closed when the execution of the script ends. Instead, the link will remain open for future use (`ifx_close()` will not close links established by `ifx_pconnect()`).

This type of links is therefore called 'persistent'.

See also: `ifx_connect()`.

ifx_close (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Close Informix connection

```
int ifx_close ([int link_identifier])
```

Returns: always TRUE.

ifx_close() closes the link to an Informix database that's associated with the specified link identifier. If the link identifier isn't specified, the last opened link is assumed.

Note that this isn't usually necessary, as non-persistent open links are automatically closed at the end of the script's execution.

ifx_close() will not close persistent links generated by `ifx_pconnect()`.

See also: `ifx_connect()`, and `ifx_pconnect()`.

Example 1. Closing a Informix connection

```
$conn_id = ifx_connect ("mydb@ol_srv", "itsme", "mypassword");
... some queries and stuff ...
ifx_close($conn_id);
```

ifx_query (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Send Informix query

```
int ifx_query (string query [, int link_identifier [, int cursor_type, mixed  
[blobidarray]])
```

Returns: A positive Informix result identifier on success, or FALSE on error.

A "result_id" resource used by other functions to retrieve the query results. Sets "affected_rows" for retrieval by the `ifx_affected_rows()` function.

ifx_query() sends a query to the currently active database on the server that's associated with the specified link identifier. If the link identifier isn't specified, the last opened link is assumed. If no link is open, the function tries to establish a link as if `ifx_connect()` was called, and use it.

Executes *query* on connection *conn_id*. For "select-type" queries a cursor is declared and opened. The optional *cursor_type* parameter allows you to make this a "scroll" and/or "hold" cursor. It's a bitmask and can be either `IFX_SCROLL`, `IFX_HOLD`, or both or'ed together. Non-select queries are "execute immediate". `IFX_SCROLL` and `IFX_HOLD` are symbolic constants and as such shouldn't be between quotes. If you omit this parameter the cursor is a normal sequential cursor.

For either query type the number of (estimated or real) affected rows is saved for retrieval by `ifx_affected_rows()`.

If you have BLOB (BYTE or TEXT) columns in an update query, you can add a *blobidarray* parameter containing the corresponding "blob ids", and you should replace those columns with a "?" in the query text.

If the contents of the TEXT (or BYTE) column allow it, you can also use "ifx_textasvarchar(1)" and "ifx_byteasvarchar(1)". This allows you to treat TEXT (or BYTE) columns just as if they were ordinary (but long) VARCHAR columns for select queries, and you don't need to bother with blob id's.

With `ifx_textasvarchar(0)` or `ifx_byteasvarchar(0)` (the default situation), select queries will return BLOB columns as blob id's (integer value). You can get the value of the blob as a string or file with the blob functions (see below).

See also: `ifx_connect()`.

Example 1. Show all rows of the "orders" table as a html table

```
ifx_textasvarchar(1);          // use "text mode" for blobs
$res_id = ifx_query("select * from orders", $conn_id);
if (! $res_id) {
    printf("Can't select orders : %s\n<br>%s<br>\n", ifx_error());
    ifx_errormsg();
    die;
}
ifx_htmltbl_result($res_id, "border=\"1\"");
ifx_free_result($res_id);
```

Example 2. Insert some values into the "catalog" table

```
                // create blob id's for a byte and text column
$textid = ifx_create_blob(0, 0, "Text column in memory");
$byteid = ifx_create_blob(1, 0, "Byte column in memory");
                // store blob id's in a blobid array
$blobidarray[] = $textid;
$blobidarray[] = $byteid;
```

```

// launch query
$query = "insert into catalog (stock_num, manu_code, " .
        "cat_descr,cat_picture) values(1,'HR0',?,?)";
$res_id = ifx_query($query, $conn_id, $blobidarray);
if (! $res_id) {
    ... error ...
}

// free result id
ifx_free_result($res_id);

```

ifx_prepare (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Prepare an SQL-statement for execution

```
int ifx_prepare (string query, int conn_id [, int cursor_def, mixed
blobidarray])
```

Returns a integer *result_id* for use by ifx_do(). Sets *affected_rows* for retrieval by the ifx_affected_rows() function.

Prepares *query* on connection *conn_id*. For "select-type" queries a cursor is declared and opened. The optional *cursor_type* parameter allows you to make this a "scroll" and/or "hold" cursor. It's a bitmask and can be either IFX_SCROLL, IFX_HOLD, or both or'ed together.

For either query type the estimated number of affected rows is saved for retrieval by ifx_affected_rows().

If you have BLOB (BYTE or TEXT) columns in the query, you can add a *blobidarray* parameter containing the corresponding "blob ids", and you should replace those columns with a "?" in the query text.

If the contents of the TEXT (or BYTE) column allow it, you can also use "ifx_textasvarchar(1)" and "ifx_byteasvarchar(1)". This allows you to treat TEXT (or BYTE) columns just as if they were ordinary (but long) VARCHAR columns for select queries, and you don't need to bother with blob id's.

With ifx_textasvarchar(0) or ifx_byteasvarchar(0) (the default situation), select queries will return BLOB columns as blob id's (integer value). You can get the value of the blob as a string or file with the blob functions (see below).

See also: ifx_do().

ifx_do (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Execute a previously prepared SQL-statement


```
int ifx_do (int result_id)
```

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

Executes a previously prepared query or opens a cursor for it.

Does NOT free *result_id* on error.

Also sets the real number of ifx_affected_rows() for non-select statements for retrieval by ifx_affected_rows()

See also: ifx_prepare(). There is a example.

ifx_error (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns error code of last Informix call

```
string ifx_error ( )
```

The Informix error codes (SQLSTATE & SQLCODE) formatted as follows :

```
x [SQLSTATE = aa bbb SQLCODE=cccc]
```

where x = space : no error

E : error

N : no more data

W : warning

? : undefined

If the "x" character is anything other than space, SQLSTATE and SQLCODE describe the error in more detail.

See the Informix manual for the description of SQLSTATE and SQLCODE

Returns in a string one character describing the general results of a statement and both SQLSTATE and SQLCODE associated with the most recent SQL statement executed. The format of the string is "(char) [SQLSTATE=(two digits) (three digits) SQLCODE=(one digit)]". The first character can be ' ' (space) (success), 'W' (the statement caused some warning), 'E' (an error happened when executing the statement) or 'N' (the statement didn't return any data).

See also: ifx_errormsg()

ifx_errormsg (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns error message of last Informix call

```
string ifx_errormsg ([int errorcode])
```

Returns the Informix error message associated with the most recent Informix error, or, when the optional "*errorcode*" param is present, the error message corresponding to "*errorcode*".

See also: ifx_error()

```
printf ("%s\n<br>", ifx_errormsg (-201));
```

ifx_affected_rows (PHP 3 >= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get number of rows affected by a query

```
int ifx_affected_rows (int result_id)
```

result_id is a valid result id returned by ifx_query() or ifx_prepare().

Returns the number of rows affected by a query associated with *result_id*.

For inserts, updates and deletes the number is the real number (sqlerrd[2]) of affected rows. For selects it is an estimate (sqlerrd[0]). Don't rely on it. The database server can never return the actual number of rows that will be returned by a SELECT because it has not even begun fetching them at this stage (just after the "PREPARE" when the optimizer has determined the query plan).

Useful after ifx_prepare() to limit queries to reasonable result sets.

See also: ifx_num_rows()

Example 1. Informix affected rows

```
$rid = ifx_prepare ("select * from emp
                    where name like " . $name, $connid);
if (! $rid) {
    ... error ...
}
$rowcount = ifx_affected_rows ($rid);
if ($rowcount > 1000) {
    printf ("Too many rows in result set (%d)\n<br>", $rowcount);
    die ("Please restrict your query<br>\n");
}
```

ifx_getsqlca (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the contents of `sqlca.sqlerrd[0..5]` after a query

```
array ifx_getsqlca (int result_id)
```

result_id is a valid result id returned by `ifx_query()` or `ifx_prepare()`.

Returns a pseudo-row (associative array) with `sqlca.sqlerrd[0] ... sqlca.sqlerrd[5]` after the query associated with *result_id*.

For inserts, updates and deletes the values returned are those as set by the server after executing the query. This gives access to the number of affected rows and the serial insert value. For SELECTs the values are those saved after the PREPARE statement. This gives access to the *estimated* number of affected rows. The use of this function saves the overhead of executing a "select dbinfo('sqlca.sqlerrdx')" query, as it retrieves the values that were saved by the ifx driver at the appropriate moment.

Example 1. Retrieve Informix `sqlca.sqlerrd[x]` values

```
/* assume the first column of 'sometable' is a serial */
$qid = ifx_query("insert into sometable
                values (0, '2nd column', 'another column') ", $connid);
if (! $qid) {
    ... error ...
}
$sqlca = ifx_getsqlca ($qid);
$serial_value = $sqlca["sqlerrd1"];
echo "The serial value of the inserted row is : " . $serial_value<br>\n";
```

ifx_fetch_row (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get row as enumerated array

```
array ifx_fetch_row (int result_id [, mixed position])
```

Returns an associative array that corresponds to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

Blob columns are returned as integer blob id values for use in `ifx_get_blob()` unless you have used `ifx_textasvarchar(1)` or `ifx_byteasvarchar(1)`, in which case blobs are returned as string values. Returns FALSE on error

result_id is a valid resultid returned by `ifx_query()` or `ifx_prepare()` (select type queries only!).

position is an optional parameter for a "fetch" operation on "scroll" cursors: "NEXT", "PREVIOUS", "CURRENT", "FIRST", "LAST" or a number. If you specify a number, an "absolute" row fetch is executed. This parameter is optional, and only valid for SCROLL cursors.

ifx_fetch_row() fetches one row of data from the result associated with the specified result identifier. The row is returned as an array. Each result column is stored in an array offset, starting at offset 0, with the column name as key.

Subsequent calls to **ifx_fetch_row()** would return the next row in the result set, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

Example 1. Informix fetch rows

```
$rid = ifx_prepare ("select * from emp where name like " . $name,
                  $connid, IFX_SCROLL);
if (! $rid) {
    ... error ...
}
$rowcount = ifx_affected_rows($rid);
if ($rowcount > 1000) {
    printf ("Too many rows in result set (%d)\n<br>", $rowcount);
    die ("Please restrict your query<br>\n");
}
if (! ifx_do ($rid)) {
    ... error ...
}
$row = ifx_fetch_row ($rid, "NEXT");
while (is_array($row)) {
    for(reset($row); $fieldname=key($row); next($row)) {
        $fieldvalue = $row[$fieldname];
        printf ("%s = %s,", $fieldname, $fieldvalue);
    }
    printf("\n<br>");
    $row = ifx_fetch_row ($rid, "NEXT");
}
ifx_free_result ($rid);
```

ifx_htmltbl_result (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Formats all rows of a query into a HTML table

```
int ifx_htmltbl_result (int result_id [, string html_table_options])
```

Returns the number of rows fetched or FALSE on error.

Formats all rows of the *result_id* query into a html table. The optional second argument is a string of <table> tag options

Example 1. Informix results as HTML table

```
$rid = ifx_prepare ("select * from emp where name like " . $name,
                  $connid, IFX_SCROLL);
if (! $rid) {
    ... error ...
}
$rowcount = ifx_affected_rows ($rid);
if ($rowcount > 1000) {
    printf ("Too many rows in result set (%d)\n<br>", $rowcount);
    die ("Please restrict your query<br>\n");
}
if (! ifx_do($rid) {
    ... error ...
}

ifx_htmltbl_result ($rid, "border=\"2\"");

ifx_free_result($rid);
```

ifx_fieldtypes (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

List of Informix SQL fields

```
array ifx_fieldtypes (int result_id)
```

Returns an associative array with fieldnames as key and the SQL fieldtypes as data for query with *result_id*. Returns FALSE on error.

Example 1. Fieldnames and SQL fieldtypes

```
$types = ifx_fieldtypes ($resultid);
if (! isset ($types)) {
    ... error ...
}
for ($i = 0; $i < count($types); $i++) {
    $fname = key($types);
    printf("%s :\t type = %s\n", $fname, $types[$fname]);
    next($types);
}
```

ifx_fieldproperties (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

List of SQL fieldproperties

```
array ifx_fieldproperties (int result_id)
```

Returns an associative array with fieldnames as key and the SQL fieldproperties as data for a query with *result_id*. Returns FALSE on error.

Returns the Informix SQL fieldproperties of every field in the query as an associative array. Properties are encoded as: "SQLTYPE;length;precision;scale;ISNULLABLE" where SQLTYPE = the Informix type like "SQLVCHAR" etc. and ISNULLABLE = "Y" or "N".

Example 1. Informix SQL fieldproperties

```
$properties = ifx_fieldproperties ($resultid);
if (! isset($properties)) {
    ... error ...
}
for ($i = 0; $i < count($properties); $i++) {
    $fname = key ($properties);
    printf ("%s:\t type = %s\n", $fname, $properties[$fname]);
    next ($properties);
}
```

ifx_num_fields (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the number of columns in the query

```
int ifx_num_fields (int result_id)
```

Returns the number of columns in query for *result_id* or FALSE on error

After preparing or executing a query, this call gives you the number of columns in the query.

ifx_num_rows (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Count the rows already fetched from a query

```
int ifx_num_rows (int result_id)
```

Gives the number of rows fetched so far for a query with *result_id* after a `ifx_query()` or `ifx_do()` query.

ifx_free_result (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Releases resources for the query

```
int ifx_free_result (int result_id)
```

Releases resources for the query associated with *result_id*. Returns FALSE on error.

ifx_create_char (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Creates an char object

```
int ifx_create_char (string param)
```

Creates an char object. *param* should be the char content.

ifx_free_char (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deletes the char object

```
int ifx_free_char (int bid)
```

Deletes the charobject for the given char object-id *bid*. Returns FALSE on error otherwise TRUE.

ifx_update_char (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Updates the content of the char object

```
int ifx_update_char (int bid, string content)
```

Updates the content of the char object for the given char object *bid*. *content* is a string with new data.
Returns FALSE on error otherwise TRUE.

ifx_get_char (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return the content of the char object

```
int ifx_get_char (int bid)
```

Returns the content of the char object for the given char object-id *bid*.

ifx_create_blob (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Creates an blob object

```
int ifx_create_blob (int type, int mode, string param)
```

Creates an blob object.

type: 1 = TEXT, 0 = BYTE

mode: 0 = blob-object holds the content in memory, 1 = blob-object holds the content in file.

param: if mode = 0: pointer to the content, if mode = 1: pointer to the filestring.

Return FALSE on error, otherwise the new blob object-id.

ifx_copy_blob (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Duplicates the given blob object


```
int ifx_copy_blob (int bid)
```

Duplicates the given blob object. *bid* is the ID of the blob object.

Returns FALSE on error otherwise the new blob object-id.

ifx_free_blob (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deletes the blob object

```
int ifx_free_blob (int bid)
```

Deletes the blobobject for the given blob object-id *bid*. Returns FALSE on error otherwise TRUE.

ifx_get_blob (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return the content of a blob object

```
int ifx_get_blob (int bid)
```

Returns the content of the blob object for the given blob object-id *bid*.

ifx_update_blob (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Updates the content of the blob object

```
ifx_update_blob (int bid, string content)
```

Updates the content of the blob object for the given blob object *bid*. *content* is a string with new data. Returns FALSE on error otherwise TRUE.

ifx_blobinfile_mode (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the default blob mode for all select queries

```
void ifx_blobinfile_mode (int mode)
```

Set the default blob mode for all select queries. Mode "0" means save Byte-Blobs in memory, and mode "1" means save Byte-Blobs in a file.

ifx_textasvarchar (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the default text mode

```
void ifx_textasvarchar (int mode)
```

Sets the default text mode for all select-queries. Mode "0" will return a blob id, and mode "1" will return a varchar with text content.

ifx_byteasvarchar (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the default byte mode

```
void ifx_byteasvarchar (int mode)
```

Sets the default byte mode for all select-queries. Mode "0" will return a blob id, and mode "1" will return a varchar with text content.

ifx_nullformat (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the default return value on a fetch row

```
void ifx_nullformat (int mode)
```

Sets the default return value of a NULL-value on a fetch row. Mode "0" returns "", and mode "1" returns "NULL".

ifxus_create_slob (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Creates an slob object and opens it

```
int ifxus_create_slob (int mode)
```

Creates an slob object and opens it. Modes: 1 = LO_RDONLY, 2 = LO_WRONLY, 4 = LO_APPEND, 8 = LO_RDWR, 16 = LO_BUFFER, 32 = LO_NOBUFFER -> or-mask. You can also use constants named IFX_LO_RDONLY, IFX_LO_WRONLY etc. Return FALSE on error otherwise the new slob object-id.

ifxus_free_slob (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deletes the slob object

```
int ifxus_free_slob (int bid)
```

Deletes the slob object. *bid* is the Id of the slob object. Returns FALSE on error otherwise TRUE.

ifxus_close_slob (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deletes the slob object

```
int ifxus_close_slob (int bid)
```

Deletes the slob object on the given slob object-id *bid*. Return FALSE on error otherwise TRUE.

ifxus_open_slob (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Opens an slob object

```
int ifxus_open_slob (long bid, int mode)
```

Opens an slob object. *bid* should be an existing slob id. Modes: 1 = LO_RDONLY, 2 = LO_WRONLY, 4 = LO_APPEND, 8 = LO_RDWR, 16 = LO_BUFFER, 32 = LO_NOBUFFER -> or-mask. Returns FALSE on error otherwise the new slob object-id.

ifxus_tell_slob (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the current file or seek position

```
int ifxus_tell_slob (long bid)
```

Returns the current file or seek position of an open slob object *bid* should be an existing slob id. Return FALSE on error otherwise the seek position.

ifxus_seek_slob (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the current file or seek position

```
int ifxus_seek_slob (long bid, int mode, long offset)
```

Sets the current file or seek position of an open slob object. *bid* should be an existing slob id. Modes: 0 = LO_SEEK_SET, 1 = LO_SEEK_CUR, 2 = LO_SEEK_END and *offset* is an byte offset. Return FALSE on error otherwise the seek position.

ifxus_read_slob (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Reads nbytes of the slob object

```
int ifxus_read_slob (long bid, long nbytes)
```

Reads nbytes of the slob object. *bid* is a existing slob id and *nbytes* is the number of bytes zu read. Return FALSE on error otherwise the string.

ifxus_write_slob (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Writes a string into the slob object

```
int ifxus_write_slob (long bid, string content)
```

Writes a string into the slob object. *bid* is a existing slob id and *content* the content to write. Return FALSE on error otherwise bytes written.

XXXIX. InterBase functions

InterBase is a popular database put out by Borland/Inprise. More information about InterBase is available at <http://www.interbase.com/>. Oh, by the way, InterBase just joined the open source movement!

Note: Full support for InterBase 6 was added in PHP 4.0.

This database uses a single quote (') character for escaping, a behavior similar to the Sybase database, add to your `php.ini` the following directive:

```
magic_quotes_sybase = On
```

ibase_connect (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open a connection to an InterBase database

```
int ibase_connect (string database [, string username [, string password [,
string charset [, int buffers [, int dialect [, string role]]]]])
```

Establishes a connection to an InterBase server. The *database* argument has to be a valid path to database file on the server it resides on. If the server is not local, it must be prefixed with either 'hostname:' (TCP/IP), '//hostname/' (NetBEUI) or 'hostname@' (IPX/SPX), depending on the connection protocol used. *username* and *password* can also be specified with PHP configuration directives `ibase.default_user` and `ibase.default_password`. *charset* is the default character set for a database. *buffers* is the number of database buffers to allocate for the server-side cache. If 0 or omitted, server chooses its own default. *dialect* selects the default SQL dialect for any statement executed within a connection, and it defaults to the highest one supported by client libraries.

In case a second call is made to **ibase_connect()** with the same arguments, no new link will be established, but instead, the link identifier of the already opened link will be returned. The link to the server will be closed as soon as the execution of the script ends, unless it's closed earlier by explicitly calling `ibase_close()`.

Example 1. ibase_connect() example

```
<?php
    $dbh = ibase_connect ($host, $username, $password);
    $stmt = 'SELECT * FROM tblname';
    $sth = ibase_query ($dbh, $stmt);
    while ($row = ibase_fetch_object ($sth)) {
        print $row->email . "\n";
    }
    ibase_close ($dbh);
?>
```

Note: *buffers* was added in PHP4-RC2.

Note: *dialect* was added in PHP4-RC2. It is functional only with InterBase 6 and versions higher than that.

Note: *role* was added in PHP4-RC2. It is functional only with InterBase 5 and versions higher than that.

See also: `ibase_pconnect()`.

ibase_pconnect (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Creates an persistent connection to an InterBase database

```
int ibase_pconnect (string database [, string username [, string password [,
string charset [, int buffers [, int dialect [, string role]]]]]])
```

ibase_pconnect() acts very much like `ibase_connect()` with two major differences. First, when connecting, the function will first try to find a (persistent) link that's already opened with the same parameters. If one is found, an identifier for it will be returned instead of opening a new connection. Second, the connection to the InterBase server will not be closed when the execution of the script ends. Instead, the link will remain open for future use (`ibase_close()` will not close links established by **ibase_pconnect()**). This type of link is therefore called 'persistent'.

Note: *buffers* was added in PHP4-RC2.

Note: *dialect* was added in PHP4-RC2. It is functional only with InterBase 6 and versions higher than that.

Note: *role* was added in PHP4-RC2. It is functional only with InterBase 5 and versions higher than that.

See also `ibase_connect()` for the meaning of parameters passed to this function. They are exactly the same.

ibase_close (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Close a connection to an InterBase database

```
int ibase_close ([int connection_id])
```


Closes the link to an InterBase database that's associated with a connection id returned from `ibase_connect()`. If the connection id is omitted, the last opened link is assumed. Default transaction on link is committed, other transactions are rolled back.

ibase_query (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Execute a query on an InterBase database

```
int ibase_query ([int link_identifier, string query [, int bind_args]])
```

Performs a query on an InterBase database, returning a result identifier for use with `ibase_fetch_row()`, `ibase_fetch_object()`, `ibase_free_result()` and `ibase_free_query()`.

Note: Although this function supports variable binding to parameter placeholders, there is not very much meaning using this capability with it. For real life use and an example, see `ibase_prepare()` and `ibase_execute()`.

ibase_fetch_row (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch a row from an InterBase database

```
array ibase_fetch_row (int result_identifier)
```

Returns the next row specified by the result identifier obtained using the `ibase_query()`.

ibase_fetch_object (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get an object from a InterBase database

```
object ibase_fetch_object (int result_id)
```

Fetches a row as a pseudo-object from a *result_id* obtained either by `ibase_query()` or `ibase_execute()`.

```

<php
    $dbh = ibase_connect ($host, $username, $password);
    $stmt = 'SELECT * FROM tblname';
    $sth = ibase_query ($dbh, $stmt);
    while ($row = ibase_fetch_object ($sth)) {
        print $row->email . "\n";
    }
    ibase_close ($dbh);
?>

```

See also `ibase_fetch_row()`.

ibase_field_info (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get information about a field

```
array ibase_field_info (int result, int field number)
```

Returns an array with information about a field after a select query has been run. The array is in the form of name, alias, relation, length, type.

```

// helio@helio.com.br 08-Dec-2000 02:53

$rs=ibase_query("Select * from something");
$coln = ibase_num_fields($rs);
for ($i=0 ; $i < $coln ; $i++) {
    $col_info = ibase_field_info($rs, $i);
    echo "name: ".$col_info['name']."\n";
    echo "alias: ".$col_info['alias']."\n";
    echo "relation: ".$col_info['relation']."\n";
    echo "length: ".$col_info['length']."\n";
    echo "type: ".$col_info['type']."\n";
}

```

ibase_free_result (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Free a result set

```
int ibase_free_result (int result_identifier)
```

Free's a result set the has been created by ibase_query().

ibase_prepare (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Prepare a query for later binding of parameter placeholders and execution

```
int ibase_prepare ([int link_identifier, string query])
```

Prepare a query for later binding of parameter placeholders and execution (via ibase_execute()).

ibase_execute (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Execute a previously prepared query

```
int ibase_execute (int query [, int bind_args])
```

Execute a query prepared by ibase_prepare(). This is a lot more effective than using ibase_query() if you are repeating a same kind of query several times with only some parameters changing.

```
<?php
    $updates = array(
        1 => 'Eric',
        5 => 'Filip',
        7 => 'Larry'
    );

    $query = ibase_prepare("UPDATE FOO SET BAR = ? WHERE BAZ = ?");

    while (list($baz, $bar) = each($updates)) {
        ibase_execute($query, $bar, $baz);
    }
?>
```

ibase_trans (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Begin a transaction

```
int ibase_trans ([int trans_args [, int link_identifier]])
```

Begins a transaction.

ibase_commit (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Commit a transaction

```
int ibase_commit ([int link_identifier, int trans_number])
```

Commits transaction *trans_number* which was created with `ibase_trans()`.

ibase_rollback (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Rolls back a transaction

```
int ibase_rollback ([int link_identifier, int trans_number])
```

Rolls back transaction *trans_number* which was created with `ibase_trans()`.

ibase_free_query (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Free memory allocated by a prepared query

```
int ibase_free_query (int query)
```

Free a query prepared by `ibase_prepare()`.

ibase_timefmt (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the format of timestamp, date and time type columns returned from queries

```
int ibase_timefmt (string format [, int column_type])
```

Sets the format of timestamp, date or time type columns returned from queries. Internally, the columns are formatted by c-function `strftime()`, so refer to it's documentation regarding to the format of the string. *column_type* is one of the constants `IBASE_TIMESTAMP`, `IBASE_DATE` and `IBASE_TIME`. If omitted, defaults to `IBASE_TIMESTAMP` for backwards compatibility.

```
<?php
    // InterBase 6 TIME-type columns will be returned in
    // the form '05 hours 37 minutes'.
    ibase_timefmt("%H hours %M minutes", IBASE_TIME);
?>
```

You can also set defaults for these formats with PHP configuration directives `ibase.timestampformat`, `ibase.dateformat` and `ibase.timeformat`.

Note: *column_type* was added in PHP 4.0. It has any meaning only with InterBase version 6 and higher.

Note: A backwards incompatible change happened in PHP 4.0 when PHP configuration directive `ibase.timeformat` was renamed to `ibase.timestampformat` and directives `ibase.dateformat` and `ibase.timeformat` were added, so that the names would match better their functionality.

ibase_num_fields (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the number of fields in a result set

```
int ibase_num_fields (int result_id)
```

Returns an integer containing the number of fields in a result set.

```
<?php
    $dbh = ibase_connect ($host, $username, $password);
    $stmt = 'SELECT * FROM tblname';
    $sth = ibase_query ($dbh, $stmt);

    if (ibase_num_fields($sth) > 0) {
        while ($row = ibase_fetch_object ($sth)) {
            print $row->email . "\n";
        }
    } else {
        die ("No Results were found for your query");
    }

    ibase_close ($dbh);
?>
```

See also: `ibase_field_info()`.

Note: `ibase_num_fields()` is currently not functional in PHP 4.

ibase_errmsg (PHP 3 >= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns error messages

```
string ibase_errmsg ()
```

Returns a string containing an error message.

XL. Ingres II functions

Warning

This module is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of these functions, these function names, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this module at your own risk.

These functions allow you to access Ingres II database servers.

In order to have these functions available, you must compile php with Ingres support by using the `--with-ingres` option. You need the Open API library and header files included with Ingres II. If the `II_SYSTEM` environment variable isn't correctly set you may have to use `--with-ingres=DIR` to specify your Ingres installation directory.

When using this extension with Apache, if Apache does not start and complains with "PHP Fatal error: Unable to start ingres_ii module in Unknown on line 0" then make sure the environment variable `II_SYSTEM` is correctly set. Adding `export II_SYSTEM="/home/ingres/II"` in the script that starts Apache, just before launching httpd, should be fine.

Note: If you already used PHP extensions to access other database servers, note that Ingres doesn't allow concurrent queries and/or transaction over one connection, thus you won't find any result or transaction handle in this extension. The result of a query must be treated before sending another query, and a transaction must be committed or rolled back before opening another transaction (which is automatically done when sending the first query).

ingres_connect (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Open a connection to an Ingres II database

```
resource ingres_connect ([string database [, string username [, string password]]])
```

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Returns a Ingres II link resource on success, or FALSE on failure.

ingres_connect() opens a connection with the Ingres database designated by *database*, which follows the syntax *[node_id:]dbname[/svr_class]*.

If some parameters are missing, **ingres_connect()** uses the values in `php.ini` for *ingres.default_database*, *ingres.default_user*, and *ingres.default_password*.

The connection is closed when the script ends or when `ingres_close()` is called on this link.

All the other ingres functions use the last opened link as a default, so you need to store the returned value only if you use more than one link at a time.

Example 1. ingres_connect() example

```
<?php
    $link = ingres_connect ("mydb", "user", "pass")
        or die ("Could not connect");
    print ("Connected successfully");
    ingres_close ($link);
?>
```

Example 2. ingres_connect() example using default link

```
<?php
    ingres_connect ("mydb", "user", "pass")
        or die ("Could not connect");
    print ("Connected successfully");
    ingres_close ();
?>
```


See also `ingres_pconnect()` and `ingres_close()`.

ingres_pconnect (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Open a persistent connection to an Ingres II database

```
resource ingres_pconnect ([string database [, string username [, string password]]])
```

Warning

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Returns a Ingres II link resource on success, or FALSE on failure.

See `ingres_connect()` for parameters details and examples. There are only 2 differences between **ingres_pconnect()** and `ingres_connect()` : First, when connecting, the function will first try to find a (persistent) link that's already opened with the same parameters. If one is found, an identifier for it will be returned instead of opening a new connection. Second, the connection to the Ingres server will not be closed when the execution of the script ends. Instead, the link will remain open for future use (`ingres_close()` will not close links established by **ingres_pconnect()**). This type of link is therefore called 'persistent'.

See also `ingres_connect()` and `ingres_close()`.

ingres_close (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Close an Ingres II database connection

```
bool ingres_close ([resource link])
```

Warning

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Returns TRUE on success, or FALSE on failure.

ingres_close() closes the connection to the Ingres server that's associated with the specified link. If the *link* parameter isn't specified, the last opened link is used.

ingres_close() isn't usually necessary, as it won't close persistent connections and all non-persistent connections are automatically closed at the end of the script.

See also `ingres_connect()` and `ingres_pconnect()`.

ingres_query (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Send a SQL query to Ingres II

```
bool ingres_query (string query [, resource link])
```

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

Returns TRUE on success, or FALSE on failure.

ingres_query() sends the given *query* to the Ingres server. This query must be a valid SQL query (see the Ingres SQL reference guide)

The query becomes part of the currently open transaction. If there is no open transaction, **ingres_query()** opens a new transaction. To close the transaction, you can either call `ingres_commit()` to commit the changes made to the database or `ingres_rollback()` to cancel these changes. When the script ends, any open transaction is rolled back (by calling `ingres_rollback()`). You can also use `ingres_autocommit()` before opening a new transaction to have every SQL query immediatly committed.

Some types of SQL queries can't be sent with this function:

- close (see `ingres_close()`)
- commit (see `ingres_commit()`)
- connect (see `ingres_connect()`)
- disconnect (see `ingres_close()`)
- get dbevent
- prepare to commit
- rollback (see `ingres_rollback()`)
- savepoint

- set autocommit (see `ingres_autocommit()`)
- all cursor related queries are unsupported

Example 1. `ingres_query()` example

```
<?php
ingres_connect ($database, $user, $password);

ingres_query ("select * from table");
while ($row = ingres_fetch_row()) {
    echo $row[1];
    echo $row[2];
}
?>
```

See also `ingres_fetch_array()`, `ingres_fetch_object()`, `ingres_fetch_row()`, `ingres_commit()`, `ingres_rollback()`, and `ingres_autocommit()`.

ingres_num_rows (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Get the number of rows affected or returned by the last query

```
int ingres_num_rows ([resource link])
```

Warning

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For delete, insert or update queries, **ingres_num_rows()** returns the number of rows affected by the query. For other queries, **ingres_num_rows()** returns the number of rows in the query's result.

Note: This function is mainly meant to get the number of rows modified in the database. If this function is called before using `ingres_fetch_array()`, `ingres_fetch_object()` or `ingres_fetch_row()` the server will delete the result's data and the script won't be able to get them.

You should instead retrieve the result's data using one of these fetch functions in a loop until it returns FALSE, indicating that no more results are available.

See also `ingres_query()`, `ingres_fetch_array()`, `ingres_fetch_object()`, and `ingres_fetch_row()`.

ingres_num_fields (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Get the number of fields returned by the last query

```
int ingres_num_fields ([resource link])
```

Warning

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ingres_num_fields() returns the number of fields in the results returned by the Ingres server after a call to `ingres_query()`

See also `ingres_query()`, `ingres_fetch_array()`, `ingres_fetch_object()`, and `ingres_fetch_row()`.

ingres_field_name (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Get the name of a field in a query result.

```
string ingres_field_name (int index [, resource link])
```

Warning

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ingres_field_name() returns the name of a field in a query result, or FALSE on failure.

index is the number of the field and must be between 1 and the value given by `ingres_num_fields()`.

See also `ingres_query()`, `ingres_fetch_array()`, `ingres_fetch_object()` and `ingres_fetch_row()`.

ingres_field_type (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Get the type of a field in a query result

```
string ingres_field_type (int index [, resource link])
```

Warning

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ingres_field_type() returns the type of a field in a query result, or FALSE on failure. Examples of types returned are "IIAPI_BYTE_TYPE", "IIAPI_CHA_TYPE", "IIAPI_DTE_TYPE", "IIAPI_FLT_TYPE", "IIAPI_INT_TYPE", "IIAPI_VCH_TYPE". Some of these types can map to more than one SQL type depending on the length of the field (see `ingres_field_length()`). For example "IIAPI_FLT_TYPE" can be a float4 or a float8. For detailed information, see the Ingres/OpenAPI User Guide - Appendix C.

index is the number of the field and must be between 1 and the value given by `ingres_num_fields()`.

See also `ingres_query()`, `ingres_fetch_array()`, `ingres_fetch_object()`, and `ingres_fetch_row()`.

ingres_field_nullable (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Test if a field is nullable

```
bool ingres_field_nullable (int index [, resource link])
```

Warning

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ingres_field_nullable() returns TRUE if the field can be set to the NULL value and FALSE if it can't.

index is the number of the field and must be between 1 and the value given by `ingres_num_fields()`.

See also `ingres_query()`, `ingres_fetch_array()`, `ingres_fetch_object()`, and `ingres_fetch_row()`.

ingres_field_length (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Get the length of a field

```
int ingres_field_length (int index [, resource link])
```

Warning

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ingres_field_length() returns the length of a field. This is the number of bytes used by the server to store the field. For detailed information, see the Ingres/OpenAPI User Guide - Appendix C.

index is the number of the field and must be between 1 and the value given by `ingres_num_fields()`.

See also `ingres_query()`, `ingres_fetch_array()`, `ingres_fetch_object()`, and `ingres_fetch_row()`.

ingres_field_precision (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Get the precision of a field

```
int ingres_field_precision (int index [, resource link])
```

Warning

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ingres_field_precision() returns the precision of a field. This value is used only for decimal, float and money SQL data types. For detailed information, see the Ingres/OpenAPI User Guide - Appendix C.

index is the number of the field and must be between 1 and the value given by `ingres_num_fields()`.

See also `ingres_query()`, `ingres_fetch_array()`, `ingres_fetch_object()`, and `ingres_fetch_row()`.

ingres_field_scale (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Get the scale of a field

```
int ingres_field_scale (int index [, resource link])
```

Warning

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ingres_field_scale() returns the scale of a field. This value is used only for the decimal SQL data type. For detailed information, see the Ingres/OpenAPI User Guide - Appendix C.

index is the number of the field and must be between 1 and the value given by `ingres_num_fields()`.

See also `ingres_query()`, `ingres_fetch_array()`, `ingres_fetch_object()`, and `ingres_fetch_row()`.

ingres_fetch_array (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Fetch a row of result into an array

```
array ingres_fetch_array ([int result_type [, resource link]])
```

Warning

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ingres_fetch_array() Returns an array that corresponds to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

This function is an extended version of `ingres_fetch_row()`. In addition to storing the data in the numeric indices of the result array, it also stores the data in associative indices, using the field names as keys.

If two or more columns of the result have the same field names, the last column will take precedence. To access the other column(s) of the same name, you must use the numeric index of the column or make an alias for the column.

```

ingres_query(select t1.f1 as foo t2.f1 as bar from t1, t2);
$result = ingres_fetch_array();
$foo = $result["foo"];
$bar = $result["bar"];

```

result_type can be INGRES_NUM for enumerated array, INGRES_ASSOC for associative array, or INGRES_BOTH (default).

Speed-wise, the function is identical to `ingres_fetch_object()`, and almost as quick as `ingres_fetch_row()` (the difference is insignificant).

Example 1. `ingres_fetch_array()` example

```

<?php
ingres_connect ($database, $user, $password);

ingres_query ("select * from table");
while ($row = ingres_fetch_array()) {
    echo $row["user_id"]; # using associative array
    echo $row["fullname"];
    echo $row[1];         # using enumerated array
    echo $row[2];
}
?>

```

See also `ingres_query()`, `ingres_num_fields()`, `ingres_field_name()`, `ingres_fetch_object()`, and `ingres_fetch_row()`.

ingres_fetch_row (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Fetch a row of result into an enumerated array

```
array ingres_fetch_row ([resource link])
```


Warning

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ingres_fetch_row() returns an array that corresponds to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows. Each result column is stored in an array offset, starting at offset 1.

Subsequent call to **ingres_fetch_row()** would return the next row in the result set, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

Example 1. ingres_fetch_row() example

```
<?php
ingres_connect ($database, $user, $password);

ingres_query ("select * from table");
while ($row = ingres_fetch_row()) {
    echo $row[1];
    echo $row[2];
}
?>
```

See also `ingres_num_fields()`, `ingres_query()`, `ingres_fetch_array()`, and `ingres_fetch_object()`.

ingres_fetch_object (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Fetch a row of result into an object.

object **ingres_fetch_object** ([int *result_type* [, resource *link*]])

Warning

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ingres_fetch_object() Returns an object that corresponds to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

This function is similar to `ingres_fetch_array()`, with one difference - an object is returned, instead of an array. Indirectly, that means that you can only access the data by the field names, and not by their offsets (numbers are illegal property names).

The optional argument *result_type* is a constant and can take the following values: `INGRES_ASSOC`, `INGRES_NUM`, and `INGRES_BOTH`.

Speed-wise, the function is identical to `ingres_fetch_array()`, and almost as quick as `ingres_fetch_row()` (the difference is insignificant).

Example 1. `ingres_fetch_object()` example

```
<?php
ingres_connect ($database, $user, $password);
ingres_query ("select * from table");
while ($row = ingres_fetch_object()) {
    echo $row->user_id;
    echo $row->fullname;
}
?>
```

See also `ingres_query()`, `ingres_num_fields()`, `ingres_field_name()`, `ingres_fetch_array()`, and `ingres_fetch_row()`.

ingres_rollback (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Roll back a transaction

bool **ingres_rollback** ([resource *link*])

Warning

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ingres_rollback() rolls back the currently open transaction, actually canceling all changes made to the database during the transaction.

This closes the transaction. A new one can be open by sending a query with `ingres_query()`.

See also `ingres_query()`, `ingres_commit()`, and `ingres_autocommit()`.

ingres_commit (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Commit a transaction

```
bool ingres_commit ([resource link])
```

Warning

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ingres_commit() commits the currently open transaction, making all changes made to the database permanent.

This closes the transaction. A new one can be open by sending a query with `ingres_query()`.

You can also have the server commit automatically after every query by calling `ingres_autocommit()` before opening the transaction.

See also `ingres_query()`, `ingres_rollback()`, and `ingres_autocommit()`.

ingres_autocommit (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Switch autocommit on or off

```
bool ingres_autocommit ([resource link])
```

Warning

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ingres_autocommit() is called before opening a transaction (before the first call to `ingres_query()` or just after a call to `ingres_rollback()` or **ingres_autocommit()**) to switch the "autocommit" mode of the server on or off (when the script begins the autocommit mode is off).

When the autocommit mode is on, every query is automatically committed by the server, as if `ingres_commit()` was called after every call to `ingres_query()`.

See also `ingres_query()`, `ingres_rollback()`, and `ingres_commit()`.

XLI. IRC Gateway Functions

Internet Relay Chat Gateway ...

Based on IRCG (<http://www.schumann.cx/ircg/>), from Sascha Schumann.

ircg_pconnect (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Connect to an IRC server

```
resource ircg_pconnect (string username [, string server_ip [, int
server_port [, string msg_format [, array ctcp_messages [, array
user_settings]]]]])
```

ircg_pconnect() will try to establish a connection to an IRC server and return a connection resource handle for further use.

The only mandatory parameter is *username*, this will set your initial nickname on the server. *server_ip* and *server_port* are optional and default to 127.0.0.1 and 6667.

Note: For now parameter *server_ip* will not do any hostname lookups and will only accept IP addresses in numerical form.

You can customize the output of IRC messages and events by selection a format string set previously created with `ircg_register_format_messages()` by specifying the sets name in *msg_format*.

ctcp_messages

user_settings

See also: `ircg_disconnect()`, `ircg_is_conn_alive()`, `ircg_register_format_messages()`.

ircg_fetch_error_msg (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Returns the error from previous ircg operation

```
array ircg_fetch_error_msg (resource connection)
```

ircg_fetch_error_msg() returns the error from the last called ircg function.

Note: Errorcode is stored in first array element, errortext in second.

Example 1. ircg_fetch_error_msg() example

```

if (!ircg_join ($id, "#php")) {
    $error = ircg_fetch_error_msg($id);
    print ("Can't join channel #php. Errorcode:
           $error[0] Description: $error[1]");
}

```

ircg_set_current (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Set current connection for output

```
boolean ircg_set_current (resource connection)
```

Select the current connection for output in this execution context. Every output sent from the server connected to by *connection* will be copied to standard output while using default formatting or a format string set specified by `ircg_register_format_messages()` and selected by `ircg_lookup_format_messages()`.

See also: `ircg_register_format_messages()` and `ircg_lookup_format_messages()`.

ircg_join (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Join a channel on a connected server

```
boolean ircg_join (resource connection, string channel)
```

Join the channel *channel* on the server connected to by *connection*.

ircg_part (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Leave a channel on server

```
boolean ircg_part (resource connection, string channel)
```

Leave the channel *channel* on the server connected to by *connection*.

ircg_msg (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Send message to channel or user on server

```
boolean ircg_msg (resource connection, string recipient, string message [,
boolean suppress])
```

ircg_msg() will send the message to a channel or user on the server connected to by *connection*. A *recipient* starting with # or & will send the *message* to a channel, anything else will be interpreted as a username.

Setting the optional parameter *suppress* to a TRUE value will suppress output of your message to your own *connection*.

ircg_notice (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Send a notice to a user on server

```
boolean ircg_notice (resource connection, string , string message)
```

This function will send the *message* text to the user *nick* on the server connected to by *connection*. Query your IRC documentation of choice for the exact difference between a MSG and a NOTICE.

ircg_nick (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Change nickname on server

```
boolean ircg_nick (resource connection, string nick)
```

Change your nickname on the given *connection* to the one given in *nick* if possible.

Will return TRUE on success and FALSE on failure.

ircg_topic (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Set topic for channel on server

boolean **ircg_topic** (resource *connection*, string *channel*, string *new_topic*)

Change the topic for channel *channel* on the server connected to by *connection* to *new_topic*.

ircg_channel_mode (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Set channel mode flags for user

boolean **ircg_channel_mode** (resource *connection*, string *channel*, string *mode_spec*, string *nick*)

Set channel mode flags for *channel* on server connected to by *connection*. Mode flags are passed in *mode_spec* and are applied to the user specified by *nick*.

Mode flags are set or cleared by specifying a mode character and prepending it with a plus or minus character respectively. E.g. operator mode is granted by '+o' and revoked by '-o' passed as *mode_spec*.

ircg_html_encode (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Encodes HTML preserving output

boolean **ircg_html_encode** (string *html_string*)

Encodes a HTML string *html_string* for output. This feature could be usable, e.g. if someone wants to discuss about an html problem.

ircg_whois (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Query user information for nick on server

boolean **ircg_whois** (resource *connection*, string *nick*)

Sends a query to the connected server *connection* to send information for the specified user *nick*.

ircg_kick (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Kick a user out of a channel on server

boolean **ircg_kick** (resource *connection*, string *channel*, string *nick*, string *reason*)

Kick user *nick* from *channel* on server connected to by *connection*. *reason* should give a short message describing why this action was performed.

ircg_ignore_add (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Add a user to your ignore list on a server

boolean **ircg_ignore_add** (resource *connection*, string *nick*)

This function will add user *nick* to your ignore list on the server connected to by *connection*. By doing so you will suppress all messages from this user from being send to you.

See also: `ircg_ignore_del()`.

ircg_ignore_del (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Remove a user from your ignore list on a server

boolean **ircg_ignore_del** (resource *connection*, string *nick*)

This function remove user *nick* from your ignore list on the server connected to by *connection*.

See also: `ircg_ignore_add()`.

ircg_disconnect (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Close connection to server

boolean **ircg_disconnect** (resource *connection*, string *reason*)

ircg_disconnect() will close a *connection* to a server previously established with `ircg_pconnect()`.

See also: `ircg_pconnect()`.

ircg_is_conn_alive (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Check connection status

boolean **ircg_is_conn_alive** (resource *connection*)

ircg_is_conn_alive() returns TRUE if *connection* is still alive and working or FALSE if the server no longer talks to us.

ircg_lookup_format_messages (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Select a set of format strings for display of IRC messages

boolean **ircg_lookup_format_messages** (string *name*)

Select the set of format strings to use for display of IRC messages and events. Sets may be registered with `ircg_register_format_messages()`, a default set named `ircg` is always available.

See also: `ircg_register_format_messages()`

ircg_register_format_messages (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Register a set of format strings for display of IRC messages

boolean **ircg_register_format_messages** (string *name*, array *messages*)

With **ircg_register_format_messages()** you can customize the way your IRC output looks like. You can even register different format string sets and switch between them on the fly with **ircg_lookup_format_messages()**.

- Plain channel message
- Private message received
- Private message sent
- Some user leaves channel
- Some user enters channel
- Some user was kicked from the channel
- Topic has been changed
- Error
- Fatal error
- Join list end(?)
- Self part(?)
- Some user changes his nick
- Some user quits his connection
- Mass join begin
- Mass join element
- Mass join end
- Whois user
- Whois server
- Whois idle
- Whois channel
- Whois end
- Voice status change on user
- Operator status change on user
- Banlist
- Banlist end

- %f - from
- %t - to
- %c - channel
- %r - plain message
- %m - encoded message

- %j - js encoded message
- 1 - mod encode
- 2 - nickname decode

See also: `ircg_lookup_format_messages()`.

XLII. Java

There are two possible ways to bridge PHP and Java: you can either integrate PHP into a Java Servlet environment, which is the more stable and efficient solution, or integrate Java support into PHP. The former is provided by a SAPI module that interfaces with the Servlet server, the latter by the Java extension.

PHP 4 ext/java provides a simple and effective means for creating and invoking methods on Java objects from PHP. The JVM is created using JNI, and everything runs in-process. Build instructions for ext/java can be found in php4/ext/java/README.

Example 1. Java Example

```
<?php
// get instance of Java class java.lang.System in PHP
$system = new Java('java.lang.System');

// demonstrate property access
print 'Java version=' . $system->getProperty('java.version') . ' <br>';
print 'Java vendor=' . $system->getProperty('java.vendor') . ' <br>';
print 'OS=' . $system->getProperty('os.name') . ' ' .
      $system->getProperty('os.version') . ' on ' .
      $system->getProperty('os.arch') . ' <br>';

// java.util.Date example
$formatter = new Java('java.text.SimpleDateFormat',
                      "EEEE, MMMM dd, yyyy 'at' h:mm:ss a zzzz");

print $formatter->format(new Java('java.util.Date'));
?>
```

Example 2. AWT Example

```
<?php
// This example is only intended to be run as a CGI.

$frame = new Java('java.awt.Frame', 'PHP');
$button = new Java('java.awt.Button', 'Hello Java World!');

$frame->add('North', $button);
$frame->validate();
$frame->pack();
$frame->visible = True;

$thread = new Java('java.lang.Thread');
$thread->sleep(10000);
```

```
$frame->dispose();
?>
```

Notes:

- `new Java()` will create an instance of a class if a suitable constructor is available. If no parameters are passed and the default constructor is useful as it provides access to classes like `java.lang.System` which expose most of their functionality through static methods.
- Accessing a member of an instance will first look for bean properties then public fields. In other words, `print $date.time` will first attempt to be resolved as `$date.getTime()`, then as `$date.time`.
- Both static and instance members can be accessed on an object with the same syntax. Furthermore, if the java object is of type `java.lang.Class`, then static members of the class (fields and methods) can be accessed.
- Exceptions raised result in PHP warnings, and NULL results. The warnings may be eliminated by prefixing the method call with an "@" sign. The following APIs may be used to retrieve and reset the last error:

- `java_last_exception_get()`
- `java_last_exception_clear()`

- Overload resolution is in general a hard problem given the differences in types between the two languages. The PHP Java extension employs a simple, but fairly effective, metric for determining which overload is the best match.

Additionally, method names in PHP are not case sensitive, potentially increasing the number of overloads to select from.

Once a method is selected, the parameters are coerced if necessary, possibly with a loss of data (example: double precision floating point numbers will be converted to boolean).

- In the tradition of PHP, arrays and hashtables may pretty much be used interchangeably. Note that hashtables in PHP may only be indexed by integers or strings; and that arrays of primitive types in Java can not be sparse. Also note that these constructs are passed by value, so may be expensive in terms of memory and time.

`sapi/servlet` builds upon the mechanism defined by `ext/java` to enable the entire PHP processor to be run as a servlet. The primary advantage of this from a PHP perspective is that web servers which support servlets typically take great care in pooling and reusing JVMs. Build instructions for the Servlet SAPI module can be found in `php4/sapi/README`. Notes:

- While this code is intended to be able to run on any servlet engine, it has only been tested on Apache's Jakarta/tomcat to date. Bug reports, success stories and/or patches required to get this code

to run on other engines would be appreciated.

- PHP has a habit of changing the working directory. sapi/servlet will eventually change it back, but while PHP is running the servlet engine may not be able to load any classes from the CLASSPATH which are specified using a relative directory syntax, or find the work directory used for administration and JSP compilation tasks.

java_last_exception_clear (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Clear last Java exception

```
void java_last_exception_clear ()
```

java_last_exception_get (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Get last Java exception

```
exception java_last_exception_get ()
```

The following example demonstrates the usage of Java's exception handler from within PHP:

Example 1. Java exception handler

```
<?php
    $stack = new Java('java.util.Stack');
    $stack->push(1);

    // This should succeed
    $result = $stack->pop();
    $ex = java_last_exception_get();
    if (!$ex) print "$result\n";

    // This should fail (error suppressed by @)
    $result = @$stack->pop();
    $ex = java_last_exception_get();
    if ($ex) print $ex->toString();

    // Clear last exception
    java_last_exception_clear();
?>
```

XLIII. LDAP functions

Introduction to LDAP

LDAP is the Lightweight Directory Access Protocol, and is a protocol used to access "Directory Servers". The Directory is a special kind of database that holds information in a tree structure.

The concept is similar to your hard disk directory structure, except that in this context, the root directory is "The world" and the first level subdirectories are "countries". Lower levels of the directory structure contain entries for companies, organisations or places, while yet lower still we find directory entries for people, and perhaps equipment or documents.

To refer to a file in a subdirectory on your hard disk, you might use something like

```
/usr/local/myapp/docs
```

The forwards slash marks each division in the reference, and the sequence is read from left to right.

The equivalent to the fully qualified file reference in LDAP is the "distinguished name", referred to simply as "dn". An example dn might be.

```
cn=John Smith,ou=Accounts,o=My Company,c=US
```

The comma marks each division in the reference, and the sequence is read from right to left. You would read this dn as ..

```
country = US  
organization = My Company  
organizationalUnit = Accounts  
commonName = John Smith
```

In the same way as there are no hard rules about how you organise the directory structure of a hard disk, a directory server manager can set up any structure that is meaningful for the purpose. However, there are some conventions that are used. The message is that you can not write code to access a directory server unless you know something about its structure, any more than you can use a database without some knowledge of what is available.

Complete code example

Retrieve information for all entries where the surname starts with "S" from a directory server, displaying an extract with name and email address.

Example 1. LDAP search example

```

<?php
// basic sequence with LDAP is connect, bind, search, interpret search
// result, close connection

echo "<h3>LDAP query test</h3>";
echo "Connecting ...";
$ds=ldap_connect("localhost"); // must be a valid LDAP server!
echo "connect result is ".$ds."<p>";

if ($ds) {
    echo "Binding ...";
    $r=ldap_bind($ds); // this is an "anonymous" bind, typically
                      // read-only access
    echo "Bind result is ".$r."<p>";

    echo "Searching for (sn=S*) ...";
    // Search surname entry
    $sr=ldap_search($ds,"o=My Company, c=US", "sn=S*");
    echo "Search result is ".$sr."<p>";

    echo "Number of entires returned is ".ldap_count_entries($ds,$sr)."<p>";

    echo "Getting entries ...<p>";
    $info = ldap_get_entries($ds, $sr);
    echo "Data for ".$info["count"]." items returned:<p>";

    for ($i=0; $i<$info["count"]; $i++) {
        echo "dn is: ". $info[$i]["dn"] ."<br>";
        echo "first cn entry is: ". $info[$i]["cn"][0] ."<br>";
        echo "first email entry is: ". $info[$i]["mail"][0] ."<p>";
    }

    echo "Closing connection";
    ldap_close($ds);
} else {
    echo "<h4>Unable to connect to LDAP server</h4>";
}
?>

```

Using the PHP LDAP calls

You will need to get and compile LDAP client libraries from either the University of Michigan ldap-3.3 package or the Netscape Directory SDK 3.0. You will also need to recompile PHP with LDAP support

enabled before PHP's LDAP calls will work.

Before you can use the LDAP calls you will need to know ..

- The name or address of the directory server you will use
- The "base dn" of the server (the part of the world directory that is held on this server, which could be "o=My Company,c=US")
- Whether you need a password to access the server (many servers will provide read access for an "anonymous bind" but require a password for anything else)

The typical sequence of LDAP calls you will make in an application will follow this pattern:

```
ldap_connect() // establish connection to server
|
ldap_bind()    // anonymous or authenticated "login"
|
do something like search or update the directory
and display the results
|
ldap_close()   // "logout"
```

More Information

Lots of information about LDAP can be found at

- Netscape (<http://developer.netscape.com/tech/directory/>)
- University of Michigan (<http://www.umich.edu/~dirsvcs/ldap/index.html>)
- OpenLDAP Project (<http://www.openldap.org/>)
- LDAP World (<http://elvira.innosoft.com/ldapworld>)

The Netscape SDK contains a helpful Programmer's Guide in .html format.

ldap_add (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Add entries to LDAP directory

```
int ldap_add (int link_identifier, string dn, array entry)
```

returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error.

The **ldap_add()** function is used to add entries in the LDAP directory. The DN of the entry to be added is specified by dn. Array entry specifies the information about the entry. The values in the entries are indexed by individual attributes. In case of multiple values for an attribute, they are indexed using integers starting with 0.

```
entry["attribute1"] = value
entry["attribute2"][0] = value1
entry["attribute2"][1] = value2
```

Example 1. Complete example with authenticated bind

```
<?php
$ds=ldap_connect("localhost"); // assuming the LDAP server is on this host

if ($ds) {
    // bind with appropriate dn to give update access
    $r=ldap_bind($ds,"cn=root, o=My Company, c=US", "secret");

    // prepare data
    $info["cn"]="John Jones";
    $info["sn"]="Jones";
    $info["mail"]="jonj@here.and.now";
    $info["objectclass"]="person";

    // add data to directory
    $r=ldap_add($ds, "cn=John Jones, o=My Company, c=US", $info);

    ldap_close($ds);
} else {
    echo "Unable to connect to LDAP server";
}
?>
```

ldap_bind (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Bind to LDAP directory

```
int ldap_bind (int link_identifier [, string bind_rdn [, string bind_password]])
```

Binds to the LDAP directory with specified RDN and password. Returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error.

ldap_bind() does a bind operation on the directory. *bind_rdn* and *bind_password* are optional. If not specified, anonymous bind is attempted.

ldap_close (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Close link to LDAP server

```
int ldap_close (int link_identifier)
```

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

ldap_close() closes the link to the LDAP server that's associated with the specified *link_identifier*.

This call is internally identical to `ldap_unbind()`. The LDAP API uses the call `ldap_unbind()`, so perhaps you should use this in preference to **ldap_close()**.

ldap_compare (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Compare value of attribute found in entry specified with DN

```
int ldap_compare (int link_identifier, string dn, string attribute, string value)
```

Returns TRUE if *value* matches otherwise returns FALSE. Returns -1 on error.

ldap_compare() is used to compare *value of attribute* to value of same attribute in LDAP directory entry specified with *dn*.

The following example demonstrates how to check whether or not given password matches the one defined in DN specified entry.

Example 1. Complete example of password check

```

<?php

$ds=ldap_connect("localhost"); // assuming the LDAP server is on this host

if ($ds) {

    // bind
    if(ldap_bind($ds)) {

        // prepare data
        $dn = "cn=Matti Meikku, ou=My Unit, o=My Company, c=FI";
        $value = "secretpassword";
        $attr = "password";

        // compare value
        $r=ldap_compare($ds, $dn, $attr, $value);

        if ($r === -1) {
            echo "Error: ".ldap_error($ds);
        } elseif ($r === TRUE) {
            echo "Password correct.";
        } elseif ($r === FALSE) {
            echo "Wrong guess! Password incorrect.";
        }

    } else {
        echo "Unable to bind to LDAP server.";
    }

    ldap_close($ds);
} else {
    echo "Unable to connect to LDAP server.";
}
?>

```

Note: `ldap_compare()` can NOT be used to compare BINARY values!

Note: This function was added in 4.0.2.

ldap_connect (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Connect to an LDAP server

```
int ldap_connect ([string hostname [, int port]])
```

Returns a positive LDAP link identifier on success, or FALSE on error.

ldap_connect() establishes a connection to a LDAP server on a specified *hostname* and *port*. Both the arguments are optional. If no arguments are specified then the link identifier of the already opened link will be returned. If only *hostname* is specified, then the port defaults to 389.

If you are using OpenLDAP 2.x.x you can specify a URL instead of the hostname. To use LDAP with SSL, compile OpenLDAP 2.x.x with SSL support, configure PHP with SSL, and use ldaps://hostname/ as host parameter. The port parameter is not used when using URLs. URL and SSL support were added in 4.0.4.

ldap_count_entries (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Count the number of entries in a search

```
int ldap_count_entries (int link_identifier, int result_identifier)
```

Returns number of entries in the result or FALSE on error.

ldap_count_entries() returns the number of entries stored in the result of previous search operations. *result_identifier* identifies the internal ldap result.

ldap_delete (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Delete an entry from a directory

```
int ldap_delete (int link_identifier, string dn)
```

Returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error.

ldap_delete() function delete a particular entry in LDAP directory specified by dn.

ldap_dn2ufn (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Convert DN to User Friendly Naming format

```
string ldap_dn2ufn (string dn)
```

ldap_dn2ufn() function is used to turn a DN into a more user-friendly form, stripping off type names.

ldap_err2str (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Convert LDAP error number into string error message

```
string ldap_err2str (int errno)
```

returns string error message.

This function returns the string error message explaining the error number *errno*. While LDAP *errno* numbers are standardized, different libraries return different or even localized textual error messages. Never check for a specific error message text, but always use an error number to check.

See also `ldap_errno()` and `ldap_error()`.

Example 1. Enumerating all LDAP error messages

```
<?php
    for($i=0; $i<100; $i++) {
        printf("Error $i: %s<br>\n", ldap_err2str($i));
    }
?>
```

ldap_errno (PHP 3>= 3.0.12, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return the LDAP error number of the last LDAP command

```
int ldap_errno (int link_id)
```

return the LDAP error number of the last LDAP command for this link.

This function returns the standardized error number returned by the last LDAP command for the given link identifier. This number can be converted into a textual error message using `ldap_err2str()`.

Unless you lower your warning level in your `php.ini` sufficiently or prefix your LDAP commands with `@` (at) characters to suppress warning output, the errors generated will also show up in your HTML output.

Example 1. Generating and catching an error

```
<?php
// This example contains an error, which we will catch.
$ld = ldap_connect("localhost");
$bind = ldap_bind($ld);
// syntax error in filter expression (errno 87),
// must be "objectclass=" to work.
$res = @ldap_search($ld, "o=Myorg, c=DE", "objectclass");
if (!$res) {
    printf("LDAP-Errno: %s<br>\n", ldap_errno($ld));
    printf("LDAP-Error: %s<br>\n", ldap_error($ld));
    die("Argh!<br>\n");
}
$info = ldap_get_entries($ld, $res);
printf("%d matching entries.<br>\n", $info["count"]);
?>
```

see also `ldap_err2str()` and `ldap_error()`.

ldap_error (PHP 3 >= 3.0.12, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return the LDAP error message of the last LDAP command

```
string ldap_error (int link_id)
```

returns string error message.

This function returns the string error message explaining the error generated by the last LDAP command for the given link identifier. While LDAP errno numbers are standardized, different libraries return different or even localized textual error messages. Never check for a specific error message text, but always use an error number to check.

Unless you lower your warning level in your `php.ini` sufficiently or prefix your LDAP commands with `@` (at) characters to suppress warning output, the errors generated will also show up in your HTML output.

see also `ldap_err2str()` and `ldap_errno()`.

ldap_explode_dn (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Splits DN into its component parts

```
array ldap_explode_dn (string dn, int with_attrib)
```

ldap_explode_dn() function is used to split the a DN returned by `ldap_get_dn()` and breaks it up into its component parts. Each part is known as Relative Distinguished Name, or RDN. **ldap_explode_dn()** returns an array of all those components. *with_attrib* is used to request if the RDNs are returned with only values or their attributes as well. To get RDNs with the attributes (i.e. in attribute=value format) set *with_attrib* to 0 and to get only values set it to 1.

ldap_first_attribute (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return first attribute

```
string ldap_first_attribute (int link_identifier, int  
result_entry_identifier, int ber_identifier)
```

Returns the first attribute in the entry on success and FALSE on error.

Similar to reading entries, attributes are also read one by one from a particular entry.

ldap_first_attribute() returns the first attribute in the entry pointed by the entry identifier. Remaining attributes are retrieved by calling `ldap_next_attribute()` successively. *ber_identifier* is the identifier to internal memory location pointer. It is passed by reference. The same *ber_identifier* is passed to the `ldap_next_attribute()` function, which modifies that pointer.

see also `ldap_get_attributes()`

ldap_first_entry (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return first result id

```
int ldap_first_entry (int link_identifier, int result_identifier)
```

Returns the result entry identifier for the first entry on success and FALSE on error.

Entries in the LDAP result are read sequentially using the **ldap_first_entry()** and `ldap_next_entry()` functions. **ldap_first_entry()** returns the entry identifier for first entry in the result. This entry identifier is then supplied to **lap_next_entry()** routine to get successive entries from the result.

see also `ldap_get_entries()`.

ldap_free_result (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Free result memory

```
int ldap_free_result (int result_identifier)
```

Returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error.

ldap_free_result() frees up the memory allocated internally to store the result and pointed by the *result_identifier*. All result memory will be automatically freed when the script terminates.

Typically all the memory allocated for the ldap result gets freed at the end of the script. In case the script is making successive searches which return large result sets, **ldap_free_result()** could be called to keep the runtime memory usage by the script low.

ldap_get_attributes (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get attributes from a search result entry

```
array ldap_get_attributes (int link_identifier, int result_entry_identifier)
```

Returns a complete entry information in a multi-dimensional array on success and FALSE on error.

ldap_get_attributes() function is used to simplify reading the attributes and values from an entry in the search result. The return value is a multi-dimensional array of attributes and values.

Having located a specific entry in the directory, you can find out what information is held for that entry by using this call. You would use this call for an application which "browses" directory entries and/or where you do not know the structure of the directory entries. In many applications you will be searching for a specific attribute such as an email address or a surname, and won't care what other data is held.

```
return_value["count"] = number of attributes in the entry
return_value[0] = first attribute
return_value[n] = nth attribute
```

```
return_value["attribute"]["count"] = number of values for attribute
return_value["attribute"][0] = first value of the attribute
return_value["attribute"][i] = ith value of the attribute
```

Example 1. Show the list of attributes held for a particular directory entry

```
// $ds is the link identifier for the directory

// $sr is a valid search result from a prior call to
// one of the ldap directory search calls

$entry = ldap_first_entry($ds, $sr);

$attrs = ldap_get_attributes($ds, $entry);

echo $attrs["count"]." attributes held for this entry:<p>";

for ($i=0; $i<$attrs["count"]; $i++)
    echo $attrs[$i]."<br>";
```

see also `ldap_first_attribute()` and `ldap_next_attribute()`

ldap_get_dn (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the DN of a result entry

```
string ldap_get_dn (int link_identifier, int result_entry_identifier)
```

Returns the DN of the result entry and FALSE on error.

ldap_get_dn() function is used to find out the DN of an entry in the result.

ldap_get_entries (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get all result entries

```
array ldap_get_entries (int link_identifier, int result_identifier)
```

Returns a complete result information in a multi-dimensional array on success and FALSE on error.

ldap_get_entries() function is used to simplify reading multiple entries from the result and then reading the attributes and multiple values. The entire information is returned by one function call in a multi-dimensional array. The structure of the array is as follows.

The attribute index is converted to lowercase. (Attributes are case-insensitive for directory servers, but not when used as array indices)

`return_value["count"]` = number of entries in the result

`return_value[0]` : refers to the details of first entry

`return_value[i]["dn"]` = DN of the *i*th entry in the result

`return_value[i]["count"]` = number of attributes in *i*th entry

`return_value[i][j]` = *j*th attribute in the *i*th entry in the result

`return_value[i]["attribute"]["count"]` = number of values for attribute in *i*th entry

`return_value[i]["attribute"][j]` = *j*th value of attribute in *i*th entry

see also `ldap_first_entry()` and `ldap_next_entry()`

ldap_get_option (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Get the current value for given option

```
bool ldap_get_option (int link_identifier, int option, mixed retval)
```

Sets *retval* to the value of the specified option, and returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error.

The parameter *option* can be one of: LDAP_OPT_DEREF, LDAP_OPT_SIZELIMIT, LDAP_OPT_TIMELIMIT, LDAP_OPT_PROTOCOL_VERSION, LDAP_OPT_ERROR_NUMBER, LDAP_OPT_REFERRALS, LDAP_OPT_RESTART, LDAP_OPT_HOST_NAME, LDAP_OPT_ERROR_STRING, LDAP_OPT_MATCHED_DN. These are described in [draft-ietf-ldapext-ldap-c-api-xx.txt](http://www.openldap.org/devel/cvsweb.cgi/~checkout~/doc/drafts/draft-ietf-ldapext-ldap-c-api-xx.txt)

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This function is only available when using OpenLDAP 2.x.x OR Netscape Directory SDK x.x, and was added in PHP 4.0.4

Example 1. Check protocol version

```
// $ds is a valid link identifier for a directory server
if (ldap_get_option($ds, LDAP_OPT_PROTOCOL_VERSION, $version))
    echo "Using protocol version $version";
else
    echo "Unable to determine protocol version";
```

See also `ldap_set_option()`.

ldap_get_values (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get all values from a result entry

```
array ldap_get_values (int link_identifier, int result_entry_identifier,  
string attribute)
```

Returns an array of values for the attribute on success and FALSE on error.

ldap_get_values() function is used to read all the values of the attribute in the entry in the result. entry is specified by the *result_entry_identifier*. The number of values can be found by indexing "count" in the resultant array. Individual values are accessed by integer index in the array. The first index is 0.

This call needs a *result_entry_identifier*, so needs to be preceded by one of the ldap search calls and one of the calls to get an individual entry.

Your application will either be hard coded to look for certain attributes (such as "surname" or "mail") or you will have to use the `ldap_get_attributes()` call to work out what attributes exist for a given entry.

LDAP allows more than one entry for an attribute, so it can, for example, store a number of email addresses for one person's directory entry all labeled with the attribute "mail"

```
return_value["count"] = number of values for attribute  
return_value[0] = first value of attribute  
return_value[i] = ith value of attribute
```

Example 1. List all values of the "mail" attribute for a directory entry

```
// $ds is a valid link identifier for a directory server  
  
// $sr is a valid search result from a prior call to  
//     one of the ldap directory search calls  
  
// $entry is a valid entry identifier from a prior call to  
//     one of the calls that returns a directory entry  
  
$values = ldap_get_values($ds, $entry, "mail");  
  
echo $values["count"]." email addresses for this entry.<p>";  
  
for ($i=0; $i < $values["count"]; $i++)  
    echo $values[$i]."<br>";
```

ldap_get_values_len (PHP 3 >= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get all binary values from a result entry

```
array ldap_get_values_len (int link_identifier, int result_entry_identifier,
string attribute)
```

Returns an array of values for the attribute on success and FALSE on error.

ldap_get_values_len() function is used to read all the values of the attribute in the entry in the result. entry is specified by the *result_entry_identifier*. The number of values can be found by indexing "count" in the resultant array. Individual values are accessed by integer index in the array. The first index is 0.

This function is used exactly like ldap_get_values() except that it handles binary data and not string data.

Note: This function was added in 4.0.

ldap_list (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Single-level search

```
int ldap_list (int link_identifier, string base_dn, string filter [, array
attributes [, int attronly [, int sizelimit [, int timelimit [, int
deref]]]]])
```

Returns a search result identifier or FALSE on error.

ldap_list() performs the search for a specified filter on the directory with the scope LDAP_SCOPE_ONELEVEL.

LDAP_SCOPE_ONELEVEL means that the search should only return information that is at the level immediately below the base dn given in the call. (Equivalent to typing "ls" and getting a list of files and folders in the current working directory.)

This call takes 5 optional parameters. See ldap_search() notes.

Note: These optional parameters were added in 4.0.2: *attrsonly*, *sizelimit*, *timelimit*, *deref*.

Example 1. Produce a list of all organizational units of an organization

```
// $ds is a valid link identifier for a directory server

$basedn = "o=My Company, c=US";
$justthese = array("ou");

$sr=ldap_list($ds, $basedn, "ou=", $justthese);

$info = ldap_get_entries($ds, $sr);

for ($i=0; $i<$info["count"]; $i++)
    echo $info[$i]["ou"][0] ;
```

From 4.0.5 on it's also possible to do parallel searches. See `ldap_search()` for details.

ldap_modify (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Modify an LDAP entry

```
int ldap_modify (int link_identifier, string dn, array entry)
```

Returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error.

ldap_modify() function is used to modify the existing entries in the LDAP directory. The structure of the entry is same as in `ldap_add()`.

ldap_mod_add (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Add attribute values to current attributes

```
int ldap_mod_add (int link_identifier, string dn, array entry)
```

returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error.

This function adds attribute(s) to the specified dn. It performs the modification at the attribute level as opposed to the object level. Object-level additions are done by the `ldap_add()` function.

ldap_mod_del (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Delete attribute values from current attributes

```
int ldap_mod_del (int link_identifier, string dn, array entry)
```

returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error.

This function removes attribute(s) from the specified dn. It performs the modification at the attribute level as opposed to the object level. Object-level deletions are done by the **ldap_del()** function.

ldap_mod_replace (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Replace attribute values with new ones

```
int ldap_mod_replace (int link_identifier, string dn, array entry)
```

returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error.

This function replaces attribute(s) from the specified dn. It performs the modification at the attribute level as opposed to the object level. Object-level modifications are done by the `ldap_modify()` function.

ldap_next_attribute (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the next attribute in result

```
string ldap_next_attribute (int link_identifier, int result_entry_identifier,  
int ber_identifier)
```

Returns the next attribute in an entry on success and FALSE on error.

ldap_next_attribute() is called to retrieve the attributes in an entry. The internal state of the pointer is maintained by the *ber_identifier*. It is passed by reference to the function. The first call to **ldap_next_attribute()** is made with the *result_entry_identifier* returned from `ldap_first_attribute()`.

see also `ldap_get_attributes()`

ldap_next_entry (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get next result entry

```
int ldap_next_entry (int link_identifier, int result_entry_identifier)
```

Returns entry identifier for the next entry in the result whose entries are being read starting with `ldap_first_entry()`. If there are no more entries in the result then it returns `FALSE`.

ldap_next_entry() function is used to retrieve the entries stored in the result. Successive calls to the **ldap_next_entry()** return entries one by one till there are no more entries. The first call to **ldap_next_entry()** is made after the call to `ldap_first_entry()` with the `result_identifier` as returned from the `ldap_first_entry()`.

see also `ldap_get_entries()`

ldap_read (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Read an entry

```
int ldap_read (int link_identifier, string base_dn, string filter [, array  
attributes [, int attrsonly [, int sizelimit [, int timelimit [, int  
deref]]]]])
```

Returns a search result identifier or `FALSE` on error.

ldap_read() performs the search for a specified filter on the directory with the scope `LDAP_SCOPE_BASE`. So it is equivalent to reading an entry from the directory.

An empty filter is not allowed. If you want to retrieve absolutely all information for this entry, use a filter of `"objectClass=*"`. If you know which entry types are used on the directory server, you might use an appropriate filter such as `"objectClass=inetOrgPerson"`.

This call takes 5 optional parameters. See `ldap_search()` notes.

Note: These optional parameters were added in 4.0.2: *attrsonly*, *sizelimit*, *timelimit*, *deref*.

From 4.0.5 on it's also possible to do parallel searches. See `ldap_search()` for details.

ldap_rename (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Modify the name of an entry

```
bool ldap_rename (int link_identifier, string dn, string newrdn, string newparent, bool deleteoldrdn)
```

The entry specified by *dn* is renamed/moved. The new RDN is specified by *newrdn* and the new parent/superior entry is specified by *newparent*. If the parameter *deleteoldrdn* is TRUE the old RDN value(s) is removed, else the old RDN value(s) is retained as non-distinguished values of the entry. TRUE is returned on success and FALSE is returned on error.

This function currently only works with LDAPv3. You may have to use **ldap_set_option()** prior to binding to use LDAPv3.

This function is only available when using OpenLDAP 2.x.x OR Netscape Directory SDK x.x, and was added in PHP 4.0.5.

ldap_search (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Search LDAP tree

```
int ldap_search (int link_identifier, string base_dn, string filter [, array attributes [, int attrsonly [, int sizelimit [, int timelimit [, int deref]]]]])
```

Returns a search result identifier or FALSE on error.

ldap_search() performs the search for a specified filter on the directory with the scope of LDAP_SCOPE_SUBTREE. This is equivalent to searching the entire directory. *base_dn* specifies the base DN for the directory.

There is a optional fourth parameter, that can be added to restrict the attributes and values returned by the server to just those required. This is much more efficient than the default action (which is to return all attributes and their associated values). The use of the fourth parameter should therefore be considered good practice.

The fourth parameter is a standard PHP string array of the required attributes, eg array("mail","sn","cn") Note that the "dn" is always returned irrespective of which attributes types are requested.

Note too that some directory server hosts will be configured to return no more than a preset number of entries. If this occurs, the server will indicate that it has only returned a partial results set. This occurs also if the sixth parameter *size limit* has been used to limit the count of fetched entries.

The fifth parameter *attrsonly* should be set to 1 if only attribute types are wanted. If set to 0 both attributes types and attribute values are fetched which is the default behaviour.

With the sixth parameter *size limit* it is possible to limit the count of entries fetched. Setting this to 0 means no limit. NOTE: This parameter can NOT override server-side preset *sizelimit*. You can set it lower though.

The seventh parameter *time limit* sets the number of seconds how long is spend on the search. Setting this to 0 means no limit. NOTE: This parameter can NOT override server-side preset *timelimit*. You can set it lower though.

The eighth parameter *deref* specifies how aliases should be handled during the search. It can be one of the following:

- LDAP_DEREF_NEVER - (default) aliases are never dereferenced.
- LDAP_DEREF_SEARCHING - aliases should be dereferenced during the search but not when locating the base object of the search.
- LDAP_DEREF_FINDING - aliases should be dereferenced when locating the base object but not during the search.
- LDAP_DEREF_ALWAYS - aliases should be dereferenced always.

These optional parameters were added in 4.0.2: *attronly*, *size limit*, *time limit*, *deref*.

The search filter can be simple or advanced, using boolean operators in the format described in the LDAP doumentation (see the Netscape Directory SDK (<http://developer.netscape.com/docs/manuals/directory/41/ag/find.htm>) for full information on filters).

The example below retrieves the organizational unit, surname, given name and email address for all people in "My Company" where the surname or given name contains the substring \$person. This example uses a boolean filter to tell the server to look for information in more than one attribute.

Example 1. LDAP search

```
// $ds is a valid link identifier for a directory server

// $person is all or part of a person's name, eg "Jo"

$dn = "o=My Company, c=US";
$filter="(|(sn=$person*)(givenname=$person*))";
$justthese = array( "ou", "sn", "givenname", "mail");

$sr=ldap_search($ds, $dn, $filter, $justthese);

$info = ldap_get_entries($ds, $sr);

print $info["count"]." entries returned<p>;
```

From 4.0.5 on it's also possible to do parallel searches. To do this you use an array of link identifiers, rather than a single identifier, as the first argument. If you don't want the same base DN and the same filter for all the searches, you can also use an array of base DNs and/or an array of filters. Those arrays

must be of the same size as the link identifier array since the first entries of the arrays are used for one search, the second entries are used for another, and so on. When doing parallel searches an array of search result identifiers is returned, except in case of error, then the entry corresponding to the search will be `FALSE`. This is very much like the value normally returned, except that a result identifier is always returned when a search was made. There are some rare cases where the normal search returns `FALSE` while the parallel search returns an identifier.

ldap_set_option (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Set the value of the given option

```
bool ldap_set_option (int link_identifier, int option, mixed newval)
```

Sets the value of the specified option to be *newval*, and returns `TRUE` on success and `FALSE` on error.

The parameter *option* can be one of: `LDAP_OPT_DEREF`, `LDAP_OPT_SIZELIMIT`, `LDAP_OPT_TIMELIMIT`, `LDAP_OPT_PROTOCOL_VERSION`, `LDAP_OPT_ERROR_NUMBER`, `LDAP_OPT_REFERRALS`, `LDAP_OPT_RESTART`, `LDAP_OPT_HOST_NAME`, `LDAP_OPT_ERROR_STRING`, `LDAP_OPT_MATCHED_DN`, `LDAP_OPT_SERVER_CONTROLS`, `LDAP_OPT_CLIENT_CONTROLS`. Here's a brief description, see [draft-ietf-ldapext-ldap-c-api-xx.txt](http://www.openldap.org/devel/cvsweb.cgi/~checkout~/doc/drafts/draft-ietf-ldapext-ldap-c-api-xx.txt) (<http://www.openldap.org/devel/cvsweb.cgi/~checkout~/doc/drafts/draft-ietf-ldapext-ldap-c-api-xx.txt>) for details.

The options `LDAP_OPT_DEREF`, `LDAP_OPT_SIZELIMIT`, `LDAP_OPT_TIMELIMIT`, `LDAP_OPT_PROTOCOL_VERSION` and `LDAP_OPT_ERROR_NUMBER` have integer value, `LDAP_OPT_REFERRALS` and `LDAP_OPT_RESTART` have boolean value, and the options `LDAP_OPT_HOST_NAME`, `LDAP_OPT_ERROR_STRING` and `LDAP_OPT_MATCHED_DN` have string value. The first example illustrates their use. The options `LDAP_OPT_SERVER_CONTROLS` and `LDAP_OPT_CLIENT_CONTROLS` require a list of controls, this means that the value must be an array of controls. A control consists of an *oid* identifying the control, an optional *value*, and an optional flag for *criticality*. In PHP a control is given by an array containing an element with the key *oid* and string value, and two optional elements. The optional elements are key *value* with string value and key *iscritical* with boolean value. *iscritical* defaults to `FALSE` if not supplied. See also the second example below.

This function is only available when using OpenLDAP 2.x.x OR Netscape Directory SDK x.x, and was added in PHP 4.0.4

Example 1. Set protocol version

```
// $ds is a valid link identifier for a directory server
if (ldap_set_option($ds, LDAP_OPT_PROTOCOL_VERSION, 3))
    echo "Using LDAPv3";
else
    echo "Failed to set protocol version to 3";
```

Example 2. Set server controls

```
// $ds is a valid link identifier for a directory server
// control with no value
$ctrl1 = array("oid" => "1.2.752.58.10.1", "iscritical" => TRUE);
// iscritical defaults to FALSE
$ctrl2 = array("oid" => "1.2.752.58.1.10", "value" => "magic");
// try to set both controls
if (!ldap_set_option($ds, LDAP_OPT_SERVER_CONTROLS, array($ctrl1, $ctrl2)))
    echo "Failed to set server controls";
```

See also `ldap_get_option()`.

ldap_unbind (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Unbind from LDAP directory

```
int ldap_unbind (int link_identifier)
```

Returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error.

ldap_unbind() function unbinds from the LDAP directory.

XLIV. Mail functions

The `mail()` function allows you to send mail

Mail Configuration Directives

SMTP string

DNS name or IP address of the SMTP server PHP under Windows should use for mail sent with the `mail()` function.

sendmail_from string

Which "From:" mail address should be used in mail sent from PHP under Windows.

sendmail_path string

Where the **sendmail** program can be found, usually `/usr/sbin/sendmail` or `/usr/lib/sendmail` **configure** does an honest attempt of locating this one for you and set a default, but if it fails, you can set it here.

Systems not using sendmail should set this directive to the sendmail wrapper/replacement their mail system offers, if any. For example, Qmail (<http://www.qmail.org/>) users can normally set it to `/var/qmail/bin/sendmail`.

mail (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

send mail

```
bool mail (string to, string subject, string message [, string
additional_headers, string [additional_parameters])
```

mail() automatically mails the message specified in *message* to the receiver specified in *to*. Multiple recipients can be specified by putting a comma between each address in *to*. Email with attachments and special types of content can be sent using this function. This is accomplished via MIME-encoding - for more information, see <http://www.zend.com/zend/spotlight/sendmimeemailpart1.php> or RFC 1896 (<http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc1896.txt>).

mail() returns TRUE if the mail is successfully sent, FALSE otherwise.

Example 1. Sending mail.

```
mail("joecool@example.com", "My Subject", "Line 1\nLine 2\nLine 3");
```

If a fourth string argument is passed, this string is inserted at the end of the header. This is typically used to add extra headers. Multiple extra headers are separated with a carriage return and newline.

Note: You must use `\r\n` to separate headers, although some Unix mail transfer agents may work with just a single newline (`\n`). The Cc: header is case sensitive and must be written as Cc: on Win32 systems. The Bcc: header is also not supported on Win32 systems.

Example 2. Sending mail with extra headers.

```
mail("nobody@example.com", "the subject", $message,
    "From: webmaster@$SERVER_NAME\r\n"
    ."Reply-To: webmaster@$SERVER_NAME\r\n"
    ."X-Mailer: PHP/" . phpversion());
```

The *additional_parameters* parameter can be used to pass additional parameters to the program configured to use when sending mail using the `sendmail_path` configuration setting. For example, this can be used to set the envelope sender address when using sendmail. You may need to add the user that

your web server runs as to your sendmail configuration to prevent a 'X-Warning' header from being added to the message when you set the envelope sender using this method.

Example 3. Sending mail with extra headers and setting an additional command line parameter.

```
mail("nobody@example.com", "the subject", $message,
     "From: webmaster@$SERVER_NAME", "-fwebmaster@$SERVER_NAME");
```

Note: This fifth parameter was added in PHP 4.0.5.

You can also use simple string building techniques to build complex email messages.

Example 4. Sending complex email.

```
/* recipients */
$to = "Mary <mary@example.com>" . ", " ; //note the comma
$to .= "Kelly <kelly@example.com>";

/* subject */
$subject = "Birthday Reminders for August";

/* message */
$message = '
<html>
<head>
  <title>Birthday Reminders for August</title>
</head>
<body>
<p>Here are the birthdays upcoming in August!</p>
<table>
  <tr>
    <th>Person</th><th>Day</th><th>Month</th><th>Year</th>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>Joe</td><td>3rd</td><td>August</td><td>1970</td>
    <td>Sally</td><td>17th</td><td>August</td><td>1973</td>
  </tr>
</table>
</body>
</html>
';

/* To send HTML mail, you can set the Content-type header. */
$headers = "MIME-Version: 1.0\r\n";
```

```

$headers .= "Content-type: text/html; charset=iso-8859-1\r\n";

/* additional headers */
$headers .= "From: Birthday Reminder <birthday@example.com>\r\n";

$headers .= "Cc: birthdayarchive@example.com\r\n";
$headers .= "Bcc: birthdaycheck@example.com\r\n";

/* and now mail it */
mail($to, $subject, $message, $headers);

```

Note: Make sure you do not have any newline characters in the *to* or *subject*, or the mail may not be sent properly.

ezmlm_hash (PHP 3 >= 3.0.17, PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Calculate the hash value needed by EZMLM

```
int ezmlm_hash (string addr)
```

ezmlm_hash() calculates the hash value needed when keeping EZMLM mailing lists in a MySQL database.

Example 1. Calculating the hash and subscribing a user

```

$user = "joecool@example.com";
$hash = ezmlm_hash ($user);
$query = sprintf ("INSERT INTO sample VALUES (%s, '%s')", $hash, $user);
$db->query($query); // using PHPLIB db interface

```

XLV. Mathematical Functions

Introduction

These math functions will only handle values within the range of the integer and float types on your computer. (this corresponds currently to the C types long resp. double) If you need to handle bigger numbers, take a look at the arbitrary precision math functions.

Math constants

The following values are defined as constants in PHP by the math extension:

Table 1. Math constants

Constant	Value	Description
M_PI	3.14159265358979323846	Pi
M_E	2.7182818284590452354	e
M_LOG2E	1.4426950408889634074	log ₂ e
M_LOG10E	0.43429448190325182765	log ₁₀ e
M_LN2	0.69314718055994530942	log _e 2
M_LN10	2.30258509299404568402	log _e 10
M_PI_2	1.57079632679489661923	pi/2
M_PI_4	0.78539816339744830962	pi/4
M_1_PI	0.31830988618379067154	1/pi
M_2_PI	0.63661977236758134308	2/pi
M_SQRTPI	1.77245385090551602729	sqrt(pi) [4.0.2]
M_2_SQRTPI	1.12837916709551257390	2/sqrt(pi)
M_SQRT2	1.41421356237309504880	sqrt(2)
M_SQRT3	1.73205080756887729352	sqrt(3) [4.0.2]
M_SQRT1_2	0.70710678118654752440	1/sqrt(2)
M_LNPI	1.14472988584940017414	log _e (pi) [4.0.2]
M_EULER	0.57721566490153286061	Euler constant [4.0.2]

Only M_PI is available in PHP versions up to and including PHP4RC1. All other constants are available starting with PHP 4.0. Constants labelled [4.0.2] were added in PHP 4.0.2.

abs (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Absolute value

`mixed abs (mixed number)`

Returns the absolute value of *number*. If the argument *number* is of type float, the return type is also float, otherwise it is integer (as float usually has a bigger value range than integer).

acos (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Arc cosine

`float acos (float arg)`

Returns the arc cosine of *arg* in radians.

See also `acosh()`, `asin()` and `atan()`.

acosh (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Inverse hyperbolic cosine

`float acosh (float arg)`

Returns the inverse hyperbolic cosine of *arg*, i.e. the value whose hyperbolic cosine is *arg*.

Note: This function is not implemented on Windows-platforms

See also `acos()`, `asin()` and `atan()`.

asin (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Arc sine

```
float asin (float arg)
```

Returns the arc sine of *arg* in radians.

See also `asinh()`, `acos()` and `atan()`.

asinh (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Inverse hyperbolic sine

```
float asinh (float arg)
```

Returns the inverse hyperbolic sine of *arg*, i.e. the value whose hyperbolic sine is *arg*.

Note: This function is not implemented on Windows-platforms

See also `asin()`, `acos()` and `atan()`.

atan (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Arc tangent

```
float atan (float arg)
```

Returns the arc tangent of *arg* in radians.

See also `atanh()`, `asin()` and `acos()`.

atanh (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Inverse hyperbolic tangent

```
float atanh (float arg)
```

Returns the inverse hyperbolic tangent of *arg*, i.e. the value whose hyperbolic tangent is *arg*.

Note: This function is not implemented on Windows-platforms

See also `atan()`, `asin()` and `acos()`.

atan2 (PHP 3>= 3.0.5, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

arc tangent of two variables

`float atan2 (float y, float x)`

This function calculates the arc tangent of the two variables *x* and *y*. It is similar to calculating the arc tangent of *y* / *x*, except that the signs of both arguments are used to determine the quadrant of the result.

The function returns the result in radians, which is between -PI and PI (inclusive).

See also `acos()` and `atan()`.

base_convert (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Convert a number between arbitrary bases

`string base_convert (string number, int frombase, int tobase)`

Returns a string containing *number* represented in base *tobase*. The base in which *number* is given is specified in *frombase*. Both *frombase* and *tobase* have to be between 2 and 36, inclusive. Digits in numbers with a base higher than 10 will be represented with the letters a-z, with a meaning 10, b meaning 11 and z meaning 35.

Example 1. base_convert()

```
$binary = base_convert ($hexadecimal, 16, 2);
```

bindec (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Binary to decimal

```
int bindec (string binary_string)
```

Returns the decimal equivalent of the binary number represented by the `binary_string` argument.

bindec() converts a binary number to an integer. The largest number that can be converted is 31 bits of 1's or 2147483647 in decimal.

See also the `decbin()` function.

ceil (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Round fractions up

```
float ceil (float value)
```

Returns the next highest integer value by rounding up *value* if necessary. The return value of **ceil()** is still of type float as the value range of float is usually bigger than that of int.

See also `floor()` and `round()`.

COS (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Cosine

```
float cos (float arg)
```

Returns the cosine of *arg* in radians.

See also `sin()` and `tan()`.

cosh (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Hyperbolic cosine

```
float cosh (float arg)
```

Returns the hyperbolic cosine of *arg*, defined as $(\exp(\text{arg}) + \exp(-\text{arg}))/2$.

See also `cos()`, `acosh()`, `sin()` and `tan()`.

decbin (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Decimal to binary

string **decbin** (int *number*)

Returns a string containing a binary representation of the given number argument. The largest number that can be converted is 2147483647 in decimal resulting to a string of 31 1's.

See also the `bindec()` function.

dechex (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Decimal to hexadecimal

string **dechex** (int *number*)

Returns a string containing a hexadecimal representation of the given number argument. The largest number that can be converted is 2147483647 in decimal resulting to "7fffffff".

See also `hexdec()`.

decoct (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Decimal to octal

string **decoct** (int *number*)

Returns a string containing an octal representation of the given number argument. The largest number that can be converted is 2147483647 in decimal resulting to "1777777777".

See also `octdec()`.

deg2rad (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Converts the number in degrees to the radian equivalent

```
float deg2rad (float number)
```

This function converts *number* from degrees to the radian equivalent.

See also rad2deg().

exp (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

e to the power of ...

```
float exp (float arg)
```

Returns e raised to the power of *arg*.

See also pow().

floor (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Round fractions down

```
float floor (float value)
```

Returns the next lowest integer value by rounding down *value* if neccessary. The return value of **floor()** is still of type float as the value range of float is usually bigger than that of int.

See also ceil() and round().

getrandmax (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Show largest possible random value

```
int getrandmax ()
```

Returns the maximum value that can be returned by a call to `rand()`.

See also `rand()`, `srand()`, `mt_rand()`, `mt_srand()`, and `mt_getrandmax()`.

hexdec (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Hexadecimal to decimal

```
int hexdec (string hex_string)
```

Returns the decimal equivalent of the hexadecimal number represented by the `hex_string` argument.

hexdec() converts a hexadecimal string to a decimal number. The largest number that can be converted is 7fffffff or 2147483647 in decimal.

hexdec() will replace of any non-hexadecimal characters it encounters by 0. This way, all left zeros are ignored, but right zeros will be valued.

Example 1. hexdec() example

```
var_dump(hexdec("See"));
var_dump(hexdec("ee"));
// both prints "int(238)"

var_dump(hexdec("that"));
var_dump(hexdec("a0"));
// both prints int(160)
```

See also `dechex()`.

lcg_value (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Combined linear congruential generator

```
float lcg_value ( )
```

lcg_value() returns a pseudo random number in the range of (0, 1). The function combines two CGs with periods of $2^{31} - 85$ and $2^{31} - 249$. The period of this function is equal to the product of both primes.

log (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Natural logarithm

float **log** (float *arg*)

Returns the natural logarithm of *arg*.

log10 (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Base-10 logarithm

float **log10** (float *arg*)

Returns the base-10 logarithm of *arg*.

max (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Find highest value

mixed **max** (mixed *arg1*, mixed *arg2*, mixed *argn*)

max() returns the numerically highest of the parameter values.

If the first parameter is an array, **max()** returns the highest value in that array. If the first parameter is an integer, string or float, you need at least two parameters and **max()** returns the biggest of these values. You can compare an unlimited number of values.

If one or more of the values is a float, all the values will be treated as floats, and a float is returned. If none of the values is a float, all of them will be treated as integers, and an integer is returned.

min (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Find lowest value

number **min** (number *arg1*, number *arg2* [, ...])

number **min** (array *numbers*)

min() returns the numerically lowest of the parameter values.

In the first variant, you need at least two parameters and **min()** returns the lowest of these values. You can compare an unlimited number of values.

In the second variant, **min()** returns the lowest value in *numbers*.

If one or more of the values is a float, all the values will be treated as floats, and a float is returned. If none of the values is a float, all of them will be treated as integers, and an integer is returned.

mt_rand (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Generate a better random value

```
int mt_rand ()
int mt_rand (int min, int max)
```

Many random number generators of older libcs have dubious or unknown characteristics and are slow. By default, PHP uses the libc random number generator with the `rand()` function. **mt_rand()** function is a drop-in replacement for this. It uses a random number generator with known characteristics, the Mersenne Twister, which will produce random numbers that should be suitable for seeding some kinds of cryptography (see the home pages for details) and is four times faster than what the average libc provides. The Homepage of the Mersenne Twister can be found at <http://www.math.keio.ac.jp/~matumoto/emt.html>, and an optimized version of the MT source is available from <http://www.scp.syr.edu/~marc/hawk/twister.html> (<http://www.scp.syr.edu/~marc/hawk/twister.html>).

If called without the optional *min*, *max* arguments **mt_rand()** returns a pseudo-random value between 0 and `RAND_MAX`. If you want a random number between 5 and 15 (inclusive), for example, use `mt_rand (5, 15)`.

Remember to seed the random number generator before use with `mt_srand()`.

Note: In versions before 3.0.7 the meaning of *max* was *range*. To get the same results in these versions the short example should be `mt_rand (5, 11)` to get a random number between 5 and 15.

See also `mt_srand()`, `mt_getrandmax()`, `srand()`, `rand()` and `getrandmax()`.

mt_srand (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Seed the better random number generator

```
void mt_srand (int seed)
```

Seeds the random number generator with *seed*.

```
// seed with microseconds
function make_seed() {
    list($usec, $sec) = explode(' ', microtime());
    return (float) $sec + ((float) $usec * 100000);
}
mt_srand(make_seed());
$randval = mt_rand();
```

See also mt_rand(), mt_getrandmax(), srand(), rand(), and getrandmax().

mt_getrandmax (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Show largest possible random value

```
int mt_getrandmax ()
```

Returns the maximum value that can be returned by a call to mt_rand().

See also mt_rand(), mt_srand(), rand(), srand(), and getrandmax().

number_format (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Format a number with grouped thousands

```
string number_format (float number [, int decimals [, string dec_point [,  
string thousands_sep]])
```

number_format() returns a formatted version of *number*. This function accepts either one, two or four parameters (not three):

If only one parameter is given, *Number* will be formatted without decimals, but with a comma (",") between every group of thousands.

If two parameters are given, *number* will be formatted with *decimals* decimals with a dot (".") in front, and a comma (",") between every group of thousands.

If all four parameters are given, *number* will be formatted with *decimals* decimals, *dec_point* instead of a dot (".") before the decimals and *thousands_sep* instead of a comma (",") between every group of thousands.

Note: Only the first character of *thousands_sep* is used. For example, if you use foo as *thousands_sep* on the number 1000, **number_format()** will return 1f000.

Example 1. number_format() Example

For instance, French notation usually use two decimals, comma (',') as decimal separator, and space (' ') as thousand separator. This is achieved with this line :

```
<?php

$number = 1234.56;

// english notation (default)
$english_format_number = number_format($number);
// 1,234.56

// French notation
$nombre_format_francais = number_format($number, 2, ',', ' ');
// 1 234,56

$number = 1234.5678;

// english notation without thousands separator
$english_format_number = number_format($number, 2, '.', '');
// 1234.56

?>
```

Note: See also: `sprintf()`, `printf()` and `sscanf()`.

octdec (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Octal to decimal

```
int octdec (string octal_string)
```

Returns the decimal equivalent of the octal number represented by the *octal_string* argument. OctDec converts an octal string to a decimal number. The largest number that can be converted is 17777777777 or 2147483647 in decimal.

See also `decoct()`.

pi (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get value of pi

```
float pi ()
```

Returns an approximation of pi.

```
echo pi();  
// will echo 3.1415926535898
```

pow (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Exponential expression

```
number pow (number base, number exp)
```

Returns *base* raised to the power of *exp*. If possible, this function will return an integer. If the power cannot be computed, a warning will be issued, and **pow()** will return FALSE.

Example 1. Some examples of pow()

```
<?php

var_dump( pow(2,8) ); // int(256)
echo pow(-1,20); // 1
echo pow(0, 0); // 1

echo pow(-1, 5.5); // error

?>
```

Warning

In PHP 4.0.6 and earlier **pow()** always returned a float, and did not issue warnings.

See also `exp()`.

rad2deg (PHP 3 >= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Converts the radian number to the equivalent number in degrees

```
float rad2deg (float number)
```

This function converts *number* from radian to degrees.

See also `deg2rad()`.

rand (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Generate a random value

```
int rand ()
int rand (int min, int max)
```

If called without the optional *min*, *max* arguments **rand()** returns a pseudo-random value between 0 and `RAND_MAX`. If you want a random number between 5 and 15 (inclusive), for example, use `rand (5, 15)`.

Remember to seed the random number generator before use with `srand()`.

Note: In versions before 3.0.7 the meaning of *max* was *range*. To get the same results in these versions the short example should be `rand (5, 11)` to get a random number between 5 and 15.

See also `srand()`, `getrandmax()`, `mt_rand()`, `mt_srand()`, and `mt_getrandmax()`.

round (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Rounds a float

```
float round (float val [, int precision])
```

Returns the rounded value of *val* to specified *precision* (number of digits after the decimal point). *precision* can also be negative or zero (default).

Caution

PHP doesn't handle strings like "12,300.2" correctly by default. See converting from strings.

```
$foo = round(3.4); // $foo == 3.0
$foo = round(3.5); // $foo == 4.0
$foo = round(3.6); // $foo == 4.0
$foo = round(3.6, 0); // equivalent with above

$foo = round(1.95583, 2); // $foo == 1.96

$foo = round(1241757, -3); // $foo == 1242000
```

Note: The *precision* parameter is only available in PHP 4.

See also `ceil()` and `floor()`.

sin (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sine

```
float sin (float arg)
```

Returns the sine of *arg* in radians.

See also `cos()` and `tan()`.

sinh (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Hyperbolic sine

```
float sinh (float arg)
```

Returns the hyperbolic sine of *arg*, defined as $(\exp(\text{arg}) - \exp(-\text{arg}))/2$.

See also `sin()`, `asinh()`, `cos()` and `tan()`.

sqrt (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Square root

```
float sqrt (float arg)
```

Returns the square root of *arg*.

srand (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Seed the random number generator

```
void srand (int seed)
```

Seeds the random number generator with *seed*.

```
// seed with microseconds
function make_seed() {
    list($usec, $sec) = explode(' ', microtime());
    return (float) $sec + ((float) $usec * 100000);
}
srand(make_seed());
$randval = rand();
```

See also `rand()`, `getrandmax()`, `mt_rand()`, `mt_srand()`, and `mt_getrandmax()`.

tan (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Tangent

```
float tan (float arg)
```

Returns the tangent of *arg* in radians.

See also `sin()` and `cos()`.

tanh (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Hyperbolic tangent

```
float tanh (float arg)
```

Returns the hyperbolic tangent of *arg*, defined as $\sinh(\arg)/\cosh(\arg)$.

See also `tan()`, `atanh()`, `sin()` and `cos()`.

XLVI. Multi-Byte String Functions

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Introduction

Warning

This module is *EXPERIMENTAL*. Function name/API is subject to change. Current conversion filter supports Japanese only.

There are many languages in which all characters can be expressed by single byte. Multi-byte character codes are used to express many characters for many languages. `mbstring` is developed to handle Japanese characters. However, many `mbstring` functions are able to handle character encoding other than Japanese.

A multi-byte character encoding represents single character with consecutive bytes. Some character encoding has shift(escape) sequences to start/end multi-byte character strings. Therefore, a multi-byte character string may be destroyed when it is divided and/or counted unless multi-byte character encoding safe method is used. This module provides multi-byte character safe string functions and other utility functions such as conversion functions.

Since PHP is basically designed for ISO-8859-1, some multi-byte character encoding does not work well with PHP. Therefore, it is important to set `mbstring.internal_encoding` to a character encoding that works with PHP.

PHP4 Character Encoding Requirements

- Per byte encoding
- Single byte characters in range of 00h-7fh which is compatible with ASCII
- Multi-byte characters without 00h-7fh

These are examples of internal character encoding that works with PHP and does NOT work with PHP.

Character encodings work with PHP:
ISO-8859-*, EUC-JP, UTF-8

Character encodings do NOT work with PHP:
JIS, SJIS

Character encoding, that does not work with PHP, may be converted with `mbstring`'s HTTP input/output conversion feature/function.

Note: SJIS should not be used for internal encoding unless the reader is familiar with parser/compiler, character encoding and character encoding issues.

Note: If you use database with PHP, it is recommended that you use the same character encoding for both database and internal encoding for ease of use and better performance.

If you are using PostgreSQL, it supports character encoding that is different from backend character encoding. See the PostgreSQL manual for details.

How to Enable mbstring

`mbstring` is an extended module. You must enable module with `configure` script. Refer to the Install section for details.

The following configure options are related to `mbstring` module.

- `--enable-mbstring` : Enable `mbstring` functions. This option is required to use `mbstring` functions.
- `--enable-mbstr-enc-trans` : Enable HTTP input character encoding conversion using `mbstring` conversion engine. If this feature is enabled, HTTP input character encoding may be converted to `mbstring.internal_encoding` automatically.

HTTP Input and Output

HTTP input/output character encoding conversion may convert binary data also. Users are supposed to control character encoding conversion if binary data is used for HTTP input/output.

If `enctype` for HTML form is set to `multipart/form-data`, `mbstring` does not convert character encoding in POST data. If it is the case, strings are needed to be converted to internal character encoding.

- HTTP Input

There is no way to control HTTP input character conversion from PHP script. To disable HTTP input

character conversion, it has to be done in `php.ini`.

Example 1. Disable HTTP input conversion in `php.ini`

```
;; Disable HTTP Input conversion
mbstring.http_input = pass
```

When using PHP as an Apache module, it is possible to override PHP ini setting per Virtual Host in `httpd.conf` or per directory with `.htaccess`. Refer to the Configuration section and Apache Manual for details.

- HTTP Output

There are several ways to enable output character encoding conversion. One is using `php.ini`, another is using `ob_start()` with `mb_output_handler()` as `ob_start` callback function.

Note: For PHP3-i18n users, `mbstring`'s output conversion differs from PHP3-i18n. Character encoding is converted using output buffer.

Example 2. `php.ini` setting example

```
;; Enable output character encoding conversion for all PHP pages

;; Enable Output Buffering
output_buffering = On

;; Set mb_output_handler to enable output conversion
output_handler = mb_output_handler
```

Example 3. Script example

```
<?php

// Enable output character encoding conversion only for this page
```

```
// Set HTTP output character encoding to SJIS
mb_http_output('SJIS');

// Start buffering and specify "mb_output_handler" as
// callback function
ob_start('mb_output_handler');

?>
```

Supported Character Encoding

Currently, the following character encoding is supported by mbstring module. Character encoding may be specified for mbstring functions' encoding parameter.

The following character encoding is supported in this PHP extension :

UCS-4, UCS-4BE, UCS-4LE, UCS-2, UCS-2BE, UCS-2LE, UTF-32, UTF-32BE, UTF-32LE, UCS-2LE, UTF-16, UTF-16BE, UTF-16LE, UTF-8, UTF-7, ASCII, EUC-JP, SJIS, eucJP-win, SJIS-win, ISO-2022-JP, JIS, ISO-8859-1, ISO-8859-2, ISO-8859-3, ISO-8859-4, ISO-8859-5, ISO-8859-6, ISO-8859-7, ISO-8859-8, ISO-8859-9, ISO-8859-10, ISO-8859-13, ISO-8859-14, ISO-8859-15, byte2be, byte2le, byte4be, byte4le, BASE64, 7bit, 8bit and UTF7-IMAP.

php.ini entry, which accepts encoding name, accepts "auto" and "pass" also. mbstring functions, which accepts encoding name, and accepts "auto".

If "pass" is set, no character encoding conversion is performed.

If "auto" is set, it is expanded to "ASCII, JIS, UTF-8, EUC-JP, SJIS".

See also mb_detect_order()

Note: "Supported character encoding" does not mean that it works as internal character code.

php.ini settings

- mbstring.internal_encoding defines default internal character encoding.
- mbstring.http_input defines default HTTP input character encoding.
- mbstring.http_output defines default HTTP output character encoding.
- mbstring.detect_order defines default character code detection order. See also

`mb_detect_order()`.

- `mbstring.substitute_character` defines character to substitute for invalid character encoding.

Web Browsers are supposed to use the same character encoding when submitting form. However, browsers may not use the same character encoding. See `mb_http_input()` to detect character encoding used by browsers.

If `enctype` is set to `multipart/form-data` in HTML forms, `mbstring` does not convert character encoding in POST data. The user must convert them in the script, if conversion is needed.

Although, browsers are smart enough to detect character encoding in HTML, `charset` is better to be set in HTTP header. Change `default_charset` according to character encoding.

Example 4. `php.ini` setting example

```
;; Set default internal encoding
;; Note: Make sure to use character encoding works with PHP
mbstring.internal_encoding = UTF-8 ; Set internal encoding to UTF-8

;; Set default HTTP input character encoding
;; Note: Script cannot change http_input setting.
mbstring.http_input       = pass    ; No conversion.
mbstring.http_input       = auto    ; Set HTTP input to auto
                                ; "auto" is expanded to "ASCII,JIS,UTF-8,EUC-JP,SJIS"
mbstring.http_input       = SJIS    ; Set HTTP2 input to SJIS
mbstring.http_input       = UTF-8,SJIS,EUC-JP ; Specify order

;; Set default HTTP output character encoding
mbstring.http_output      = pass    ; No conversion
mbstring.http_output      = UTF-8   ; Set HTTP output encoding to UTF-8

;; Set default character encoding detection order
mbstring.detect_order     = auto    ; Set detect order to auto
mbstring.detect_order     = ASCII,JIS,UTF-8,SJIS,EUC-JP ; Specify order

;; Set default substitute character
mbstring.substitute_character = 12307 ; Specify Unicode value
mbstring.substitute_character = none  ; Do not print character
mbstring.substitute_character = long  ; Long Example: U+3000,JIS+7E7E
```

Example 5. `php.ini` setting for EUC-JP users

```
;; Disable Output Buffering
output_buffering = Off
```

```

;; Set HTTP header charset
default_charset      = EUC-JP

;; Set HTTP input encoding conversion to auto
mbstring.http_input  = auto

;; Convert HTTP output to EUC-JP
mbstring.http_output = EUC-JP

;; Set internal encoding to EUC-JP
mbstring.internal_encoding = EUC-JP

;; Do not print invalid characters
mbstring.substitute_character = none

```

Example 6. php.ini setting for SJIS users

```

;; Enable Output Buffering
output_buffering      = On

;; Set mb_output_handler to enable output conversion
output_handler        = mb_output_handler

;; Set HTTP header charset
default_charset       = Shift_JIS

;; Set http input encoding conversion to auto
mbstring.http_input   = auto

;; Convert to SJIS
mbstring.http_output  = SJIS

;; Set internal encoding to EUC-JP
mbstring.internal_encoding = EUC-JP

;; Do not print invalid characters
mbstring.substitute_character = none

```

Basics for Japanese multi-byte character

Most Japanese characters need more than 1 byte per character. In addition, several character encoding schemas are used under a Japanese environment. There are EUC-JP, Shift_JIS(SJIS) and

ISO-2022-JP(JIS) character encoding. As Unicode becomes popular, UTF-8 is used also. To develop Web applications for a Japanese environment, it is important to use the character set for the task in hand, whether HTTP input/output, RDBMS and E-mail.

- Storage for a character can be up to six bytes
- A multi-byte character is usually twice of the width compared to single-byte characters. Wider characters are called "zen-kaku" - meaning full width, narrower characters are called "han-kaku" - meaning half width. "zen-kaku" characters are usually fixed width.
- Some character encoding defines shift(escape) sequence for entering/exiting multi-byte character strings.
- ISO-2022-JP must be used for SMTP/NNTP.
- "i-mode" web site is supposed to use SJIS.

References

Multi-byte character encoding and its related issues are very complex. It is impossible to cover in sufficient detail here. Please refer to the following URLs and other resources for further readings.

- Unicode/UTF/UCS/etc
<http://www.unicode.org/>
- Japanese/Korean/Chinese character information
<ftp://ftp.ora.com/pub/examples/nutshell/ujip/doc/cjk.inf>

mb_language (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Set/Get current language

```
string mb_language ([string language])
```

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mb_language() sets language. If *language* is omitted, it returns current language as string.

language setting is used for encoding e-mail messages. Valid languages are "Japanese", "ja", "English", "en" and "uni" (UTF-8). **mb_send_mail()** uses this setting to encode e-mail.

Language and its setting is ISO-2022-JP/Base64 for Japanese, UTF-8/Base64 for uni, ISO-8859-1/quoted printable for English.

Return Value: If *language* is set and *language* is valid, it returns TRUE. Otherwise, it returns FALSE. When *language* is omitted, it returns language name as string. If no language is set previously, it returns FALSE.

See also **mb_send_mail()**.

mb_parse_str (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Parse GET/POST/COOKIE data and set global variable

```
boolean mb_parse_str (string encoded_string [, array result])
```

Warning

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mb_parse_str() parses GET/POST/COOKIE data and sets global variables. Since PHP does not provide raw POST/COOKIE data, it can only be used for GET data for now. It parses URL encoded data, detects encoding, converts coding to internal encoding and set values to *result* array or global variables.

encoded_string: URL encoded data.

result: Array contains decoded and character encoding converted values.

Return Value: It returns TRUE for success or FALSE for failure.

See also `mb_detect_order()`, `mb_internal_encoding()`.

mb_internal_encoding (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Set/Get internal character encoding

string **mb_internal_encoding** ([string *encoding*])

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mb_internal_encoding() sets internal character encoding to *encoding* If parameter is omitted, it returns current internal encoding.

encoding is used for HTTP input character encoding conversion, HTTP output character encoding conversion and default character encoding for string functions defined by mbstring module.

encoding: Character encoding name

Return Value: If *encoding* is set, **mb_internal_encoding()** returns TRUE for success, otherwise returns FALSE. If *encoding* is omitted, it returns current character encoding name.

Example 1. mb_internal_encoding() example

```
/* Set internal character encoding to UTF-8 */
mb_internal_encoding("UTF-8");

/* Display current internal character encoding */
echo mb_internal_encoding();
```

See also `mb_http_input()`, `mb_http_output()`, `mb_detect_order()`.

mb_http_input (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Detect HTTP input character encoding

```
string mb_http_input ([string type])
```

Warning

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mb_http_input() returns result of HTTP input character encoding detection.

type: Input string specifies input type. "G" for GET, "P" for POST, "C" for COOKIE. If type is omitted, it returns last input type processed.

Return Value: Character encoding name. If **mb_http_input()** does not process specified HTTP input, it returns FALSE.

See also mb_internal_encoding(), mb_http_output(), mb_detect_order().

mb_http_output (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Set/Get HTTP output character encoding

```
string mb_http_output ([string encoding])
```

Warning

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If *encoding* is set, **mb_http_output()** sets HTTP output character encoding to *encoding*. Output after this function is converted to *encoding*. **mb_http_output()** returns TRUE for success and FALSE for failure.

If *encoding* is omitted, **mb_http_output()** returns current HTTP output character encoding.

See also mb_internal_encoding(), mb_http_input(), mb_detect_order().

mb_detect_order (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Set/Get character encoding detection order

array **mb_detect_order** ([mixed *encoding-list*])

Warning

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mb_detect_order() sets automatic character encoding detection order to *encoding-list*. It returns TRUE for success, FALSE for failure.

encoding-list is array or comma separated list of character encoding. ("auto" is expanded to "ASCII, JIS, UTF-8, EUC-JP, SJIS")

If *encoding-list* is omitted, it returns current character encoding detection order as array.

This setting affects mb_detect_encoding() and mb_send_mail().

Note: mbstring currently implements following encoding detection filters. If there is a invalid byte sequence for following encoding, encoding detection will fail.

Note: UTF-8, UTF-7, ASCII, EUC-JP, SJIS, eucJP-win, SJIS-win, JIS, ISO-2022-JP

For ISO-8859-*, mbstring always detects as ISO-8859-*.

For UTF-16, UTF-32, UCS2 and UCS4, encoding detection will fail always.

Example 1. Useless detect order example

```
; Always detect as ISO-8859-1
detect_order = ISO-8859-1, UTF-8
```

```
; Always detect as UTF-8, since ASCII/UTF-7 values are
; valid for UTF-8
detect_order = UTF-8, ASCII, UTF-7
```

Example 2. mb_detect_order() examples

```

/* Set detection order by enumerated list */
mb_detect_order("eucjp-win,sjis-win,UTF-8");

/* Set detection order by array */
$array[] = "ASCII";
$array[] = "JIS";
$array[] = "EUC-JP";
mb_detect_order($array);

/* Display current detection order */
echo implode(", ", mb_detect_order());

```

See also `mb_internal_encoding()`, `mb_http_input()`, `mb_http_output()` `mb_send_mail()`.

mb_substitute_character (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Set/Get substitution character

mixed **mb_substitute_character** ([mixed *substchar*])

Warning

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mb_substitute_character() specifies substitution character when input character encoding is invalid or character code is not exist in output character encoding. Invalid characters may be substituted NULL(no output), string or integer value (Unicode character code value).

This setting affects `mb_detect_encoding()` and `mb_send_mail()`.

substchar : Specify Unicode value as integer or specify as string as follows

- "none" : no output
- "long" : Output character code value (Example: U+3000,JIS+7E7E)

Return Value: If *substchar* is set, it returns TRUE for success, otherwise returns FALSE. If *substchar* is not set, it returns Unicode value or "none"/"long".

Example 1. `mb_substitute_character()` example

```
/* Set with Unicode U+3013 (GETA MARK) */
mb_substitute_character(0x3013);

/* Set hex format */
mb_substitute_character("long");

/* Display current setting */
echo mb_substitute_character();
```

`mb_output_handler` (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Callback function converts character encoding in output buffer

string **mb_output_handler** (string *contents*, int *status*)

Warning

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mb_output_handler() is `ob_start()` callback function. **mb_output_handler()** converts characters in output buffer from internal character encoding to HTTP output character encoding.

4.1.0 or later version, this handler adds charset HTTP header when following conditions are met:

- Does not set Content-Type by `header()`
- Default MIME type begins with `text/`
- `http_output` setting is other than `pass`

contents : Output buffer contents

status : Output buffer status

Return Value: String converted

Example 1. mb_output_handler() example

```
mb_http_output("UTF-8");
ob_start("mb_output_handler");
```

Note: If you want to output some binary data such as image from PHP script, you must set output encoding to "pass" using mb_http_output().

See also ob_start().

mb_preferred_mime_name (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get MIME charset string

```
string mb_preferred_mime_name (string encoding)
```

Warning

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mb_preferred_mime_name() returns MIME charset string for character encoding *encoding*. It returns charset string.

Example 1. mb_preferred_mime_string() example

```
$outputenc = "sjis-win";
mb_http_output($outputenc);
ob_start("mb_output_handler");
header("Content-Type: text/html; charset=" . mb_preferred_mime_name($outputenc));
```

mb_strlen (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get string length

```
string mb_strlen (string str [, string encoding])
```

Warning

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mb_strlen() returns number of characters in string *str* having character encoding *encoding*. A multi-byte character is counted as 1.

encoding is character encoding for *str*. If *encoding* is omitted, internal character encoding is used.

See also mb_internal_encoding(), strlen().

mb_strpos (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Find position of first occurrence of string in a string

```
int mb_strpos (string haystack, string needle [, int offset [, string encoding]])
```

Warning

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mb_strpos() returns the numeric position of the first occurrence of *needle* in the *haystack* string. If *needle* is not found, it returns FALSE.

mb_strpos() performs multi-byte safe strpos() operation based on number of characters. *needle* position is counted from the beginning of the *haystack*. First character's position is 0. Second character position is 1, and so on.

If *encoding* is omitted, internal character encoding is used. mb_strpos() accepts string for *needle* where strpos() accepts only character.

offset is search offset. If it is not specified, 0 is used.

encoding is character encoding name. If it is omitted, internal character encoding is used.

See also **mb_strpos()**, **mb_internal_encoding()**, **strpos()**

mb_strrpos (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Find position of last occurrence of a string in a string

```
int mb_strrpos (string haystack, string needle [, string encoding])
```

Warning

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mb_strrpos() returns the numeric position of the last occurrence of *needle* in the *haystack* string. If *needle* is not found, it returns FALSE.

mb_strrpos() performs multi-byte safe **strrpos()** operation based on number of characters. *needle* position is counted from the beginning of *haystack*. First character's position is 0. Second character position is 1.

If *encoding* is omitted, internal encoding is assumed. **mb_strrpos()** accepts string for *needle* where **strrpos()** accepts only character.

encoding is character encoding. If it is not specified, internal character encoding is used.

See also **mb_strpos()**, **mb_internal_encoding()**, **strrpos()**.

mb_substr (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get part of string

```
string mb_substr (string str, int start [, int length [, string encoding]])
```

Warning

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mb_substr() returns the portion of *str* specified by the *start* and *length* parameters.

mb_substr() performs multi-byte safe substr() operation based on number of characters. Position is counted from the beginning of *str*. First character's position is 0. Second character position is 1, and so on.

If *encoding* is omitted, internal encoding is assumed.

encoding is character encoding. If it is omitted, internal character encoding is used.

See also mb_strcut(), mb_internal_encoding().

mb_strcut (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get part of string

```
string mb_strcut (string str, int start [, int length [, string encoding]])
```

Warning

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mb_strcut() returns the portion of *str* specified by the *start* and *length* parameters.

mb_strcut() performs equivalent operation as mb_substr() with different method. If *start* position is multi-byte character's second byte or larger, it starts from first byte of multi-byte character.

It subtracts string from *str* that is shorter than *length* AND character that is not part of multi-byte string or not being middle of shift sequence.

encoding is character encoding. If it is not set, internal character encoding is used.

See also mb_substr(), mb_internal_encoding().

mb_strwidth (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Return width of string

```
int mb_strwidth (string str [, string encoding])
```

Warning

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mb_strwidth() returns width of string *str*.

Multi-byte character usually twice of width compare to single byte character.

Character width

U+0000 - U+0019	0
U+0020 - U+1FFF	1
U+2000 - U+FF60	2
U+FF61 - U+FF9F	1
U+FFA0 -	2

encoding is character encoding. If it is omitted, internal encoding is used.

See also: `mb_striwidth()`, `mb_internal_encoding()`.

mb__strimwidth (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get truncated string with specified width

```
string mb__strimwidth (string str, int start, int width, string trimmarker [,
string encoding])
```

Warning

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mb__strimwidth() truncates string *str* to specified *width*. It returns truncated string.

If *trimmarker* is set, *trimmarker* is appended to return value.

start is start position offset. Number of characters from the beginning of string. (First character is 0)

trimmarker is string that is added to the end of string when string is truncated.

encoding is character encoding. If it is omitted, internal encoding is used.

Example 1. `mb_strimwidth()` example

```
$str = mb_strimwidth($str, 0, 40, "..>");
```

See also: `mb_strwidth()`, `mb_internal_encoding()`.

`mb_convert_encoding` (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Convert character encoding

```
string mb_convert_encoding (string str, string to-encoding [, mixed from-encoding])
```

Warning

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`mb_convert_encoding()` converts character encoding of string *str* from *from-encoding* to *to-encoding*.

str : String to be converted.

from-encoding is specified by character code name before conversion. it can be array or string - comma separated enumerated list.

Example 1. `mb_convert_encoding()` example

```
/* Convert internal character encoding to SJIS */
$str = mb_convert_encoding($str, "SJIS");

/* Convert EUC-JP to UTF-7 */
$str = mb_convert_encoding($str, "UTF-7", "EUC-JP");
```

```

/* Auto detect encoding from JIS, eucjp-win, sjis-win, then convert str to UCS-
2LE */
$str = mb_convert_encoding($str, "UCS-2LE", "JIS, eucjp-win, sjis-win");

/* "auto" is expanded to "ASCII,JIS,UTF-8,EUC-JP,SJIS" */
$str = mb_convert_encoding($str, "EUC-JP", "auto");

```

See also: `mb_detect_order()`.

mb_detect_encoding (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Detect character encoding

```
string mb_detect_encoding (string str [, mixed encoding-list])
```

Warning

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mb_detect_encoding() detects character encoding in string *str*. It returns detected character encoding.

encoding-list is list of character encoding. Encoding order may be specified by array or comma separated list string.

If *encoding-list* is omitted, `detect_order` is used.

Example 1. mb_detect_encoding() example

```

/* Detect character encoding with current detect_order */
echo mb_detect_encoding($str);

/* "auto" is expanded to "ASCII,JIS,UTF-8,EUC-JP,SJIS" */
echo mb_detect_encoding($str, "auto");

/* Specify encoding_list character encoding by comma separated list */
echo mb_detect_encoding($str, "JIS, eucjp-win, sjis-win");

/* Use array to specify encoding_list */
$array[] = "ASCII";
$array[] = "JIS";

```



```
$ary[] = "EUC-JP";
echo mb_detect_encoding($str, $ary);
```

See also: `mb_detect_order()`.

mb_convert_kana (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Convert "kana" one from another ("zen-kaku", "han-kaku" and more)

```
string mb_convert_kana (string str, string option [, mixed encoding])
```

Warning

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mb_convert_kana() performs "han-kaku" - "zen-kaku" conversion for string *str*. It returns converted string. This function is only useful for Japanese.

option is conversion option. Default value is "KV".

encoding is character encoding. If it is omitted, internal character encoding is used.

Applicable Conversion Options

option : Specify with conversion of following options. Default "KV"

"r" : Convert "zen-kaku" alphabets to "han-kaku"

"R" : Convert "han-kaku" alphabets to "zen-kaku"

"n" : Convert "zen-kaku" numbers to "han-kaku"

"N" : Convert "han-kaku" numbers to "zen-kaku"

"a" : Convert "zen-kaku" alphabets and numbers to "han-kaku"

"A" : Convert "zen-kaku" alphabets and numbers to "han-kaku"

(Characters included in "a", "A" options are

U+0021 - U+007E excluding U+0022, U+0027, U+005C, U+007E)

"s" : Convert "zen-kaku" space to "han-kaku" (U+3000 -> U+0020)

"S" : Convert "han-kaku" space to "zen-kaku" (U+0020 -> U+3000)

"k" : Convert "zen-kaku kata-kana" to "han-kaku kata-kana"

"K" : Convert "han-kaku kata-kana" to "zen-kaku kata-kana"

"h" : Convert "zen-kaku hira-gana" to "han-kaku kata-kana"

"H" : Convert "han-kaku kata-kana" to "zen-kaku hira-gana"

"c" : Convert "zen-kaku kata-kana" to "zen-kaku hira-gana"

"C" : Convert "zen-kaku hira-gana" to "zen-kaku kata-kana"

"V" : Collapse voiced sound notation and convert them into a character. Use with "K"

Example 1. `mb_convert_kana()` example

```
/* Convert all "kana" to "zen-kaku" "kata-kana" */
$str = mb_convert_kana($str, "KVC");

/* Convert "han-kaku" "kata-kana" to "zen-kaku" "kata-kana"
   and "zen-kaku" alpha-numeric to "han-kaku" */
$str = mb_convert_kana($str, "KVa");
```

`mb_encode_mimeheader` (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Encode string for MIME header

```
string mb_encode_mimeheader (string str [, string charset [, string
transfer-encoding [, string linefeed]])
```

Warning

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mb_encode_mimeheader() converts string *str* to encoded-word for header field. It returns converted string in ASCII encoding.

charset is character encoding name. Default is ISO-2022-JP.

transfer-encoding is transfer encoding. It should be one of "B" (Base64) or "Q" (Quoted-Printable). Default is "B".

linefeed is end of line marker. Default is "\r\n" (CRLF).

Example 1. mb_convert_kana() example

```

$name = ""; // kanji
$mbox = "kru";
$doma = "gtinn.mon";
$addr = mb_encode_mimeheader($name, "UTF-7", "Q") . " <" . $mbox . "@" . $doma . ">";
echo $addr;

```

See also `mb_decode_mimeheader()`.

mb_decode_mimeheader (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Decode string in MIME header field

```
string mb_decode_mimeheader (string str)
```

Warning

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mb_decode_mimeheader() decodes encoded-word string *str* in MIME header.

It returns decoded string in internal character encoding.

See also `mb_encode_mimeheader()`.

mb_convert_variables (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Convert character code in variable(s)

```
string mb_convert_variables (string to-encoding, mixed from-encoding, mixed vars)
```

Warning

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mb_convert_variables() convert character encoding of variables *vars* in encoding *from-encoding* to encoding *to-encoding*. It returns character encoding before conversion for success, FALSE for failure.

mb_convert_variables() join strings in Array or Object to detect encoding, since encoding detection tends to fail for short strings. Therefore, it is impossible to mix encoding in single array or object.

It *from-encoding* is specified by array or comma separated string, it tries to detect encoding from *from-coding*. When *encoding* is omitted, *detect_order* is used.

vars (3rd and larger) is reference to variable to be converted. String, Array and Object are accepted. **mb_convert_variables()** assumes all parameters have the same encoding.

Example 1. mb_convert_variables() example

```
/* Convert variables $post1, $post2 to internal encoding */
$interenc = mb_internal_encoding();
$inputenc = mb_convert_variables($interenc, "ASCII,UTF-8,SJIS-win", $post1, $post2);
```

mb_encode_numericentity (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Encode character to HTML numeric string reference

```
string mb_encode_numericentity (string str, array convmap [, string encoding])
```

Warning

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mb_encode_numericentity() converts specified character codes in string *str* from HTML numeric character reference to character code. It returns converted string.

array is array specifies code area to convert.

encoding is character encoding.

Example 1. *convmap* example

```
$convmap = array (
    int start_code1, int end_code1, int offset1, int mask1,
    int start_code2, int end_code2, int offset2, int mask2,
    .....
    int start_codeN, int end_codeN, int offsetN, int maskN );
// Specify Unicode value for start_codeN and end_codeN
// Add offsetN to value and take bit-wise 'AND' with maskN, then
// it converts value to numeric string reference.
```

Example 2. **mb_encode_numericentity()** example

```
/* Convert Left side of ISO-8859-1 to HTML numeric character reference */
$convmap = array(0x80, 0xff, 0, 0xff);
$str = mb_encode_numericentity($str, $convmap, "ISO-8859-1");

/* Convert user defined SJIS-win code in block 95-104 to numeric
   string reference */
$convmap = array(
    0xe000, 0xe03e, 0x1040, 0xffff,
    0xe03f, 0xe0bb, 0x1041, 0xffff,
    0xe0bc, 0xe0fa, 0x1084, 0xffff,
    0xe0fb, 0xe177, 0x1085, 0xffff,
    0xe178, 0xe1b6, 0x10c8, 0xffff,
    0xe1b7, 0xe233, 0x10c9, 0xffff,
    0xe234, 0xe272, 0x110c, 0xffff,
    0xe273, 0xe2ef, 0x110d, 0xffff,
    0xe2f0, 0xe32e, 0x1150, 0xffff,
    0xe32f, 0xe3ab, 0x1151, 0xffff );
$str = mb_encode_numericentity($str, $convmap, "sjis-win");
```

See also: **mb_decode_numericentity()**.

mb_decode_numericentity (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Decode HTML numeric string reference to character

```
string mb_decode_numericentity (string str, array convmap [, string encoding])
```

Warning

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Convert numeric string reference of string *str* in specified block to character. It returns converted string.

array is array to specifies code area to convert.

encoding is character encoding. If it is omitted, internal character encoding is used.

Example 1. *convmap* example

```
$convmap = array (
    int start_code1, int end_code1, int offset1, int mask1,
    int start_code2, int end_code2, int offset2, int mask2,
    .....
    int start_codeN, int end_codeN, int offsetN, int maskN );
// Specify Unicode value for start_codeN and end_codeN
// Add offsetN to value and take bit-wise 'AND' with maskN,
// then convert value to numeric string reference.
```

See also: `mb_encode_numericentity()`.

mb_send_mail (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Send encoded mail.

```
boolean mb_send_mail (string to, string subject, string message [, string additional_headers [, string additional_parameter]])
```

Warning

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mb_send_mail() sends email. Headers and message are converted and encoded according to mb_language() setting. **mb_send_mail()** is wrapper function of mail(). See mail() for details.

to is mail addresses send to. Multiple recipients can be specified by putting a comma between each address in to.

subject is subject of mail.

message is mail message.

additional_headers is inserted at the end of the header. This is typically used to add extra headers. Multiple extra headers are separated with a newline(\n).

additional_parameter is a MTA command line parameter. It is useful when setting the correct Return-Path header when using sendmail.

It returns TRUE for success, otherwise it returns FALSE.

See also: mb_language(), mail().

XLVII. MCAL functions

MCAL stands for Modular Calendar Access Library.

Libmcal is a C library for accessing calendars. It's written to be very modular, with pluggable drivers. MCAL is the calendar equivalent of the IMAP module for mailboxes.

With mcal support, a calendar stream can be opened much like the mailbox stream with the IMAP support. Calendars can be local file stores, remote ICAP servers, or other formats that are supported by the mcal library.

Calendar events can be pulled up, queried, and stored. There is also support for calendar triggers (alarms) and recurring events.

With libmcal, central calendar servers can be accessed, removing the need for any specific database or local file programming.

To get these functions to work, you have to compile PHP with `--with-mcal`. That requires the mcal

library to be installed. Grab the latest version from <http://mc.al.chek.com/> and compile and install it.

The following constants are defined when using the MCAL module. For weekdays :

- MCAL_SUNDAY
- MCAL_MONDAY
- MCAL_TUESDAY
- MCAL_WEDNESDAY
- MCAL_THURSDAY
- MCAL_FRIDAY
- MCAL_SATURDAY

For recurrence :

- MCAL_RECUR_NONE
- MCAL_RECUR_DAILY
- MCAL_RECUR_WEEKLY
- MCAL_RECUR_MONTHLY_MDAY
- MCAL_RECUR_MONTHLY_WDAY
- MCAL_RECUR_YEARLY

For months :

- MCAL_JANUARY
- MCAL_FEBRUARY
- MCAL_MARCH
- MCAL_APRIL
- MCAL_MAY
- MCAL_JUNE
- MCAL_JULY
- MCAL_AUGUST
- MCAL_SEPTEMBER
- MCAL_OCTOBER
- MCAL_NOVEMBER
- MCAL_DECEMBER

Most of the functions use an internal event structure that is unique for each stream. This alleviates the need to pass around large objects between functions. There are convenience functions for setting, initializing, and retrieving the event structure values.

mcald_open (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Opens up an MCAL connection

```
int mcald_open (string calendar, string username, string password [, int options])
```

Returns an MCAL stream on success, FALSE on error.

mcald_open() opens up an MCAL connection to the specified *calendar* store. If the optional *options* is specified, passes the *options* to that mailbox also. The streams internal event structure is also initialized upon connection.

mcald_popen (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Opens up a persistent MCAL connection

```
int mcald_popen (string calendar, string username, string password [, int options])
```

Returns an MCAL stream on success, FALSE on error.

mcald_popen() opens up an MCAL connection to the specified *calendar* store. If the optional *options* is specified, passes the *options* to that mailbox also. The streams internal event structure is also initialized upon connection.

mcald_reopen (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Reopens an MCAL connection

```
int mcald_reopen (string calendar [, int options])
```

Reopens an MCAL stream to a new calendar.

mcald_reopen() reopens an MCAL connection to the specified *calendar* store. If the optional *options* is specified, passes the *options* to that mailbox also.

mcaldclose (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Close an MCAL stream

```
int mcaldclose (int mcaldstream, int flags)
```

Closes the given mcald stream.

mcaldcreatecalendar (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Create a new MCAL calendar

```
string mcaldcreatecalendar (int stream, string calendar)
```

Creates a new calendar named *calendar*.

mcaldrenamecalendar (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Rename an MCAL calendar

```
string mcaldrenamecalendar (int stream, string old_name, string new_name)
```

Renames the calendar *old_name* to *new_name*.

mcalddeletecalendar (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Delete an MCAL calendar

```
string mcalddeletecalendar (int stream, string calendar)
```

Deletes the calendar named *calendar*.

mcalfetch_event (PHP 3 >= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetches an event from the calendar stream

```
object mcalfetch_event (int mcalfstream, int event_id [, int options])
```

mcalfetch_event() fetches an event from the calendar stream specified by *id*.

Returns an event object consisting of:

- int id - ID of that event.
- int public - TRUE if the event is public, FALSE if it is private.
- string category - Category string of the event.
- string title - Title string of the event.
- string description - Description string of the event.
- int alarm - number of minutes before the event to send an alarm/reminder.
- object start - Object containing a datetime entry.
- object end - Object containing a datetime entry.
- int recur_type - recurrence type
- int recur_interval - recurrence interval
- datetime recur_enddate - recurrence end date
- int recur_data - recurrence data

All datetime entries consist of an object that contains:

- int year - year
- int month - month
- int mday - day of month
- int hour - hour
- int min - minutes
- int sec - seconds
- int alarm - minutes before event to send an alarm

The possible values for *recur_type* are:

- 0 - Indicates that this event does not recur
- 1 - This event recurs daily
- 2 - This event recurs on a weekly basis
- 3 - This event recurs monthly on a specific day of the month (e.g. the 10th of the month)

- 4 - This event recurs monthly on a sequenced day of the week (e.g. the 3rd Saturday)
- 5 - This event recurs on an annual basis

mcald_list_events (PHP 3 >= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return a list of IDs for a date or a range of dates.

```
array mcald_list_events (int mcald_stream, object begin_date [, object end_date])
```

Returns an array of ID's that are between the start and end dates, or if just a stream is given, uses the start and end dates in the global event structure.

mcald_list_events() function takes in an beginning date and an optional end date for a calendar stream. An array of event id's that are between the given dates or the internal event dates are returned.

mcald_append_event (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Store a new event into an MCAL calendar

```
int mcald_append_event (int mcald_stream)
```

mcald_append_event() Stores the global event into an MCAL calendar for the given stream.

Returns the id of the newly inserted event.

mcald_store_event (PHP 3 >= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Modify an existing event in an MCAL calendar

```
int mcald_store_event (int mcald_stream)
```

mcald_store_event() Stores the modifications to the current global event for the given stream.

Returns the event id of the modified event on success and FALSE on error.

mcald_delete_event (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Delete an event from an MCAL calendar

```
int mcald_delete_event (int mcald_stream [, int event_id])
```

mcald_delete_event() deletes the calendar event specified by the *event_id*.

Returns TRUE.

mcald_snooze (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Turn off an alarm for an event

```
int mcald_snooze (int id)
```

mcald_snooze() turns off an alarm for a calendar event specified by the *id*.

Returns TRUE.

mcald_list_alarms (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return a list of events that has an alarm triggered at the given datetime

```
array mcald_list_alarms (int mcald_stream [, int begin_year [, int begin_month  
[, int begin_day [, int end_year [, int end_month [, int end_day]]]]])
```

Returns an array of event ID's that has an alarm going off between the start and end dates, or if just a stream is given, uses the start and end dates in the global event structure.

mcald_list_events() function takes in an optional beginning date and an end date for a calendar stream. An array of event id's that are between the given dates or the internal event dates are returned.

mcald_event_init (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Initializes a streams global event structure

```
int mcal_event_init (int stream)
```

mcal_event_init() initializes a streams global event structure. this effectively sets all elements of the structure to 0, or the default settings.

Returns TRUE.

mcal_event_set_category (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the category of the streams global event structure

```
int mcal_event_set_category (int stream, string category)
```

mcal_event_set_category() sets the streams global event structure's category to the given string.

Returns TRUE.

mcal_event_set_title (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the title of the streams global event structure

```
int mcal_event_set_title (int stream, string title)
```

mcal_event_set_title() sets the streams global event structure's title to the given string.

Returns TRUE.

mcal_event_set_description (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the description of the streams global event structure

```
int mcal_event_set_description (int stream, string description)
```

mcal_event_set_description() sets the streams global event structure's description to the given string.

Returns TRUE.

mcald_event_set_start (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the start date and time of the streams global event structure

```
int mcald_event_set_start (int stream, int year, int month, int [day], int [hour], int [min], int [sec])
```

mcald_event_set_start() sets the streams global event structure's start date and time to the given values.

Returns TRUE.

mcald_event_set_end (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the end date and time of the streams global event structure

```
int mcald_event_set_end (int stream, int year, int month, int [day], int [hour], int [min], int [sec])
```

mcald_event_set_end() sets the streams global event structure's end date and time to the given values.

Returns TRUE.

mcald_event_set_alarm (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the alarm of the streams global event structure

```
int mcald_event_set_alarm (int stream, int alarm)
```

mcald_event_set_alarm() sets the streams global event structure's alarm to the given minutes before the event.

Returns TRUE.

mcald_event_set_class (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the class of the streams global event structure


```
int mcal_event_set_class (int stream, int class)
```

mcal_event_set_class() sets the streams global event structure's class to the given value. The class is either 1 for public, or 0 for private.

Returns TRUE.

mcal_is_leap_year (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns if the given year is a leap year or not

```
int mcal_is_leap_year (int year)
```

mcal_is_leap_year() returns 1 if the given year is a leap year, 0 if not.

mcal_days_in_month (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the number of days in the given month

```
int mcal_days_in_month (int month, int leap year)
```

mcal_days_in_month() Returns the number of days in the given month, taking into account if the given year is a leap year or not.

mcal_date_valid (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns TRUE if the given year, month, day is a valid date

```
int mcal_date_valid (int year, int month, int day)
```

mcal_date_valid() Returns TRUE if the given year, month and day is a valid date, FALSE if not.

mcald_time_valid (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns TRUE if the given year, month, day is a valid time

```
int mcald_time_valid (int hour, int minutes, int seconds)
```

mcald_time_valid() Returns TRUE if the given hour, minutes and seconds is a valid time, FALSE if not.

mcald_day_of_week (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the day of the week of the given date

```
int mcald_day_of_week (int year, int month, int day)
```

mcald_day_of_week() returns the day of the week of the given date. Possible return values range from 0 for Sunday through 6 for Saturday.

mcald_day_of_year (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the day of the year of the given date

```
int mcald_ (int year, int month, int day)
```

mcald_day_of_year() returns the day of the year of the given date.

mcald_date_compare (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Compares two dates

```
int mcald_date_compare (int a_year, int a_month, int a_day, int b_year, int b_month, int b_day)
```

mcald_date_compare() Compares the two given dates, returns <0, 0, >0 if a<b, a==b, a>b respectively.

mcald_next_recurrence (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the next recurrence of the event

```
int mcald_next_recurrence (int stream, int weekstart, array next)
```

mcald_next_recurrence() returns an object filled with the next date the event occurs, on or after the supplied date. Returns empty date field if event does not occur or something is invalid. Uses weekstart to determine what day is considered the beginning of the week.

mcald_event_set_recur_none (PHP 3>= 3.0.15, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the recurrence of the streams global event structure

```
int mcald_event_set_recur_none (int stream)
```

mcald_event_set_recur_none() sets the streams global event structure to not recur (event->recur_type is set to MCAL_RECUR_NONE).

mcald_event_set_recur_daily (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the recurrence of the streams global event structure

```
int mcald_event_set_recur_daily (int stream, int year, int month, int day,  
int interval)
```

mcald_event_set_recur_daily() sets the streams global event structure's recurrence to the given value to be reoccurring on a daily basis, ending at the given date.

mcald_event_set_recur_weekly (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the recurrence of the streams global event structure

```
int mcald_event_set_recur_weekly (int stream, int year, int month, int day,  
int interval, int weekdays)
```

mcald_event_set_recur_weekly() sets the streams global event structure's recurrence to the given value to be reoccurring on a weekly basis, ending at the given date.

mcald_event_set_recur_monthly_mday (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the recurrence of the streams global event structure

```
int mcald_event_set_recur_monthly_mday (int stream, int year, int month, int
day, int interval)
```

mcald_event_set_recur_monthly_mday() sets the streams global event structure's recurrence to the given value to be reoccurring on a monthly by month day basis, ending at the given date.

mcald_event_set_recur_monthly_wday (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the recurrence of the streams global event structure

```
int mcald_event_set_recur_monthly_wday (int stream, int year, int month, int
day, int interval)
```

mcald_event_set_recur_monthly_wday() sets the streams global event structure's recurrence to the given value to be reoccurring on a monthly by week basis, ending at the given date.

mcald_event_set_recur_yearly (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the recurrence of the streams global event structure

```
int mcald_event_set_recur_yearly (int stream, int year, int month, int day,
int interval)
```

mcald_event_set_recur_yearly() sets the streams global event structure's recurrence to the given value to be reoccurring on a yearly basis, ending at the given date.

mcalfetchcurrentstreamevent (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns an object containing the current streams event structure

object **mcalfetchcurrentstreamevent** (int *stream*)

mcalfetchcurrentstreamevent() returns the current stream's event structure as an object containing:

- int id - ID of that event.
- int public - TRUE if the event is public, FALSE if it is private.
- string category - Category string of the event.
- string title - Title string of the event.
- string description - Description string of the event.
- int alarm - number of minutes before the event to send an alarm/reminder.
- object start - Object containing a datetime entry.
- object end - Object containing a datetime entry.
- int recur_type - recurrence type
- int recur_interval - recurrence interval
- datetime recur_enddate - recurrence end date
- int recur_data - recurrence data

All datetime entries consist of an object that contains:

- int year - year
- int month - month
- int mday - day of month
- int hour - hour
- int min - minutes
- int sec - seconds
- int alarm - minutes before event to send an alarm

mcalfeventaddattribute (PHP 3>= 3.0.15, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Adds an attribute and a value to the streams global event structure

```
void mcal_event_add_attribute (int stream, string attribute, string value)
```

mcal_event_add_attribute() adds an attribute to the stream's global event structure with the value given by "value".

mcal_expunge (unknown)

Deletes all events marked for being expunged.

```
int mcal_expunge (int stream)
```

mcal_expunge() Deletes all events which have been previously marked for deletion.

XLVIII. Mcrypt Encryption Functions

These functions work using mcrypt (<ftp://mcrypt.hellug.gr/pub/mcrypt/libmcrypt>).

This is an interface to the mcrypt library, which supports a wide variety of block algorithms such as DES, TripleDES, Blowfish (default), 3-WAY, SAFER-SK64, SAFER-SK128, TWOFISH, TEA, RC2 and GOST in CBC, OFB, CFB and ECB cipher modes. Additionally, it supports RC6 and IDEA which are considered "non-free".

If you linked against libmcrypt 2.4.x, the following additional block algorithms are supported: CAST, LOKI97, RIJNDAEL, SAFERPLUS, SERPENT and the following stream ciphers: ENIGMA (crypt), PANAMA, RC4 and WAKE. With libmcrypt 2.4.x another cipher mode is also available; nOFB.

To use it, download libmcrypt-x.x.tar.gz from here (<ftp://mcrypt.hellug.gr/pub/mcrypt/libmcrypt>) and follow the included installation instructions. You need to compile PHP with the `--with-mcrypt` parameter to enable this extension. Make sure you compile libmcrypt with the option `--disable-posix-threads`.

Mcrypt can be used to encrypt and decrypt using the above mentioned ciphers. If you linked against libmcrypt-2.2.x, the four important mcrypt commands (`mcrypt_cfb()`, `mcrypt_cbc()`, `mcrypt_ecb()`, and `mcrypt_ofb()`) can operate in both modes which are named `MCRYPT_ENCRYPT` and `MCRYPT_DECRYPT`, respectively.

Example 1. Encrypt an input value with TripleDES under 2.2.x in ECB mode

```
<?php
$key = "this is a very secret key";
$input = "Let us meet at 9 o'clock at the secret place.";

$encrypted_data = mcrypt_ecb (MCRYPT_3DES, $key, $input, MCRYPT_ENCRYPT);
?>
```

This example will give you the encrypted data as a string in `$encrypted_data`.

If you linked against libmcrypt 2.4.x, these functions are still available, but it is recommended that you use the advanced functions.

Example 2. Encrypt an input value with TripleDES under 2.4.x in ECB mode

```
<?php
$key = "this is a very secret key";
$input = "Let us meet at 9 o'clock at the secret place.";

$td = mcrypt_module_open (MCRYPT_TripleDES, "", MCRYPT_MODE_ECB, "");
$iv = mcrypt_create_iv (mcrypt_enc_get_iv_size ($td), MCRYPT_RAND);
mcrypt_generic_init ($td, $key, $iv);
$encrypted_data = mcrypt_generic ($td, $input);
mcrypt_generic_end ($td);
?>
```

This example will give you the encrypted data as a string in `$encrypted_data`.

Mccrypt can operate in four block cipher modes (CBC, OFB, CFB, and ECB). If linked against libmccrypt-2.4.x mccrypt can also operate in the block cipher mode nOFB and in STREAM mode. Then there are also constants in the form `MCRYPT_MODE_mode` for use with several functions. We will outline the normal use for each of these modes. For a more complete reference and discussion see Applied Cryptography by Schneier (ISBN 0-471-11709-9).

- ECB (electronic codebook) is suitable for random data, such as encrypting other keys. Since data there is short and random, the disadvantages of ECB have a favorable negative effect.
- CBC (cipher block chaining) is especially suitable for encrypting files where the security is increased over ECB significantly.
- CFB (cipher feedback) is the best mode for encrypting byte streams where single bytes must be encrypted.
- OFB (output feedback, in 8bit) is comparable to CFB, but can be used in applications where error propagation cannot be tolerated. It's insecure (because it operates in 8bit mode) so it is not recommended to use it.
- nOFB (output feedback, in nbit) is comparable to OFB, but more secure because it operates on the block size of the algorithm.
- STREAM is an extra mode to include some stream algorithms like WAKE or RC4.

PHP does not support encrypting/decrypting bit streams currently. As of now, PHP only supports handling of strings.

For a complete list of supported ciphers, see the defines at the end of `mccrypt.h`. The general rule with the mccrypt-2.2.x API is that you can access the cipher from PHP with `MCRYPT_ciphertype`. With the mccrypt-2.4.x API these constants also work, but it is possible to specify the name of the cipher as a string with a call to `mccrypt_module_open()`.

Here is a short list of ciphers which are currently supported by the mccrypt extension. If a cipher is not listed here, but is listed by mccrypt as supported, you can safely assume that this documentation is

outdated.

- MCRYPT_3DES
- MCRYPT_ARCFOUR_IV (libmccrypt 2.4.x only)
- MCRYPT_ARCFOUR (libmccrypt 2.4.x only)
- MCRYPT_BLOWFISH
- MCRYPT_CAST_128
- MCRYPT_CAST_256
- MCRYPT_CRYPT
- MCRYPT_DES
- MCRYPT_DES_COMPAT (libmccrypt 2.2.x only)
- MCRYPT_ENIGMA (libmccrypt 2.4.x only, alias for MCRYPT_CRYPT)
- MCRYPT_GOST
- MCRYPT_IDEA (non-free)
- MCRYPT_LOKI97 (libmccrypt 2.4.x only)
- MCRYPT_MARS (libmccrypt 2.4.x only, non-free)
- MCRYPT_PANAMA (libmccrypt 2.4.x only)
- MCRYPT_RIJNDAEL_128 (libmccrypt 2.4.x only)
- MCRYPT_RIJNDAEL_192 (libmccrypt 2.4.x only)
- MCRYPT_RIJNDAEL_256 (libmccrypt 2.4.x only)
- MCRYPT_RC2
- MCRYPT_RC4 (libmccrypt 2.2.x only)
- MCRYPT_RC6 (libmccrypt 2.4.x only)
- MCRYPT_RC6_128 (libmccrypt 2.2.x only)
- MCRYPT_RC6_192 (libmccrypt 2.2.x only)
- MCRYPT_RC6_256 (libmccrypt 2.2.x only)
- MCRYPT_SAFER64
- MCRYPT_SAFER128
- MCRYPT_SAFERPLUS (libmccrypt 2.4.x only)
- MCRYPT_SERPENT (libmccrypt 2.4.x only)
- MCRYPT_SERPENT_128 (libmccrypt 2.2.x only)
- MCRYPT_SERPENT_192 (libmccrypt 2.2.x only)
- MCRYPT_SERPENT_256 (libmccrypt 2.2.x only)
- MCRYPT_SKIPJACK (libmccrypt 2.4.x only)
- MCRYPT_TEAN (libmccrypt 2.2.x only)
- MCRYPT_THREEWAY
- MCRYPT_TRIPLEDES (libmccrypt 2.4.x only)
- MCRYPT_TWOFISH (for older mccrypt 2.x versions, or mccrypt 2.4.x)
- MCRYPT_TWOFISH128 (TWOFISHxxx are available in newer 2.x versions, but not in the 2.4.x

versions)

- MCRYPT_TWOFISH192
- MCRYPT_TWOFISH256
- MCRYPT_WAKE (libmccrypt 2.4.x only)
- MCRYPT_XTEA (libmccrypt 2.4.x only)

You must (in CFB and OFB mode) or can (in CBC mode) supply an initialization vector (IV) to the respective cipher function. The IV must be unique and must be the same when decrypting/encrypting. With data which is stored encrypted, you can take the output of a function of the index under which the data is stored (e.g. the MD5 key of the filename). Alternatively, you can transmit the IV together with the encrypted data (see chapter 9.3 of Applied Cryptography by Schneier (ISBN 0-471-11709-9) for a discussion of this topic).

mcrypt_get_cipher_name (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the name of the specified cipher

```
string mcrypt_get_cipher_name (int cipher)
```

```
string mcrypt_get_cipher_name (string cipher)
```

mcrypt_get_cipher_name() is used to get the name of the specified cipher.

mcrypt_get_cipher_name() takes the cipher number as an argument (libmcrypt 2.2.x) or takes the cipher name as an argument (libmcrypt 2.4.x) and returns the name of the cipher or FALSE, if the cipher does not exist.

Example 1. mcrypt_get_cipher_name() Example

```
<?php
$cipher = MCRYPT_TripleDES;

print mcrypt_get_cipher_name ($cipher);
?>
```

The above example will produce:

3DES

mcrypt_get_block_size (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the block size of the specified cipher

```
int mcrypt_get_block_size (int cipher)
int mcrypt_get_block_size (string cipher, string module)
```

The first prototype is when linked against libmccrypt 2.2.x, the second when linked against libmccrypt 2.4.x.

mccrypt_get_block_size() is used to get the size of a block of the specified *cipher*.

mccrypt_get_block_size() takes one or two arguments, the *cipher* and *module*, and returns the size in bytes.

See also: `mccrypt_get_key_size()`.

mccrypt_get_key_size (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the key size of the specified cipher

```
int mccrypt_get_key_size (int cipher)
int mccrypt_get_key_size (string cipher, string module)
```

The first prototype is when linked against libmccrypt 2.2.x, the second when linked against libmccrypt 2.4.x.

mccrypt_get_key_size() is used to get the size of a key of the specified *cipher*.

mccrypt_get_key_size() takes one or two arguments, the *cipher* and *module*, and returns the size in bytes.

See also: `mccrypt_get_block_size()`.

mccrypt_create_iv (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Create an initialization vector (IV) from a random source

```
string mccrypt_create_iv (int size, int source)
```

mccrypt_create_iv() is used to create an IV.

mccrypt_create_iv() takes two arguments, *size* determines the size of the IV, *source* specifies the source of the IV.

The source can be MCRYPT_RAND (system random number generator), MCRYPT_DEV_RANDOM (read data from /dev/random) and MCRYPT_DEV_URANDOM (read data from /dev/urandom). If you use MCRYPT_RAND, make sure to call `srand()` before to initialize the random number generator.

Example 1. mcrypt_create_iv() example

```
<?php
$cipher = MCRYPT_TripleDES;
$block_size = mcrypt_get_block_size ($cipher);
$iv = mcrypt_create_iv ($block_size, MCRYPT_DEV_RANDOM);
?>
```

mcrypt_cbc (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Encrypt/decrypt data in CBC mode

```
string mcrypt_cbc (int cipher, string key, string data, int mode [, string iv])
```

```
string mcrypt_cbc (string cipher, string key, string data, int mode [, string iv])
```

The first prototype is when linked against libmcrypt 2.2.x, the second when linked against libmcrypt 2.4.x.

mcrypt_cbc() encrypts or decrypts (depending on *mode*) the *data* with *cipher* and *key* in CBC cipher mode and returns the resulting string.

Cipher is one of the MCRYPT_ciphername constants.

Key is the key supplied to the algorithm. It must be kept secret.

Data is the data which shall be encrypted/decrypted.

Mode is MCRYPT_ENCRYPT or MCRYPT_DECRYPT.

IV is the optional initialization vector.

See also: mcrypt_cfb(), mcrypt_ecb(), and mcrypt_ofb().

mcrypt_cfb (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Encrypt/decrypt data in CFB mode

```
string mccrypt_cfb (int cipher, string key, string data, int mode, string iv)
```

```
string mccrypt_cfb (string cipher, string key, string data, int mode [, string iv])
```

The first prototype is when linked against libmccrypt 2.2.x, the second when linked against libmccrypt 2.4.x.

mccrypt_cfb() encrypts or decrypts (depending on *mode*) the *data* with *cipher* and *key* in CFB cipher mode and returns the resulting string.

Cipher is one of the MCRYPT_ciphernam constants.

Key is the key supplied to the algorithm. It must be kept secret.

Data is the data which shall be encrypted/decrypted.

Mode is MCRYPT_ENCRYPT or MCRYPT_DECRYPT.

IV is the initialization vector.

See also: `mccrypt_cbc()`, `mccrypt_ecb()`, and `mccrypt_ofb()`.

mccrypt_ecb (PHP 3 >= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Encrypt/decrypt data in ECB mode

```
string mccrypt_ecb (int cipher, string key, string data, int mode)
```

```
string mccrypt_ecb (string cipher, string key, string data, int mode [, string iv])
```

The first prototype is when linked against libmccrypt 2.2.x, the second when linked against libmccrypt 2.4.x.

mccrypt_ecb() encrypts or decrypts (depending on *mode*) the *data* with *cipher* and *key* in ECB cipher mode and returns the resulting string.

Cipher is one of the MCRYPT_ciphernam constants.

Key is the key supplied to the algorithm. It must be kept secret.

Data is the data which shall be encrypted/decrypted.

Mode is MCRYPT_ENCRYPT or MCRYPT_DECRYPT.

See also: `mccrypt_cbc()`, `mccrypt_cfb()`, and `mccrypt_ofb()`.

mccrypt_ofb (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Encrypt/decrypt data in OFB mode

```
string mccrypt_ofb (int cipher, string key, string data, int mode, string iv)
```

```
string mccrypt_ofb (string cipher, string key, string data, int mode [, string iv])
```

The first prototype is when linked against libmccrypt 2.2.x, the second when linked against libmccrypt 2.4.x.

mccrypt_ofb() encrypts or decrypts (depending on *mode*) the *data* with *cipher* and *key* in OFB cipher mode and returns the resulting string.

Cipher is one of the MCRYPT_cipername constants.

Key is the key supplied to the algorithm. It must be kept secret.

Data is the data which shall be encrypted/decrypted.

Mode is MCRYPT_ENCRYPT or MCRYPT_DECRYPT.

IV is the initialization vector.

See also: `mccrypt_cbc()`, `mccrypt_cfb()`, and `mccrypt_ecb()`.

mccrypt_list_algorithms (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Get an array of all supported ciphers

```
array mccrypt_list_algorithms (string [lib_dir])
```

mccrypt_list_algorithms() is used to get an array of all supported algorithms in the

lib_dir. **mccrypt_list_algorithms()** takes as optional parameter a directory which specifies the directory where all algorithms are located. If not specifies, the value of the `mccrypt.algorithms_dir` php.ini directive is used.

Example 1. mccrypt_list_algorithms() Example

```
<?php
$algorithms = mccrypt_list_algorithms ("/usr/local/lib/libmccrypt");
```

```
foreach ($algorithms as $cipher) {
    echo $cipher."/n";
}
?>
```

The above example will produce a list with all supported algorithms in the "/usr/local/lib/libmccrypt" directory.

mccrypt_list_modes (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Get an array of all supported modes

```
array mccrypt_list_modes (string [lib_dir])
```

mccrypt_list_modes() is used to get an array of all supported modes in the *lib_dir*.

mccrypt_list_modes() takes as optional parameter a directory which specifies the directory where all modes are located. If not specifies, the value of the mccrypt.modes_dir php.ini directive is used.

Example 1. mccrypt_list_modes() Example

```
<?php
$modes = mccrypt_list_modes ();

foreach ($modes as $mode) {
    echo "$mode <br/>";
}
?>
```

The above example will produce a list with all supported algorithms in the default mode directory. If it is not set with the ini directive mccrypt.modes_dir, the default directory of mccrypt is used (which is /usr/local/lib/libmccrypt).

mccrypt_get_iv_size (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Returns the size of the IV belonging to a specific cipher/mode combination

```
int mccrypt_get_iv_size (string cipher, string mode)
int mccrypt_get_iv_size (resource td)
```

The first prototype is when linked against libmccrypt 2.2.x, the second when linked against libmccrypt 2.4.x.

mccrypt_get_iv_size() returns the size of the Initialisation Vector (IV) in bytes. On error the function returns FALSE. If the IV is ignored in the specified cipher/mode combination zero is returned.

Cipher is one of the MCRYPT_ciphername constants of the name of the algorithm as string.

Mode is one of the MCRYPT_MODE_modename constants of one of "ecb", "cbc", "cfb", "ofb", "nofb" or "stream".

Td is the algorithm specified.

mccrypt_encrypt (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Encrypts plaintext with given parameters

```
string mccrypt_encrypt (string cipher, string key, string data, string mode,
string [iv])
```

mccrypt_encrypt() encrypts the data and returns the encrypted data.

Cipher is one of the MCRYPT_ciphername constants of the name of the algorithm as string.

Key is the key with which the data will be encrypted. If it's smaller than the required keysize, it is padded with '\0'. It is better not to use ASCII strings for keys. It is recommended to use the mhash functions to create a key from a string.

Data is the data that will be encrypted with the given cipher and mode. If the size of the data is not n * blocksize, the data will be padded with '\0'. The returned ciphertext can be larger than the size of the data that is given by *data*.

Mode is one of the MCRYPT_MODE_modename constants of one of "ecb", "cbc", "cfb", "ofb", "nofb" or "stream".

The *IV* parameter is used for the initialisation in CBC, CFB, OFB modes, and in some algorithms in STREAM mode. If you do not supply an IV, while it is needed for an algorithm, the function issues a warning and uses an IV with all bytes set to '\0'.

Example 1. mcrypt_encrypt() Example

```

<?php
$iv = mcrypt_create_iv (mcrypt_get_iv_size (MCRYPT_RIJNDAEL_256, MCRYPT_MODE_ECB), MCRYPT_RAND);
$key = "This is a very secret key";
$text = "Meet me at 11 o'clock behind the monument.";
echo strlen ($text)."\n";

$crypttext = mcrypt_encrypt (MCRYPT_RIJNDAEL_256, $key, $text, MCRYPT_MODE_ECB, $iv);
echo strlen ($crypttext)."\n";
?>

```

The above example will print out:

```

42
64

```

mcrypt_decrypt (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Decrypts crypttext with given parameters

```

string mcrypt_decrypt (string cipher, string key, string data, string mode,
string [iv])

```

mcrypt_decrypt() decrypts the data and returns the unencrypted data.

Cipher is one of the MCRYPT_ciphernam constants of the name of the algorithm as string.

Key is the key with which the data is encrypted. If it's smaller than the required keysize, it is padded with '\0'.

Data is the data that will be decrypted with the given cipher and mode. If the size of the data is not n * blocksize, the data will be padded with '\0'.

Mode is one of the MCRYPT_MODE_modename constants of one of "ecb", "cbc", "cfb", "ofb", "nofb" or "stream".

The *IV* parameter is used for the initialisation in CBC, CFB, OFB modes, and in some algorithms in STREAM mode. If you do not supply an IV, while it is needed for an algorithm, the function issues a warning and uses an IV with all bytes set to '\0'.

mccrypt_module_open (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

This function opens the module of the algorithm and the mode to be used

```
resource mccrypt_module_open (string algorithm, string algorithm_directory,
string mode, string mode_directory)
```

This function opens the module of the algorithm and the mode to be used. The name of the algorithm is specified in *algorithm*, eg "twofish" or is one of the MCRYPT_ciphernam constants. The library is closed by calling **mccrypt_module_close()**, but there is no need to call that function if **mccrypt_generic_end()** is called. Normally it returns an encryption descriptor, or FALSE on error.

The *algorithm_directory* and *mode_directory* are used to locate the encryption modules. When you supply a directory name, it is used. When you set one of these to the empty string (""), the value set by the *mccrypt.algorithms_dir* or *mccrypt.modes_dir* ini-directive is used. When these are not set, the default directory are used that are compiled in into libmccrypt (usually /usr/local/lib/libmccrypt).

Example 1. mccrypt_module_open() Example

```
<?php
$td = mccrypt_module_open (MCRYPT_DES, "", MCRYPT_MODE_ECB, "/usr/lib/mccrypt-modes");
?>
```

The above example will try to open the DES cipher from the default directory and the EBC mode from the directory /usr/lib/mccrypt-modes.

mccrypt_generic_init (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

This function initializes all buffers needed for encryption

```
int mccrypt_generic_init (resource td, string key, string iv)
```

The maximum length of the key should be the one obtained by calling **mccrypt_enc_get_key_size()** and every value smaller than this is legal. The IV should normally have the size of the algorithms block size, but you must obtain the size by calling **mccrypt_enc_get_iv_size()**. IV is ignored in ECB. IV MUST exist in CFB, CBC, STREAM, nOFB and OFB modes. It needs to be random and unique (but not secret). The

same IV must be used for encryption/decryption. If you do not want to use it you should set it to zeros, but this is not recommended. The function returns (-1) on error.

You need to call this function before every `mdecrypt_generic()` or `mdecrypt_generic()`.

mdecrypt_generic (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

This function encrypts data

```
string mdecrypt_generic (resource td, string data)
```

This function encrypts data. The data is padded with "\0" to make sure the length of the data is `n * blocksize`. This function returns the encrypted data. Note that the length of the returned string can in fact be longer then the input, due to the padding of the data.

mdecrypt_generic (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

This function decrypts data

```
string mdecrypt_generic (resource td, string data)
```

This function decrypts data. Note that the length of the returned string can in fact be longer then the unencrypted string, due to the padding of the data.

Example 1. mdecrypt_generic() Example

```
<?php
$iv_size = mcrypt_enc_get_iv_size ($td));
$iv = @mcrypt_create_iv ($iv_size, MCRYPT_RAND);

if (@mcrypt_generic_init ($td, $key, $iv) != -1)
{
    $c_t = mcrypt_generic ($td, $plain_text);
    @mcrypt_generic_init ($td, $key, $iv);
    $p_t = mdecrypt_generic ($td, $c_t);
}
if (strcmp ($p_t, $plain_text, strlen($plain_text)) == 0)
    echo "ok";
else
    echo "error";
?>
```

The above example shows how to check if the data before the encryption is the same as the data after the decryption.

mcrypt_generic_end (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

This function terminates encryption

```
bool mcrypt_generic_end (resource td)
```

This function terminates encryption specified by the encryption descriptor (*td*). Actually it clears all buffers, and closes all the modules used. Returns FALSE on error, or TRUE on succes.

mcrypt_enc_self_test (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

This function runs a self test on the opened module

```
int mcrypt_enc_self_test (resource td)
```

This function runs the self test on the algorithm specified by the descriptor *td*. If the self test succeeds it returns zero. In case of an error, it returns 1.

mcrypt_enc_is_block_algorithm_mode (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Checks whether the encryption of the opened mode works on blocks

```
int mcrypt_enc_is_block_algorithm_mode (resource td)
```

This function returns 1 if the mode is for use with block algorithms, otherwise it returns 0. (eg. 0 for stream, and 1 for cbc, cfb, ofb).

mdecrypt_enc_is_block_algorithm (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Checks whether the algorithm of the opened mode is a block algorithm

```
int mdecrypt_enc_is_block_algorithm (resource td)
```

This function returns 1 if the algorithm is a block algorithm, or 0 if it is a stream algorithm.

mdecrypt_enc_is_block_mode (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Checks whether the opened mode outputs blocks

```
int mdecrypt_enc_is_block_mode (resource td)
```

This function returns 1 if the mode outputs blocks of bytes or 0 if it outputs bytes. (eg. 1 for cbc and ecb, and 0 for cfb and stream).

mdecrypt_enc_get_block_size (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Returns the blocksize of the opened algorithm

```
int mdecrypt_enc_get_block_size (resource td)
```

This function returns the block size of the algorithm specified by the encryption descriptor *td* in bytes.

mdecrypt_enc_get_key_size (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Returns the maximum supported keysize of the opened mode

```
int mdecrypt_enc_get_key_size (resource td)
```

This function returns the maximum supported key size of the algorithm specified by the encryption descriptor *td* in bytes.

mccrypt_enc_get_supported_key_sizes (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Returns an array with the supported key sizes of the opened algorithm

```
array mccrypt_enc_get_supported_key_sizes (resource td)
```

Returns an array with the key sizes supported by the algorithm specified by the encryption descriptor. If it returns an empty array then all key sizes between 1 and `mccrypt_enc_get_key_size()` are supported by the algorithm.

mccrypt_enc_get_iv_size (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Returns the size of the IV of the opened algorithm

```
int mccrypt_enc_get_iv_size (resource td)
```

This function returns the size of the iv of the algorithm specified by the encryption descriptor in bytes. If it returns '0' then the IV is ignored in the algorithm. An IV is used in cbc, cfb and ofb modes, and in some algorithms in stream mode.

mccrypt_enc_get_algorithms_name (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Returns the name of the opened algorithm

```
string mccrypt_enc_get_algorithms_name (resource td)
```

This function returns the name of the algorithm.

mccrypt_enc_get_modes_name (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Returns the name of the opened mode

```
string mccrypt_enc_get_modes_name (resource td)
```

This function returns the name of the mode.

mccrypt_module_self_test (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

This function runs a self test on the specified module

```
bool mccrypt_module_self_test (string algorithm [, string lib_dir])
```

This function runs the self test on the algorithm specified. The optional *lib_dir* parameter can contain the location of where the algorithm module is on the system.

The function returns TRUE if the self test succeeds, or FALSE when it fails.

mccrypt_module_is_block_algorithm_mode (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

This function returns if the specified module is a block algorithm or not

```
bool mccrypt_module_is_block_algorithm_mode (string mode [, string lib_dir])
```

This function returns TRUE if the mode is for use with block algorithms, otherwise it returns 0. (eg. 0 for stream, and 1 for cbc, cfb, ofb). The optional *lib_dir* parameter can contain the location where the mode module is on the system.

mccrypt_module_is_block_algorithm (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

This function checks whether the specified algorithm is a block algorithm

```
bool mccrypt_module_is_block_algorithm (string algorithm [, string lib_dir])
```

This function returns TRUE if the specified algorithm is a block algorithm, or FALSE if it is a stream algorithm. The optional *lib_dir* parameter can contain the location where the algorithm module is on the system.

mccrypt_module_is_block_mode (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

This function returns if the the specified mode outputs blocks or not

```
bool mccrypt_module_is_block_mode (string mode [, string lib_dir])
```

This function returns TRUE if the mode outputs blocks of bytes or FALSE if it outputs just bytes. (eg. 1 for cbc and ecb, and 0 for cfb and stream). The optional *lib_dir* parameter can contain the location where the mode module is on the system.

mccrypt_module_get_algo_block_size (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Returns the blocksize of the specified algorithm

```
int mccrypt_module_get_algo_block_size (string algorithm [, string lib_dir])
```

This function returns the block size of the algorithm specified in bytes. The optional *lib_dir* parameter can contain the location where the mode module is on the system.

mccrypt_module_get_algo_key_size (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Returns the maximum supported keysize of the opened mode

```
int mccrypt_module_get_algo_key_size (string algorithm [, string lib_dir])
```

This function returns the maximum supported key size of the algorithm specified in bytes. The optional *lib_dir* parameter can contain the location where the mode module is on the system.

mccrypt_module_get_algo_supported_key_sizes (unknown)

Returns an array with the supported key sizes of the opened algorithm

```
array mccrypt_module_get_algo_supported_key_sizes (string algorithm [, string lib_dir])
```

Returns an array with the key sizes supported by the specified algorithm. If it returns an empty array then all key sizes between 1 and `mcrypt_module_get_algo_key_size()` are supported by the algorithm. The optional *lib_dir* parameter can contain the location where the mode module is on the system.

XLIX. Mhash Functions

These functions are intended to work with mhash (<http://mhash.sourceforge.net/>).

This is an interface to the mhash library. mhash supports a wide variety of hash algorithms such as MD5, SHA1, GOST, and many others.

To use it, download the mhash distribution from its web site (<http://mhash.sourceforge.net/>) and follow the included installation instructions. You need to compile PHP with the `--with-mhash` parameter to enable this extension.

Mhash can be used to create checksums, message digests, message authentication codes, and more.

Example 1. Compute the MD5 digest and hmac and print it out as hex

```
<?php
$input = "what do ya want for nothing?";
$hash = mhash (MHASH_MD5, $input);
print "The hash is ".bin2hex ($hash)."\n<br>";
$hash = mhash (MHASH_MD5, $input, "Jefe");
print "The hmac is ".bin2hex ($hash)."\n<br>";
?>
```

This will produce:

```
The hash is d03cb659cbf9192dcd066272249f8412
The hmac is 750c783e6ab0b503eaa86e310a5db738
```

For a complete list of supported hashes, refer to the documentation of mhash. The general rule is that you can access the hash algorithm from PHP with `MHASH_HASHNAME`. For example, to access TIGER you use the PHP constant `MHASH_TIGER`.

Here is a list of hashes which are currently supported by mhash. If a hash is not listed here, but is listed

by mhash as supported, you can safely assume that this documentation is outdated.

- MHASH_MD5
- MHASH_SHA1
- MHASH_HAVAL256
- MHASH_HAVAL192
- MHASH_HAVAL160
- MHASH_HAVAL128
- MHASH_RIPEMD160
- MHASH_GOST
- MHASH_TIGER
- MHASH_CRC32
- MHASH_CRC32B

mhash_get_hash_name (PHP 3>= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the name of the specified hash

```
string mhash_get_hash_name (int hash)
```

mhash_get_hash_name() is used to get the name of the specified hash.

mhash_get_hash_name() takes the hash id as an argument and returns the name of the hash or FALSE, if the hash does not exist.

Example 1. mhash_get_hash_name() Example

```
<?php
$hash = MHASH_MD5;

print mhash_get_hash_name ($hash);
?>
```

The above example will print out:

MD5

mhash_get_block_size (PHP 3>= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the block size of the specified hash

```
int mhash_get_block_size (int hash)
```

mhash_get_block_size() is used to get the size of a block of the specified *hash*.

mhash_get_block_size() takes one argument, the *hash* and returns the size in bytes or FALSE, if the *hash* does not exist.

mhash_count (PHP 3>= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the highest available hash id

```
int mhash_count ( )
```

mhash_count() returns the highest available hash id. Hashes are numbered from 0 to this hash id.

Example 1. Traversing all hashes

```
<?php

$nr = mhash_count();

for ($i = 0; $i <= $nr; $i++) {
    echo sprintf ("The blocksize of %s is %d\n",
        mhash_get_hash_name ($i),
        mhash_get_block_size ($i));
}
?>
```

mhash (PHP 3>= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Compute hash

```
string mhash (int hash, string data, string [ key ])
```

mhash() applies a hash function specified by *hash* to the *data* and returns the resulting hash (also called digest). If the *key* is specified it will return the resulting HMAC. HMAC is keyed hashing for message authentication, or simply a message digest that depends on the specified key. Not all algorithms supported in mhash can be used in HMAC mode. In case of an error returns FALSE.

mhash_keygen_s2k (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Generates a key

```
string mhash_keygen_s2k (int hash, string password, string salt, int bytes)
```

mhash_keygen_s2k() generates a key that is *bytes* long, from a user given password. This is the Salted S2K algorithm as specified in the OpenPGP document (RFC 2440). That algorithm will use the specified *hash* algorithm to create the key. The *salt* must be different and random enough for every key you generate in order to create different keys. That salt must be known when you check the keys, thus it is a good idea to append the key to it. Salt has a fixed length of 8 bytes and will be padded with zeros if you supply less bytes. Keep in mind that user supplied passwords are not really suitable to be used as keys in cryptographic algorithms, since users normally choose keys they can write on keyboard. These passwords use only 6 to 7 bits per character (or less). It is highly recommended to use some kind of transformation (like this function) to the user supplied key.

L. Microsoft SQL Server functions

The MSSQL extension is available on Win32 systems only. You can use the Sybase extension to connect to MSSQL databases from other platforms.

These functions allow you to access MS SQL Server database. The extension requires the MS SQL Client Tools to be installed on the system where PHP is installed. The Client Tools can be installed from the MS SQL Server CD or by copying ntwdblib.dll from \winnt\system32 on the server to \winnt\system32 on the PHP box. Copying ntwdblib.dll will only provide access. Configuration of the client will require installation of all the tools.

The MSSQL extension is enabled by adding extension=php_mssql.dll to php.ini.

mssql_close (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Close MS SQL Server connection

```
int mssql_close ([int link_identifier])
```

Returns: TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

mssql_close() closes the link to a MS SQL Server database that's associated with the specified link identifier. If the link identifier isn't specified, the last opened link is assumed.

Note that this isn't usually necessary, as non-persistent open links are automatically closed at the end of the script's execution.

mssql_close() will not close persistent links generated by **mssql_pconnect()**.

See also: **mssql_connect()**, **mssql_pconnect()**.

mssql_connect (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open MS SQL server connection

```
int mssql_connect ([string servername [, string username [, string  
password]]])
```

Returns: A positive MS SQL link identifier on success, or FALSE on error.

mssql_connect() establishes a connection to a MS SQL server. The *servername* argument has to be a valid *servername* that is defined in the 'interfaces' file.

In case a second call is made to **mssql_connect()** with the same arguments, no new link will be established, but instead, the link identifier of the already opened link will be returned.

The link to the server will be closed as soon as the execution of the script ends, unless it's closed earlier by explicitly calling **mssql_close()**.

See also **mssql_pconnect()**, **mssql_close()**.

mssql_data_seek (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Move internal row pointer

```
int mssql_data_seek (int result_identifier, int row_number)
```

Returns: TRUE on success, FALSE on failure.

mssql_data_seek() moves the internal row pointer of the MS SQL result associated with the specified result identifier to point to the specified row number. The next call to **mssql_fetch_row()** would return that row.

See also: **mssql_data_seek()**.

mssql_fetch_array (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch row as array

```
int mssql_fetch_array (int result)
```

Returns: An array that corresponds to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

mssql_fetch_array() is an extended version of **mssql_fetch_row()**. In addition to storing the data in the numeric indices of the result array, it also stores the data in associative indices, using the field names as keys.

An important thing to note is that using **mssql_fetch_array()** is NOT significantly slower than using **mssql_fetch_row()**, while it provides a significant added value.

For further details, also see **mssql_fetch_row()**.

mssql_fetch_field (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get field information

```
object mssql_fetch_field (int result [, int field_offset])
```

Returns an object containing field information.

mssql_fetch_field() can be used in order to obtain information about fields in a certain query result. If the field offset isn't specified, the next field that wasn't yet retrieved by **mssql_fetch_field()** is retrieved.

The properties of the object are:

- **name** - column name. if the column is a result of a function, this property is set to computed#N, where #N is a serial number.
- **column_source** - the table from which the column was taken
- **max_length** - maximum length of the column

- numeric - 1 if the column is numeric

See also `mssql_field_seek()`.

mssql_fetch_object (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch row as object

```
int mssql_fetch_object (int result)
```

Returns: An object with properties that correspond to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

mssql_fetch_object() is similar to `mssql_fetch_array()`, with one difference - an object is returned, instead of an array. Indirectly, that means that you can only access the data by the field names, and not by their offsets (numbers are illegal property names).

Speed-wise, the function is identical to `mssql_fetch_array()`, and almost as quick as `mssql_fetch_row()` (the difference is insignificant).

See also: `mssql_fetch_array()` and `mssql_fetch_row()`.

mssql_fetch_row (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get row as enumerated array

```
array mssql_fetch_row (int result)
```

Returns: An array that corresponds to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

mssql_fetch_row() fetches one row of data from the result associated with the specified result identifier. The row is returned as an array. Each result column is stored in an array offset, starting at offset 0.

Subsequent call to **mssql_fetch_rows()** would return the next row in the result set, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

See also: `mssql_fetch_array()`, `mssql_fetch_object()`, `mssql_data_seek()`, **mssql_fetch_lengths()**, and `mssql_result()`.

mssql_field_length (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the length of a field

```
int mssql_field_length (int result [, int offset])
```

mssql_field_name (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the name of a field

```
int mssql_field_name (int result [, int offset])
```

mssql_field_seek (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set field offset

```
int mssql_field_seek (int result, int field_offset)
```

Seeks to the specified field offset. If the next call to `mssql_fetch_field()` won't include a field offset, this field would be returned.

See also: `mssql_fetch_field()`.

mssql_field_type (PHP 3>= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the type of a field

```
string mssql_field_type (int result [, int offset])
```

mssql_free_result (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Free result memory

```
int mssql_free_result (int result)
```

mssql_free_result() only needs to be called if you are worried about using too much memory while your script is running. All result memory will automatically be freed when the script ends. You may call **mssql_free_result()** with the result identifier as an argument and the associated result memory will be freed.

mssql_get_last_message (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the last message from server (over min_message_severity?)

```
string mssql_get_last_message ( )
```

mssql_min_error_severity (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the lower error severity

```
void mssql_min_error_severity (int severity)
```

mssql_min_message_severity (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the lower message severity

```
void mssql_min_message_severity (int severity)
```

mssql_next_result (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Move the internal result pointer to the next result

```
bool mssql_next_result (int result_id)
```

When sending more than one SQL statement to the server or executing a stored procedure with multiple results will cause the server to return multiple result sets. This function will test for additional results

available from the server. If an additional result set exists it will free the existing result set and prepare to fetch the rows from the new result set. The function will return TRUE if an additional result set was available or FALSE otherwise.

Example 1. `mssql_next_result()` example

```
<?php
$link = mssql_connect ("localhost", "userid", "secret");
mssql_select_db("MyDB", $link);
$SQL = "Select * from table1 select * from table2";
$rs = mssql_query($SQL, $link);
do {
    while ($row = mssql_fetch_row($rs)) {
    }
} while (mssql_next_result($rs));
mssql_free_result($rs);
mssql_close ($link);
?>
```

`mssql_num_fields` (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get number of fields in result

```
int mssql_num_fields (int result)
```

`mssql_num_fields()` returns the number of fields in a result set.

See also: `mssql_db_query()`, `mssql_query()`, `mssql_fetch_field()`, and `mssql_num_rows()`.

`mssql_num_rows` (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get number of rows in result

```
int mssql_num_rows (string result)
```

`mssql_num_rows()` returns the number of rows in a result set.

See also: `mssql_db_query()`, `mssql_query()`, and `mssql_fetch_row()`.

mssql_pconnect (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open persistent MS SQL connection

```
int mssql_pconnect ([string servername [, string username [, string password]]])
```

Returns: A positive MS SQL persistent link identifier on success, or FALSE on error.

mssql_pconnect() acts very much like **mssql_connect()** with two major differences.

First, when connecting, the function would first try to find a (persistent) link that's already open with the same host, username and password. If one is found, an identifier for it will be returned instead of opening a new connection.

Second, the connection to the SQL server will not be closed when the execution of the script ends. Instead, the link will remain open for future use (**mssql_close()** will not close links established by **mssql_pconnect()**).

This type of links is therefore called 'persistent'.

mssql_query (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Send MS SQL query

```
int mssql_query (string query [, int link_identifier])
```

Returns: A positive MS SQL result identifier on success, or FALSE on error.

mssql_query() sends a query to the currently active database on the server that's associated with the specified link identifier. If the link identifier isn't specified, the last opened link is assumed. If no link is open, the function tries to establish a link as if **mssql_connect()** was called, and use it.

See also: **mssql_db_query()**, **mssql_select_db()**, and **mssql_connect()**.

mssql_result (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get result data

```
int mssql_result (int result, int i, mixed field)
```

mssql_result() returns the contents of one cell from a MS SQL result set. The field argument can be the field's offset, the field's name or the field's table dot field's name (tablename.fieldname). If the column name has been aliased ('select foo as bar from...'), it uses the alias instead of the column name.

When working on large result sets, you should consider using one of the functions that fetch an entire row (specified below). As these functions return the contents of multiple cells in one function call, they're MUCH quicker than **mssql_result()**. Also, note that specifying a numeric offset for the field argument is much quicker than specifying a fieldname or tablename.fieldname argument.

Recommended high-performance alternatives: **mssql_fetch_row()**, **mssql_fetch_array()**, and **mssql_fetch_object()**.

mssql_select_db (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Select MS SQL database

```
int mssql_select_db (string database_name [, int link_identifier])
```

Returns: TRUE on success, FALSE on error

mssql_select_db() sets the current active database on the server that's associated with the specified link identifier. If no link identifier is specified, the last opened link is assumed. If no link is open, the function will try to establish a link as if **mssql_connect()** was called, and use it.

Every subsequent call to **mssql_query()** will be made on the active database.

See also: **mssql_connect()**, **mssql_pconnect()**, and **mssql_query()**

LI. Ming functions for Flash

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Introduction

Ming is an open-source (LGPL) library which allows you to create SWF ("Flash") format movies. Ming supports almost all of Flash 4's features, including: shapes, gradients, bitmaps (pngs and jpegs), morphs ("shape tweens"), text, buttons, actions, sprites ("movie clips"), streaming mp3, and color transforms--the only thing that's missing is sound events.

Ming is not an acronym.

Note that all values specifying length, distance, size, etc. are in "twips", twenty units per pixel. That's pretty much arbitrary, though, since the player scales the movie to whatever pixel size is specified in the embed/object tag, or the entire frame if not embedded.

Ming offers a number of advantages over the existing PHP/libswf module. You can use Ming anywhere you can compile the code, whereas libswf is closed-source and only available for a few platforms, Windows not one of them. Ming provides some insulation from the mundane details of the SWF file format, wrapping the movie elements in PHP objects. Also, Ming is still being maintained; if there's a feature that you want to see, just let us know ming@opaque.net (mailto:ming@opaque.net).

Ming was added in PHP 4.0.5.

Installation

To use Ming with PHP, you first need to build and install the Ming library. Source code and installation instructions are available at the Ming home page : <http://www.opaque.net/ming/> along with examples, a small tutorial, and the latest news.

Download the ming archive. Unpack the archive. Go in the Ming directory. make. make install.

This will build `libming.so` and install it into `/usr/lib/`, and copy `ming.h` into `/usr/include/`. Edit the `PREFIX=` line in the `Makefile` to change the installation directory.

built into php (unix)

```
mkdir <phpdir>/ext/ming
cp php_ext/* <phpdir>/ext/ming
```

```
cd <phpdir>
./buildconf
./configure --with-ming <other config options>
```

Build and install php as usual, Restart web server if necessary

built into php (unix)

download `php_ming.so.gz`. uncompress it and copy it to your php modules directory. (you can find your php module directory by running **`php-config --extension-dir`**). Now either just add `extension=php_ming.so` to your `php.ini` file, or put `dl('php_ming.so');` at the head of all of your Ming scripts.

How to use Ming

Ming introduces 13 new object in PHP, all with matching methods and attributes. To use them, you need to know about objects.

- `swfmovie()`.
- `swfshape()`.
- `swfdisplayitem()`.
- `swfgradient()`.
- `swfbitmap()`.
- `swffill()`.
- `swfmorph()`.
- `swftext()`.
- `swffont()`.
- `swftextfield()`.
- `swfsprite()`.
- `swfbutton()`.
- `swfaction()`.

SWFMovie (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Creates a new movie object, representing an SWF version 4 movie.

```
new swfmovie ()
```

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swfmovie() creates a new movie object, representing an SWF version 4 movie.

SWFMovie has the following methods : **swfmovie->output()**, **swfmovie->save()**, **swfmovie->add()**, **swfmovie->remove()**, **swfmovie->nextframe()**, **swfmovie->setbackground()**, **swfmovie->setrate()**, **swfmovie->setdimension()**, **swfmovie->setframes()** and **swfmovie->streammp3()**.

See examples in : **swfdisplayitem->rotateto()**, **swfshape->setline()**, **swfshape->addfill()**... Any example will use this object.

SWFMovie->output (unknown)

Dumps your lovingly prepared movie out.

```
void swfmovie->output ()
```

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swfmovie->output() dumps your lovingly prepared movie out. In PHP, preceding this with the command

```
<?php
header('Content-type: application/x-shockwave-flash');
?>
```

convinces the browser to display this as a flash movie.

See also **swfmovie->save()**.

See examples in : **swfmovie->streammp3()**, **swfdisplayitem->rotateto()**, **swfaction()**... Any example will use this method.

SWFMovie->save (unknown)

Saves your movie in a file.

```
void swfmovie->save (string filename)
```

Warning

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swfmovie->save() saves your movie to the file named *filename*.

See also **output()**.

SWFMovie->add (unknown)

Adds any type of data to a movie.

```
void swfmovie->add (ressource instance)
```

Warning

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swfmovie->add() adds *instance* to the current movie. *instance* is any type of data : Shapes, text, fonts, etc. must all be add'ed to the movie to make this work.

For displayable types (shape, text, button, sprite), this returns an **SWFDisplayItem()**, a handle to the object in a display list. Thus, you can add the same shape to a movie multiple times and get separate handles back for each separate instance.

See also all other objects (adding this later), and **swfmovie->remove()**

See examples in : **swfdisplayitem->rotateto()** and **swfshape->addfill()**.

SWFMovie->remove (unknown)

Removes the object instance from the display list.

```
void swfmovie->remove (resource instance)
```

Warning

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swfmovie->remove() removes the object instance *instance* from the display list.

See also **swfmovie->add()**.

SWFMovie->setbackground (unknown)

Sets the background color.

```
void swfmovie->setbackground (int red, int green, int blue)
```

Warning

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swfmovie->setbackground() sets the background color. Why is there no rgba version? Think about it. (Actually, that's not such a dumb question after all- you might want to let the html background show through. There's a way to do that, but it only works on IE4. Search the <http://www.macromedia.com/> site for details.)

SWFMovie->setrate (unknown)

Sets the animation's frame rate.

```
void swfmovie->setrate (int rate)
```

Warning

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swfmovie->setrate() sets the frame rate to *rate*, in frame per seconds. Animation will slow down if the player can't render frames fast enough- unless there's a streaming sound, in which case display frames are sacrificed to keep sound from skipping.

SWFMovie->setdimension (unknown)

Sets the movie's width and height.

```
void swfmovie->setdimension (int width, int height)
```

Warning

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swfmovie->setdimension() sets the movie's width to *width* and height to *height*.

SWFMovie->setframes (unknown)

Sets the total number of frames in the animation.

```
void swfmovie->setframes (string numberofframes)
```

Warning

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swfmovie->setframes() sets the total number of frames in the animation to *numberofframes*.

SWFMovie->nextframe (unknown)

Moves to the next frame of the animation.

```
void swfmovie->nextframe ()
```

Warning

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swfmovie->setframes() moves to the next frame of the animation.

SWFMovie->streammp3 (unknown)

Streams a MP3 file.

```
void swfmovie->streammp3 (string mp3FileName)
```

Warning

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swfmovie->streammp3() streams the mp3 file *mp3FileName*. Not very robust in dealing with oddities (can skip over an initial ID3 tag, but that's about it). Like **SWFShape->addJpegFill()**, this isn't a stable function- we'll probably need to make a separate SWFSound object to contain sound types.

Note that the movie isn't smart enough to put enough frames in to contain the entire mp3 stream- you'll have to add (length of song * frames per second) frames to get the entire stream in.

Yes, now you can use ming to put that rock and roll devil worship music into your SWF files. Just don't tell the RIAA.

Example 1. swfmovie->streammp3() example

```
<?php
    $m = new SWFMovie();
    $m->setRate(12.0);
    $m->streamMp3("distortobass.mp3");
    // use your own MP3

    // 11.85 seconds at 12.0 fps = 142 frames
    $m->setFrames(142);

    header('Content-type: application/x-shockwave-flash');
    $m->output();
?>
```

SWFDisplayItem (unknown)

Creates a new displayitem object.

new **swfdisplayitem** ()

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swfdisplayitem() creates a new swfdisplayitem object.

Here's where all the animation takes place. After you define a shape, a text object, a sprite, or a button, you add it to the movie, then use the returned handle to move, rotate, scale, or skew the thing.

SWFDisplayItem has the following methods : **swfdisplayitem->move()**, **swfdisplayitem->moveto()**, **swfdisplayitem->scaletto()**, **swfdisplayitem->scale()**, **swfdisplayitem->rotate()**, **swfdisplayitem->rotateto()**, **swfdisplayitem->skewxto()**, **swfdisplayitem->skewx()**,

`swfdisplayitem->skewyto()` `swfdisplayitem->skewyto()`, `swfdisplayitem->setdepth()`
`swfdisplayitem->remove()`, `swfdisplayitem->setname()` `swfdisplayitem->setratio()`,
`swfdisplayitem->addcolor()` and `swfdisplayitem->multicolor()`.

SWFDisplayItem->moveTo (unknown)

Moves object in global coordinates.

```
void swfdisplayitem->moveto (int x, int y)
```

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`swfdisplayitem->moveto()` moves the current object to (x,y) in global coordinates.

The object may be a `swfshape()`, a `swfbutton()`, a `swftext()` or a `swfsprite()` object. It must have been added using the `swfmovie->add()`.

See also `swfdisplayitem->move()`.

SWFDisplayItem->move (unknown)

Moves object in relative coordinates.

```
void swfdisplayitem->move (int dx, int dy)
```

Warning

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`swfdisplayitem->move()` moves the current object by (dx,dy) from its current position.

The object may be a `swfshape()`, a `swfbutton()`, a `swftext()` or a `swfsprite()` object. It must have been added using the `swfmovie->add()`.

See also **swfdisplayitem->moveto()**.

SWFDisplayItem->scaleTo (unknown)

Scales the object in global coordinates.

```
void swfdisplayitem->scaletto (int x, int y)
```

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swfdisplayitem->scaletto() scales the current object to (x,y) in global coordinates.

The object may be a swfshape(), a swfbutton(), a swftext() or a swfsprite() object. It must have been added using the **swfmovie->add()**.

See also **swfdisplayitem->scale()**.

SWFDisplayItem->scale (unknown)

Scales the object in relative coordinates.

```
void swfdisplayitem->scale (int dx, int dy)
```

Warning

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swfdisplayitem->scale() scales the current object by (dx,dy) from its current size.

The object may be a swfshape(), a swfbutton(), a swftext() or a swfsprite() object. It must have been added using the **swfmovie->add()**.

See also **swfdisplayitem->scaletto()**.

SWFDisplayItem->rotateTo (unknown)

Rotates the object in global coordinates.

```
void swfdisplayitem->rotateto (float degrees)
```

Warning

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swfdisplayitem->rotateto() set the current object rotation to *degrees* degrees in global coordinates.

The object may be a swfshape(), a swfbutton(), a swftext() or a swfsprite() object. It must have been added using the **swfmovie->add()**.

This example bring three rotating string from the background to the foreground. Pretty nice.

Example 1. swfdisplayitem->rotateto() example

```
<?php
    $thetext = "ming!";

    $f = new SWFFont("Bauhaus 93.fdb");

    $m = new SWFMovie();
    $m->setRate(24.0);
    $m->setDimension(2400, 1600);
    $m->setBackground(0xff, 0xff, 0xff);

    // functions with huge numbers of arbitrary
    // arguments are always a good idea! Really!

    function text($r, $g, $b, $a, $rot, $x, $y, $scale, $string)
    {
        global $f, $m;

        $t = new SWFText();
        $t->setFont($f);
        $t->setColor($r, $g, $b, $a);
        $t->setHeight(960);
        $t->moveTo(-($f->getWidth($string))/2, $f->getAscent()/2);
        $t->addString($string);

        // we can add properties just like a normal php var,
        // as long as the names aren't already used.
        // e.g., we can't set $i->scale, because that's a function
```

```

    $i = $m->add($t);
    $i->x = $x;
    $i->y = $y;
    $i->rot = $rot;
    $i->s = $scale;
    $i->rotateTo($rot);
    $i->scale($scale, $scale);

    // but the changes are local to the function, so we have to
    // return the changed object. kinda weird..

    return $i;
}

function step($i)
{
    $oldrot = $i->rot;
    $i->rot = 19*$i->rot/20;
    $i->x = (19*$i->x + 1200)/20;
    $i->y = (19*$i->y + 800)/20;
    $i->s = (19*$i->s + 1.0)/20;

    $i->rotateTo($i->rot);
    $i->scaleTo($i->s, $i->s);
    $i->moveTo($i->x, $i->y);

    return $i;
}

// see? it sure paid off in legibility:

$i1 = text(0xff, 0x33, 0x33, 0xff, 900, 1200, 800, 0.03, $thetext);
$i2 = text(0x00, 0x33, 0xff, 0x7f, -560, 1200, 800, 0.04, $thetext);
$i3 = text(0xff, 0xff, 0xff, 0x9f, 180, 1200, 800, 0.001, $thetext);

for($i=1; $i<=100; ++$i)
{
    $i1 = step($i1);
    $i2 = step($i2);
    $i3 = step($i3);

    $m->nextFrame();
}

header('Content-type: application/x-shockwave-flash');
$m->output();
?>

```

See also `swfdisplayitem->rotate()`.

SWFDisplayItem->Rotate (unknown)

Rotates in relative coordinates.

```
void swfdisplayitem->rotate (float ddegrees)
```

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`swfdisplayitem->rotate()` rotates the current object by *ddegrees* degrees from its current rotation.

The object may be a `swfshape()`, a `swfbutton()`, a `swftext()` or a `swfsprite()` object. It must have been added using the `swfmovie->add()`.

See also `swfdisplayitem->rotateto()`.

SWFDisplayItem->skewXTo (unknown)

Sets the X-skew.

```
void swfdisplayitem->skewxto (float degrees)
```

Warning

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`swfdisplayitem->skewxto()` sets the x-skew to *degrees*. For *degrees* is 1.0, it means a 45-degree forward slant. More is more forward, less is more backward.

The object may be a `swfshape()`, a `swfbutton()`, a `swftext()` or a `swfsprite()` object. It must have been added using the `swfmovie->add()`.

See also `swfdisplayitem->skewx()`, `swfdisplayitem->skewy()` and `swfdisplayitem->skewyto()`.

SWFDisplayItem->skewX (unknown)

Sets the X-skew.

```
void swfdisplayitem->skewx (float ddegrees)
```

Warning

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swfdisplayitem->skewx() adds *ddegrees* to current x-skew.

The object may be a `swfshape()`, a `swfbutton()`, a `swftext()` or a `swfsprite()` object. It must have been added using the **swfmovie->add()**.

See also **swfdisplayitem->skewx()**, **swfdisplayitem->skewy()** and **swfdisplayitem->skewyto()**.

SWFDisplayItem->skewYTo (unknown)

Sets the Y-skew.

```
void swfdisplayitem->skewyto (float degrees)
```

Warning

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swfdisplayitem->skewyto() sets the y-skew to *degrees*. For *degrees* is 1.0, it means a 45-degree forward slant. More is more upward, less is more downward.

The object may be a `swfshape()`, a `swfbutton()`, a `swftext()` or a `swfsprite()` object. It must have been added using the **swfmovie->add()**.

See also **swfdisplayitem->skewy()**, **swfdisplayitem->skewx()** and **swfdisplayitem->skewxto()**.

SWFDisplayItem->skewY (unknown)

Sets the Y-skew.

```
void swfdisplayitem->skewy (float ddegrees)
```

Warning

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swfdisplayitem->skewy() adds *ddegrees* to current y-skew.

The object may be a `swfshape()`, a `swfbutton()`, a `swftext()` or a `swfsprite()` object. It must have been added using the **swfmovie->add()**.

See also **swfdisplayitem->skewyto()**, **swfdisplayitem->skewx()** and **swfdisplayitem->skewxto()**.

SWFDisplayItem->setDepth (unknown)

Sets z-order

```
void swfdisplayitem->setdepth (float depth)
```

Warning

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swfdisplayitem->rotate() sets the object's z-order to *depth*. Depth defaults to the order in which instances are created (by add'ing a shape/text to a movie)- newer ones are on top of older ones. If two objects are given the same depth, only the later-defined one can be moved.

The object may be a `swfshape()`, a `swfbutton()`, a `swftext()` or a `swfsprite()` object. It must have been added using the **swfmovie->add()**.

SWFDisplayItem->remove (unknown)

Removes the object from the movie

```
void swfdisplayitem->remove ()
```

Warning

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swfdisplayitem->remove() removes this object from the movie's display list.

The object may be a `swfshape()`, a `swfbutton()`, a `swftext()` or a `swfsprite()` object. It must have been added using the **swfmovie->add()**.

See also **swfmovie->add()**.

SWFDisplayItem->setName (unknown)

Sets the object's name

```
void swfdisplayitem->setname (string name)
```

Warning

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swfdisplayitem->setname() sets the object's name to *name*, for targetting with action script. Only useful on sprites.

The object may be a `swfshape()`, a `swfbutton()`, a `swftext()` or a `swfsprite()` object. It must have been added using the **swfmovie->add()**.

SWFDisplayItem->setRatio (unknown)

Sets the object's ratio.

```
void swfdisplayitem->setratio (float ratio)
```

Warning

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swfdisplayitem->setratio() sets the object's ratio to *ratio*. Obviously only useful for morphs.

The object may be a swfshape(), a swfbutton(), a swftext() or a swfsprite() object. It must have been added using the **swfmovie->add()**.

This simple example will morph nicely three concentric circles.

Example 1. swfdisplayitem->setname() example

```
<?php
```

```
$p = new SWFMorph();

$g = new SWFGradient();
$g->addEntry(0.0, 0, 0, 0);
$g->addEntry(0.16, 0xff, 0xff, 0xff);
$g->addEntry(0.32, 0, 0, 0);
$g->addEntry(0.48, 0xff, 0xff, 0xff);
$g->addEntry(0.64, 0, 0, 0);
$g->addEntry(0.80, 0xff, 0xff, 0xff);
$g->addEntry(1.00, 0, 0, 0);

$s = $p->getShape1();
$f = $s->addFill($g, SWFFILL_RADIAL_GRADIENT);
$f->scaleTo(0.05);
$s->setLeftFill($f);
$s->movePenTo(-160, -120);
$s->drawLine(320, 0);
$s->drawLine(0, 240);
$s->drawLine(-320, 0);
$s->drawLine(0, -240);

$g = new SWFGradient();
$g->addEntry(0.0, 0, 0, 0);
$g->addEntry(0.16, 0xff, 0, 0);
$g->addEntry(0.32, 0, 0, 0);
```

```

$g->addEntry(0.48, 0, 0xff, 0);
$g->addEntry(0.64, 0, 0, 0);
$g->addEntry(0.80, 0, 0, 0xff);
$g->addEntry(1.00, 0, 0, 0);

$s = $p->getShape2();
$f = $s->addFill($g, SWFFILL_RADIAL_GRADIENT);
$f->scaleTo(0.05);
$f->skewXTo(1.0);
$s->setLeftFill($f);
$s->movePenTo(-160, -120);
$s->drawLine(320, 0);
$s->drawLine(0, 240);
$s->drawLine(-320, 0);
$s->drawLine(0, -240);

$m = new SWFMovie();
$m->setDimension(320, 240);
$i = $m->add($p);
$i->moveTo(160, 120);

for($n=0; $n<=1.001; $n+=0.01)
{
    $i->setRatio($n);
    $m->nextFrame();
}

header('Content-type: application/x-shockwave-flash');
$m->output();
?>

```

SWFDisplayItem->addColor (unknown)

Adds the given color to this item's color transform.

```

void swfdisplayitem->addcolor ([int red [, int green [, int blue [, int
a]]]])

```

Warning

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swfdisplayitem->addcolor() adds the color to this item's color transform. The color is given in its RGB form.

The object may be a swfshape(), a swfbutton(), a swftext() or a swfsprite() object. It must have been added using the **swfmovie->add()**.

SWFDisplayItem->multColor (unknown)

Multiplies the item's color transform.

```
void swfdisplayitem->multcolor ([int red [, int green [, int blue [, int a]]])
```

Warning

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swfdisplayitem->multcolor() multiplies the item's color transform by the given values.

The object may be a swfshape(), a swfbutton(), a swftext() or a swfsprite() object. It must have been added using the **swfmovie->add()**.

This simple example will modify your picture's atmospher to Halloween (use a landscape or bright picture).

Example 1. swfdisplayitem->multcolor() example

```
<?php
```

```
$b = new SWFBitmap("backyard.jpg");
// note use your own picture :-)
$s = new SWFShape();
$s->setRightFill($s->addFill($b));
$s->drawLine($b->getWidth(), 0);
$s->drawLine(0, $b->getHeight());
$s->drawLine(-$b->getWidth(), 0);
```

```

    $s->drawLine(0, -$b->getHeight());

    $m = new SWFMovie();
    $m->setDimension($b->getWidth(), $b->getHeight());

    $i = $m->add($s);

    for($n=0; $n<=20; ++$n)
    {
        $i->multColor(1.0-$n/10, 1.0, 1.0);
        $i->addColor(0xff*$n/20, 0, 0);
        $m->nextFrame();
    }

    header('Content-type: application/x-shockwave-flash');
    $m->output();
?>

```

SWFShape (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Creates a new shape object.

new **swfshape** ()

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swfshape() creates a new shape object.

SWFShape has the following methods : **swfshape->setline()**, **swfshape->addfill()**, **swfshape->setleftfill()**, **swfshape->setrightfill()**, **swfshape->movepento()**, **swfshape->movepen()**, **swfshape->drawlineto()**, **swfshape->drawline()**, **swfshape->drawcurveto()** and **swfshape->drawcurve()**.

This simple example will draw a big red elliptic quadrant.

Example 1. swfshape() example

```

<?php
    $s = new SWFShape();
    $s->setLine(40, 0x7f, 0, 0);
    $s->setRightFill($s->addFill(0xff, 0, 0));
    $s->movePenTo(200, 200);
    $s->drawLineTo(6200, 200);
    $s->drawLineTo(6200, 4600);
    $s->drawCurveTo(200, 4600, 200, 200);

    $m = new SWFMovie();
    $m->setDimension(6400, 4800);
    $m->setRate(12.0);
    $m->add($s);
    $m->nextFrame();

    header('Content-type: application/x-shockwave-flash');
    $m->output();
?>

```

SWFShape->setLine (unknown)

Sets the shape's line style.

```
void swfshape->setline (int width [, int red [, int green [, int blue [, int a]]]])
```

Warning

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swfshape->setline() sets the shape's line style. *width* is the line's width. If *width* is 0, the line's style is removed (then, all other arguments are ignored). If *width* > 0, then line's color is set to *red*, *green*, *blue*. Last parameter *a* is optional.

swfshape->setline() accepts 1, 4 or 5 arguments (not 3 or 2).

You must declare all line styles before you use them (see example).

This simple example will draw a big "!#%*@", in funny colors and gracious style.

Example 1. swfshape->setline() example

```
<?php
    $s = new SWFShape();
    $f1 = $s->addFill(0xff, 0, 0);
    $f2 = $s->addFill(0xff, 0x7f, 0);
    $f3 = $s->addFill(0xff, 0xff, 0);
    $f4 = $s->addFill(0, 0xff, 0);
    $f5 = $s->addFill(0, 0, 0xff);

    // bug: have to declare all line styles before you use them
    $s->setLine(40, 0x7f, 0, 0);
    $s->setLine(40, 0x7f, 0x3f, 0);
    $s->setLine(40, 0x7f, 0x7f, 0);
    $s->setLine(40, 0, 0x7f, 0);
    $s->setLine(40, 0, 0, 0x7f);

    $f = new SWFFont('Techno.fdb');

    $s->setRightFill($f1);
    $s->setLine(40, 0x7f, 0, 0);
    $s->drawGlyph($f, '!');
    $s->movePen($f->getWidth('!'), 0);

    $s->setRightFill($f2);
    $s->setLine(40, 0x7f, 0x3f, 0);
    $s->drawGlyph($f, '#');
    $s->movePen($f->getWidth('#'), 0);

    $s->setRightFill($f3);
    $s->setLine(40, 0x7f, 0x7f, 0);
    $s->drawGlyph($f, '%');
    $s->movePen($f->getWidth('%'), 0);

    $s->setRightFill($f4);
    $s->setLine(40, 0, 0x7f, 0);
    $s->drawGlyph($f, '*');
    $s->movePen($f->getWidth('*'), 0);

    $s->setRightFill($f5);
    $s->setLine(40, 0, 0, 0x7f);
    $s->drawGlyph($f, '@');

    $m = new SWFMovie();
    $m->setDimension(3000,2000);
    $m->setRate(12.0);
    $i = $m->add($s);
    $i->moveTo(1500-$f->getWidth("!#%*@")/2, 1000+$f->getAscent()/2);

    header('Content-type: application/x-shockwave-flash');
```

```
$m->output();
?>
```

SWFShape->addFill (unknown)

Adds a solid fill to the shape.

```
void swfshape->addfill (int red, int green, int blue [, int a])
```

Warning

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```
void swfshape->addfill (SWFbitmap bitmap [, int flags])
```

Warning

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```
void swfshape->addfill (SWFGradient gradient [, int flags])
```

Warning

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swfshape->addfill() adds a solid fill to the shape's list of fill styles. **swfshape->addfill()** accepts three different types of arguments.

red, green, blue is a color (RGB mode). Last parameter *a* is optional.

The *bitmap* argument is an swfbitmap() object. The *flags* argument can be one of the following values : SWFFILL_CLIPPED_BITMAP or SWFFILL_TILED_BITMAP. Default is SWFFILL_TILED_BITMAP. I think.

The *gradient* argument is an swfgradient() object. The flags argument can be one of the following values : SWFFILL_RADIAL_GRADIENT or SWFFILL_LINEAR_GRADIENT. Default is SWFFILL_LINEAR_GRADIENT. I'm sure about this one. Really.

swfshape->addfill() returns an swfill() object for use with the **swfshape->setleftfill()** and **swfshape->setrightfill()** functions described below.

See also **swfshape->setleftfill()** and **swfshape->setrightfill()**.

This simple example will draw a frame on a bitmap. Ah, here's another buglet in the flash player- it doesn't seem to care about the second shape's bitmap's transformation in a morph. According to spec, the bitmap should stretch along with the shape in this example..

Example 1. swfshape->addfill() example

```
<?php
```

```
$p = new SWFMorph();

$b = new SWFBitmap("alphafill.jpg");
// use your own bitmap
$width = $b->getWidth();
$height = $b->getHeight();

$s = $p->getShape1();
$f = $s->addFill($b, SWFFILL_TILED_BITMAP);
$f->moveTo(-$width/2, -$height/4);
$f->scaleTo(1.0, 0.5);
$s->setLeftFill($f);
$s->movePenTo(-$width/2, -$height/4);
$s->drawLine($width, 0);
$s->drawLine(0, $height/2);
$s->drawLine(-$width, 0);
$s->drawLine(0, -$height/2);

$s = $p->getShape2();
$f = $s->addFill($b, SWFFILL_TILED_BITMAP);

// these two have no effect!
$f->moveTo(-$width/4, -$height/2);
$f->scaleTo(0.5, 1.0);

$s->setLeftFill($f);
$s->movePenTo(-$width/4, -$height/2);
$s->drawLine($width/2, 0);
```



```

$s->drawLine(0, $height);
$s->drawLine(-$width/2, 0);
$s->drawLine(0, -$height);

$m = new SWFMovie();
$m->setDimension($width, $height);
$i = $m->add($p);
$i->moveTo($width/2, $height/2);

for($n=0; $n<1.001; $n+=0.03)
{
    $i->setRatio($n);
    $m->nextFrame();
}

header('Content-type: application/x-shockwave-flash');
$m->output();
?>

```

SWFShape->setLeftFill (unknown)

Sets left rasterizing color.

```
void swfshape->setleftfill (swfgradient fill)
```

Warning

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```
void swfshape->setleftfill (int red, int green, int blue [, int a])
```

Warning

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What this nonsense is about is, every edge segment borders at most two fills. When rasterizing the object, it's pretty handy to know what those fills are ahead of time, so the swf format requires these to be specified.

swfshape->setleftfill() sets the fill on the left side of the edge- that is, on the interior if you're defining the outline of the shape in a counter-clockwise fashion. The fill object is an SWFFill object returned from one of the addFill functions above.

This seems to be reversed when you're defining a shape in a morph, though. If your browser crashes, just try setting the fill on the other side.

Shortcut for `swfshape->setleftfill($s->addfill($r, $g, $b [, $a]));`.

See also **swfshape->setrightfill()**.

SWFShape->setRightFill (unknown)

Sets right rasterizing color.

```
void swfshape->setrightfill (swfgradient fill)
```

Warning

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```
void swfshape->setrightfill (int red, int green, int blue [, int a])
```

Warning

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See also `swfshape->setleftfill()`.

Shortcut for `swfshape->setrightfill($s->addfill($r, $g, $b [, $a]));`.

SWFShape->movePenTo (unknown)

Moves the shape's pen.

```
void swfshape->movepento (int x, int y)
```

Warning

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`swfshape->setrightfill()` move the shape's pen to (X,Y) in the shape's coordinate space.

See also `swfshape->movepen()`, `swfshape->drawcurveto()`, `swfshape->drawlineto()` and `swfshape->drawline()`.

SWFShape->movePen (unknown)

Moves the shape's pen (relative).

```
void swfshape->movepen (int dx, int dy)
```

Warning

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`swfshape->setrightfill()` move the shape's pen from coordinates (current x,current y) to (current x + *dx*, current y + *dy*) in the shape's coordinate space.

See also `swfshape->movepento()`, `swfshape->drawcurveto()`, `swfshape->drawlineto()` and `swfshape->drawline()`.

SWFShape->drawLineTo (unknown)

Draws a line.

```
void swfshape->drawlineto (int x, int y)
```

Warning

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swfshape->setrightfill() draws a line (using the current line style, set by **swfshape->setline()**) from the current pen position to point (x,y) in the shape's coordinate space.

See also **swfshape->movepento()**, **swfshape->drawcurveto()**, **swfshape->movepen()** and **swfshape->drawline()**.

SWFShape->drawLine (unknown)

Draws a line (relative).

```
void swfshape->drawline (int dx, int dy)
```

Warning

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swfshape->drawline() draws a line (using the current line style set by **swfshape->setline()**) from the current pen position to displacement (dx,dy).

See also **swfshape->movepento()**, **swfshape->drawcurveto()**, **swfshape->movepen()** and **swfshape->drawlineto()**.

SWFShape->drawCurveTo (unknown)

Draws a curve.

```
void swfshape->drawcurveto (int controlx, int controly, int anchorx, int anchory)
```

Warning

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swfshape->drawcurveto() draws a quadratic curve (using the current line style, set by **swfshape->setline()**) from the current pen position to (*anchorx,anchory*) using (*controlx,controly*) as a control point. That is, head towards the control point, then smoothly turn to the anchor point.

See also **swfshape->drawlineto()**, **swfshape->drawline()**, **swfshape->movepento()** and **swfshape->movepen()**.

SWFShape->drawCurve (unknown)

Draws a curve (relative).

```
void swfshape->drawcurve (int controldx, int controldy, int anchordx, int anchordy)
```

Warning

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swfshape->drawcurve() draws a quadratic curve (using the current line style, set by **swfshape->setline()**) from the current pen position to the relative position (*anchorx,anchory*) using relative control point (*controlx,controly*). That is, head towards the control point, then smoothly turn to the anchor point.

See also **swfshape->drawlineto()**, **swfshape->drawline()**, **swfshape->movepento()** and **swfshape->movepen()**.

SWFGradient (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Creates a gradient object

```
new swfgradient ( )
```

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

swfgradient() creates a new SWFGradient object.

After you've added the entries to your gradient, you can use the gradient in a shape fill with the **swfshape->addfill()** method.

SWFGradient has the following methods : **swfgradient->addentry()**.

This simple example will draw a big black-to-white gradient as background, and a redish disc in its center.

Example 1. swfgradient() example

```
<?php
```

```
$m = new SWFMovie();
$m->setDimension(320, 240);

$s = new SWFShape();

// first gradient- black to white
$g = new SWFGradient();
$g->addEntry(0.0, 0, 0, 0);
$g->addEntry(1.0, 0xff, 0xff, 0xff);

$f = $s->addFill($g, SWFFILL_LINEAR_GRADIENT);
$f->scaleTo(0.01);
$f->moveTo(160, 120);
$s->setRightFill($f);
$s->drawLine(320, 0);
$s->drawLine(0, 240);
$s->drawLine(-320, 0);
$s->drawLine(0, -240);

$m->add($s);

$s = new SWFShape();
```

```
// second gradient- radial gradient from red to transparent
$g = new SWFGradient();
$g->addEntry(0.0, 0xff, 0, 0, 0xff);
$g->addEntry(1.0, 0xff, 0, 0, 0);

$f = $s->addFill($g, SWFFILL_RADIAL_GRADIENT);
$f->scaleTo(0.005);
$f->moveTo(160, 120);
$s->setRightFill($f);
$s->drawLine(320, 0);
$s->drawLine(0, 240);
$s->drawLine(-320, 0);
$s->drawLine(0, -240);

$m->add($s);

header('Content-type: application/x-shockwave-flash');
$m->output();
?>
```

SWFGradient->addEntry (unknown)

Adds an entry to the gradient list.

```
void swfgradient->addentry (float ratio, int red, int green, int blue [, int a])
```

Warning

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swfgradient->addentry() adds an entry to the gradient list. *ratio* is a number between 0 and 1 indicating where in the gradient this color appears. Thou shalt add entries in order of increasing ratio. *red*, *green*, *blue* is a color (RGB mode). Last parameter *a* is optional.

SWFBitmap (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Loads Bitmap object

```
new swfbitmap (string filename [, int alphafilename])
```

Warning

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swfbitmap() creates a new SWFBitmap object from the Jpeg or DBL file named *filename*. *alphafilename* indicates a MSK file to be used as an alpha mask for a Jpeg image.

Note: We can only deal with baseline (frame 0) jpegs, no baseline optimized or progressive scan jpegs!

SWFBitmap has the following methods : **swfbitmap->getwidth()** and **swfbitmap->getheight()**.

You can't import png images directly, though- have to use the png2dbl utility to make a dbl ("define bits lossless") file from the png. The reason for this is that I don't want a dependency on the png library in ming- autoconf should solve this, but that's not set up yet.

Example 1. Import PNG files

```
<?php
    $s = new SWFShape();
    $f = $s->addFill(new SWFBitmap("png.dbl"));
    $s->setRightFill($f);

    $s->drawLine(32, 0);
    $s->drawLine(0, 32);
    $s->drawLine(-32, 0);
    $s->drawLine(0, -32);

    $m = new SWFMovie();
    $m->setDimension(32, 32);
    $m->add($s);

    header('Content-type: application/x-shockwave-flash');
    $m->output();
?>
```


And you can put an alpha mask on a jpeg fill.

Example 2. swfbitmap() example

```
<?php

$s = new SWFShape();

// .msk file generated with "gif2mask" utility
$f = $s->addFill(new SWFBitmap("alphafill.jpg", "alphafill.msk"));
$s->setRightFill($f);

$s->drawLine(640, 0);
$s->drawLine(0, 480);
$s->drawLine(-640, 0);
$s->drawLine(0, -480);

$c = new SWFShape();
$c->setRightFill($c->addFill(0x99, 0x99, 0x99));
$c->drawLine(40, 0);
$c->drawLine(0, 40);
$c->drawLine(-40, 0);
$c->drawLine(0, -40);

$m = new SWFMovie();
$m->setDimension(640, 480);
$m->setBackground(0xcc, 0xcc, 0xcc);

// draw checkerboard background
for($y=0; $y<480; $y+=40)
{
    for($x=0; $x<640; $x+=80)
    {
        $i = $m->add($c);
        $i->moveTo($x, $y);
    }

    $y+=40;

    for($x=40; $x<640; $x+=80)
    {
        $i = $m->add($c);
        $i->moveTo($x, $y);
    }
}

$m->add($s);

header('Content-type: application/x-shockwave-flash');
$m->output();
```

?>

SWFBitmap->getWidth (unknown)

Returns the bitmap's width.

```
int swfbitmap->getWidth ()
```

Warning

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`swfbitmap->getWidth()` returns the bitmap's width in pixels.

See also `swfbitmap->getHeight()`.

SWFBitmap->getHeight (unknown)

Returns the bitmap's height.

```
int swfbitmap->getHeight ()
```

Warning

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`swfbitmap->getHeight()` returns the bitmap's height in pixels.

See also `swfbitmap->getWidth()`.

SWFFill (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Loads SWFFill object

The **swffill()** object allows you to transform (scale, skew, rotate) bitmap and gradient fills. **swffill()** objects are created by the **swfshape->addfill()** methods.

SWFFill has the following methods : **swffill->moveto()** and **swffill->scaletto()**, **swffill->rotateto()**, **swffill->skewxto()** and **swffill->skewyto()**.

SWFFill->moveTo (unknown)

Moves fill origin

```
void swffill->moveto (int x, int y)
```

Warning

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swffill->moveto() moves fill's origin to (*x*,*y*) in global coordinates.

SWFFill->scaleTo (unknown)

Sets fill's scale

```
void swffill->scaletto (int x, int y)
```

Warning

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swffill->scaletto() sets fill's scale to *x* in the x-direction, *y* in the y-direction.

SWFFill->rotateTo (unknown)

Sets fill's rotation

```
void swffill->rotateto (float degrees)
```

Warning

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swffill->rotateto() sets fill's rotation to *degrees* degrees.

SWFFill->skewXTo (unknown)

Sets fill x-skew

```
void swffill->skewxto (float x)
```

Warning

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swffill->skewxto() sets fill x-skew to *x*. For *x* is 1.0, it is a 45-degree forward slant. More is more forward, less is more backward.

SWFFill->skewYTo (unknown)

Sets fill y-skew

```
void swffill->skewyto (float y)
```

Warning

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swffill->skewyto() sets fill y-skew to *y*. For *y* is 1.0, it is a 45-degree upward slant. More is more upward, less is more downward.

SWFMorph (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Creates a new SWFMorph object.

new **swfmorph** ()

Warning

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swfmorph() creates a new SWFMorph object.

Also called a "shape tween". This thing lets you make those tacky twisting things that make your computer choke. Oh, joy!

The methods here are sort of weird. It would make more sense to just have newSWFMorph(shape1, shape2);, but as things are now, shape2 needs to know that it's the second part of a morph. (This, because it starts writing its output as soon as it gets drawing commands- if it kept its own description of its shapes and wrote on completion this and some other things would be much easier.)

SWFMorph has the following methods : **swfmorph->getshape1()** and **swfmorph->getshape1()**.

This simple example will morph a big red square into a smaller blue black-bordered square.

Example 1. swfmorph() example

```
<?php
    $p = new SWFMorph();

    $s = $p->getShape1();
    $s->setLine(0,0,0,0);

    /* Note that this is backwards from normal shapes (left instead of right).
```

```

    I have no idea why, but this seems to work.. */

$s->setLeftFill($s->addFill(0xff, 0, 0));
$s->movePenTo(-1000,-1000);
$s->drawLine(2000,0);
$s->drawLine(0,2000);
$s->drawLine(-2000,0);
$s->drawLine(0,-2000);

$s = $p->getShape2();
$s->setLine(60,0,0,0);
$s->setLeftFill($s->addFill(0, 0, 0xff));
$s->movePenTo(0,-1000);
$s->drawLine(1000,1000);
$s->drawLine(-1000,1000);
$s->drawLine(-1000,-1000);
$s->drawLine(1000,-1000);

$m = new SWFMovie();
$m->setDimension(3000,2000);
$m->setBackground(0xff, 0xff, 0xff);

$i = $m->add($p);
$i->moveTo(1500,1000);

for($r=0.0; $r<=1.0; $r+=0.1)
{
    $i->setRatio($r);
    $m->nextFrame();
}

header('Content-type: application/x-shockwave-flash');
$m->output();
?>

```

SWFMorph->getshape1 (unknown)

Gets a handle to the starting shape

mixed **swfmorph->getshape1** ()

Warning

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swfmorph->getshape1() gets a handle to the morph's starting shape. **swfmorph->getshape1()** returns an swfshape() object.

SWFMorph->getshape2 (unknown)

Gets a handle to the ending shape

mixed **swfmorph->getshape2** ()

Warning

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swfmorph->getshape2() gets a handle to the morph's ending shape. **swfmorph->getshape2()** returns an swfshape() object.

SWFText (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Creates a new SWFText object.

new **swftext** ()

Warning

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swftext() creates a new SWFText object, fresh for manipulating.

SWFText has the following methods : **swftext->setfont()**, **swftext->setheight()**, **swftext->setspacing()**, **swftext->setcolor()**, **swftext->moveto()**, **swftext->addstring()** and **swftext->getwidth()**.

This simple example will draw a big yellow "PHP generates Flash with Ming" text, on white background.

Example 1. swftext() example

```
<?php
    $f = new SWFFont("Techno.fdb");
    $t = new SWFText();
    $t->setFont($f);
    $t->moveTo(200, 2400);
    $t->setColor(0xff, 0xff, 0);
    $t->setHeight(1200);
    $t->addString("PHP generates Flash with Ming!!");

    $m = new SWFMovie();
    $m->setDimension(5400, 3600);

    $m->add($t);

    header('Content-type: application/x-shockwave-flash');
    $m->output();
?>
```

SWFText->setFont (unknown)

Sets the current font

void **swftext->setfont** (string *font*)

Warning

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swftext->setfont() sets the current font to *font*.

SWFText->setHeight (unknown)

Sets the current font height

```
void swftext->setheight (int height)
```

Warning

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swftext->setheight() sets the current font height to *height*. Default is 240.

SWFText->setSpacing (unknown)

Sets the current font spacing

```
void swftext->setspacing (float spacing)
```

Warning

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swftext->setspacing() sets the current font spacing to *spacing*. Default is 1.0. 0 is all of the letters written at the same point. This doesn't really work that well because it inflates the advance across the letter, doesn't add the same amount of spacing between the letters. I should try and explain that better, proolly. Or just fix the damn thing to do constant spacing. This was really just a way to figure out how letter advances work, anyway.. So nyah.

SWFText->setColor (unknown)

Sets the current font color

```
void swftext->setcolor (int red, int green, int blue [, int a])
```

Warning

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swftext->setspacing() changes the current text color. Default is black. I think. Color is represented using the RGB system.

SWFText->moveTo (unknown)

Moves the pen

```
void swftext->moveto (int x, int y)
```

Warning

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swftext->moveto() moves the pen (or cursor, if that makes more sense) to (x,y) in text object's coordinate space. If either is zero, though, value in that dimension stays the same. Annoying, should be fixed.

SWFText->addString (unknown)

Draws a string

```
void swftext->addstring (string string)
```

Warning

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swftext->addstring() draws the string *string* at the current pen (cursor) location. Pen is at the baseline of the text; i.e., ascending text is in the -y direction.

SWFText->getWidth (unknown)

Computes string's width

```
void swftext->addstring (string string)
```

Warning

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swftext->addstring() returns the rendered width of the *string* string at the text object's current font, scale, and spacing settings.

SWFFont (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Loads a font definition

```
new swffont (string filename)
```

Warning

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If *filename* is the name of an FDB file (i.e., it ends in ".fdb"), load the font definition found in said file. Otherwise, create a browser-defined font reference.

FDB ("font definition block") is a very simple wrapper for the SWF DefineFont2 block which contains a full description of a font. One may create FDB files from SWT Generator template files with the included makefdb utility- look in the util directory off the main ming distribution directory.

Browser-defined fonts don't contain any information about the font other than its name. It is assumed that the font definition will be provided by the movie player. The fonts `_serif`, `_sans`, and `_typewriter` should always be available. For example:

```
<?php
$f = newSWFFont("_sans");
?>
```

will give you the standard sans-serif font, probably the same as what you'd get with `<font name="sans-serif">` in HTML.

swffont() returns a reference to the font definition, for use in the **SWFText->setFont()** and the **SWFTextField->setFont()** methods.

SWFFont has the following methods : **swffont->getwidth()**.

swffont->getwidth (unknown)

Returns the string's width

```
int swffont->getwidth (string string)
```

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

swffont->getwidth() returns the string *string*'s width, using font's default scaling. You'll probably want to use the **SWFText()** version of this method which uses the text object's scale.

SWFTextField (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Creates a text field object

```
new swftextfield ([int flags])
```

Warning

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swftextfield() creates a new text field object. Text Fields are less flexible than swftext() objects- they can't be rotated, scaled non-proportionally, or skewed, but they can be used as form entries, and they can use browser-defined fonts.

The optional flags change the text field's behavior. It has the following possibles values :

- SWFTEXTFIELD_NOEDIT indicates that the field shouldn't be user-editable
- SWFTEXTFIELD_PASSWORD obscures the data entry
- SWFTEXTFIELD_DRAWBOX draws the outline of the textfield
- SWFTEXTFIELD_MULTILINE allows multiple lines
- SWFTEXTFIELD_WORDWRAP allows text to wrap
- SWFTEXTFIELD_NOSELECT makes the field non-selectable

Flags are combined with the bitwise OR operation. For example,

```
<?php
$t = newSWFTextField(SWFTEXTFIELD_PASSWORD | SWFTEXTFIELD_NOEDIT);
?>
```

creates a totally useless non-editable password field.

SWFTextField has the following methods : **swftextfield->setfont()**, **swftextfield->setbounds()**, **swftextfield->align()**, **swftextfield->setheight()**, **swftextfield->setleftmargin()**, **swftextfield->setrightmargin()**, **swftextfield->setmargins()**, **swftextfield->setindentation()**, **swftextfield->setlinespacing()**, **swftextfield->setcolor()**, **swftextfield->setname()** and **swftextfield->addstring()**.

SWFTextField->setFont (unknown)

Sets the text field font

```
void swftextfield->setfont (string font)
```

Warning

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swftextfield->setfont() sets the text field font to the [browser-defined?] *font* font.

SWFTextField->setbounds (unknown)

Sets the text field width and height

```
void swftextfield->setbounds (int width, int height)
```

Warning

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swftextfield->setbounds() sets the text field width to *width* and height to *height*. If you don't set the bounds yourself, Ming makes a poor guess at what the bounds are.

SWFTextField->align (unknown)

Sets the text field alignment

```
void swftextfield->align (int alignment)
```

Warning

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swftextfield->align() sets the text field alignment to *alignement*. Valid values for *alignement* are : SWFTEXTFIELD_ALIGN_LEFT, SWFTEXTFIELD_ALIGN_RIGHT, SWFTEXTFIELD_ALIGN_CENTER and SWFTEXTFIELD_ALIGN_JUSTIFY.

SWFTextField->setHeight (unknown)

Sets the font height of this text field font.

```
void swftextfield->setheight (int height)
```

Warning

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swftextfield->setheight() sets the font height of this text field font to the given height *height*. Default is 240.

SWFTextField->setLeftMargin (unknown)

Sets the left margin width of the text field.

```
void swftextfield->setleftmargin (int width)
```

Warning

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swftextfield->setleftmargin() sets the left margin width of the text field to *width*. Default is 0.

SWFTextField->setrightMargin (unknown)

Sets the right margin width of the text field.

```
void swftextfield->setrightmargin (int width)
```

Warning

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swftextfield->setrightmargin() sets the right margin width of the text field to *width*. Default is 0.

SWFTextField->setMargins (unknown)

Sets the margins width of the text field.

```
void swftextfield->setmargins (int left, int right)
```

Warning

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swftextfield->setmargins() set both margins at once, for the man on the go.

SWFTextField->setindentation (unknown)

Sets the indentation of the first line.

```
void swftextfield->setindentation (int width)
```


Warning

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swftextfield->setindentation() sets the indentation of the first line in the text field, to *width*.

SWFTextField->setLineSpacing (unknown)

Sets the line spacing of the text field.

```
void swftextfield->setlinespacing (int height)
```

Warning

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swftextfield->setlinespacing() sets the line spacing of the text field to the height of *height*. Default is 40.

SWFTextField->setcolor (unknown)

Sets the color of the text field.

```
void swftextfield->setcolor (int red, int green, int blue [, int a])
```

Warning

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swftextfield->setcolor() sets the color of the text field. Default is fully opaque black. Color is represented using RGB system.

SWFTextField->setname (unknown)

Sets the variable name

```
void swftextfield->setname (string name)
```

Warning

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swftextfield->setname() sets the variable name of this text field to *name*, for form posting and action scripting purposes.

SWFTextField->addstring (unknown)

Concatenates the given string to the text field

```
void swftextfield->addstring (string string)
```

Warning

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swftextfield->setname() concatenates the string *string* to the text field.

SWFSprite (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Creates a movie clip (a sprite)

```
new swfsprite ()
```

Warning

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swfsprite() are also known as a "movie clip", this allows one to create objects which are animated in their own timelines. Hence, the sprite has most of the same methods as the movie.

swfsprite() has the following methods : **swfsprite->add()**, **swfsprite->remove()**, **swfsprite->nextframe()** and **swfsprite->setframes()**.

This simple example will spin gracefully a big red square.

Example 1. swfsprite() example

```
<?php
    $s = new SWFShape();
    $s->setRightFill($s->addFill(0xff, 0, 0));
    $s->movePenTo(-500,-500);
    $s->drawLineTo(500,-500);
    $s->drawLineTo(500,500);
    $s->drawLineTo(-500,500);
    $s->drawLineTo(-500,-500);

    $p = new SWFSprite();
    $i = $p->add($s);
    $p->nextFrame();
    $i->rotate(15);
    $p->nextFrame();
    $i->rotate(15);
    $p->nextFrame();
    $i->rotate(15);
    $p->nextFrame();
    $i->rotate(15);
    $p->nextFrame();
    $i->rotate(15);
    $p->nextFrame();

    $m = new SWFMovie();
    $i = $m->add($p);
    $i->moveTo(1500,1000);
    $i->setName("blah");

    $m->setBackground(0xff, 0xff, 0xff);
    $m->setDimension(3000,2000);

    header('Content-type: application/x-shockwave-flash');
    $m->output();
?>
```

SWFSprite->add (unknown)

Adds an object to a sprite

```
void swfsprite->add (resource object)
```

Warning

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swfsprite->add() adds a swfshape(), a swfbutton(), a swftext(), a swfaction() or a swfsprite() object.

For displayable types (swfshape(), swfbutton(), swftext(), swfaction() or swfsprite()), this returns a handle to the object in a display list.

SWFSprite->remove (unknown)

Removes an object to a sprite

```
void swfsprite->remove (resource object)
```

Warning

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swfsprite->remove() remove a swfshape(), a swfbutton(), a swftext(), a swfaction() or a swfsprite() object from the sprite.

SWFSprite->setframes (unknown)

Sets the total number of frames in the animation.

```
void swfsprite->setframes (int numberofframes)
```

Warning

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swfsprite->setframes() sets the total number of frames in the animation to *numberofframes*.

SWFSprite->nextframe (unknown)

Moves to the next frame of the animation.

```
void swfsprite->nextframe ()
```

Warning

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swfsprite->setframes() moves to the next frame of the animation.

SWFbutton (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Creates a new Button.

```
new swfbutton ()
```

Warning

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swfbutton() creates a new Button. Roll over it, click it, see it call action code. Swank.

SWFButton has the following methods : **swfbutton->addshape()**, **swfbutton->setup()**, **swfbutton->setover()** **swfbutton->setdown()**, **swfbutton->sethit()** **swfbutton->setaction()** and **swfbutton->addaction()**.

This simple example will show your usual interactions with buttons : rollover, rollon, mouseup, mousedown, noaction.

Example 1. swfbutton() example

```
<?php

    $f = new SWFFont("_serif");

    $p = new SWFSprite();

    function label($string)
    {
        global $f;

        $t = new SWFTextField();
        $t->setFont($f);
        $t->addString($string);
        $t->setHeight(200);
        $t->setBounds(3200,200);
        return $t;
    }
    function addLabel($string)
    {
        global $p;

        $i = $p->add(label($string));
        $p->nextFrame();
        $p->remove($i);
    }

    $p->add(new SWFAction("stop();"));
    addLabel("NO ACTION");
    addLabel("SWFBUTTON_MOUSEUP");
    addLabel("SWFBUTTON_MOUSEDOWN");
    addLabel("SWFBUTTON_MOUSEOVER");
    addLabel("SWFBUTTON_MOUSEOUT");
    addLabel("SWFBUTTON_MOUSEUPOUTSIDE");
    addLabel("SWFBUTTON_DRAGOVER");
```

```

addLabel("SWFBUTTON_DRAGOUT");

function rect($r, $g, $b)
{
    $s = new SWFShape();
    $s->setRightFill($s->addFill($r, $g, $b));
    $s->drawLine(600,0);
    $s->drawLine(0,600);
    $s->drawLine(-600,0);
    $s->drawLine(0,-600);

    return $s;
}

$b = new SWFButton();
$b->addShape(rect(0xff, 0, 0), SWFBUTTON_UP | SWFBUTTON_HIT);
$b->addShape(rect(0, 0xff, 0), SWFBUTTON_OVER);
$b->addShape(rect(0, 0, 0xff), SWFBUTTON_DOWN);

$b->addAction(new SWFAction("setTarget('/label'); gotoFrame(1);"),
    SWFBUTTON_MOUSEUP);

$b->addAction(new SWFAction("setTarget('/label'); gotoFrame(2);"),
    SWFBUTTON_MOUSEDOWN);

$b->addAction(new SWFAction("setTarget('/label'); gotoFrame(3);"),
    SWFBUTTON_MOUSEOVER);

$b->addAction(new SWFAction("setTarget('/label'); gotoFrame(4);"),
    SWFBUTTON_MOUSEOUT);

$b->addAction(new SWFAction("setTarget('/label'); gotoFrame(5);"),
    SWFBUTTON_MOUSEUPOUTSIDE);

$b->addAction(new SWFAction("setTarget('/label'); gotoFrame(6);"),
    SWFBUTTON_DRAGOVER);

$b->addAction(new SWFAction("setTarget('/label'); gotoFrame(7);"),
    SWFBUTTON_DRAGOUT);

$m = new SWFMovie();
$m->setDimension(4000,3000);

$i = $m->add($p);
$i->setName("label");
$i->moveTo(400,1900);

$i = $m->add($b);
$i->moveTo(400,900);

header('Content-type: application/x-shockwave-flash');
$m->output();
?>

```

This simple example will enables you to drag draw a big red button on the windows. No drag-and-drop, just moving around.

Example 2. swfbutton->addaction() example

```
<?php

    $s = new SWFShape();
    $s->setRightFill($s->addFill(0xff, 0, 0));
    $s->drawLine(1000,0);
    $s->drawLine(0,1000);
    $s->drawLine(-1000,0);
    $s->drawLine(0,-1000);

    $b = new SWFButton();
    $b->addShape($s, SWFBUTTON_HIT | SWFBUTTON_UP | SWFBUTTON_DOWN | SWFBUTTON_OVER);

    $b->addAction(new SWFAction("startDrag('/test', 0);"), // '0' means don't lock to mouse
SWFBUTTON_MOUSEDOWN);

    $b->addAction(new SWFAction("stopDrag();"),
SWFBUTTON_MOUSEUP | SWFBUTTON_MOUSEUPOUTSIDE);

    $p = new SWFSprite();
    $p->add($b);
    $p->nextFrame();

    $m = new SWFMovie();
    $i = $m->add($p);
    $i->setName('test');
    $i->moveTo(1000,1000);

    header('Content-type: application/x-shockwave-flash');
    $m->output();
?>
```

SWFbutton->addShape (unknown)

Adds a shape to a button


```
void swfbutton->addshape (resource shape, int flags)
```

Warning

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swfbutton->addshape() adds the shape *shape* to this button. The following *flags*' values are valid: SWFBUTTON_UP, SWFBUTTON_OVER, SWFBUTTON_DOWN or SWFBUTTON_HIT. SWFBUTTON_HIT isn't ever displayed, it defines the hit region for the button. That is, everywhere the hit shape would be drawn is considered a "touchable" part of the button.

SWFbutton->setUp (unknown)

Alias for addShape(shape, SWFBUTTON_UP)

```
void swfbutton->setup (resource shape)
```

Warning

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swfbutton->setup() alias for addShape(shape, SWFBUTTON_UP).

See also **swfbutton->addshape()** and **SWFAction()**.

SWFbutton->setOver (unknown)

Alias for addShape(shape, SWFBUTTON_OVER)

```
void swfbutton->setover (resource shape)
```

Warning

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swfbutton->setover() alias for addShape(shape, SWFBUTTON_OVER).

See also **swfbutton->addshape()** and **SWFAction()**.

SWFbutton->setdown (unknown)

Alias for addShape(shape, SWFBUTTON_DOWN))

void **swfbutton->setdown** (ressource *shape*)

Warning

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swfbutton->setdown() alias for addShape(shape, SWFBUTTON_DOWN).

See also **swfbutton->addshape()** and **SWFAction()**.

SWFbutton->setHit (unknown)

Alias for addShape(shape, SWFBUTTON_HIT)

void **swfbutton->sethit** (ressource *shape*)

Warning

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swfbutton->sethit() alias for addShape(shape, SWFBUTTON_HIT).

See also **swfbutton->addshape()** and **SWFAction()**.

SWFbutton->addAction (unknown)

Adds an action

```
void swfbutton->addaction (resource action, int flags)
```

Warning

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swfbutton->addaction() adds the action *action* to this button for the given conditions. The following *flags* are valid: SWFBUTTON_MOUSEOVER, SWFBUTTON_MOUSEOUT, SWFBUTTON_MOUSEUP, SWFBUTTON_MOUSEUPOUTSIDE, SWFBUTTON_MOUSEDOWN, SWFBUTTON_DRAGOUT and SWFBUTTON_DRAGOVER.

See also **swfbutton->addshape()** and **SWFAction()**.

SWFbutton->setAction (unknown)

Sets the action

```
void swfbutton->setaction (resource action)
```

Warning

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swfbutton->setaction() sets the action to be performed when the button is clicked. Alias for addAction(shape, SWFBUTTON_MOUSEUP). *action* is a swfaction().

See also **swfbutton->addshape()** and **SWFAction()**.

SWFAction (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Creates a new Action.

```
new swfaction (string script)
```

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

swfaction() creates a new Action, and compiles the given script into an SWFAction object.

The script syntax is based on the C language, but with a lot taken out- the SWF bytecode machine is just too simpleminded to do a lot of things we might like. For instance, we can't implement function calls without a tremendous amount of hackery because the jump bytecode has a hardcoded offset value. No pushing your calling address to the stack and returning- every function would have to know exactly where to return to.

So what's left? The compiler recognises the following tokens:

- break
- for
- continue
- if
- else
- do
- while

There is no typed data; all values in the SWF action machine are stored as strings. The following functions can be used in expressions:

`time()`

Returns the number of milliseconds (?) elapsed since the movie started.

`random(seed)`

Returns a pseudo-random number in the range 0-seed.

`length(expr)`

Returns the length of the given expression.

`int(number)`

Returns the given number rounded down to the nearest integer.

`concat(expr, expr)`

Returns the concatenation of the given expressions.

`ord(expr)`

Returns the ASCII code for the given character

`chr(num)`

Returns the character for the given ASCII code

`substr(string, location, length)`

Returns the substring of length length at location location of the given string string.

Additionally, the following commands may be used:

`duplicateClip(clip, name, depth)`

Duplicate the named movie clip (aka sprite). The new movie clip has name name and is at depth depth.

`removeClip(expr)`

Removes the named movie clip.

`trace(expr)`

Write the given expression to the trace log. Doubtful that the browser plugin does anything with this.

`startDrag(target, lock, [left, top, right, bottom])`

Start dragging the movie clip target. The lock argument indicates whether to lock the mouse (?)-use 0 (FALSE) or 1 (TRUE). Optional parameters define a bounding area for the dragging.

`stopDrag()`

Stop dragging my heart around. And this movie clip, too.

`callFrame(expr)`

Call the named frame as a function.

`getURL(url, target, [method])`

Load the given url into the named target. The target argument can be a frame name (I think), or one of the magical values "_level0" (replaces current movie) or "_level1" (loads new movie on top of current movie). The optional method argument can be post or get if you want to submit variables back to the server.

loadMovie(url, target)

Same as above, more or less. Come to think of it, I don't quite know what the difference is.

nextFrame()

Go to the next frame.

prevFrame()

Go to the last (or, rather, previous) frame.

play()

Start playing the movie.

stop()

Stop playing the movie.

toggleQuality()

Toggle between high and low quality.

stopSounds()

Stop playing all sounds.

gotoFrame(num)

Go to frame number num. Frame numbers start at 0.

gotoFrame(name)

Go to the frame named name. Which does a lot of good, since I haven't added frame labels yet.

setTarget(expr)

Sets the context for action. Or so they say- I really have no idea what this does.

And there's one weird extra thing. The expression `frameLoaded(num)` can be used in if statements and while loops to check if the given frame number has been loaded yet. Well, it's supposed to, anyway, but I've never tested it and I seriously doubt it actually works. You can just use `:/framesLoaded` instead.

Movie clips (all together now- aka sprites) have properties. You can read all of them (or can you?), you can set some of them, and here they are:

- x
- y
- xScale
- yScale
- currentFrame - (read-only)
- totalFrames - (read-only)
- alpha - transparency level

- visible - 1=on, 0=off (?)
- width - (read-only)
- height - (read-only)
- rotation
- target - (read-only) (???)
- framesLoaded - (read-only)
- name
- dropTarget - (read-only) (???)
- url - (read-only) (???)
- highQuality - 1=high, 0=low (?)
- focusRect - (???)
- soundBufTime - (???)

So, setting a sprite's x position is as simple as `/box.x = 100;`. Why the slash in front of the box, though? That's how flash keeps track of the sprites in the movie, just like a unix filesystem- here it shows that box is at the top level. If the sprite named box had another sprite named biff inside of it, you'd set its x position with `/box/biff.x = 100;`. At least, I think so; correct me if I'm wrong here.

This simple example will move the red square across the window.

Example 1. swfaction() example

```
<?php
$s = new SWFShape();
$f = $s->addFill(0xff, 0, 0);
$s->setRightFill($f);

$s->movePenTo(-500, -500);
$s->drawLineTo(500, -500);
$s->drawLineTo(500, 500);
$s->drawLineTo(-500, 500);
$s->drawLineTo(-500, -500);

$p = new SWFSprite();
$i = $p->add($s);
$i->setDepth(1);
$p->nextFrame();

for($n=0; $n<5; ++$n)
{
    $i->rotate(-15);
    $p->nextFrame();
}

$m = new SWFMovie();
$m->setBackground(0xff, 0xff, 0xff);
```

```

$m->setDimension(6000,4000);

$i = $m->add($p);
$i->setDepth(1);
$i->moveTo(-500,2000);
$i->setName("box");

$m->add(new SWFAction("/box.x += 3;"));
$m->nextFrame();
$m->add(new SWFAction("gotoFrame(0); play();"));
$m->nextFrame();

header('Content-type: application/x-shockwave-flash');
$m->output();
?>

```

This simple example tracks down your mouse on the screen.

Example 2. swfaction() example

```

<?php

$m = new SWFMovie();
$m->setRate(36.0);
$m->setDimension(1200, 800);
$m->setBackground(0, 0, 0);

/* mouse tracking sprite - empty, but follows mouse so we can
   get its x and y coordinates */

$i = $m->add(new SWFSprite());
$i->setName('mouse');

$m->add(new SWFAction("
    startDrag('/mouse', 1); /* '1' means lock sprite to the mouse */
"));

/* might as well turn off antialiasing, since these are just squares. */

$m->add(new SWFAction("
    this.quality = 0;
"));

/* morphing box */
$r = new SWFMorph();
$s = $r->getShape1();

```



```

/* Note this is backwards from normal shapes. No idea why. */
$s->setLeftFill($s->addFill(0xff, 0xff, 0xff));
$s->movePenTo(-40, -40);
$s->drawLine(80, 0);
$s->drawLine(0, 80);
$s->drawLine(-80, 0);
$s->drawLine(0, -80);

$s = $r->getShape2();

$s->setLeftFill($s->addFill(0x00, 0x00, 0x00));
$s->movePenTo(-1, -1);
$s->drawLine(2, 0);
$s->drawLine(0, 2);
$s->drawLine(-2, 0);
$s->drawLine(0, -2);

/* sprite container for morphing box -
   this is just a timeline w/ the box morphing */

$box = new SWFSprite();
$box->add(new SWFAction("
    stop();
"));
$i = $box->add($r);

for($n=0; $n<=20; ++$n)
{
    $i->setRatio($n/20);
    $box->nextFrame();
}

/* this container sprite allows us to use the same action code many times */

$cell = new SWFSprite();
$i = $cell->add($box);
$i->setName('box');

$cell->add(new SWFAction("

    setTarget('box');

    /* ...x means the x coordinate of the parent, i.e. (..).x */
    dx = (/mouse.x + random(6)-3 - ...x)/5;
    dy = (/mouse.y + random(6)-3 - ...y)/5;
    gotoFrame(int(dx*dx + dy*dy));

"));

$cell->nextFrame();
$cell->add(new SWFAction("

```

```

        gotoFrame(0);
        play();

    ));

    $cell->nextFrame();

    /* finally, add a bunch of the cells to the movie */

    for($x=0; $x<12; ++$x)
    {
        for($y=0; $y<8; ++$y)
        {
            $i = $m->add($cell);
            $i->moveTo(100*$x+50, 100*$y+50);
        }
    }

    $m->nextFrame();

    $m->add(new SWFAction("

        gotoFrame(1);
        play();

    ));

    header('Content-type: application/x-shockwave-flash');
    $m->output();
?>

```

Same as above, but with nice colored balls...

Example 3. swfaction() example

```

<?php

    $m = new SWFMovie();
    $m->setDimension(11000, 8000);
    $m->setBackground(0x00, 0x00, 0x00);

    $m->add(new SWFAction("

this.quality = 0;
/frames.visible = 0;
startDrag('/mouse', 1);

```

```

    ));

    // mouse tracking sprite
    $t = new SWFSprite();
    $i = $m->add($t);
    $i->setName('mouse');

    $g = new SWFGradient();
    $g->addEntry(0, 0xff, 0xff, 0xff, 0xff);
    $g->addEntry(0.1, 0xff, 0xff, 0xff, 0xff);
    $g->addEntry(0.5, 0xff, 0xff, 0xff, 0x5f);
    $g->addEntry(1.0, 0xff, 0xff, 0xff, 0);

    // gradient shape thing
    $s = new SWFShape();
    $f = $s->addFill($g, SWFFILL_RADIAL_GRADIENT);
    $f->scaleTo(0.03);
    $s->setRightFill($f);
    $s->movePenTo(-600, -600);
    $s->drawLine(1200, 0);
    $s->drawLine(0, 1200);
    $s->drawLine(-1200, 0);
    $s->drawLine(0, -1200);

    // need to make this a sprite so we can multColor it
    $p = new SWFSprite();
    $p->add($s);
    $p->nextFrame();

    // put the shape in here, each frame a different color
    $q = new SWFSprite();
    $q->add(new SWFAction("gotoFrame(random(7)+1); stop();"));
    $i = $q->add($p);

    $i->multColor(1.0, 1.0, 1.0);
    $q->nextFrame();
    $i->multColor(1.0, 0.5, 0.5);
    $q->nextFrame();
    $i->multColor(1.0, 0.75, 0.5);
    $q->nextFrame();
    $i->multColor(1.0, 1.0, 0.5);
    $q->nextFrame();
    $i->multColor(0.5, 1.0, 0.5);
    $q->nextFrame();
    $i->multColor(0.5, 0.5, 1.0);
    $q->nextFrame();
    $i->multColor(1.0, 0.5, 1.0);
    $q->nextFrame();

    // finally, this one contains the action code
    $p = new SWFSprite();
    $i = $p->add($q);

```

```

    $i->setName('frames');
    $p->add(new SWFAction("

dx = (:mousex-/:lastx)/3 + random(10)-5;
dy = (:mousey-/:lasty)/3;
x = /:mousex;
y = /:mousey;
alpha = 100;

    ));
    $p->nextFrame();

    $p->add(new SWFAction("

this.x = x;
this.y = y;
this.alpha = alpha;
x += dx;
y += dy;
dy += 3;
alpha -= 8;

    ));
    $p->nextFrame();

    $p->add(new SWFAction("prevFrame(); play();"));
    $p->nextFrame();

    $i = $m->add($p);
    $i->setName('frames');
    $m->nextFrame();

    $m->add(new SWFAction("

lastx = mousex;
lasty = mousey;
mousex = /mouse.x;
mousey = /mouse.y;

++num;

if(num == 11)
    num = 1;

removeClip('char' & num);
duplicateClip(/frames, 'char' & num, num);

    ));

    $m->nextFrame();
    $m->add(new SWFAction("prevFrame(); play();"));

    header('Content-type: application/x-shockwave-flash');

```

```
$m->output();
?>
```

This simple example will handles keyboard actions. (You'll probably have to click in the window to give it focus. And you'll probably have to leave your mouse in the frame, too. If you know how to give buttons focus programatically, feel free to share, won't you?)

Example 4. swfaction() example

```
<?php

/* sprite has one letter per frame */

$sp = new SWFSprite();
$sp->add(new SWFAction("stop();"));

$chars = "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz".
"ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ".
"1234567890!@#$%^&/*()_+~`/[]{}|;:,.<>?~";

$f = new SWFFont("_sans");

for($n=0; $nremove($i);
    $t = new SWFTextField();
    $t->setFont($f);
    $t->setHeight(240);
    $t->setBounds(600,240);
    $t->align(SWFTEXTFIELD_ALIGN_CENTER);
    $t->addString($c);
    $i = $sp->add($t);
    $sp->labelFrame($c);
    $sp->nextFrame();
}

/* hit region for button - the entire frame */

$s = new SWFShape();
$s->setFillStyle0($s->addSolidFill(0, 0, 0, 0));
$s->drawLine(600, 0);
$s->drawLine(0, 400);
$s->drawLine(-600, 0);
$s->drawLine(0, -400);

/* button checks for pressed key, sends sprite to the right frame */

$b = new SWFButton();
```

```
$b->addShape($s, SWFBUTTON_HIT);

for($n=0; $n<addAction(new SWFAction("

setTarget('/char');
gotoFrame('$c');

"), SWFBUTTON_KEYPRESS($c));
}

$m = new SWFMovie();
$m->setDimension(600,400);
$i = $m->add($p);
$i->setName('char');
$i->moveTo(0,80);

$m->add($b);

header('Content-type: application/x-shockwave-flash');
$m->output();

?>
```

LII. Miscellaneous functions

These functions were placed here because none of the other categories seemed to fit.

connection_aborted (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns TRUE if client disconnected

```
int connection_aborted ( )
```

Returns TRUE if client disconnected. See the Connection Handling description in the Features chapter for a complete explanation.

connection_status (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns connection status bitfield

```
int connection_status ( )
```

Returns the connection status bitfield. See the Connection Handling description in the Features chapter for a complete explanation.

connection_timeout (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, 4.0.0 - 4.0.4 only)

Return TRUE if script timed out

```
bool connection_timeout ( )
```

Returns TRUE if script timed out.

Deprecated

This function is deprecated, and doesn't even exist anymore as of 4.0.5.

See the Connection Handling description in the Features chapter for a complete explanation.

constant (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Returns the value of a constant

mixed **constant** (string *name*)

constant() will return the value of the constant indicated by *name*.

constant() is useful if you need to retrieve the value of a constant, but do not know its name. i.e. It is stored in a variable or returned by a function.

Example 1. constant() example

```
<php
define ("MAXSIZE", 100);

echo MAXSIZE;
echo constant("MAXSIZE"); // same thing as the previous line

?>
```

See also `define()`, `defined()` and the section on Constants.

define (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Defines a named constant.

bool **define** (string *name*, mixed *value* [, bool *case_insensitive*])

Defines a named constant. See the section on constants for more details.

The name of the constant is given by *name*; the value is given by *value*.

The optional third parameter *case_insensitive* is also available. If the value TRUE is given, then the constant will be defined case-insensitive. The default behaviour is case-sensitive; i.e. CONSTANT and Constant represent different values.

Example 1. Defining Constants

```
<?php
define ("CONSTANT", "Hello world.");
echo CONSTANT; // outputs "Hello world."
echo Constant; // outputs "Constant" and issues a notice.
```

```
define ("GREETING", "Hello you.", TRUE);
echo GREETING; // outputs "Hello you."
echo Greeting; // outputs "Hello you."
```

```
?>
```

define() returns TRUE on success and FALSE if an error occurs.

See also `defined()`, `constant()` and the section on Constants.

defined (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Checks whether a given named constant exists

```
bool defined (string name)
```

Returns TRUE if the named constant given by *name* has been defined, FALSE otherwise.

Example 1. Checking Constants

```
<?php
if (defined("CONSTANT")){ // Note that it should be quoted
    echo CONSTANT; //
}
?>
```

See also `define()`, `constant()` and the section on Constants.

die (unknown)

Alias of `exit()`

This function is an alias of `exit()`.

eval (unknown)

Evaluate a string as PHP code

```
mixed eval (string code_str)
```

eval() evaluates the string given in *code_str* as PHP code. Among other things, this can be useful for storing code in a database text field for later execution.

There are some factors to keep in mind when using **eval()**. Remember that the string passed must be valid PHP code, including things like terminating statements with a semicolon so the parser doesn't die on the line after the **eval()**, and properly escaping things in *code_str*.

Also remember that variables given values under **eval()** will retain these values in the main script afterwards.

A return statement will terminate the evaluation of the string immediately. In PHP 4 you may use return to return a value that will become the result of the **eval()** function while in PHP 3 **eval()** was of type void and did never return anything.

Example 1. eval() example - simple text merge

```
<?php
$string = 'cup';
$name = 'coffee';
$str = 'This is a $string with my $name in it.<br>';
echo $str;
eval ("\$str = \"\$str\";");
echo $str;
?>
```

The above example will show:

```
This is a $string with my $name in it.
This is a cup with my coffee in it.
```

exit (unknown)

Output a message and terminate the current script

```
void exit ([string status])
void exit (int status)
```

Note: This is not a real function, but a language construct.

The **exit()** function terminates execution of the script. It prints *status* just before exiting.

If *status* is an integer, that value will be used as exit-status.

Note: The `die()` function is an alias for **exit()**.

Example 1. **exit()** example

```
<?php

$filename = '/path/to/data-file';
$file = fopen ($filename, 'r')
    or exit("unable to open file ($filename)");

?>
```

get_browser (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Tells what the user's browser is capable of

```
object get_browser ([string user_agent])
```

get_browser() attempts to determine the capabilities of the user's browser. This is done by looking up the browser's information in the `browscap.ini` file. By default, the value of `$HTTP_USER_AGENT` is used; however, you can alter this (i.e., look up another browser's info) by passing the optional *user_agent* parameter to **get_browser()**.

The information is returned in an object, which will contain various data elements representing, for instance, the browser's major and minor version numbers and ID string; TRUE/false values for features such as frames, JavaScript, and cookies; and so forth.

While `browscap.ini` contains information on many browsers, it relies on user updates to keep the database current. The format of the file is fairly self-explanatory.

The following example shows how one might list all available information retrieved about the user's browser.

Example 1. `get_browser()` example

```
<?php
function list_array ($array) {
    while (list ($key, $value) = each ($array)) {
        $str .= "<b>$key:</b> $value<br>\n";
    }
    return $str;
}
echo "$HTTP_USER_AGENT<hr>\n";
$browser = get_browser();
echo list_array ((array) $browser);
?>
```

The output of the above script would look something like this:

```
Mozilla/4.5 [en] (X11; U; Linux 2.2.9 i586)<hr>
<b>browser_name_pattern:</b> Mozilla/4\..*<br>
<b>parent:</b> Netscape 4.0<br>
<b>platform:</b> Unknown<br>
<b>majorver:</b> 4<br>
<b>minorver:</b> 5<br>
<b>browser:</b> Netscape<br>
<b>version:</b> 4<br>
<b>frames:</b> 1<br>
<b>tables:</b> 1<br>
<b>cookies:</b> 1<br>
<b>backgroundsounds:</b> <br>
<b>vbscript:</b> <br>
<b>javascript:</b> 1<br>
<b>javaapplets:</b> 1<br>
<b>activexcontrols:</b> <br>
<b>beta:</b> <br>
<b>crawler:</b> <br>
<b>authenticcodeupdate:</b> <br>
<b>msn:</b> <br>
```

In order for this to work, your `browscap` configuration file setting must point to the correct location of the `browscap.ini` file.

For more information (including locations from which you may obtain a `browscap.ini` file), check the PHP FAQ at <http://www.php.net/FAQ.php>.

highlight_file (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Syntax highlighting of a file

```
bool highlight_file (string filename)
```

The **highlight_file()** function prints out a syntax highlighted version of the code contained in *filename* using the colors defined in the built-in syntax highlighter for PHP. Returns TRUE on succes, FALSE on failure.

Note: Care should be taken when using the `show_source()` and **highlight_file()** functions to make sure that you do not inadvertently reveal sensitive information such as passwords or any other type of information that might create a potential security risk.

Example 1. Creating a source highlighting URL

To setup a URL that can code highlight any script that you pass to it, we will make use of the "ForceType" directive in Apache to generate a nice URL pattern, and use the function **highlight_file()** to show a nice looking code list.

In your `httpd.conf` you can add the following:

```
<Location /source>
    ForceType application/x-httpd-php
</Location>
```

And then make a file named "source" and put it in your web root directory.

```
<HTML>
<HEAD>
<TITLE>Source Display</TITLE>
</HEAD>
<BODY BGCOLOR="white">
<?php
    $script = getenv ("PATH_TRANSLATED");
```

```

if(!$script) {
echo "<BR><B>ERROR: Script Name needed</B><BR>";
} else {
if (ereg("\.php|\.inc)$",$script)) {
echo "<H1>Source of: $PATH_INFO</H1>\n<HR>\n";
highlight_file($script);
} else {
echo "<H1>ERROR: Only PHP or include script names are allowed</H1>";
}
}
echo "<HR>Processed: ".date("Y/M/d H:i:s",time());
?>
</BODY>
</HTML>

```

Then you can use an URL like the one below to display a colorized version of a script located in "/path/to/script.php" in your web site.

`http://your.server.com/source/path/to/script.php`

Tip: As with anything that outputs its result directly to the browser, you can use the output-control functions to capture the output of this function, and save it - for example - in a string.

See also `highlight_string()`, `show_source()`.

highlight_string (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Syntax highlighting of a string

bool highlight_string (string *str*)

The **highlight_string()** function prints out a syntax highlighted version of *str* using the colors defined in the built-in syntax highlighter for PHP. Returns TRUE on succes, FALSE on failure.

Tip: As with anything that outputs its result directly to the browser, you can use the output-control functions to capture the output of this function, and save it - for example - in a string.

See also `highlight_file()`, `show_source()`.

ignore_user_abort (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set whether a client disconnect should abort script execution

```
int ignore_user_abort ([int setting])
```

This function sets whether a client disconnect should cause a script to be aborted. It will return the previous setting and can be called without an argument to not change the current setting and only return the current setting. See the Connection Handling section in the Features chapter for a complete description of connection handling in PHP.

iptcparse (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Parse a binary IPTC <http://www.iptc.org/> block into single tags.

```
array iptcparse (string iptcblock)
```

This function parses a binary IPTC block into its single tags. It returns an array using the tagmarker as an index and the value as the value. It returns FALSE on error or if no IPTC data was found. See **GetImageSize()** for a sample.

leak (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Leak memory

```
void leak (int bytes)
```

leak() leaks the specified amount of memory.

This is useful when debugging the memory manager, which automatically cleans up "leaked" memory when each request is completed.

pack (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Pack data into binary string.

```
string pack (string format [, mixed args ...])
```

Pack given arguments into binary string according to *format*. Returns binary string containing data.

The idea to this function was taken from Perl and all formatting codes work the same as there, however, there are some formatting codes that are missing such as Perl's "u" format code. The format string consists of format codes followed by an optional repeater argument. The repeater argument can be either an integer value or * for repeating to the end of the input data. For a, A, h, H the repeat count specifies how many characters of one data argument are taken, for @ it is the absolute position where to put the next data, for everything else the repeat count specifies how many data arguments are consumed and packed into the resulting binary string. Currently implemented are

- a NUL-padded string
- A SPACE-padded string
- h Hex string, low nibble first
- H Hex string, high nibble first
- c signed char
- C unsigned char
- s signed short (always 16 bit, machine byte order)
- S unsigned short (always 16 bit, machine byte order)
- n unsigned short (always 16 bit, big endian byte order)
- v unsigned short (always 16 bit, little endian byte order)
- i signed integer (machine dependent size and byte order)
- I unsigned integer (machine dependent size and byte order)
- l signed long (always 32 bit, machine byte order)
- L unsigned long (always 32 bit, machine byte order)
- N unsigned long (always 32 bit, big endian byte order)
- V unsigned long (always 32 bit, little endian byte order)
- f float (machine dependent size and representation)
- d double (machine dependent size and representation)
- x NUL byte
- X Back up one byte
- @ NUL-fill to absolute position

Example 1. pack() format string

```
$binarydata = pack ("nvc*", 0x1234, 0x5678, 65, 66);
```

The resulting binary string will be 6 bytes long and contain the byte sequence 0x12, 0x34, 0x78, 0x56, 0x41, 0x42.

Note that the distinction between signed and unsigned values only affects the function `unpack()`, where as function **`pack()`** gives the same result for signed and unsigned format codes.

Also note that PHP internally stores integer values as signed values of a machine dependent size. If you give it an unsigned integer value too large to be stored that way it is converted to a float which often yields an undesired result.

show_source (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Syntax highlighting of a file

```
bool show_source (string filename)
```

The **`show_source()`** function prints out a syntax highlighted version of the code contained in *filename* using the colors defined in the built-in syntax highlighter for PHP. It returns TRUE on success, FALSE otherwise (PHP 4).

This function is an alias for the function `highlight_file()`

Note: Care should be taken when using the **`show_source()`** and `highlight_file()` functions to make sure that you do not inadvertently reveal sensitive information such as passwords or any other type of information that might create a potential security risk.

See also `highlight_string()`, `highlight_file()`.

sleep (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Delay execution

```
void sleep (int seconds)
```

The sleep function delays program execution for the given number of *seconds*.

See also usleep().

uniqid (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Generate a unique id

```
int uniqid (string prefix [, bool lcg])
```

uniqid() returns a prefixed unique identifier based on the current time in microseconds. The prefix can be useful for instance if you generate identifiers simultaneously on several hosts that might happen to generate the identifier at the same microsecond. *Prefix* can be up to 114 characters long.

If the optional *lcg* parameter is TRUE, **uniqid()** will add additional "combined LCG" entropy at the end of the return value, which should make the results more unique.

With an empty *prefix*, the returned string will be 13 characters long. If *lcg* is TRUE, it will be 23 characters.

Note: The *lcg* parameter is only available in PHP 4 and PHP 3.0.13 and later.

If you need a unique identifier or token and you intend to give out that token to the user via the network (i.e. session cookies), it is recommended that you use something along the lines of

```
$token = md5 (uniqid ("")); // no random portion
$better_token = md5 (uniqid (rand())); // better, difficult to guess
```

This will create a 32 character identifier (a 128 bit hex number) that is extremely difficult to predict.

unpack (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Unpack data from binary string

```
array unpack (string format, string data)
```

unpack() from binary string into array according to *format*. Returns array containing unpacked elements of binary string.

unpack() works slightly different from Perl as the unpacked data is stored in an associative array. To accomplish this you have to name the different format codes and separate them by a slash /.

Example 1. unpack() format string

```
$array = unpack ("c2chars/nint", $binarydata);
```

The resulting array will contain the entries "chars1", "chars2" and "int".

For an explanation of the format codes see also: pack()

Note that PHP internally stores integral values as signed. If you unpack a large unsigned long and it is of the same size as PHP internally stored values the result will be a negative number even though unsigned unpacking was specified.

usleep (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Delay execution in microseconds

```
void usleep (int micro_seconds)
```

The **usleep()** function delays program execution for the given number of *micro_seconds*.

See also sleep().

Note: This function does not work on Windows systems.

LIII. mnoGoSearch Functions

These functions allow you to access mnoGoSearch (former UdmSearch) free search engine. In order to have these functions available, you must compile php with mnogosearch support by using the `--with-mnogosearch` option. If you use this option without specifying the path to mnogosearch, php will look for mnogosearch under `/usr/local/mnogosearch` path by default. If you installed mnogosearch at other path you should specify it: `--with-mnogosearch=DIR`.

mnoGoSearch is a full-featured search engine software for intranet and internet servers, distributed under the GNU license. mnoGoSearch has number of unique features, which makes it appropriate for a wide range of application from search within your site to a specialized search system such as cooking recipes or newspaper search, ftp archive search, news articles search, etc. It offers full-text indexing and searching for HTML, PDF, and text documents. mnoGoSearch consists of two parts. The first is an indexing mechanism (indexer). The purpose of indexer is to walk through HTTP, FTP, NEWS servers or local files, recursively grabbing all the documents and storing meta-data about that documents in a SQL database in a smart and effective manner. After every document is referenced by its corresponding URL, meta-data collected by indexer is used later in a search process. The search is performed via Web interface. C CGI, PHP and Perl search front ends are included.

Note: php contains built-in mysql access library, which can be used to access mysql. It is known that mnoGoSearch is not compatible with this built-in library and can work only with generic mysql libraries. Thus, if you use mnoGoSearch with mysql, during php configuration you have to indicate directory of mysql installation, that was used during mnoGoSearch configuration, i.e. for example:
`--with-mnogosearch --with-mysql=/usr`.

You need at least 3.1.10 version of mnoGoSearch installed to use these functions.

More information about mnoGoSearch can be found at <http://www.mnogosearch.ru/>.

udm_add_search_limit (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Add various search limits

```
int udm_add_search_limit (int agent, int var, string val)
```

udm_add_search_limit() returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error. Adds search restrictions.

agent - a link to Agent, received after call to `udm_alloc_agent()`.

var - defines parameter, indicating limit.

val - defines value of the current parameter.

Possible *var* values:

- UDM_LIMIT_URL - defines document URL limitations to limit search through subsection of database. It supports SQL % and _ LIKE wildcards, where % matches any number of characters, even zero characters, and _ matches exactly one character. E.g. `http://my.domain.__/catalog` may stand for `http://my.domain.ru/catalog` and `http://my.domain.ua/catalog`.
- UDM_LIMIT_TAG - defines site TAG limitations. In `indexer-conf` you can assign specific TAGs to various sites and parts of a site. Tags in mnoGoSearch 3.1.x are lines, that may contain metasymbols % and _. Metasymbols allow searching among groups of tags. E.g. there are links with tags ABCD and ABCE, and search restriction is by ABC_ - the search will be made among both of the tags.
- UDM_LIMIT_LANG - defines document language limitations.
- UDM_LIMIT_CAT - defines document category limitations. Categories are similar to tag feature, but nested. So you can have one category inside another and so on. You have to use two characters for each level. Use a hex number going from 0-F or a 36 base number going from 0-Z. Therefore a top-level category like 'Auto' would be 01. If it has a subcategory like 'Ford', then it would be 01 (the parent category) and then 'Ford' which we will give 01. Put those together and you get 0101. If 'Auto' had another subcategory named 'VW', then it's id would be 01 because it belongs to the 'Ford' category and then 02 because it's the next category. So it's id would be 0102. If VW had a subcategory called 'Engine' then it's id would start at 01 again and it would get the 'VW' id 02 and 'Auto' id of 01, making it 010201. If you want to search for sites under that category then you pass it `cat=010201` in the url.
- UDM_LIMIT_DATE - defines limitation by date document was modified.

Format of parameter value: a string with first character < or >, then with no space - date in unixtime format, for example:

```
Udm_Add_Search_Limit($udm,UDM_LIMIT_DATE,"<908012006");
```

If > character is used, then search will be restricted to those documents having modification date greater than entered. If <, then smaller.

udm_alloc_agent (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Allocate mnoGoSearch session

```
int udm_alloc_agent (string dbaddr [, stringdbmode])
```

udm_alloc_agent() returns mnogosearch agent identifier on success, FALSE on error. This function creates a session with database parameters.

dbaddr - URL-style database description. Options (type, host, database name, port, user and password) to connect to SQL database. Do not matter for built-in text files support. Format: DBAddr DBType:[/[DBUser[:DBPass]@]DBHost[:DBPort]]/DBName/ Currently supported DBType values are: mysql, pgsql, msql, solid, mssql, oracle, ibase. Actually, it does not matter for native libraries support. But ODBC users should specify one of supported values. If your database type is not supported, you may use "unknown" instead.

dbmode - You may select SQL database mode of words storage. When "single" is specified, all words are stored in the same table. If "multi" is selected, words will be located in different tables depending of their lengths. "multi" mode is usually faster but requires more tables in database. If "crc" mode is selected, mnoGoSearch will store 32 bit integer word IDs calculated by CRC32 algorithm instead of words. This mode requires less disk space and it is faster comparing with "single" and "multi" modes. "crc-multi" uses the same storage structure with the "crc" mode, but also stores words in different tables depending on words lengths like "multi" mode. Format: DBMode single/multi/crc/crc-multi

Note: *dbaddr* and *dbmode* must match those used during indexing.

Note: In fact this function does not open connection to database and thus does not check entered login and password. Actual connection to database and login/password verification is done by `udm_find()`.

udm_api_version (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Get mnoGoSearch API version.

```
int udm_api_version ()
```

udm_api_version() returns mnoGoSearch API version number. E.g. if mnoGoSearch 3.1.10 API is used, this function will return 30110.

This function allows user to identify which API functions are available, e.g. `udm_get_doc_count()` function is only available in mnoGoSearch 3.1.11 or later.

Example:

```
if (Udm_Api_Version() >= 30111) {
    print "Total number of urls in database: ".Udm_Get_Doc_Count($udm)."<br>\n";
}
```

udm_cat_path (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get the path to the current category.

array **udm_cat_path** (int *agent*, string *category*)

udm_cat_path() returns array describing path in the categories tree from the tree root to the current category.

agent - agent link identifier.

category - current category - the one to get path to.

Returns array with the following format:

The array consists of pairs. Elements with even index numbers contain category paths, odd elements contain corresponding category names.

For example, the call `$array=udm_cat_path($agent, '02031D');` may return the following array:

```
$array[0] will contain ""
$array[1] will contain 'Root'
$array[2] will contain '02'
$array[3] will contain 'Sport'
$array[4] will contain '0203'
$array[5] will contain 'Auto'
$array[4] will contain '02031D'
$array[5] will contain 'Ferrari'
```

Example 1. Specifying path to the current category in the following format: '> Root > Sport > Auto > Ferrari'

```
<?php
    $cat_path_arr=Udm_Cat_Path($udm_agent,$cat);
    $cat_path="";
```



```

    for ($i=0; $i<count($cat_path_arr); $i+=2) {
        $path=$cat_path_arr[$i];
        $name=$cat_path_arr[$i+1];
        $cat_path .= " > <a href=\"\$PHP_SELF?cat=$path\">$name</a> ";
    }
>

```

udm_cat_list (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Get all the categories on the same level with the current one.

array **udm_cat_list** (int *agent*, string *category*)

udm_cat_list() returns array listing all categories of the same level as current category in the categories tree.

The function can be useful for developing categories tree browser.

Returns array with the following format:

The array consists of pairs. Elements with even index numbers contain category paths, odd elements contain corresponding category names.

```

$array[0] will contain '020300'
$array[1] will contain 'Audi'
$array[2] will contain '020301'
$array[3] will contain 'BMW'
$array[4] will contain '020302'
$array[5] will contain 'Opel'
...
etc.

```

Following is an example of displaying links of the current level in format:

```

Audi
BMW
Opel
...

```

```

<?php
$cat_list_arr=Udm_Cat_List($udm_agent,$cat);
$cat_list="";
for ($i=0; $i<count($cat_list_arr); $i+=2) {
    $path=$cat_list_arr[$i];

```

```

$name=$cat_list_arr[$i+1];
$cat_list .= "<a href=\"".$PHP_SELF?cat=$path\">$name</a><br>";
}
>

```

udm_clear_search_limits (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Clear all mnoGoSearch search restrictions

```
int udm_clear_search_limits (int agent)
```

udm_clear_search_limits() resets defined search limitations and returns TRUE.

udm_errno (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Get mnoGoSearch error number

```
int udm_errno (int agent)
```

udm_errno() returns mnoGoSearch error number, zero if no error.

agent - link to agent identifier, received after call to **udm_alloc_agent()**.

Receiving numeric agent error code.

udm_error (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Get mnoGoSearch error message

```
string udm_error (int agent)
```

udm_error() returns mnoGoSearch error message, empty string if no error.

agent - link to agent identifier, received after call to **udm_alloc_agent()**.

Receiving agent error message.

udm_find (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Perform search

```
int udm_find (int agent, string query)
```

udm_find() returns result link identifier on success, FALSE on error.

The search itself. The first argument - session, the next one - query itself. To find something just type words you want to find and press SUBMIT button. For example, "mysql odbc". You should not use quotes " in query, they are written here only to divide a query from other text. mnoGoSearch will find all documents that contain word "mysql" and/or word "odbc". Best documents having bigger weights will be displayed first. If you use search mode ALL, search will return documents that contain both (or more) words you entered. In case you use mode ANY, the search will return list of documents that contain any of the words you entered. If you want more advanced results you may use query language. You should select "bool" match mode in the search from.

mnoGoSearch understands the following boolean operators:

& - logical AND. For example, "mysql & odbc". mnoGoSearch will find any URLs that contain both "mysql" and "odbc".

| - logical OR. For example "mysql|odbc". mnoGoSearch will find any URLs, that contain word "mysql" or word "odbc".

~ - logical NOT. For example "mysql & ~odbc". mnoGoSearch will find URLs that contain word "mysql" and do not contain word "odbc" at the same time. Note that ~ just excludes given word from results. Query "~odbc" will find nothing!

() - group command to compose more complex queries. For example "(mysql | msql) & ~postgres". Query language is simple and powerful at the same time. Just consider query as usual boolean expression.

udm_free_agent (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Free mnoGoSearch session

```
int udm_free_agent (int agent)
```

udm_free_agent() returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

agent - link to agent identifier, received ' after call to udm_alloc_agent().

Freeing up memory allocated for agent session.

udm_free_ispell_data (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Free memory allocated for ispell data

```
int udm_free_ispell_data (int agent)
```

udm_free_ispell_data() always returns TRUE.

agent - agent link identifier, received after call to `udm_alloc_agent()`.

Note: This function is supported beginning from version 3.1.12 of mnoGoSearch and it does not do anything in previous versions.

udm_free_res (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Free mnoGoSearch result

```
int udm_free_res (int res)
```

udm_free_res() returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

res - a link to result identifier, received after call to `udm_find()`.

Freeing up memory allocated for results.

udm_get_doc_count (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Get total number of documents in database.

```
int udm_get_doc_count (int agent)
```

udm_get_doc_count() returns number of documents in database.

agent - link to agent identifier, received after call to `udm_alloc_agent()`.

Note: This function is supported only in mnoGoSearch 3.1.11 or later.

udm_get_res_field (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Fetch mnoGoSearch result field

```
string udm_get_res_field (int res, int row, int field)
```

udm_get_res_field() returns result field value on success, FALSE on error.

res - a link to result identifier, received after call to `udm_find()`.

row - the number of the link on the current page. May have values from 0 to `UDM_PARAM_NUM_ROWS`.

field - field identifier, may have the following values:

- `UDM_FIELD_URL` - document URL field
- `UDM_FIELD_CONTENT` - document Content-type field (for example, text/html).
- `UDM_FIELD_CATEGORY` - document category field. Use `udm_cat_path()` to get full path to current category from the categories tree root. (This parameter is available only in PHP 4.0.6 or later).
- `UDM_FIELD_TITLE` - document title field.
- `UDM_FIELD_KEYWORDS` - document keywords field (from META KEYWORDS tag).
- `UDM_FIELD_DESC` - document description field (from META DESCRIPTION tag).
- `UDM_FIELD_TEXT` - document body text (the first couple of lines to give an idea of what the document is about).
- `UDM_FIELD_SIZE` - document size.
- `UDM_FIELD_URLID` - unique URL ID of the link.
- `UDM_FIELD_RATING` - page rating (as calculated by mnoGoSearch).
- `UDM_FIELD_MODIFIED` - last-modified field in unixtime format.
- `UDM_FIELD_ORDER` - the number of the current document in set of found documents.
- `UDM_FIELD_CRC` - document CRC.

udm_get_res_param (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Get mnoGoSearch result parameters

```
string udm_get_res_param (int res, int param)
```

udm_get_res_param() returns result parameter value on success, FALSE on error.

res - a link to result identifier, received after call to `udm_find()`.

param - parameter identifier, may have the following values:

- UDM_PARAM_NUM_ROWS - number of received found links on the current page. It is equal to UDM_PARAM_PAGE_SIZE for all search pages, on the last page - the rest of links.
- UDM_PARAM_FOUND - total number of results matching the query.
- UDM_PARAM_WORDINFO - information on the words found. E.g. search for "a good book" will return "a: stopword, good:5637, book: 120"
- UDM_PARAM_SEARCHTIME - search time in seconds.
- UDM_PARAM_FIRST_DOC - the number of the first document displayed on current page.
- UDM_PARAM_LAST_DOC - the number of the last document displayed on current page.

udm_load_ispell_data (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Load ispell data

```
int udm_load_ispell_data (int agent, int var, string val1, string val2, int flag)
```

udm_load_ispell_data() loads ispell data. Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

agent - agent link identifier, received after call to udm_alloc_agent().

var - parameter, indicating the source for ispell data. May have the following values:

After using this function to free memory allocated for ispell data, please use udm_free_ispell_data(), even if you use UDM_ISPELL_TYPE_SERVER mode.

The fastest mode is UDM_ISPELL_TYPE_SERVER. UDM_ISPELL_TYPE_TEXT is slower and UDM_ISPELL_TYPE_DB is the slowest. The above pattern is TRUE for mnoGoSearch 3.1.10 - 3.1.11. It is planned to speed up DB mode in future versions and it is going to be faster than TEXT mode.

- UDM_ISPELL_TYPE_DB - indicates that ispell data should be loaded from SQL. In this case, parameters *val1* and *val2* are ignored and should be left blank. *flag* should be equal to 1.

Note: *flag* indicates that after loading ispell data from defined source it could be sorted (it is necessary for correct functioning of ispell). In case of loading ispell data from files there may be several calls to **udm_load_ispell_data()**, and there is no sense to sort data after every call, but only after the last one. Since in db mode all the data is loaded by one call, this parameter should have the value 1. In this mode in case of error, e.g. if ispell tables are absent, the function will return FALSE and code and error message will be accessible through udm_error() and udm_errno().

Example:

```

if (! Udm_Load_Ispell_Data($udm,UDM_ISPELL_TYPE_DB,"",1)) {
printf("Error #d: '%s'\n",Udm_Errno($udm),Udm_Error($udm));
exit;
}

```

- UDM_ISPELL_TYPE_AFFIX - indicates that ispell data should be loaded from file and initiates loading affixes file. In this case *va l1* defines double letter language code for which affixes are loaded, and *va l2* - file path. Please note, that if a relative path entered, the module looks for the file not in UDM_CONF_DIR, but in relation to current path, i.e. to the path where the script is executed. In case of error in this mode, e.g. if file is absent, the function will return FALSE, and an error message will be displayed. Error message text cannot be accessed through `udm_error()` and `udm_errno()`, since those functions can only return messages associated with SQL. Please, see *flag* parameter description in UDM_ISPELL_TYPE_DB.

Example:

```

if ((! Udm_Load_Ispell_Data($udm,UDM_ISPELL_TYPE_AFFIX,'en','/opt/ispell/en.aff',0))
    (! Udm_Load_Ispell_Data($udm,UDM_ISPELL_TYPE_AFFIX,'ru','/opt/ispell/ru.aff',0)) |
    (! Udm_Load_Ispell_Data($udm,UDM_ISPELL_TYPE_SPELL,'en','/opt/ispell/en.dict',0))
    (! Udm_Load_Ispell_Data($udm,UDM_ISPELL_TYPE_SPELL,'ru','/opt/ispell/ru.dict',1)))
exit;
}

```

Note: *flag* is equal to 1 only in the last call.

- UDM_ISPELL_TYPE_SPELL - indicates that ispell data should be loaded from file and initiates loading of ispell dictionary file. In this case *va l1* defines double letter language code for which affixes are loaded, and *va l2* - file path. Please note, that if a relative path entered, the module looks for the file not in UDM_CONF_DIR, but in relation to current path, i.e. to the path where the script is executed. In case of error in this mode, e.g. if file is absent, the function will return FALSE, and an error message will be displayed. Error message text cannot be accessed through `udm_error()` and `udm_errno()`, since those functions can only return messages associated with SQL. Please, see *flag* parameter description in UDM_ISPELL_TYPE_DB.

```

if ((! Udm_Load_Ispell_Data($udm,UDM_ISPELL_TYPE_AFFIX,'en','/opt/ispell/en.aff',0))
    (! Udm_Load_Ispell_Data($udm,UDM_ISPELL_TYPE_AFFIX,'ru','/opt/ispell/ru.aff',0)) |
    (! Udm_Load_Ispell_Data($udm,UDM_ISPELL_TYPE_SPELL,'en','/opt/ispell/en.dict',0))
    (! Udm_Load_Ispell_Data($udm,UDM_ISPELL_TYPE_SPELL,'ru','/opt/ispell/ru.dict',1)))
exit;
}

```

Note: *flag* is equal to 1 only in the last call.

- UDM_ISPELL_TYPE_SERVER - enables spell server support. *val1* parameter indicates address of the host running spell server. *val2* ' is not used yet, but in future releases it is going to indicate number of port used by spell server. *flag* parameter in this case is not needed since ispell data is stored on spellserver already sorted.

Spelld server reads spell-data from a separate configuration file (/usr/local/mnogosearch/etc/spelld.conf by default), sorts it and stores in memory. With clients server communicates in two ways: to indexer all the data is transferred (so that indexer starts faster), from search.cgi server receives word to normalize and then passes over to client (search.cgi) list of normalized word forms. This allows fastest, compared to db and text modes processing of search queries (by omitting loading and sorting all the spell data).

udm_load_ispell_data() function in UDM_ISPELL_TYPE_SERVER mode does not actually load ispell data, but only defines server address. In fact, server is automatically used by `udm_find()` function when performing search. In case of errors, e.g. if spellserver is not running or invalid host indicated, there are no messages returned and ispell conversion does not work.

Note: This function is available in mnoGoSearch 3.1.12 or later.

Example:

```
if (! Udm_Load_Ispell_Data($udm,UDM_ISPELL_TYPE_SERVER,"",1)) {
    printf("Error loading ispell data from server<br>\n");
    exit;
}
```

udm_set_agent_param (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Set mnoGoSearch agent session parameters

```
int udm_set_agent_param (int agent, int var, string val)
```

udm_set_agent_param() returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error. Defines mnoGoSearch session parameters.

The following parameters and their values are available:

- UDM_PARAM_PAGE_NUM - used to choose search results page number (results are returned by pages beginning from 0, with UDM_PARAM_PAGE_SIZE results per page).

- UDM_PARAM_PAGE_SIZE - number of search results displayed on one page.
- UDM_PARAM_SEARCH_MODE - search mode. The following values available:
UDM_MODE_ALL - search for all words; UDM_MODE_ANY - search for any word;
UDM_MODE_PHRASE - phrase search; UDM_MODE_BOOL - boolean search. See `udm_find()` for details on boolean search.
- UDM_PARAM_CACHE_MODE - turns on or off search result cache mode. When enabled, the search engine will store search results to disk. In case a similar search is performed later, the engine will take results from the cache for faster performance. Available values: UDM_CACHE_ENABLED, UDM_CACHE_DISABLED.
- UDM_PARAM_TRACK_MODE - turns on or off trackquery mode. Since version 3.1.2 mnoGoSearch has a query tracking support. Note that tracking is implemented in SQL version only and not available in built-in database. To use tracking, you have to create tables for tracking support. For MySQL, use `create/mysql/track.txt`. When doing a search, front-end uses those tables to store query words, a number of found documents and current UNIX timestamp in seconds. Available values: UDM_TRACK_ENABLED, UDM_TRACK_DISABLED.
- UDM_PARAM_PHRASE_MODE - defines whether index database using phrases ("phrase" parameter in `indexer.conf`). Possible values: UDM_PHRASE_ENABLED and UDM_PHRASE_DISABLED. Please note, that if phrase search is enabled (UDM_PHRASE_ENABLED), it is still possible to do search in any mode (ANY, ALL, BOOL or PHRASE). In 3.1.10 version of mnoGoSearch phrase search is supported only in sql and built-in database modes, while beginning with 3.1.11 phrases are supported in cachemode as well.

Examples of phrase search:

"Arizona desert" - This query returns all indexed documents that contain "Arizona desert" as a phrase. Notice that you need to put double quotes around the phrase

- UDM_PARAM_CHARSET - defines local charset. Available values: set of charsets supported by mnoGoSearch, e.g. koi8-r, cp1251, ...
- UDM_PARAM_STOPFILE - Defines name and path to stopwords file. (There is a small difference with mnoGoSearch - while in mnoGoSearch if relative path or no path entered, it looks for this file in relation to UDM_CONF_DIR, the module looks for the file in relation to current path, i.e. to the path where the php script is executed.)
- UDM_PARAM_STOPTABLE - Load stop words from the given SQL table. You may use several StopwordTable commands. This command has no effect when compiled without SQL database support.
- UDM_PARAM_WEIGHT_FACTOR - represents weight factors for specific document parts. Currently body, title, keywords, description, url are supported. To activate this feature please use degrees of 2 in *Weight commands of the `indexer.conf`. Let's imagine that we have these weights:

```
URLWeight 1
BodyWeight 2
TitleWeight 4
KeywordWeight 8
DescWeight 16
```

As far as indexer uses bit OR operation for word weights when some word presents several time in the same document, it is possible at search time to detect word appearance in different document parts. Word which appears only in the body will have 00000010 aggregate weight (in binary notation). Word used in all document parts will have 00011111 aggregate weight.

This parameter's value is a string of hex digits ABCDE. Each digit is a factor for corresponding bit in word weight. For the given above weights configuration:

- E is a factor for weight 1 (URL Weight bit)
- D is a factor for weight 2 (BodyWeight bit)
- C is a factor for weight 4 (TitleWeight bit)
- B is a factor for weight 8 (KeywordWeight bit)
- A is a factor for weight 16 (DescWeight bit)

Examples:

UDM_PARAM_WEIGHT_FACTOR=00001 will search through URLs only.

UDM_PARAM_WEIGHT_FACTOR=00100 will search through Titles only.

UDM_PARAM_WEIGHT_FACTOR=11100 will search through Title,Keywords,Description but not through URL and Body.

UDM_PARAM_WEIGHT_FACTOR=F9421 will search through:

- Description with factor 15 (F hex)
- Keywords with factor 9
- Title with factor 4
- Body with factor 2
- URL with factor 1

If UDM_PARAM_WEIGHT_FACTOR variable is omitted, original weight value is taken to sort results. For a given above weight configuration it means that document description has a most big weight 16.

- UDM_PARAM_WORD_MATCH - word match. You may use this parameter to choose word match type. This feature works only in "single" and "multi" modes using SQL based and built-in database. It does not work in cachemode and other modes since they use word CRC and do not support substring search. Available values:

UDM_MATCH_BEGIN - word beginning match;

UDM_MATCH_END - word ending match;

UDM_MATCH_WORD - whole word match;

UDM_MATCH_SUBSTR - word substring match.

- UDM_PARAM_MIN_WORD_LEN - defines minimal word length. Any word shorter this limit is considered to be a stopword. Please note that this parameter value is inclusive, i.e. if UDM_PARAM_MIN_WORD_LEN=3, a word 3 characters long will not be considered a stopword, while a word 2 characters long will be. Default value is 1.

- UDM_PARAM_ISPELL_PREFIXES - Possible values: UDM_PREFIXES_ENABLED and UDM_PREFIXES_DISABLED, that respectively enable or disable using prefixes. E.g. if a word "tested" is in search query, also words like "test", "testing", etc. Only suffixes are supported by default. Prefixes usually change word meanings, for example if somebody is searching for the word "tested" one hardly wants "untested" to be found. Prefixes support may also be found useful for site's spelling checking purposes. In order to enable ispell, you have to load ispell data with `udm_load_ispell_data()`.
- UDM_PARAM_CROSS_WORDS - enables or disables crosswords support. Possible values: UDM_CROSS_WORDS_ENABLED and UDM_CROSS_WORDS_DISABLED.

The corsswords feature allows to assign words between `<a href="xxx">` and `</a>` also to a document this link leads to. It works in SQL database mode and is not supported in built-in database and Cachemode.

Note: Crosswords are supported only in mnoGoSearch 3.1.11 or later.

- UDM_PARAM_VARDIR - specifies a custom path to directory where indexer stores data when using built-in database and in cache mode. By default `/var` directory of mnoGoSearch installation is used. Can have only string values. The parameter is available in PHP 4.1.0 or later.
- UDM_PARAM_VARDIR - specifies a custom path to directory where indexer stores data when using built-in database and in cache mode. By default `/var` directory of mnoGoSearch installation is used. Can have only string values. The parameter is available in PHP 4.1.0 or later.

LIV. mSQL functions

These functions allow you to access mSQL database servers. In order to have these functions available, you must compile php with msql support by using the `--with-msql[=dir]` option. The default location is `/usr/local/Hughes`.

More information about mSQL can be found at <http://www.hughes.com.au/>.

mysql (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Send mSQL query

```
int mysql (string database, string query, int link_identifier)
```

Returns a positive mSQL query identifier to the query result, or FALSE on error.

mysql() selects a database and executes a query on it. If the optional link identifier isn't specified, the function will try to find an open link to the mSQL server and if no such link is found it'll try to create one as if **mysql_connect()** was called with no arguments (see **mysql_connect()**).

mysql_affected_rows (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns number of affected rows

```
int mysql_affected_rows (int query_identifier)
```

Returns number of affected ("touched") rows by a specific query (i.e. the number of rows returned by a SELECT, the number of rows modified by an update, or the number of rows removed by a delete).

See also: **mysql_query()**.

mysql_close (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Close mSQL connection

```
int mysql_close (int link_identifier)
```

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

mysql_close() closes the link to a mSQL database that's associated with the specified link identifier. If the link identifier isn't specified, the last opened link is assumed.

Note that this isn't usually necessary, as non-persistent open links are automatically closed at the end of the script's execution.

mysql_close() will not close persistent links generated by **mysql_pconnect()**.

See also: **mysql_connect()** and **mysql_pconnect()**.

mysql_connect (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open mSQL connection

```
int mysql_connect (string [hostname], string [server], string [username],  
string [password])
```

Returns a positive mSQL link identifier on success, or FALSE on error.

mysql_connect() establishes a connection to a mSQL server. The *server* parameter can also include a port number. eg. "hostname:port". It defaults to 'localhost'.

In case a second call is made to **mysql_connect()** with the same arguments, no new link will be established, but instead, the link identifier of the already opened link will be returned.

The link to the server will be closed as soon as the execution of the script ends, unless it's closed earlier by explicitly calling **mysql_close()**.

See also **mysql_pconnect()**, **mysql_close()**.

mysql_create_db (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Create mSQL database

```
int mysql_create_db (string database name [, int link_identifier])
```

mysql_create_db() attempts to create a new database on the server associated with the specified link identifier.

See also: **mysql_drop_db()**.

mysql_createdb (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Create mSQL database

```
int mysql_createdb (string database name [, int link_identifier])
```

Identical to **mysql_create_db()**.

mysql_data_seek (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Move internal row pointer

```
int mysql_data_seek (int query_identifier, int row_number)
```

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on failure.

mysql_data_seek() moves the internal row pointer of the mSQL result associated with the specified query identifier to pointer to the specified row number. The next call to `mysql_fetch_row()` would return that row.

See also: `mysql_fetch_row()`.

mysql_dbname (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get current mSQL database name

```
string mysql_dbname (int query_identifier, int i)
```

mysql_dbname() returns the database name stored in position *i* of the result pointer returned from the `mysql_listdbs()` function. The `mysql_numrows()` function can be used to determine how many database names are available.

mysql_drop_db (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Drop (delete) mSQL database

```
int mysql_drop_db (string database_name, int link_identifier)
```

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on failure.

mysql_drop_db() attempts to drop (remove) an entire database from the server associated with the specified link identifier.

See also: `mysql_create_db()`.

mysql_dropdb (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Drop (delete) mSQL database

See `mysql_drop_db()`.

mysql_error (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns error message of last mysql call

string **mysql_error** ()

Errors coming back from the mSQL database backend no longer issue warnings. Instead, use these functions to retrieve the error string.

mysql_fetch_array (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch row as array

int **mysql_fetch_array** (int *query_identifier* [, int *result_type*])

Returns an array that corresponds to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

mysql_fetch_array() is an extended version of `mysql_fetch_row()`. In addition to storing the data in the numeric indices of the result array, it also stores the data in associative indices, using the field names as keys.

The second optional argument *result_type* in **mysql_fetch_array()** is a constant and can take the following values: `MYSQL_ASSOC`, `MYSQL_NUM`, and `MYSQL_BOTH`.

Be careful if you are retrieving results from a query that may return a record that contains only one field that has a value of 0 (or an empty string, or NULL).

An important thing to note is that using **mysql_fetch_array()** is NOT significantly slower than using `mysql_fetch_row()`, while it provides a significant added value.

For further details, also see `mysql_fetch_row()`.

mysql_fetch_field (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get field information

```
object mysql_fetch_field (int query_identifier, int field_offset)
```

Returns an object containing field information

mysql_fetch_field() can be used in order to obtain information about fields in a certain query result. If the field offset isn't specified, the next field that wasn't yet retrieved by **mysql_fetch_field()** is retrieved.

The properties of the object are:

- name - column name
- table - name of the table the column belongs to
- not_null - 1 if the column cannot be NULL
- primary_key - 1 if the column is a primary key
- unique - 1 if the column is a unique key
- type - the type of the column

See also `mysql_field_seek()`.

mysql_fetch_object (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch row as object

```
int mysql_fetch_object (int query_identifier [, int result_type])
```

Returns an object with properties that correspond to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

mysql_fetch_object() is similar to `mysql_fetch_array()`, with one difference - an object is returned, instead of an array. Indirectly, that means that you can only access the data by the field names, and not by their offsets (numbers are illegal property names).

The optional second argument *result_type* in `mysql_fetch_array()` is a constant and can take the following values: `MYSQL_ASSOC`, `MYSQL_NUM`, and `MYSQL_BOTH`.

Speed-wise, the function is identical to `mysql_fetch_array()`, and almost as quick as `mysql_fetch_row()` (the difference is insignificant).

See also: `mysql_fetch_array()` and `mysql_fetch_row()`.

mysql_fetch_row (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get row as enumerated array

```
array mysql_fetch_row (int query_identifier)
```

Returns an array that corresponds to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

mysql_fetch_row() fetches one row of data from the result associated with the specified query identifier. The row is returned as an array. Each result column is stored in an array offset, starting at offset 0.

Subsequent call to **mysql_fetch_row()** would return the next row in the result set, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

See also: **mysql_fetch_array()**, **mysql_fetch_object()**, **mysql_data_seek()**, and **mysql_result()**.

mysql_fieldname (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get field name

```
string mysql_fieldname (int query_identifier, int field)
```

mysql_fieldname() returns the name of the specified field. *query_identifier* is the query identifier, and *field* is the field index. **mysql_fieldname(\$result, 2);** will return the name of the second field in the result associated with the result identifier.

mysql_field_seek (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set field offset

```
int mysql_field_seek (int query_identifier, int field_offset)
```

Seeks to the specified field offset. If the next call to **mysql_fetch_field()** won't include a field offset, this field would be returned.

See also: **mysql_fetch_field()**.

mysql_fieldtable (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get table name for field

```
int mysql_fieldtable (int query_identifier, int field)
```

Returns the name of the table *field* was fetched from.

mysql_fieldtype (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get field type

```
string mysql_fieldtype (int query_identifier, int i)
```

mysql_fieldtype() is similar to the `mysql_fieldname()` function. The arguments are identical, but the field type is returned. This will be one of "int", "char" or "real".

mysql_fieldflags (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get field flags

```
string mysql_fieldflags (int query_identifier, int i)
```

mysql_fieldflags() returns the field flags of the specified field. Currently this is either, "not NULL", "primary key", a combination of the two or "" (an empty string).

mysql_fieldlen (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get field length

```
int mysql_fieldlen (int query_identifier, int i)
```

mysql_fieldlen() returns the length of the specified field.

mysql_free_result (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Free result memory

```
int mysql_free_result (int query_identifier)
```

mysql_free_result() frees the memory associated with *query_identifier*. When PHP completes a request, this memory is freed automatically, so you only need to call this function when you want to make sure you don't use too much memory while the script is running.

mysql_freeresult (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Free result memory

See mysql_free_result()

mysql_list_fields (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

List result fields

```
int mysql_list_fields (string database, string tablename)
```

mysql_list_fields() retrieves information about the given *tablename*. Arguments are the database name and the table name. A result pointer is returned which can be used with `mysql_fieldflags()`, `mysql_fieldlen()`, `mysql_fieldname()`, and `mysql_fieldtype()`. A query identifier is a positive integer. The function returns -1 if a error occurs. A string describing the error will be placed in `$php_errormsg`, and unless the function was called as `@mysql_list_fields()` then this error string will also be printed out.

See also `mysql_error()`.

mysql_listfields (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

List result fields

See `mysql_list_fields()`.

mysql_list_dbs (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

List mSQL databases on server

```
int mysql_list_dbs ( )
```

mysql_list_dbs() will return a result pointer containing the databases available from the current msql daemon. Use the **mysql_dbname()** function to traverse this result pointer.

mysql_listdbs (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

List mSQL databases on server

See **mysql_list_dbs()**.

mysql_list_tables (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

List tables in an mSQL database

```
int mysql_list_tables (string database)
```

mysql_list_tables() takes a database name and result pointer much like the **mysql()** function. The **mysql_tablename()** function should be used to extract the actual table names from the result pointer.

mysql_listtables (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

List tables in an mSQL database

See **mysql_list_tables()**.

mysql_num_fields (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get number of fields in result

```
int mysql_num_fields (int query_identifier)
```

mysql_num_fields() returns the number of fields in a result set.

See also: `mysql()`, `mysql_query()`, `mysql_fetch_field()`, and `mysql_num_rows()`.

mysql_num_rows (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get number of rows in result

```
int mysql_num_rows (int query_identifier)
```

mysql_num_rows() returns the number of rows in a result set.

See also: `mysql()`, `mysql_query()`, and `mysql_fetch_row()`.

mysql_numfields (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get number of fields in result

```
int mysql_numfields (int query_identifier)
```

Identical to `mysql_num_fields()`.

mysql_numrows (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get number of rows in result

```
int mysql_numrows ()
```

Identical to `mysql_num_rows()`.

mysql_pconnect (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open persistent mSQL connection

```
int mysql_pconnect (string [server], string [username], string [password])
```

Returns a positive mSQL persistent link identifier on success, or FALSE on error.

mysql_pconnect() acts very much like **mysql_connect()** with two major differences.

First, when connecting, the function would first try to find a (persistent) link that's already open with the same host. If one is found, an identifier for it will be returned instead of opening a new connection.

Second, the connection to the SQL server will not be closed when the execution of the script ends. Instead, the link will remain open for future use (**mysql_close()** will not close links established by **mysql_pconnect()**).

This type of links is therefore called 'persistent'.

mysql_query (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Send mSQL query

```
int mysql_query (string query, int link_identifier)
```

mysql_query() sends a query to the currently active database on the server that's associated with the specified link identifier. If the link identifier isn't specified, the last opened link is assumed. If no link is open, the function tries to establish a link as if **mysql_connect()** was called, and use it.

Returns a positive mSQL query identifier on success, or FALSE on error.

See also: **mysql()**, **mysql_select_db()**, and **mysql_connect()**.

mysql_regcase (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Make regular expression for case insensitive match

See **sql_regcase()**.

mysql_result (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get result data

```
int mysql_result (int query_identifier, int i, mixed field)
```

Returns the contents of the cell at the row and offset in the specified mSQL result set.

mysql_result() returns the contents of one cell from a mSQL result set. The field argument can be the field's offset, or the field's name, or the field's table dot field's name (fieldname.tablename). If the column name has been aliased ('select foo as bar from ...'), use the alias instead of the column name.

When working on large result sets, you should consider using one of the functions that fetch an entire row (specified below). As these functions return the contents of multiple cells in one function call, they're MUCH quicker than **mysql_result()**. Also, note that specifying a numeric offset for the field argument is much quicker than specifying a fieldname or tablename.fieldname argument.

Recommended high-performance alternatives: **mysql_fetch_row()**, **mysql_fetch_array()**, and **mysql_fetch_object()**.

mysql_select_db (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Select mSQL database

```
int mysql_select_db (string database_name, int link_identifier)
```

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

mysql_select_db() sets the current active database on the server that's associated with the specified link identifier. If no link identifier is specified, the last opened link is assumed. If no link is open, the function will try to establish a link as if **mysql_connect()** was called, and use it.

Every subsequent call to **mysql_query()** will be made on the active database.

See also: **mysql_connect()**, **mysql_pconnect()**, and **mysql_query()**.

mysql_selectdb (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Select mSQL database

See **mysql_select_db()**.

mysql_tablename (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get table name of field

```
string mysql_tablename (int query_identifier, int field)
```

mysql_tablename() takes a result pointer returned by the `mysql_list_tables()` function as well as an integer index and returns the name of a table. The `mysql_numrows()` function may be used to determine the number of tables in the result pointer.

Example 1. mysql_tablename() example

```
<?php
mysql_connect ("localhost");
$result = mysql_list_tables ("wisconsin");
$i = 0;
while ($i < mysql_numrows ($result)) {
    $tb_names[$i] = mysql_tablename ($result, $i);
    echo $tb_names[$i] . "<BR>";
    $i++;
}
?>
```

LV. MySQL Functions

These functions allow you to access MySQL database servers. In order to have these functions available, you must compile PHP with MySQL support by using the `--with-mysql` option. If you use this option without specifying the path to MySQL, PHP will use the built-in MySQL client libraries. Users who run other applications that use MySQL (for example, running PHP 3 and PHP 4 as concurrent apache modules, or `auth-mysql`) should always specify the path to MySQL:

`--with-mysql=/path/to/mysql`. This will force PHP to use the client libraries installed by MySQL, avoiding any conflicts.

More information about MySQL can be found at <http://www.mysql.com/>.

Documentation for MySQL can be found at <http://www.mysql.com/documentation/>.

This simple example shows how to connect, execute a query, print resulting rows and disconnect from a MySQL database.

Example 1. MySQL extension overview example

```
<?php
// Connecting, selecting database
$link = mysql_connect("mysql_host", "mysql_login", "mysql_password")
    or die("Could not connect");
print "Connected successfully";
mysql_select_db("my_database")
    or die("Could not select database");

// Performing SQL query
$query = "SELECT * FROM my_table";
$result = mysql_query($query)
    or die("Query failed");

// Printing results in HTML
print "<table>\n";
while ($line = mysql_fetch_array($result, MYSQL_ASSOC)) {
    print "\t<tr>\n";
    foreach ($line as $col_value) {
        print "\t\t<td>$col_value</td>\n";
    }
    print "\t</tr>\n";
}
print "</table>\n";

// Closing connection
mysql_close($link);
?>
```

mysql_affected_rows (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get number of affected rows in previous MySQL operation

```
int mysql_affected_rows (resource [link_identifier])
```

mysql_affected_rows() returns the number of rows affected by the last INSERT, UPDATE or DELETE query associated with *link_identifier*. If the link identifier isn't specified, the last link opened by mysql_connect() is assumed.

Note: If you are using transactions, you need to call **mysql_affected_rows()** after your INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE query, not after the commit.

If the last query was a DELETE query with no WHERE clause, all of the records will have been deleted from the table but this function will return zero.

Note: When using UPDATE, MySQL will not update columns where the new value is the same as the old value. This creates the possibility that **mysql_affected_rows()** may not actually equal the number of rows matched, only the number of rows that were literally affected by the query.

mysql_affected_rows() does not work with SELECT statements; only on statements which modify records. To retrieve the number of rows returned by a SELECT, use mysql_num_rows().

If the last query failed, this function will return -1.

See also: mysql_num_rows().

mysql_change_user (PHP 3 >= 3.0.13)

Change logged in user of the active connection

```
int mysql_change_user (string user, string password, string [database],  
resource [link_identifier])
```

mysql_change_user() changes the logged in user of the current active connection, or the connection given by the optional *link_identifier* parameter. If a database is specified, this will default or current database after the user has been changed. If the new user and password authorization fails, the current connected user stays active.

Note: This function was introduced in PHP 3.0.13 and requires MySQL 3.23.3 or higher.

mysql_close (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Close MySQL connection

```
bool mysql_close (resource [link_identifier])
```

Returns TRUE on succes, FALSE on failure.

mysql_close() closes the connection to the MySQL server that's associated with the specified link identifier. If *link_identifier* isn't specified, the last opened link is used.

Using **mysql_close()** isn't usually necessary, as non-persistent open links are automatically closed at the end of the script's execution. See also freeing resources.

Note: **mysql_close()** will not close persistent links created by **mysql_pconnect()**.

Example 1. MySQL close example

```
<?php
    $link = mysql_connect ("kraemer", "marliesle", "secret")
        or die ("Could not connect");
    print ("Connected successfully");
    mysql_close ($link);
?>
```

See also: **mysql_connect()**, and **mysql_pconnect()**.

mysql_connect (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open a connection to a MySQL Server

```
resource mysql_connect (string [server], string [username], string [password])
```

Returns a MySQL link identifier on success, or FALSE on failure.

mysql_connect() establishes a connection to a MySQL server. The following defaults are assumed for missing optional parameters: *server* = 'localhost:3306', *username* = name of the user that owns the server process and *password* = empty password.

The *server* parameter can also include a port number. eg. "hostname:port" or a path to a socket eg. ":/path/to/socket" for the localhost.

Note: Support for "port" was added in PHP 3.0B4.

Support for ":/path/to/socket" was added in PHP 3.0.10.

You can suppress the error message on failure by prepending '@' to the function name.

If a second call is made to **mysql_connect()** with the same arguments, no new link will be established, but instead, the link identifier of the already opened link will be returned.

The link to the server will be closed as soon as the execution of the script ends, unless it's closed earlier by explicitly calling **mysql_close()**.

Example 1. MySQL connect example

```
<?php
$link = mysql_connect ("localhost", "username", "secret")
    or die ("Could not connect");
print ("Connected successfully");
mysql_close ($link);
?>
```

See also **mysql_pconnect()** and **mysql_close()**.

mysql_create_db (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Create a MySQL database

```
bool mysql_create_db (string database name, resource [link_identifier])
```

mysql_create_db() attempts to create a new database on the server associated with the specified link identifier.

Returns TRUE on succes, FALSE on failure.

Example 1. MySQL create database example

```
<?php
$link = mysql_pconnect ("kron", "jutta", "geheim")
    or die ("Could not connect");
if (mysql_create_db ("my_db")) {
    print ("Database created successfully\n");
} else {
    printf ("Error creating database: %s\n", mysql_error ());
}
?>
```

For downwards compatibility **mysql_createdb()** can also be used. This is deprecated, however.

See also: `mysql_drop_db()`.

mysql_data_seek (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Move internal result pointer

```
bool mysql_data_seek (resource result_identifier, int row_number)
```

Returns TRUE on succes, FALSE on failure.

mysql_data_seek() moves the internal row pointer of the MySQL result associated with the specified result identifier to point to the specified row number. The next call to `mysql_fetch_row()` would return that row.

Row_number starts at 0.

Example 1. MySQL data seek example

```
&<?php
$link = mysql_pconnect ("kron", "jutta", "geheim")
    or die ("Could not connect");

mysql_select_db ("samp_db")
    or die ("Could not select database");

$query = "SELECT last_name, first_name FROM friends";
$result = mysql_query ($query)
    or die ("Query failed");

// fetch rows in reverse order
```

```

    for ($i = mysql_num_rows ($result) - 1; $i >=0; $i--) {
        if (!mysql_data_seek ($result, $i)) {
            echo "Cannot seek to row $i\n";
            continue;
        }

        if(!($row = mysql_fetch_object ($result)))
            continue;

        echo "$row->last_name $row->first_name<br />\n";
    }

    mysql_free_result ($result);
?>

```

mysql_db_name (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get result data

string **mysql_db_name** (resource *result*, int *row*, mixed [*field*])

mysql_db_name() takes as its first parameter the result pointer from a call to `mysql_list_dbs()`. The *row* parameter is an index into the result set.

If an error occurs, FALSE is returned. Use `mysql_errno()` and `mysql_error()` to determine the nature of the error.

Example 1. mysql_db_name() example

```

<?php
error_reporting(E_ALL);

mysql_connect('dbhost', 'username', 'password');
$db_list = mysql_list_dbs();

$i = 0;
$cnt = mysql_num_rows($db_list);
while ($i < $cnt) {
    echo mysql_db_name($db_list, $i) . "\n";
    $i++;
}
?>

```

For backward compatibility, **mysql_dbname()** is also accepted. This is deprecated, however.

mysql_db_query (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Send a MySQL query

```
resource mysql_db_query (string database, string query, resource  
[link_identifier])
```

Returns a positive MySQL result resource to the query result, or FALSE on error.

mysql_db_query() selects a database and executes a query on it. If the optional link identifier isn't specified, the function will try to find an open link to the MySQL server and if no such link is found it'll try to create one as if **mysql_connect()** was called with no arguments

See also **mysql_connect()** and **mysql_query()**.

Note: This function has been deprecated since PHP 4.0.6. Do not use this function. Use **mysql_select_db()** and **mysql_query()** instead.

mysql_drop_db (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Drop (delete) a MySQL database

```
bool mysql_drop_db (string database_name, resource [link_identifier])
```

Returns TRUE on succes, FALSE on failure.

mysql_drop_db() attempts to drop (remove) an entire database from the server associated with the specified link identifier.

For downward compatibility **mysql_dropdb()** can also be used. This is deprecated, however.

See also: **mysql_create_db()**.

mysql_errno (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the numerical value of the error message from previous MySQL operation

```
int mysql_errno (resource [link_identifier])
```

Returns the error number from the last MySQL function, or 0 (zero) if no error occurred.

Errors coming back from the MySQL database backend no longer issue warnings. Instead, use **mysql_errno()** to retrieve the error code. Note that this function only returns the error code from the most recently executed MySQL function (not including **mysql_error()** and **mysql_errno()**), so if you want to use it, make sure you check the value before calling another MySQL function.

```
<?php
mysql_connect("marliesle");
echo mysql_errno().": ".mysql_error()."<BR>";
mysql_select_db("nonexistentdb");
echo mysql_errno().": ".mysql_error()."<BR>";
$conn = mysql_query("SELECT * FROM nonexistenttable");
echo mysql_errno().": ".mysql_error()."<BR>";
?>
```

See also: **mysql_error()**

mysql_error (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the text of the error message from previous MySQL operation

```
string mysql_error (resource [link_identifier])
```

Returns the error text from the last MySQL function, or "" (the empty string) if no error occurred.

Errors coming back from the MySQL database backend no longer issue warnings. Instead, use **mysql_error()** to retrieve the error text. Note that this function only returns the error text from the most recently executed MySQL function (not including **mysql_error()** and **mysql_errno()**), so if you want to use it, make sure you check the value before calling another MySQL function.

```
<?php
mysql_connect("marliesle");
```

```

echo mysql_errno().": ".mysql_error()."<BR>";
mysql_select_db("nonexistentdb");
echo mysql_errno().": ".mysql_error()."<BR>";
$conn = mysql_query("SELECT * FROM nonexistenttable");
echo mysql_errno().": ".mysql_error()."<BR>";
?>

```

See also: `mysql_errno()`

mysql_escape_string (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Escapes a string for use in a `mysql_query`.

```
string mysql_escape_string (string unescaped_string)
```

This function will escape the *unescaped_string*, so that it is safe to place it in a `mysql_query()`.

Note: `mysql_escape_string()` does not escape % and _.

mysql_fetch_array (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch a result row as an associative array, a numeric array, or both.

```
array mysql_fetch_array (resource result, int [result_type])
```

Returns an array that corresponds to the fetched row, or `FALSE` if there are no more rows.

mysql_fetch_array() is an extended version of `mysql_fetch_row()`. In addition to storing the data in the numeric indices of the result array, it also stores the data in associative indices, using the field names as keys.

If two or more columns of the result have the same field names, the last column will take precedence. To access the other column(s) of the same name, you must use the numeric index of the column or make an alias for the column. For aliased columns, you cannot access the contents with the original column name (by using 'field' in this example).

```
select tone.field as foo ttwo.field as bar from tone, ttwo
```

An important thing to note is that using **mysql_fetch_array()** is *not significantly* slower than using **mysql_fetch_row()**, while it provides a significant added value.

The optional second argument *result_type* in **mysql_fetch_array()** is a constant and can take the following values: **MYSQL_ASSOC**, **MYSQL_NUM**, and **MYSQL_BOTH**. This feature was added in PHP 3.0.7. **MYSQL_BOTH** is the default for this argument.

By using **MYSQL_BOTH**, you'll get an array with both associative and number indices. Using **MYSQL_ASSOC**, you only get associative indices (as **mysql_fetch_assoc()** works), using **MYSQL_NUM**, you only get number indices (as **mysql_fetch_row()** works).

For further details, see also **mysql_fetch_row()** and **mysql_fetch_assoc()**.

Example 1. mysql_fetch_array() example

```
<?php
mysql_connect ($host, $user, $password);
$result = mysql_db_query ("database","select user_id, fullname from table");
while ($row = mysql_fetch_array ($result)) {
    echo "user_id: ".$row["user_id"]."<br>\n";
    echo "user_id: ".$row[0]."<br>\n";
    echo "fullname: ".$row["fullname"]."<br>\n";
    echo "fullname: ".$row[1]."<br>\n";
}
mysql_free_result ($result);
?>
```

mysql_fetch_assoc (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Fetch a result row as an associative array

```
array mysql_fetch_assoc (resource result)
```

Returns an associative array that corresponds to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

mysql_fetch_assoc() is equivalent to calling **mysql_fetch_array()** with **MYSQL_ASSOC** for the optional second parameter. It only returns an associative array. This is the way **mysql_fetch_array()** originally worked. If you need the numeric indices as well as the associative, use **mysql_fetch_array()**.

If two or more columns of the result have the same field names, the last column will take precedence. To access the other column(s) of the same name, you either need to access the result with numeric indices by using `mysql_fetch_row()` or add alias names. See the example at the `mysql_fetch_array()` description about aliases.

An important thing to note is that using **`mysql_fetch_assoc()`** is *not significantly* slower than using `mysql_fetch_row()`, while it provides a significant added value.

For further details, see also `mysql_fetch_row()` and `mysql_fetch_array()`.

Example 1. `mysql_fetch_assoc()`

```
<?php
mysql_connect ($host, $user, $password);
$result = mysql_db_query ("database","select * from table");
while ($row = mysql_fetch_assoc ($result)) {
    echo $row["user_id"];
    echo $row["fullname"];
}
mysql_free_result ($result);
?>
```

`mysql_fetch_field` (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get column information from a result and return as an object

object **`mysql_fetch_field`** (resource *result*, int [*field_offset*])

Returns an object containing field information.

`mysql_fetch_field()` can be used in order to obtain information about fields in a certain query result. If the field offset isn't specified, the next field that wasn't yet retrieved by **`mysql_fetch_field()`** is retrieved.

The properties of the object are:

- `name` - column name
- `table` - name of the table the column belongs to
- `max_length` - maximum length of the column
- `not_null` - 1 if the column cannot be NULL
- `primary_key` - 1 if the column is a primary key
- `unique_key` - 1 if the column is a unique key
- `multiple_key` - 1 if the column is a non-unique key

- numeric - 1 if the column is numeric
- blob - 1 if the column is a BLOB
- type - the type of the column
- unsigned - 1 if the column is unsigned
- zerofill - 1 if the column is zero-filled

Example 1. `mysql_fetch_field()`

```
<?php
mysql_connect ($host, $user, $password)
    or die ("Could not connect");
$result = mysql_db_query ("database", "select * from table")
    or die ("Query failed");
# get column metadata
$i = 0;
while ($i < mysql_num_fields ($result)) {
    echo "Information for column $i:<BR>\n";
    $meta = mysql_fetch_field ($result);
    if (!$meta) {
        echo "No information available<BR>\n";
    }
    echo "<PRE>
blob:          $meta->blob
max_length:    $meta->max_length
multiple_key:  $meta->multiple_key
name:          $meta->name
not_null:      $meta->not_null
numeric:       $meta->numeric
primary_key:   $meta->primary_key
table:         $meta->table
type:          $meta->type
unique_key:    $meta->unique_key
unsigned:      $meta->unsigned
zerofill:      $meta->zerofill
</PRE>";
    $i++;
}
mysql_free_result ($result);
?>
```

See also `mysql_field_seek()`.

mysql_fetch_lengths (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the length of each output in a result

```
array mysql_fetch_lengths (resource result)
```

Returns an array that corresponds to the lengths of each field in the last row fetched by `mysql_fetch_row()`, or `FALSE` on error.

mysql_fetch_lengths() stores the lengths of each result column in the last row returned by `mysql_fetch_row()`, `mysql_fetch_array()`, and `mysql_fetch_object()` in an array, starting at offset 0.

See also: `mysql_fetch_row()`.

mysql_fetch_object (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch a result row as an object

```
object mysql_fetch_object (resource result, int [result_type])
```

Returns an object with properties that correspond to the fetched row, or `FALSE` if there are no more rows.

mysql_fetch_object() is similar to `mysql_fetch_array()`, with one difference - an object is returned, instead of an array. Indirectly, that means that you can only access the data by the field names, and not by their offsets (numbers are illegal property names).

The optional argument *result_type* is a constant and can take the following values: `MYSQL_ASSOC`, `MYSQL_NUM`, and `MYSQL_BOTH`. See `mysql_fetch_array()` for explanation of these constants.

Speed-wise, the function is identical to `mysql_fetch_array()`, and almost as quick as `mysql_fetch_row()` (the difference is insignificant).

Example 1. mysql_fetch_object() example

```
<?php
mysql_connect ($host, $user, $password);
$result = mysql_db_query ("database", "select * from table");
while ($row = mysql_fetch_object ($result)) {
    echo $row->user_id;
    echo $row->fullname;
}
mysql_free_result ($result);
?>
```

See also: `mysql_fetch_array()` and `mysql_fetch_row()`.

mysql_fetch_row (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get a result row as an enumerated array

```
array mysql_fetch_row (resource result)
```

Returns an array that corresponds to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

mysql_fetch_row() fetches one row of data from the result associated with the specified result identifier. The row is returned as an array. Each result column is stored in an array offset, starting at offset 0.

Subsequent call to **mysql_fetch_row()** would return the next row in the result set, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

See also: `mysql_fetch_array()`, `mysql_fetch_object()`, `mysql_data_seek()`, `mysql_fetch_lengths()`, and `mysql_result()`.

mysql_field_flags (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the flags associated with the specified field in a result

```
string mysql_field_flags (resource result, int field_offset)
```

mysql_field_flags() returns the field flags of the specified field. The flags are reported as a single word per flag separated by a single space, so that you can split the returned value using `explode()`.

The following flags are reported, if your version of MySQL is current enough to support them: "not_null", "primary_key", "unique_key", "multiple_key", "blob", "unsigned", "zerofill", "binary", "enum", "auto_increment", "timestamp".

For downward compatibility **mysql_fieldflags()** can also be used. This is deprecated, however.

mysql_field_name (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the name of the specified field in a result

```
string mysql_field_name (resource result, int field_index)
```

mysql_field_name() returns the name of the specified field index. *result* must be a valid result identifier and *field_index* is the numerical offset of the field.

Note: *field_index* starts at 0.

e.g. The index of the third field would actually be 2, the index of the fourth field would be 3 and so on.

Example 1. mysql_field_name() example

```
// The users table consists of three fields:
//  user_id
//  username
//  password.

$res = mysql_db_query("users", "select * from users", $link);

echo mysql_field_name($res, 0) . "\n";
echo mysql_field_name($res, 2);
```

The above example would produce the following output:

```
user_id
password
```

For downwards compatibility **mysql_fieldname()** can also be used. This is deprecated, however.

mysql_field_len (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the length of the specified field

```
int mysql_field_len (resource result, int field_offset)
```

mysql_field_len() returns the length of the specified field.

For downward compatibility **mysql_fieldlen()** can also be used. This is deprecated, however.

mysql_field_seek (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set result pointer to a specified field offset

```
int mysql_field_seek (resource result, int field_offset)
```

Seeks to the specified field offset. If the next call to **mysql_fetch_field()** doesn't include a field offset, the field offset specified in **mysql_field_seek()** will be returned.

See also: **mysql_fetch_field()**.

mysql_field_table (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get name of the table the specified field is in

```
string mysql_field_table (resource result, int field_offset)
```

Returns the name of the table that the specified field is in.

For downward compatibility **mysql_fieldtable()** can also be used. This is deprecated, however.

mysql_field_type (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the type of the specified field in a result

```
string mysql_field_type (resource result, int field_offset)
```

mysql_field_type() is similar to the **mysql_field_name()** function. The arguments are identical, but the field type is returned instead. The field type will be one of "int", "real", "string", "blob", and others as detailed in the MySQL documentation (<http://www.mysql.com/documentation/>).

Example 1. MySQL field types

```
<?php
```

```

mysql_connect ("localhost:3306");
mysql_select_db ("wisconsin");
$result = mysql_query ("SELECT * FROM onek");
$fields = mysql_num_fields ($result);
$rows   = mysql_num_rows ($result);
$i = 0;
$table = mysql_field_table ($result, $i);
echo "Your '" . $table . "' table has " . $fields . " fields and " . $rows . " records <BR>";
echo "The table has the following fields <BR>";
while ($i < $fields) {
    $type = mysql_field_type ($result, $i);
    $name = mysql_field_name ($result, $i);
    $len  = mysql_field_len ($result, $i);
    $flags = mysql_field_flags ($result, $i);
    echo $type . " " . $name . " " . $len . " " . $flags . "<BR>";
    $i++;
}
mysql_close();

?>

```

For downward compatibility **mysql_fieldtype()** can also be used. This is deprecated, however.

mysql_free_result (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Free result memory

```
bool mysql_free_result (resource result)
```

mysql_free_result() will free all memory associated with the result identifier *result*.

mysql_free_result() only needs to be called if you are concerned about how much memory is being used for queries that return large result sets. All associated result memory is automatically freed at the end of the script's execution.

Returns TRUE on succes, FALSE on failure.

For downward compatibility **mysql_freeresult()** can also be used. This is deprecated, however.

mysql_insert_id (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the id generated from the previous INSERT operation

```
int mysql_insert_id (resource [link_identifier])
```

mysql_insert_id() returns the ID generated for an AUTO_INCREMENT column by the previous INSERT query using the given *link_identifier*. If *link_identifier* isn't specified, the last opened link is assumed.

mysql_insert_id() returns 0 if the previous query does not generate an AUTO_INCREMENT value. If you need to save the value for later, be sure to call **mysql_insert_id()** immediately after the query that generates the value.

Note: The value of the MySQL SQL function LAST_INSERT_ID() always contains the most recently generated AUTO_INCREMENT value, and is not reset between queries.

Warning

mysql_insert_id() converts the return type of the native MySQL C API function `mysql_insert_id()` to a type of long (named `int` in PHP). If your AUTO_INCREMENT column has a column type of BIGINT, the value returned by **mysql_insert_id()** will be incorrect. Instead, use the internal MySQL SQL function LAST_INSERT_ID() in an SQL query.

mysql_list_dbs (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

List databases available on a MySQL server

```
resource mysql_list_dbs (resource [link_identifier])
```

mysql_list_dbs() will return a result pointer containing the databases available from the current mysql daemon. Use the `mysql_tablename()` function to traverse this result pointer, or any function for result tables.

Example 1. mysql_list_dbs() example

```
<?php
$link = mysql_connect('localhost', 'myname', 'secret');
$db_list = mysql_list_dbs($link);

while ($row = mysql_fetch_object($db_list)) {
    echo $row->Database . "\n";
}
?>
```

The above example would produce the following output:

```
database1
database2
database3
...
```

Note: The above code would just as easily work with `mysql_fetch_row()` or other similar functions.

For downward compatibility **`mysql_listdbs()`** can also be used. This is deprecated however.

See also `mysql_db_name()`.

mysql_list_fields (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

List MySQL result fields

```
resource mysql_list_fields (string database_name, string table_name, resource
[link_identifier])
```

`mysql_list_fields()` retrieves information about the given tablename. Arguments are the database name and the table name. A result pointer is returned which can be used with `mysql_field_flags()`, `mysql_field_len()`, `mysql_field_name()`, and `mysql_field_type()`.

Example 1. mysql_list_fields() example

```
<?php
$link = mysql_connect('localhost', 'myname', 'secret');

$fields = mysql_list_fields("database1", "table1", $link);
$columns = mysql_num_fields($fields);

for ($i = 0; $i < $columns; $i++) {
    echo mysql_field_name($fields, $i) . "\n";
}
```

The above example would produce the following output:

```
field1
field2
field3
...
```

For downward compatibility **mysql_listfields()** can also be used. This is deprecated however.

mysql_list_tables (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

List tables in a MySQL database

```
resource mysql_list_tables (string database, resource [link_identifier])
```

mysql_list_tables() takes a database name and returns a result pointer much like the `mysql_db_query()` function. You can use the `mysql_tablename()` function to extract the actual table names from the result pointer, or any other result table function.

For downward compatibility **mysql_listtables()** can also be used. This is deprecated however.

mysql_num_fields (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get number of fields in result

```
int mysql_num_fields (resource result)
```

mysql_num_fields() returns the number of fields in a result set.

See also: `mysql_db_query()`, `mysql_query()`, `mysql_fetch_field()`, `mysql_num_rows()`.

For downward compatibility **mysql_numfields()** can also be used. This is deprecated however.

mysql_num_rows (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get number of rows in result

```
int mysql_num_rows (resource result)
```

mysql_num_rows() returns the number of rows in a result set. This command is only valid for SELECT statements. To retrieve the number of rows affected by a INSERT, UPDATE or DELETE query, use **mysql_affected_rows()**.

Example 1. **mysql_num_rows()** example

```
<?php

$link = mysql_connect("localhost", "username", "password");
mysql_select_db("database", $link);

$result = mysql_query("SELECT * FROM table1", $link);
$num_rows = mysql_num_rows($result);

echo "$num_rows Rows\n";

?>
```

See also: **mysql_affected_rows()**, **mysql_connect()**, **mysql_select_db()**, and **mysql_query()**.

For downward compatibility **mysql_numrows()** can also be used. This is deprecated however.

mysql_pconnect (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open a persistent connection to a MySQL server

```
resource mysql_pconnect (string [server] [, string username [, string  
password]])
```

Returns a positive MySQL persistent link identifier on success, or FALSE on error.

mysql_pconnect() establishes a connection to a MySQL server. The following defaults are assumed for missing optional parameters: *server* = 'localhost:3306', *username* = name of the user that owns the server process and *password* = empty password.

The *server* parameter can also include a port number. eg. "hostname:port" or a path to a socket eg. ":/path/to/socket" for the localhost.

Note: Support for "[:port]" was added in 3.0B4.

Support for the "[:path/to/socket]" was added in 3.0.10.

mysql_pconnect() acts very much like **mysql_connect()** with two major differences.

First, when connecting, the function would first try to find a (persistent) link that's already open with the same host, username and password. If one is found, an identifier for it will be returned instead of opening a new connection.

Second, the connection to the SQL server will not be closed when the execution of the script ends. Instead, the link will remain open for future use (**mysql_close()** will not close links established by **mysql_pconnect()**).

This type of links is therefore called 'persistent'.

Note: Note, that these kind of links only work if you are using a module version of PHP. See the Persistent Database Connections section for more information.

mysql_query (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Send a MySQL query

```
resource mysql_query (string query [, resource link_identifier])
```

mysql_query() sends a query to the currently active database on the server that's associated with the specified link identifier. If *link_identifier* isn't specified, the last opened link is assumed. If no link is open, the function tries to establish a link as if **mysql_connect()** was called with no arguments, and use it.

Note: The query string should not end with a semicolon.

Only for SELECT statements **mysql_query()** returns a resource identifier or FALSE if the query was not executed correctly. For other type of SQL statements, **mysql_query()** returns TRUE on success and FALSE on error. A non-FALSE return value means that the query was legal and could be executed by the server. It does not indicate anything about the number of rows affected or returned. It is perfectly possible for a query to succeed but affect no rows or return no rows.

The following query is syntactically invalid, so **mysql_query()** fails and returns FALSE:

Example 1. mysql_query()

```
<php
$result = mysql_query ("SELECT * WHERE 1=1")
```

```
    or die ("Invalid query");
?>
```

The following query is semantically invalid if `my_col` is not a column in the table `my_tbl`, so **mysql_query()** fails and returns `FALSE`:

Example 2. mysql_query()

```
<?php
$result = mysql_query ("SELECT my_col FROM my_tbl")
    or die ("Invalid query");
?>
```

mysql_query() will also fail and return `FALSE` if you don't have permission to access the table(s) referenced by the query.

Assuming the query succeeds, you can call `mysql_num_rows()` to find out how many rows were returned for a `SELECT` statement or `mysql_affected_rows()` to find out how many rows were affected by a `DELETE`, `INSERT`, `REPLACE`, or `UPDATE` statement.

Only for `SELECT` statements, **mysql_query()** returns a new result identifier that you can pass to `mysql_fetch_array()` and other functions dealing with result tables. When you are done with the result set, you can free the resources associated with it by calling `mysql_free_result()`. Although, the memory will automatically be freed at the end of the script's execution.

See also: `mysql_num_rows()`, `mysql_affected_rows()`, `mysql_db_query()`, `mysql_unbuffered_query()`, `mysql_free_result()`, `mysql_fetch_array()`, `mysql_fetch_row()`, `mysql_fetch_assoc()`, `mysql_result()`, `mysql_select_db()`, and `mysql_connect()`.

mysql_unbuffered_query (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Send an SQL query to MySQL, without fetching and buffering the result rows

```
resource mysql_unbuffered_query (string query [, resource link_identifier])
```

mysql_unbuffered_query() sends a SQL query *query* to MySQL, without fetching and buffering the result rows automatically, as `mysql_query()` does. On the one hand, this saves a considerable amount of memory with SQL queries that produce large result sets. On the other hand, you can start working on the result set immediately after the first row has been retrieved: you don't have to wait until the complete

SQL query has been performed. When using multiple DB-connects, you have to specify the optional parameter *link_identifier*.

Note: The benefits of **mysql_unbuffered_query()** come at a cost: You cannot use **mysql_num_rows()** on a result set returned from **mysql_unbuffered_query()**. You also have to fetch all result rows from an unbuffered SQL query, before you can send a new SQL query to MySQL.

See also: **mysql_query()**.

mysql_result (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get result data

```
mixed mysql_result (resource result, int row, mixed [field])
```

mysql_result() returns the contents of one cell from a MySQL result set. The field argument can be the field's offset, or the field's name, or the field's table dot field name (tablename.fieldname). If the column name has been aliased ('select foo as bar from...'), use the alias instead of the column name.

When working on large result sets, you should consider using one of the functions that fetch an entire row (specified below). As these functions return the contents of multiple cells in one function call, they're MUCH quicker than **mysql_result()**. Also, note that specifying a numeric offset for the field argument is much quicker than specifying a fieldname or tablename.fieldname argument.

Calls to **mysql_result()** should not be mixed with calls to other functions that deal with the result set.

Recommended high-performance alternatives: **mysql_fetch_row()**, **mysql_fetch_array()**, and **mysql_fetch_object()**.

mysql_select_db (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Select a MySQL database

```
bool mysql_select_db (string database_name, resource [link_identifier])
```

Returns TRUE on succes, FALSE on failure.

mysql_select_db() sets the current active database on the server that's associated with the specified link identifier. If no link identifier is specified, the last opened link is assumed. If no link is open, the function will try to establish a link as if **mysql_connect()** was called without arguments, and use it.

Every subsequent call to **mysql_query()** will be made on the active database.

See also: `mysql_connect()`, `mysql_pconnect()`, and `mysql_query()`.

For downward compatibility **`mysql_selectdb()`** can also be used. This is deprecated however.

mysql_tablename (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get table name of field

```
string mysql_tablename (resource result, int i)
```

mysql_tablename() takes a result pointer returned by the `mysql_list_tables()` function as well as an integer index and returns the name of a table. The `mysql_num_rows()` function may be used to determine the number of tables in the result pointer.

Example 1. mysql_tablename() Example

```
<?php
mysql_connect ("localhost:3306");
$result = mysql_list_tables ("wisconsin");
$i = 0;
while ($i < mysql_num_rows ($result)) {
    $tb_names[$i] = mysql_tablename ($result, $i);
    echo $tb_names[$i] . "<BR>";
    $i++;
}
?>
```

mysql_get_client_info (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Get MySQL client info

```
string mysql_get_client_info ()
```

mysql_get_client_info() returns a string that represents the client library version.

mysql_get_client_info() was added in PHP 4.0.5.

mysql_get_host_info (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Get MySQL host info

```
string mysql_get_host_info ([resource link_identifier])
```

mysql_get_host_info() returns a string describing the type of connection in use for the connection *link_identifier*, including the server host name. If *link_identifier* is omitted, the last opened connection will be used.

mysql_get_host_info() was added in PHP 4.0.5.

mysql_get_proto_info (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Get MySQL protocol info

```
int mysql_get_proto_info ([resource link_identifier])
```

mysql_get_proto_info() returns the protocol version used by connection *link_identifier*. If *link_identifier* is omitted, the last opened connection will be used.

mysql_get_proto_info() was added in PHP 4.0.5.

mysql_get_server_info (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Get MySQL server info

```
int mysql_get_server_info ([resource link_identifier])
```

mysql_get_server_info() returns the server version used by connection *link_identifier*. If *link_identifier* is omitted, the last opened connection will be used.

mysql_get_server_info() was added in PHP 4.0.5.

LVI. Network Functions

checkdnsrr (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Check DNS records corresponding to a given Internet host name or IP address

```
int checkdnsrr (string host [, string type])
```

Searches DNS for records of type *type* corresponding to *host*. Returns TRUE if any records are found; returns FALSE if no records were found or if an error occurred.

type may be any one of: A, MX, NS, SOA, PTR, CNAME, or ANY. The default is MX.

Host may either be the IP address in dotted-quad notation or the host name.

checkdnsrr() is not available on windows.

See also getmxrr(), gethostbyaddr(), gethostbyname(), gethostbyname(), and the named(8) manual page.

closelog (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Close connection to system logger

```
int closelog ( )
```

closelog() closes the descriptor being used to write to the system logger. The use of **closelog()** is optional.

See also define_syslog_variables(), syslog() and openlog().

debugger_off (PHP 3)

Disable internal PHP debugger

```
int debugger_off ( )
```

Disables the internal PHP debugger. The debugger is still under development.

debugger_on (PHP 3)

Enable internal PHP debugger

```
int debugger_on (string address)
```

Enables the internal PHP debugger, connecting it to *address*. The debugger is still under development.

define_syslog_variables (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Initializes all syslog related constants

```
void define_syslog_variables ( )
```

Initializes all constants used in the syslog functions.

See also `openlog()`, `syslog()` and `closelog()`.

fsockopen (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open Internet or Unix domain socket connection

```
int fsockopen (string [udp://]hostname, int port [, int errno [, string  
errstr [, float timeout]]])
```

Initiates a stream connection in the Internet (AF_INET, using TCP or UDP) or Unix (AF_UNIX) domain. For the Internet domain, it will open a TCP socket connection to *hostname* on port *port*. *hostname* may in this case be either a fully qualified domain name or an IP address. For UDP connections, you need to explicitly specify the protocol: *udp://hostname*. For the Unix domain, *hostname* will be used as the path to the socket, *port* must be set to 0 in this case. The optional *timeout* can be used to set a timeout in seconds for the connect system call.

fsockopen() returns a file pointer which may be used together with the other file functions (such as `fgets()`, `fgetss()`, `fputs()`, `fclose()`, and `feof()`).

If the call fails, it will return `FALSE` and if the optional *errno* and *errstr* arguments are present they will be set to indicate the actual system level error that occurred on the system-level `connect()` call. If the returned *errno* is 0 and the function returned `FALSE`, it is an indication that the error occurred before the `connect()` call. This is most likely due to a problem initializing the socket. Note that the *errno* and *errstr* arguments must be passed by reference.

Depending on the environment, the Unix domain or the optional connect timeout may not be available.

The socket will by default be opened in blocking mode. You can switch it to non-blocking mode by using `socket_set_blocking()`.

Example 1. fsockopen() Example

```
<?php
$fp = fsockopen ("www.php.net", 80, $errno, $errstr, 30);
if (!$fp) {
    echo "$errstr ($errno)<br>\n";
} else {
    fputs ($fp, "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n\r\n");
    while (!feof($fp)) {
        echo fgets ($fp,128);
    }
    fclose ($fp);
}
?>
```

The example below shows how to retrieve the day and time from the UDP service "daytime" (port 13) in your own machine.

Example 2. Using UDP connection

```
<?php
$fp = fsockopen("udp://127.0.0.1", 13, $errno, $errstr);
if (!$fp) {
    echo "ERROR: $errno - $errstr<br>\n";
} else {
    fwrite($fp, "\n");
    echo fread($fp, 26);
    fclose($fp);
}
?>
```

Note: The timeout parameter was introduced in PHP 3.0.9 and UDP support was added in PHP 4.

See also: pfsockopen(), socket_set_blocking(), socket_set_timeout(), fgets(), fgetss(), fputs(), fclose(), and feof().

gethostbyaddr (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the Internet host name corresponding to a given IP address

string **gethostbyaddr** (string *ip_address*)

Returns the host name of the Internet host specified by *ip_address*. If an error occurs, returns *ip_address*.

See also `gethostbyname()`.

gethostbyname (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the IP address corresponding to a given Internet host name

string **gethostbyname** (string *hostname*)

Returns the IP address of the Internet host specified by *hostname*.

See also `gethostbyaddr()`.

gethostbyname1 (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get a list of IP addresses corresponding to a given Internet host name

array **gethostbyname1** (string *hostname*)

Returns a list of IP addresses to which the Internet host specified by *hostname* resolves.

See also `gethostbyname()`, `gethostbyaddr()`, `checkdnsrr()`, `getmxrr()`, and the `named(8)` manual page.

getmxrr (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get MX records corresponding to a given Internet host name

int **getmxrr** (string *hostname*, array *mxhosts* [, array *weight*])

Searches DNS for MX records corresponding to *hostname*. Returns TRUE if any records are found; returns FALSE if no records were found or if an error occurred.

A list of the MX records found is placed into the array *mxhosts*. If the *weight* array is given, it will be filled with the weight information gathered.

See also `checkdnsrr()`, `gethostbyname()`, `gethostbyname_l()`, `gethostbyaddr()`, and the `named(8)` manual page.

getprotobyname (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get protocol number associated with protocol name

```
int getprotobyname (string name)
```

getprotobyname() returns the protocol number associated with the protocol *name* as per `/etc/protocols`.

See also: `getprotobynumber()`.

getprotobynumber (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get protocol name associated with protocol number

```
string getprotobynumber (int number)
```

getprotobynumber() returns the protocol name associated with protocol *number* as per `/etc/protocols`.

See also: `getprotobyname()`.

getservbyname (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get port number associated with an Internet service and protocol

```
int getservbyname (string service, string protocol)
```

getservbyname() returns the Internet port which corresponds to *service* for the specified *protocol* as per `/etc/services`. *protocol* is either TCP or UDP.

See also: `getservbyport()`.

getservbyport (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get Internet service which corresponds to port and protocol

```
string getservbyport (int port, string protocol)
```

getservbyport() returns the Internet service associated with *port* for the specified *protocol* as per /etc/services. *protocol* is either TCP or UDP.

See also: getservbyname().

ip2long (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Converts a string containing an (IPv4) Internet Protocol dotted address into a proper address.

```
int ip2long (string ip_address)
```

The function **ip2long()** generates an IPv4 Internet network address from its Internet standard format (dotted string) representation.

Example 1. ip2long() Example

```
<?php
$ip = gethostbyname("www.php.net");
$out = "The following URLs are equivalent:<br>\n";
$out .= "http://www.php.net/, http://".$ip."/, and http://".sprintf("%u",ip2long($ip))."/<br>";
echo $out;
?>
```

Note: Because PHP's integer type is signed, and many IP addresses will result in negative integers, you need to use the "%u" formatter of sprintf() or printf() to get the string representation of the unsigned IP address.

This second example shows how to print a converted address with the printf() function :

Example 2. Displaying an IP address

```
<?php
$ip = gethostbyname("www.php.net");
printf("%u\n", ip2long($ip));
```

```
echo $out;
?>
```

See also: `long2ip()`

long2ip (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Converts an (IPv4) Internet network address into a string in Internet standard dotted format

```
string long2ip (int proper_address)
```

The function **long2ip()** generates an Internet address in dotted format (i.e.: aaa.bbb.ccc.ddd) from the proper address representation.

See also: `ip2long()`

openlog (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open connection to system logger

```
int openlog (string ident, int option, int facility)
```

openlog() opens a connection to the system logger for a program. The string *ident* is added to each message. Values for *option* and *facility* are given below. The *option* argument is used to indicate what logging options will be used when generating a log message. The *facility* argument is used to specify what type of program is logging the message. This allows you to specify (in your machine's syslog configuration) how messages coming from different facilities will be handled. The use of **openlog()** is optional. It will automatically be called by `syslog()` if necessary, in which case *ident* will default to FALSE.

Table 1. `openlog()` Options

Constant	Description
LOG_CONS	if there is an error while sending data to the system logger, write directly to the system console
LOG_NDELAY	open the connection to the logger immediately

Constant	Description
LOG_ODELAY	(default) delay opening the connection until the first message is logged
LOG_PERROR	print log message also to standard error
LOG_PID	include PID with each message

You can use one or more of this options. When using multiple options you need to OR them, i.e. to open the connection immediately, write to the console and include the PID in each message, you will use:
LOG_CONS | LOG_NDELAY | LOG_PID

Table 2. openlog() Facilities

Constant	Description
LOG_AUTH	security/authorization messages (use LOG_AUTHPRIV instead in systems where that constant is defined)
LOG_AUTHPRIV	security/authorization messages (private)
LOG_CRON	clock daemon (cron and at)
LOG_DAEMON	other system daemons
LOG_KERN	kernel messages
LOG_LOCAL0 ... LOG_LOCAL7	reserved for local use
LOG_LPR	line printer subsystem
LOG_MAIL	mail subsystem
LOG_NEWS	USENET news subsystem
LOG_SYSLOG	messages generated internally by syslogd
LOG_USER	generic user-level messages
LOG_UUCP	UUCP subsystem

See also `define_syslog_variables()`, `syslog()` and `closelog()`.

pfsockopen (PHP 3 >= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open persistent Internet or Unix domain socket connection

```
int pfsockopen (string hostname, int port [, int errno [, string errstr [, int timeout]]])
```

This function behaves exactly as `fsockopen()` with the difference that the connection is not closed after the script finishes. It is the persistent version of `fsockopen()`.

socket_get_status (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns information about existing socket resource

```
array socket_get_status (resource socket_get_status)
```

Returns information about an existing socket resource. Currently returns four entries in the result array:

- *timed_out* (bool) - The socket timed out waiting for data
- *blocked* (bool) - The socket was blocked
- *eof* (bool) - Indicates EOF event
- *unread_bytes* (int) - Number of bytes left in the socket buffer

See also `accept_connect()`, `bind()`, `connect()`, `listen()`, and `strerror()`.

socket_set_blocking (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set blocking/non-blocking mode on a socket

```
int socket_set_blocking (int socket_descriptor, int mode)
```

If *mode* is FALSE, the given socket descriptor will be switched to non-blocking mode, and if TRUE, it will be switched to blocking mode. This affects calls like `fgets()` that read from the socket. In non-blocking mode an `fgets()` call will always return right away while in blocking mode it will wait for data to become available on the socket.

This function was previously called as `set_socket_blocking()` but this usage is deprecated.

socket_set_timeout (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set timeout period on a socket

```
bool socket_set_timeout (int socket_descriptor, int seconds, int microseconds)
```

Sets the timeout value on *socket_descriptor*, expressed in the sum of *seconds* and *microseconds*.

Example 1. socket_set_timeout() Example

```

<?php
$fp = fsockopen("www.php.net", 80);
if(!$fp) {
    echo "Unable to open\n";
} else {
    fputs($fp, "GET / HTTP/1.0\n\n");
    $start = time();
    socket_set_timeout($fp, 2);
    $res = fread($fp, 2000);
    var_dump(socket_get_status($fp));
    fclose($fp);
    print $res;
}
?>

```

This function was previously called as **set_socket_timeout()** but this usage is deprecated.

See also: fsockopen() and fopen().

syslog (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Generate a system log message

```
int syslog (int priority, string message)
```

syslog() generates a log message that will be distributed by the system logger. *priority* is a combination of the facility and the level, values for which are given in the next section. The remaining argument is the message to send, except that the two characters %m will be replaced by the error message string (strerror) corresponding to the present value of errno.

Table 1. syslog() Priorities (in descending order)

Constant	Description
LOG_EMERG	system is unusable
LOG_ALERT	action must be taken immediately
LOG_CRIT	critical conditions
LOG_ERR	error conditions
LOG_WARNING	warning conditions

Constant	Description
LOG_NOTICE	normal, but significant, condition
LOG_INFO	informational message
LOG_DEBUG	debug-level message

Example 1. Using syslog()

```

<?php
define_syslog_variables();
// open syslog, include the process ID and also send
// the log to standard error, and use a user defined
// logging mechanism
openlog("myScripLog", LOG_PID | LOG_PERROR, LOG_LOCAL0);

// some code

if (authorized_client()) {
    // do something
} else {
    // unauthorized client!
    // log the attempt
    $access = date("Y/m/d H:i:s");
    syslog(LOG_WARNING, "Unauthorized client: $access $REMOTE_ADDR ($HTTP_USER_AGENT)");
}

closelog();
?>

```

For information on setting up a user defined log handler, see the `syslog.conf(5)` Unix manual page. More information on the syslog facilities and option can be found in the man pages for `syslog(3)` on Unix machines.

On Windows NT, the syslog service is emulated using the Event Log.

See also `define_syslog_variables()`, `openlog()` and `closelog()`.

LVII. Unified ODBC functions

In addition to normal ODBC support, the Unified ODBC functions in PHP allow you to access several databases that have borrowed the semantics of the ODBC API to implement their own API. Instead of maintaining multiple database drivers that were all nearly identical, these drivers have been unified into a single set of ODBC functions.

The following databases are supported by the Unified ODBC functions: Adabas D (<http://www.adabas.com/>), IBM DB2 (<http://www.ibm.com/db2/>), iODBC (<http://www.iodbc.org/>), Solid (<http://www.solidtech.com/>), and Sybase SQL Anywhere (<http://www.sybase.com/>).

Note: There is no ODBC involved when connecting to the above databases. The functions that you use to speak natively to them just happen to share the same names and syntax as the ODBC functions. The exception to this is iODBC. Building PHP with iODBC support enables you to use any ODBC-compliant drivers with your PHP applications. iODBC is maintained by OpenLink Software (<http://www.openlinksw.com/>). More information on iODBC, as well as a HOWTO, is available at www.iodbc.org (<http://www.iodbc.org>).

odbc_autocommit (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Toggle autocommit behaviour

```
int odbc_autocommit (int connection_id [, int OnOff])
```

Without the *OnOff* parameter, this function returns auto-commit status for *connection_id*. TRUE is returned if auto-commit is on, FALSE if it is off or an error occurs.

If *OnOff* is TRUE, auto-commit is enabled, if it is FALSE auto-commit is disabled. Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on failure.

By default, auto-commit is on for a connection. Disabling auto-commit is equivalent with starting a transaction.

See also odbc_commit() and odbc_rollback().

odbc_binmode (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Handling of binary column data

```
int odbc_binmode (int result_id, int mode)
```

(ODBC SQL types affected: BINARY, VARBINARY, LONGVARBINARY)

- ODBC_BINMODE_PASSTHRU: Passthru BINARY data
- ODBC_BINMODE_RETURN: Return as is
- ODBC_BINMODE_CONVERT: Convert to char and return

When binary SQL data is converted to character C data, each byte (8 bits) of source data is represented as two ASCII characters. These characters are the ASCII character representation of the number in its hexadecimal form. For example, a binary 00000001 is converted to "01" and a binary 11111111 is converted to "FF".

Table 1. LONGVARBINARY handling

binmode	longreadlen	result
ODBC_BINMODE_PASSTHRU	0	passthru
ODBC_BINMODE_RETURN	0	passthru
ODBC_BINMODE_CONVERT	0	passthru
ODBC_BINMODE_PASSTHRU	0	passthru
ODBC_BINMODE_PASSTHRU	>0	passthru

binmode	longreadlen	result
ODBC_BINMODE_RETURN	>0	return as is
ODBC_BINMODE_CONVERT	>0	return as char

If `odbc_fetch_into()` is used, `passthru` means that an empty string is returned for these columns.

If `result_id` is 0, the settings apply as default for new results.

Note: Default for `longreadlen` is 4096 and `binmode` defaults to `ODBC_BINMODE_RETURN`. Handling of binary long columns is also affected by `odbc_longreadlen()`

odbc_close (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Close an ODBC connection

```
void odbc_close (int connection_id)
```

odbc_close() will close down the connection to the database server associated with the given connection identifier.

Note: This function will fail if there are open transactions on this connection. The connection will remain open in this case.

odbc_close_all (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Close all ODBC connections

```
void odbc_close_all ()
```

odbc_close_all() will close down all connections to database server(s).

Note: This function will fail if there are open transactions on a connection. This connection will remain open in this case.

odbc_commit (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Commit an ODBC transaction

```
int odbc_commit (int connection_id)
```

Returns: TRUE on success, FALSE on failure. All pending transactions on *connection_id* are committed.

odbc_connect (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Connect to a datasource

```
int odbc_connect (string dsn, string user, string password [, int  
cursor_type])
```

Returns an ODBC connection id or 0 (FALSE) on error.

The connection id returned by this functions is needed by other ODBC functions. You can have multiple connections open at once. The optional fourth parameter sets the type of cursor to be used for this connection. This parameter is not normally needed, but can be useful for working around problems with some ODBC drivers.

With some ODBC drivers, executing a complex stored procedure may fail with an error similar to: "Cannot open a cursor on a stored procedure that has anything other than a single select statement in it". Using SQL_CUR_USE_ODBC may avoid that error. Also, some drivers don't support the optional row_number parameter in odbc_fetch_row(). SQL_CUR_USE_ODBC might help in that case, too.

The following constants are defined for cursortype:

- SQL_CUR_USE_IF_NEEDED
- SQL_CUR_USE_ODBC
- SQL_CUR_USE_DRIVER
- SQL_CUR_DEFAULT

For persistent connections see odbc_pconnect().

odbc_cursor (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get cursorname

```
string odbc_cursor (int result_id)
```

odbc_cursor will return a cursorname for the given *result_id*.

odbc_do (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Synonym for **odbc_exec()**

```
int odbc_do (int conn_id, string query)
```

odbc_do() will execute a query on the given connection.

odbc_error (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Get the last error code

```
string odbc_error ([int connection_id])
```

Returns a six-digit ODBC state, or an empty string if there has been no errors. If *connection_id* is specified, the last state of that connection is returned, else the last state of any connection is returned.

See also: **odbc_errormsg()** and **odbc_exec()**.

odbc_errormsg (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Get the last error message

```
string odbc_errormsg ([int connection_id])
```

Returns a string containing the last ODBC error message, or an empty string if there has been no errors. If *connection_id* is specified, the last state of that connection is returned, else the last state of any connection is returned.

See also: `odbc_error()` and `odbc_exec()`.

odbc__exec (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Prepare and execute a SQL statement

```
int odbc_exec (int connection_id, string query_string)
```

Returns FALSE on error. Returns an ODBC result identifier if the SQL command was executed successfully.

odbc_exec() will send an SQL statement to the database server specified by *connection_id*. This parameter must be a valid identifier returned by `odbc_connect()` or `odbc_pconnect()`.

See also: `odbc_prepare()` and `odbc_execute()` for multiple execution of SQL statements.

odbc__execute (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Execute a prepared statement

```
int odbc_execute (int result_id [, array parameters_array])
```

Executes a statement prepared with `odbc_prepare()`. Returns TRUE on successful execution, FALSE otherwise. The array *parameters_array* only needs to be given if you really have parameters in your statement.

odbc__fetch_into (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch one result row into array

```
int odbc_fetch_into (int result_id [, int rownumber, array result_array])
```

Returns the number of columns in the result; FALSE on error. *result_array* must be passed by reference, but it can be of any type since it will be converted to type array. The array will contain the column values starting at array index 0.

Example 1. `odbc_fetch_into()` pre 4.0.6 example

```
$rc = odbc_fetch_into($res_id, $my_array);
```

or

```
$rc = odbc_fetch_into($res_id, $row, $my_array);
```

```
$rc = odbc_fetch_into($res_id, 1, $my_array);
```

As of PHP 4.0.5 the *result_array* does not need to be passed by reference any longer.

As of PHP 4.0.6 the *rownumber* cannot be passed as a constant, but rather as a variable.

Example 2. `odbc_fetch_into()` 4.0.6 example

```
$rc = odbc_fetch_into($res_id, $my_array);
```

or

```
$row = 1;  
$rc = odbc_fetch_into($res_id, $row, $my_array);
```

Future: In PHP 4.1, this function will be moved to the following format:

```
int odbc_fetch_into (int result_id, array result_array [, int rownumber])
```

Please note, that *rownumber* will be optional, while *result_array* is not.

odbc_fetch_row (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch a row

```
int odbc_fetch_row (int result_id [, int row_number])
```

If **odbc_fetch_row()** was succesful (there was a row), TRUE is returned. If there are no more rows, FALSE is returned.

odbc_fetch_row() fetches a row of the data that was returned by **odbc_do()** / **odbc_exec()**. After **odbc_fetch_row()** is called, the fields of that row can be accessed with **odbc_result()**.

If *row_number* is not specified, **odbc_fetch_row()** will try to fetch the next row in the result set. Calls to **odbc_fetch_row()** with and without *row_number* can be mixed.

To step through the result more than once, you can call **odbc_fetch_row()** with *row_number* 1, and then continue doing **odbc_fetch_row()** without *row_number* to review the result. If a driver doesn't support fetching rows by number, the *row_number* parameter is ignored.

odbc_field_name (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the columnname

```
string odbc_field_name (int result_id, int field_number)
```

odbc_field_name() will return the name of the field occupying the given column number in the given ODBC result identifier. Field numbering starts at 1. FALSE is returned on error.

odbc_field_num (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return column number

```
int odbc_field_num (int result_id, string field_name)
```

odbc_field_num() will return the number of the column slot that corresponds to the named field in the given ODBC result identifier. Field numbering starts at 1. FALSE is returned on error.

odbc_field_type (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Datatype of a field

```
string odbc_field_type (int result_id, int field_number)
```

odbc_field_type() will return the SQL type of the field referenced by number in the given ODBC result identifier. Field numbering starts at 1.

odbc_field_len (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the length (precision) of a field

```
int odbc_field_len (int result_id, int field_number)
```

odbc_field_len() will return the length of the field referenced by number in the given ODBC result identifier. Field numbering starts at 1.

See also: `odbc_field_scale()` to get the scale of a floating point number.

odbc_field_precision (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Synonym for `odbc_field_len()`

```
string odbc_field_precision (int result_id, int field_number)
```

odbc_field_precision() will return the precision of the field referenced by number in the given ODBC result identifier.

See also: `odbc_field_scale()` to get the scale of a floating point number.

odbc_field_scale (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the scale of a field

```
string odbc_field_scale (int result_id, int field_number)
```


`odbc_field_precision()` will return the scale of the field referenced by number in the given ODBC result identifier.

odbc_free_result (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Free resources associated with a result

```
int odbc_free_result (int result_id)
```

Always returns TRUE.

odbc_free_result() only needs to be called if you are worried about using too much memory while your script is running. All result memory will automatically be freed when the script is finished. But, if you are sure you are not going to need the result data anymore in a script, you may call **odbc_free_result()**, and the memory associated with *result_id* will be freed.

Note: If auto-commit is disabled (see `odbc_autocommit()`) and you call **odbc_free_result()** before committing, all pending transactions are rolled back.

odbc_longreadlen (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Handling of LONG columns

```
int odbc_longreadlen (int result_id, int length)
```

(ODBC SQL types affected: LONG, LONGVARBINARY) The number of bytes returned to PHP is controlled by the parameter *length*. If it is set to 0, Long column data is passed thru to the client.

Note: Handling of LONGVARBINARY columns is also affected by `odbc_binmode()`.

odbc_num_fields (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Number of columns in a result

```
int odbc_num_fields (int result_id)
```

odbc_num_fields() will return the number of fields (columns) in an ODBC result. This function will return -1 on error. The argument is a valid result identifier returned by **odbc_exec()**.

odbc_pconnect (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open a persistent database connection

```
int odbc_pconnect (string dsn, string user, string password [, int  
cursor_type])
```

Returns an ODBC connection id or 0 (FALSE) on error. This function is much like **odbc_connect()**, except that the connection is not really closed when the script has finished. Future requests for a connection with the same *dsn*, *user*, *password* combination (via **odbc_connect()** and **odbc_pconnect()**) can reuse the persistent connection.

Note: Persistent connections have no effect if PHP is used as a CGI program.

For information about the optional *cursor_type* parameter see the **odbc_connect()** function. For more information on persistent connections, refer to the PHP FAQ.

odbc_prepare (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Prepares a statement for execution

```
int odbc_prepare (int connection_id, string query_string)
```

Returns FALSE on error.

Returns an ODBC result identifier if the SQL command was prepared successfully. The result identifier can be used later to execute the statement with `odbc_execute()`.

odbc_num_rows (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Number of rows in a result

```
int odbc_num_rows (int result_id)
```

odbc_num_rows() will return the number of rows in an ODBC result. This function will return -1 on error. For INSERT, UPDATE and DELETE statements **odbc_num_rows()** returns the number of rows affected. For a SELECT clause this can be the number of rows available.

Note: Using **odbc_num_rows()** to determine the number of rows available after a SELECT will return -1 with many drivers.

odbc_result (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get result data

```
string odbc_result (int result_id, mixed field)
```

Returns the contents of the field.

field can either be an integer containing the column number of the field you want; or it can be a string containing the name of the field. For example:

```
$item_3 = odbc_result ($Query_ID, 3);
$item_val = odbc_result ($Query_ID, "val");
```

The first call to **odbc_result()** returns the value of the third field in the current record of the query result. The second function call to **odbc_result()** returns the value of the field whose field name is "val" in the current record of the query result. An error occurs if a column number parameter for a field is less than one or exceeds the number of columns (or fields) in the current record. Similarly, an error occurs if a field with a name that is not one of the fieldnames of the table(s) that is(are) being queried.

Field indices start from 1. Regarding the way binary or long column data is returned refer to `odbc_binmode()` and `odbc_longreadlen()`.

odbc_result_all (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Print result as HTML table

```
int odbc_result_all (int result_id [, string format])
```

Returns the number of rows in the result or FALSE on error.

odbc_result_all() will print all rows from a result identifier produced by `odbc_exec()`. The result is printed in HTML table format. With the optional string argument *format*, additional overall table formatting can be done.

odbc_rollback (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Rollback a transaction

```
int odbc_rollback (int connection_id)
```

Rolls back all pending statements on *connection_id*. Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on failure.

odbc_setoption (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Adjust ODBC settings. Returns FALSE if an error occurs, otherwise TRUE.

```
int odbc_setoption (int id, int function, int option, int param)
```

This function allows fiddling with the ODBC options for a particular connection or query result. It was written to help find work arounds to problems in quirky ODBC drivers. You should probably only use this function if you are an ODBC programmer and understand the effects the various options will have. You will certainly need a good ODBC reference to explain all the different options and values that can be used. Different driver versions support different options.

Because the effects may vary depending on the ODBC driver, use of this function in scripts to be made publicly available is strongly discouraged. Also, some ODBC options are not available to this function because they must be set before the connection is established or the query is prepared. However, if on a particular job it can make PHP work so your boss doesn't tell you to use a commercial product, that's all that really matters.

ID is a connection id or result id on which to change the settings. For `SQLSetConnectOption()`, this is a connection id. For `SQLSetStmtOption()`, this is a result id.

Function is the ODBC function to use. The value should be 1 for `SQLSetConnectOption()` and 2 for `SQLSetStmtOption()`.

Parameter *option* is the option to set.

Parameter *param* is the value for the given *option*.

Example 1. ODBC Setoption Examples

```
// 1. Option 102 of SQLSetConnectOption() is SQL_AUTOCOMMIT.
//    Value 1 of SQL_AUTOCOMMIT is SQL_AUTOCOMMIT_ON.
//    This example has the same effect as
//    odbc_autocommit($conn, true);

odbc_setoption ($conn, 1, 102, 1);

// 2. Option 0 of SQLSetStmtOption() is SQL_QUERY_TIMEOUT.
//    This example sets the query to timeout after 30 seconds.

$result = odbc_prepare ($conn, $sql);
odbc_setoption ($result, 2, 0, 30);
odbc_execute ($result);
```

odbc_tables (PHP 3 >= 3.0.17, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the list of table names stored in a specific data source. Returns a result identifier containing the information.

```
int odbc_tables (int connection_id [, string qualifier [, string owner [,
string name [, string types]]]])
```

Lists all tables in the requested range. Returns an ODBC result identifier or FALSE on failure.

The result set has the following columns:

- TABLE_QUALIFIER
- TABLE_OWNER
- TABLE_NAME
- TABLE_TYPE
- REMARKS

The result set is ordered by TABLE_TYPE, TABLE_QUALIFIER, TABLE_OWNER and TABLE_NAME.

The *owner* and *name* arguments accept search patterns ('%' to match zero or more characters and '_' to match a single character).

To support enumeration of qualifiers, owners, and table types, the following special semantics for the *qualifier*, *owner*, *name*, and *table_type* are available:

- If *qualifier* is a single percent character (%) and *owner* and *name* are empty strings, then the result set contains a list of valid qualifiers for the data source. (All columns except the TABLE_QUALIFIER column contain NULLs.)
- If *owner* is a single percent character (%) and *qualifier* and *name* are empty strings, then the result set contains a list of valid owners for the data source. (All columns except the TABLE_OWNER column contain NULLs.)
- If *table_type* is a single percent character (%) and *qualifier*, *owner* and *name* are empty strings, then the result set contains a list of valid table types for the data source. (All columns except the TABLE_TYPE column contain NULLs.)

If *table_type* is not an empty string, it must contain a list of comma-separated values for the types of interest; each value may be enclosed in single quotes (') or unquoted. For example, "'TABLE','VIEW'" or "TABLE, VIEW". If the data source does not support a specified table type, **odbc_tables()** does not return any results for that type.

See also **odbc_tableprivileges()** to retrieve associated privileges.

odbc_tableprivileges (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Lists tables and the privileges associated with each table

```
int odbc_tableprivileges (int connection_id [, string qualifier [, string  
owner [, string name]]])
```

Lists tables in the requested range and the privileges associated with each table. Returns an ODBC result identifier or FALSE on failure.

The result set has the following columns:

- TABLE_QUALIFIER
- TABLE_OWNER
- TABLE_NAME
- GRANTOR
- GRANTEE

- PRIVILEGE
- IS_GRANTABLE

The result set is ordered by TABLE_QUALIFIER, TABLE_OWNER and TABLE_NAME.

The *owner* and *name* arguments accept search patterns ('%' to match zero or more characters and '_' to match a single character).

odbc_columns (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Lists the column names in specified tables. Returns a result identifier containing the information.

```
int odbc_columns (int connection_id [, string qualifier [, string owner [,
string table_name [, string column_name]]]])
```

Lists all columns in the requested range. Returns an ODBC result identifier or FALSE on failure.

The result set has the following columns:

- TABLE_QUALIFIER
- TABLE_OWNER
- TABLE_NAME
- COLUMN_NAME
- DATA_TYPE
- TYPE_NAME
- PRECISION
- LENGTH
- SCALE
- RADIX
- NULLABLE
- REMARKS

The result set is ordered by TABLE_QUALIFIER, TABLE_OWNER and TABLE_NAME.

The *owner*, *table_name* and *column_name* arguments accept search patterns ('%' to match zero or more characters and '_' to match a single character).

See also odbc_columnprivileges() to retrieve associated privileges.

odbc_columnprivileges (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns a result identifier that can be used to fetch a list of columns and associated privileges

```
int odbc_columnprivileges (int connection_id [, string qualifier [, string owner [, string table_name [, string column_name]]]])
```

Lists columns and associated privileges for the given table. Returns an ODBC result identifier or FALSE on failure.

The result set has the following columns:

- TABLE_QUALIFIER
- TABLE_OWNER
- TABLE_NAME
- GRANTOR
- GRANTEE
- PRIVILEGE
- IS_GRANTABLE

The result set is ordered by TABLE_QUALIFIER, TABLE_OWNER and TABLE_NAME.

The *column_name* argument accepts search patterns ('%' to match zero or more characters and '_' to match a single character).

odbc_gettypeinfo (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns a result identifier containing information about data types supported by the data source.

```
int odbc_gettypeinfo (int connection_id [, int data_type])
```

Retrieves information about data types supported by the data source. Returns an ODBC result identifier or FALSE on failure. The optional argument *data_type* can be used to restrict the information to a single data type.

The result set has the following columns:

- TYPE_NAME
- DATA_TYPE

- PRECISION
- LITERAL_PREFIX
- LITERAL_SUFFIX
- CREATE_PARAMS
- NULLABLE
- CASE_SENSITIVE
- SEARCHABLE
- UNSIGNED_ATTRIBUTE
- MONEY
- AUTO_INCREMENT
- LOCAL_TYPE_NAME
- MINIMUM_SCALE
- MAXIMUM_SCALE

The result set is ordered by DATA_TYPE and TYPE_NAME.

odbc_primarykeys (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns a result identifier that can be used to fetch the column names that comprise the primary key for a table

```
int odbc_primarykeys (int connection_id, string qualifier, string owner,
string table)
```

Returns the column names that comprise the primary key for a table. Returns an ODBC result identifier or FALSE on failure.

The result set has the following columns:

- TABLE_QUALIFIER
- TABLE_OWNER
- TABLE_NAME
- COLUMN_NAME
- KEY_SEQ
- PK_NAME

odbc_foreignkeys (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns a list of foreign keys in the specified table or a list of foreign keys in other tables that refer to the primary key in the specified table

```
int odbc_foreignkeys (int connection_id, string pk_qualifier, string
pk_owner, string pk_table, string fk_qualifier, string fk_owner, string
fk_table)
```

odbc_foreignkeys() retrieves information about foreign keys. Returns an ODBC result identifier or FALSE on failure.

The result set has the following columns:

- PKTABLE_QUALIFIER
- PKTABLE_OWNER
- PKTABLE_NAME
- PKCOLUMN_NAME
- FKTABLE_QUALIFIER
- FKTABLE_OWNER
- FKTABLE_NAME
- FKCOLUMN_NAME
- KEY_SEQ
- UPDATE_RULE
- DELETE_RULE
- FK_NAME
- PK_NAME

If *pk_table* contains a table name, **odbc_foreignkeys()** returns a result set containing the primary key of the specified table and all of the foreign keys that refer to it.

If *fk_table* contains a table name, **odbc_foreignkeys()** returns a result set containing all of the foreign keys in the specified table and the primary keys (in other tables) to which they refer.

If both *pk_table* and *fk_table* contain table names, **odbc_foreignkeys()** returns the foreign keys in the table specified in *fk_table* that refer to the primary key of the table specified in *pk_table*. This should be one key at most.

odbc_procedures (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the list of procedures stored in a specific data source. Returns a result identifier containing the information.

```
int odbc_procedures (int connection_id [, string qualifier [, string owner [, string name]]])
```

Lists all procedures in the requested range. Returns an ODBC result identifier or FALSE on failure.

The result set has the following columns:

- PROCEDURE_QUALIFIER
- PROCEDURE_OWNER
- PROCEDURE_NAME
- NUM_INPUT_PARAMS
- NUM_OUTPUT_PARAMS
- NUM_RESULT_SETS
- REMARKS
- PROCEDURE_TYPE

The *owner* and *name* arguments accept search patterns ('%' to match zero or more characters and '_' to match a single character).

odbc_procedurecolumns (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Retrieve information about parameters to procedures

```
int odbc_procedurecolumns (int connection_id [, string qualifier [, string owner [, string proc [, string column]]]])
```

Returns the list of input and output parameters, as well as the columns that make up the result set for the specified procedures. Returns an ODBC result identifier or FALSE on failure.

The result set has the following columns:

- PROCEDURE_QUALIFIER
- PROCEDURE_OWNER
- PROCEDURE_NAME

- COLUMN_NAME
- COLUMN_TYPE
- DATA_TYPE
- TYPE_NAME
- PRECISION
- LENGTH
- SCALE
- RADIX
- NULLABLE
- REMARKS

The result set is ordered by PROCEDURE_QUALIFIER, PROCEDURE_OWNER, PROCEDURE_NAME and COLUMN_TYPE.

The *owner*, *proc* and *column* arguments accept search patterns ('%' to match zero or more characters and '_' to match a single character).

odbc_specialcolumns (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns either the optimal set of columns that uniquely identifies a row in the table or columns that are automatically updated when any value in the row is updated by a transaction

```
int odbc_specialcolumns (int connection_id, int type, string qualifier,
string owner, string table, int scope, int nullable)
```

When the type argument is SQL_BEST_ROWID, **odbc_specialcolumns()** returns the column or columns that uniquely identify each row in the table.

When the type argument is SQL_ROWVER, **odbc_specialcolumns()** returns the optimal column or set of columns that, by retrieving values from the column or columns, allows any row in the specified table to be uniquely identified.

Returns an ODBC result identifier or FALSE on failure.

The result set has the following columns:

- SCOPE
- COLUMN_NAME
- DATA_TYPE
- TYPE_NAME

- PRECISION
- LENGTH
- SCALE
- PSEUDO_COLUMN

The result set is ordered by SCOPE.

odbc_statistics (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Retrieve statistics about a table

```
int odbc_statistics (int connection_id, string qualifier, string owner,  
string table_name, int unique, int accuracy)
```

Get statistics about a table and it's indexes. Returns an ODBC result identifier or FALSE on failure.

The result set has the following columns:

- TABLE_QUALIFIER
- TABLE_OWNER
- TABLE_NAME
- NON_UNIQUE
- INDEX_QUALIFIER
- INDEX_NAME
- TYPE
- SEQ_IN_INDEX
- COLUMN_NAME
- COLLATION
- CARDINALITY
- PAGES
- FILTER_CONDITION

The result set is ordered by NON_UNIQUE, TYPE, INDEX_QUALIFIER, INDEX_NAME and SEQ_IN_INDEX.

LVIII. Oracle 8 functions

These functions allow you to access Oracle8 and Oracle7 databases. It uses the Oracle8 Call-Interface (OCI8). You will need the Oracle8 client libraries to use this extension.

This extension is more flexible than the standard Oracle extension. It supports binding of global and local PHP variables to Oracle placeholders, has full LOB, FILE and ROWID support and allows you to use user-supplied define variables.

Before using this extension, make sure that you have set up your oracle environment variables properly for the Oracle user, as well as your web daemon user. The variables you might need to set are as follows:

- ORACLE_HOME
- ORACLE_SID
- LD_PRELOAD
- LD_LIBRARY_PATH
- NLS_LANG
- ORA_NLS33

After setting up the environment variables for your webserver user, be sure to also add the webserver user (nobody, www) to the oracle group.

If your webserver doesn't start or crashes at startup: Check that Apache is linked with the pthread library:

```
# ldd /www/apache/bin/httpd
    libpthread.so.0 => /lib/libpthread.so.0 (0x4001c000)
    libm.so.6 => /lib/libm.so.6 (0x4002f000)
    libcrypt.so.1 => /lib/libcrypt.so.1 (0x4004c000)
    libdl.so.2 => /lib/libdl.so.2 (0x4007a000)
    libc.so.6 => /lib/libc.so.6 (0x4007e000)
    /lib/ld-linux.so.2 => /lib/ld-linux.so.2 (0x40000000)
```

If the libpthread is not listed you have to reinstall Apache:

```
# cd /usr/src/apache_1.3.xx
# make clean
# LIBS=-lpthread ./config.status
# make
# make install
```

Example 1. OCI Hints

```

<?php
// by sergo@bacup.ru

// Use option: OCI_DEFAULT for execute command to delay execution
OCIExecute($stmt, OCI_DEFAULT);

// for retrieve data use (after fetch):

$result = OCIResult($stmt, $n);
if (is_object ($result)) $result = $result->load();

// For INSERT or UPDATE statement use:

$sql = "insert into table (field1, field2) values (field1 = 'value',
    field2 = empty_clob()) returning field2 into :field2";
OCIParse($conn, $sql);
$clob = OCINewDescriptor($conn, OCI_D_LOB);
OCIBindByName ($stmt, ":field2", &$clob, -1, OCI_B_CLOB);
OCIExecute($stmt, OCI_DEFAULT);
$clob->save ("some text");
OCICommit($conn);

?>

```

You can easily access stored procedures in the same way as you would from the commands line.

Example 2. Using Stored Procedures

```

<?php
// by webmaster@remoterealty.com
$sth = OCIParse ( $dbh, "begin sp_newaddress( :address_id, '$firstname',
    '$lastname', '$company', '$address1', '$address2', '$city', '$state',
    '$postalcode', '$country', :error_code );end;" );

// This calls stored procedure sp_newaddress, with :address_id being an
// in/out variable and :error_code being an out variable.
// Then you do the binding:

```

```
OCIBindByName ( $sth, ":address_id", $addr_id, 10 );  
OCIBindByName ( $sth, ":error_code", $errorcode, 10 );  
OCIExecute ( $sth );
```

?>

OCIDefineByName (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Use a PHP variable for the define-step during a SELECT

```
int OCIDefineByName (int stmt, string Column-Name, mixed variable [, int type])
```

OCIDefineByName() uses fetches SQL-Columns into user-defined PHP-Variables. Be careful that Oracle user ALL-UPPERCASE column-names, whereby in your select you can also write lower-case. **OCIDefineByName()** expects the *Column-Name* to be in uppercase. If you define a variable that doesn't exists in you select statement, no error will be given!

If you need to define an abstract Datatype (LOB/ROWID/BFILE) you need to allocate it first using **OCINewDescriptor()** function. See also the **OCIBindByName()** function.

Example 1. OCIDefineByName

```
<?php
/* OCIDefineByPos example thies@thieso.net (980219) */

$conn = OCILogon("scott","tiger");

$stmt = OCIParse($conn,"select empno, ename from emp");

/* the define MUST be done BEFORE ociexecute! */

OCIDefineByName($stmt,"EMPNO",$empno);
OCIDefineByName($stmt,"ENAME",$ename);

OCIExecute($stmt);

while (OCIFetch($stmt)) {
    echo "empno:".$empno."\n";
    echo "ename:".$ename."\n";
}

OCIFreeStatement($stmt);
OCILogoff($conn);
?>
```

OCIBindByName (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Bind a PHP variable to an Oracle Placeholder

```
int OCIBindByName (int stmt, string ph_name, mixed &variable, int length, int [type])
```

OCIBindByName() binds the PHP variable *variable* to the Oracle placeholder *ph_name*. Whether it will be used for input or output will be determined run-time, and the necessary storage space will be allocated. The *length* parameter sets the maximum length for the bind. If you set *length* to -1 **OCIBindByName()** will use the current length of *variable* to set the maximum length.

If you need to bind an abstract Datatype (LOB/ROWID/BFILE) you need to allocate it first using **OCINewDescriptor()** function. The *length* is not used for abstract Datatypes and should be set to -1. The *type* variable tells oracle, what kind of descriptor we want to use. Possible values are: OCI_B_FILE (Binary-File), OCI_B_CFILE (Character-File), OCI_B_CLOB (Character-LOB), OCI_B_BLOB (Binary-LOB) and OCI_B_ROWID (ROWID).

Example 1. OCIDefineByName

```
<?php
/* OCIBindByPos example thies@thieso.net (980221)
   inserts 3 records into emp, and uses the ROWID for updating the
   records just after the insert.
*/

$conn = OCILogon("scott","tiger");

$stmt = OCIParse($conn,"insert into emp (empno, ename) ".
    "values (:empno,:ename) ".
    "returning ROWID into :rid");

$data = array(1111 => "Larry", 2222 => "Bill", 3333 => "Jim");

$rowid = OCINewDescriptor($conn,OCI_D_ROWID);

OCIBindByName($stmt,":empno",&$empno,32);
OCIBindByName($stmt,":ename",&$ename,32);
OCIBindByName($stmt,":rid",&$rowid,-1,OCI_B_ROWID);

$update = OCIParse($conn,"update emp set sal = :sal where ROWID = :rid");
OCIBindByName($update,":rid",&$rowid,-1,OCI_B_ROWID);
OCIBindByName($update,":sal",&$sal,32);

$sal = 10000;

while (list($empno,$ename) = each($data)) {
    OCIExecute($stmt);
    OCIExecute($update);
}

$rowid->free();

OCIFreeStatement($update);
```

```

OCIFreeStatement($stmt);

$stmt = OCIParse($conn,"select * from emp where empno in (1111,2222,3333)");
OCIExecute($stmt);
while (OCIFetchInto($stmt,&$arr,OCI_ASSOC)) {
    var_dump($arr);
}
OCIFreeStatement($stmt);

/* delete our "junk" from the emp table.... */
$stmt = OCIParse($conn,"delete from emp where empno in (1111,2222,3333)");
OCIExecute($stmt);
OCIFreeStatement($stmt);

OCILogoff($conn);
?>

```

Warning

It is a bad idea to use magic quotes and **OciBindByName()** simultaneously as no quoting is needed on quoted variables and any quotes magically applied will be written into your database as **OciBindByName()** is not able to distinguish magically added quotings from those added by intention.

OCILogon (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Establishes a connection to Oracle

```
int OCILogon (string username, string password [, string db])
```

OCILogon() returns an connection identifier needed for most other OCI calls. The optional third parameter can either contain the name of the local Oracle instance or the name of the entry in tnsnames.ora to which you want to connect. If the optional third parameter is not specified, PHP uses the environment variables ORACLE_SID (Oracle instance) or TWO_TASK (tnsnames.ora) to determine which database to connect to.

Connections are shared at the page level when using **OCILogon()**. This means that commits and rollbacks apply to all open transactions in the page, even if you have created multiple connections.

This example demonstrates how the connections are shared.

Example 1. OCILogon

```

<?php
print "<HTML><PRE>";
$db = "";

$c1 = ocilogon("scott","tiger",$db);
$c2 = ocilogon("scott","tiger",$db);

function create_table($conn)
{ $stmt = ociparse($conn,"create table scott.hallo (test varchar2(64))");
  ociexecute($stmt);
  echo $conn." created table\n\n";
}

function drop_table($conn)
{ $stmt = ociparse($conn,"drop table scott.hallo");
  ociexecute($stmt);
  echo $conn." dropped table\n\n";
}

function insert_data($conn)
{ $stmt = ociparse($conn,"insert into scott.hallo
                      values('$conn' || ' ' || to_char(sysdate,'DD-MON-YY HH24:MI:SS'))");
  ociexecute($stmt,OCI_DEFAULT);
  echo $conn." inserted hallo\n\n";
}

function delete_data($conn)
{ $stmt = ociparse($conn,"delete from scott.hallo");
  ociexecute($stmt,OCI_DEFAULT);
  echo $conn." deleted hallo\n\n";
}

function commit($conn)
{ ocicommit($conn);
  echo $conn." committed\n\n";
}

function rollback($conn)
{ ocirollback($conn);
  echo $conn." rollback\n\n";
}

function select_data($conn)
{ $stmt = ociparse($conn,"select * from scott.hallo");
  ociexecute($stmt,OCI_DEFAULT);
  echo $conn."----selecting\n\n";
  while (ocifetch($stmt))
    echo $conn." <".ociresult($stmt,"TEST").">\n\n";
  echo $conn."----done\n\n";
}

```

```

create_table($c1);
insert_data($c1);    // Insert a row using c1
insert_data($c2);    // Insert a row using c2

select_data($c1);    // Results of both inserts are returned
select_data($c2);

rollback($c1);       // Rollback using c1

select_data($c1);    // Both inserts have been rolled back
select_data($c2);

insert_data($c2);    // Insert a row using c2
commit($c2);         // commit using c2

select_data($c1);    // result of c2 insert is returned

delete_data($c1);    // delete all rows in table using c1
select_data($c1);    // no rows returned
select_data($c2);    // no rows returned
commit($c1);         // commit using c1

select_data($c1);    // no rows returned
select_data($c2);    // no rows returned

drop_table($c1);
print "</PRE></HTML>";
?>

```

See also **OCIPLogon()** and **OCINLogon()**.

OCIPLogon (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Connect to an Oracle database and log on using a persistent connection. Returns a new session.

```
int OCIPLogon (string username, string password [, string db])
```

OCIPLogon() creates a persistent connection to an Oracle 8 database and logs on. The optional third parameter can either contain the name of the local Oracle instance or the name of the entry in tnsnames.ora to which you want to connect. If the optional third parameter is not specified, PHP uses the environment variables ORACLE_SID (Oracle instance) or TWO_TASK (tnsnames.ora) to determine which database to connect to.

See also **OCILogon()** and **OCINLogon()**.

OCINLogon (PHP 3 >= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Connect to an Oracle database and log on using a new connection. Returns a new session.

```
int OCINLogon (string username, string password [, string db])
```

OCINLogon() creates a new connection to an Oracle 8 database and logs on. The optional third parameter can either contain the name of the local Oracle instance or the name of the entry in tnsnames.ora to which you want to connect. If the optional third parameter is not specified, PHP uses the environment variables ORACLE_SID (Oracle instance) or TWO_TASK (tnsnames.ora) to determine which database to connect to.

OCINLogon() forces a new connection. This should be used if you need to isolate a set of transactions. By default, connections are shared at the page level if using **OCILogon()** or at the web server process level if using **OCIPLogon()**. If you have multiple connections open using **OCINLogon()**, all commits and rollbacks apply to the specified connection only.

This example demonstrates how the connections are separated.

Example 1. OCINLogon

```
<?php
print "<HTML><PRE>";
$db = "";

$c1 = ocilogon("scott","tiger",$db);
$c2 = ocinlogon("scott","tiger",$db);

function create_table($conn)
{ $stmt = ociparse($conn,"create table scott.hallo (test
varchar2(64))");
  ociexecute($stmt);
  echo $conn." created table\n\n";
}

function drop_table($conn)
{ $stmt = ociparse($conn,"drop table scott.hallo");
  ociexecute($stmt);
  echo $conn." dropped table\n\n";
}

function insert_data($conn)
{ $stmt = ociparse($conn,"insert into scott.hallo
      values('$conn' || ' ' || to_char(sysdate,'DD-MON-YY HH24:MI:SS'))");
  ociexecute($stmt,OCI_DEFAULT);
```

```

    echo $conn." inserted hallo\n\n";
}

function delete_data($conn)
{ $stmt = ociparse($conn,"delete from scott.hallo");
  ociexecute($stmt,OCI_DEFAULT);
  echo $conn." deleted hallo\n\n";
}

function commit($conn)
{ ocicommit($conn);
  echo $conn." committed\n\n";
}

function rollback($conn)
{ ocirollback($conn);
  echo $conn." rollback\n\n";
}

function select_data($conn)
{ $stmt = ociparse($conn,"select * from scott.hallo");
  ociexecute($stmt,OCI_DEFAULT);
  echo $conn."----selecting\n\n";
  while (ocifetch($stmt))
    echo $conn." <".ociresult($stmt,"TEST").">\n\n";
  echo $conn."----done\n\n";
}

create_table($c1);
insert_data($c1);

select_data($c1);
select_data($c2);

rollback($c1);

select_data($c1);
select_data($c2);

insert_data($c2);
commit($c2);

select_data($c1);

delete_data($c1);
select_data($c1);
select_data($c2);
commit($c1);

select_data($c1);
select_data($c2);

```

```
drop_table($c1);
print "</PRE></HTML>";
?>
```

See also **OCILogon()** and **OCIPLogon()**.

OCILogOff (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Disconnects from Oracle

```
int OCILogOff (int connection)
```

OCILogOff() closes an Oracle connection.

OCIExecute (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Execute a statement

```
int OCIExecute (int statement [, int mode])
```

OCIExecute() executes a previously parsed statement. (see **OCIParse()**). The optional *mode* allows you to specify the execution-mode (default is OCI_COMMIT_ON_SUCCESS). If you don't want statements to be committed automatically specify OCI_DEFAULT as your mode.

OCICommit (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Commits outstanding transactions

```
int OCICommit (int connection)
```

OCICommit() commits all outstanding statements for Oracle connection *connection*.

OCIRollback (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Rolls back outstanding transactions

```
int OCIRollback (int connection)
```

OCIRollback() rolls back all outstanding statements for Oracle connection *connection*.

OCINewDescriptor (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Initialize a new empty descriptor LOB/FILE (LOB is default)

```
string OCINewDescriptor (int connection [, int type])
```

OCINewDescriptor() Allocates storage to hold descriptors or LOB locators. Valid values for the valid *type* are OCI_D_FILE, OCI_D_LOB, OCI_D_ROWID. For LOB descriptors, the methods load, save, and savefile are associated with the descriptor, for BFILE only the load method exists. See the second example usage hints.

Example 1. OCINewDescriptor

```
<?php
/* This script is designed to be called from a HTML form.
 * It expects $user, $password, $table, $where, and $commitsize
 * to be passed in from the form. The script then deletes
 * the selected rows using the ROWID and commits after each
 * set of $commitsize rows. (Use with care, there is no rollback)
 */
$conn = OCILogon($user, $password);
$stmt = OCIParse($conn,"select rowid from $table $where");
$rowid = OCINewDescriptor($conn,OCI_D_ROWID);
OCIDefineByName($stmt,"ROWID",&$rowid);
OCIExecute($stmt);
while ( OCIFetch($stmt) ) {
    $nrows = OCIRowCount($stmt);
    $delete = OCIParse($conn,"delete from $table where ROWID = :rid");
    OCIBindByName($delete,":rid",&$rowid,-1,OCI_B_ROWID);
    OCIExecute($delete);
    print "$nrows\n";
    if ( ($nrows % $commitsize) == 0 ) {
        OCICommit($conn);
    }
}
```

```

        $nrows = OCIRowCount($stmt);
        print "$nrows deleted...\n";
        OCIFreeStatement($stmt);
        OCILogoff($conn);
    ?>

<?php
    /* This script demonstrates file upload to LOB columns
     * The formfield used for this example looks like this
     * <form action="upload.php3" method="post" enctype="multipart/form-data">
     * <input type="file" name="lob_upload">
     * ...
     */
    if(!isset($lob_upload) || $lob_upload == 'none'){
    ?>
    <form action="upload.php3" method="post" enctype="multipart/form-data">
    Upload file: <input type="file" name="lob_upload"><br>
    <input type="submit" value="Upload"> - <input type="reset">
    </form>
    <?php
        } else {
            // $lob_upload contains the temporary filename of the uploaded file
            $conn = OCILogon($user, $password);
            $lob = OCINewDescriptor($conn, OCI_D_LOB);
            $stmt = OCIParse($conn,"insert into $table (id, the_blob)
                        values(my_seq.NEXTVAL, EMPTY_BLOB()) returning the_blob into :the_blob");
            OCIBindByName($stmt, ':the_blob', &$lob, -1, OCI_B_BLOB);
            OCIExecute($stmt, OCI_DEFAULT);
            if($lob->savefile($lob_upload)){
                OCICommit($conn);
                echo "Blob successfully uploaded\n";
            }else{
                echo "Couldn't upload Blob\n";
            }
            OCIFreeDesc($lob);
            OCIFreeStatement($stmt);
            OCILogoff($conn);
        }
    ?>

```

Example 2. OCINewDescriptor

```

<?php
    /* Calling PL/SQL stored procedures which contain clobs as input
     * parameters (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6).
     * Example PL/SQL stored procedure signature is:
     */

```

```

* PROCEDURE save_data
*   Argument Name                      Type                      In/Out Default?
*   -----
-
*   KEY                                NUMBER(38)              IN
*   DATA                              CLOB                    IN
*
*/

$conn = OCILogon($user, $password);
$stmt = OCIParse($conn, "begin save_data(:key, :data); end;");
$clob = OCINewDescriptor($conn, OCI_D_LOB);
OCIBindByName($stmt, ':key', $key);
OCIBindByName($stmt, ':data', $clob, -1, OCI_B_CLOB);
$clob->WriteTemporary($data);
OCIExecute($stmt, OCI_DEFAULT);
OCICommit($conn);
$clob->close();
$clob->free();
OCIFreeStatement($stmt);
?>

```

OCIRowCount (PHP 3 >= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets the number of affected rows

```
int OCIRowCount (int statement)
```

OCIRowCount() returns the number of rows affected for eg update-statements. This function will not tell you the number of rows that a select will return!

Example 1. OCIRowCount

```

<?php
print "<HTML><PRE>";
$conn = OCILogon("scott", "tiger");
$stmt = OCIParse($conn, "create table emp2 as select * from emp");
OCIExecute($stmt);
print OCIRowCount($stmt) . " rows inserted.<BR>";
OCIFreeStatement($stmt);
$stmt = OCIParse($conn, "delete from emp2");
OCIExecute($stmt);
print OCIRowCount($stmt) . " rows deleted.<BR>";
OCICommit($conn);

```

```

OCIFreeStatement($stmt);
$stmt = OCIParse($conn,"drop table emp2");
OCIExecute($stmt);
OCIFreeStatement($stmt);
OCILogOff($conn);
print "</PRE></HTML>";
?>

```

OCINumCols (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return the number of result columns in a statement

```
int OCINumCols (int stmt)
```

OCINumCols() returns the number of columns in a statement

Example 1. OCINumCols

```

<?php
print "<HTML><PRE>\n";
$conn = OCILogon("scott", "tiger");
$stmt = OCIParse($conn,"select * from emp");
OCIExecute($stmt);
while ( OCIFetch($stmt) ) {
    print "\n";
    $ncols = OCINumCols($stmt);
    for ( $i = 1; $i <= $ncols; $i++ ) {
        $column_name = OCIColumnName($stmt,$i);
        $column_value = OCIResult($stmt,$i);
        print $column_name . ': ' . $column_value . "\n";
    }
    print "\n";
}
OCIFreeStatement($stmt);
OCILogoff($conn);
print "</PRE>";
print "</HTML>\n";
?>

```

OCIResult (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns column value for fetched row

```
mixed OCIResult (int statement, mixed column)
```

OCIResult() returns the data for column *column* in the current row (see **OCIFetch()**). **OCIResult()** will return everything as strings except for abstract types (ROWIDs, LOBs and FILES).

OCIFetch (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetches the next row into result-buffer

```
int OCIFetch (int statement)
```

OCIFetch() fetches the next row (for SELECT statements) into the internal result-buffer.

OCIFetchInto (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetches the next row into result-array

```
int OCIFetchInto (int stmt, array &result [, int mode])
```

OCIFetchInto() fetches the next row (for SELECT statements) into the *result* array. **OCIFetchInto()** will overwrite the previous content of *result*. By default *result* will contain a zero-based array of all columns that are not NULL.

The *mode* parameter allows you to change the default behaviour. You can specify more than one flag by simply adding them up (eg OCI_ASSOC+OCI_RETURN_NULLS). The known flags are:

- OCI_ASSOC Return an associative array.
- OCI_NUM Return an numbered array starting with zero. (DEFAULT)
- OCI_RETURN_NULLS Return empty columns.
- OCI_RETURN_LOBS Return the value of a LOB instead of the descriptor.

OCIFetchStatement (PHP 3 >= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch all rows of result data into an array.

```
int OCIFetchStatement (int stmt, array &variable)
```

OCIFetchStatement() fetches all the rows from a result into a user-defined array.

OCIFetchStatement() returns the number of rows fetched.

Example 1. OCIFetchStatement

```
<?php
/* OCIFetchStatement example mbritton@verinet.com (990624) */

$conn = OCILogon("scott","tiger");

$stmt = OCIParse($conn,"select * from emp");

OCIExecute($stmt);

$rows = OCIFetchStatement($stmt,$results);
if ( $rows > 0 ) {
    print "<TABLE BORDER=\"1\">\n";
    print "<TR>\n";
    while ( list( $key, $val ) = each( $results ) ) {
        print "<TH>$key</TH>\n";
    }
    print "</TR>\n";

    for ( $i = 0; $i < $rows; $i++ ) {
        reset($results);
        print "<TR>\n";
        while ( $column = each($results) ) {
            $data = $column['value'];
            print "<TD>$data[$i]</TD>\n";
        }
        print "</TR>\n";
    }
    print "</TABLE>\n";
} else {
    echo "No data found<BR>\n";
}
print "$rows Records Selected<BR>\n";

OCIFreeStatement($stmt);
OCILogoff($conn);
?>
```

OCISchemaIsNULL (PHP 3 >= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

test whether a result column is NULL

```
int OCISchemaIsNULL (int stmt, mixed column)
```

OCISchemaIsNULL() returns TRUE if the returned column *column* in the result from the statement *stmt* is NULL. You can either use the column-number (1-Based) or the column-name for the *col* parameter.

OCIColumnName (PHP 3 >= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the name of a column.

```
string OCIColumnName (int stmt, int col)
```

OCIColumnName() returns the name of the column corresponding to the column number (1-based) that is passed in.

Example 1. OCIColumnName

```
<?php
    print "<HTML><PRE>\n";
    $conn = OCILogon("scott", "tiger");
    $stmt = OCIParse($conn,"select * from emp");
    OCIExecute($stmt);
    print "<TABLE BORDER=\\"1\\">";
    print "<TR>";
    print "<TH>Name</TH>";
    print "<TH>Type</TH>";
    print "<TH>Length</TH>";
    print "</TR>";
    $ncols = OCINumCols($stmt);
    for ( $i = 1; $i <= $ncols; $i++ ) {
        $column_name = OCIColumnName($stmt,$i);
        $column_type = OCIColumnType($stmt,$i);
        $column_size = OCIColumnSize($stmt,$i);
        print "<TR>";
```

```

        print "<TD>$column_name</TD>";
        print "<TD>$column_type</TD>";
        print "<TD>$column_size</TD>";
        print "</TR>";
    }
    OCIFreeStatement($stmt);
    OCILogoff($conn);
    print "</PRE>";
    print "</HTML>\n";
?>

```

See also **OCINumCols()**, **OCIColumnType()**, and **OCIColumnSize()**.

OCIColumnSize (PHP 3 >= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

return result column size

```
int OCIColumnSize (int stmt, mixed column)
```

OCIColumnSize() returns the size of the column as given by Oracle. You can either use the column-number (1-Based) or the column-name for the *col* parameter.

Example 1. OCIColumnSize

```

<?php
    print "<HTML><PRE>\n";
    $conn = OCILogon("scott", "tiger");
    $stmt = OCIParse($conn,"select * from emp");
    OCIExecute($stmt);
    print "<TABLE BORDER= \"1\">";
    print "<TR>";
    print "<TH>Name</TH>";
    print "<TH>Type</TH>";
    print "<TH>Length</TH>";
    print "</TR>";
    $ncols = OCINumCols($stmt);
    for ( $i = 1; $i <= $ncols; $i++ ) {
        $column_name = OCIColumnName($stmt,$i);
        $column_type = OCIColumnType($stmt,$i);
        $column_size = OCIColumnSize($stmt,$i);
        print "<TR>";
        print "<TD>$column_name</TD>";
    }
    print "</TABLE>";
    print "</PRE>\n";
?>

```



```

        print "<TD>$column_type</TD>";
        print "<TD>$column_size</TD>";
        print "</TR>";
    }
    print "</TABLE>";
    OCIFreeStatement($stmt);
    OCILogoff($conn);
    print "</PRE>";
    print "</HTML>\n";
?>

```

See also **OCINumCols()**, **OCIColumnName()**, and **OCIColumnSize()**.

OCIColumnType (PHP 3 >= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the data type of a column.

mixed **OCIColumnType** (int *stmt*, int *col*)

OCIColumnType() returns the data type of the column corresponding to the column number (1-based) that is passed in.

Example 1. OCIColumnType

```

<?php
    print "<HTML><PRE>\n";
    $conn = OCILogon("scott", "tiger");
    $stmt = OCIParse($conn,"select * from emp");
    OCIExecute($stmt);
    print "<TABLE BORDER=\"1\">";
    print "<TR>";
    print "<TH>Name</TH>";
    print "<TH>Type</TH>";
    print "<TH>Length</TH>";
    print "</TR>";
    $ncols = OCINumCols($stmt);
    for ( $i = 1; $i <= $ncols; $i++ ) {
        $column_name = OCIColumnName($stmt,$i);
        $column_type = OCIColumnType($stmt,$i);
        $column_size = OCIColumnSize($stmt,$i);
        print "<TR>";
        print "<TD>$column_name</TD>";
    }
    print "</TABLE>";
    OCILogoff($conn);
?>

```

```

        print "<TD>$column_type</TD>";
        print "<TD>$column_size</TD>";
        print "</TR>";
    }
    OCIFreeStatement($stmt);
    OCILogoff($conn);
    print "</PRE>";
    print "</HTML>\n";
?>

```

See also **OCINumCols()**, **OCIColumnName()**, and **OCIColumnSize()**.

OCIServerVersion (PHP 3>= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return a string containing server version information.

```
string OCIServerVersion (int conn)
```

Example 1. OCIServerVersion

```

<?php
    $conn = OCILogon("scott","tiger");
    print "Server Version: " . OCIServerVersion($conn);
    OCILogOff($conn);
?>

```

OCIStatementType (PHP 3>= 3.0.5, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return the type of an OCI statement.

```
string OCIStatementType (int stmt)
```

OCIStatementType() returns one of the following values:

1. "SELECT"
2. "UPDATE"
3. "DELETE"
4. "INSERT"
5. "CREATE"
6. "DROP"
7. "ALTER"
8. "BEGIN"
9. "DECLARE"
10. "UNKNOWN"

Example 1. Code examples

```
<?php
    print "<HTML><PRE>";
    $conn = OCILogon("scott","tiger");
    $sql  = "delete from emp where deptno = 10";

    $stmt = OCIParse($conn,$sql);
    if ( OCIStatementType($stmt) == "DELETE" ) {
        die "You are not allowed to delete from this table<BR>";
    }

    OCILogoff($conn);
    print "</PRE></HTML>";
?>
```

OCINewCursor (PHP 3 >= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return a new cursor (Statement-Handle) - use to bind ref-cursors.

```
int OCINewCursor (int conn)
```

OCINewCursor() allocates a new statement handle on the specified connection.

Example 1. Using a REF CURSOR from a stored procedure

```

<?php
// suppose your stored procedure info.output returns a ref cursor in :data

$conn = OCILogon("scott","tiger");
$curs = OCINewCursor($conn);
$stmt = OCIParse($conn,"begin info.output(:data); end;");

ocibindbyname($stmt,"data",&$curs,-1,OCI_B_CURSOR);
ociexecute($stmt);
ociexecute($curs);

while (OCIFetchInto($curs,&$data)) {
    var_dump($data);
}

OCIFreeStatement($stmt);
OCIFreeCursor($curs);
OCILogoff($conn);
?>

```

Example 2. Using a REF CURSOR in a select statement

```

<?php
print "<HTML><BODY>";
$conn = OCILogon("scott","tiger");
$count_cursor = "CURSOR(select count(empno) num_ems from emp " .
    "where emp.deptno = dept.deptno) as EMPCNT from dept";
$stmt = OCIParse($conn,"select deptno,dname,$count_cursor");

ociexecute($stmt);
print "<TABLE BORDER=\\"1\\">";
print "<TR>";
print "<TH>DEPT NAME</TH>";
print "<TH>DEPT #</TH>";
print "<TH># EMPLOYEES</TH>";
print "</TR>";

while (OCIFetchInto($stmt,&$data,OCI_ASSOC)) {
    print "<TR>";
    $dname = $data["DNAME"];
    $deptno = $data["DEPTNO"];
    print "<TD>$dname</TD>";
    print "<TD>$deptno</TD>";
    ociexecute($data[ "EMPCNT" ]);
}

```

```

        while (OCIFetchInto($data[ "EMPCNT" ],&$subdata,OCI_ASSOC)) {
            $num_ems = $subdata["NUM_EMPS"];
            print "<TD>$num_ems</TD>";
        }
        print "</TR>";
    }
    print "</TABLE>";
    print "</BODY></HTML>";
    OCIFreeStatement($stmt);
    OCILogoff($conn);
?>

```

OCIFreeStatement (PHP 3>= 3.0.5, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Free all resources associated with a statement.

```
int OCIFreeStatement (int stmt)
```

OCIFreeStatement() returns TRUE if successful, or FALSE if unsuccessful.

OCIFreeCursor (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Free all resources associated with a cursor.

```
int OCIFreeCursor (int stmt)
```

OCIFreeCursor() returns TRUE if successful, or FALSE if unsuccessful.

OCIFreeDesc (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deletes a large object descriptor.

```
int OCIFreeDesc (object lob)
```

OCIFreeDesc() returns TRUE if successful, or FALSE if unsuccessful.

OCI_Parse (PHP 3 >= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Parse a query and return a statement

```
int OCI_Parse (int conn, string query)
```

OCI_Parse() parses the *query* using *conn*. It returns the statement identity if the query is valid, FALSE if not. The *query* can be any valid SQL statement.

OCI_Error (PHP 3 >= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return the last error of stmt|conn|global. If no error happened returns FALSE.

```
array OCI_Error ([int stmt|conn|global])
```

OCI_Error() returns the last error found. If the optional *stmt | conn | global* is not provided, the last error encountered is returned. If no error is found, **OCI_Error()** returns FALSE. **OCI_Error()** returns the error as an associative array. In this array, *code* consists the oracle error code and *message* the oracle errorstring.

OCI_InternalDebug (PHP 3 >= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Enables or disables internal debug output. By default it is disabled

```
void OCI_InternalDebug (int onoff)
```

OCI_InternalDebug() enables internal debug output. Set *onoff* to 0 to turn debug output off, 1 to turn it on.

OCI_Cancel (PHP 3 >= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Cancel reading from cursor

```
int OCICancel (int stmt)
```

If you do not want read more data from a cursor, then call **OCICancel()**.

OCISetPrefetch (PHP 3>= 3.0.12, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

sets number of rows to be prefetched

```
int OCISetPrefetch (int stmt, int rows)
```

Sets the number of top level rows to be prefetched. The default value is 1 row.

OCIWriteLobToFile (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Coming soon.

```
void OCIWriteLobToFile (object lob [, string filename [, int start [, int  
length]]])
```

Coming soon.

OCISaveLobFile (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Coming soon.

```
string OCISaveLobFile (object lob)
```

Coming soon.

OCISaveLob (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Coming soon.

string **OCISaveLob** (object *lob*)

Coming soon.

OCILoadLob (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Coming soon.

string **OCILoadLob** (object *lob*)

Coming soon.

OCIColumnScale (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Coming soon.

int **OCIColumnScale** (int *stmt*, int *col*)

Coming soon.

OCIColumnPrecision (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Coming soon.

int **OCIColumnPrecision** (int *stmt*, int *col*)

Coming soon.

OCIColumnTypeRaw (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Coming soon.

mixed **OCIColumnTypeRaw** (int *stmt*, int *col*)

Coming soon.

OCINewCollection (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Coming soon.

string **OCINewCollection** (int *conn*, string *tdo* [, string *shema*])

Coming soon.

OCIFreeCollection (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Coming soon.

string **OCIFreeCollection** (object *lob*)

Coming soon.

OCICollAssign (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Coming soon.

string **OCICollAssign** (object *collection*, object *object*)

Coming soon.

OCICollAssignElem (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Coming soon.

string **OCICollAssignElem** (object *collection*, string *ndx*, string *val*)

Coming soon.

OCICollGetElem (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Coming soon.

string **OCICollGetElem** (object *collection*, string *ndx*)

Coming soon.

OCICollMax (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Coming soon.

string **OCICollMax** (object *collection*)

Coming soon.

OCICollSize (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Coming soon.

string **OCICollSize** (object *collection*)

Coming soon.

OCICollTrim (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Coming soon.

```
string OCICollTrim (object collection, int num)
```

Coming soon.

LIX. OpenSSL functions

Warning

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Introduction

This module uses the functions of OpenSSL (<http://www.openssl.org/>) for generation and verification of signatures and for sealing (encrypting) and opening (decrypting) data. PHP-4.0.4pl1 requires OpenSSL $\geq 0.9.6$, but PHP-4.0.5 and greater with also work with OpenSSL $\geq 0.9.5$.

Note: Please keep in mind that this extension is still considered experimental!

OpenSSL offers many features that this module currently doesn't support. Some of these may be added in the future.

Key/Certificate parameters

Quite a few of the openssl functions require a key or a certificate parameter. PHP 4.0.5 and earlier have to use a key or certificate resource returned by one of the `openssl_get_xxx` functions. Later versions may use one of the following methods:

- Certificates
 1. An X.509 resource returned from `openssl_x509_read`
 2. A string having the format `file://path/to/cert.pem`; the named file must contain a PEM encoded certificate
 3. A string containing the content of a certificate, PEM encoded
- Public/Private Keys
 1. A key resource returned from `openssl_get_publickey()` or `openssl_get_privatekey()`
 2. For public keys only: an X.509 resource
 3. A string having the format `file://path/to/file.pem` - the named file must contain a PEM

encoded certificate/private key (it may contain both)

4. A string containing the content of a certificate/key, PEM encoded
5. For private keys, you may also use the syntax *array(\$key, \$passphrase)* where *\$key* represents a key specified using the *file://* or textual content notation above, and *\$passphrase* represents a string containing the passphrase for that private key

Certificate Verification

When calling a function that will verify a signature/certificate, the *cainfo* parameter is an array containing file and directory names the specify the locations of trusted CA files. If a directory is specified, then it must be a correctly formed hashed directory as the **openssl** command would use.

PKCS7 Flags/Constants

The S/MIME functions make use of flags which are specified using a bitfield which can include one or more of the following values:

Table 1. PKCS7 CONSTANTS

Constant	Description
PKCS7_TEXT	adds text/plain content type headers to encrypted/signed message. If decrypting or verifying, it strips those headers from the output - if the decrypted or verified message is not of MIME type text/plain then an error will occur.
PKCS7_BINARY	normally the input message is converted to "canonical" format which is effectively using CR and LF as end of line: as required by the S/MIME specification. When this options is present, no translation occurs. This is useful when handling binary data which may not be in MIME format.
PKCS7_NOINTERN	when verifying a message, certificates (if any) included in the message are normally searched for the signing certificate. With this option only the certificates specified in the <i>extracerts</i> parameter of <i>openssl_pkcs7_verify()</i> are used. The supplied certificates can still be used as untrusted CAs however.
PKCS7_NOVERIFY	do not verify the signers certificate of a signed message.

Constant	Description
PKCS7_NOCHAIN	do not chain verification of signers certificates: that is don't use the certificates in the signed message as untrusted CAs.
PKCS7_NOCERTS	when signing a message the signer's certificate is normally included - with this option it is excluded. This will reduce the size of the signed message but the verifier must have a copy of the signers certificate available locally (passed using the <i>extracerts</i> to openssl_pkcs7_verify() for example.
PKCS7_NOATTR	normally when a message is signed, a set of attributes are included which include the signing time and the supported symmetric algorithms. With this option they are not included.
PKCS7_DETACHED	When signing a message, use cleartext signing with the MIME type multipart/signed. This is the default if the <i>flags</i> parameter to openssl_pkcs7_sign() if you do not specify any flags. If you turn this option off, the message will be signed using opaque signing, which is more resistant to translation by mail relays but cannot be read by mail agents that do not support S/MIME.
PKCS7_NOSIGS	Don't try and verify the signatures on a message

Note: These constants were added in 4.0.6.

openssl_error_string (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Return openssl error message

mixed **openssl_error_string** ()

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

Returns an error message string, or FALSE if there are no more error messages to return.

openssl_error_string() returns the last error from the openssl library. Error messages are stacked, so this function should be called multiple times to collect all of the information.

The parameters/return type of this function may change before it appears in a release version of PHP

Example 1. openssl_error_string() example

```
// lets assume you just called an openssl function that failed
while($msg = openssl_error_string())
    echo $msg . "<br>";
```

Note: This function was added in 4.0.6.

openssl_free_key (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Free key resource

void **openssl_free_key** (resource *key_identifier*)

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

openssl_free_key() frees the key associated with the specified *key_identifier* from memory.

openssl_get_privatekey (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Prepare a PEM formatted private key for use

resource **openssl_get_privatekey** (mixed *key* [, string *passphrase*])

Warning

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Returns a positive key resource identifier on success, or FALSE on error.

openssl_get_privatekey() parses the PEM formatted private key specified by *key* and prepares it for use by other functions. The optional parameter *passphrase* must be used if the specified key is encrypted (protected by a passphrase).

openssl_get_publickey (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Extract public key from certificate and prepare it for use

resource **openssl_get_publickey** (mixed *certificate*)

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

Returns a positive key resource identifier on success, or FALSE on error.

openssl_get_publickey() extracts the public key from an X.509 certificate specified by *certificate* and prepares it for use by other functions.

openssl_open (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Open sealed data

bool **openssl_open** (string *sealed_data*, string *open_data*, string *env_key*, mixed *priv_key_id*)

Warning

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Returns TRUE on success, or FALSE on error. If successful the opened data is returned in *open_data*.

openssl_open() opens (decrypts) *sealed_data* using the private key associated with the key identifier *priv_key_id* and the envelope key *env_key*, and fills *open_data* with the decrypted data. The envelope key is generated when the data are sealed and can only be used by one specific private key. See `openssl_seal()` for more information.

Example 1. openssl_open() example

```
// $sealed and $env_key are assumed to contain the sealed data
// and our envelope key, both given to us by the sealer.

// fetch private key from file and ready it
$fp = fopen("/src/openssl-0.9.6/demos/sign/key.pem", "r");
$priv_key = fread($fp, 8192);
fclose($fp);
$keyid = openssl_get_privatekey($priv_key);

// decrypt the data and store it in $open
if (openssl_open($sealed, $open, $env_key, $keyid))
    echo "here is the opened data: ", $open;
else
    echo "failed to open data";

// free the private key from memory
openssl_free_key($keyid);
```

See also `openssl_seal()`.

openssl_seal (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Seal (encrypt) data

```
int openssl_seal (string data, string sealed_data, array env_keys, array
pub_key_ids)
```

Warning

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Returns the length of the sealed data on success, or FALSE on error. If successful the sealed data is returned in *sealed_data*, and the envelope keys in *env_keys*.

openssl_seal() seals (encrypts) *data* by using RC4 with a randomly generated secret key. The key is encrypted with each of the public keys associated with the identifiers in *pub_key_ids* and each encrypted key is returned in *env_keys*. This means that one can send sealed data to multiple recipients (provided one has obtained their public keys). Each recipient must receive both the sealed data and the envelope key that was encrypted with the recipient's public key.

Example 1. openssl_seal() example

```
// $data is assumed to contain the data to be sealed

// fetch public keys for our recipients, and ready them
$fp = fopen("/src/openssl-0.9.6/demos/maurice/cert.pem", "r");
$cert = fread($fp, 8192);
fclose($fp);
$pk1 = openssl_get_publickey($cert);
// Repeat for second recipient
$fp = fopen("/src/openssl-0.9.6/demos/sign/cert.pem", "r");
$cert = fread($fp, 8192);
fclose($fp);
$pk2 = openssl_get_publickey($cert);

// seal message, only owners of $pk1 and $pk2 can decrypt $sealed with keys
// $keys[0] and $keys[1] respectively.
```

```

openssl_seal($data, $sealed, $keys, array($pk1,$pk2));

// free the keys from memory
openssl_free_key($pk1);
openssl_free_key($pk2);

```

See also `openssl_open()`.

openssl_sign (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Generate signature

```
bool openssl_sign (string data, string signature, mixed priv_key_id)
```

Warning

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Returns TRUE on success, or FALSE on failure. If successful the signature is returned in *signature*.

openssl_sign() computes a signature for the specified *data* by using SHA1 for hashing followed by encryption using the private key associated with *priv_key_id*. Note that the data itself is not encrypted.

Example 1. openssl_sign() example

```

// $data is assumed to contain the data to be signed

// fetch private key from file and ready it
$fp = fopen("/src/openssl-0.9.6/demos/sign/key.pem", "r");
$priv_key = fread($fp, 8192);
fclose($fp);
$keyid = openssl_get_privatekey($priv_key);

// compute signature
openssl_sign($data, $signature, $keyid);

// free the key from memory
openssl_free_key($keyid);

```

See also `openssl_verify()`.

openssl_verify (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Verify signature

```
int openssl_verify (string data, string signature, mixed pub_key_id)
```

Warning

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Returns 1 if the signature is correct, 0 if it is incorrect, and -1 on error.

openssl_verify() verifies that the *signature* is correct for the specified *data* using the public key associated with *pub_key_id*. This must be the public key corresponding to the private key used for signing.

Example 1. openssl_verify() example

```
// $data and $signature are assumed to contain the data and the signature

// fetch public key from certificate and ready it
$fp = fopen("/src/openssl-0.9.6/demos/sign/cert.pem", "r");
$cert = fread($fp, 8192);
fclose($fp);
$pubkeyid = openssl_get_publickey($cert);

// state whether signature is okay or not
$ok = openssl_verify($data, $signature, $pubkeyid);
if ($ok == 1)
    echo "good";
elseif ($ok == 0)
    echo "bad";
else
    echo "ugly, error checking signature";

// free the key from memory
```

```
openssl_free_key($pubkeyid);
```

See also `openssl_sign()`.

openssl_pkcs7_decrypt (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Decrypts an S/MIME encrypted message

```
bool openssl_pkcs7_decrypt (string infilename, string outfilename, mixed recipcert, mixed recipkey)
```

Warning

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Decrypts the S/MIME encrypted message contained in the file specified by *infilename* using the certificate and it's associated private key specified by *recipcert* and *recipkey*.

The decrypted message is output to the file specified by *outfilename*

Example 1. openssl_pkcs7_decrypt() example

```
// $cert and $key are assumed to contain your personal certificate and private
// key pair, and that you are the recipient of an S/MIME message
$infilename = "encrypted.msg"; // this file holds your encrypted message
$outfilename = "decrypted.msg"; // make sure you can write to this file

if (openssl_pkcs7_decrypt($infilename, $outfilename, $cert, $key))
    echo "decrypted!";
else
    echo "failed to decrypt!";
```

Note: This function was added in 4.0.6.

openssl_pkcs7_encrypt (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Encrypt an S/MIME message

```
bool openssl_pkcs7_encrypt (string infilename, string outfilename, mixed
recipcerts, array headers [, long flags])
```

Warning

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openssl_pkcs7_encrypt() takes the contents of the file named *infilename* and encrypts them using an RC2 40-bit cipher so that they can only be read by the intended recipients specified by *recipcerts*, which is either a lone X.509 certificate, or an array of X.509 certificates. *headers* is an array of headers that will be prepended to the data after it has been encrypted. *flags* can be used to specify options that affect the encoding process - see PKCS7 constants. *headers* can be either an associative array keyed by header name, or an indexed array, where each element contains a single header line.

Example 1. openssl_pkcs7_encrypt() example

```
// the message you want to encrypt and send to your secret agent
// in the field, known as nighthawk. You have his certificate
// in the file nighthawk.pem
$data = <<<EOD
Nighthawk,

Top secret, for your eyes only!

The enemy is closing in! Meet me at the cafe at 8.30am
to collect your forged passport!

HQ
EOD;
// save message to file
$fp = fopen("msg.txt", "w");
fwrite($fp, $data);
fclose($fp);
// encrypt it
if (openssl_pkcs7_encrypt("msg.txt", "enc.txt", "nighthawk.pem",
    array("To" => "nighthawk@agent.com", // keyed syntax
        "From: HQ <hq@cia.com>", // indexed syntax
        "Subject" => "Eyes only")))
{
    // message encrypted - send it!
```

```
    exec(ini_get("sendmail_path") . " < enc.txt");
}
```

Note: This function was added in 4.0.6.

openssl_pkcs7_sign (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

sign an S/MIME message

```
bool openssl_pkcs7_sign (string infilename, string outfilename, mixed
signcert, mixed privkey, array headers [, long flags [, string
extracertsfilename]])
```

Warning

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openssl_pkcs7_sign() takes the contents of the file named *infilename* and signs them using the certificate and it's matching private key specified by *signcert* and *privkey* parameters.

headers is an array of headers that will be prepended to the data after it has been signed (see `openssl_pkcs7_encrypt()` for more information about the format of this parameter.

flags can be used to alter the output - see PKCS7 constants - if not specified, it defaults to PKCS7_DETACHED.

extracerts specifies the name of a file containing a bunch of extra certificates to include in the signature which can for example be used to help the recipient to verify the certificate that you used.

Example 1. openssl_pkcs7_sign() example

```
// the message you want to sign so that recipient can be sure it was you that
// sent it
$data = <<<EOD
```

You have my authorization to spend \$10,000 on dinner expenses.

```

The CEO
EOD;
// save message to file
$fp = fopen("msg.txt", "w");
fwrite($fp, $data);
fclose($fp);
// encrypt it
if (openssl_pkcs7_sign("msg.txt", "signed.txt", "mycert.pem",
    array("mycert.pem", "mypassphrase"),
    array("To" => "joes@sales.com", // keyed syntax
        "From: HQ <ceo@sales.com>", // indexed syntax
        "Subject" => "Eyes only"))
{
    // message signed - send it!
    exec(ini_get("sendmail_path") . " &lt; signed.txt");
}

```

Note: This function was added in 4.0.6.

openssl_pkcs7_verify (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Verifies the signature of an S/MIME signed message

```

bool openssl_pkcs7_verify (string filename, int flags [, string outfilename
[, array cainfo [, string extracerts]]])

```

Warning

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openssl_pkcs7_verify() reads the S/MIME message contained in the filename specified by *filename* and examines the digital signature. It returns TRUE if the signature is verified, FALSE if it is not correct (the message has been tampered with, or the signing certificate is invalid), or -1 on error.

flags can be used to affect how the signature is verified - see PKCS7 constants for more information.

If the *outfilename* is specified, it should be a string holding the name of a file into which the certificates of the persons that signed the messages will be stored in PEM format.

If the *cainfo* is specified, it should hold information about the trusted CA certificates to use in the verification process - see certificate verification for more information about this parameter.

If the *extracerts* is specified, it is the filename of a file containing a bunch of certificates to use as untrusted CAs.

Note: This function was added in 4.0.6.

openssl_x509_checkpurpose (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Verifies if a certificate can be used for a particular purpose

```
bool openssl_x509_checkpurpose (mixed x509cert, int purpose, array cainfo [,
string untrustedfile])
```

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

Returns TRUE if the certificate can be used for the intended purpose, FALSE if it cannot, or -1 on error.

openssl_x509_checkpurpose() examines the certificate specified by *x509cert* to see if it can be used for the purpose specified by *purpose*.

cainfo should be an array of trusted CA files/dirs as described in Certificate Verification.

untrustedfile, if specified, is the name of a PEM encoded file holding certificates that can be used to help verify the certificate, although no trust is placed in the certificates that come from that file.

Table 1. openssl_x509_checkpurpose() purposes

Constant	Description
X509_PURPOSE_SSL_CLIENT	Can the certificate be used for the client side of an SSL connection?
X509_PURPOSE_SSL_SERVER	Can the certificate be used for the server side of an SSL connection?
X509_PURPOSE_NS_SSL_SERVER	Can the cert be used for Netscape SSL server?
X509_PURPOSE_SMIME_SIGN	Can the cert be used to sign S/MIME email?
X509_PURPOSE_SMIME_ENCRYPT	Can the cert be used to encrypt S/MIME email?

Constant	Description
X509_PURPOSE_CRL_SIGN	Can the cert be used to sign a certificate revocation list (CRL)?
X509_PURPOSE_ANY	Can the cert be used for Any/All purposes?

These options are not bitfields - you may specify one only!

Note: This function was added in 4.0.6.

openssl_x509_free (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Free certificate resource

```
void openssl_x509_free (resource x509cert)
```

Warning

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openssl_x509_free() frees the certificate associated with the specified *x509cert* resource from memory.

Note: This function was added in 4.0.6.

openssl_x509_parse (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Parse an X509 certificate and return the information as an array

```
array openssl_x509_parse (mixed x509cert [, bool shortnames])
```

Warning

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openssl_x509_parse() returns information about the supplied *x509cert*, including fields such as subject name, issuer name, purposes, valid from and valid to dates etc. *shortnames* controls how the data is indexed in the array - if *shortnames* is TRUE (the default) then fields will be indexed with the short name form, otherwise, the long name form will be used - e.g.: CN is the shortname form of commonName.

The structure of the returned data is (deliberately) not yet documented, as it is still subject to change.

Note: This function was added in 4.0.6.

openssl_x509_read (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Parse an X.509 certificate and return a resource identifier for it

resource **openssl_x509_read** (mixed *x509certdata*)

Warning

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openssl_x509_read() parses the certificate supplied by *x509certdata* and returns a resource identifier for it.

Note: This function was added in 4.0.6.

LX. Oracle functions

Ora_Bind (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

bind a PHP variable to an Oracle parameter

```
int ora_bind (int cursor, string PHP variable name, string SQL parameter name, int length [, int type])
```

Returns TRUE if the bind succeeds, otherwise FALSE. Details about the error can be retrieved using the `ora_error()` and `ora_errorcode()` functions.

This function binds the named PHP variable with a SQL parameter. The SQL parameter must be in the form `":name"`. With the optional type parameter, you can define whether the SQL parameter is an in/out (0, default), in (1) or out (2) parameter. As of PHP 3.0.1, you can use the constants `ORA_BIND_INOUT`, `ORA_BIND_IN` and `ORA_BIND_OUT` instead of the numbers.

`ora_bind` must be called after `ora_parse()` and before `ora_exec()`. Input values can be given by assignment to the bound PHP variables, after calling `ora_exec()` the bound PHP variables contain the output values if available.

```
<?php
ora_parse($curs, "declare tmp INTEGER; begin tmp := :in; :out := tmp; :x := 7.77; end;");
ora_bind($curs, "result", ":x", $len, 2);
ora_bind($curs, "input", ":in", 5, 1);
ora_bind($curs, "output", ":out", 5, 2);
$input = 765;
ora_exec($curs);
echo "Result: $result<BR>Out: $output<BR>In: $input";
?>
```

Ora_Close (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

close an Oracle cursor

```
int ora_close (int cursor)
```

Returns TRUE if the close succeeds, otherwise FALSE. Details about the error can be retrieved using the `ora_error()` and `ora_errorcode()` functions.

This function closes a data cursor opened with `ora_open()`.

Ora_ColumnName (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

get name of Oracle result column

```
string Ora_ColumnName (int cursor, int column)
```

Returns the name of the field/column *column* on the cursor *cursor*. The returned name is in all uppercase letters.

Ora_ColumnSize (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

get size of Oracle result column

```
int Ora_ColumnSize (int cursor, int column)
```

Returns the size of the Oracle column *column* on the cursor *cursor*.

Ora_ColumnType (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

get type of Oracle result column

```
string Ora_ColumnType (int cursor, int column)
```

Returns the Oracle data type name of the field/column *column* on the cursor *cursor*. The returned type will be one of the following:

```
"VARCHAR2"  
"VARCHAR"  
"CHAR"  
"NUMBER"  
"LONG"  
"LONG RAW"  
"ROWID"  
"DATE"  
"CURSOR"
```

Ora_Commit (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

commit an Oracle transaction

```
int ora_commit (int conn)
```

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error. Details about the error can be retrieved using the `ora_error()` and `ora_errorcode()` functions.

This function commits an Oracle transaction. A transaction is defined as all the changes on a given connection since the last commit/rollback, autocommit was turned off or when the connection was established.

Ora_CommitOff (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

disable automatic commit

```
int ora_commitoff (int conn)
```

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error. Details about the error can be retrieved using the `ora_error()` and `ora_errorcode()` functions.

This function turns off automatic commit after each `ora_exec()`.

Ora_CommitOn (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

enable automatic commit

```
int ora_commiton (int conn)
```

This function turns on automatic commit after each `ora_exec()` on the given connection.

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error. Details about the error can be retrieved using the `ora_error()` and `ora_errorcode()` functions.

Ora_Do (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Parse, Exec, Fetch

```
int ora_do (int conn, string query)
```

This function is quick combination of `ora_parse()`, `ora_exec()` and `ora_fetch()`. It will parse and execute a statement, then fetch the first result row.

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error. Details about the error can be retrieved using the `ora_error()` and `ora_errorcode()` functions.

See also `ora_parse()`, `ora_exec()`, and `ora_fetch()`.

Ora_Error (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

get Oracle error message

```
string Ora_Error (int cursor_or_connection)
```

Returns an error message of the form *XXX-NNNNN* where *XXX* is where the error comes from and *NNNNN* identifies the error message.

Note: Support for connection ids was added in 3.0.4.

On UNIX versions of Oracle, you can find details about an error message like this: `$ oerr ora 00001 00001, 00000, "unique constraint (%s.%s) violated" // *Cause: An update or insert statement attempted to insert a duplicate key // For Trusted ORACLE configured in DBMS MAC mode, you may see // this message if a duplicate entry exists at a different level. // *Action: Either remove the unique restriction or do not insert the key`

Ora_ErrorCode (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

get Oracle error code

```
int Ora_ErrorCode (int cursor_or_connection)
```

Returns the numeric error code of the last executed statement on the specified cursor or connection.

Note: Support for connection ids was added in 3.0.4.

Ora_Exec (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

execute parsed statement on an Oracle cursor

```
int ora_exec (int cursor)
```

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error. Details about the error can be retrieved using the `ora_error()` and `ora_errorcode()` functions.

See also `ora_parse()`, `ora_fetch()`, and `ora_do()`.

Ora_Fetch (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

fetch a row of data from a cursor

```
int ora_fetch (int cursor)
```

Returns TRUE (a row was fetched) or FALSE (no more rows, or an error occurred). If an error occurred, details can be retrieved using the `ora_error()` and `ora_errorcode()` functions. If there was no error, `ora_errorcode()` will return 0.

Retrieves a row of data from the specified cursor.

See also `ora_parse()`, `ora_exec()`, and `ora_do()`.

Ora_Fetch_Into (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch a row into the specified result array

```
int ora_fetch_into (int cursor, array result, int [flags])
```

You can fetch a row into an array with this function.

Example 1. Oracle fetch into array

```
<?php
array($results);
ora_fetch_into($cursor, &$results);
echo $results[0];
echo $results[1];
```

?>

Note that you need to fetch the array by reference.

See also `ora_parse()`, `ora_exec()`, `ora_fetch()`, and `ora_do()`.

Ora_GetColumn (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

get data from a fetched column

mixed **ora_getcolumn** (int *cursor*, mixed *column*)

Returns the column data. If an error occurs, FALSE is returned and `ora_errorcode()` will return a non-zero value. Note, however, that a test for FALSE on the results from this function may be TRUE in cases where there is not error as well (NULL result, empty string, the number 0, the string "0").

Fetches the data for a column or function result.

Ora_Logoff (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

close an Oracle connection

int **ora_logoff** (int *connection*)

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error. Details about the error can be retrieved using the `ora_error()` and `ora_errorcode()` functions.

Logs out the user and disconnects from the server.

See also `ora_logon()`.

Ora_Logon (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

open an Oracle connection

int **ora_logon** (string *user*, string *password*)

Establishes a connection between PHP and an Oracle database with the given username and password.

Connections can be made using SQL*Net by supplying the TNS name to *user* like this:

```
$conn = Ora_Logon("user@TNSNAME", "pass");
```

If you have character data with non-ASCII characters, you should make sure that NLS_LANG is set in your environment. For server modules, you should set it in the server's environment before starting the server.

Returns a connection index on success, or FALSE on failure. Details about the error can be retrieved using the ora_error() and ora_errorcode() functions.

Ora_pLogon (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open a persistent Oracle connection

```
int ora_plogon (string user, string password)
```

Establishes a persistent connection between PHP and an Oracle database with the given username and password.

See also ora_logon().

Ora_Numcols (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the number of columns

```
int ora_numcols (int cursor_ind)
```

ora_numcols() returns the number of columns in a result. Only returns meaningful values after an parse/exec/fetch sequence.

See also ora_parse(), ora_exec(), ora_fetch(), and ora_do().

Ora_Numrows (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the number of rows

```
int ora_numrows (int cursor_ind)
```

ora_numrows() returns the number of rows in a result.

Ora_Open (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

open an Oracle cursor

```
int ora_open (int connection)
```

Opens an Oracle cursor associated with connection.

Returns a cursor index or FALSE on failure. Details about the error can be retrieved using the **ora_error()** and **ora_errorcode()** functions.

Ora_Parse (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

parse an SQL statement

```
int ora_parse (int cursor_ind, string sql_statement, int defer)
```

This function parses an SQL statement or a PL/SQL block and associates it with the given cursor.

Returns 0 on success or -1 on error.

See also **ora_exec()**, **ora_fetch()**, and **ora_do()**.

Ora_Rollback (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

roll back transaction

```
int ora_rollback (int connection)
```

This function undoes an Oracle transaction. (See **ora_commit()** for the definition of a transaction.)

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on error. Details about the error can be retrieved using the **ora_error()** and **ora_errorcode()** functions.

LXI. Ovrimos SQL functions

Ovrimos SQL Server, is a client/server, transactional RDBMS combined with Web capabilities and fast transactions.

Ovrimos SQL Server is available at www.ovrimos.com (<http://www.ovrimos.com/>). To enable ovrimos support in PHP just compile php with the '--with-ovrimos' parameter to configure script. You'll need to install the sqlcli library available in the Ovrimos SQL Server distribution.

Example 1. Connect to Ovrimos SQL Server and select from a system table

```
<?php
$conn = ovrimos_connect ("server.domain.com", "8001", "admin", "password");
if ($conn != 0) {
    echo ("Connection ok!");
    $res = ovrimos_exec ($conn, "select table_id, table_name from sys.tables");
    if ($res != 0) {
        echo "Statement ok!";
        ovrimos_result_all ($res);
        ovrimos_free_result ($res);
    }
    ovrimos_close($conn);
}
?>
```

This will just connect to SQL Server.

ovrimos_connect (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Connect to the specified database

```
int ovrimos_connect (string host, string db, string user, string password)
```

ovrimos_connect() is used to connect to the specified database.

ovrimos_connect() returns a connection id (greater than 0) or 0 for failure. The meaning of 'host' and 'port' are those used everywhere in Ovrimos APIs. 'Host' is a host name or IP address and 'db' is either a database name, or a string containing the port number.

Example 1. ovrimos_connect() Example

```
<?php
$conn = ovrimos_connect ("server.domain.com", "8001", "admin", "password");
if ($conn != 0) {
    echo "Connection ok!";
    $res=ovrimos_exec ($conn, "select table_id, table_name from sys.tables");
    if ($res != 0) {
        echo "Statement ok!";
        ovrimos_result_all ($res);
        ovrimos_free_result ($res);
    }
    ovrimos_close($conn);
}
?>
```

The above example will connect to the database and print out the specified table.

ovrimos_close (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Closes the connection to ovrimos

```
void ovrimos_close (int connection)
```

ovrimos_close() is used to close the specified connection.

ovrimos_close() closes a connection to Ovrimos. This has the effect of rolling back uncommitted transactions.

ovrimos_longreadlen (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Specifies how many bytes are to be retrieved from long datatypes

```
int ovrimos_longreadlen (int result_id, int length)
```

ovrimos_longreadlen() is used to specify how many bytes are to be retrieved from long datatypes.

ovrimos_longreadlen() specifies how many bytes are to be retrieved from long datatypes (long varchar and long varbinary). Default is zero. It currently sets this parameter the specified result set. Returns TRUE.

ovrimos_prepare (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Prepares an SQL statement

```
int ovrimos_prepare (int connection_id, string query)
```

ovrimos_prepare() is used to prepare an SQL statement.

ovrimos_prepare() prepares an SQL statement and returns a result_id (or FALSE on failure).

Example 1. Connect to Ovrimos SQL Server and prepare a statement

```
<?php
$conn=ovrimos_connect ("db_host", "8001", "admin", "password");
if ($conn!=0) {
    echo "Connection ok!";
    $res=ovrimos_prepare ($conn, "select table_id, table_name
                                from sys.tables where table_id=1");
    if ($res != 0) {
        echo "Prepare ok!";
        if (ovrimos_execute ($res)) {
            echo "Execute ok!\n";
            ovrimos_result_all ($res);
        } else {
            echo "Execute not ok!";
        }
        ovrimos_free_result ($res);
    } else {
        echo "Prepare not ok!\n";
    }
    ovrimos_close($conn);
}
?>
```

This will connect to Ovrimos SQL Server, prepare a statement and then execute it.

ovrimos__execute (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Executes a prepared SQL statement

```
bool ovrimos_execute (int result_id [, array parameters_array])
```

ovrimos_execute() is used to execute an SQL statement.

ovrimos_execute() executes a prepared statement. Returns TRUE or FALSE. If the prepared statement contained parameters (question marks in the statement), the correct number of parameters should be passed in an array. Notice that I don't follow the PHP convention of placing just the name of the optional parameter inside square brackets. I couldn't bring myself on liking it.

ovrimos__cursor (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Returns the name of the cursor

```
int ovrimos_cursor (int result_id)
```

ovrimos_cursor() is used to get the name of the cursor.

ovrimos_cursor() returns the name of the cursor. Useful when wishing to perform positioned updates or deletes.

ovrimos__exec (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Executes an SQL statement

```
int ovrimos_exec (int connection_id, string query)
```

ovrimos_exec() is used to execute an SQL statement.

ovrimos_exec() executes an SQL statement (query or update) and returns a *result_id* or FALSE. Evidently, the SQL statement should not contain parameters.

ovrimos_fetch_into (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Fetches a row from the result set

```
bool ovrimos_fetch_into (int result_id, array result_array [, string how [,
int rownumber]])
```

ovrimos_fetch_into() is used to fetch a row from the result set.

ovrimos_fetch_into() fetches a row from the result set into 'result_array', which should be passed by reference. Which row is fetched is determined by the two last parameters. 'how' is one of 'Next' (default), 'Prev', 'First', 'Last', 'Absolute', corresponding to forward direction from current position, backward direction from current position, forward direction from the start, backward direction from the end and absolute position from the start (essentially equivalent to 'first' but needs 'rownumber'). Case is not significant. 'Rownumber' is optional except for absolute positioning. Returns TRUE or FALSE.

Example 1. A fetch into example

```
<?php
$conn=ovrimos_connect ("neptune", "8001", "admin", "password");
if ($conn!=0) {
    echo "Connection ok!";
    $res=ovrimos_exec ($conn,"select table_id, table_name from sys.tables");
    if ($res != 0) {
        echo "Statement ok!";
        if (ovrimos_fetch_into ($res, &$row)) {
            list ($table_id, $table_name) = $row;
            echo "table_id=".$table_id.", table_name=".$table_name."\n";
            if (ovrimos_fetch_into ($res, &$row)) {
                list ($table_id, $table_name) = $row;
                echo "table_id=".$table_id.", table_name=".$table_name."\n";
            } else {
                echo "Next: error\n";
            }
        } else {
            echo "First: error\n";
        }
        ovrimos_free_result ($res);
    }
    ovrimos_close($conn);
}
?>
```

This example will fetch a row.

ovrimos_fetch_row (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Fetches a row from the result set

```
bool ovrimos_fetch_row (int result_id [, int how [, int row_number]])
```

ovrimos_fetch_row() is used to fetch a row from the result set.

ovrimos_fetch_row() fetches a row from the result set. Column values should be retrieved with other calls. Returns TRUE or FALSE.

Example 1. A fetch row example

```
<?php
$conn = ovrimos_connect ("remote.host", "8001", "admin", "password");
if ($conn != 0) {
    echo "Connection ok!";
    $res=ovrimos_exec ($conn, "select table_id, table_name from sys.tables");
    if ($res != 0) {
        echo "Statement ok!";
        if (ovrimos_fetch_row ($res, "First")) {
            $table_id = ovrimos_result ($res, 1);
            $table_name = ovrimos_result ($res, 2);
            echo "table_id=".$table_id.", table_name=".$table_name."\n";
            if (ovrimos_fetch_row ($res, "Next")) {
                $table_id = ovrimos_result ($res, "table_id");
                $table_name = ovrimos_result ($res, "table_name");
                echo "table_id=".$table_id.", table_name=".$table_name."\n";
            } else {
                echo "Next: error\n";
            }
        } else {
            echo "First: error\n";
        }
        ovrimos_free_result ($res);
    }
    ovrimos_close($conn);
}
?>
```

This will fetch a row and print the result.

ovrimos_result (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Retrieves the output column

```
int ovrimos_result (int result_id, mixed field)
```

ovrimos_result() is used to retrieve the output column.

ovrimos_result() retrieves the output column specified by 'field', either as a string or as an 1-based index.

ovrimos_result_all (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Prints the whole result set as an HTML table

```
bool ovrimos_result_all (int result_id [, string format])
```

ovrimos_result_all() is used to print an HTML table containing the whole result set.

ovrimos_result_all() prints the whole result set as an HTML table. Returns TRUE or FALSE.

Example 1. Prepare a statement, execute, and view the result

```
<?php
$conn = ovrimos_connect ("db_host", "8001", "admin", "password");
if ($conn != 0) {
    echo "Connection ok!";
    $res = ovrimos_prepare ($conn, "select table_id, table_name
                                from sys.tables where table_id = 7");

    if ($res != 0) {
        echo "Prepare ok!";
        if (ovrimos_execute ($res, array(3))) {
            echo "Execute ok!\n";
            ovrimos_result_all ($res);
        } else {
            echo "Execute not ok!";
        }
        ovrimos_free_result ($res);
    } else {
        echo "Prepare not ok!\n";
    }
}
```

```

    }
    ovrimos_close($conn);
}
?>

```

This will execute an SQL statement and print the result in an HTML table.

Example 2. Ovrimos_result_all with meta-information

```

<?php
$conn = ovrimos_connect ("db_host", "8001", "admin", "password");
if ($conn != 0) {
    echo "Connection ok!";
    $res = ovrimos_exec ($conn, "select table_id, table_name
                                from sys.tables where table_id = 1")

    if ($res != 0) {
        echo "Statement ok! cursor=".ovrimos_cursor ($res)."\n";
        $colnb = ovrimos_num_fields ($res);
        echo "Output columns=".$colnb."\n";
        for ($i=1; $i <= $colnb; $i++) {
            $name = ovrimos_field_name ($res, $i);
            $type = ovrimos_field_type ($res, $i);
            $len = ovrimos_field_len ($res, $i);
            echo "Column ".$i." name=".$name." type=".$type." len=".$len."\n";
        }
        ovrimos_result_all ($res);
        ovrimos_free_result ($res);
    }
    ovrimos_close($conn);
}
?>

```

Example 3. ovrimos_result_all example

```

<?php
$conn = ovrimos_connect ("db_host", "8001", "admin", "password");
if ($conn != 0) {
    echo "Connection ok!";
    $res = ovrimos_exec ($conn, "update test set i=5");
    if ($res != 0) {
        echo "Statement ok!";
        echo ovrimos_num_rows ($res)." rows affected\n";
        ovrimos_free_result ($res);
    }
}

```

```
    ovrimos_close($conn);  
}  
?>
```

ovrimos_num_rows (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Returns the number of rows affected by update operations

```
int ovrimos_num_rows (int result_id)
```

ovrimos_num_rows() is used to get the number of rows affected by update operations.

ovrimos_num_rows() returns the number of rows affected by update operations.

ovrimos_num_fields (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Returns the number of columns

```
int ovrimos_num_fields (int result_id)
```

ovrimos_num_fields() is used to get the number of columns.

ovrimos_num_fields() returns the number of columns in a *result_id* resulting from a query.

ovrimos_field_name (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Returns the output column name

```
int ovrimos_field_name (int result_id, int field_number)
```

ovrimos_field_name() is used to get the output column name.

ovrimos_field_name() returns the output column name at the (1-based) index specified.

ovrimos__field__type (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Returns the (numeric) type of the output column

```
int ovrimos_field_type (int result_id, int field_number)
```

ovrimos_field_type() is used to get the (numeric) type of the output column.

ovrimos_field_type() returns the (numeric) type of the output column at the (1-based) index specified.

ovrimos__field__len (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Returns the length of the output column

```
int ovrimos_field_len (int result_id, int field_number)
```

ovrimos_field_len() is used to get the length of the output column with number *field_number*, in result *result_id*.

ovrimos_field_len() returns the length of the output column at the (1-based) index specified.

ovrimos__field__num (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Returns the (1-based) index of the output column

```
int ovrimos_field_num (int result_id, string field_name)
```

ovrimos_field_num() is used to get the (1-based) index of the output column.

ovrimos_field_num() returns the (1-based) index of the output column specified by name, or FALSE.

ovrimos__free__result (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Frees the specified result_id

```
bool ovrimos_free_result (int result_id)
```

ovrimos_free_result() is used to free the `result_id`.

ovrimos_free_result() frees the specified `result_id` *result_id*. Returns TRUE.

ovrimos_commit (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Commits the transaction

```
int ovrimos_commit (int connection_id)
```

ovrimos_commit() is used to commit the transaction.

ovrimos_commit() commits the transaction.

ovrimos_rollback (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Rolls back the transaction

```
int ovrimos_rollback (int connection_id)
```

ovrimos_rollback() is used to roll back the transaction.

ovrimos_rollback() rolls back the transaction.

LXII. Output Control Functions

The Output Control functions allow you to control when output is sent from the script. This can be useful in several different situations, especially if you need to send headers to the browser after your script has begun outputting data. The Output Control functions do not affect headers sent using `header()` or `setcookie()`, only functions such as `echo()` and data between blocks of PHP code.

Example 1. Output Control example

```
<?php

ob_start();
echo "Hello\n";

setcookie ("cookienname", "cookiedata");

ob_end_flush();

?>
```

In the above example, the output from `echo()` would be stored in the output buffer until `ob_end_flush()` was called. In the mean time, the call to `setcookie()` successfully stored a cookie without causing an error. (You can not normally send headers to the browser after data has already been sent.)

See also `header()` and `setcookie()`.

flush (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Flush the output buffer

```
void flush ()
```

Flushes the output buffers of PHP and whatever backend PHP is using (CGI, a web server, etc). This effectively tries to push all the output so far to the user's browser.

Note: flush() has no effect on the buffering scheme of your webserver or the browser on the client side.

Several servers, especially on Win32, will still buffer the output from your script until it terminates before transmitting the results to the browser.

Even the browser may buffer its input before displaying it. Netscape, for example, buffers text until it receives an end-of-line or the beginning of a tag, and it won't render tables until the </table> tag of the outermost table is seen.

Some versions of Microsoft Internet Explorer will only start to display the page after they have received 256 bytes of output, so you may need to send extra whitespace before flushing to get those browsers to display the page.

ob_start (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Turn on output buffering

```
void ob_start (string [output_callback])
```

This function will turn output buffering on. While output buffering is active no output is sent from the script (other than headers), instead the output is stored in an internal buffer.

The contents of this internal buffer may be copied into a string variable using `ob_get_contents()`. To output what is stored in the internal buffer, use `ob_end_flush()`. Alternatively, `ob_end_clean()` will silently discard the buffer contents.

An optional *output_callback* function may be specified. This function takes a string as a parameter and should return a string. The function will be called when `ob_end_flush()` is called, or when the output buffer is flushed to the browser at the end of the request. When *output_callback* is called, it will receive the contents of the output buffer as its parameter and is expected to return a new output buffer as a result, which will be sent to the browser.

Note: In PHP 4.0.4, `ob_gzhandler()` was introduced to facilitate sending gz-encoded data to web browsers that support compressed web pages. `ob_gzhandler()` determines what type of content encoding the browser will accept and will return its output accordingly.

Output buffers are stackable, that is, you may call **`ob_start()`** while another **`ob_start()`** is active. Just make sure that you call `ob_end_flush()` the appropriate number of times. If multiple output callback functions are active, output is being filtered sequentially through each of them in nesting order.

Example 1. User defined callback function example

```
<?php

function callback($buffer) {

    // replace all the apples with oranges
    return (ereg_replace("apples", "oranges", $buffer));

}

ob_start("callback");

?>

<html>
<body>
<p>It's like comparing apples to oranges.
</body>
</html>

<?php

ob_end_flush();

?>
```

Would produce:

```
<html>
<body>
<p>It's like comparing oranges to oranges.
</body>
</html>
```

See also `ob_get_contents()`, `ob_end_flush()`, `ob_end_clean()`, `ob_implicit_flush()` and `ob_gzhandler()`.

ob_get_contents (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return the contents of the output buffer

```
string ob_get_contents ( )
```

This will return the contents of the output buffer or `FALSE`, if output buffering isn't active.

See also `ob_start()` and `ob_get_length()`.

ob_get_length (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Return the length of the output buffer

```
string ob_get_length ( )
```

This will return the length of the contents in the output buffer or `FALSE`, if output buffering isn't active.

See also `ob_start()` and `ob_get_contents()`.

ob_gzhandler (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

`ob_start` callback function to gzip output buffer

```
string ob_gzhandler (string buffer)
```

ob_gzhandler() is intended to be used as a callback function for `ob_start()` to help facilitate sending gz-encoded data to web browsers that support compressed web pages. Before **ob_gzhandler()** actually sends compressed data, it determines what type of content encoding the browser will accept ("gzip", "deflate" or none at all) and will return it's output accordingly. All browsers are supported since it's up to the browser to send the correct header saying that it accepts compressed web pages.

Example 1. ob_gzhandler() Example

```
<?php

ob_start("ob_gzhandler");

?>
<html>
<body>
<p>This should be a compressed page.
</html>
<body>
```

See also `ob_start()` and `ob_end_flush()`.

ob_end_flush (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Flush (send) the output buffer and turn off output buffering

```
void ob_end_flush ( )
```

This function will send the contents of the output buffer (if any) and turn output buffering off. If you want to further process the buffer's contents you have to call `ob_get_contents()` before **ob_end_flush()** as the buffer contents are discarded after **ob_end_flush()** is called.

See also `ob_start()`, `ob_get_contents()`, and `ob_end_clean()`.

ob_end_clean (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Clean (erase) the output buffer and turn off output buffering

```
void ob_end_clean ( )
```

This function discards the contents of the output buffer and turns off output buffering.

See also `ob_start()` and `ob_end_flush()`.

ob_implicit_flush (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Turn implicit flush on/off

```
void ob_implicit_flush ([int flag])
```

ob_implicit_flush() will turn implicit flushing on or off (if no *flag* is given, it defaults to on). Implicit flushing will result in a flush operation after every output call, so that explicit calls to flush() will no longer be needed.

Turning implicit flushing on will disable output buffering, the output buffers current output will be sent as if ob_end_flush() had been called.

See also flush(), ob_start(), and ob_end_flush().

LXIII. Object property and method call overloading

Warning

This module is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of these functions, these function names, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this module at your own risk.

The purpose of this extension is to allow overloading of object property access and method calls. Only one function is defined in this extension, `overload()` which takes the name of the class that should have this functionality enabled. The class named has to define appropriate methods if it wants to have this functionality: `__get()`, `__set()` and `__call()` respectively for getting/setting a property, or calling a method. This way overloading can be selective. Inside these handler functions the overloading is disabled so you can access object properties normally.

Some simple examples on using the `overload()` function:

Example 1. Overloading a PHP class

```
<?php

class OO
{
    var $a = 111;
    var $elem = array('b' => 9, 'c' => 42);

    // Callback method for getting a property
    function __get($prop_name, &$prop_value)
    {
        if (isset($this->elem[$prop_name])) {
            $prop_value = $this->elem[$prop_name];
            return true;
        } else {
            return false;
        }
    }

    // Callback method for setting a property
    function __set($prop_name, $prop_value)
    {
        $this->elem[$prop_name] = $prop_value;
        return true;
    }
}

// Here we overload the OO object
```

```

overload('00');

$o = new 00;
print "\$o->a: $o->a\n"; // print: $o->a:
print "\$o->b: $o->b\n"; // print: $o->b: 9
print "\$o->c: $o->c\n"; // print: $o->c: 42
print "\$o->d: $o->d\n"; // print: $o->d:

// add a new item to the $elem array in 00
$o->x = 56;

// instantiate stdClass (it is built-in in PHP 4)
// $val is not overloaded!
$val = new stdClass;
$val->prop = 555;

// Set "a" to be an array with the $val object in it
// But __set() will put this in the $elem array
$o->a = array($val);
var_dump($o->a[0]->prop);

?>

```

Warning

As this is an experimental extension, not all things work. There is no `__call()` support currently, you can only overload the get and set operations for properties. You cannot invoke the original overloading handlers of the class, and `__set()` only works to one level of property access.

overload (unknown)

Enable property and method call overloading for a class

```
void overload (string [class_name])
```

The **overload()** function will enable property and method call overloading for a class identified by *class_name*. See an example in the introductory section of this part.

LXIV. PDF functions

Introduction

The PDF functions in PHP can create PDF files using the PDFlib library created by Thomas Merz (<http://www.pdflib.com/corporate/tm.html>). PDFlib is available for download at <http://www.pdflib.com/pdflib/index.html>, but requires that you purchase a license for commercial use. The JPEG (<ftp://ftp.uu.net/graphics/jpeg/>) and TIFF (<http://www.libtiff.org/>) libraries are required to compile this extension. Please see the PDFlib installation section for more information about compiling PDF support into PHP.

The documentation in this section is only meant to be an overview of the available functions in the PDFlib library and should not be considered an exhaustive reference. Please consult the documentation included in the source distribution of PDFlib for the full and detailed explanation of each function here. It provides a very good overview of what PDFlib is capable of doing and contains the most up-to-date documentation of all functions.

All of the functions in PDFlib and the PHP module have identical function names and parameters. You will need to understand some of the basic concepts of PDF and PostScript to efficiently use this extension. All lengths and coordinates are measured in PostScript points. There are generally 72 PostScript points to an inch, but this depends on the output resolution. Please see the PDFlib documentation included with the source distribution of PDFlib for a more thorough explanation of the coordinate system used.

Please note that most of the PDF functions require a *pdf object* as it's first parameter. Please see the examples below for more information.

Note: An alternative PHP module for PDF document creation based on FastIO's (<http://www.fastio.com/>) ClibPDF is available. Please see the ClibPDF section for details. Note that ClibPDF has a slightly different API compared to PDFlib.

Confusion with old PDFlib versions

Starting with PHP 4.0.5, the PHP extension for PDFlib is officially supported by PDFlib GmbH. This means that all the functions described in the PDFlib manual (V3.00 or greater) are supported by PHP 4 with exactly the same meaning and the same parameters. Only the return values may differ from the PDFlib manual, because the PHP convention of returning FALSE was adopted. For compatibility reasons this binding for PDFlib still supports the old functions, but they should be replaced by their new versions. PDFlib GmbH will not support any problems arising from the use of these deprecated functions.

Table 1. Deprecated functions and its replacements

Old function	Replacement

Old function	Replacement
pdf_put_image()	Not needed anymore.
pdf_execute_image()	Not needed anymore.
pdf_get_annotation()	pdf_get_bookmark() using the same parameters.
pdf_get_font()	pdf_get_value() passing "font" as the second parameter.
pdf_get_fontsize()	pdf_get_value() passing "fontsize" as the second parameter.
pdf_get_fontname()	pdf_get_parameter() passing "fontname" as the second parameter.
pdf_set_info_creator()	pdf_set_info() passing "Creator" as the second parameter.
pdf_set_info_title()	pdf_set_info() passing "Title" as the second parameter.
pdf_set_info_subject()	pdf_set_info() passing "Subject" as the second parameter.
pdf_set_info_author()	pdf_set_info() passing "Author" as the second parameter.
pdf_set_info_keywords()	pdf_set_info() passing "Keywords" as the second parameter.
pdf_set_leading()	pdf_set_value() passing "leading" as the second parameter.
pdf_set_text_rendering()	pdf_set_value() passing "textrendering" as the second parameter.
pdf_set_text_rise()	pdf_set_value() passing "textrise" as the second parameter.
pdf_set_horiz_scaling()	pdf_set_value() passing "horizscaling" as the second parameter.
pdf_set_text_matrix()	Not available anymore
pdf_set_char_spacing()	pdf_set_value() passing "charspacing" as the second parameter.
pdf_set_word_spacing()	pdf_set_value() passing "wordspacing" as the second parameter.
pdf_set_transition()	pdf_set_parameter() passing "transition" as the second parameter.
pdf_open()	pdf_new() plus an subsequent call of pdf_open_file()
pdf_set_font()	pdf_findfont() plus an subsequent call of pdf_setfont()
pdf_set_duration()	pdf_set_value() passing "duration" as the second parameter.
pdf_open_gif()	pdf_open_image_file() passing "gif" as the second parameter.

Old function	Replacement
pdf_open_jpeg()	pdf_open_image_file() passing "jpeg" as the second parameter.
pdf_open_tiff()	pdf_open_image_file() passing "tiff" as the second parameter.
pdf_open_png()	pdf_open_image_file() passing "png" as the second parameter.
pdf_get_image_width()	pdf_get_value() passing "imagewidth" as the second parameter and the image as the third parameter.
pdf_get_image_height()	pdf_get_value() passing "imageheight" as the second parameter and the image as the third parameter.

PDFlib 3.x Installation Hints

When using version 3.x of PDFlib, you should configure PDFlib with the option
`--enable-shared-pdf-lib.`

Issues with older versions of PDFlib

Any version of PHP 4 after March 9, 2000 does not support versions of PDFlib older than 3.0.

PDFlib 3.0 or greater is supported by PHP 3.0.19 and later.

Examples

Most of the functions are fairly easy to use. The most difficult part is probably creating a very simple PDF document at all. The following example should help to get started. It creates `test.pdf` with one page. The page contains the text "Times Roman outlined" in an outlined, 30pt font. The text is also underlined.

Example 1. Creating a PDF document with PDFlib

```
<?php
$pdf = pdf_new();
pdf_open_file($pdf, "test.pdf");
pdf_set_info($pdf, "Author", "Uwe Steinmann");
pdf_set_info($pdf, "Title", "Test for PHP wrapper of PDFlib 2.0");
pdf_set_info($pdf, "Creator", "See Author");
```

```

pdf_set_info($pdf, "Subject", "Testing");
pdf_begin_page($pdf, 595, 842);
pdf_add_outline($pdf, "Page 1");
pdf_set_font($pdf, "Times-Roman", 30, "host");
pdf_set_value($pdf, "textrendering", 1);
pdf_show_xy($pdf, "Times Roman outlined", 50, 750);
pdf_moveto($pdf, 50, 740);
pdf_lineto($pdf, 330, 740);
pdf_stroke($pdf);
pdf_end_page($pdf);
pdf_close($pdf);
pdf_delete($pdf);
echo "<A HREF=getpdf.php>finished</A>";
?>

```

The script `getpdf.php` just returns the pdf document.

```

<?php
$len = filesize($filename);
header("Content-type: application/pdf");
header("Content-Length: $len");
header("Content-Disposition: inline; filename=foo.pdf");
readfile($filename);
?>

```

The PDFlib distribution contains a more complex example which creates a page with an analog clock. Here we use the in memory creation feature of PDFlib to alleviate the need to use temporary files. The example, converted to PHP from the PDFlib example, is as follows: (The same example is available in the CLibPDF documentation.)

Example 2. pdfclock example from PDFlib distribution

```

<?php
$radius = 200;
$margin = 20;
$pagecount = 10;

$pdf = pdf_new();

if (!pdf_open_file($pdf, "")) {
    print error;
    exit;
};

```

```

pdf_set_parameter($pdf, "warning", "true");

pdf_set_info($pdf, "Creator", "pdf_clock.php");
pdf_set_info($pdf, "Author", "Uwe Steinmann");
pdf_set_info($pdf, "Title", "Analog Clock");

while($pagecount-- > 0) {
    pdf_begin_page($pdf, 2 * ($radius + $margin), 2 * ($radius + $margin));

    pdf_set_parameter($pdf, "transition", "wipe");
    pdf_set_value($pdf, "duration", 0.5);

    pdf_translate($pdf, $radius + $margin, $radius + $margin);
    pdf_save($pdf);
    pdf_setrgbcolor($pdf, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);

    /* minute strokes */
    pdf_setlinewidth($pdf, 2.0);
    for ($alpha = 0; $alpha < 360; $alpha += 6) {
        pdf_rotate($pdf, 6.0);
        pdf_moveto($pdf, $radius, 0.0);
        pdf_lineto($pdf, $radius-$margin/3, 0.0);
        pdf_stroke($pdf);
    }

    pdf_restore($pdf);
    pdf_save($pdf);

    /* 5 minute strokes */
    pdf_setlinewidth($pdf, 3.0);
    for ($alpha = 0; $alpha < 360; $alpha += 30) {
        pdf_rotate($pdf, 30.0);
        pdf_moveto($pdf, $radius, 0.0);
        pdf_lineto($pdf, $radius-$margin, 0.0);
        pdf_stroke($pdf);
    }

    $ltime = getdate();

    /* draw hour hand */
    pdf_save($pdf);
    pdf_rotate($pdf, -(($ltime['minutes']/60.0)+$ltime['hours']-3.0)*30.0);
    pdf_moveto($pdf, -$radius/10, -$radius/20);
    pdf_lineto($pdf, $radius/2, 0.0);
    pdf_lineto($pdf, -$radius/10, $radius/20);
    pdf_closepath($pdf);
    pdf_fill($pdf);
    pdf_restore($pdf);

    /* draw minute hand */
    pdf_save($pdf);
    pdf_rotate($pdf, -(($ltime['seconds']/60.0)+$ltime['minutes']-15.0)*6.0);

```

```

pdf_moveto($pdf, -$radius/10, -$radius/20);
pdf_lineto($pdf, $radius * 0.8, 0.0);
pdf_lineto($pdf, -$radius/10, $radius/20);
pdf_closepath($pdf);
pdf_fill($pdf);
pdf_restore($pdf);

/* draw second hand */
pdf_setrgbcolor($pdf, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0);
pdf_setlinewidth($pdf, 2);
pdf_save($pdf);
pdf_rotate($pdf, -(($time['seconds'] - 15.0) * 6.0));
pdf_moveto($pdf, -$radius/5, 0.0);
pdf_lineto($pdf, $radius, 0.0);
pdf_stroke($pdf);
pdf_restore($pdf);

/* draw little circle at center */
pdf_circle($pdf, 0, 0, $radius/30);
pdf_fill($pdf);

pdf_restore($pdf);

pdf_end_page($pdf);

# to see some difference
sleep(1);
}

pdf_close($pdf);

$buf = pdf_get_buffer($pdf);
$len = strlen($buf);

header("Content-type: application/pdf");
header("Content-Length: $len");
header("Content-Disposition: inline; filename=foo.pdf");
print $buf;

pdf_delete($pdf);
?>

```

pdf_add_annotation (PHP 3>= 3.0.12, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deprecated: Adds annotation

pdf_add_outline() is replaced by pdf_add_note()

See also pdf_add_note().

pdf_add_bookmark (PHP 4)

Adds bookmark for current page

```
int pdf_add_bookmark (int pdf object, string text [, int parent [, int open]])
```

Add a nested bookmark under *parent*, or a new top-level bookmark if *parent* = 0. Returns a bookmark descriptor which may be used as parent for subsequent nested bookmarks. If open = 1, child bookmarks will be folded out, and invisible if open = 0.

pdf_add_launchlink (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Add a launch annotation for current page

```
int pdf_add_launchlink (int pdf object, float llx, float lly, float urx, float ury, string filename)
```

Add a launch annotation (to a target of arbitrary file type).

pdf_add_locallink (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Add a link annotation for current page

```
int pdf_add_locallink (int pdf object, float llx, float lly, float urx, float ury, int page, string dest)
```

Add a link annotation to a target within the current PDF file.

pdf_add_note (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Add a note annotation for current page

```
int pdf_add_note (int pdf object, float llx, float lly, float urx, float ury,  
string contents, string title, string icon, int open)
```

Add a note annotation. icon is one of of "comment", "insert", "note", "paragraph", "newparagraph", "key", or "help".

pdf_add_outline (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deprecated: Adds bookmark for current page

Deprecated.

See pdf_add_bookmark().

pdf_add_pdflink (PHP 3>= 3.0.12, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Adds file link annotation for current page

```
int pdf_add_pdflink (int pdf object, float llx, float lly, float urx, float  
ury, string filename, int page, string dest)
```

Add a file link annotation (to a PDF target).

pdf_add_thumbnail (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Adds thumbnail for current page

```
int pdf_add_thumbnail (int pdf object, int image)
```

Add an existing image as thumbnail for the current page.

pdf_add_weblink (PHP 3 >= 3.0.12, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Adds weblink for current page

```
int pdf_add_weblink (int pdf object, float llx, float lly, float urx, float  
ury, string url)
```

Add a weblink annotation to a target URL on the Web.

pdf_arc (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draws an arc (counterclockwise)

```
void pdf_arc (resource pdf object, float x, float y, float r, float alpha,  
float beta)
```

Draw a counterclockwise circular arc from alpha to beta degrees

See also: pdf_arcn()

pdf_arcn (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Draws an arc (clockwise)

```
void pdf_arc (resource pdf object, float x, float y, float r, float alpha,  
float beta)
```

Draw a clockwise circular arc from alpha to beta degrees

See also: pdf_arc()

pdf_attach_file (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Adds a file attachment for current page

```
int pdf_attach_file (int pdf object, float llx, float lly, float urx, float ury, string filename, string description, string author, string mimetype, string icon)
```

Add a file attachment annotation. *icon* is one of "graph", "paperclip", "pushpin", or "tag".

pdf_begin_page (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Starts new page

```
void pdf_begin_page (int pdf object, float width, float height)
```

Add a new page to the document.

pdf_begin_pattern (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Starts new pattern

```
int pdf_begin_pattern (int pdf object, float width, float height, float xstep, float ystep, int painttype)
```

Starts a new pattern definition and returns a pattern handle. *width*, and *height* define the bounding box for the pattern. *xstep* and *ystep* give the repeated pattern offsets. *painttype*=1 means that the pattern has its own colour settings whereas a value of 2 indicates that the current colour is used when the pattern is applied.

pdf_begin_template (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Starts new template

```
void pdf_begin_template (int pdf object, float width, float height)
```

Start a new template definition.

pdf_circle (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draws a circle

```
void pdf_circle (int pdf object, float x, float y, float r)
```

Draw a circle with center (x, y) and radius r.

pdf_clip (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Clips to current path

```
void pdf_clip (int pdf object)
```

Use the current path as clipping path.

pdf_close (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Closes a pdf object

```
void pdf_close (int pdf object)
```

Close the generated PDF file, and free all document-related resources.

pdf_closepath (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Closes path

```
void pdf_closepath (int pdf object)
```

Close the current path.

pdf_closepath_fill_stroke (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Closes, fills and strokes current path

```
void pdf_closepath_fill_stroke (int pdf object)
```

Close the path, fill, and stroke it.

pdf_closepath_stroke (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Closes path and draws line along path

```
void pdf_closepath_stroke (int pdf object)
```

Close the path, and stroke it.

pdf_close_image (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Closes an image

```
void pdf_close_image (int pdf object, int image)
```

Close an *image* retrieved with one of the **pdf_open_image*()** functions.

pdf_close_pdi (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Close the input PDF document

```
void pdf_close_pdi (int pdf object, int dochandle)
```

Close all open page handles, and close the input PDF document.

pdf_close_pdi_page (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Close the page handle

```
void pdf_close_pdi_page (int pdf object, int pagehandle)
```

Close the page handle, and free all page-related resources.

pdf_concat (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Concatenate a matrix to the CTM

```
void pdf_concat (int pdf object, float a, float b, float c, float d, float e,  
float f)
```

Concatenate a matrix to the CTM.

pdf_continue_text (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Outputs text in next line

```
void pdf_continue_text (int pdf object, string text)
```

Print text at the next line. The spacing between lines is determined by the *leading* parameter.

pdf_curveto (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draws a curve

```
void pdf_curveto (int pdf object, float x1, float y1, float x2, float y2,  
float x3, float y3)
```

Draw a Bezier curve from the current point, using 3 more control points.

pdf_delete (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Deletes a PDF object

```
void pdf_delete (int pdf object)
```

Delete the PDF object, and free all internal resources.

pdf_end_page (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Ends a page

```
void pdf_end_page (int pdf object)
```

Finish the page.

pdf_endpath (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deprecated: Ends current path

Deprecated, use one of the stroke, fill, or clip functions instead.

pdf_end_pattern (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Finish pattern

```
void pdf_end_pattern (int pdf object)
```

Finish the pattern definition.

pdf_end_template (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Finish template

```
void pdf_end_template (int pdf object)
```

Finish the template definition.

pdf_fill (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fills current path

```
void pdf_fill_stroke (int pdf object)
```

Fill the interior of the path with the current fill color.

pdf_fill_stroke (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fills and strokes current path

```
void pdf_fill_stroke (int pdf object)
```

Fill and stroke the path with the current fill and stroke color.

pdf_findfont (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Prepare font for later use with pdf_setfont().

```
int pdf_findfont (int pdf object, string fontname, string encoding^, int  
embed)
```

Prepare a font for later use with pdf_setfont(). The metrics will be loaded, and if embed is nonzero, the font file will be checked, but not yet used. Encoding is one of "bultin", "macroman", "winansi", "host", or a user-defined encoding name, or the name of a CMap.

pdf_findfont() returns a font handle or FALSE on error.

Example 1. pdf_findfont() example

```

<?php

$font = pdf_findfont($pdf, "Times New Roman", "winansi", 1);
if ($font) {
    pdf_setfont($pdf, $font, 10);
}

?>

```

pdf_get_buffer (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Fetch the buffer containig the generated PDF data.

string **pdf_get_buffer** (int *pdf object*)

Get the contents of the PDF output buffer. The result must be used by the client before calling any other PDFlib function.

pdf_get_font (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deprecated: font handling

Deprecated.

See pdf_get_value().

pdf_get_fontname (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deprecated: font handling

Deprecated.

See pdf_get_parameter().

pdf_get_fontsize (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deprecated: font handling

Deprecated.

See `pdf_get_value()`.

pdf_get_image_height (PHP 3>= 3.0.12, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns height of an image

string **pdf_get_image_height** (int *pdf object*, int *image*)

pdf_get_image_height() is deprecated, use `pdf_get_value()` instead.

pdf_get_image_width (PHP 3>= 3.0.12, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns width of an image

string **pdf_get_image_width** (int *pdf object*, int *image*)

The **pdf_get_image_width()** is deprecated, use `pdf_get_value()` instead.

pdf_get_parameter (PHP 4)

Gets certain parameters

string **pdf_get_parameter** (int *pdf object*, string *key* [, float *modifier*])

Get the contents of some PDFlib parameter with string type.

pdf_get_pdi_parameter (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Get some PDI string parameters

```
string pdf_get_pdi_parameter (int pdf object, string key, int doc, int page,  
int index)
```

Get the contents of some PDI document parameter with string type.

pdf_get_pdi_value (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Gets some PDI numerical parameters

```
string pdf_get_pdi_value (int pdf object, string key, int doc, int page, int  
index)
```

Get the contents of some PDI document parameter with numerical type.

pdf_get_value (PHP 4)

Gets certain numerical value

```
float pdf_get_value (int pdf object, string key [, float modifier])
```

Get the contents of some PDFlib parameter with float type.

pdf_initgraphics (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Resets graphic state

```
void pdf_initgraphics (int pdf object)
```

Reset all implicit color and graphics state parameters to their defaults.

pdf_lineto (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draws a line

```
void pdf_lineto (int pdf object, float x, float y)
```

Draw a line from the current point to (*x*, *y*).

pdf_makespotcolor (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Makes a spotcolor

```
void pdf_makespotcolor (int pdf object, string spotname)
```

Make a named spot color from the current color.

pdf_moveto (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets current point

```
void pdf_moveto (int pdf object, float x, float y)
```

Set the current point.

pdf_new (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Creates a new pdf object

```
int pdf_new ()
```

Create a new PDF object, using default error handling and memory management.

pdf_open (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deprecated: Open a new pdf object

pdf_open() is deprecated, use pdf_new() plus pdf_open_file() instead.

See also pdf_new(), pdf_open_file().

pdf_open_CCITT (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Opens a new image file with raw CCITT data

```
int pdf_open_CCITT (int pdf object, string filename, int width, int height,
int BitReverse, int k, int BlackIs1)
```

Open a raw CCITT image.

pdf_open_file (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Opens a new pdf object

```
int pdf_open_file (int pdf object [, string filename])
```

Create a new PDF file using the supplied file name. If *filename* is empty the PDF document will be generated in memory instead of on file. The result must be fetched by the client with the pdf_get_buffer() function.

The following example shows how to create a pdf document in memory and how to output it correctly.

Example 1. Creating a PDF document in memory

```
<?php

$pdf = pdf_new();

pdf_open_file($pdf);
pdf_begin_page($pdf, 595, 842);
pdf_set_font($pdf, "Times-Roman", 30, "host");
pdf_set_value($pdf, "textrendering", 1);
pdf_show_xy($pdf, "A PDF document created in memory!", 50, 750);
pdf_end_page($pdf);
```

```

pdf_close($pdf);

$data = pdf_get_buffer($pdf);

header("Content-type: application/pdf");
header("Content-disposition: inline; filename=test.pdf");
header("Content-length: " . strlen($data));

echo $data;

?>

```

pdf_open_gif (PHP 3 >= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deprecated: Opens a GIF image

Deprecated.

See pdf_open_image(),

pdf_open_image (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Versatile function for images

```

int pdf_open_image (int PDF-document, string imagetype, string source, string
data, long length, int width, int height, int components, int bpc, string
params)

```

Use image data from a variety of data sources. Supported types are "jpeg", "ccitt", "raw". Supported sources are "memory", "fileref", "url". len is only used for type="raw", params is only used for type="ccitt".

pdf_open_image_file (PHP 3 CVS only, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Reads an image from a file

```
int pdf_open_image_file (int PDF-document, string imagetype, string filename
[, string stringparam [, string intparam]])
```

Open an image file. Supported types are "jpeg", "tiff", "gif", and "png". *stringparam* is either "", "mask", "masked", or "page". *intparam* is either 0, the image id of the applied mask, or the page.

pdf_open_jpeg (PHP 3 >= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deprecated: Opens a JPEG image

Deprecated.

See also pdf_open_image(),

pdf_open_memory_image (PHP 3 >= 3.0.10, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Opens an image created with PHP's image functions

```
int pdf_open_memory_image (int pdf object, int image)
```

The **pdf_open_memory_image()** function takes an image created with the PHP's image functions and makes it available for the pdf object. The function returns a pdf image identifier.

Example 1. Including a memory image

```
<?php
$im = ImageCreate(100, 100);
$col = ImageColorAllocate($im, 80, 45, 190);
ImageFill($im, 10, 10, $col);
$pim = pdf_open_memory_image($pdf, $im);
ImageDestroy($im);
pdf_place_image($pdf, $pim, 100, 100, 1);
pdf_close_image($pdf, $pim);
?>
```

See also pdf_close_image(), pdf_place_image().

pdf_open_pdi (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Opens a PDF file

```
int pdf_open_pdi (int pdf object, string filename, string stringparam, int intparam)
```

Open an existing PDF document for later use.

pdf_open_pdi_page (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Prepare a page

```
int pdf_open_pdi_page (int pdf object, int dochandle, int pagenumber, string pagelabel)
```

Prepare a page for later use with pdf_place_image()

pdf_open_png (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deprecated: Opens a PNG image

Deprecated.

See pdf_open_image().

pdf_open_tiff (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deprecated: Opens a TIFF image

```
int pdf_open_tiff (int PDF-document, string filename)
```

Deprecated.

See also pdf_open_image(),

pdf_place_image (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Places an image on the page

```
void pdf_place_image (int pdf object, int image, float x, float y, float scale)
```

Place an image with the lower left corner at (*x*, *y*), and scale it.

pdf_place_pdi_page (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Places an image on the page

```
void pdf_place_pdi_page (int pdf object, int page, float x, float y, float sx, float sy)
```

Place a PDF page with the lower left corner at (*x*, *y*), and scale it.

pdf_rect (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draws a rectangle

```
void pdf_rect (int pdf object, float x, float y, float width, float height)
```

Draw a rectangle at lower left (*x*, *y*) with width and height.

pdf_restore (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Restores formerly saved environment

```
void pdf_restore (int pdf object)
```

Restore the most recently saved graphics state.

pdf_rotate (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets rotation

```
void pdf_rotate (int pdf object, float phi)
```

Rotate the coordinate system by *phi* degrees.

pdf_save (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Saves the current environment

```
void pdf_save (int pdf object)
```

Save the current graphics state.

pdf_scale (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets scaling

```
void pdf_scale (int pdf object, float x-scale, float y-scale)
```

Scale the coordinate system.

pdf_setcolor (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Sets fill and stroke color to CMYK values

```
void pdf_setcolor (int pdf object, string type, string colorspace, float c1  
[, float c2 [, float c3 [, float c4]]])
```

Set the current color space and color. The parameter *type* can be "fill", "stroke", or "both" to specify that the color is set for filling, stroking or both filling and stroking. The parameter *colorspace* can be gray, rgb, cmyk, spot or pattern. The parameters *c1*, *c2*, *c3* and *c4* represent the color

components for the color space specified by *colorspace*. For gray only *c1* is used. For rgb parameters *c1*, *c2*, and *c3* specify the Red, Green and Blue values respectively. For cmyk parameters *c1*, *c2*, *c3*, and *c4* specify the Cyan, Magenta, Yellow and Black values respectively. For spot *c1* specifies a spot color handles returned by pdf_makespotcolor() and *c2* specifies a tint value between 0 and 1. For pattern *c1* specifies a pattern handle returned by pdf_begin_pattern().

pdf_setdash (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets dash pattern

```
void pdf_setdash (int pdf object, float b, float w)
```

Set the current dash pattern to *b* black and *w* white units.

pdf_setflat (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets flatness

```
void pdf_setflat (int pdf object, float flatness)
```

Set the flatness to a value between 0 and 100 inclusive.

pdf_setfont (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Set the current font

```
void pdf_setfont (int pdf object, int font, float size)
```

Set the current font in the given size, using a *font* handle returned by pdf_findfont()

See Also: pdf_findfont().

pdf_setgray (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets drawing and filling color to gray value

```
void pdf_setgray (int pdf object, float gray)
```

Set the current fill and stroke color.

Note: PDFlib V4.0: Deprecated, use pdf_setcolor() instead.

pdf_setgray_fill (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets filling color to gray value

```
void pdf_setgray_fill (int pdf object, float gray)
```

Set the current fill color to a gray value between 0 and 1 inclusive.

Note: PDFlib V4.0: Deprecated, use pdf_setcolor() instead.

pdf_setgray_stroke (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets drawing color to gray value

```
void pdf_setgray_stroke (int pdf object, float gray)
```

Set the current stroke color to a gray value between 0 and 1 inclusive

Note: PDFlib V4.0: Deprecated, use pdf_setcolor() instead.

pdf_setlinecap (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets linecap parameter

```
void pdf_setlinecap (int pdf object, int linecap)
```

Set the *linecap* parameter to a value between 0 and 2 inclusive.

pdf_setlinejoin (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets linejoin parameter

```
void pdf_setlinejoin (int pdf object, long linejoin)
```

Set the line join parameter to a value between 0 and 2 inclusive.

pdf_setlinewidth (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets line width

```
void pdf_setlinewidth (int pdf object, float width)
```

Set the current linewidth to width.

pdf_setmatrix (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Sets current transformation matrix

```
void pdf_setmatrix (int pdf object, float a, float b, float c, float d, float  
e, float f)
```

Explicitly set the current transformation matrix.

pdf_setmiterlimit (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets miter limit

```
void pdf_setmiterlimit (int pdf object, float miter)
```

Set the miter limit to a value greater than or equal to 1.

pdf_setpolydash (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Sets complicated dash pattern

```
void pdf_setpolydash (int pdf object, float *dasharray)
```

Set a more complicated dash pattern defined by an array.

pdf_setrgbcolor (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets drawing and filling color to rgb color value

```
void pdf_setrgbcolor (int pdf object, float red value, float green value,  
float blue value)
```

Set the current fill and stroke color to the supplied RGB values.

Note: PDFlib V4.0: Deprecated, use `pdf_setcolor()` instead.

pdf_setrgbcolor_fill (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets filling color to rgb color value

```
void pdf_setrgbcolor_fill (int pdf object, float red value, float green  
value, float blue value)
```

Set the current fill color to the supplied RGB values.

Note: PDFlib V4.0: Deprecated, use `pdf_setcolor()` instead.

pdf_setrgbcolor_stroke (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets drawing color to rgb color value

```
void pdf_setrgbcolor_stroke (int pdf object, float red value, float green value, float blue value)
```

Set the current stroke color to the supplied RGB values.

Note: PDFlib V4.0: Deprecated, use `pdf_setcolor()` instead.

pdf_set_border_color (PHP 3>= 3.0.12, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets color of border around links and annotations

```
void pdf_set_border_color (int pdf object, float red, float green, float blue)
```

Set the border color for all kinds of annotations.

pdf_set_border_dash (PHP 4)

Sets dash style of border around links and annotations

```
void pdf_set_border_dash (int pdf object, float black, float white)
```

Set the border dash style for all kinds of annotations. See `pdf_setdash()`.

pdf_set_border_style (PHP 3>= 3.0.12, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets style of border around links and annotations

```
void pdf_set_border_style (int pdf object, string style, float width)
```

Set the border style for all kinds of annotations. *style* is "solid" or "dashed".

pdf_set_char_spacing (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deprecated: Sets character spacing

Deprecated.

See also pdf_set_value(),

pdf_set_duration (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deprecated: Sets duration between pages

Deprecated.

See pdf_set_value().

pdf_set_font (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deprecated: Selects a font face and size

Deprecated. You should use pdf_findfont() plus pdf_setfont() instead.

See pdf_findfont(), pdf_setfont().

pdf_set_horiz_scaling (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets horizontal scaling of text

```
void pdf_set_horiz_scaling (int pdf object, float scale)
```

Deprecated.

See also `pdf_set_value()`,

pdf_set_info (PHP 4)

Fills a field of the document information

```
void pdf_set_info (int pdf object, string key, string value)
```

Fill document information field *key* with value. *key* is one of "Subject", "Title", "Creator", "Author", "Keywords", or a user-defined key.

pdf_set_leading (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deprecated: Sets distance between text lines

Deprecated.

See also `pdf_set_value()`,

pdf_set_parameter (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets certain parameters

```
void pdf_set_parameter (int pdf object, string key, string value)
```

Set some PDFlib parameter with string type.

pdf_set_text_pos (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets text position

```
void pdf_set_text_pos (int pdf object, float x, float y)
```


Set the text output position.

pdf_set_text_rendering (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deprecated: Determines how text is rendered

Deprecated.

See `pdf_set_value()`,

pdf_set_text_rise (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deprecated: Sets the text rise

Deprecated.

See `pdf_set_value()`,

pdf_set_text_matrix (PHP 3>= 3.0.6)

Deprecated: Sets the text matrix

See `pdf_set_paramter()`.

pdf_set_value (PHP 4)

Sets certain numerical value

```
void pdf_set_value (int pdf object, string key, float value)
```

Set the value of some PDFlib parameter with float type.

pdf_set_word_spacing (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Depreciated: Sets spacing between words

Deprecated.

See also pdf_set_value(),

pdf_show (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Output text at current position

```
void pdf_show (int pdf object, string text)
```

Print text in the current font and size at the current position.

pdf_show_boxed (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Output text in a box

```
int pdf_show_boxed (int pdf object, string text, float left, float top, float  
width, float height, string hmode [, string feature])
```

Format text in the current font and size into the supplied text box according to the requested formatting mode, which must be one of "left", "right", "center", "justify", or "fulljustify". If width and height are 0, only a single line is placed at the point (left, top) in the requested mode.

Returns the number of characters that did not fit in the specified box. Returns 0 if all characters fit or the *width* and *height* parameters were set to 0 for single-line formatting.

pdf_show_xy (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Output text at given position

```
void pdf_show_xy (int pdf object, string text, float x, float y)
```

Print text in the current font at (x, y).

pdf_skew (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Skews the coordinate system

```
void pdf_skew (int pdf object, float alpha, float beta)
```

Skew the coordinate system in x and y direction by alpha and beta degrees.

pdf_stringwidth (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns width of text using current font

```
float pdf_stringwidth (int pdf object, string text [, int font [, float size]])
```

Returns the width of *text* using the last font set by pdf_setfont(). If the optional parameters *font* and *size* are specified, the width will be calculated using that font and size instead. Please note that *font* is a font handle returned by pdf_findfont().

Note: Both the *font* and *size* parameters must used together.

See Also: pdf_setfont() and pdf_findfont().

pdf_stroke (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draws line along path

```
void pdf_stroke (int pdf object)
```

Stroke the path with the current color and line width, and clear it.

pdf_translate (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets origin of coordinate system

```
void pdf_translate (int pdf object, float tx, float ty)
```

Translate the origin of the coordinate system.

LXV. Verisign Payflow Pro functions

This extension allows you to process credit cards and other financial transactions using Verisign Payment Services, formerly known as Signio (<http://www.verisign.com/payment/>).

These functions are only available if PHP has been compiled with the `--with-pfpro[=DIR]` option. You will require the appropriate SDK for your platform, which may be downloaded from within the manager interface (https://testmanager.signio.com/Downloads/Downloads_secure.htm) once you have registered. If you are going to use this extension in an SSL-enabled webserver or with other SSL components (such as the CURL+SSL extension) you MUST get the beta SDK.

Once you have downloaded the SDK you should copy the files from the `lib` directory of the distribution. Copy the header file `pfpro.h` to `/usr/local/include` and the library file `libpfpro.so` to `/usr/local/lib`.

When using these functions, you may omit calls to `pfpro_init()` and `pfpro_cleanup()` as this extension will do so automatically if required. However the functions are still available in case you are processing a number of transactions and require fine control over the library. You may perform any number of transactions using `pfpro_process()` between the two.

These functions have been added in PHP 4.0.2.

Note: These functions only provide a link to Verisign Payment Services. Be sure to read the Payflow Pro Developers Guide for full details of the required parameters.

pfpro_init (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Initialises the Payflow Pro library

```
void pfpro_init ( )
```

pfpro_init() is used to initialise the Payflow Pro library. You may omit this call, in which case this extension will automatically call **pfpro_init()** before the first transaction.

See also **pfpro_cleanup()**.

pfpro_cleanup (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Shuts down the Payflow Pro library

```
void pfpro_cleanup ( )
```

pfpro_cleanup() is used to shutdown the Payflow Pro library cleanly. It should be called after you have processed any transactions and before the end of your script. However you may omit this call, in which case this extension will automatically call **pfpro_cleanup()** after your script terminates.

See also **pfpro_init()**.

pfpro_process (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Process a transaction with Payflow Pro

```
array pfpro_process (array parameters [, string address [, int port [, int  
timeout [, string proxy address [, int proxy port [, string proxy logon [,  
string proxy password]]]]]])
```

Returns: An associative array containing the response

pfpro_process() processes a transaction with Payflow Pro. The first parameter is an associative array containing keys and values that will be encoded and passed to the processor.

The second parameter is optional and specifies the host to connect to. By default this is "test.signio.com", so you will certainly want to change this to "connect.signio.com" in order to process live transactions.

The third parameter specifies the port to connect on. It defaults to 443, the standard SSL port.

The fourth parameter specifies the timeout to be used, in seconds. This defaults to 30 seconds. Note that this timeout appears to only begin once a link to the processor has been established and so your script could potentially continue for a very long time in the event of DNS or network problems.

The fifth parameter, if required, specifies the hostname of your SSL proxy. The sixth parameter specifies the port to use.

The seventh and eighth parameters specify the logon identity and password to use on the proxy.

The function returns an associative array of the keys and values in the response.

Note: Be sure to read the Payflow Pro Developers Guide for full details of the required parameters.

Example 1. Payflow Pro example

```
<?php

pfpro_init();

$transaction = array(USER => 'mylogin',
    PWD => 'mypassword',
    TRXTYPE => 'S',
    TENDER => 'C',
    AMT => 1.50,
    ACCT => '4111111111111111',
    EXPDATE => '0904'
);

$response = pfpro_process($transaction);

if (!$response) {
    die("Couldn't establish link to Verisign.\n");
}

echo "Verisign response code was ".$response[RESULT];
echo ", which means: ".$response[RESPMSG]."\n";

echo "\nThe transaction request: ";
print_r($transaction);

echo "\nThe response: ";
print_r($response);

pfpro_cleanup();

?>
```



```
string pfpro_version ()
```

pfpro_version() returns the version string of the Payflow Pro library. At the time of writing, this was L211.

LXVI. PHP options & information

assert (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Checks if assertion is FALSE

```
int assert (string|bool assertion)
```

assert() will check the given *assertion* and take appropriate action if its result is FALSE.

If the *assertion* is given as a string it will be evaluated as PHP code by **assert()**. The advantages of a string *assertion* are less overhead when assertion checking is off and messages containing the *assertion* expression when an assertion fails.

Assertions should be used as a debugging feature only. You may use them for sanity-checks that test for conditions that should always be TRUE and that indicate some programming errors if not or to check for the presence of certain features like extension functions or certain system limits and features.

Assertions should not be used for normal runtime operations like input parameter checks. As a rule of thumb your code should always be able to work correctly if assertion checking is not activated.

The behavior of **assert()** may be configured by `assert_options()` or by .ini-settings described in that functions manual page.

The `assert_options()` function and/or `ASSERT_CALLBACK` configuration directive allow a callback function to be set to handle failed assertions.

assert() callbacks are particularly useful for building automated test suites because they allow you to easily capture the code passed to the assertion, along with information on where the assertion was made. While this information can be captured via other methods, using assertions makes it much faster and easier!

The callback function should accept three arguments. The first argument will contain the file the assertion failed in. The second argument will contain the line the assertion failed on and the third argument will contain the expression that failed (if any - literal values such as 1 or "two" will not be passed via this argument)

Example 1. Handle a failed assertion with a custom handler

```
<?php
// Active assert and make it quiet
assert_options (ASSERT_ACTIVE, 1);
assert_options (ASSERT_WARNING, 0);
assert_options (ASSERT_QUIET_EVAL, 1);

// Create a handler function
function my_assert_handler ($file, $line, $code) {
    echo "<hr>Assertion Failed:
        File '$file'<br>
        Line '$line'<br>
        Code '$code'<br><hr>";
}
```

```
// Set up the callback
assert_options (ASSERT_CALLBACK, 'my_assert_handler');

// Make an assertion that should fail
assert ('mysql_query ("")');
?>
```

assert_options (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set/get the various assert flags

```
mixed assert_options (int what [, mixed value])
```

Using **assert_options()** you may set the various assert() control options or just query their current settings.

Table 1. assert options

option	ini-parameter	default	description
ASSERT_ACTIVE	assert.active	1	enable assert() evaluation
ASSERT_WARNING	assert.warning	1	issue a PHP warning for each failed assertion
ASSERT_BAIL	assert.bail	0	terminate execution on failed assertions
ASSERT_QUIET_EVAL	assert.quiet_eval	0	disable error_reporting during assertion expression evaluation
ASSERT_CALLBACK	assert_callback	(NULL)	user function to call on failed assertions

assert_options() will return the original setting of any option or FALSE on errors.

extension_loaded (PHP 3 >= 3.0.10, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

find out whether an extension is loaded

```
bool extension_loaded (string name)
```

Returns TRUE if the extension identified by *name* is loaded. You can see the names of various extensions by using `phpinfo()`.

See also `phpinfo()`.

Note: This function was added in 3.0.10.

dl (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

load a PHP extension at runtime

```
int dl (string library)
```

Loads the PHP extension defined in *library*. See also the `enable_dl` and `extension_dir` configuration directives.

getenv (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the value of an environment variable

```
string getenv (string varname)
```

Returns the value of the environment variable *varname*, or FALSE on an error.

```
$ip = getenv ("REMOTE_ADDR"); // get the ip number of the user
```

You can see a list of all the environmental variables by using `phpinfo()`. You can find out what many of them mean by taking a look at the CGI specification (<http://hoohoo.ncsa.uiuc.edu/cgi/>), specifically the page on environmental variables (<http://hoohoo.ncsa.uiuc.edu/cgi/env.html>).

Note: This function does not work in ISAPI mode.

See also `putenv()`.

get_cfg_var (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the value of a PHP configuration option.

```
string get_cfg_var (string varname)
```

Returns the current value of the PHP configuration variable specified by *varname*, or FALSE if an error occurs.

It will not return configuration information set when the PHP was compiled, or read from an Apache configuration file (using the `php3_configuration_option` directives).

To check whether the system is using a configuration file, try retrieving the value of the `cfg_file_path` configuration setting. If this is available, a configuration file is being used.

get_current_user (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the name of the owner of the current PHP script.

```
string get_current_user ( )
```

Returns the name of the owner of the current PHP script.

See also `getmyuid()`, `getmygid()`, `getmypid()`, `getmyinode()`, and `getlastmod()`.

get_defined_constants (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Returns an associative array with the names of all the constants and their values.

```
array get_defined_constants ( )
```

This function returns the names and values of all the constants currently defined. This includes those created by extensions as well as those created with the `define()` function.

For example the line below

```
print_r (get_defined_constants());
```

will print a list like:

```
Array
(
    [E_ERROR] => 1
    [E_WARNING] => 2
    [E_PARSE] => 4
    [E_NOTICE] => 8
    [E_CORE_ERROR] => 16
    [E_CORE_WARNING] => 32
    [E_COMPILE_ERROR] => 64
    [E_COMPILE_WARNING] => 128
    [E_USER_ERROR] => 256
    [E_USER_WARNING] => 512
    [E_USER_NOTICE] => 1024
    [E_ALL] => 2047
    [TRUE] => 1
)
```

See also `get_loaded_extensions()`.

get_extension_funcs (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns an array with the names of the functions of a module

```
array get_extension_funcs (string module_name)
```

This function returns the names of all the functions defined in the module indicated by *module_name*.

For example the lines below

```
print_r (get_extension_funcs ("xml"));
print_r (get_extension_funcs ("gd"));
```

will print a list of the functions in the modules `xml` and `gd` respectively.

See also: `get_loaded_extensions()`

getmygid (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Get PHP script owner's GID

```
int getmygid ( )
```

Returns the group ID of the current script, or FALSE on error.

See also `getmyuid()`, `getmypid()`, `get_current_user()`, `getmyinode()`, and `getlastmod()`.

get_included_files (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns an array with the names of included or required files

```
array get_included_files ( )
```

Returns an array of the names of all files that have been included using `include()`, `include_once()`, `require()` or `require_once()`.

Files that are included or required multiple times only show up once in the returned array.

Example 1. get_included_files() Example

```
<?php

include("test1.php");
include_once("test2.php");
require("test3.php");
require_once("test4.php");

$included_files = get_included_files();

foreach($included_files as $filename) {
    echo "$filename\n";
}
```



```
?>
```

will generate the following output:

```
test1.php
test2.php
test3.php
test4.php
```

Note: In PHP 4.0.1pl2 and previous versions **get_included_files()** assumed that the required files ended in the extension `.php`; other extensions would not be returned. The array returned by **get_included_files()** was an associative array and only listed files included by `include()` and `include_once()`.

See also: `include()`, `include_once()`, `require()`, `require_once()` and `get_required_files()`.

get_loaded_extensions (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns an array with the names of all modules compiled and loaded

```
array get_loaded_extensions ( )
```

This function returns the names of all the modules compiled and loaded in the PHP interpreter.

For example the line below

```
print_r (get_loaded_extensions());
```

will print a list like:

```
Array
(
    [0] => xml
    [1] => wddx
```

```

[2] => standard
[3] => session
[4] => posix
[5] => pgsql
[6] => pcre
[7] => gd
[8] => ftp
[9] => db
[10] => Calendar
[11] => bcmath
)

```

See also: `get_extension_funcs()`.

get_magic_quotes_gpc (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the current active configuration setting of magic quotes gpc.

```
long get_magic_quotes_gpc ( )
```

Returns the current active configuration setting of magic_quotes_gpc. (0 for off, 1 for on).

See also `get_magic_quotes_runtime()`, `set_magic_quotes_runtime()`.

get_magic_quotes_runtime (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the current active configuration setting of magic_quotes_runtime.

```
long get_magic_quotes_runtime ( )
```

Returns the current active configuration setting of magic_quotes_runtime. (0 for off, 1 for on).

See also `get_magic_quotes_gpc()`, `set_magic_quotes_runtime()`.

getlastmod (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get time of last page modification.

```
int getlastmod ()
```

Returns the time of the last modification of the current page. The value returned is a Unix timestamp, suitable for feeding to `date()`. Returns FALSE on error.

Example 1. getlastmod() example

```
// outputs e.g. 'Last modified: March 04 1998 20:43:59.'
echo "Last modified: ".date ("F d Y H:i:s.", getlastmod());
```

See also `date()`, `getmyuid()`, `getmygid()`, `get_current_user()`, `getmyinode()`, and `getmypid()`.

getmyinode (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the inode of the current script.

```
int getmyinode ()
```

Returns the current script's inode, or FALSE on error.

See also `getmygid()`, `getmyuid()`, `get_current_user()`, `getmypid()`, and `getlastmod()`.

Note: This function is not implemented on Windows-platforms

getmypid (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get PHP's process ID.

```
int getmypid ()
```

Returns the current PHP process ID, or FALSE on error.

Warning

Process IDs are not unique, thus they are a weak entropy source. We recommend against relying on pids in security-dependent contexts.

See also `getmygid()`, `getmyuid()`, `get_current_user()`, `getmyinode()`, and `getlastmod()`.

getmyuid (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get PHP script owner's UID.

```
int getmyuid ()
```

Returns the user ID of the current script, or FALSE on error.

See also `getmygid()`, `getmypid()`, `get_current_user()`, `getmyinode()`, and `getlastmod()`.

get_required_files (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns an array with the names of included or required files

```
array get_required_files ()
```

As of PHP 4.0.4, this function is an alias for `get_included_files()`

In PHP 4.0.1pl2 and previous versions **get_required_files()** assumed that the required files ended in the extension `.php`, other extensions would not be returned. The array returned by **get_required_files()** was an associative array and only listed files included by `require()` and `require_once()`.

See also: `require()`, `require_once()`, `include()`, `include_once()` and `get_included_files()`.

getrusage (PHP 3 >= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the current resource usages.

```
array getrusage ([int who])
```

This is an interface to `getrusage(2)`. It returns an associative array containing the data returned from the system call. If `who` is 1, `getrusage` will be called with `RUSAGE_CHILDREN`.

All entries are accessible by using their documented field names.

Example 1. Getrusage Example

```
$dat = getrusage();
echo $dat["ru_nswap"];           # number of swaps
echo $dat["ru_majflt"];          # number of page faults
echo $dat["ru_utime.tv_sec"];    # user time used (seconds)
echo $dat["ru_utime.tv_usec"];  # user time used (microseconds)
```

See your system's man page on `getrusage(2)` for more details.

ini_alter (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Change the value of a configuration option

```
string ini_alter (string varname, string newvalue)
```

Changes the value of a configuration option, returns `FALSE` on failure, and the previous value of the configuration option on success.

Note: This is an alias of `ini_set()`

See also `ini_get()`, `ini_get_all()`, `ini_restore()`, `ini_set()`

ini_get (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the value of a configuration option

```
string ini_get (string varname)
```

Returns the value of the configuration option on success, `FALSE` on failure.

See also `ini_get_all()`, `ini_alter()`, `ini_restore()`, `ini_set()`

ini_get_all (PHP 4 CVS only)

Get all configuration options

```
array ini_get_all ([string extension])
```

Returns all the registered configuration options as an associative array. If optional *extension* parameter is set, returns only options specific for that extension.

See also `ini_alter()`, `ini_restore()`, `ini_get()`, `ini_set()`

ini_restore (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Restore the value of a configuration option

```
string ini_restore (string varname)
```

Restores a given configuration option to its original value.

See also `ini_alter()`, `ini_get()`, `ini_get_all()`, `ini_set()`

ini_set (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the value of a configuration option

```
string ini_set (string varname, string newvalue)
```

Sets the value of the given configuration option. Returns the old value on success, FALSE on failure. The configuration option will keep this new value during the script's execution, and will be restored at the script's ending.

Not all the available options can be changed using **ini_set()**. Below is a table with a list of all PHP options (as of PHP 4.0.5-dev), indicating which ones can be changed/set and at what level.

Table 1. Configuration options

Name	Default	Changeable
define_syslog_variables	"0"	PHP_INI_ALL
highlight.bg	HL_BG_COLOR	PHP_INI_ALL

Name	Default	Changeable
highlight.comment	HL_COMMENT_COLOR	PHP_INI_ALL
highlight.default	HL_DEFAULT_COLOR	PHP_INI_ALL
highlight.html	HL_HTML_COLOR	PHP_INI_ALL
highlight.keyword	HL_KEYWORD_COLOR	PHP_INI_ALL
highlight.string	HL_STRING_COLOR	PHP_INI_ALL
allow_call_time_pass_reference	"1"	PHP_INI_SYSTEM PHP_INI_PERDIR
asp_tags	"0"	PHP_INI_SYSTEM PHP_INI_PERDIR
display_errors	"1"	PHP_INI_ALL
display_startup_errors	"0"	PHP_INI_ALL
enable_dl	"1"	PHP_INI_SYSTEM
error_append_string	NULL	PHP_INI_ALL
error_prepend_string	NULL	PHP_INI_ALL
expose_php	"1"	PHP_INI_SYSTEM
html_errors	"1"	PHP_INI_SYSTEM
ignore_user_abort	"0"	PHP_INI_ALL
implicit_flush	"0"	PHP_INI_PERDIR PHP_INI_SYSTEM
log_errors	"0"	PHP_INI_ALL
magic_quotes_gpc	"1"	PHP_INI_PERDIR PHP_INI_SYSTEM
magic_quotes_runtime	"0"	PHP_INI_ALL
magic_quotes_sybase	"0"	PHP_INI_PERDIR PHP_INI_SYSTEM
output_buffering	"0"	PHP_INI_PERDIR PHP_INI_SYSTEM
output_handler	NULL	PHP_INI_PERDIR PHP_INI_SYSTEM
register_argc_argv	"1"	PHP_INI_ALL
register_globals	"1"	PHP_INI_PERDIR PHP_INI_SYSTEM
safe_mode	"0"	PHP_INI_SYSTEM
short_open_tag	"1"	PHP_INI_SYSTEM PHP_INI_PERDIR
sql.safe_mode	"0"	PHP_INI_SYSTEM
track_errors	"0"	PHP_INI_ALL
y2k_compliance	"0"	PHP_INI_ALL
arg_separator	"&"	PHP_INI_ALL
auto_append_file	NULL	PHP_INI_ALL

Name	Default	Changeable
auto_prepend_file	NULL	PHP_INI_ALL
doc_root	NULL	PHP_INI_SYSTEM
default_charset	SAPI_DEFAULT_CHARSET	PHP_INI_ALL
default_mimetype	SAPI_DEFAULT_MIMETYPE	PHP_INI_ALL
error_log	NULL	PHP_INI_ALL
extension_dir	PHP_EXTENSION_DIR	PHP_INI_SYSTEM
gpc_order	"GPC"	PHP_INI_ALL
include_path	PHP_INCLUDE_PATH	PHP_INI_ALL
max_execution_time	"30"	PHP_INI_ALL
open_basedir	NULL	PHP_INI_SYSTEM
safe_mode_exec_dir	"1"	PHP_INI_SYSTEM
upload_max_filesize	"2M"	PHP_INI_ALL
file_uploads	"1"	PHP_INI_ALL
post_max_size	"8M"	PHP_INI_SYSTEM
upload_tmp_dir	NULL	PHP_INI_SYSTEM
user_dir	NULL	PHP_INI_SYSTEM
variables_order	NULL	PHP_INI_ALL
SMTP	"localhost"	PHP_INI_ALL
browscap	NULL	PHP_INI_SYSTEM
error_reporting	NULL	PHP_INI_ALL
memory_limit	"8M"	PHP_INI_ALL
precision	"14"	PHP_INI_ALL
sendmail_from	NULL	PHP_INI_ALL
sendmail_path	DEFAULT_SENDMAIL_PATH	PHP_INI_SYSTEM
disable_functions	""	PHP_INI_SYSTEM
allow_url_fopen	"1"	PHP_INI_ALL

Table 2. Definition of PHP_INI_* constants

Constant	Value	Meaning
PHP_INI_USER	1	Entry can be set in user scripts
PHP_INI_PERDIR	2	Entry can be set in .htaccess
PHP_INI_SYSTEM	4	Entry can be set in php.ini or httpd.conf
PHP_INI_ALL	7	Entry can be set anywhere

See also `ini_alter()`, `ini_get()`, `ini_restore()`

phpcredits (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Prints out the credits for PHP.

```
void phpcredits (int flag)
```

This function prints out the credits listing the PHP developers, modules, etc. It generates the appropriate HTML codes to insert the information in a page. A parameter indicating what will be printed (a pre-defined constant flag, see table below) needs to be passed. For example to print the general credits, you will use somewhere in your code:

```
...
phpcredits(CREDITS_GENERAL);
...
```

And if you want to print the core developers and the documentation group, in a page of its own, you will use:

```
<?php
phpcredits(CREDITS_GROUP + CREDITS_DOCS + CREDITS_FULLPAGE);
?>
```

And if you feel like embedding all the credits in your page, then code like the one below will do it:

```
<html>
<head>
  <title>My credits page</title>
</head>
<body>
  <?php
  // some code of your own
  phpcredits(CREDITS_ALL);
  // some more code
  ?>
</body>
</html>
```

Table 1. Pre-defined phpcredits() flags

name	description
CREDITS_ALL	All the credits, equivalent to using: CREDITS_DOCS + CREDITS_GENERAL + CREDITS_GROUP + CREDITS_MODULES + CREDITS_FULLPAGE. It generates a complete stand-alone HTML page with the appropriate tags.
CREDITS_DOCS	The credits for the documentation team
CREDITS_FULLPAGE	Usually used in combination with the other flags. Indicates that the a complete stand-alone HTML page needs to be printed including the information indicated by the other flags.
CREDITS_GENERAL	General credits: Language design and concept, PHP 4.0 authors and SAPI module.
CREDITS_GROUP	A list of the core developers
CREDITS_MODULES	A list of the extension modules for PHP, and their authors
CREDITS_SAPI	A list of the server API modules for PHP, and their authors

See also `phpinfo()`, `phpversion()`, `php_logo_guid()`.

phpinfo (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Output lots of PHP information.

```
int phpinfo ([int what])
```

Outputs a large amount of information about the current state of PHP. This includes information about PHP compilation options and extensions, the PHP version, server information and environment (if compiled as a module), the PHP environment, OS version information, paths, master and local values of configuration options, HTTP headers, and the PHP License.

The output may be customized by passing one or more of the following values summed together in the optional parameter *what* (one can also combine them together with the or operator).

- INFO_GENERAL
- INFO_CREDITS
- INFO_CONFIGURATION
- INFO_MODULES

- INFO_ENVIRONMENT
- INFO_VARIABLES
- INFO_LICENSE
- INFO_ALL

See also `phpversion()`, `phpcredits()`, `php_logo_guid()`

phpversion (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the current PHP version.

string **phpversion** ()

Returns a string containing the version of the currently running PHP parser.

Example 1. phpversion() example

```
// prints e.g. 'Current PHP version: 3.0rel-dev'  
echo "Current PHP version: ".phpversion();
```

See also `version_compare()`, `phpinfo()`, `phpcredits()`, `php_logo_guid()`, `zend_version()`.

php_logo_guid (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the logo guid

string **php_logo_guid** ()

Note: This functionality was added in PHP 4 Beta 4.

See also `phpinfo()`, `phpversion()`, `phpcredits()`

php_sapi_name (PHP 4)

Returns the type of interface between web server and PHP

```
string php_sapi_name ()
```

php_sapi_name() returns a lowercase string which describes the type of interface between web server and PHP (Server API, SAPI). In CGI PHP, this string is "cgi", in mod_php for Apache, this string is "apache" and so on.

Example 1. php_sapi_name() Example

```
$sapi_type = php_sapi_name();  
if ($sapi_type == "cgi")  
    print "You are using CGI PHP\n";  
else  
    print "You are not using CGI PHP\n";
```

php_uname (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Returns information about the operating system PHP was built on

```
string php_uname ()
```

php_uname() returns a string with a description of the operating system PHP is built on.

Example 1. php_uname() Example

```
if (substr(php_uname(), 0, 7) == "Windows") {  
    die("Sorry, this script doesn't run on Windows.\n");  
}
```

putenv (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the value of an environment variable.

```
void putenv (string setting)
```

Adds *setting* to the server environment. The environment variable will only exist for the duration of the current request. At the end of the request the environment is restored to its original state.

Setting certain environment variables may be a potential security breach. The `safe_mode_allowed_env_vars` directive contains a comma-delimited list of prefixes. In Safe Mode, the user may only alter environment variables whose names begin with the prefixes supplied by this directive. By default, users will only be able to set environment variables that begin with PHP_ (e.g. `PHP_FOO=BAR`). Note: if this directive is empty, PHP will let the user modify ANY environment variable!

The `safe_mode_protected_env_vars` directive contains a comma-delimited list of environment variables, that the end user won't be able to change using **putenv()**. These variables will be protected even if `safe_mode_allowed_env_vars` is set to allow to change them.

Warning

These directives have only effect when safe-mode itself is enabled!

Example 1. Setting an Environment Variable

```
putenv ("UNIQID=$uniqid");
```

See also `getenv()`.

set_magic_quotes_runtime (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the current active configuration setting of `magic_quotes_runtime`.

```
long set_magic_quotes_runtime (int new_setting)
```

Set the current active configuration setting of `magic_quotes_runtime`. (0 for off, 1 for on)

See also `get_magic_quotes_gpc()`, `get_magic_quotes_runtime()`.

set_time_limit (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

limit the maximum execution time

```
void set_time_limit (int seconds)
```

Set the number of seconds a script is allowed to run. If this is reached, the script returns a fatal error. The default limit is 30 seconds or, if it exists, the `max_execution_time` value defined in the configuration file. If seconds is set to zero, no time limit is imposed.

When called, **set_time_limit()** restarts the timeout counter from zero. In other words, if the timeout is the default 30 seconds, and 25 seconds into script execution a call such as `set_time_limit(20)` is made, the script will run for a total of 45 seconds before timing out.

set_time_limit() has no effect when PHP is running in safe mode. There is no workaround other than turning off safe mode or changing the time limit in the configuration file.

Note: The **set_time_limit()** function and the configuration directive `max_execution_time` only affect the execution time of the script itself. Any time spent on activity that happens outside the execution of the script such as system calls using `system()`, the `sleep()` function, database queries, etc. is not included when determining the maximum time that the script has been running.

version_compare (PHP 4 CVS only)

Compares two "PHP-standardized" version number strings

```
int version_compare (string version1, string version2, string [operator])
```

version_compare() compares two "PHP-standardized" version number strings. This is useful if you would like to write programs working only on some versions of PHP.

version_compare() returns -1 if the first version is lower than the second, 0 if they are equal, and +1 if the second is lower.

If you specify the third optional *operator* argument, you can test for a particular relationship. The possible operators are: `<`, `lt`, `<=`, `le`, `>`, `gt`, `>=`, `ge`, `==`, `=`, `eq`, `!=`, `<>`, `ne` respectively. Using this argument, the function will return 1 if the relationship is the one specified by the operator, 0 otherwise.

Example 1. version_compare() example

```
// prints -1
echo version_compare("4.0.4", "4.0.6");
```

```
// these all print 1
echo version_compare("4.0.4", "4.0.6", "<");
echo version_compare("4.0.6", "4.0.6", "eq");
```

zend_logo_guid (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the zend guid

```
string zend_logo_guid ()
```

Note: This functionality was added in PHP 4 Beta 4.

zend_version (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the version of the current Zend engine.

```
string zend_version ()
```

Returns a string containing the version of the currently running PHP parser.

Example 1. zend_version() example

```
// prints e.g. 'Zend engine version: 1.0.4'
echo "Zend engine version: ".zend_version();
```

See also `phpinfo()`, `phpcredits()`, `php_logo_guid()` `phpversion()`.

LXVII. POSIX functions

This module contains an interface to those functions defined in the IEEE 1003.1 (POSIX.1) standards document which are not accessible through other means. POSIX.1 for example defined the `open()`, `read()`, `write()` and `close()` functions, too, which traditionally have been part of PHP 3 for a long time. Some more system specific functions have not been available before, though, and this module tries to remedy this by providing easy access to these functions.

posix_kill (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Send a signal to a process

```
bool posix_kill (int pid, int sig)
```

Send the signal *sig* to the process with the process identifier *pid*. Returns FALSE, if unable to send the signal, TRUE otherwise.

See also the kill(2) manual page of your POSIX system, which contains additional information about negative process identifiers, the special pid 0, the special pid -1, and the signal number 0.

posix_getpid (PHP 3>= 3.0.10, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return the current process identifier

```
int posix_getpid ()
```

Return the process identifier of the current process.

posix_getppid (PHP 3>= 3.0.10, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return the parent process identifier

```
int posix_getppid ()
```

Return the process identifier of the parent process of the current process.

posix_getuid (PHP 3>= 3.0.10, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return the real user ID of the current process

```
int posix_getuid ()
```

Return the numeric real user ID of the current process. See also `posix_getpwuid()` for information on how to convert this into a useable username.

posix_geteuid (PHP 3>= 3.0.10, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return the effective user ID of the current process

```
int posix_geteuid ( )
```

Return the numeric effective user ID of the current process. See also `posix_getpwuid()` for information on how to convert this into a useable username.

posix_getgid (PHP 3>= 3.0.10, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return the real group ID of the current process

```
int posix_getgid ( )
```

Return the numeric real group ID of the current process. See also `posix_getgrgid()` for information on how to convert this into a useable group name.

posix_getegid (PHP 3>= 3.0.10, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return the effective group ID of the current process

```
int posix_getegid ( )
```

Return the numeric effective group ID of the current process. See also `posix_getgrgid()` for information on how to convert this into a useable group name.

posix_setuid (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the effective UID of the current process

```
bool posix_setuid (int uid)
```

Set the real user ID of the current process. This is a privileged function and you need appropriate privileges (usually root) on your system to be able to perform this function.

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE otherwise. See also `posix_setgid()`.

posix_setgid (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the effective GID of the current process

```
bool posix_setgid (int gid)
```

Set the real group ID of the current process. This is a privileged function and you need appropriate privileges (usually root) on your system to be able to perform this function. The appropriate order of function calls is **posix_setgid()** first, `posix_setuid()` last.

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE otherwise.

posix_getgroups (PHP 3>= 3.0.10, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return the group set of the current process

```
array posix_getgroups ()
```

Returns an array of integers containing the numeric group ids of the group set of the current process. See also `posix_getgrgid()` for information on how to convert this into useable group names.

posix_getlogin (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return login name

```
string posix_getlogin ()
```

Returns the login name of the user owning the current process. See `posix_getpwnam()` for information how to get more information about this user.

posix_getpgrp (PHP 3>= 3.0.10, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return the current process group identifier

```
int posix_getpgrp ()
```

Return the process group identifier of the current process. See POSIX.1 and the `getpgrp(2)` manual page on your POSIX system for more information on process groups.

posix_setsid (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Make the current process a session leader

```
int posix_setsid ()
```

Make the current process a session leader. See POSIX.1 and the `setsid(2)` manual page on your POSIX system for more informations on process groups and job control. Returns the session id.

posix_setpgid (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

set process group id for job control

```
int posix_setpgid (int pid, int pgid)
```

Let the process *pid* join the process group *pgid*. See POSIX.1 and the `setsid(2)` manual page on your POSIX system for more informations on process groups and job control. Returns TRUE on success, FALSE otherwise.

posix_getpgid (PHP 3>= 3.0.10, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get process group id for job control

```
int posix_getpgid (int pid)
```

Returns the process group identifier of the process *pid*.

This is not a POSIX function, but is common on BSD and System V systems. If your system does not support this function at system level, this PHP function will always return FALSE.

posix_getsid (PHP 3>= 3.0.10, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the current sid of the process

```
int posix_getsid (int pid)
```

Return the sid of the process *pid*. If *pid* is 0, the sid of the current process is returned.

This is not a POSIX function, but is common on System V systems. If your system does not support this function at system level, this PHP function will always return FALSE.

posix_uname (PHP 3>= 3.0.10, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get system name

```
array posix_uname ( )
```

Returns a hash of strings with information about the system. The indices of the hash are

- sysname - operating system name (e.g. Linux)
- nodename - system name (e.g. valiant)
- release - operating system release (e.g. 2.2.10)
- version - operating system version (e.g. #4 Tue Jul 20 17:01:36 MEST 1999)
- machine - system architecture (e.g. i586)
- domainname - DNS domainname (e.g. php.net)

domainname is a GNU extension and not part of POSIX.1, so this field is only available on GNU systems or when using the GNU libc.

Posix requires that you must not make any assumptions about the format of the values, e.g. you cannot rely on three digit version numbers or anything else returned by this function.

posix_times (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get process times

array **posix_times** ()

Returns a hash of strings with information about the current process CPU usage. The indices of the hash are

- ticks - the number of clock ticks that have elapsed since reboot.
- utime - user time used by the current process.
- stime - system time used by the current process.
- cutime - user time used by current process and children.
- cstime - system time used by current process and children.

posix_ctermid (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get path name of controlling terminal

string **posix_ctermid** ()

Needs to be written.

posix_ttyname (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Determine terminal device name

string **posix_ttyname** (int *fd*)

Needs to be written.

posix_isatty (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Determine if a file descriptor is an interactive terminal

```
bool posix_isatty (int fd)
```

Needs to be written.

posix_getcwd (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Pathname of current directory

```
string posix_getcwd ( )
```

Needs to be written ASAP.

posix_mkfifo (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Create a fifo special file (a named pipe)

```
bool posix_mkfifo (string pathname, int mode)
```

Needs to be written ASAP.

Note: When safe-mode is enabled, PHP checks whether the directory in which you are about to operate, have the same UID as the script that is being executed.

posix_getgrnam (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return info about a group by name

```
array posix_getgrnam (string name)
```

Needs to be written.

posix_getgrgid (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return info about a group by group id

array **posix_getgrgid** (int *gid*)

Needs to be written.

posix_getpwnam (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return info about a user by username

array **posix_getpwnam** (string *username*)

Returns an associative array containing information about a user referenced by an alphanumeric username, passed in the *username* parameter.

The array elements returned are:

Table 1. The user information array

Element	Description
name	The name element contains the username of the user. This is a short, usually less than 16 character "handle" of the user, not her real, full name. This should be the same as the <i>username</i> parameter used when calling the function, and hence redundant.
passwd	The passwd element contains the user's password in an encrypted format. Often, for example on a system employing "shadow" passwords, an asterisk is returned instead.
uid	User ID of the user in numeric form.
gid	The group ID of the user. Use the function <code>posix_getgrgid()</code> to resolve the group name and a list of its members.

Element	Description
gecos	GECOS is an obsolete term that refers to the finger information field on a Honeywell batch processing system. The field, however, lives on, and its contents have been formalized by POSIX. The field contains a comma separated list containing the user's full name, office phone, office number, and home phone number. On most systems, only the user's full name is available.
dir	This element contains the absolute path to the home directory of the user.
shell	The shell element contains the absolute path to the executable of the user's default shell.

posix_getpwuid (PHP 3 >= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return info about a user by user id

array **posix_getpwuid** (int *uid*)

Returns an associative array containing information about a user referenced by a numeric user ID, passed in the *uid* parameter.

The array elements returned are:

Table 1. The user information array

Element	Description
name	The name element contains the username of the user. This is a short, usually less than 16 character "handle" of the user, not her real, full name.
passwd	The passwd element contains the user's password in an encrypted format. Often, for example on a system employing "shadow" passwords, an asterisk is returned instead.
uid	User ID, should be the same as the <i>uid</i> parameter used when calling the function, and hence redundant.
gid	The group ID of the user. Use the function <code>posix_getgrgid()</code> to resolve the group name and a list of its members.

Element	Description
gecos	GECOS is an obsolete term that refers to the finger information field on a Honeywell batch processing system. The field, however, lives on, and its contents have been formalized by POSIX. The field contains a comma separated list containing the user's full name, office phone, office number, and home phone number. On most systems, only the user's full name is available.
dir	This element contains the absolute path to the home directory of the user.
shell	The shell element contains the absolute path to the executable of the user's default shell.

posix_getrlimit (PHP 3 >= 3.0.10, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return info about system resource limits

array **posix_getrlimit** ()

Needs to be written ASAP.

LXVIII. PostgreSQL functions

Postgres, developed originally in the UC Berkeley Computer Science Department, pioneered many of the object-relational concepts now becoming available in some commercial databases. It provides SQL92/SQL3 language support, transaction integrity, and type extensibility. PostgreSQL is an open source descendant of this original Berkeley code.

PostgreSQL is available without cost. The current version is available at www.PostgreSQL.org (<http://www.postgresql.org/>).

Since version 6.3 (03/02/1998) PostgreSQL uses unix domain sockets. A table is shown below describing these new connection possibilities. This socket will be found in `/tmp/.s.PGSQL.5432`. This option can be enabled with the `'-i'` flag to **postmaster** and it's meaning is: "listen on TCP/IP sockets as well as Unix domain sockets".

Table 1. Postmaster and PHP

Postmaster	PHP	Status
postmaster &	<code>pg_connect("dbname=MyDbName");</code>	OK
postmaster -i &	<code>pg_connect("dbname=MyDbName");</code>	OK
postmaster &	<code>pg_connect("host=localhost dbname=MyDbName");</code>	Unable to connect to PostgreSQL server: connectDB() failed: Is the postmaster running and accepting TCP/IP (with -i) connection at 'localhost' on port '5432'? in /path/to/file.php3 on line 20.
postmaster -i &	<code>pg_connect("host=localhost dbname=MyDbName");</code>	OK

One can establish a connection with the following value pairs set in the command string: `$conn = pg_Connect("host=myHost port=myPort tty=myTTY options=myOptions dbname=myDB user=myUser password=myPassword ");`

The previous syntax of: `$conn = pg_connect ("host", "port", "options", "tty", "dbname")` has been deprecated.

To use the large object (lo) interface, it is necessary to enclose it within a transaction block. A transaction block starts with a **begin** and if the transaction was valid ends with **commit** or **end**. If the transaction fails the transaction should be closed with **rollback** or **abort**.

Example 1. Using Large Objects

```
<?php
    $database = pg_Connect ("dbname=jakarta");
    pg_exec ($database, "begin");
    $oid = pg_locreate ($database);
```

```
echo ("oid\n");  
$handle = pg_loopen ($database, $oid, "w");  
echo ("handle\n");  
pg_lowrite ($handle, "gaga");  
pg_loclose ($handle);  
pg_exec ($database, "commit");  
?>
```

pg_close (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Close a PostgreSQL connection

```
bool pg_close (int connection)
```

Returns FALSE if connection is not a valid connection index, TRUE otherwise. Closes down the connection to a PostgreSQL database associated with the given connection index.

Note: This isn't usually necessary, as non-persistent open links are automatically closed at the end of the script's execution.

pg_close() will not close persistent links generated by **pg_pconnect()**.

pg_cmdtuples (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns number of affected tuples

```
int pg_cmdtuples (int result_id)
```

pg_cmdtuples() returns the number of tuples (instances) affected by INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE queries. If no tuple is affected the function will return 0.

Example 1. pg_cmdtuples()

```
<?php
$result = pg_exec ($conn, "INSERT INTO publisher VALUES ('Author')");
$cmdtuples = pg_cmdtuples ($result);
echo $cmdtuples . " &lt;- cmdtuples affected.";
?>
```

See also **pg_numfields()** and **pg_numrows()**.

pg_connect (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open a PostgreSQL connection

```
int pg_connect (string host, string port, string dbname)
int pg_connect (string host, string port, string options, string dbname)
int pg_connect (string host, string port, string options, string tty, string dbname)
int pg_connect (string conn_string)
```

Returns a connection index on success, or FALSE if the connection could not be made. Opens a connection to a PostgreSQL database. The arguments should be within a quoted string.

Example 1. Using pg_connect arguments

```
<?php
$dbconn = pg_Connect ("dbname=mary");
//connect to a database named "mary"
$dbconn2 = pg_Connect ("host=localhost port=5432 dbname=mary");
//connect to a database named "mary" on "localhost" at port "5432"
$dbconn3 = pg_Connect ("host=sheep port=5432 dbname=mary user=lamb password=baaaa");
//connect to a database named "mary" on the host "sheep" with a username and password
?>
```

The arguments available include *host*, *port*, *tty*, *options*, *dbname*, *user*, and *password*.

If a second call is made to **pg_connect()** with the same arguments, no new connection will be established, but instead, the connection index of the already opened connection will be returned.

This function returns a connection index that is needed by other PostgreSQL functions. You can have multiple connections open at once.

The previous syntax of: **\$conn = pg_connect ("host", "port", "options", "tty", "dbname")** has been deprecated.

See also pg_pconnect().

pg_dbname (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the database name

```
string pg_dbname (int connection)
```

Returns the name of the database that the given PostgreSQL connection index is connected to, or FALSE if connection is not a valid connection index.

pg_end_copy (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Sync with PostgreSQL backend

```
bool pg_end_copy ([resource connection])
```

pg_end_copy() syncs PostgreSQL frontend with the backend after doing a copy operation. It must be issued or the backend may get "out of sync" with the frontend. Returns TRUE if successfull, FALSE otherwise.

For further details and an example, see also `pg_put_line()`.

pg_errormessage (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the error message string

```
string pg_errormessage (int connection)
```

Returns a string containing the error message, FALSE on failure. Details about the error probably cannot be retrieved using the **pg_errormessage()** function if an error occurred on the last database action for which a valid connection exists, this function will return a string containing the error message generated by the backend server.

pg_exec (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Execute a query

```
int pg_exec (int connection, string query)
```

Returns a result index if query could be executed, FALSE on failure or if connection is not a valid connection index. Details about the error can be retrieved using the **pg_ErrorMessage()** function if connection is valid. Sends an SQL statement to the PostgreSQL database specified by the connection index. The connection must be a valid index that was returned by **pg_Connect()**. The return value of this function is an index to be used to access the results from other PostgreSQL functions.

Note: PHP/FI returned 1 if the query was not expected to return data (inserts or updates, for example) and greater than 1 even on selects that did not return anything. No such assumption can be made in PHP.

pg_fetch_array (PHP 3>= 3.0.1, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch a row as an array

array **pg_fetch_array** (int *result*, int *row* [, int *result_type*])

Returns: An array that corresponds to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

pg_fetch_array() is an extended version of **pg_fetch_row()**. In addition to storing the data in the numeric indices of the result array, it also stores the data in associative indices, using the field names as keys.

The third optional argument *result_type* in **pg_fetch_array()** is a constant and can take the following values: PGSQL_ASSOC, PGSQL_NUM, and PGSQL_BOTH.

Note: *Result_type* was added in PHP 4.0.

An important thing to note is that using **pg_fetch_array()** is NOT significantly slower than using **pg_fetch_row()**, while it provides a significant added value.

For further details, see also **pg_fetch_row()**

Example 1. PostgreSQL fetch array

```
<?php
$conn = pg_pconnect ("dbname=publisher");
if (!$conn) {
    echo "An error occured.\n";
    exit;
}

$result = pg_Exec ($conn, "SELECT * FROM authors");
if (!$result) {
    echo "An error occured.\n";
    exit;
}

$arr = pg_fetch_array ($result, 0);
```



```

echo $arr[0] . " <- array\n";

$arr = pg_fetch_array ($result, 1);
echo $arr["author"] . " <- array\n";
?>

```

pg_fetch_object (PHP 3 >= 3.0.1, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch a row as an object

```
object pg_fetch_object (int result, int row [, int result_type])
```

Returns: An object with properties that correspond to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

pg_fetch_object() is similar to **pg_fetch_array()**, with one difference - an object is returned, instead of an array. Indirectly, that means that you can only access the data by the field names, and not by their offsets (numbers are illegal property names).

The third optional argument *result_type* in **pg_fetch_object()** is a constant and can take the following values: PGSQL_ASSOC, PGSQL_NUM, and PGSQL_BOTH.

Note: *Result_type* was added in PHP 4.0.

Speed-wise, the function is identical to **pg_fetch_array()**, and almost as quick as **pg_fetch_row()** (the difference is insignificant).

See also: **pg_fetch_array()** and **pg_fetch_row()**.

Example 1. Postgres fetch object

```

<?php
$database = "verlag";
$db_conn = pg_connect ("host=localhost port=5432 dbname=$database");
if (!$db_conn): ?>
    <H1>Failed connecting to postgres database <?php echo $database ?></H1> <?php
    exit;
endif;

$q = pg_exec ($db_conn, "SELECT * FROM verlag ORDER BY autor");
$row = 0; // postgres needs a row counter other dbs might not

```

```

while ($data = pg_fetch_object ($qu, $row)):
    echo $data->autor." (";
    echo $data->jahr ."): ";
    echo $data->titel."<BR>";
    $row++;
endwhile; ?>

<PRE><?php
$fields[] = Array ("autor", "Author");
$fields[] = Array ("jahr", " Year");
$fields[] = Array ("titel", " Title");

$row= 0; // postgres needs a row counter other dbs might not
while ($data = pg_fetch_object ($qu, $row)):
    echo "-----\n";
    reset ($fields);
    while (list (,$item) = each ($fields)):
        echo $item[1].": ".$data->$item[0]."\n";
    endwhile;
    $row++;
endwhile;
echo "-----\n"; ?>
</PRE> <?php
pg_freeResult ($qu);
pg_close ($db_conn);
?>

```

pg_fetch_row (PHP 3 >= 3.0.1, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get a row as an enumerated array

array **pg_fetch_row** (int *result*, int *row*)

Returns: An array that corresponds to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

pg_fetch_row() fetches one row of data from the result associated with the specified result identifier. The row is returned as an array. Each result column is stored in an array offset, starting at offset 0.

See also: `pg_fetch_array()`, `pg_fetch_object()`, `pg_result()`.

Example 1. Postgres fetch row

```

<?php
$conn = pg_pconnect ("dbname=publisher");
if (!$conn) {
    echo "An error occurred.\n";
    exit;
}

$result = pg_Exec ($conn, "SELECT * FROM authors");
if (!$result) {
    echo "An error occurred.\n";
    exit;
}

$num = pg_numrows($result);

for ($i=0; $i < $num; $i++) {
    $r = pg_fetch_row($result, $i);

    for ($j=0; $j < count($r); $j++) {
        echo "$r[$j]&nbsp;";
    }

    echo "<BR>";
}

?>

```

pg_fieldisnull (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Test if a field is NULL

```
int pg_fieldisnull (int result_id, int row, mixed field)
```

Test if a field is NULL or not. Returns 0 if the field in the given row is not NULL. Returns 1 if the field in the given row is NULL. Field can be specified as number or fieldname. Row numbering starts at 0.

pg_fieldname (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the name of a field

```
string pg_fieldname (int result_id, int field_number)
```

pg_fieldname() will return the name of the field occupying the given column number in the given PostgreSQL result identifier. Field numbering starts from 0.

pg_fieldnum (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the field number of the named field

```
int pg_fieldnum (int result_id, string field_name)
```

pg_fieldnum() will return the number of the column slot that corresponds to the named field in the given PostgreSQL result identifier. Field numbering starts at 0. This function will return -1 on error.

pg_fieldprtlen (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the printed length

```
int pg_fieldprtlen (int result_id, int row_number, string field_name)
```

pg_fieldprtlen() will return the actual printed length (number of characters) of a specific value in a PostgreSQL result. Row numbering starts at 0. This function will return -1 on an error.

pg_fieldsize (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the internal storage size of the named field

```
int pg_fieldsize (int result_id, int field_number)
```

pg_fieldsize() will return the internal storage size (in bytes) of the field number in the given PostgreSQL result. Field numbering starts at 0. A field size of -1 indicates a variable length field. This function will return FALSE on error.

pg_fieldtype (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the type name for the corresponding field number

```
string pg_fieldtype (int result_id, int field_number)
```

pg_fieldtype() will return a string containing the type name of the given field in the given PostgreSQL result identifier. Field numbering starts at 0.

pg_freeresult (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Free result memory

```
int pg_freeresult (int result_id)
```

pg_freeresult() only needs to be called if you are worried about using too much memory while your script is running. All result memory will automatically be freed when the script is finished. But, if you are sure you are not going to need the result data anymore in a script, you may call **pg_freeresult()** with the result identifier as an argument and the associated result memory will be freed.

pg_getlastoid (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the last object identifier

```
int pg_getlastoid (int result_id)
```

pg_getlastoid() can be used to retrieve the oid assigned to an inserted tuple if the result identifier is used from the last command sent via **pg_exec()** and was an SQL INSERT. This function will return a positive integer if there was a valid oid. It will return -1 if an error occurred or the last command sent via **pg_exec()** was not an INSERT.

pg_host (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the host name associated with the connection

```
string pg_host (int connection_id)
```

pg_host() will return the host name of the given PostgreSQL connection identifier is connected to.

pg_loclose (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Close a large object

```
void pg_loclose (int fd)
```

pg_loclose() closes an Inversion Large Object. *fd* is a file descriptor for the large object from **pg_loopen()**.

pg_locreate (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Create a large object

```
int pg_locreate (int conn)
```

pg_locreate() creates an Inversion Large Object and returns the oid of the large object. *conn* specifies a valid database connection. PostgreSQL access modes INV_READ, INV_WRITE, and INV_ARCHIVE are not supported, the object is created always with both read and write access. INV_ARCHIVE has been removed from PostgreSQL itself (version 6.3 and above).

pg_loexport (PHP 4)

Export a large object to file

```
bool pg_loexport (int oid, int file [, int connection_id])
```

The *oid* argument specifies the object id of the large object to export and the *filename* argument specifies the pathname of the file. Returns FALSE if an error occurred, TRUE otherwise. Remember that handling large objects in PostgreSQL must happen inside a transaction.

pg_loimport (PHP 4)

Import a large object from file

```
int pg_loimport (int file [, int connection_id])
```

The *filename* argument specifies the pathname of the file to be imported as a large object. Returns FALSE if an error occurred, object id of the just created large object otherwise. Remember that handling large objects in PostgreSQL must happen inside a transaction.

Note: When safe-mode is enabled, PHP checks whether the file(s)/directories you are about to operate on, have the same UID as the script that is being executed.

pg_loopen (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open a large object

```
int pg_loopen (int conn, int objoid, string mode)
```

pg_loopen() open an Inversion Large Object and returns file descriptor of the large object. The file descriptor encapsulates information about the connection. Do not close the connection before closing the large object file descriptor. *objoid* specifies a valid large object oid and *mode* can be either "r", "w", or "rw".

pg_loread (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Read a large object

```
string pg_loread (int fd, int len)
```

pg_loread() reads at most *len* bytes from a large object and returns it as a string. *fd* specifies a valid large object file descriptor and *len* specifies the maximum allowable size of the large object segment.

pg_loreadall (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Read a entire large object and send straight to browser

```
void pg_loreadall (int fd)
```

pg_loreadall() reads a large object and passes it straight through to the browser after sending all pending headers. Mainly intended for sending binary data like images or sound.

pg_lounlink (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Delete a large object

```
void pg_lounlink (int conn, int lobjid)
```

pg_lounlink() deletes a large object with the *lobjid* identifier for that large object.

pg_lowrite (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Write a large object

```
int pg_lowrite (int fd, string buf)
```

pg_lowrite() writes at most to a large object from a variable *buf* and returns the number of bytes actually written, or FALSE in the case of an error. *fd* is a file descriptor for the large object from `pg_loopen()`.

pg_numfields (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the number of fields


```
int pg_numfields (int result_id)
```

pg_numfields() will return the number of fields (columns) in a PostgreSQL result. The argument is a valid result identifier returned by `pg_exec()`. This function will return -1 on error.

See also `pg_numrows()` and `pg_cmdtuples()`.

pg_numrows (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the number of rows

```
int pg_numrows (int result_id)
```

pg_numrows() will return the number of rows in a PostgreSQL result. The argument is a valid result identifier returned by `pg_exec()`. This function will return -1 on error.

See also `pg_numfields()` and `pg_cmdtuples()`.

pg_options (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the options associated with the connection

```
string pg_options (int connection_id)
```

pg_options() will return a string containing the options specified on the given PostgreSQL connection identifier.

pg_pconnect (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open a persistent PostgreSQL connection

```
int pg_pconnect (string conn_string)
```

Returns a connection index on success, or FALSE if the connection could not be made. Opens a connection to a PostgreSQL database. The arguments should be within a quoted string. The arguments available include *host*, *port*, *tty*, *options*, *dbname*, *user*, and *password*.

This function returns a connection index that is needed by other PostgreSQL functions. You can have multiple connections open at once.

The previous syntax of: `$conn = pg_pconnect ("host", "port", "options", "tty", "dbname")` has been deprecated.

See also `pg_connect()`.

pg_port (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return the port number associated with the connection

```
int pg_port (int connection_id)
```

pg_port() will return the port number that the given PostgreSQL connection identifier is connected to.

pg_put_line (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Send a NULL-terminated string to PostgreSQL backend

```
bool pg_put_line ([resource connection_id, string data])
```

pg_put_line() sends a NULL-terminated string to the PostgreSQL backend server. This is useful for example for very high-speed inserting of data into a table, initiated by starting a PostgreSQL copy-operation. That final NULL-character is added automatically. Returns TRUE if successfull, FALSE otherwise.

Note: Note the application must explicitly send the two characters "\." on a final line to indicate to the backend that it has finished sending its data.

See also `pg_end_copy()`.

Example 1. High-speed insertion of data into a table

```
<?php
$conn = pg_pconnect ("dbname=foo");
pg_exec($conn, "create table bar (a int4, b char(16), d float8)");
pg_exec($conn, "copy bar from stdin");
pg_put_line($conn, "3\thello world\t4.5\n");
```

```

pg_put_line($conn, "4\tgoodbye world\t7.11\n");
pg_put_line($conn, "\\.\n");
pg_end_copy($conn);
?>

```

pg_result (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns values from a result identifier

```
mixed pg_result (int result_id, int row_number, mixed fieldname)
```

pg_result() will return values from a result identifier produced by **pg_Exec()**. The *row_number* and *fieldname* specify what cell in the table of results to return. Row numbering starts from 0. Instead of naming the field, you may use the field index as an unquoted number. Field indices start from 0.

PostgreSQL has many built in types and only the basic ones are directly supported here. All forms of integer, boolean and void types are returned as integer values. All forms of float, and real types are returned as float values. All other types, including arrays are returned as strings formatted in the same default PostgreSQL manner that you would see in the **psql** program.

pg_set_client_encoding (PHP 3 CVS only, PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Set the client encoding

```
int pg_set_client_encoding ([int connection, string encoding])
```

The function set the client encoding and return 0 if success or -1 if error.

encoding is the client encoding and can be either : SQL_ASCII, EUC_JP, EUC_CN, EUC_KR, EUC_TW, UNICODE, MULE_INTERNAL, LATINX (X=1...9), KOI8, WIN, ALT, SJIS, BIG5, WIN1250.

Note: This function requires PHP-4.0.2 or higher and PostgreSQL-7.0 or higher.

The function used to be called **pg_setclientencoding()**.

See also **pg_client_encoding()**.

pg_client_encoding (PHP 3 CVS only, PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Get the client encoding

```
string pg_client_encoding ([int connection])
```

The function returns the client encoding as the string. The returned string should be either : SQL_ASCII, EUC_JP, EUC_CN, EUC_KR, EUC_TW, UNICODE, MULE_INTERNAL, LATINX (X=1...9), KOI8, WIN, ALT, SJIS, BIG5, WIN1250.

Note: This function requires PHP-4.0.2 or higher and PostgreSQL-7.0 or higher.

The function used to be called **pg_clientencoding()**.

See also `pg_set_client_encoding()`.

pg_trace (PHP 4)

Enable tracing a PostgreSQL connection

```
bool pg_trace (string filename [, string mode [, int connection]])
```

Enables tracing of the PostgreSQL frontend/backend communication to a debugging file. To fully understand the results one needs to be familiar with the internals of PostgreSQL communication protocol. For those who are not, it can still be useful for tracing errors in queries sent to the server, you could do for example **grep '^To backend' trace.log** and see what query actually were sent to the PostgreSQL server.

Filename and *mode* are the same as in `fopen()` (*mode* defaults to 'w'), *connection* specifies the connection to trace and defaults to the last one opened.

Returns TRUE if *filename* could be opened for logging, FALSE otherwise.

See also `fopen()` and `pg_untrace()`.

pg_tty (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return the tty name associated with the connection

```
string pg_tty (int connection_id)
```

pg_tty() will return the tty name that server side debugging output is sent to on the given PostgreSQL connection identifier.

pg_untrace (PHP 4)

Disable tracing of a PostgreSQL connection

```
bool pg_untrace ([int connection])
```

Stop tracing started by `pg_trace()`. *connection* specifies the connection that was traced and defaults to the last one opened.

Returns always TRUE.

See also `pg_trace()`.

LXIX. Program Execution functions

Those functions provides means to executes commands on the system itself, and means secure such commands. Those functions are also closely related to the backtick operator.

escapeshellarg (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

escape a string to be used as a shell argument

string **escapeshellarg** (string *arg*)

escapeshellarg() adds single quotes around a string and quotes/escapes any existing single quotes allowing you to pass a string directly to a shell function and having it be treated as a single safe argument. This function should be used to escape individual arguments to shell functions coming from user input. The shell functions include `exec()`, `system()` and the backtick operator. A standard use would be:

```
system("ls ".escapeshellarg($dir));
```

See also `exec()`, `popen()`, `system()`, and the backtick operator.

escapeshellcmd (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

escape shell metacharacters

string **escapeshellcmd** (string *command*)

escapeshellcmd() escapes any characters in a string that might be used to trick a shell command into executing arbitrary commands. This function should be used to make sure that any data coming from user input is escaped before this data is passed to the `exec()` or `system()` functions, or to the backtick operator. A standard use would be:

```
$e = escapeshellcmd($userinput);
system("echo $e"); // here we don't care if $e has spaces
$f = escapeshellcmd($filename);
system("touch \"./tmp/$f\"; ls -l \"./tmp/$f\""); // and here we do, so we use quotes
```

See also `escapeshellarg()`, `exec()`, `popen()`, `system()`, and the backtick operator.

exec (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Execute an external program

```
string exec (string command, string [array] [, int return_var])
```

exec() executes the given *command*, however it does not output anything. It simply returns the last line from the result of the command. If you need to execute a command and have all the data from the command passed directly back without any interference, use the `passthru()` function.

If the *array* argument is present, then the specified array will be filled with every line of output from the command. Note that if the array already contains some elements, **exec()** will append to the end of the array. If you do not want the function to append elements, call `unset()` on the array before passing it to **exec()**.

If the *return_var* argument is present along with the *array* argument, then the return status of the executed command will be written to this variable.

Note that if you are going to allow data coming from user input to be passed to this function, then you should be using `escapeshellcmd()` to make sure that users cannot trick the system into executing arbitrary commands.

Note also that if you start a program using this function and want to leave it running in the background, you have to make sure that the output of that program is redirected to a file or some other output stream or else PHP will hang until the execution of the program ends.

See also `system()`, `passthru()`, `popen()`, `escapeshellcmd()`, and the backtick operator.

passthru (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Execute an external program and display raw output

```
void passthru (string command [, int return_var])
```

The **passthru()** function is similar to the `exec()` function in that it executes a *command*. If the *return_var* argument is present, the return status of the Unix command will be placed here. This function should be used in place of `exec()` or `system()` when the output from the Unix command is binary data which needs to be passed directly back to the browser. A common use for this is to execute something like the `pbmplus` utilities that can output an image stream directly. By setting the Content-type to *image/gif* and then calling a `pbmplus` program to output a gif, you can create PHP scripts that output images directly.

Note that if you start a program using this function and want to leave it running in the background, you have to make sure that the output of that program is redirected to a file or some other output stream or else PHP will hang until the execution of the program ends.

See also `exec()`, `system()`, `popen()`, `escapeshellcmd()`, and the backtick operator.

system (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Execute an external program and display output

```
string system (string command [, int return_var])
```

system() is just like the C version of the function in that it executes the given *command* and outputs the result. If a variable is provided as the second argument, then the return status code of the executed command will be written to this variable.

Note, that if you are going to allow data coming from user input to be passed to this function, then you should be using the `escapeshellcmd()` function to make sure that users cannot trick the system into executing arbitrary commands.

Note also that if you start a program using this function and want to leave it running in the background, you have to make sure that the output of that program is redirected to a file or some other output stream or else PHP will hang until the execution of the program ends.

The **system()** call also tries to automatically flush the web server's output buffer after each line of output if PHP is running as a server module.

Returns the last line of the command output on success, and `FALSE` on failure.

If you need to execute a command and have all the data from the command passed directly back without any interference, use the `passthru()` function.

See also `exec()`, `passthru()`, `popen()`, `escapeshellcmd()`, and the backtick operator.

LXX. Printer functions

These functions are only available under Windows 9.x, ME, NT4 and 2000. They have been added in PHP 4 (4.0.4).

printer_open (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Open connection to a printer

```
mixed printer_open ([string devicename])
```

This function tries to open a connection to the printer *devicename*, and returns a handle on success or FALSE on failure.

If no parameter was given it tries to open a connection to the default printer (if not specified in `php.ini` as `printer.default_printer`, php tries to detect it).

printer_open() also starts a device context.

Example 1. printer_open() example

```
$handle = printer_open("HP Deskjet 930c");  
$handle = printer_open();
```

printer_abort (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Deletes the printer's spool file

```
void printer_abort (resource handle)
```

This function deletes the printers spool file.

handle must be a valid handle to a printer.

Example 1. printer_abort() example

```
$handle = printer_open();  
printer_abort($handle);  
printer_close($handle);
```

printer_close (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Close an open printer connection

```
void printer_close (resource handle)
```

This function closes the printer connection. **printer_close()** also closes the active device context. *handle* must be a valid handle to a printer.

Example 1. printer_close() example

```
$handle = printer_open();  
printer_close($handle);
```

printer_write (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Write data to the printer

```
bool printer_write (resource handle, string content)
```

Writes *content* directly to the printer, and returns TRUE on success or FALSE if it failed. *handle* must be a valid handle to a printer.

Example 1. printer_write() example

```
$handle = printer_open();  
printer_write($handle, "Text to print");  
printer_close($handle);
```

printer_list (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Return an array of printers attached to the server

```
array printer_list (int enumtype [, string name [, int level]])
```

The function enumerates available printers and their capabilities. *level* sets the level of information request. Can be 1,2,4 or 5. *enumtype* must be one of the following predefined constants:

- *PRINTER_ENUM_LOCAL*: enumerates the locally installed printers.
- *PRINTER_ENUM_NAME*: enumerates the printer of *name*, can be a server, domain or print provider.
- *PRINTER_ENUM_SHARED*: this parameter can't be used alone, it has to be OR'ed with other parameters, i.e. *PRINTER_ENUM_LOCAL* to detect the locally shared printers.
- *PRINTER_ENUM_DEFAULT*: (Win9.x only) enumerates the default printer.
- *PRINTER_ENUM_CONNECTIONS*: (WinNT/2000 only) enumerates the printers to which the user has made connections.
- *PRINTER_ENUM_NETWORK*: (WinNT/2000 only) enumerates network printers in the computer's domain. Only valid if *level* is 1.
- *PRINTER_ENUM_REMOTE*: (WinNT/2000 only) enumerates network printers and print servers in the computer's domain. Only valid if *level* is 1.

Example 1. **printer_list()** example

```
/* detect locally shared printer */
var_dump( printer_list(PRINTER_ENUM_LOCAL | PRINTER_ENUM_SHARED) );
```

printer_set_option (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Configure the printer connection

```
bool printer_set_option (resource handle, int option, mixed value)
```

The function sets the following options for the current connection: *handle* must be a valid handle to a printer. For *option* can be one of the following constants:

- *PRINTER_COPIES*: sets how many copies should be printed, *value* must be an integer.
- *PRINTER_MODE*: specifies the type of data (text, raw or emf), *value* must be a string.
- *PRINTER_TITLE*: specifies the name of the document, *value* must be a string.
- *PRINTER_ORIENTATION*: specifies the orientation of the paper, *value* can be either *PRINTER_ORIENTATION_PORTRAIT* or *PRINTER_ORIENTATION_LANDSCAPE*

- *PRINTER_RESOLUTION_Y*: specifies the y-resolution in DPI, *value* must be an integer.
- *PRINTER_RESOLUTION_X*: specifies the x-resolution in DPI, *value* must be an integer.
- *PRINTER_PAPER_FORMAT*: specifies the a predefined paper format, set *value* to *PRINTER_FORMAT_CUSTOM* if you want to specify a custom format with *PRINTER_PAPER_WIDTH* and *PRINTER_PAPER_LENGTH*. *value* can be one of the following constants.
 - *PRINTER_FORMAT_CUSTOM*: let's you specify a custom paper format.
 - *PRINTER_FORMAT_LETTER*: specifies standard letter format (8 1/2- by 11-inches).
 - *PRINTER_FORMAT_LEGAL*: specifies standard legal format (8 1/2- by 14-inches).
 - *PRINTER_FORMAT_A3*: specifies standard A3 format (297- by 420-millimeters).
 - *PRINTER_FORMAT_A4*: specifies standard A4 format (210- by 297-millimeters).
 - *PRINTER_FORMAT_A5*: specifies standard A5 format (148- by 210-millimeters).
 - *PRINTER_FORMAT_B4*: specifies standard B4 format (250- by 354-millimeters).
 - *PRINTER_FORMAT_B5*: specifies standard B5 format (182- by 257-millimeter).
 - *PRINTER_FORMAT_FOLIO*: specifies standard FOLIO format (8 1/2- by 13-inch).
- *PRINTER_PAPER_LENGTH*: if *PRINTER_PAPER_FORMAT* is set to *PRINTER_FORMAT_CUSTOM*, *PRINTER_PAPER_LENGTH* specifies a custom paper length in mm, *value* must be an integer.
- *PRINTER_PAPER_WIDTH*: if *PRINTER_PAPER_FORMAT* is set to *PRINTER_FORMAT_CUSTOM*, *PRINTER_PAPER_WIDTH* specifies a custom paper width in mm, *value* must be an integer.
- *PRINTER_SCALE*: specifies the factor by which the printed output is to be scaled. the page size is scaled from the physical page size by a factor of scale/100. for example if you set the scale to 50, the output would be half of it's original size. *value* must be an integer.
- *PRINTER_BACKGROUND_COLOR*: specifies the background color for the actual device context, *value* must be a string containing the rgb information in hex format i.e. "005533".
- *PRINTER_TEXT_COLOR*: specifies the text color for the actual device context, *value* must be a string containing the rgb information in hex format i.e. "005533".
- *PRINTER_TEXT_ALIGN*: specifies the text alignment for the actual device context, *value* can be combined through OR'ing the following constants:
 - *PRINTER_TA_BASELINE*: text will be aligned at the base line.
 - *PRINTER_TA_BOTTOM*: text will be aligned at the bottom.
 - *PRINTER_TA_TOP*: text will be aligned at the top.
 - *PRINTER_TA_CENTER*: text will be aligned at the center.
 - *PRINTER_TA_LEFT*: text will be aligned at the left.
 - *PRINTER_TA_RIGHT*: text will be aligned at the right.

Example 1. printer_set_option() example

```
$handle = printer_open();
printer_set_option($handle, PRINTER_SCALE, 75);
printer_set_option($handle, PRINTER_TEXT_ALIGN, PRINTER_TA_LEFT);
printer_close($handle);
```

printer_get_option (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Retrieve printer configuration data

mixed **printer_get_option** (resource *handle*, string *option*)

The function retrieves the configuration setting of *option*. *handle* must be a valid handle to a printer. Take a look at printer_set_option() for the settings that can be retrieved, additionally the following settings can be retrieved:

- *PRINTER_DEVICENAME* returns the devicename of the printer.
- *PRINTER_DRIVERVERSION* returns the printer driver version.

Example 1. printer_get_option() example

```
$handle = printer_open();
print printer_get_option($handle, PRINTER_DRIVERVERSION);
printer_close($handle);
```

printer_create_dc (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Create a new device context

void **printer_create_dc** (resource *handle*)

The function creates a new device context. A device context is used to customize the graphic objects of the document. *handle* must be a valid handle to a printer.

Example 1. `printer_create_dc()` example

```
$handle = printer_open();
printer_start_doc($handle);
printer_start_page($handle);

printer_create_dc($handle);
/* do some stuff with the dc */
printer_set_option($handle, PRINTER_TEXT_COLOR, "333333");
printer_draw_text($handle, 1, 1, "text");
printer_delete_dc($handle);

/* create another dc */
printer_create_dc($handle);
printer_set_option($handle, PRINTER_TEXT_COLOR, "000000");
printer_draw_text($handle, 1, 1, "text");
/* do some stuff with the dc */

printer_delete_dc($handle);

printer_endpage($handle);
printer_end_doc($handle);
printer_close($handle);
```

`printer_delete_dc` (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Delete a device context

```
bool printer_delete_dc (resource handle)
```

The function deletes the device context and returns TRUE on success, or FALSE if an error occurred. For an example see `printer_create_dc()`. *handle* must be a valid handle to a printer.

`printer_start_doc` (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Start a new document


```
bool printer_start_doc (resource handle [, string document])
```

The function creates a new document in the printer spooler. A document can contain multiple pages, it's used to schedule the print job in the spooler. *handle* must be a valid handle to a printer. The optional parameter *document* can be used to set an alternative document name.

Example 1. **printer_start_doc()** example

```
$handle = printer_open();
printer_start_doc($handle, "My Document");
printer_start_page($handle);

printer_end_page($handle);
printer_end_doc($handle);
printer_close($handle);
```

printer_end_doc (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Close document

```
bool printer_end_doc (resource handle)
```

Closes a new document in the printer spooler. The document is now ready for printing. For an example see `printer_start_doc()`. *handle* must be a valid handle to a printer.

printer_start_page (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Start a new page

```
bool printer_start_page (resource handle)
```

The function creates a new page in the active document. For an example see `printer_start_doc()`. *handle* must be a valid handle to a printer.

printer_end_page (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Close active page

```
bool printer_end_page (resource handle)
```

The function closes the active page in the active document. For an example see `printer_start_doc()`. *handle* must be a valid handle to a printer.

printer_create_pen (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Create a new pen

```
mixed printer_create_pen (int style, int width, string color)
```

The function creates a new pen and returns a handle to it. A pen is used to draw lines and curves. For an example see `printer_select_pen()`. *color* must be a color in RGB hex format, i.e. "000000" for black, *width* specifies the width of the pen whereas *style* must be one of the following constants:

- `PRINTER_PEN_SOLID`: creates a solid pen.
- `PRINTER_PEN_DASH`: creates a dashed pen.
- `PRINTER_PEN_DOT`: creates a dotted pen.
- `PRINTER_PEN_DASHDOT`: creates a pen with dashes and dots.
- `PRINTER_PEN_DASHDOTDOT`: creates a pen with dashes and double dots.
- `PRINTER_PEN_INVISIBLE`: creates an invisible pen.

printer_delete_pen (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Delete a pen

```
bool printer_delete_pen (resource handle)
```

The function deletes the selected pen. For an example see `printer_select_pen()`. It returns TRUE on success, or FALSE otherwise. *handle* must be a valid handle to a pen.

printer_select_pen (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Select a pen

```
void printer_select_pen (resource printer_handle, resource pen_handle)
```

The function selects a pen as the active drawing object of the actual device context. A pen is used to draw lines and curves. I.e. if you draw a single line the pen is used. If you draw an rectangle the pen is used to draw the borders, while the brush is used to fill the shape. If you haven't selected a pen before drawing shapes, the shape won't be outlined. *printer_handle* must be a valid handle to a printer. *pen_handle* must be a valid handle to a pen.

Example 1. printer_select_pen() example

```
$handle = printer_open();
printer_start_doc($handle, "My Document");
printer_start_page($handle);

$pen = printer_create_pen(PRINTER_PEN_SOLID, 30, "2222FF");
printer_select_pen($handle, $pen);

printer_draw_line($handle, 1, 60, 500, 60);

printer_delete_pen($pen);

printer_end_page($handle);
printer_end_doc($handle);
printer_close($handle);
```

printer_create_brush (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Create a new brush

```
mixed printer_create_brush (int style, string color)
```

The function creates a new brush and returns a handle to it. A brush is used to fill shapes. For an example see `printer_select_brush()`. *color* must be a color in RGB hex format, i.e. "000000" for black, *style* must be one of the following constants:

- *PRINTER_BRUSH_SOLID*: creates a brush with a solid color.

- `PRINTER_BRUSH_DIAGONAL`: creates a brush with a 45-degree upward left-to-right hatch (/).
- `PRINTER_BRUSH_CROSS`: creates a brush with a cross hatch (+).
- `PRINTER_BRUSH_DIAGCROSS`: creates a brush with a 45 cross hatch (x).
- `PRINTER_BRUSH_FDIAGONAL`: creates a brush with a 45-degree downward left-to-right hatch (\).
- `PRINTER_BRUSH_HORIZONTAL`: creates a brush with a horizontal hatch (-).
- `PRINTER_BRUSH_VERTICAL`: creates a brush with a vertical hatch (|).
- `PRINTER_BRUSH_CUSTOM`: creates a custom brush from an BMP file. The second parameter is used to specify the BMP instead of the RGB color code.

printer_delete_brush (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Delete a brush

```
bool printer_delete_brush (resource handle)
```

The function deletes the selected brush. For an example see `printer_select_brush()`. It returns `TRUE` on success, or `FALSE` otherwise. *handle* must be a valid handle to a brush.

printer_select_brush (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Select a brush

```
void printer_select_brush (resource printer_handle, resource brush_handle)
```

The function selects a brush as the active drawing object of the actual device context. A brush is used to fill shapes. If you draw an rectangle the brush is used to draw the shapes, while the pen is used to draw the border. If you haven't selected a brush before drawing shapes, the shape won't be filled.

printer_handle must be a valid handle to a printer. *brush_handle* must be a valid handle to a brush.

Example 1. printer_select_brush() example

```
$handle = printer_open();
printer_start_doc($handle, "My Document");
printer_start_page($handle);
```

```

$pen = printer_create_pen(PRINTER_PEN_SOLID, 2, "000000");
printer_select_pen($handle, $pen);
$brush = printer_create_brush(PRINTER_BRUSH_CUSTOM, "c:\\brush.bmp");
printer_select_brush($handle, $brush);

printer_draw_rectangle($handle, 1,1,500,500);

printer_delete_brush($brush);

$brush = printer_create_brush(PRINTER_BRUSH_SOLID, "000000");
printer_select_brush($handle, $brush);
printer_draw_rectangle($handle, 1,501,500,1001);
printer_delete_brush($brush);

printer_delete_pen($pen);

printer_end_page($handle);
printer_end_doc($handle);
printer_close($handle);

```

printer_create_font (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Create a new font

```

mixed printer_create_font (string face, int height, int width, int
font_weight, bool italic, bool underline, bool strikeout, int orientaton)

```

The function creates a new font and returns a handle to it. A font is used to draw text. For an example see `printer_select_font()`. *face* must be a string specifying the font face. *height* specifies the font height, and *width* the font width. The *font_weight* specifies the font weight (400 is normal), and can be one of the following predefined constants.

- `PRINTER_FW_THIN`: sets the font weight to thin (100).
- `PRINTER_FW_ULTRALIGHT`: sets the font weight to ultra light (200).
- `PRINTER_FW_LIGHT`: sets the font weight to light (300).
- `PRINTER_FW_NORMAL`: sets the font weight to normal (400).
- `PRINTER_FW_MEDIUM`: sets the font weight to medium (500).
- `PRINTER_FW_BOLD`: sets the font weight to bold (700).
- `PRINTER_FW_ULTRABOLD`: sets the font weight to ultra bold (800).
- `PRINTER_FW_HEAVY`: sets the font weight to heavy (900).

italic can be TRUE or FALSE, and sets whether the font should be italic.

underline can be TRUE or FALSE, and sets whether the font should be underlined.

strikeout can be TRUE or FALSE, and sets whether the font should be striked out.

orientation specifies a rotation. For an example see `printer_select_font()`.

printer_delete_font (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Delete a font

```
bool printer_delete_font (resource handle)
```

The function deletes the selected font. For an example see `printer_select_font()`. It returns TRUE on success, or FALSE otherwise. *handle* must be a valid handle to a font.

printer_select_font (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Select a font

```
void printer_select_font (resource printer_handle, resource font_handle)
```

The function selects a font to draw text. *printer_handle* must be a valid handle to a printer. *font_handle* must be a valid handle to a font.

Example 1. printer_select_font() example

```
$handle = printer_open();
printer_start_doc($handle, "My Document");
printer_start_page($handle);

$font = printer_create_font("Arial", 148, 76, PRINTER_FW_MEDIUM, false, false, false, -
50);
printer_select_font($handle, $font);
printer_draw_text($handle, "PHP is simply cool", 40, 40);
printer_delete_font($font);

printer_end_page($handle);
printer_end_doc($handle);
printer_close($handle);
```

printer_logical_fontheight (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Get logical font height

```
int printer_logical_fontheight (resource handle, int height)
```

The function calculates the logical font height of *height*. *handle* must be a valid handle to a printer.

Example 1. printer_logical_fontheight() example

```
$handle = printer_open();  
print printer_logical_fontheight($handle, 72);  
printer_close($handle);
```

printer_draw_roundrect (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Draw a rectangle with rounded corners

```
void printer_draw_roundrect (resource handle, int ul_x, int ul_y, int lr_x,  
int lr_y, int width, int height)
```

The function simply draws a rectangle with rounded corners.

handle must be a valid handle to a printer.

ul_x is the upper left x coordinate of the rectangle.

ul_y is the upper left y coordinate of the rectangle.

lr_x is the lower right x coordinate of the rectangle.

lr_y is the lower right y coordinate of the rectangle.

width is the width of the ellipse.

height is the height of the ellipse.

Example 1. printer_draw_roundrect() example

```

$handle = printer_open();
printer_start_doc($handle, "My Document");
printer_start_page($handle);

$pen = printer_create_pen(PRINTER_PEN_SOLID, 2, "000000");
printer_select_pen($handle, $pen);

$brush = printer_create_brush(PRINTER_BRUSH_SOLID, "2222FF");
printer_select_brush($handle, $brush);

printer_draw_roundrect($handle, 1, 1, 500, 500, 200, 200);

printer_delete_brush($brush);
printer_delete_pen($pen);

printer_end_page($handle);
printer_end_doc($handle);
printer_close($handle);

```

printer_draw_rectangle (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Draw a rectangle

```

void printer_draw_rectangle (resource handle, int ul_x, int ul_y, int lr_x,
int lr_y)

```

The function simply draws a rectangle.

handle must be a valid handle to a printer.

ul_x is the upper left x coordinate of the rectangle.

ul_y is the upper left y coordinate of the rectangle.

lr_x is the lower right x coordinate of the rectangle.

lr_y is the lower right y coordinate of the rectangle.

Example 1. printer_draw_rectangle() example

```

$handle = printer_open();
printer_start_doc($handle, "My Document");
printer_start_page($handle);

```



```

$pen = printer_create_pen(PRINTER_PEN_SOLID, 2, "000000");
printer_select_pen($handle, $pen);

$brush = printer_create_brush(PRINTER_BRUSH_SOLID, "2222FF");
printer_select_brush($handle, $brush);

printer_draw_rectangle($handle, 1, 1, 500, 500);

printer_delete_brush($brush);
printer_delete_pen($pen);

printer_end_page($handle);
printer_end_doc($handle);
printer_close($handle);

```

printer_draw_ellipse (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Draw an ellipse

```

void printer_draw_ellipse (resource handle, int ul_x, int ul_y, int lr_x, int lr_y)

```

The function simply draws an ellipse. *handle* must be a valid handle to a printer.

ul_x is the upper left x coordinate of the ellipse.

ul_y is the upper left y coordinate of the ellipse.

lr_x is the lower right x coordinate of the ellipse.

lr_y is the lower right y coordinate of the ellipse.

Example 1. printer_draw_ellipse() example

```

$handle = printer_open();
printer_start_doc($handle, "My Document");
printer_start_page($handle);

$pen = printer_create_pen(PRINTER_PEN_SOLID, 2, "000000");
printer_select_pen($handle, $pen);

$brush = printer_create_brush(PRINTER_BRUSH_SOLID, "2222FF");
printer_select_brush($handle, $brush);

printer_draw_ellipse($handle, 1, 1, 500, 500);

```

```

printer_delete_brush($brush);
printer_delete_pen($pen);

printer_end_page($handle);
printer_end_doc($handle);
printer_close($handle);

```

printer_draw_text (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Draw text

```
void printer_draw_text (resource printer_handle, string text, int x, int y)
```

The function simply draws *text* at position *x*, *y* using the selected font. *printer_handle* must be a valid handle to a printer.

Example 1. printer_draw_text() example

```

$handle = printer_open();
printer_start_doc($handle, "My Document");
printer_start_page($handle);

$font = printer_create_font("Arial", 72, 48, 400, false, false, false, 0);
printer_select_font($handle, $font);
printer_draw_text($handle, "test", 10, 10);
printer_delete_font($font);

printer_end_page($handle);
printer_end_doc($handle);
printer_close($handle);

```

printer_draw_line (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Draw a line

```
void printer_draw_line (resource printer_handle, int from_x, int from_y, int to_x, int to_y)
```

The function simply draws a line from position *from_x*, *from_y* to position *to_x*, *to_y* using the selected pen. *printer_handle* must be a valid handle to a printer.

Example 1. `printer_draw_line()` example

```
$handle = printer_open();
printer_start_doc($handle, "My Document");
printer_start_page($handle);

$pen = printer_create_pen(PRINTER_PEN_SOLID, 30, "000000");
printer_select_pen($handle, $pen);

printer_draw_line($handle, 1, 10, 1000, 10);
printer_draw_line($handle, 1, 60, 500, 60);

printer_delete_pen($pen);

printer_end_page($handle);
printer_end_doc($handle);
printer_close($handle);
```

`printer_draw_chord` (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Draw a chord

```
void printer_draw_chord (resource handle, int rec_x, int rec_y, int rec_x1,
int rec_y1, int rad_x, int rad_y, int rad_x1, int rad_y1)
```

The function simply draws an chord. *handle* must be a valid handle to a printer.

rec_x is the upper left x coordinate of the bounding rectangle.

rec_y is the upper left y coordinate of the bounding rectangle.

rec_x1 is the lower right x coordinate of the bounding rectangle.

rec_y1 is the lower right y coordinate of the bounding rectangle.

rad_x is x coordinate of the radial defining the beginning of the chord.

rad_y is y coordinate of the radial defining the beginning of the chord.

rad_x1 is x coordinate of the radial defining the end of the chord.

rad_y1 is y coordinate of the radial defining the end of the chord.

Example 1. printer_draw_chord() example

```

$handle = printer_open();
printer_start_doc($handle, "My Document");
printer_start_page($handle);

$pen = printer_create_pen(PRINTER_PEN_SOLID, 2, "000000");
printer_select_pen($handle, $pen);

$brush = printer_create_brush(PRINTER_BRUSH_SOLID, "2222FF");
printer_select_brush($handle, $brush);

printer_draw_chord($handle, 1, 1, 500, 500, 1, 1, 500, 1);

printer_delete_brush($brush);
printer_delete_pen($pen);

printer_end_page($handle);
printer_end_doc($handle);
printer_close($handle);

```

printer_draw_pie (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Draw a pie

```

void printer_draw_pie (resource handle, int rec_x, int rec_y, int rec_x1, int rec_y1, int rad1_x, int rad1_y, int rad2_x, int rad2_y)

```

The function simply draws an pie. *handle* must be a valid handle to a printer.

rec_x is the upper left x coordinate of the bounding rectangle.

rec_y is the upper left y coordinate of the bounding rectangle.

rec_x1 is the lower right x coordinate of the bounding rectangle.

rec_y1 is the lower right y coordinate of the bounding rectangle.

rad1_x is x coordinate of the first radial's ending.

rad1_y is y coordinate of the first radial's ending.

rad2_x is x coordinate of the second radial's ending.

rad2_y is y coordinate of the second radial's ending.

Example 1. printer_draw_chord() example

```

$handle = printer_open();
printer_start_doc($handle, "My Document");
printer_start_page($handle);

$pen = printer_create_pen(PRINTER_PEN_SOLID, 2, "000000");
printer_select_pen($handle, $pen);

$brush = printer_create_brush(PRINTER_BRUSH_SOLID, "2222FF");
printer_select_brush($handle, $brush);

printer_draw_pie($handle, 1, 1, 500, 500, 1, 1, 500, 1);

printer_delete_brush($brush);
printer_delete_pen($pen);

printer_end_page($handle);
printer_end_doc($handle);
printer_close($handle);

```

printer_draw_bmp (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Draw a bmp

```
void printer_draw_bmp (resource handle, string filename, int x, int y)
```

The function simply draws an bmp the bitmap *filename* at position *x*, *y*. *handle* must be a valid handle to a printer.

The function returns TRUE on success, or otherwise FALSE.

Example 1. printer_draw_bmp() example

```

$handle = printer_open();
printer_start_doc($handle, "My Document");
printer_start_page($handle);

printer_draw_bmp($handle, "c:\\image.bmp", 1, 1);

printer_end_page($handle);
printer_end_doc($handle);
printer_close($handle);

```


LXXI. Pspell Functions

These functions allow you to check the spelling of a word and offer suggestions.

You need the aspell and pspell libraries, available from <http://aspell.sourceforge.net/> and <http://pspell.sourceforge.net/> respectively, and add the `--with-pspell[=dir]` option when compiling php.

pspell_add_to_personal (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Add the word to a personal wordlist

```
int pspell_add_to_personal (int dictionary_link, string word)
```

pspell_add_to_personal() adds a word to the personal wordlist. If you used `pspell_new_config()` with `pspell_config_personal()` to open the dictionary, you can save the wordlist later with `pspell_save_wordlist()`. Please, note that this function will not work unless you have pspell .11.2 and aspell .32.5 or later.

Example 1. pspell_add_to_personal()

```
$pspell_config = pspell_config_create ("en");
pspell_config_personal ($pspell_config, "/var/dictionaries/custom.pws");
$pspell_link = pspell_new_config ($pspell_config);

pspell_add_to_personal ($pspell_link, "Vlad");
pspell_save_wordlist ($pspell_link);
```

pspell_add_to_session (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Add the word to the wordlist in the current session

```
int pspell_add_to_session (int dictionary_link, string word)
```

pspell_add_to_session() adds a word to the wordlist associated with the current session. It is very similar to `pspell_add_to_personal()`

pspell_check (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Check a word

```
bool pspell_check (int dictionary_link, string word)
```


pspell_check() checks the spelling of a word and returns TRUE if the spelling is correct, FALSE if not.

Example 1. pspell_check()

```
$pspell_link = pspell_new ("en");

if (pspell_check ($pspell_link, "testt")) {
    echo "This is a valid spelling";
} else {
    echo "Sorry, wrong spelling";
}
```

pspell_clear_session (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Clear the current session

```
int pspell_clear_session (int dictionary_link)
```

pspell_clear_session() clears the current session. The current wordlist becomes blank, and, for example, if you try to save it with `pspell_save_wordlist()`, nothing happens.

Example 1. pspell_add_to_personal()

```
$pspell_config = pspell_config_create ("en");
pspell_config_personal ($pspell_config, "/var/dictionaries/custom.pws");
$pspell_link = pspell_new_config ($pspell_config);

pspell_add_to_personal ($pspell_link, "Vlad");
pspell_clear_session ($pspell_link);
pspell_save_wordlist ($pspell_link);    //"Vlad" will not be saved
```

pspell_config_create (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Create a config used to open a dictionary

```
int pspell_config_create (string language, string [spelling], string
[jargon], string [encoding])
```

pspell_config_create() has a very similar syntax to **pspell_new()**. In fact, using **pspell_config_create()** immediately followed by **pspell_new_config()** will produce the exact same result. However, after creating a new config, you can also use **pspell_config_*()** functions before calling **pspell_new_config()** to take advantage of some advanced functionality.

The language parameter is the language code which consists of the two letter ISO 639 language code and an optional two letter ISO 3166 country code after a dash or underscore.

The spelling parameter is the requested spelling for languages with more than one spelling such as English. Known values are 'american', 'british', and 'canadian'.

The jargon parameter contains extra information to distinguish two different words lists that have the same language and spelling parameters.

The encoding parameter is the encoding that words are expected to be in. Valid values are 'utf-8', 'iso8859-*', 'koi8-r', 'viscii', 'cp1252', 'machine unsigned 16', 'machine unsigned 32'. This parameter is largely untested, so be careful when using.

The mode parameter is the mode in which spellchecker will work. There are several modes available:

- PSPELL_FAST - Fast mode (least number of suggestions)
- PSPELL_NORMAL - Normal mode (more suggestions)
- PSPELL_BAD_SPELLERS - Slow mode (a lot of suggestions)

For more information and examples, check out inline manual pspell website:<http://pspell.sourceforge.net/>.

Example 1. pspell_config_create()

```
$pspell_config = pspell_config_create ("en");
pspell_config_personal ($pspell_config, "/var/dictionaries/custom.pws");
pspell_config_repl ($pspell_config, "/var/dictionaries/custom.repl");
$pspell_link = pspell_new_personal ($pspell_config, "en");
```

pspell_config_ignore (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Ignore words less than N characters long

```
int pspell_config_ignore (int dictionary_link, int n)
```

pspell_config_ignore() should be used on a config before calling `pspell_new_config()`. This function allows short words to be skipped by the spellchecker. Words less than *n* characters will be skipped.

Example 1. pspell_config_ignore()

```
$pspell_config = pspell_config_create ("en");
pspell_config_ignore($pspell_config, 5);
$pspell_link = pspell_new_config($pspell_config);
pspell_check($pspell_link, "abcd");    //will not result in an error
```

pspell_config_mode (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Change the mode number of suggestions returned

```
int pspell_config_mode (int dictionary_link, int mode)
```

pspell_config_mode() should be used on a config before calling `pspell_new_config()`. This function determines how many suggestions will be returned by `pspell_suggest()`.

The mode parameter is the mode in which spellchecker will work. There are several modes available:

- PSPELL_FAST - Fast mode (least number of suggestions)
- PSPELL_NORMAL - Normal mode (more suggestions)
- PSPELL_BAD_SPELLERS - Slow mode (a lot of suggestions)

Example 1. pspell_config_mode()

```
$pspell_config = pspell_config_create ("en");
pspell_config_mode($pspell_config, PSPELL_FAST);
$pspell_link = pspell_new_config($pspell_config);
pspell_check($pspell_link, "thecat");
```

pspell_config_personal (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Set a file that contains personal wordlist

```
int pspell_config_personal (int dictionary_link, string file)
```

pspell_config_personal() should be used on a config before calling `pspell_new_config()`. The personal wordlist will be loaded and used in addition to the standard one after you call `pspell_new_config()`. If the file does not exist, it will be created. The file is also the file where `pspell_save_wordlist()` will save personal wordlist to. The file should be writable by whoever php runs as (e.g. nobody). Please, note that this function will not work unless you have pspell .11.2 and aspell .32.5 or later.

Example 1. pspell_config_personal()

```
$pspell_config = pspell_config_create ("en");
pspell_config_personal ($pspell_config, "/var/dictionaries/custom.pws");
$pspell_link = pspell_new_config ($pspell_config);
pspell_check ($pspell_link, "thecat");
```

pspell_config_repl (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Set a file that contains replacement pairs

```
int pspell_config_repl (int dictionary_link, string file)
```

pspell_config_repl() should be used on a config before calling **pspell_new_config()**. The replacement pairs improve the quality of the spellchecker. When a word is misspelled, and a proper suggestion was not found in the list, **pspell_store_replacement()** can be used to store a replacement pair and then **pspell_save_wordlist()** to save the wordlist along with the replacement pairs. The file should be writable by whoever php runs as (e.g. nobody). Please, note that this function will not work unless you have pspell .11.2 and aspell .32.5 or later.

Example 1. **pspell_config_repl()**

```
$pspell_config = pspell_config_create ("en");
pspell_config_personal ($pspell_config, "/var/dictionaries/custom.pws");
pspell_config_repl ($pspell_config, "/var/dictionaries/custom.repl");
$pspell_link = pspell_new_config ($pspell_config);
pspell_check ($pspell_link, "thecat");
```

pspell_config_runtogether (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Consider run-together words as valid compounds

```
int pspell_config_runtogether (int dictionary_link, bool flag)
```

pspell_config_runtogether() should be used on a config before calling **pspell_new_config()**. This function determines whether run-together words will be treated as legal compounds. That is, "thecat" will be a legal compound, although there should be a space between the two words. Changing this setting only affects the results returned by **pspell_check()**; **pspell_suggest()** will still return suggestions.

Example 1. **pspell_config_runtogether()**

```
$pspell_config = pspell_config_create ("en");
pspell_config_runtogether ($pspell_config, true);
$pspell_link = pspell_new_config ($pspell_config);
pspell_check ($pspell_link, "thecat");
```

pspell_config_save_repl (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Determine whether to save a replacement pairs list along with the wordlist

```
int pspell_config_save_repl (int dictionary_link, bool flag)
```

pspell_config_save_repl() should be used on a config before calling **pspell_new_config()**. It determines whether **pspell_save_wordlist()** will save the replacement pairs along with the wordlist. Usually there is no need to use this function because if **pspell_config_repl()** is used, the replacement pairs will be saved by **pspell_save_wordlist()** anyway, and if it is not, the replacement pairs will not be saved. Please, note that this function will not work unless you have pspell .11.2 and aspell .32.5 or later.

pspell_new (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Load a new dictionary

```
int pspell_new (string language, string [spelling], string [jargon], string  
[encoding], int [mode])
```

pspell_new() opens up a new dictionary and returns the dictionary link identifier for use in other pspell functions.

The language parameter is the language code which consists of the two letter ISO 639 language code and an optional two letter ISO 3166 country code after a dash or underscore.

The spelling parameter is the requested spelling for languages with more than one spelling such as English. Known values are 'american', 'british', and 'canadian'.

The jargon parameter contains extra information to distinguish two different words lists that have the same language and spelling parameters.

The encoding parameter is the encoding that words are expected to be in. Valid values are 'utf-8', 'iso8859-*', 'koi8-r', 'viscii', 'cp1252', 'machine unsigned 16', 'machine unsigned 32'. This parameter is largely untested, so be careful when using.

The mode parameter is the mode in which spellchecker will work. There are several modes available:

- PSPELL_FAST - Fast mode (least number of suggestions)
- PSPELL_NORMAL - Normal mode (more suggestions)
- PSPELL_BAD_SPELLERS - Slow mode (a lot of suggestions)
- PSPELL_RUN_TOGETHER - Consider run-together words as legal compounds. That is, "thecat" will be a legal compound, although there should be a space between the two words. Changing this setting only affects the results returned by **pspell_check()**; **pspell_suggest()** will still return suggestions.

Mode is a bitmask constructed from different constants listed above. However, PSpell_FAST, PSpell_NORMAL and PSpell_BAD_SPELLERS are mutually exclusive, so you should select only one of them.

For more information and examples, check out inline manual pspell
website:<http://pspell.sourceforge.net/>.

Example 1. pspell_new()

```
$pspell_link = pspell_new ("en", "", "", "",
                           (PSPELL_FAST|PSPELL_RUN_TOGETHER));
```

pspell_new_config (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Load a new dictionary with settings based on a given config

```
int pspell_new_config (int config)
```

pspell_new_config() opens up a new dictionary with settings specified in a config, created with with pspell_config_create() and modified with **pspell_config_***() functions. This method provides you with the most flexibility and has all the functionality provided by pspell_new() and pspell_new_personal().

The config parameter is the one returned by pspell_config_create() when the config was created.

Example 1. pspell_new_config()

```
$pspell_config = pspell_config_create ("en");
pspell_config_personal ($pspell_config, "/var/dictionaries/custom.pws");
pspell_config_repl ($pspell_config, "/var/dictionaries/custom.repl");
$pspell_link = pspell_new_config ($pspell_config);
```

pspell_new_personal (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Load a new dictionary with personal wordlist

```
int pspell_new_personal (string personal, string language, string [spelling],
string [jargon], string [encoding], int [mode])
```

pspell_new_personal() opens up a new dictionary with a personal wordlist and returns the dictionary link identifier for use in other pspell functions. The wordlist can be modified and saved with `pspell_save_wordlist()`, if desired. However, the replacement pairs are not saved. In order to save replacement pairs, you should create a config using `pspell_config_create()`, set the personal wordlist file with `pspell_config_personal()`, set the file for replacement pairs with `pspell_config_repl()`, and open a new dictionary with `pspell_new_config()`.

The personal parameter specifies the file where words added to the personal list will be stored. It should be an absolute filename beginning with '/' because otherwise it will be relative to \$HOME, which is "/root" for most systems, and is probably not what you want.

The language parameter is the language code which consists of the two letter ISO 639 language code and an optional two letter ISO 3166 country code after a dash or underscore.

The spelling parameter is the requested spelling for languages with more than one spelling such as English. Known values are 'american', 'british', and 'canadian'.

The jargon parameter contains extra information to distinguish two different words lists that have the same language and spelling parameters.

The encoding parameter is the encoding that words are expected to be in. Valid values are 'utf-8', 'iso8859-*', 'koi8-r', 'viscii', 'cp1252', 'machine unsigned 16', 'machine unsigned 32'. This parameter is largely untested, so be careful when using.

The mode parameter is the mode in which spellchecker will work. There are several modes available:

- PSPELL_FAST - Fast mode (least number of suggestions)
- PSPELL_NORMAL - Normal mode (more suggestions)
- PSPELL_BAD_SPELLERS - Slow mode (a lot of suggestions)
- PSPELL_RUN_TOGETHER - Consider run-together words as legal compounds. That is, "thecat" will be a legal compound, although there should be a space between the two words. Changing this setting only affects the results returned by `pspell_check()`; `pspell_suggest()` will still return suggestions.

Mode is a bitmask constructed from different constants listed above. However, PSPELL_FAST, PSPELL_NORMAL and PSPELL_BAD_SPELLERS are mutually exclusive, so you should select only one of them.

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website:<http://pspell.sourceforge.net/>.

Example 1. **pspell_new_personal()**

```
$pspell_link = pspell_new_personal ("/var/dictionaries/custom.pws",
    "en", "", "", "", PSPELL_FAST|PSPELL_RUN_TOGETHER));
```


pspell_save_wordlist (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Save the personal wordlist to a file

```
int pspell_save_wordlist (int dictionary_link)
```

pspell_save_wordlist() saves the personal wordlist from the current session. The dictionary has to be open with `pspell_new_personal()`, and the location of files to be saved specified with `pspell_config_personal()` and (optionally) `pspell_config_repl()`. Please, note that this function will not work unless you have pspell .11.2 and aspell .32.5 or later.

Example 1. pspell_add_to_personal()

```
$pspell_config = pspell_config_create ("en");
pspell_config_personal ($pspell_config, "/tmp/dicts/newdict");
$pspell_link = pspell_new_config ($pspell_config);

pspell_add_to_personal ($pspell_link, "Vlad");
pspell_save_wordlist ($pspell_link);
```

pspell_store_replacement (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Store a replacement pair for a word

```
int pspell_store_replacement (int dictionary_link, string misspelled, string correct)
```

pspell_store_replacement() stores a replacement pair for a word, so that replacement can be returned by `pspell_suggest()` later. In order to be able to take advantage of this function, you have to use `pspell_new_personal()` to open the dictionary. In order to permanently save the replacement pair, you have to use `pspell_config_personal()` and `pspell_config_repl()` to set the path where to save your custom wordlists, and then use `pspell_save_wordlist()` for the changes to be written to disk. Please, note that this function will not work unless you have pspell .11.2 and aspell .32.5 or later.

Example 1. pspell_store_replacement()

```

$pspell_config = pspell_config_create ("en");
pspell_config_personal ($pspell_config, "/var/dictionaries/custom.pws");
pspell_config_repl ($pspell_config, "/var/dictionaries/custom.repl");
$pspell_link = pspell_new_config ($pspell_config);

pspell_store_replacement ($pspell_link, $misspelled, $correct);
pspell_save_wordlist ($pspell_link);

```

pspell_suggest (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Suggest spellings of a word

```
array pspell_suggest (int dictionary_link, string word)
```

pspell_suggest() returns an array of possible spellings for the given word.

Example 1. pspell_suggest()

```

$pspell_link = pspell_new ("en");

if (!pspell_check ($pspell_link, "testt")) {
    $suggestions = pspell_suggest ($pspell_link, "testt");

    foreach ($suggestions as $suggestion) {
        echo "Possible spelling: $suggestion<br>";
    }
}

```

LXXII. GNU Readline

The `readline()` functions implement an interface to the GNU Readline library. These are functions that provide editable command lines. An example being the way Bash allows you to use the arrow keys to insert characters or scroll through command history. Because of the interactive nature of this library, it will be of little use for writing Web applications, but may be useful when writing scripts meant to be run from a shell.

The home page of the GNU Readline project is <http://cnswww.cns.cwru.edu/~chet/readline/rltop.html>. It's maintained by Chet Ramey, who's also the author of Bash.

readline (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Reads a line

```
string readline ([string prompt])
```

This function returns a single string from the user. You may specify a string with which to prompt the user. The line returned has the ending newline removed. You must add this line to the history yourself using `readline_add_history()`.

Example 1. readline()

```
//get 3 commands from user
for ($i=0; $i < 3; $i++) {
    $line = readline ("Command: ");
    readline_add_history ($line);
}

//dump history
print_r (readline_list_history());

//dump variables
print_r (readline_info());
```

readline_add_history (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Adds a line to the history

```
void readline_add_history (string line)
```

This function adds a line to the command line history.

readline_clear_history (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Clears the history

```
bool readline_clear_history ()
```

This function clears the entire command line history.

readline_completion_function (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Registers a completion function

```
bool readline_completion_function (string line)
```

This function registers a completion function. You must supply the name of an existing function which accepts a partial command line and returns an array of possible matches. This is the same kind of functionality you'd get if you hit your tab key while using Bash.

readline_info (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Gets/sets various internal readline variables

```
mixed readline_info ([string varname [, string newvalue]])
```

If called with no parameters, this function returns an array of values for all the setting readline uses. The elements will be indexed by the following values: `done`, `end`, `erase_empty_line`, `library_version`, `line_buffer`, `mark`, `pending_input`, `point`, `prompt`, `readline_name`, and `terminal_name`.

If called with one parameter, the value of that setting is returned. If called with two parameters, the setting will be changed to the given value.

readline_list_history (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Lists the history

```
array readline_list_history ()
```

This function returns an array of the entire command line history. The elements are indexed by integers starting at zero.

readline_read_history (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Reads the history

```
bool readline_read_history (string filename)
```

This function reads a command history from a file.

readline_write_history (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Writes the history

```
bool readline_write_history (string filename)
```

This function writes the command history to a file.

LXXIII. GNU Recode functions

This module contains an interface to the GNU Recode library, version 3.5. To be able to use the functions defined in this module you must compile your PHP interpreter using the `--with-recode` option. In order to do so, you must have GNU Recode 3.5 or higher installed on your system.

The GNU Recode library converts files between various coded character sets and surface encodings. When this cannot be achieved exactly, it may get rid of the offending characters or fall back on approximations. The library recognises or produces nearly 150 different character sets and is able to convert files between almost any pair. Most RFC 1345 character sets are supported.

recode_string (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Recode a string according to a recode request

```
string recode_string (string request, string string)
```

Recode the string *string* according to the recode request *request*. Returns the recoded string or FALSE, if unable to perform the recode request.

A simple recode request may be "lat1..iso646-de". See also the GNU Recode documentation of your installation for detailed instructions about recode requests.

Example 1. Basic recode_string() example:

```
print recode_string ("us..flat", "The following character has a diacritical mark: &acute;")
```

recode (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Recode a string according to a recode request

```
string recode (string request, string string)
```

Note: This is an alias for recode_string(). It has been added in PHP 4.

recode_file (PHP 3>= 3.0.13, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Recode from file to file according to recode request

```
bool recode_file (string request, resource input, resource output)
```

Recode the file referenced by file handle *input* into the file referenced by file handle *output* according to the recode *request*. Returns FALSE, if unable to comply, TRUE otherwise.

This function does not currently process filehandles referencing remote files (URLs). Both filehandles must refer to local files.

Example 1. Basic `recode_file()` example

```
$input = fopen ('input.txt', 'r');  
$output = fopen ('output.txt', 'w');  
recode_file ("us..flat", $input, $output);
```

LXXIV. Regular Expression Functions (Perl-Compatible)

The syntax for patterns used in these functions closely resembles Perl. The expression should be enclosed in the delimiters, a forward slash (/), for example. Any character can be used for delimiter as long as it's not alphanumeric or backslash (\). If the delimiter character has to be used in the expression itself, it needs to be escaped by backslash. Since PHP 4.0.4, you can also use Perl-style (), {}, [], and <> matching delimiters.

The ending delimiter may be followed by various modifiers that affect the matching. See Pattern Modifiers.

Example 1. Examples of valid patterns

- `</\w+>/`
- `|(\d{3})-\d+|Sm`
- `/(?i)php[34]/`
- `{^\s+(\s+)?$}`

Example 2. Examples of invalid patterns

- `/href='(.*)'` - missing ending delimiter
- `/w+\s*\w+/J` - unknown modifier 'J'
- `1-\d3-\d3-\d4|` - missing starting delimiter

Note: The Perl-compatible regular expression functions are available in PHP 4 and in PHP 3.0.9 and up.

Regular expression support is provided by the PCRE library package, which is open source software, written by Philip Hazel, and copyright by the University of Cambridge, England. It is available at <ftp://ftp.csx.cam.ac.uk/pub/software/programming/pcre/>.

preg_match (PHP 3>= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Perform a regular expression match

```
int preg_match (string pattern, string subject [, array matches])
```

Searches *subject* for a match to the regular expression given in *pattern*.

If *matches* is provided, then it is filled with the results of search. \$matches[0] will contain the text that match the full pattern, \$matches[1] will have the text that matched the first captured parenthesized subpattern, and so on.

Returns TRUE if a match for *pattern* was found in the subject string, or FALSE if not match was found or an error occurred.

Example 1. Find the string of text "php"

```
// the "i" after the pattern delimiter indicates a case-insensitive search
if (preg_match ("/php/i", "PHP is the web scripting language of choice.")) {
    print "A match was found.";
} else {
    print "A match was not found.";
}
```

Example 2. find the word "web"

```
// the \b in the pattern indicates a word boundary, so only the distinct
// word "web" is matched, and not a word partial like "webbing" or "cobweb"
if (preg_match ("/\bweb\b/i", "PHP is the web scripting language of choice.")) {
    print "A match was found.";
} else {
    print "A match was not found.";
}

if (preg_match ("/\bweb\b/i", "PHP is the website scripting language of choice.")) {
    print "A match was found.";
} else {
    print "A match was not found.";
}
```

Example 3. Getting the domain name out of a URL

```
// get host name from URL
preg_match("/^(http:\\\\\/)?(^[\\\/]+)/i",
"http://www.php.net/index.html", $matches);
$host = $matches[2];
// get last two segments of host name
preg_match("/^[^\\.\\\/]+\\.[^\\.\\\/]+$/", $host, $matches);
echo "domain name is: ".$matches[0]."\n";
```

This example will produce:

```
domain name is: php.net
```

See also `preg_match_all()`, `preg_replace()`, and `preg_split()`.

preg_match_all (PHP 3 >= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Perform a global regular expression match

```
int preg_match_all (string pattern, string subject, array matches [, int
order])
```

Searches *subject* for all matches to the regular expression given in *pattern* and puts them in *matches* in the order specified by *order*.

After the first match is found, the subsequent searches are continued on from end of the last match.

order can be one of two things:

PREG_PATTERN_ORDER

Orders results so that `$matches[0]` is an array of full pattern matches, `$matches[1]` is an array of strings matched by the first parenthesized subpattern, and so on.

```
preg_match_all ("|<[^>]+>(.*<\/[^>]+>|U",
"<b>example: <\/b><div align=left>this is a test<\/div>",
$out, PREG_PATTERN_ORDER);
print $out[0][0].", ".$out[0][1]."\n";
print $out[1][0].", ".$out[1][1]."\n"
```

This example will produce:

```
<b>example: </b>, <div align=left>this is a test</div>
example: , this is a test
```

So, \$out[0] contains array of strings that matched full pattern, and \$out[1] contains array of strings enclosed by tags.

PREG_SET_ORDER

Orders results so that \$matches[0] is an array of first set of matches, \$matches[1] is an array of second set of matches, and so on.

```
preg_match_all ("|<[^\>]+>(.*?)</[^\>]+>|U",
    "<b>example: </b><div align=left>this is a test</div>",
    $out, PREG_SET_ORDER);
print $out[0][0].", ".$out[0][1]."\n";
print $out[1][0].", ".$out[1][1]."\n";
```

This example will produce:

```
<b>example: </b>, example:
<div align=left>this is a test</div>, this is a test
```

In this case, \$matches[0] is the first set of matches, and \$matches[0][0] has text matched by full pattern, \$matches[0][1] has text matched by first subpattern and so on. Similarly, \$matches[1] is the second set of matches, etc.

If *order* is not specified, it is assumed to be PREG_PATTERN_ORDER.

Returns the number of full pattern matches, or FALSE if no match is found or an error occurred.

Example 1. Getting all phone numbers out of some text.

```
preg_match_all ("/\((? \d{3})? \)? (? (1) [\-\s] ) \d{3}-\d{4}/x",
    "Call 555-1212 or 1-800-555-1212", $phones);
```

Example 2. Find matching HTML tags (greedy)

```
// The \2 is an example of backreferencing. This tells pcre that
// it must match the second set of parentheses in the regular expression
// itself, which would be the ([\w]+) in this case. The extra backslash is
// required because the string is in double quotes.
$html = "<b>bold text</b><a href=howdy.html>click me</a>"

preg_match_all ("/(<([\w]+)[^>]*>)(.*)<\/\2>/", $html, $matches);

for ($i=0; $i< count($matches[0]); $i++) {
    echo "matched: ".$matches[0][$i]."\n";
    echo "part 1: ".$matches[1][$i]."\n";
    echo "part 2: ".$matches[3][$i]."\n";
    echo "part 3: ".$matches[4][$i]."\n\n";
}
```

This example will produce:

```
matched: <b>bold text</b>
part 1: <b>
part 2: bold text
part 3: </b>

matched: <a href=howdy.html>click me</a>
part 1: <a href=howdy.html>
part 2: click me
part 3: </a>
```

See also `preg_match()`, `preg_replace()`, and `preg_split()`.

preg_replace (PHP 3 >= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Perform a regular expression search and replace

mixed **preg_replace** (mixed *pattern*, mixed *replacement*, mixed *subject* [, int *limit*])

Searches *subject* for matches to *pattern* and replaces them with *replacement*. If *limit* is specified, then only *limit* matches will be replaced; if *limit* is omitted or is -1, then all matches are replaced.

Replacement may contain references of the form `\\n` or (since PHP 4.0.4) `$n`, with the latter form being the preferred one. Every such reference will be replaced by the text captured by the *n*'th parenthesized pattern. *n* can be from 0 to 99, and `\\0` or `$0` refers to the text matched by the whole pattern. Opening parentheses are counted from left to right (starting from 1) to obtain the number of the capturing subpattern.

If matches are found, the new *subject* will be returned, otherwise *subject* will be returned unchanged.

Every parameter to **preg_replace()** can be an array.

If *subject* is an array, then the search and replace is performed on every entry of *subject*, and the return value is an array as well.

If *pattern* and *replacement* are arrays, then **preg_replace()** takes a value from each array and uses them to do search and replace on *subject*. If *replacement* has fewer values than *pattern*, then empty string is used for the rest of replacement values. If *pattern* is an array and *replacement* is a string; then this replacement string is used for every value of *pattern*. The converse would not make sense, though.

`/e` modifier makes **preg_replace()** treat the *replacement* parameter as PHP code after the appropriate references substitution is done. Tip: make sure that *replacement* constitutes a valid PHP code string, otherwise PHP will complain about a parse error at the line containing **preg_replace()**.

Example 1. Replacing several values

```
$patterns = array ("/(19|20)(\\d{2})-(\\d{1,2})-(\\d{1,2})/",
                  "^\\s*{(\\w+)}\\s*=\\/");
$replace = array ("\\3/\\4/\\1\\2", "$\\1 =");
print preg_replace ($patterns, $replace, "{startDate} = 1999-5-27");
```

This example will produce:

```
$startDate = 5/27/1999
```

Example 2. Using `/e` modifier

```
preg_replace ("/(<\\/?)(\\w+)([>]*>)/e",
              "'\\1'.strtoupper('\\2').'\\3'",
              $html_body);
```

This would capitalize all HTML tags in the input text.

Example 3. Convert HTML to text

```
// $document should contain an HTML document.
// This will remove HTML tags, javascript sections
// and white space. It will also convert some
// common HTML entities to their text equivalent.

$search = array ("<script[^>]*?>.*?</script>'si", // Strip out javascript
                "<[\/\!\]*?[^<>]*?>'si", // Strip out html tags
                "([\r\n])[\s]+'", // Strip out white space
                "&(quot|#34);'i", // Replace html entities
                "&(amp|#38);'i",
                "&(lt|#60);'i",
                "&(gt|#62);'i",
                "&(nbsp|#160);'i",
                "&(iexcl|#161);'i",
                "&(cent|#162);'i",
                "&(pound|#163);'i",
                "&(copy|#169);'i",
                "&#(\d+);'e"); // evaluate as php

$replace = array ("",
                 "",
                 "\1",
                 "\'",
                 "&",
                 "<",
                 ">",
                 " ",
                 chr(161),
                 chr(162),
                 chr(163),
                 chr(169),
                 "chr(\1)");

$text = preg_replace ($search, $replace, $document);
```

Note: Parameter *limit* was added after PHP 4.0.1pl2.

See also `preg_match()`, `preg_match_all()`, and `preg_split()`.

preg_replace_callback (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Perform a regular expression search and replace using a callback

```
mixed preg_replace_callback (mixed pattern, mixed callback, mixed subject [,  
int limit])
```

The behavior of this function is almost identical to `preg_replace()`, except for the fact that instead of *replacement* parameter, one should specify a *callback* that will be called and passed an array of matched elements in the subject string. The callback should return the replacement string. This function was added in PHP 4.0.5.

See also `preg_replace()`.

preg_split (PHP 3 >= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Split string by a regular expression

```
array preg_split (string pattern, string subject [, int limit [, int flags]])
```

Note: Parameter *flags* was added in PHP 4 Beta 3.

Returns an array containing substrings of *subject* split along boundaries matched by *pattern*.

If *limit* is specified, then only substrings up to *limit* are returned, and if *limit* is -1, it actually means "no limit", which is useful for specifying the *flags*.

flags can be any combination of the following flags (combined with bitwise | operator):

PREG_SPLIT_NO_EMPTY

If this flag is set, only non-empty pieces will be returned by `preg_split()`.

PREG_SPLIT_DELIM_CAPTURE

If this flag is set, parenthesized expression in the delimiter pattern will be captured and returned as well. This flag was added for 4.0.5.

Example 1. preg_split() example : Get the parts of a search string.

```
// split the phrase by any number of commas or space characters,
// which include " ", \r, \t, \n and \f
$keywords = preg_split ("/[\s,]+/", "hypertext language, programming");
```

Example 2. Splitting a string into component characters.

```
$str = 'string';
$chars = preg_split('///', $str, -1, PREG_SPLIT_NO_EMPTY);
print_r($chars);
```

See also `spliti()`, `split()`, `implode()`, `preg_match()`, `preg_match_all()`, and `preg_replace()`.

preg_quote (PHP 3 >= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Quote regular expression characters

```
string preg_quote (string str [, string delimiter])
```

preg_quote() takes *str* and puts a backslash in front of every character that is part of the regular expression syntax. This is useful if you have a run-time string that you need to match in some text and the string may contain special regex characters.

If the optional *delimiter* is specified, it will also be escaped. This is useful for escaping the delimiter that is required by the PCRE functions. The `/` is the most commonly used delimiter.

The special regular expression characters are:

```
. \ \ + * ? [ ^ ] $ ( ) { } = ! < > | :
```

Example 1.

```
$keywords = "$40 for a g3/400";
$keywords = preg_quote ($keywords, "/");
```

```
echo $keywords; // returns \$40 for a g3\400
```

Example 2. Italicizing a word within some text

```
// In this example, preg_quote($word) is used to keep the
// asterisks from having special meaning to the regular
// expression.
```

```
$textbody = "This book is *very* difficult to find.";
$word = "*very*";
$textbody = preg_replace ("/".preg_quote($word)."/",
                          "<i>".$word."</i>",
                          $textbody);
```

preg_grep (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return array entries that match the pattern

```
array preg_grep (string pattern, array input)
```

preg_grep() returns the array consisting of the elements of the *input* array that match the given *pattern*.

Since PHP 4.0.4, the results returned by **preg_grep()** are indexed using the keys from the input array. If this behavior is undesirable, use `array_values()` on the array returned by **preg_grep()** to reindex the values.

Example 1. preg_grep() example

```
// return all array elements
// containing floating point numbers
$fl_array = preg_grep ("/^(\d+)?\.\d+$/", $array);
```

Pattern Modifiers (unknown)

Describes possible modifiers in regex patterns

The current possible PCRE modifiers are listed below. The names in parentheses refer to internal PCRE names for these modifiers.

i (PCRE_CASELESS)

If this modifier is set, letters in the pattern match both upper and lower case letters.

m (PCRE_MULTILINE)

By default, PCRE treats the subject string as consisting of a single "line" of characters (even if it actually contains several newlines). The "start of line" metacharacter (^) matches only at the start of the string, while the "end of line" metacharacter (\$) matches only at the end of the string, or before a terminating newline (unless *D* modifier is set). This is the same as Perl.

When this modifier is set, the "start of line" and "end of line" constructs match immediately following or immediately before any newline in the subject string, respectively, as well as at the very start and end. This is equivalent to Perl's /m modifier. If there are no "\n" characters in a subject string, or no occurrences of ^ or \$ in a pattern, setting this modifier has no effect.

s (PCRE_DOTALL)

If this modifier is set, a dot metacharacter in the pattern matches all characters, including newlines. Without it, newlines are excluded. This modifier is equivalent to Perl's /s modifier. A negative class such as [^a] always matches a newline character, independent of the setting of this modifier.

x (PCRE_EXTENDED)

If this modifier is set, whitespace data characters in the pattern are totally ignored except when escaped or inside a character class, and characters between an unescaped # outside a character class and the next newline character, inclusive, are also ignored. This is equivalent to Perl's /x modifier, and makes it possible to include comments inside complicated patterns. Note, however, that this applies only to data characters. Whitespace characters may never appear within special character sequences in a pattern, for example within the sequence (? which introduces a conditional subpattern.

e

If this modifier is set, preg_replace() does normal substitution of backreferences in the replacement string, evaluates it as PHP code, and uses the result for replacing the search string.

Only preg_replace() uses this modifier; it is ignored by other PCRE functions.

A (PCRE_ANCHORED)

If this modifier is set, the pattern is forced to be "anchored", that is, it is constrained to match only at the start of the string which is being searched (the "subject string"). This effect can also be achieved by appropriate constructs in the pattern itself, which is the only way to do it in Perl.

D (PCRE_DOLLAR_ENDONLY)

If this modifier is set, a dollar metacharacter in the pattern matches only at the end of the subject string. Without this modifier, a dollar also matches immediately before the final character if it is a newline (but not before any other newlines). This modifier is ignored if *m* modifier is set. There is no equivalent to this modifier in Perl.

S

When a pattern is going to be used several times, it is worth spending more time analyzing it in order to speed up the time taken for matching. If this modifier is set, then this extra analysis is performed. At present, studying a pattern is useful only for non-anchored patterns that do not have a single fixed starting character.

U (PCRE_UNGREEDY)

This modifier inverts the "greediness" of the quantifiers so that they are not greedy by default, but become greedy if followed by "?". It is not compatible with Perl. It can also be set by a (?U) modifier setting within the pattern.

X (PCRE_EXTRA)

This modifier turns on additional functionality of PCRE that is incompatible with Perl. Any backslash in a pattern that is followed by a letter that has no special meaning causes an error, thus reserving these combinations for future expansion. By default, as in Perl, a backslash followed by a letter with no special meaning is treated as a literal. There are at present no other features controlled by this modifier.

u (PCRE_UTF8)

This modifier turns on additional functionality of PCRE that is incompatible with Perl. Pattern strings are treated as UTF-8. This modifier is available from PHP 4.1.0 or greater.

Pattern Syntax (unknown)

Describes PCRE regex syntax

The PCRE library is a set of functions that implement regular expression pattern matching using the same syntax and semantics as Perl 5, with just a few differences (see below). The current implementation corresponds to Perl 5.005.

The differences described here are with respect to Perl 5.005.

1. By default, a whitespace character is any character that the C library function `isspace()` recognizes, though it is possible to compile PCRE with alternative character type tables. Normally `isspace()` matches space, formfeed, newline, carriage return, horizontal tab, and vertical tab. Perl 5 no longer includes vertical tab in its set of whitespace characters. The `\v` escape that was in the Perl documentation for a long time was never in fact recognized. However, the character itself was treated as whitespace at least up to 5.002. In 5.004 and 5.005 it does not match `\s`.

2. PCRE does not allow repeat quantifiers on lookahead assertions. Perl permits them, but they do not mean what you might think. For example, `(?!a){3}` does not assert that the next three characters are not "a". It just asserts that the next character is not "a" three times.
3. Capturing subpatterns that occur inside negative lookahead assertions are counted, but their entries in the offsets vector are never set. Perl sets its numerical variables from any such patterns that are matched before the assertion fails to match something (thereby succeeding), but only if the negative lookahead assertion contains just one branch.
4. Though binary zero characters are supported in the subject string, they are not allowed in a pattern string because it is passed as a normal C string, terminated by zero. The escape sequence `"\0"` can be used in the pattern to represent a binary zero.
5. The following Perl escape sequences are not supported: `\l`, `\u`, `\L`, `\U`, `\E`, `\Q`. In fact these are implemented by Perl's general string-handling and are not part of its pattern matching engine.
6. The Perl `\G` assertion is not supported as it is not relevant to single pattern matches.
7. Fairly obviously, PCRE does not support the `(?{code})` construction.
8. There are at the time of writing some oddities in Perl 5.005_02 concerned with the settings of captured strings when part of a pattern is repeated. For example, matching "aba" against the pattern `/^(a(b)?)+$/` sets \$2 to the value "b", but matching "aabbbaa" against `/^(aa(bb)?)+$/` leaves \$2 unset. However, if the pattern is changed to `/^(aa(b(b))?)+$/` then \$2 (and \$3) get set. In Perl 5.004 \$2 is set in both cases, and that is also TRUE of PCRE. If in the future Perl changes to a consistent state that is different, PCRE may change to follow.
9. Another as yet unresolved discrepancy is that in Perl 5.005_02 the pattern `/^(a)?(?!(1)a|b)+$/` matches the string "a", whereas in PCRE it does not. However, in both Perl and PCRE `/^(a)?a/` matched against "a" leaves \$1 unset.
10. PCRE provides some extensions to the Perl regular expression facilities:
 - a. (a) Although lookbehind assertions must match fixed length strings, each alternative branch of a lookbehind assertion can match a different length of string. Perl 5.005 requires them all to have the same length.
 - b. (b) If `PCRE_DOLLAR_ENDONLY` is set and `PCRE_MULTILINE` is not set, the `$` meta-character matches only at the very end of the string.
 - c. (c) If `PCRE_EXTRA` is set, a backslash followed by a letter with no special meaning is faulted.
 - d. (d) If `PCRE_UNGREEDY` is set, the greediness of the repetition quantifiers is inverted, that is, by default they are not greedy, but if followed by a question mark they are.

Introduction

The syntax and semantics of the regular expressions supported by PCRE are described below. Regular expressions are also described in the Perl documentation and in a number of other books, some of which have copious examples. Jeffrey Friedl's "Mastering Regular Expressions", published by O'Reilly (ISBN 1-56592-257-3), covers them in great detail. The description here is intended as reference documentation. A regular expression is a pattern that is matched against a subject string from left to

right. Most characters stand for themselves in a pattern, and match the corresponding characters in the subject. As a trivial example, the pattern `The quick brown fox` matches a portion of a subject string that is identical to itself.

Meta-characters

The power of regular expressions comes from the ability to include alternatives and repetitions in the pattern. These are encoded in the pattern by the use of *meta-characters*, which do not stand for themselves but instead are interpreted in some special way.

There are two different sets of meta-characters: those that are recognized anywhere in the pattern except within square brackets, and those that are recognized in square brackets. Outside square brackets, the meta-characters are as follows:

<code>\</code>	general escape character with several uses
<code>^</code>	assert start of subject (or line, in multiline mode)
<code>\$</code>	assert end of subject (or line, in multiline mode)
<code>.</code>	match any character except newline (by default)
<code>[</code>	start character class definition
<code>]</code>	end character class definition
<code> </code>	start of alternative branch
<code>(</code>	start subpattern
<code>)</code>	end subpattern
<code>?</code>	extends the meaning of <code>(</code> , also 0 or 1 quantifier, also quantifier minimizer
<code>*</code>	0 or more quantifier

+	1 or more quantifier
{	start min/max quantifier
}	end min/max quantifier

Part of a pattern that is in square brackets is called a "character class". In a character class the only meta-characters are:

\	general escape character
^	negate the class, but only if the first character
-	indicates character range
]	terminates the character class

The following sections describe the use of each of the meta-characters.

backslash

The backslash character has several uses. Firstly, if it is followed by a non-alphameric character, it takes away any special meaning that character may have. This use of backslash as an escape character applies both inside and outside character classes.

For example, if you want to match a "*" character, you write "*" in the pattern. This applies whether or not the following character would otherwise be interpreted as a meta-character, so it is always safe to precede a non-alphameric with "\" to specify that it stands for itself. In particular, if you want to match a backslash, you write "\\".

If a pattern is compiled with the PCRE_EXTENDED option, whitespace in the pattern (other than in a character class) and characters between a "#" outside a character class and the next newline character are ignored. An escaping backslash can be used to include a whitespace or "#" character as part of the pattern.

A second use of backslash provides a way of encoding non-printing characters in patterns in a visible manner. There is no restriction on the appearance of non-printing characters, apart from the binary zero that terminates a pattern, but when a pattern is being prepared by text editing, it is usually easier to use one of the following escape sequences than the binary character it represents:

<code>\a</code>	alarm, that is, the BEL character (hex 07)
<code>\cx</code>	"control-x", where x is any character
<code>\e</code>	escape (hex 1B)
<code>\f</code>	formfeed (hex 0C)
<code>\n</code>	newline (hex 0A)
<code>\r</code>	carriage return (hex 0D)
<code>\t</code>	tab (hex 09)
<code>\xhh</code>	character with hex code hh
<code>\ddd</code>	character with octal code ddd, or backreference

The precise effect of `"\cx"` is as follows: if "x" is a lower case letter, it is converted to upper case. Then bit 6 of the character (hex 40) is inverted. Thus `"\cz"` becomes hex 1A, but `"\c{"` becomes hex 3B, while `"\c;"` becomes hex 7B.

After `"\x"`, up to two hexadecimal digits are read (letters can be in upper or lower case).

After `"\0"` up to two further octal digits are read. In both cases, if there are fewer than two digits, just those that are present are used. Thus the sequence `"\0\x\07"` specifies two binary zeros followed by a BEL character. Make sure you supply two digits after the initial zero if the character that follows is itself an octal digit.

The handling of a backslash followed by a digit other than 0 is complicated. Outside a character class, PCRE reads it and any following digits as a decimal number. If the number is less than 10, or if there have been at least that many previous capturing left parentheses in the expression, the entire sequence is taken as a *back reference*. A description of how this works is given later, following the discussion of parenthesized subpatterns.

Inside a character class, or if the decimal number is greater than 9 and there have not been that many capturing subpatterns, PCRE re-reads up to three octal digits following the backslash, and generates a single byte from the least significant 8 bits of the value. Any subsequent digits stand for themselves. For example:

`\040`

is another way of writing a space

`\40`

is the same, provided there are fewer than 40 previous capturing subpatterns

`\7`

is always a back reference

`\11`

might be a back reference, or another way of writing a tab

`\011`

is always a tab

`\0113`

is a tab followed by the character "3"

`\113`

is the character with octal code 113 (since there can be no more than 99 back references)

`\377`

is a byte consisting entirely of 1 bits

`\81`

is either a back reference, or a binary zero followed by the two characters "8" and "1"

Note that octal values of 100 or greater must not be introduced by a leading zero, because no more than three octal digits are ever read.

All the sequences that define a single byte value can be used both inside and outside character classes. In addition, inside a character class, the sequence `"\b"` is interpreted as the backspace character (hex 08). Outside a character class it has a different meaning (see below).

The third use of backslash is for specifying generic character types:

`\d`

any decimal digit

`\D`

any character that is not a decimal digit

`\s`

any whitespace character

`\S`
any character that is not a whitespace character

`\w`
any "word" character

`\W`
any "non-word" character

Each pair of escape sequences partitions the complete set of characters into two disjoint sets. Any given character matches one, and only one, of each pair.

A "word" character is any letter or digit or the underscore character, that is, any character which can be part of a Perl "word". The definition of letters and digits is controlled by PCRE's character tables, and may vary if locale-specific matching is taking place (see "Locale support" above). For example, in the "fr" (French) locale, some character codes greater than 128 are used for accented letters, and these are matched by `\w`.

These character type sequences can appear both inside and outside character classes. They each match one character of the appropriate type. If the current matching point is at the end of the subject string, all of them fail, since there is no character to match.

The fourth use of backslash is for certain simple assertions. An assertion specifies a condition that has to be met at a particular point in a match, without consuming any characters from the subject string. The use of subpatterns for more complicated assertions is described below. The backslashed assertions are

`\b`
word boundary

`\B`
not a word boundary

`\A`
start of subject (independent of multiline mode)

`\Z`
end of subject or newline at end (independent of multiline mode)

`\z`
end of subject (independent of multiline mode)

These assertions may not appear in character classes (but note that `"\b"` has a different meaning, namely the backspace character, inside a character class).

A word boundary is a position in the subject string where the current character and the previous character do not both match `\w` or `\W` (i.e. one matches `\w` and the other matches `\W`), or the start or end of the string if the first or last character matches `\w`, respectively.

The `\A`, `\Z`, and `\z` assertions differ from the traditional circumflex and dollar (described below) in that they only ever match at the very start and end of the subject string, whatever options are set. They are not affected by the `PCRE_NOTBOL` or `PCRE_NOTEOL` options. The difference between `\Z` and `\z` is that `\Z` matches before a newline that is the last character of the string as well as at the end of the string, whereas `\z` matches only at the end.

Circumflex and dollar

Outside a character class, in the default matching mode, the circumflex character is an assertion which is true only if the current matching point is at the start of the subject string. Inside a character class, circumflex has an entirely different meaning (see below).

Circumflex need not be the first character of the pattern if a number of alternatives are involved, but it should be the first thing in each alternative in which it appears if the pattern is ever to match that branch. If all possible alternatives start with a circumflex, that is, if the pattern is constrained to match only at the start of the subject, it is said to be an "anchored" pattern. (There are also other constructs that can cause a pattern to be anchored.)

A dollar character is an assertion which is `TRUE` only if the current matching point is at the end of the subject string, or immediately before a newline character that is the last character in the string (by default). Dollar need not be the last character of the pattern if a number of alternatives are involved, but it should be the last item in any branch in which it appears. Dollar has no special meaning in a character class.

The meaning of dollar can be changed so that it matches only at the very end of the string, by setting the `PCRE_DOLLAR_ENDONLY` option at compile or matching time. This does not affect the `\Z` assertion.

The meanings of the circumflex and dollar characters are changed if the `PCRE_MULTILINE` option is set. When this is the case, they match immediately after and immediately before an internal `"\n"` character, respectively, in addition to matching at the start and end of the subject string. For example, the pattern `/^abc$/` matches the subject string

"def\nabc" in multiline mode, but not otherwise. Consequently, patterns that are anchored in single line mode because all branches start with "^" are not anchored in multiline mode. The PCRE_DOLLAR_ENDONLY option is ignored if PCRE_MULTILINE is set.

Note that the sequences \A, \Z, and \z can be used to match the start and end of the subject in both modes, and if all branches of a pattern start with \A it is always anchored, whether PCRE_MULTILINE is set or not.

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Outside a character class, a dot in the pattern matches any one character in the subject, including a non-printing character, but not (by default) newline. If the PCRE_DOTALL option is set, then dots match newlines as well. The handling of dot is entirely independent of the handling of circumflex and dollar, the only relationship being that they both involve newline characters. Dot has no special meaning in a character class.

Square brackets

An opening square bracket introduces a character class, terminated by a closing square bracket. A closing square bracket on its own is not special. If a closing square bracket is required as a member of the class, it should be the first data character in the class (after an initial circumflex, if present) or escaped with a backslash.

A character class matches a single character in the subject; the character must be in the set of characters defined by the class, unless the first character in the class is a circumflex, in which case the subject character must not be in the set defined by the class. If a circumflex is actually required as a member of the class, ensure it is not the first character, or escape it with a backslash.

For example, the character class [aeiou] matches any lower case vowel, while [^aeiou] matches any character that is not a lower case vowel. Note that a circumflex is just a convenient notation for specifying the characters which are in

the class by enumerating those that are not. It is not an assertion: it still consumes a character from the subject string, and fails if the current pointer is at the end of the string.

When caseless matching is set, any letters in a class represent both their upper case and lower case versions, so for example, a caseless `[aeiou]` matches "A" as well as "a", and a caseless `[^aeiou]` does not match "A", whereas a caseful version would.

The newline character is never treated in any special way in character classes, whatever the setting of the `PCRE_DOTALL` or `PCRE_MULTILINE` options is. A class such as `[^a]` will always match a newline.

The minus (hyphen) character can be used to specify a range of characters in a character class. For example, `[d-m]` matches any letter between d and m, inclusive. If a minus character is required in a class, it must be escaped with a backslash or appear in a position where it cannot be interpreted as indicating a range, typically as the first or last character in the class.

It is not possible to have the literal character "]" as the end character of a range. A pattern such as `[W-]46]` is interpreted as a class of two characters ("W" and "-") followed by a literal string "46]", so it would match "W46]" or "-46]". However, if the "]" is escaped with a backslash it is interpreted as the end of range, so `[W-\\]46]` is interpreted as a single class containing a range followed by two separate characters. The octal or hexadecimal representation of "]" can also be used to end a range.

Ranges operate in ASCII collating sequence. They can also be used for characters specified numerically, for example `[000-037]`. If a range that includes letters is used when caseless matching is set, it matches the letters in either case. For example, `[W-c]` is equivalent to `[][^_‘wxyzabc]`, matched caselessly, and if character tables for the "fr" locale are in use, `[\\xc8-\\xcb]` matches accented E characters in both cases.

The character types `\\d`, `\\D`, `\\s`, `\\S`, `\\w`, and `\\W` may also appear in a character class, and add the characters that they match to the class. For example, `[\\dABCDEF]` matches any hexadecimal digit. A circumflex can conveniently be used with the upper case character types to specify a more res-

stricted set of characters than the matching lower case type. For example, the class `[^\W_]` matches any letter or digit, but not underscore.

All non-alphameric characters other than `\`, `-`, `^` (at the start) and the terminating `]` are non-special in character classes, but it does no harm if they are escaped.

Vertical bar

Vertical bar characters are used to separate alternative patterns. For example, the pattern

```
gilbert|sullivan
```

matches either "gilbert" or "sullivan". Any number of alternatives may appear, and an empty alternative is permitted (matching the empty string). The matching process tries each alternative in turn, from left to right, and the first one that succeeds is used. If the alternatives are within a subpattern (defined below), "succeeds" means matching the rest of the main pattern as well as the alternative in the subpattern.

Internal option setting

The settings of `PCRE_CASELESS`, `PCRE_MULTILINE`, `PCRE_DOTALL`, and `PCRE_EXTENDED` can be changed from within the pattern by a sequence of Perl option letters enclosed between `"(?"` and `")"`. The option letters are

```
i for PCRE_CASELESS
m for PCRE_MULTILINE
s for PCRE_DOTALL
x for PCRE_EXTENDED
```

For example, `(?im)` sets caseless, multiline matching. It is also possible to unset these options by preceding the letter with a hyphen, and a combined setting and unsetting such as `(?im-sx)`, which sets `PCRE_CASELESS` and `PCRE_MULTILINE` while unsetting `PCRE_DOTALL` and `PCRE_EXTENDED`, is also permitted.

If a letter appears both before and after the hyphen, the option is unset.

The scope of these option changes depends on where in the pattern the setting occurs. For settings that are outside any subpattern (defined below), the effect is the same as if the options were set or unset at the start of matching. The following patterns all behave in exactly the same way:

```
(?i)abc
a(?i)bc
ab(?i)c
abc(?i)
```

which in turn is the same as compiling the pattern `abc` with `PCRE_CASELESS` set. In other words, such "top level" settings apply to the whole pattern (unless there are other changes inside subpatterns). If there is more than one setting of the same option at top level, the rightmost setting is used.

If an option change occurs inside a subpattern, the effect is different. This is a change of behaviour in Perl 5.005. An option change inside a subpattern affects only that part of the subpattern that follows it, so

```
(a(?i)b)c
```

matches `abc` and `aBc` and no other strings (assuming `PCRE_CASELESS` is not used). By this means, options can be made to have different settings in different parts of the pattern. Any changes made in one alternative do carry on into subsequent branches within the same subpattern. For example,

```
(a(?i)b|c)
```

matches `"ab"`, `"aB"`, `"c"`, and `"C"`, even though when matching `"C"` the first branch is abandoned before the option setting. This is because the effects of option settings happen at compile time. There would be some very weird behaviour otherwise.

The PCRE-specific options `PCRE_UNGREEDY` and `PCRE_EXTRA` can be changed in the same way as the Perl-compatible options by using the characters `U` and `X` respectively. The `(?X)` flag setting is special in that it must always occur earlier in

the pattern than any of the additional features it turns on, even when it is at top level. It is best put at the start.

subpatterns

Subpatterns are delimited by parentheses (round brackets), which can be nested. Marking part of a pattern as a subpattern does two things:

1. It localizes a set of alternatives. For example, the pattern

```
cat(aract|erpillar|)
```

matches one of the words "cat", "cataract", or "caterpillar". Without the parentheses, it would match "cataract", "erpillar" or the empty string.

2. It sets up the subpattern as a capturing subpattern (as defined above). When the whole pattern matches, that portion of the subject string that matched the subpattern is passed back to the caller via the *ovector* argument of **pcre_exec()**. Opening parentheses are counted from left to right (starting from 1) to obtain the numbers of the capturing subpatterns.

For example, if the string "the red king" is matched against the pattern

```
the ((red|white) (king|queen))
```

the captured substrings are "red king", "red", and "king", and are numbered 1, 2, and 3.

The fact that plain parentheses fulfil two functions is not always helpful. There are often times when a grouping subpattern is required without a capturing requirement. If an opening parenthesis is followed by "?:", the subpattern does not do any capturing, and is not counted when computing the number of any subsequent capturing subpatterns. For example, if the string "the white queen" is matched against the pattern

```
the ((?:red|white) (king|queen))
```

the captured substrings are "white queen" and "queen", and are numbered 1 and 2. The maximum number of captured substrings is 99, and the maximum number of all subpatterns, both capturing and non-capturing, is 200.

As a convenient shorthand, if any option settings are required at the start of a non-capturing subpattern, the option letters may appear between the "?" and the ":". Thus the two patterns

```
(?i:saturday|sunday)
(?:(?i)saturday|sunday)
```

match exactly the same set of strings. Because alternative branches are tried from left to right, and options are not reset until the end of the subpattern is reached, an option setting in one branch does affect subsequent branches, so the above patterns match "SUNDAY" as well as "Saturday".

Repetition

Repetition is specified by quantifiers, which can follow any of the following items:

- a single character, possibly escaped
- the `.` metacharacter
- a character class
- a back reference (see next section)
- a parenthesized subpattern (unless it is an assertion - see below)

The general repetition quantifier specifies a minimum and maximum number of permitted matches, by giving the two numbers in curly brackets (braces), separated by a comma. The numbers must be less than 65536, and the first must be less than or equal to the second. For example:

```
z{2,4}
```

matches "zz", "zzz", or "zzzz". A closing brace on its own is not a special character. If the second number is omitted, but the comma is present, there is no upper limit; if the second number and the comma are both omitted, the quantifier specifies an exact number of required matches. Thus

```
[aeiou]{3,}
```

matches at least 3 successive vowels, but may match many more, while

```
\d{8}
```

matches exactly 8 digits. An opening curly bracket that appears in a position where a quantifier is not allowed, or one that does not match the syntax of a quantifier, is taken as a literal character. For example, `{,6}` is not a quantifier, but a literal string of four characters.

The quantifier `{0}` is permitted, causing the expression to behave as if the previous item and the quantifier were not present.

For convenience (and historical compatibility) the three most common quantifiers have single-character abbreviations:

```
* is equivalent to {0,}
+ is equivalent to {1,}
? is equivalent to {0,1}
```

It is possible to construct infinite loops by following a subpattern that can match no characters with a quantifier that has no upper limit, for example:

```
(a?)*
```

Earlier versions of Perl and PCRE used to give an error at compile time for such patterns. However, because there are cases where this can be useful, such patterns are now accepted, but if any repetition of the subpattern does in fact match no characters, the loop is forcibly broken.

By default, the quantifiers are "greedy", that is, they match as much as possible (up to the maximum number of permitted times), without causing the rest of the pattern to fail. The classic example of where this gives problems is in trying to match comments in C programs. These appear between the sequences `/*` and `*/` and within the sequence, individual `*` and `/` characters may appear. An attempt to match C comments by applying the pattern

```
/\*.*\*/
```

to the string

```
/* first command */ not comment /* second comment */
```

fails, because it matches the entire string due to the greediness of the `.*` item.

However, if a quantifier is followed by a question mark, then it ceases to be greedy, and instead matches the minimum number of times possible, so the pattern

```
/\*.*?\*/
```

does the right thing with the C comments. The meaning of the various quantifiers is not otherwise changed, just the preferred number of matches. Do not confuse this use of question mark with its use as a quantifier in its own right. Because it has two uses, it can sometimes appear doubled, as in

```
\d??\d
```

which matches one digit by preference, but can match two if that is the only way the rest of the pattern matches.

If the `PCRE_UNGREEDY` option is set (an option which is not available in Perl) then the quantifiers are not greedy by default, but individual ones can be made greedy by following them with a question mark. In other words, it inverts the default behaviour.

When a parenthesized subpattern is quantified with a minimum repeat count that is greater than 1 or with a limited maximum, more store is required for the compiled pattern, in proportion to the size of the minimum or maximum.

If a pattern starts with `.*` or `{0,}` and the `PCRE_DOTALL` option (equivalent to Perl's `/s`) is set, thus allowing the `.` to match newlines, then the pattern is implicitly anchored, because whatever follows will be tried against every character position in the subject string, so there is no point in retrying the overall match at any position after the first. PCRE treats such a pattern as though it were preceded by `\A`. In cases where it is known that the subject string contains no newlines, it is worth setting `PCRE_DOTALL` when the pattern begins with `.*` in order to obtain this optimization, or alternatively using `^` to indicate anchoring explicitly.

When a capturing subpattern is repeated, the value captured

is the substring that matched the final iteration. For example, after

```
(tweedle[dume]{3}\s*)+
```

has matched "tweedledum tweedledee" the value of the captured substring is "tweedledee". However, if there are nested capturing subpatterns, the corresponding captured values may have been set in previous iterations. For example, after

```
/(a|(b))+/
```

matches "aba" the value of the second captured substring is "b".

BACK REFERENCES

Outside a character class, a backslash followed by a digit greater than 0 (and possibly further digits) is a back reference to a capturing subpattern earlier (i.e. to its left) in the pattern, provided there have been that many previous capturing left parentheses.

However, if the decimal number following the backslash is less than 10, it is always taken as a back reference, and causes an error only if there are not that many capturing left parentheses in the entire pattern. In other words, the parentheses that are referenced need not be to the left of the reference for numbers less than 10. See the section entitled "Backslash" above for further details of the handling of digits following a backslash.

A back reference matches whatever actually matched the capturing subpattern in the current subject string, rather than anything matching the subpattern itself. So the pattern

```
(sens|respons)e and \1ibility
```

matches "sense and sensibility" and "response and responsibility", but not "sense and responsibility". If caseful matching is in force at the time of the back reference, then the case of letters is relevant. For example,

```
((?i)rah)\s+\1
```

matches "rah rah" and "RAH RAH", but not "RAH rah", even though the original capturing subpattern is matched caselessly.

There may be more than one back reference to the same subpattern. If a subpattern has not actually been used in a particular match, then any back references to it always fail. For example, the pattern

```
(a(bc))\2
```

always fails if it starts to match "a" rather than "bc". Because there may be up to 99 back references, all digits following the backslash are taken as part of a potential back reference number. If the pattern continues with a digit character, then some delimiter must be used to terminate the back reference. If the PCRE_EXTENDED option is set, this can be whitespace. Otherwise an empty comment can be used.

A back reference that occurs inside the parentheses to which it refers fails when the subpattern is first used, so, for example, (a\1) never matches. However, such references can be useful inside repeated subpatterns. For example, the pattern

```
(a|b\1)+
```

matches any number of "a"s and also "aba", "ababaa" etc. At each iteration of the subpattern, the back reference matches the character string corresponding to the previous iteration. In order for this to work, the pattern must be such that the first iteration does not need to match the back reference. This can be done using alternation, as in the example above, or by a quantifier with a minimum of zero.

Assertions

An assertion is a test on the characters following or preceding the current matching point that does not actually consume any characters. The simple assertions coded as \b, \B, \A, \Z, \z, ^ and \$ are described above. More complicated assertions are coded as subpatterns. There are two kinds: those that look ahead of the current position in the subject string, and those that look behind it.

An assertion subpattern is matched in the normal way, except that it does not cause the current matching position to be changed. Lookahead assertions start with `(?=` for positive assertions and `(?!` for negative assertions. For example,

```
\w+(?=;)
```

matches a word followed by a semicolon, but does not include the semicolon in the match, and

```
foo(?!bar)
```

matches any occurrence of "foo" that is not followed by "bar". Note that the apparently similar pattern

```
(?!foo)bar
```

does not find an occurrence of "bar" that is preceded by something other than "foo"; it finds any occurrence of "bar" whatsoever, because the assertion `(?!foo)` is always TRUE when the next three characters are "bar". A lookbehind assertion is needed to achieve this effect.

Lookbehind assertions start with `(?<=` for positive assertions and `(?<!` for negative assertions. For example,

```
(?<!foo)bar
```

does find an occurrence of "bar" that is not preceded by "foo". The contents of a lookbehind assertion are restricted such that all the strings it matches must have a fixed length. However, if there are several alternatives, they do not all have to have the same fixed length. Thus

```
(?<=bullock|donkey)
```

is permitted, but

```
(?<!dogs?|cats?)
```

causes an error at compile time. Branches that match different length strings are permitted only at the top level of a lookbehind assertion. This is an extension compared with Perl 5.005, which requires all branches to match the same length of string. An assertion such as

```
(?<=ab(c|de))
```

is not permitted, because its single top-level branch can match two different lengths, but it is acceptable if rewritten to use two top-level branches:

```
(?<=abc|abde)
```

The implementation of lookbehind assertions is, for each alternative, to temporarily move the current position back by the fixed width and then try to match. If there are insufficient characters before the current position, the match is deemed to fail. Lookbehinds in conjunction with once-only subpatterns can be particularly useful for matching at the ends of strings; an example is given at the end of the section on once-only subpatterns.

Several assertions (of any sort) may occur in succession. For example,

```
(?<=\d{3})(?<!999)foo
```

matches "foo" preceded by three digits that are not "999". Notice that each of the assertions is applied independently at the same point in the subject string. First there is a check that the previous three characters are all digits, then there is a check that the same three characters are not "999". This pattern does not match "foo" preceded by six characters, the first of which are digits and the last three of which are not "999". For example, it doesn't match "123abcfoo". A pattern to do that is

```
(?<=\d{3}...)(?<!999)foo
```

This time the first assertion looks at the preceding six characters, checking that the first three are digits, and then the second assertion checks that the preceding three characters are not "999".

Assertions can be nested in any combination. For example,

```
(?<=(?<!foo)bar)baz
```

matches an occurrence of "baz" that is preceded by "bar" which in turn is not preceded by "foo", while

```
(?<=\d{3}(?!999)...)foo
```

is another pattern which matches "foo" preceded by three

digits and any three characters that are not "999".

Assertion subpatterns are not capturing subpatterns, and may not be repeated, because it makes no sense to assert the same thing several times. If any kind of assertion contains capturing subpatterns within it, these are counted for the purposes of numbering the capturing subpatterns in the whole pattern. However, substring capturing is carried out only for positive assertions, because it does not make sense for negative assertions.

Assertions count towards the maximum of 200 parenthesized subpatterns.

Once-only subpatterns

With both maximizing and minimizing repetition, failure of what follows normally causes the repeated item to be re-evaluated to see if a different number of repeats allows the rest of the pattern to match. Sometimes it is useful to prevent this, either to change the nature of the match, or to cause it fail earlier than it otherwise might, when the author of the pattern knows there is no point in carrying on.

Consider, for example, the pattern `\d+foo` when applied to the subject line

```
123456bar
```

After matching all 6 digits and then failing to match "foo", the normal action of the matcher is to try again with only 5 digits matching the `\d+` item, and then with 4, and so on, before ultimately failing. Once-only subpatterns provide the means for specifying that once a portion of the pattern has matched, it is not to be re-evaluated in this way, so the matcher would give up immediately on failing to match "foo" the first time. The notation is another kind of special parenthesis, starting with `(?>` as in this example:

```
(?>\d+)bar
```

This kind of parenthesis "locks up" the part of the pattern it contains once it has matched, and a failure further into the pattern is prevented from backtracking into it. Back-

tracking past it to previous items, however, works as normal.

An alternative description is that a subpattern of this type matches the string of characters that an identical standalone pattern would match, if anchored at the current point in the subject string.

Once-only subpatterns are not capturing subpatterns. Simple cases such as the above example can be thought of as a maximizing repeat that must swallow everything it can. So, while both `\d+` and `\d+?` are prepared to adjust the number of digits they match in order to make the rest of the pattern match, `(?>\d+)` can only match an entire sequence of digits.

This construction can of course contain arbitrarily complicated subpatterns, and it can be nested.

Once-only subpatterns can be used in conjunction with look-behind assertions to specify efficient matching at the end of the subject string. Consider a simple pattern such as

```
abcd$
```

when applied to a long string which does not match. Because matching proceeds from left to right, PCRE will look for each "a" in the subject and then see if what follows matches the rest of the pattern. If the pattern is specified as

```
^.*abcd$
```

then the initial `.*` matches the entire string at first, but when this fails (because there is no following "a"), it backtracks to match all but the last character, then all but the last two characters, and so on. Once again the search for "a" covers the entire string, from right to left, so we are no better off. However, if the pattern is written as

```
^(?>.*)(?<=abcd)
```

then there can be no backtracking for the `.*` item; it can match only the entire string. The subsequent lookbehind assertion does a single test on the last four characters. If it fails, the match fails immediately. For long strings, this approach makes a significant difference to the processing time.

When a pattern contains an unlimited repeat inside a subpat-

tern that can itself be repeated an unlimited number of times, the use of a once-only subpattern is the only way to avoid some failing matches taking a very long time indeed. The pattern

```
(\D+|<\d+>)*[!?]
```

matches an unlimited number of substrings that either consist of non-digits, or digits enclosed in <>, followed by either ! or ?. When it matches, it runs quickly. However, if it is applied to

```
aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa
```

it takes a long time before reporting failure. This is because the string can be divided between the two repeats in a large number of ways, and all have to be tried. (The example used [!?] rather than a single character at the end, because both PCRE and Perl have an optimization that allows for fast failure when a single character is used. They remember the last single character that is required for a match, and fail early if it is not present in the string.) If the pattern is changed to

```
((?>\D+)|<\d+>)*[!?]
```

sequences of non-digits cannot be broken, and failure happens quickly.

Conditional subpatterns

It is possible to cause the matching process to obey a subpattern conditionally or to choose between two alternative subpatterns, depending on the result of an assertion, or whether a previous capturing subpattern matched or not. The two possible forms of conditional subpattern are

```
(?(condition)yes-pattern)
(?(condition)yes-pattern|no-pattern)
```

If the condition is satisfied, the yes-pattern is used; otherwise the no-pattern (if present) is used. If there are more than two alternatives in the subpattern, a compile-time error occurs.

There are two kinds of condition. If the text between the parentheses consists of a sequence of digits, then the condition is satisfied if the capturing subpattern of that number has previously matched. Consider the following pattern, which contains non-significant white space to make it more readable (assume the PCRE_EXTENDED option) and to divide it into three parts for ease of discussion:

```
(\()?  [^\()]+  (?1\))
```

The first part matches an optional opening parenthesis, and if that character is present, sets it as the first captured substring. The second part matches one or more characters that are not parentheses. The third part is a conditional subpattern that tests whether the first set of parentheses matched or not. If they did, that is, if subject started with an opening parenthesis, the condition is TRUE, and so the yes-pattern is executed and a closing parenthesis is required. Otherwise, since no-pattern is not present, the subpattern matches nothing. In other words, this pattern matches a sequence of non-parentheses, optionally enclosed in parentheses.

If the condition is not a sequence of digits, it must be an assertion. This may be a positive or negative lookahead or lookbehind assertion. Consider this pattern, again containing non-significant white space, and with the two alternatives on the second line:

```
(?(?=[^a-z]*[a-z])
  \d{2}-[a-z]{3}-\d{2} | \d{2}-\d{2}-\d{2} )
```

The condition is a positive lookahead assertion that matches an optional sequence of non-letters followed by a letter. In other words, it tests for the presence of at least one letter in the subject. If a letter is found, the subject is matched against the first alternative; otherwise it is matched against the second. This pattern matches strings in one of the two forms dd-aaa-dd or dd-dd-dd, where aaa are letters and dd are digits.

Comments

The sequence `(?#` marks the start of a comment which continues up to the next closing parenthesis. Nested parentheses are not permitted. The characters that make up a comment play no part in the pattern matching at all.

If the `PCRE_EXTENDED` option is set, an unescaped `#` character outside a character class introduces a comment that continues up to the next newline character in the pattern.

Recursive patterns

Consider the problem of matching a string in parentheses, allowing for unlimited nested parentheses. Without the use of recursion, the best that can be done is to use a pattern that matches up to some fixed depth of nesting. It is not possible to handle an arbitrary nesting depth. Perl 5.6 has provided an experimental facility that allows regular expressions to recurse (amongst other things). The special item `(?R)` is provided for the specific case of recursion. This PCRE pattern solves the parentheses problem (assume the `PCRE_EXTENDED` option is set so that white space is ignored):

```
\( ( (?>[^\()]+) | (?R) )* \)
```

First it matches an opening parenthesis. Then it matches any number of substrings which can either be a sequence of non-parentheses, or a recursive match of the pattern itself (i.e. a correctly parenthesized substring). Finally there is a closing parenthesis.

This particular example pattern contains nested unlimited repeats, and so the use of a once-only subpattern for matching strings of non-parentheses is important when applying the pattern to strings that do not match. For example, when it is applied to

```
(aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa())
```

it yields "no match" quickly. However, if a once-only subpattern is not used, the match runs for a very long time indeed because there are so many different ways the `+` and `*` repeats can carve up the subject, and all have to be tested before failure can be reported.

The values set for any capturing subpatterns are those from the outermost level of the recursion at which the subpattern value is set. If the pattern above is matched against

```
(ab(cd)ef)
```

the value for the capturing parentheses is "ef", which is the last value taken on at the top level. If additional parentheses are added, giving

```
\( ( ( (?>[^\()]+) | (?R) )* ) \)
```

^ ^

^ ^ then the string they capture

is "ab(cd)ef", the contents of the top level parentheses. If there are more than 15 capturing parentheses in a pattern, PCRE has to obtain extra memory to store data during a recursion, which it does by using `pcre_malloc`, freeing it via `pcre_free` afterwards. If no memory can be obtained, it saves data for the first 15 capturing parentheses only, as there is no way to give an out-of-memory error from within a recursion.

Performances

Certain items that may appear in patterns are more efficient than others. It is more efficient to use a character class like `[aeiou]` than a set of alternatives such as `(a|e|i|o|u)`. In general, the simplest construction that provides the required behaviour is usually the most efficient. Jeffrey Friedl's book contains a lot of discussion about optimizing regular expressions for efficient performance.

When a pattern begins with `.*` and the `PCRE_DOTALL` option is set, the pattern is implicitly anchored by PCRE, since it can match only at the start of a subject string. However, if `PCRE_DOTALL` is not set, PCRE cannot make this optimization, because the `.` metacharacter does not then match a newline, and if the subject string contains newlines, the pattern may match from the character immediately following one of them instead of from the very start. For example, the pattern

```
(.*) second
```

matches the subject "first\nand second" (where `\n` stands for

a newline character) with the first captured substring being "and". In order to do this, PCRE has to retry the match starting after every newline in the subject.

If you are using such a pattern with subject strings that do not contain newlines, the best performance is obtained by setting `PCRE_DOTALL`, or starting the pattern with `^.*` to indicate explicit anchoring. That saves PCRE from having to scan along the subject looking for a newline to restart at.

Beware of patterns that contain nested indefinite repeats. These can take a long time to run when applied to a string that does not match. Consider the pattern fragment

```
(a+)*
```

This can match "aaaa" in 33 different ways, and this number increases very rapidly as the string gets longer. (The `*` repeat can match 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4 times, and for each of those cases other than 0, the `+` repeats can match different numbers of times.) When the remainder of the pattern is such that the entire match is going to fail, PCRE has in principle to try every possible variation, and this can take an extremely long time.

An optimization catches some of the more simple cases such as

```
(a+)*b
```

where a literal character follows. Before embarking on the standard matching procedure, PCRE checks that there is a "b" later in the subject string, and if there is not, it fails the match immediately. However, when there is no following literal this optimization cannot be used. You can see the difference by comparing the behaviour of

```
(a+)*\d
```

with the pattern above. The former gives a failure almost instantly when applied to a whole line of "a" characters, whereas the latter takes an appreciable time with strings longer than about 20 characters.

LXXV. Regular Expression Functions (POSIX Extended)

Note: PHP also supports regular expressions using a Perl-compatible syntax using the PCRE functions. Those functions support non-greedy matching, assertions, conditional subpatterns, and a number of other features not supported by the POSIX-extended regular expression syntax.

Warning

These regular expression functions are not binary-safe. The PCRE functions are.

Regular expressions are used for complex string manipulation in PHP. The functions that support regular expressions are:

- `ereg()`
- `ereg_replace()`
- `eregi()`
- `eregi_replace()`
- `split()`
- `spliti()`

These functions all take a regular expression string as their first argument. PHP uses the POSIX extended regular expressions as defined by POSIX 1003.2. For a full description of POSIX regular expressions see the `regex` man pages included in the `regex` directory in the PHP distribution. It's in manpage format, so you'll want to do something along the lines of `man /usr/local/src/regex/regex.7` in order to read it.

Example 1. Regular Expression Examples

```
ereg ("abc", $string);
/* Returns true if "abc"
   is found anywhere in $string. */

ereg ("^abc", $string);
/* Returns true if "abc";
   is found at the beginning of $string. */

ereg ("abc$", $string);
/* Returns true if "abc"
   is found at the end of $string. */

eregi ("(ozilla.[23]|MSIE.3)", $HTTP_USER_AGENT);
/* Returns true if client browser
```



```
is Netscape 2, 3 or MSIE 3. */

ereg ("([[:alnum:]]+) ([[:alnum:]]+) ([[:alnum:]]+)", $string,$regs);
/* Places three space separated words
   into $regs[1], $regs[2] and $regs[3]. */

$string = ereg_replace ("^", "<br />", $string);
/* Put a <br /> tag at the beginning of $string. */

$string = ereg_replace ("$", "<br />", $string);
/* Put a <br />; tag at the end of $string. */

$string = ereg_replace ("\n", "", $string);
/* Get rid of any newline
   characters in $string. */
```

ereg (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Regular expression match

```
int ereg (string pattern, string string [, array regs])
```

Note: `preg_match()`, which uses a Perl-compatible regular expression syntax, is often a faster alternative to **ereg()**.

Searches a *string* for matches to the regular expression given in *pattern*.

If matches are found for parenthesized substrings of *pattern* and the function is called with the third argument *regs*, the matches will be stored in the elements of the array *regs*. `$regs[1]` will contain the substring which starts at the first left parenthesis; `$regs[2]` will contain the substring starting at the second, and so on. `$regs[0]` will contain a copy of *string*.

If **ereg()** finds any matches at all, `$regs` will be filled with exactly ten elements, even though more or fewer than ten parenthesized substrings may actually have matched. This has no effect on **ereg()**'s ability to match more substrings. If no matches are found, `$regs` will not be altered by **ereg()**.

Searching is case sensitive.

Returns TRUE if a match for *pattern* was found in *string*, or FALSE if no matches were found or an error occurred.

The following code snippet takes a date in ISO format (YYYY-MM-DD) and prints it in DD.MM.YYYY format:

Example 1. ereg() Example

```
if (ereg ("([0-9]{4})-([0-9]{1,2})-([0-9]{1,2})", $date, $regs)) {
    echo "$regs[3].$regs[2].$regs[1]";
} else {
    echo "Invalid date format: $date";
}
```

See also `ereg()`, `ereg_replace()`, `eregi_replace()` and `preg_match()`.

ereg_replace (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Replace regular expression

```
string ereg_replace (string pattern, string replacement, string string)
```

Note: `preg_replace()`, which uses a Perl-compatible regular expression syntax, is often a faster alternative to `ereg_replace()`.

This function scans *string* for matches to *pattern*, then replaces the matched text with *replacement*.

The modified string is returned. (Which may mean that the original string is returned if there are no matches to be replaced.)

If *pattern* contains parenthesized substrings, *replacement* may contain substrings of the form `\digit`, which will be replaced by the text matching the digit'th parenthesized substring; `\0` will produce the entire contents of string. Up to nine substrings may be used. Parentheses may be nested, in which case they are counted by the opening parenthesis.

If no matches are found in *string*, then *string* will be returned unchanged.

For example, the following code snippet prints "This was a test" three times:

Example 1. `ereg_replace()` Example

```
$string = "This is a test";
echo ereg_replace (" is", " was", $string);
echo ereg_replace ("( )is", "\\1was", $string);
echo ereg_replace ("(( )is)", "\\2was", $string);
```

One thing to take note of is that if you use an integer value as the *replacement* parameter, you may not get the results you expect. This is because `ereg_replace()` will interpret the number as the ordinal value of a character, and apply that. For instance:

Example 2. `ereg_replace()` Example

```
<?php
/* This will not work as expected. */
$num = 4;
$string = "This string has four words.";
$string = ereg_replace('four', $num, $string);
echo $string; /* Output: 'This string has  words.' */

/* This will work. */
$num = '4';
$string = "This string has four words.";
$string = ereg_replace('four', $num, $string);
```

```
echo $string;    /* Output: 'This string has 4 words.' */
?>
```

Example 3. Replace URLs with links

```
$text = ereg_replace("[[:alpha:]]+://[^<>[:space:]]+[[:alnum:]]/",
    "<a href=\"\\0\\\">\\0</a>", $text);
```

See also `ereg()`, `eregi()`, `eregi_replace()`, and `preg_match()`.

eregi (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

case insensitive regular expression match

```
int eregi (string pattern, string string [, array regs])
```

This function is identical to `ereg()` except that this ignores case distinction when matching alphabetic characters.

Example 1. eregi() example

```
if (eregi("z", $string)) {
    echo "'$string' contains a 'z' or 'Z'!";
}
```

See also `ereg()`, `ereg_replace()`, and `eregi_replace()`.

eregi_replace (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

replace regular expression case insensitive

```
string eregi_replace (string pattern, string replacement, string string)
```

This function is identical to `ereg_replace()` except that this ignores case distinction when matching alphabetic characters.

See also `ereg()`, `eregi()`, and `ereg_replace()`.

split (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

split string into array by regular expression

```
array split (string pattern, string string [, int limit])
```

Note: `preg_split()`, which uses a Perl-compatible regular expression syntax, is often a faster alternative to **`split()`**.

Returns an array of strings, each of which is a substring of *string* formed by splitting it on boundaries formed by the regular expression *pattern*. If *limit* is set, the returned array will contain a maximum of *limit* elements with the last element containing the whole rest of *string*. If an error occurs, **`split()`** returns FALSE.

To split off the first four fields from a line from `/etc/passwd`:

Example 1. split() Example

```
list($user,$pass,$uid,$gid,$extra)= split (":", $passwd_line, 5);
```

Tip: If there are *n* occurrences of *pattern*, the returned array will contain *n*+1 items. For example, if there is no occurrence of *pattern*, an array with only one element will be returned. Of course, this is also true if *string* is empty.

To parse a date which may be delimited with slashes, dots, or hyphens:

Example 2. split() Example

```
$date = "04/30/1973"; // Delimiters may be slash, dot, or hyphen
```

```
list ($month, $day, $year) = split ('[/.-]', $date);
echo "Month: $month; Day: $day; Year: $year<br>\n";
```

Note that *pattern* is case-sensitive.

Note that if you don't require the power of regular expressions, it is faster to use `explode()`, which doesn't incur the overhead of the regular expression engine.

For users looking for a way to emulate Perl's `$chars = split(", $str)` behaviour, please see the examples for `preg_split()`.

Please note that *pattern* is a regular expression. If you want to split on any of the characters which are considered special by regular expressions, you'll need to escape them first. If you think **`split()`** (or any other regex function, for that matter) is doing something weird, please read the file `regex.7`, included in the `regex/` subdirectory of the PHP distribution. It's in manpage format, so you'll want to do something along the lines of `man /usr/local/src/regex/regex.7` in order to read it.

See also: `preg_split()`, `spliti()`, `explode()`, and `implode()`.

spliti (PHP 4)

Split string into array by regular expression case insensitive

```
array spliti (string pattern, string string [, int limit])
```

This function is identical to `split()` except that this ignores case distinction when matching alphabetic characters.

See also **`preg_spliti()`**, `split()`, `explode()`, and `implode()`.

sql_regcase (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Make regular expression for case insensitive match

```
string sql_regcase (string string)
```

Returns a valid regular expression which will match *string*, ignoring case. This expression is *string* with each character converted to a bracket expression; this bracket expression contains that character's uppercase and lowercase form if applicable, otherwise it contains the original character twice.

Example 1. sql_regcase() Example

```
echo sql_regcase ("Foo bar");
```

prints

```
[Ff][Oo][Oo] [Bb][Aa][Rr]
```

.

This can be used to achieve case insensitive pattern matching in products which support only case sensitive regular expressions.

LXXVI. Satellite CORBA client extension

Warning

This module is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of these functions, these function names, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this module at your own risk.

The Satellite extension is used for accessing CORBA objects. You will need to set the `idl_directory=` entry in `php.ini` to a path where you store all IDL files you use.

OrbitObject_(unknown)

Access CORBA objects

```
new OrbitObject (string ior)
```

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

This class provides access to a CORBA object. The *ior* parameter should be a string containing the IOR (Interoperable Object Reference) that identifies the remote object.

Example 1. Sample IDL file

```
interface MyInterface {  
    void SetInfo (string info);  
    string GetInfo();  
  
    attribute int value;  
}
```

Example 2. PHP code for accessing MyInterface

```
<?php  
$obj = new OrbitObject ($ior);  
  
$obj->SetInfo ("A 2Good object");  
  
echo $obj->GetInfo();  
  
$obj->value = 42;  
  
echo $obj->value;  
?>
```

OrbitEnum (unknown)

Use CORBA enums

```
new OrbitEnum (string id)
```

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

This class represents the enumeration identified with the *id* parameter. The *id* can be either the name of the enumeration (e.g. "MyEnum"), or the full repository id (e.g. "IDL:MyEnum:1.0").

Example 1. Sample IDL file

```
enum MyEnum {
    a, b, c, d, e
};
```

Example 2. PHP code for accessing MyEnum

```
<?php
$enum = new OrbitEnum ("MyEnum");

echo $enum->a; /* write 0 */
echo $enum->c; /* write 2 */
echo $enum->e; /* write 4 */
?>
```

OrbitStruct (unknown)

Use CORBA structs

```
new OrbitStruct (string id)
```

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

This class represents the structure identified with the *id* parameter. The *id* can be either the name of the struct (e.g "MyStruct"), or the full repository id (e.g. "IDL:MyStruct:1.0").

Example 1. Sample IDL file

```
struct MyStruct {
    short shortvalue;
    string stringvalue;
};

interface SomeInterface {
    void SetValues (MyStruct values);
    MyStruct GetValues();
}
```

Example 2. PHP code for accessing MyStruct

```
<?php
$obj = new OrbitObject ($ior);

$initial_values = new OrbitStruct ("IDL:MyStruct:1.0");
$initial_values->shortvalue = 42;
$initial_values->stringvalue = "HGT TG";

$obj->SetValues ($initial_values);

$values = $obj->GetValues();

echo $values->shortvalue;
echo $values->stringvalue;
?>
```

satellite_caught_exception (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

See if an exception was caught from the previous function

```
bool satellite_caught_exception ()
```

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

This function returns TRUE if an exception has been caught.

Example 1. Sample IDL file

```
/* ++?????++ Out of Cheese Error. Redo From Start. */
exception OutOfCheeseError {
    int parameter;
}

interface AnotherInterface {
    void AskWhy() raises (OutOfCheeseError);
}
```

Example 2. PHP code for handling CORBA exceptions

```
<?php
$obj = new OrbitObject ($ior);

$obj->AskWhy();

if (satellite_caught_exception()) {
    if ("IDL:OutOfCheeseError:1.0" == satellite_exception_id()) {
        $exception = satellite_exception_value();
        echo $exception->parameter;
    }
}
```

```
}
?>
```

satellite__exception__id (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Get the repository id for the latest exception.

```
string satellite_exception_id ()
```

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

Return a repository id string. (E.g. "IDL:MyException:1.0".) For example usage see `satellite_caught_exception()`.

satellite__exception__value (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Get the exception struct for the latest exception

```
OrbitStruct satellite_exception_value ()
```

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

Return an exception struct. For example usage see `satellite_caught_exception()`.

LXXVII. Semaphore and Shared Memory Functions

This module provides semaphore functions using System V semaphores. Semaphores may be used to provide exclusive access to resources on the current machine, or to limit the number of processes that may simultaneously use a resource.

This module provides also shared memory functions using System V shared memory. Shared memory may be used to provide access to global variables. Different httpd-daemons and even other programs (such as Perl, C, ...) are able to access this data to provide a global data-exchange. Remember, that shared memory is NOT safe against simultaneous access. Use semaphores for synchronization.

Table 1. Limits of Shared Memory by the Unix OS

SHMMAX	max size of shared memory, normally 131072 bytes
SHMMIN	minimum size of shared memory, normally 1 byte
SHMMNI	max amount of shared memory segments on a system, normally 100
SHMSEG	max amount of shared memory segments per process, normally 6

Note: These functions do not work on Windows systems.

sem_get (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get a semaphore id

```
int sem_get (int key [, int max_acquire [, int perm]])
```

Returns: A positive semaphore identifier on success, or FALSE on error.

sem_get() returns an id that can be used to access the System V semaphore with the given key. The semaphore is created if necessary using the permission bits specified in *perm* (defaults to 0666). The number of processes that can acquire the semaphore simultaneously is set to *max_acquire* (defaults to 1). Actually this value is set only if the process finds it is the only process currently attached to the semaphore.

A second call to **sem_get()** for the same key will return a different semaphore identifier, but both identifiers access the same underlying semaphore.

See also: **sem_acquire()** and **sem_release()**.

Note: This function does not work on Windows systems.

sem_acquire (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Acquire a semaphore

```
bool sem_acquire (int sem_identifier)
```

Returns: TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

sem_acquire() blocks (if necessary) until the semaphore can be acquired. A process attempting to acquire a semaphore which it has already acquired will block forever if acquiring the semaphore would cause its *max_acquire* value to be exceeded.

After processing a request, any semaphores acquired by the process but not explicitly released will be released automatically and a warning will be generated.

See also: **sem_get()** and **sem_release()**.

sem_release (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Release a semaphore

```
bool sem_release (int sem_identifier)
```

Returns: TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

sem_release() releases the semaphore if it is currently acquired by the calling process, otherwise a warning is generated.

After releasing the semaphore, `sem_acquire()` may be called to re-acquire it.

See also: `sem_get()` and `sem_acquire()`.

Note: This function does not work on Windows systems.

sem_remove (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Remove a semaphore

```
bool sem_remove (int sem_identifier)
```

Returns: TRUE on success, FALSE on error.

sem_remove() removes the semaphore *sem_identifier* if it has been created by `sem_get()`, otherwise generates a warning.

After removing the semaphore, it is no more accessible.

See also: `sem_get()`, `sem_release()` and `sem_acquire()`.

Note: This function does not work on Windows systems. It was added on PHP 4.1.0.

shm_attach (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Creates or open a shared memory segment

```
int shm_attach (int key [, int memsize [, int perm]])
```

shm_attach() returns an id that that can be used to access the System V shared memory with the given key, the first call creates the shared memory segment with *mem_size* (default: `sysvshm.init_mem` in the configuration file, otherwise 10000 bytes) and the optional *perm*-bits (default: 0666).

A second call to **shm_attach()** for the same *key* will return a different shared memory identifier, but both identifiers access the same underlying shared memory. *Memsizes* and *perms* will be ignored.

Note: This function does not work on Windows systems.

shm_detach (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Disconnects from shared memory segment

```
int shm_detach (int shm_identifier)
```

shm_detach() disconnects from the shared memory given by the *shm_identifier* created by *shm_attach()*. Remember, that shared memory still exist in the Unix system and the data is still present.

shm_remove (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Removes shared memory from Unix systems

```
int shm_remove (int shm_identifier)
```

Removes shared memory from Unix systems. All data will be destroyed.

Note: This function does not work on Windows systems.

shm_put_var (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Inserts or updates a variable in shared memory

```
int shm_put_var (int shm_identifier, int variable_key, mixed variable)
```

Inserts or updates a *variable* with a given *variable_key*. All variable-types are supported.

Note: This function does not work on Windows systems.

shm_get_var (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns a variable from shared memory

```
mixed shm_get_var (int id, int variable_key)
```

shm_get_var() returns the variable with a given *variable_key*. The variable is still present in the shared memory.

Note: This function does not work on Windows systems.

shm_remove_var (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Removes a variable from shared memory

```
int shm_remove_var (int id, int variable_key)
```

Removes a variable with a given *variable_key* and frees the occupied memory.

Note: This function does not work on Windows systems.

LXXVIII. SESAM database functions

SESAM/SQL-Server is a mainframe database system, developed by Fujitsu Siemens Computers, Germany. It runs on high-end mainframe servers using the operating system BS2000/OSD.

In numerous productive BS2000 installations, SESAM/SQL-Server has proven ...

- the ease of use of Java-, Web- and client/server connectivity,
- the capability to work with an availability of more than 99.99%,
- the ability to manage tens and even hundreds of thousands of users.

Now there is a PHP3 SESAM interface available which allows database operations via PHP-scripts.

Configuration notes: There is no standalone support for the PHP SESAM interface, it works only as an integrated Apache module. In the Apache PHP module, this SESAM interface is configured using Apache directives.

Table 1. SESAM Configuration directives

Directive	Meaning
php3_sesam_oml	Name of BS2000 PLAM library containing the loadable SESAM driver modules. Required for using SESAM functions. Example: <pre>php3_sesam_oml \$.SYSLNK.SESAM-SQL.030</pre>
php3_sesam_configfile	Name of SESAM application configuration file. Required for using SESAM functions. Example: <pre>php3_sesam_configfile \$SESAM.SESAM.CONF.AW</pre> It will usually contain a configuration like (see SESAM reference manual): <pre>CNF=B NAM=K NOTYPE</pre>

Directive	Meaning
php3_sesam_messagecatalog	Name of SESAM message catalog file. In most cases, this directive is not necessary. Only if the SESAM message file is not installed in the system's BS2000 message file table, it can be set with this directive. Example: <pre>php3_sesam_messagecatalog \$.SYSMES.SESAM-SQL.030</pre>

In addition to the configuration of the PHP/SESAM interface, you have to configure the SESAM-Database server itself on your mainframe as usual. That means:

- starting the SESAM database handler (DBH), and
- connecting the databases with the SESAM database handler

To get a connection between a PHP script and the database handler, the CNF and NAM parameters of the selected SESAM configuration file must match the id of the started database handler.

In case of distributed databases you have to start a SESAM/SQL-DCN agent with the distribution table including the host and database names.

The communication between PHP (running in the POSIX subsystem) and the database handler (running outside the POSIX subsystem) is realized by a special driver module called SQLSCI and SESAM connection modules using common memory. Because of the common memory access, and because PHP is a static part of the web server, database accesses are very fast, as they do not require remote accesses via ODBC, JDBC or UTM.

Only a small stub loader (SESMOD) is linked with PHP, and the SESAM connection modules are pulled in from SESAM's OML PLAM library. In the configuration, you must tell PHP the name of this PLAM library, and the file link to use for the SESAM configuration file (As of SESAM V3.0, SQLSCI is available in the SESAM Tool Library, which is part of the standard distribution).

Because the SQL command quoting for single quotes uses duplicated single quotes (as opposed to a single quote preceded by a backslash, used in some other databases), it is advisable to set the PHP configuration directives `php3_magic_quotes_gpc` and `php3_magic_quotes_sybase` to 0n for all PHP scripts using the SESAM interface.

Runtime considerations: Because of limitations of the BS2000 process model, the driver can be loaded only after the Apache server has forked off its server child processes. This will slightly slow down the initial SESAM request of each child, but subsequent accesses will respond at full speed.

When explicitly defining a Message Catalog for SESAM, that catalog will be loaded each time the driver is loaded (i.e., at the initial SESAM request). The BS2000 operating system prints a message after successful load of the message catalog, which will be sent to Apache's `error_log` file. BS2000 currently does not allow suppression of this message, it will slowly fill up the log.

Make sure that the SESAM OML PLAM library and SESAM configuration file are readable by the user id running the web server. Otherwise, the server will be unable to load the driver, and will not

allow to call any SESAM functions. Also, access to the database must be granted to the user id under which the Apache server is running. Otherwise, connections to the SESAM database handler will fail.

Cursor Types: The result cursors which are allocated for SQL "select type" queries can be either "sequential" or "scrollable". Because of the larger memory overhead needed by "scrollable" cursors, the default is "sequential".

When using "scrollable" cursors, the cursor can be freely positioned on the result set. For each "scrollable" query, there are global default values for the scrolling type (initialized to: SESAM_SEEK_NEXT) and the scrolling offset which can either be set once by `sesam_seek_row()` or each time when fetching a row using `sesam_fetch_row()`. When fetching a row using a "scrollable" cursor, the following post-processing is done for the global default values for the scrolling type and scrolling offset:

Table 2. Scrolled Cursor Post-Processing

Scroll Type	Action
SESAM_SEEK_NEXT	none
SESAM_SEEK_PRIOR	none
SESAM_SEEK_FIRST	set scroll type to SESAM_SEEK_NEXT
SESAM_SEEK_LAST	set scroll type to SESAM_SEEK_PRIOR
SESAM_SEEK_ABSOLUTE	Auto-Increment internal offset value
SESAM_SEEK_RELATIVE	none. (maintain global default <i>offset</i> value, which allows for, e.g., fetching each 10th row backwards)

Porting note: Because in the PHP world it is natural to start indexes at zero (rather than 1), some adaptations have been made to the SESAM interface: whenever an indexed array is starting with index 1 in the native SESAM interface, the PHP interface uses index 0 as a starting point. E.g., when retrieving columns with `sesam_fetch_row()`, the first column has the index 0, and the subsequent columns have indexes up to (but not including) the column count (`$array["count"]`). When porting SESAM applications from other high level languages to PHP, be aware of this changed interface. Where appropriate, the description of the respective php sesam functions include a note that the index is zero based.

Security concerns: When allowing access to the SESAM databases, the web server user should only have as little privileges as possible. For most databases, only read access privilege should be granted. Depending on your usage scenario, add more access rights as you see fit. Never allow full control to any database for any user from the 'net! Restrict access to php scripts which must administer the database by using password control and/or SSL security.

Migration from other SQL databases: No two SQL dialects are ever 100% compatible. When

porting SQL applications from other database interfaces to SESAM, some adaption may be required. The following typical differences should be noted:

- Vendor specific data types

Some vendor specific data types may have to be replaced by standard SQL data types (e.g., TEXT could be replaced by VARCHAR(max. size)).

- Keywords as SQL identifiers

In SESAM (as in standard SQL), such identifiers must be enclosed in double quotes (or renamed).

- Display length in data types

SESAM data types have a precision, not a display length. Instead of `int(4)` (intended use: integers up to '9999'), SESAM requires simply `int` for an implied size of 31 bits. Also, the only datetime data types available in SESAM are: `DATE`, `TIME(3)` and `TIMESTAMP(3)`.

- SQL types with vendor-specific unsigned, zerofill, or auto_increment attributes

Unsigned and zerofill are not supported. Auto_increment is automatic (use "INSERT ... VALUES(*, ...)" instead of "... VALUES(0, ...)" to take advantage of SESAM-implied auto-increment.

- **int ... DEFAULT '0000'**

Numeric variables must not be initialized with string constants. Use **DEFAULT 0** instead. To initialize variables of the datetime SQL data types, the initialization string must be prefixed with the respective type keyword, as in: `CREATE TABLE exmpl ( xtime timestamp(3) DEFAULT TIMESTAMP '1970-01-01 00:00:00.000' NOT NULL );`

- **\$count = xxxx_num_rows();**

Some databases promise to guess/estimate the number of the rows in a query result, even though the returned value is grossly incorrect. SESAM does not know the number of rows in a query result before actually fetching them. If you REALLY need the count, try **SELECT COUNT(...) WHERE ...**, it will tell you the number of hits. A second query will (hopefully) return the results.

- **DROP TABLE thename;**

In SESAM, in the **DROP TABLE** command, the table name must be either followed by the keyword **RESTRICT** or **CASCADE**. When specifying **RESTRICT**, an error is returned if there are

dependent objects (e.g., VIEWS), while with CASCADE, dependent objects will be deleted along with the specified table.

Notes on the use of various SQL types: SESAM does not currently support the BLOB type. A future version of SESAM will have support for BLOB.

At the PHP interface, the following type conversions are automatically applied when retrieving SQL fields:

Table 3. SQL to PHP Type Conversions

SQL Type	PHP Type
SMALLINT, INTEGER	integer
NUMERIC, DECIMAL, FLOAT, REAL, DOUBLE	float
DATE, TIME, TIMESTAMP	string
VARCHAR, CHARACTER	string

When retrieving a complete row, the result is returned as an array. Empty fields are not filled in, so you will have to check for the existence of the individual fields yourself (use `isset()` or `empty()` to test for empty fields). That allows more user control over the appearance of empty fields (than in the case of an empty string as the representation of an empty field).

Support of SESAM's "multiple fields" feature: The special "multiple fields" feature of SESAM allows a column to consist of an array of fields. Such a "multiple field" column can be created like this:

Example 1. Creating a "multiple field" column

```
CREATE TABLE multi_field_test (
    pkey CHAR(20) PRIMARY KEY,
    multi(3) CHAR(12)
)
```

and can be filled in using:

Example 2. Filling a "multiple field" column

```
INSERT INTO multi_field_test (pkey, multi(2..3) )
VALUES ('Second', <'first_val', 'second_val'>)
```

Note that (like in this case) leading empty sub-fields are ignored, and the filled-in values are collapsed, so that in the above example the result will appear as multi(1..2) instead of multi(2..3).

When retrieving a result row, "multiple columns" are accessed like "inlined" additional columns. In the example above, "pkey" will have the index 0, and the three "multi(1..3)" columns will be accessible as indices 1 through 3.

For specific SESAM details, please refer to the SESAM/SQL-Server documentation (english) (http://its.siemens.de/lobs/its/techinf/oltp/sesam/manuals/index_en.htm) or the SESAM/SQL-Server documentation (german) (http://its.siemens.de/lobs/its/techinf/oltp/sesam/manuals/index_gr.htm), both available online, or use the respective manuals.

sesam_connect (PHP 3 CVS only)

Open SESAM database connection

```
bool sesam_connect (string catalog, string schema, string user)
```

Returns TRUE if a connection to the SESAM database was made, or FALSE on error.

sesam_connect() establishes a connection to an SESAM database handler task. The connection is always "persistent" in the sense that only the very first invocation will actually load the driver from the configured SESAM OML PLAM library. Subsequent calls will reuse the driver and will immediately use the given catalog, schema, and user.

When creating a database, the "*catalog*" name is specified in the SESAM configuration directive **//ADD-SQL-DATABASE-CATALOG-LIST ENTRY-1 = *CATALOG(CATALOG-NAME = catalogname,...)**

The "*schema*" references the desired database schema (see SESAM handbook).

The "*user*" argument references one of the users which are allowed to access this "*catalog*" / "*schema*" combination. Note that "*user*" is completely independent from both the system's user id's and from HTTP user/password protection. It appears in the SESAM configuration only.

See also `sesam_disconnect()`.

Example 1. Connect to a SESAM database

```
<?php
if (!sesam_connect ("mycatalog", "myschema", "otto")
    die("Unable to connect to SESAM");
?>
```

sesam_disconnect (PHP 3 CVS only)

Detach from SESAM connection

```
bool sesam_disconnect ()
```

Returns: always TRUE.

sesam_disconnect() closes the logical link to a SESAM database (without actually disconnecting and unloading the driver).

Note that this isn't usually necessary, as the open connection is automatically closed at the end of the script's execution. Uncommitted data will be discarded, because an implicit `sesam_rollback()` is executed.

sesam_disconnect() will not close the persistent link, it will only invalidate the currently defined *"catalog"*, *"schema"* and *"user"* triple, so that any sesam function called after **sesam_disconnect()** will fail.

See also: `sesam_connect()`.

Example 1. Closing a SESAM connection

```
if (sesam_connect ("mycatalog", "myschema", "otto")) {
    ... some queries and stuff ...
    sesam_disconnect();
}
```

sesam_settransaction (PHP 3 CVS only)

Set SESAM transaction parameters

```
bool sesam_settransaction (int isolation_level, int read_only)
```

Returns: TRUE if the values are valid, and the **settransaction()** operation was successful, FALSE otherwise.

sesam_settransaction() overrides the default values for the "isolation level" and "read-only" transaction parameters (which are set in the SESAM configuration file), in order to optimize subsequent queries and guarantee database consistency. The overridden values are used for the next transaction only.

sesam_settransaction() can only be called before starting a transaction, not after the transaction has been started already.

To simplify the use in php scripts, the following constants have been predefined in php (see SESAM handbook for detailed explanation of the semantics):

Table 1. Valid values for *"Isolation_Level"* parameter

Value	Constant	Meaning

Value	Constant	Meaning
1	SESAM_TXISOL_READ_UNCOMMITTED	Read Uncommitted
2	SESAM_TXISOL_READ_COMMITTED	Read Committed
3	SESAM_TXISOL_REPEATABLE_READ	Repeatable Read
4	SESAM_TXISOL_SERIALIZABLE	Serializable

Table 2. Valid values for "Read_Only" parameter

Value	Constant	Meaning
0	SESAM_TXREAD_READWRITE	Read/Write
1	SESAM_TXREAD_READONLY	Read-Only

The values set by **sesam_settransaction()** will override the default setting specified in the SESAM configuration file.

Example 1. Setting SESAM transaction parameters

```
<?php
sesam_settransaction (SESAM_TXISOL_REPEATABLE_READ,
                      SESAM_TXREAD_READONLY);
?>
```

sesam_commit (PHP 3 CVS only)

Commit pending updates to the SESAM database

```
bool sesam_commit ()
```

Returns: TRUE on success, FALSE on errors

sesam_commit() commits any pending updates to the database.

Note that there is no "auto-commit" feature as in other databases, as it could lead to accidental data loss. Uncommitted data at the end of the current script (or when calling **sesam_disconnect()**) will be discarded by an implied **sesam_rollback()** call.

See also: `sesam_rollback()`.

Example 1. Committing an update to the SESAM database

```
<?php
if (sesam_connect ("mycatalog", "myschema", "otto")) {
    if (!sesam_execimm ("INSERT INTO mytable VALUES (*, 'Small Test', <0, 8, 15>)))
        die("insert failed");
    if (!sesam_commit())
        die("commit failed");
}
?>
```

sesam_rollback (PHP 3 CVS only)

Discard any pending updates to the SESAM database

bool sesam_rollback ()

Returns: TRUE on success, FALSE on errors

sesam_rollback() discards any pending updates to the database. Also affected are result cursors and result descriptors.

At the end of each script, and as part of the `sesam_disconnect()` function, an implied **sesam_rollback()** is executed, discarding any pending changes to the database.

See also: `sesam_commit()`.

Example 1. Discarding an update to the SESAM database

```
<?php
if (sesam_connect ("mycatalog", "myschema", "otto")) {
    if (sesam_execimm ("INSERT INTO mytable VALUES (*, 'Small Test', <0, 8, 15>))
        && sesam_execimm ("INSERT INTO othertable VALUES (*, 'Another Test', 1)))
        sesam_commit();
    else
        sesam_rollback();
}
?>
```

sesam_execimm (PHP 3 CVS only)

Execute an "immediate" SQL-statement

```
string sesam_execimm (string query)
```

Returns: A SESAM "result identifier" on success, or FALSE on error.

sesam_execimm() executes an "immediate" statement (i.e., a statement like UPDATE, INSERT or DELETE which returns no result, and has no INPUT or OUTPUT variables). "select type" queries can not be used with **sesam_execimm()**. Sets the *affected_rows* value for retrieval by the `sesam_affected_rows()` function.

Note that `sesam_query()` can handle both "immediate" and "select-type" queries. Use **sesam_execimm()** only if you know beforehand what type of statement will be executed. An attempt to use SELECT type queries with **sesam_execimm()** will return `$err["sqlstate"] == "42SBW"`.

The returned "result identifier" can not be used for retrieving anything but the `sesam_affected_rows()`; it is only returned for symmetry with the `sesam_query()` function.

```
$stmt = "INSERT INTO mytable VALUES ('one', 'two')";
$result = sesam_execimm ($stmt);
$error = sesam_diagnostic();
print ("sqlstate = ".$error["sqlstate"]."\n".
      "Affected rows = ".$error["rowcount"]." == ".
      sesam_affected_rows($result)."\n");
```

See also: `sesam_query()` and `sesam_affected_rows()`.

sesam_query (PHP 3 CVS only)

Perform a SESAM SQL query and prepare the result

```
string sesam_query (string query [, bool scrollable])
```

Returns: A SESAM "result identifier" on success, or FALSE on error.

A "result_id" resource is used by other functions to retrieve the query results.

sesam_query() sends a query to the currently active database on the server. It can execute both "immediate" SQL statements and "select type" queries. If an "immediate" statement is executed, then no cursor is allocated, and any subsequent `sesam_fetch_row()` or `sesam_fetch_result()` call will return an empty result (zero columns, indicating end-of-result). For "select type" statements, a result descriptor and a (scrollable or sequential, depending on the optional boolean *scrollable* parameter) cursor will be allocated. If *scrollable* is omitted, the cursor will be sequential.

When using "scrollable" cursors, the cursor can be freely positioned on the result set. For each "scrollable" query, there are global default values for the scrolling type (initialized to: `SESAM_SEEK_NEXT`) and the scrolling offset which can either be set once by `sesam_seek_row()` or each time when fetching a row using `sesam_fetch_row()`.

For "immediate" statements, the number of affected rows is saved for retrieval by the `sesam_affected_rows()` function.

See also: `sesam_fetch_row()` and `sesam_fetch_result()`.

Example 1. Show all rows of the "phone" table as a html table

```
<?php
if (!sesam_connect ("phonedb", "demo", "otto"))
    die ("cannot connect");
$result = sesam_query ("select * from phone");
if (!$result) {
    $err = sesam_diagnostic();
    die ($err["errmsg"]);
}
echo "<TABLE BORDER>\n";
// Add title header with column names above the result:
if ($cols = sesam_field_array ($result)) {
    echo " <TR><TH COLSPAN=". $cols["count"]. ">Result:</TH></TR>\n";
    echo " <TR>\n";
    for ($col = 0; $col < $cols["count"]; ++$col) {
        $colattr = $cols[$col];
        /* Span the table head over SESAM's "Multiple Fields": */
        if ($colattr["count"] > 1) {
            echo " <TH COLSPAN=". $colattr["count"]. ">". $colattr["name"].
                "(1..". $colattr["count"]. ")</TH>\n";
            $col += $colattr["count"] - 1;
        } else
            echo " <TH>" . $colattr["name"] . "</TH>\n";
    }
    echo " </TR>\n";
}

do {
    // Fetch the result in chunks of 100 rows max.
    $ok = sesam_fetch_result ($result, 100);
    for ($row=0; $row < $ok["rows"]; ++$row) {
        echo " <TR>\n";
        for ($col = 0; $col < $ok["cols"]; ++$col) {
            if (isset($ok[$col][$row]))
```

```

        echo " <TD>" . $ok[$col][$row] . "</TD>\n";
    } else {
        echo " <TD>-empty-</TD>\n";
    }
}
echo " </TR>\n";
}
}
while ($ok["truncated"]) { // while there may be more data
    echo "</TABLE>\n";
}
// free result id
sesam_free_result($result);
?>

```

sesam_num_fields (PHP 3 CVS only)

Return the number of fields/columns in a result set

```
int sesam_num_fields (string result_id)
```

After calling `sesam_query()` with a "select type" query, this function gives you the number of columns in the result. Returns an integer describing the total number of columns (aka. fields) in the current *result_id* result set or FALSE on error.

For "immediate" statements, the value zero is returned. The SESAM "multiple field" columns count as their respective dimension, i.e., a three-column "multiple field" counts as three columns.

See also: `sesam_query()` and `sesam_field_array()` for a way to distinguish between "multiple field" columns and regular columns.

sesam_field_name (PHP 3 CVS only)

Return one column name of the result set

```
int sesam_field_name (string result_id, int index)
```

Returns the name of a field (i.e., the column name) in the result set, or FALSE on error.

For "immediate" queries, or for dynamic columns, an empty string is returned.

Note: The column index is zero-based, not one-based as in SESAM.

See also: `sesam_field_array()`. It provides an easier interface to access the column names and types, and allows for detection of "multiple fields".

sesam_diagnostic (PHP 3 CVS only)

Return status information for last SESAM call

array **sesam_diagnostic** ()

Returns an associative array of status and return codes for the last SQL query/statement/command. Elements of the array are:

Table 1. Status information returned by sesam_diagnostic()

Element	Contents
<code>\$array["sqlstate"]</code>	5 digit SQL return code (see the SESAM manual for the description of the possible values of SQLSTATE)
<code>\$array["rowcount"]</code>	number of affected rows in last update/insert/delete (set after "immediate" statements only)
<code>\$array["errmsg"]</code>	"human readable" error message string (set after errors only)
<code>\$array["errcol"]</code>	error column number of previous error (0-based; or -1 if undefined. Set after errors only)
<code>\$array["errlin"]</code>	error line number of previous error (0-based; or -1 if undefined. Set after errors only)

In the following example, a syntax error (E SEW42AE ILLEGAL CHARACTER) is displayed by including the offending SQL statement and pointing to the error location:

Example 1. Displaying SESAM error messages with error position

```
<?php
// Function which prints a formatted error message,
// displaying a pointer to the syntax error in the
// SQL statement
```



```

function PrintReturncode ($exec_str) {
    $err = Sesam_Diagnostic();
    $colspan=4; // 4 cols for: sqlstate, errlin, errcol, rowcount
    if ($err["errlin"] == -1)
        --$colspan;
    if ($err["errcol"] == -1)
        --$colspan;
    if ($err["rowcount"] == 0)
        --$colspan;
    echo "<TABLE BORDER>\n";
    echo "<TR><TH COLSPAN=" . $colspan . "><FONT COLOR=red>ERROR:</FONT> ".
    htmlspecialchars($err["errmsg"])."</TH></TR>\n";
    if ($err["errcol"] >= 0) {
        echo "<TR><TD COLSPAN=" . $colspan . "><PRE>\n";
        $errstmt = $exec_str . "\n";
        for ($lin=0; $errstmt != ""; ++$lin) {
            if ($lin != $err["errlin"]) { // $lin is less or greater than errlin
                if (!( $i = strchr ($errstmt, "\n")))
                    $i = "";
                $line = substr ($errstmt, 0, strlen($errstmt)-strlen($i)+1);
                $errstmt = substr($i, 1);
                if ($line != "\n")
                    print htmlspecialchars ($line);
            } else {
                if (!( $i = strchr ($errstmt, "\n")))
                    $i = "";
                $line = substr ($errstmt, 0, strlen ($errstmt)-strlen($i)+1);
                $errstmt = substr($i, 1);
                for ($col=0; $col < $err["errcol"]; ++$col)
                    echo (substr($line, $col, 1) == "\t") ? "\t" : ".";
                echo "<FONT COLOR=RED><BLINK>\\</BLINK></FONT>\n";
                print "<FONT COLOR=\"#880000\">".htmlspecialchars($line)."</FONT>";
                for ($col=0; $col < $err["errcol"]; ++$col)
                    echo (substr ($line, $col, 1) == "\t") ? "\t" : ".";
                echo "<FONT COLOR=RED><BLINK></BLINK></FONT>\n";
            }
        }
        echo "</PRE></TD></TR>\n";
    }
    echo "<TR>\n";
    echo " <TD>sqlstate=" . $err["sqlstate"] . "</TD>\n";
    if ($err["errlin"] != -1)
        echo " <TD>errlin=" . $err["errlin"] . "</TD>\n";
    if ($err["errcol"] != -1)
        echo " <TD>errcol=" . $err["errcol"] . "</TD>\n";
    if ($err["rowcount"] != 0)
        echo " <TD>rowcount=" . $err["rowcount"] . "</TD>\n";
    echo "</TR>\n";
    echo "</TABLE>\n";
}

if (!sesam_connect ("mycatalog", "phoneno", "otto"))
    die ("cannot connect");

```

```

$stmt = "SELECT * FROM phone\n".
        " WHERE@ LASTNAME='KRAEMER'\n".
        " ORDER BY FIRSTNAME";
if (!($result = sesam_query ($stmt)))
    PrintReturncode ($stmt);
?>

```

See also: `sesam_errormsg()` for simple access to the error string only

sesam_fetch_result (PHP 3 CVS only)

Return all or part of a query result

```
mixed sesam_fetch_result (string result_id [, int max_rows])
```

Returns a mixed array with the query result entries, optionally limited to a maximum of *max_rows* rows. Note that both row and column indexes are zero-based.

Table 1. Mixed result set returned by `sesam_fetch_result()`

Array Element	Contents
int \$arr["count"]	number of columns in result set (or zero if this was an "immediate" query)
int \$arr["rows"]	number of rows in result set (between zero and <i>max_rows</i>)
boolean \$arr["truncated"]	TRUE if the number of rows was at least <i>max_rows</i> , FALSE otherwise. Note that even when this is TRUE, the next sesam_fetch_result() call may return zero rows because there are no more result entries.

Array Element	Contents
mixed \$arr[col][row]	result data for all the fields at row(row) and column(col), (where the integer index row is between 0 and \$arr["rows"]-1, and col is between 0 and \$arr["count"]-1). Fields may be empty, so you must check for the existence of a field by using the php isset() function. The type of the returned fields depend on the respective SQL type declared for its column (see SESAM overview for the conversions applied). SESAM "multiple fields" are "inlined" and treated like a sequence of columns.

Note that the amount of memory used up by a large query may be gigantic. Use the *max_rows* parameter to limit the maximum number of rows returned, unless you are absolutely sure that your result will not use up all available memory.

See also: `sesam_fetch_row()`, and `sesam_field_array()` to check for "multiple fields". See the description of the `sesam_query()` function for a complete example using **`sesam_fetch_result()`**.

sesam_affected_rows (PHP 3 CVS only)

Get number of rows affected by an immediate query

```
int sesam_affected_rows (string result_id)
```

result_id is a valid result id returned by `sesam_query()`.

Returns the number of rows affected by a query associated with *result_id*.

The **`sesam_affected_rows()`** function can only return useful values when used in combination with "immediate" SQL statements (updating operations like INSERT, UPDATE and DELETE) because SESAM does not deliver any "affected rows" information for "select type" queries. The number returned is the number of affected rows.

See also: `sesam_query()` and `sesam_execimm()`

```
$result = sesam_execimm ("DELETE FROM PHONE WHERE LASTNAME = '".strtoupper ($name)."'");
if (!$result) {
    ... error ...
}
print sesam_affected_rows ($result).
    " entries with last name ".$name." deleted.\n"
```

sesam_errormsg (PHP 3 CVS only)

Returns error message of last SESAM call

```
string sesam_errormsg ()
```

Returns the SESAM error message associated with the most recent SESAM error.

```
if (!sesam_execimm ($stmt))
    printf ("%s<br>\n", sesam_errormsg());
```

See also: `sesam_diagnostic()` for the full set of SESAM SQL status information

sesam_field_array (PHP 3 CVS only)

Return meta information about individual columns in a result

```
array sesam_field_array (string result_id)
```

result_id is a valid result id returned by `sesam_query()`.

Returns a mixed associative/indexed array with meta information (column name, type, precision, ...) about individual columns of the result after the query associated with *result_id*.

Table 1. Mixed result set returned by `sesam_field_array()`

Array Element	Contents
int \$arr["count"]	Total number of columns in result set (or zero if this was an "immediate" query). SESAM "multiple fields" are "inlined" and treated like the respective number of columns.
string \$arr[col]["name"]	column name for column(col), where col is between 0 and \$arr["count"]-1. The returned value can be the empty string (for dynamically computed columns). SESAM "multiple fields" are "inlined" and treated like the respective number of columns, each with the same column name.

Array Element	Contents
string \$arr[col]["count"]	The "count" attribute describes the repetition factor when the column has been declared as a "multiple field". Usually, the "count" attribute is 1. The first column of a "multiple field" column however contains the number of repetitions (the second and following column of the "multiple field" contain a "count" attribute of 1). This can be used to detect "multiple fields" in the result set. See the example shown in the <code>sesam_query()</code> description for a sample use of the "count" attribute.
string \$arr[col]["type"]	php variable type of the data for column(col), where col is between 0 and \$arr["count"] - 1. The returned value can be one of • integer • float • string depending on the SQL type of the result. SESAM "multiple fields" are "inlined" and treated like the respective number of columns, each with the same php type.

Array Element	Contents
string \$arr[col]["sqltype"]	SQL variable type of the column data for column(col), where col is between 0 and \$arr["count"] - 1. The returned value can be one of • "CHARACTER" • "VARCHAR" • "NUMERIC" • "DECIMAL" • "INTEGER" • "SMALLINT" • "FLOAT" • "REAL" • "DOUBLE" • "DATE" • "TIME" • "TIMESTAMP" describing the SQL type of the result. SESAM "multiple fields" are "inlined" and treated like the respective number of columns, each with the same SQL type.
string \$arr[col]["length"]	The SQL "length" attribute of the SQL variable in column(col), where col is between 0 and \$arr["count"] - 1. The "length" attribute is used with "CHARACTER" and "VARCHAR" SQL types to specify the (maximum) length of the string variable. SESAM "multiple fields" are "inlined" and treated like the respective number of columns, each with the same length attribute.
string \$arr[col]["precision"]	The "precision" attribute of the SQL variable in column(col), where col is between 0 and \$arr["count"] - 1. The "precision" attribute is used with numeric and time data types. SESAM "multiple fields" are "inlined" and treated like the respective number of columns, each with the same precision attribute.

Array Element	Contents
string \$arr[col]["scale"]	The "scale" attribute of the SQL variable in column(col), where col is between 0 and \$arr["count"]-1. The "scale" attribute is used with numeric data types. SESAM "multiple fields" are "inlined" and treated like the respective number of columns, each with the same scale attribute.

See the `sesam_query()` function for an example of the `sesam_field_array()` use.

sesam_fetch_row (PHP 3 CVS only)

Fetch one row as an array

```
array sesam_fetch_row (string result_id [, int whence [, int offset]])
```

Returns an array that corresponds to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

The number of columns in the result set is returned in an associative array element \$array["count"]. Because some of the result columns may be empty, the count() function can not be used on the result row returned by **sesam_fetch_row()**.

result_id is a valid result id returned by `sesam_query()` (select type queries only!).

whence is an optional parameter for a fetch operation on "scrollable" cursors, which can be set to the following predefined constants:

Table 1. Valid values for "*whence*" parameter

Value	Constant	Meaning
0	SESAM_SEEK_NEXT	read sequentially (after fetch, the internal default is set to SESAM_SEEK_NEXT)
1	SESAM_SEEK_PRIOR	read sequentially backwards (after fetch, the internal default is set to SESAM_SEEK_PRIOR)
2	SESAM_SEEK_FIRST	rewind to first row (after fetch, the default is set to SESAM_SEEK_NEXT)
3	SESAM_SEEK_LAST	seek to last row (after fetch, the default is set to SESAM_SEEK_PRIOR)

Value	Constant	Meaning
4	SESAM_SEEK_ABSOLUTE	seek to absolute row number given as <i>offset</i> (Zero-based. After fetch, the internal default is set to SESAM_SEEK_ABSOLUTE, and the internal offset value is auto-incremented)
5	SESAM_SEEK_RELATIVE	seek relative to current scroll position, where <i>offset</i> can be a positive or negative offset value.

This parameter is only valid for "scrollable" cursors.

When using "scrollable" cursors, the cursor can be freely positioned on the result set. If the *whence* parameter is omitted, the global default values for the scrolling type (initialized to: SESAM_SEEK_NEXT, and settable by `sesam_seek_row()`) are used. If *whence* is supplied, its value replaces the global default.

offset is an optional parameter which is only evaluated (and required) if *whence* is either SESAM_SEEK_RELATIVE or SESAM_SEEK_ABSOLUTE. This parameter is only valid for "scrollable" cursors.

sesam_fetch_row() fetches one row of data from the result associated with the specified result identifier. The row is returned as an array (indexed by values between 0 and `$array["count"] - 1`). Fields may be empty, so you must check for the existence of a field by using the `php isset()` function. The type of the returned fields depend on the respective SQL type declared for its column (see SESAM overview for the conversions applied). SESAM "multiple fields" are "inlined" and treated like a sequence of columns.

Subsequent calls to **sesam_fetch_row()** would return the next (or prior, or n'th next/prior, depending on the scroll attributes) row in the result set, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

Example 1. SESAM fetch rows

```
<?php
$result = sesam_query ("SELECT * FROM phone\n".
    " WHERE LASTNAME='".strtoupper($name)."' \n".
    " ORDER BY FIRSTNAME", 1);

if (!$result) {
    ... error ...
}
// print the table in backward order
print "<TABLE BORDER>\n";
$row = sesam_fetch_row ($result, SESAM_SEEK_LAST);
while (is_array ($row)) {
    print " <TR>\n";
    for ($col = 0; $col < $row["count"]; ++$col) {
        print " <TD>".htmlspecialchars ($row[$col])."</TD>\n";
    }
    print " </TR>\n";
    // use implied SESAM_SEEK_PRIOR
    $row = sesam_fetch_row ($result);
}
```



```
print "</TABLE>\n";
sesam_free_result ($result);
?>
```

See also: `sesam_fetch_array()` which returns an associative array, and `sesam_fetch_result()` which returns many rows per invocation.

sesam_fetch_array (PHP 3 CVS only)

Fetch one row as an associative array

```
array sesam_fetch_array (string result_id [, int whence [, int offset]])
```

Returns an array that corresponds to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

sesam_fetch_array() is an alternative version of `sesam_fetch_row()`. Instead of storing the data in the numeric indices of the result array, it stores the data in associative indices, using the field names as keys.

result_id is a valid result id returned by `sesam_query()` (select type queries only!).

For the valid values of the optional *whence* and *offset* parameters, see the `sesam_fetch_row()` function for details.

sesam_fetch_array() fetches one row of data from the result associated with the specified result identifier. The row is returned as an associative array. Each result column is stored with an associative index equal to its column (aka. field) name. The column names are converted to lower case.

Columns without a field name (e.g., results of arithmetic operations) and empty fields are not stored in the array. Also, if two or more columns of the result have the same column names, the later column will take precedence. In this situation, either call `sesam_fetch_row()` or make an alias for the column.

```
SELECT TBL1.COL AS F00, TBL2.COL AS BAR FROM TBL1, TBL2
```

A special handling allows fetching "multiple field" columns (which would otherwise all have the same column names). For each column of a "multiple field", the index name is constructed by appending the string "(n)" where n is the sub-index of the multiple field column, ranging from 1 to its declared repetition factor. The indices are NOT zero based, in order to match the nomenclature used in the respective query syntax. For a column declared as:

```
CREATE TABLE ... ( ... MULTI(3) INT )
```

the associative indices used for the individual "multiple field" columns would be "multi(1)", "multi(2)", and "multi(3)" respectively.

Subsequent calls to **sesam_fetch_array()** would return the next (or prior, or n'th next/prior, depending on the scroll attributes) row in the result set, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

Example 1. SESAM fetch array

```
<?php
$result = sesam_query ("SELECT * FROM phone\n".
    " WHERE LASTNAME='".strtoupper($name)."' \n".
    " ORDER BY FIRSTNAME", 1);

if (!$result) {
    ... error ...
}
// print the table:
print "<TABLE BORDER>\n";
while (($row = sesam_fetch_array ($result)) && count ($row) > 0) {
    print " <TR>\n";
    print " <TD>".htmlspecialchars ($row["firstname"])."</TD>\n";
    print " <TD>".htmlspecialchars ($row["lastname"])."</TD>\n";
    print " <TD>".htmlspecialchars ($row["phoneno"])."</TD>\n";
    print " </TR>\n";
}
print "</TABLE>\n";
sesam_free_result ($result);
?>
```

See also: **sesam_fetch_row()** which returns an indexed array.

sesam_seek_row (PHP 3 CVS only)

Set scrollable cursor mode for subsequent fetches

```
bool sesam_seek_row (string result_id, int whence [, int offset])
```

result_id is a valid result id (select type queries only, and only if a "scrollable" cursor was requested when calling **sesam_query()**).

whence sets the global default value for the scrolling type, it specifies the scroll type to use in subsequent fetch operations on "scrollable" cursors, which can be set to the following predefined constants:

Table 1. Valid values for "*whence*" parameter

Value	Constant	Meaning
0	SESAM_SEEK_NEXT	read sequentially
1	SESAM_SEEK_PRIOR	read sequentially backwards
2	SESAM_SEEK_FIRST	fetch first row (after fetch, the default is set to SESAM_SEEK_NEXT)
3	SESAM_SEEK_LAST	fetch last row (after fetch, the default is set to SESAM_SEEK_PRIOR)
4	SESAM_SEEK_ABSOLUTE	fetch absolute row number given as <i>offset</i> (Zero-based. After fetch, the default is set to SESAM_SEEK_ABSOLUTE, and the offset value is auto-incremented)
5	SESAM_SEEK_RELATIVE	fetch relative to current scroll position, where <i>offset</i> can be a positive or negative offset value (this also sets the default "offset" value for subsequent fetches).

offset is an optional parameter which is only evaluated (and required) if *whence* is either SESAM_SEEK_RELATIVE or SESAM_SEEK_ABSOLUTE.

sesam_free_result (PHP 3 CVS only)

Releases resources for the query

```
int sesam_free_result (string result_id)
```

Releases resources for the query associated with *result_id*. Returns FALSE on error.

LXXIX. Session handling functions

Session support in PHP consists of a way to preserve certain data across subsequent accesses. This enables you to build more customized applications and increase the appeal of your web site.

If you are familiar with the session management of PHPLIB, you will notice that some concepts are similar to PHP's session support.

A visitor accessing your web site is assigned an unique id, the so-called session id. This is either stored in a cookie on the user side or is propagated in the URL.

The session support allows you to register arbitrary numbers of variables to be preserved across requests. When a visitor accesses your site, PHP will check automatically (if `session.auto_start` is set to 1) or on your request (explicitly through `session_start()` or implicitly through `session_register()`) whether a specific session id has been sent with the request. If this is the case, the prior saved environment is recreated.

All registered variables are serialized after the request finishes. Registered variables which are undefined are marked as being not defined. On subsequent accesses, these are not defined by the session module unless the user defines them later.

The `track_vars` and `register_globals` configuration settings influence how the session variables get stored and restored.

Note: As of PHP 4.0.3, `track_vars` is always turned on.

If `track_vars` is enabled and `register_globals` is disabled, only members of the global associative array `$HTTP_SESSION_VARS` can be registered as session variables. The restored session variables will only be available in the array `$HTTP_SESSION_VARS`.

Example 1. Registering a variable with `track_vars` enabled

```
<?php
session_register("count");
$HTTP_SESSION_VARS["count"]++;
?>
```

If `register_globals` is enabled, then all global variables can be registered as session variables and the session variables will be restored to corresponding global variables.

Example 2. Registering a variable with `register_globals` enabled

```
<?php
session_register("count");
$count++;
```

?>

If both `track_vars` and `register_globals` are enabled, then the globals variables and the `$HTTP_SESSION_VARS` entries will reference the same value.

There are two methods to propagate a session id:

- Cookies
- URL parameter

The session module supports both methods. Cookies are optimal, but since they are not reliable (clients are not bound to accept them), we cannot rely on them. The second method embeds the session id directly into URLs.

PHP is capable of doing this transparently when compiled with `--enable-trans-sid`. If you enable this option, relative URIs will be changed to contain the session id automatically. Alternatively, you can use the constant `SID` which is defined, if the client did not send the appropriate cookie. `SID` is either of the form `session_name=session_id` or is an empty string.

The following example demonstrates how to register a variable, and how to link correctly to another page using `SID`.

Example 3. Counting the number of hits of a single user

```
<?php
session_register ("count");
$count++;
?>
```

Hello visitor, you have seen this page <?php echo \$count; ?> times.<p>

```
<?php
# the <?=SID?> is necessary to preserve the session id
# in the case that the user has disabled cookies
?>
```

To continue, <A HREF="nextpage.php?<?=SID?>">click here

The `<?=SID?>` is not necessary, if `--enable-trans-sid` was used to compile PHP.

Note: Non-relative URLs are assumed to point to external sites and hence don't append the SID, as it would be a security risk to leak the SID to a different server.

To implement database storage, or any other storage method, you will need to use `session_set_save_handler()` to create a set of user-level storage functions.

The session management system supports a number of configuration options which you can place in your `php.ini` file. We will give a short overview.

- `session.save_handler` defines the name of the handler which is used for storing and retrieving data associated with a session. Defaults to `files`.
- `session.save_path` defines the argument which is passed to the save handler. If you choose the default files handler, this is the path where the files are created. Defaults to `/tmp`.

Warning

If you leave this set to a world-readable directory, such as `/tmp` (the default), other users on the server may be able to hijack sessions by getting the list of files in that directory.

- `session.name` specifies the name of the session which is used as cookie name. It should only contain alphanumeric characters. Defaults to `PHPSESSID`.
- `session.auto_start` specifies whether the session module starts a session automatically on request startup. Defaults to `0` (disabled).
- `session.cookie_lifetime` specifies the lifetime of the cookie in seconds which is sent to the browser. The value `0` means "until the browser is closed." Defaults to `0`.
- `session.serialize_handler` defines the name of the handler which is used to serialize/deserialize data. Currently, a PHP internal format (name `php`) and WDDX is supported (name `wddx`). WDDX is only available, if PHP is compiled with WDDX support. Defaults to `php`.
- `session.gc_probability` specifies the probability that the `gc` (garbage collection) routine is started on each request in percent. Defaults to `1`.
- `session.gc_maxlifetime` specifies the number of seconds after which data will be seen as 'garbage' and cleaned up.
- `session.referer_check` contains the substring you want to check each HTTP Referer for. If the Referer was sent by the client and the substring was not found, the embedded session id will be marked as invalid. Defaults to the empty string.
- `session.entropy_file` gives a path to an external resource (file) which will be used as an additional entropy source in the session id creation process. Examples are `/dev/random` or

/dev/urandom which are available on many Unix systems.

- `session.entropy_length` specifies the number of bytes which will be read from the file specified above. Defaults to 0 (disabled).
- `session.use_cookies` specifies whether the module will use cookies to store the session id on the client side. Defaults to 1 (enabled).
- `session.cookie_path` specifies path to set in `session_cookie`. Defaults to /.
- `session.cookie_domain` specifies domain to set in `session_cookie`. Default is none at all.
- `session.cache_limiter` specifies cache control method to use for session pages (nocache/private/private_no_expire/public). Defaults to nocache.
- `session.cache_expire` specifies time-to-live for cached session pages in minutes, this has no effect for nocache limiter. Defaults to 180.
- `session.use_trans_sid` whether transient sid support is enabled or not if enabled by compiling with `--enable-trans-sid`. Defaults to 1 (enabled).
- `url_rewriter.tags` specifies which html tags are rewritten to include session id if transient sid support is enabled. Defaults to `a=href, area=href, frame=src, input=src, form=fakeentry`

Note: Session handling was added in PHP 4.0.

session_start (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Initialize session data

```
bool session_start ( )
```

session_start() creates a session (or resumes the current one based on the session id being passed via a GET variable or a cookie).

This function always returns TRUE.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.

session_destroy (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Destroys all data registered to a session

```
bool session_destroy ( )
```

session_destroy() destroys all of the data associated with the current session.

This function returns TRUE on success and FALSE on failure to destroy the session data.

session_name (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get and/or set the current session name

```
string session_name ([string name])
```

session_name() returns the name of the current session. If *name* is specified, the name of the current session is changed to its value.

The session name references the session id in cookies and URLs. It should contain only alphanumeric characters; it should be short and descriptive (i.e. for users with enabled cookie warnings). The session name is reset to the default value stored in `session.name` at request startup time. Thus, you need to call **session_name()** for every request (and before `session_start()` or `session_register()` are called).

Example 1. session_name() examples

```
<?php

# set the session name to WebsiteID

$previous_name = session_name ("WebsiteID");

echo "The previous session name was $previous_name<p>";

?>
```

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.

session_module_name (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get and/or set the current session module

string **session_module_name** ([string *module*])

session_module_name() returns the name of the current session module. If *module* is specified, that module will be used instead.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.

session_save_path (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get and/or set the current session save path

string **session_save_path** ([string *path*])

session_save_path() returns the path of the current directory used to save session data. If *path* is specified, the path to which data is saved will be changed.

Note: On some operating systems, you may want to specify a path on a filesystem that handles lots of small files efficiently. For example, on Linux, reiserfs may provide better performance than ext2fs.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.

session_id (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get and/or set the current session id

```
string session_id ([string id])
```

session_id() returns the session id for the current session. If *id* is specified, it will replace the current session id.

The constant SID can also be used to retrieve the current name and session id as a string suitable for adding to URLs.

session_register (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Register one or more variables with the current session

```
bool session_register (mixed name [, mixed ...])
```

session_register() variable number of arguments, any of which can be either a string holding the variable name or an array consisting of such variable names or other arrays. For each encountered variable name, **session_register()** registers the global variable named by it with the current session.

This function returns TRUE when the variable is successfully registered with the session.

Note: It is not currently possible to register resource variables in a session. For example, you can not create a connection to a database and store the connection id as a session variable and expect the connection to still be valid the next time the session is restored. PHP functions that return a resource are identified by having a return type of resource in their function definitions. A list of functions that return resources are available in the resource types appendix.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.

session_unregister (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Unregister a variable from the current session

```
bool session_unregister (string name)
```

session_unregister() unregisters (forgets) the global variable named *name* from the current session. This function returns TRUE when the variable is successfully unregistered from the session.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.

session_unset (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Free all session variables

```
void session_unset ( )
```

The **session_unset()** function free's all session variables currently registered.

session_is_registered (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Find out if a variable is registered in a session

```
bool session_is_registered (string name)
```

session_is_registered() returns TRUE if there is a variable with the name *name* registered in the current session.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.

session_get_cookie_params (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the session cookie parameters

```
array session_get_cookie_params ()
```

The **session_get_cookie_params()** function returns an array with the current session cookie information, the array contains the following items:

- "lifetime" - The lifetime of the cookie.
- "path" - The path where information is stored.
- "domain" - The domain of the cookie.

session_set_cookie_params (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the session cookie parameters

```
void session_set_cookie_params (int lifetime [, string path [, string  
domain]])
```

Set cookie parameters defined in the php.ini file. The effect of this function only lasts for the duration of the script.

session_decode (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Decodes session data from a string

```
bool session_decode (string data)
```

session_decode() decodes the session data in *data*, setting variables stored in the session.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.

session_encode (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Encodes the current session data as a string

```
string session_encode ( )
```

session_encode() returns a string with the contents of the current session encoded within.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.

session_set_save_handler (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets user-level session storage functions

```
void session_set_save_handler (string open, string close, string read,  
string write, string destroy, string gc)
```

session_set_save_handler() sets the user-level session storage functions which are used for storing and retrieving data associated with a session. This is most useful when a storage method other than those supplied by PHP sessions is preferred. i.e. Storing the session data in a local database.

Note: You must set the configuration option *session.save_handler* to *user* in your php.ini file for **session_set_save_handler()** to take effect.

Note: The "write" handler is not executed until after the output stream is closed. Thus, output from debugging statements in the "write" handler will never be seen in the browser. If debugging output is necessary, it is suggested that the debug output be written to a file instead.

The following example provides file based session storage similar to the PHP sessions default save handler *files*. This example could easily be extended to cover database storage using your favorite PHP supported database engine.

Example 1. session_set_save_handler() example

```
<?php
function open ($save_path, $session_name) {
    global $sess_save_path, $sess_session_name;

    $sess_save_path = $save_path;
    $sess_session_name = $session_name;
    return(true);
}

function close() {
    return(true);
}

function read ($id) {
    global $sess_save_path, $sess_session_name;

    $sess_file = "$sess_save_path/sess_$id";
    if ($fp = @fopen($sess_file, "r")) {
        $sess_data = fread($fp, filesize($sess_file));
        return($sess_data);
    } else {
        return("");
    }
}

function write ($id, $sess_data) {
    global $sess_save_path, $sess_session_name;

    $sess_file = "$sess_save_path/sess_$id";
    if ($fp = @fopen($sess_file, "w")) {
        return(fwrite($fp, $sess_data));
    } else {
        return(false);
    }
}

function destroy ($id) {
    global $sess_save_path, $sess_session_name;

    $sess_file = "$sess_save_path/sess_$id";
    return(@unlink($sess_file));
}
```

```

/*****
 * WARNING - You will need to implement some *
 * sort of garbage collection routine here. *
 *****/
function gc ($maxlifetime) {
    return true;
}

session_set_save_handler ("open", "close", "read", "write", "destroy", "gc");

session_start();

// proceed to use sessions normally

?>

```

session_cache_limiter (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Get and/or set the current cache limiter

```
string session_cache_limiter ([string cache_limiter])
```

session_cache_limiter() returns the name of the current cache limiter. If *cache_limiter* is specified, the name of the current cache limiter is changed to the new value.

The cache limiter controls the cache control HTTP headers sent to the client. These headers determine the rules by which the page content may be cached. Setting the cache limiter to `nocache`, for example, would disallow any client-side caching. A value of `public`, however, would permit caching. It can also be set to `private`, which is slightly more restrictive than `public`.

In `private` mode, `Expire` header sent to the client, may cause confusion for some browser including Mozilla. You can avoid this problem with `private_no_expire` mode. `Expire` header is never sent to the client in this mode.

Note: `private_no_expire` was added in PHP 4.2.0dev.

The cache limiter is reset to the default value stored in `session.cache_limiter` at request startup time. Thus, you need to call **session_cache_limiter()** for every request (and before `session_start()` is called).

Example 1. session_cache_limiter() examples

```
<?php

# set the cache limiter to 'private'

session_cache_limiter('private');
$cache_limiter = session_cache_limiter();

echo "The cache limiter is now set to $cache_limiter<p>";
?>
```

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.3.

session_write_close (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Write session data and end session

```
void session_write_close ()
```

End the current session and store session data.

Session data is usually stored after your script terminated without the need to call **session_write_close()**, but as session data is locked to prevent concurrent writes only one script may operate on a session at any time. When using framesets together with sessions you will experience the frames loading one by one due to this locking. You can reduce the time needed to load all the frames by ending the session as soon as all changes to session variables are done.

LXXX. Shared Memory Functions

Shmop is an easy to use set of functions that allows php to read, write, create and delete UNIX shared memory segments. The functions will not work on windows, as it does not support shared memory. To use shmop you will need to compile php with the --enable-shmop parameter in your configure line.

Note: In PHP 4.0.3, there functions were prefixed by shm rather than shmop.

Example 1. Shared Memory Operations Overview

```
<?php

// Create 100 byte shared memory block with system id if 0xff3
$shm_id = shmop_open(0xff3, "c", 0644, 100);
if(!$shm_id) {
    echo "Couldn't create shared memory segment\n";
}

// Get shared memory block's size
$shm_size = shmop_size($shm_id);
echo "SHM Block Size: ".$shm_size. " has been created.\n";

// Lets write a test string into shared memory
$shm_bytes_written = shmop_write($shm_id, "my shared memory block", 0);
if($shm_bytes_written != strlen("my shared memory block")) {
    echo "Couldn't write the entire length of data\n";
}

// Now lets read the string back
$my_string = shmop_read($shm_id, 0, $shm_size);
if(!$my_string) {
    echo "Couldn't read from shared memory block\n";
}
echo "The data inside shared memory was: ".$my_string."\n";

//Now lets delete the block and close the shared memory segment
if(!shmop_delete($shm_id)) {
    echo "Couldn't mark shared memory block for deletion.";
}
shmop_close($shm_id);

?>
```

shmop_open (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Create or open shared memory block

```
int shmop_open (int key, string flags, int mode, int size)
```

shmop_open() can create or open a shared memory block.

shmop_open() takes 4 parameters: key, which is the system's id for the shared memory block, this parameter can be passed as a decimal or hex. The second parameter are the flags that you can use:

- "a" for access (sets IPC_EXCL) use this flag when you need to open an existing shared memory segment
- "c" for create (sets IPC_CREATE) use this flag when you need to create a new shared memory segment.

The third parameter is the mode, which are the permissions that you wish to assign to your memory segment, those are the same as permission for a file. Permissions need to be passed in octal form ex. 0644. The last parameter is size of the shared memory block you wish to create in bytes.

Note: Note: the 3rd and 4th should be entered as 0 if you are opening an existing memory segment. On success **shmop_open()** will return an id that you can use to access the shared memory segment you've created.

Example 1. Create a new shared memory block

```
<?php
$shm_id = shmop_open(0x0fff, "c", 0644, 100);
?>
```

This example opened a shared memory block with a system id of 0x0fff.

shmop_read (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Read data from shared memory block

```
string shmop_read (int shmid, int start, int count)
```

shmop_read() will read a string from shared memory block.

shmop_read() takes 3 parameters: *shmid*, which is the shared memory block identifier created by *shmop_open()*, offset from which to start reading and count on the number of bytes to read.

Example 1. Reading shared memory block

```
<?php
$shm_data = shmop_read($shm_id, 0, 50);
?>
```

This example will read 50 bytes from shared memory block and place the data inside *\$shm_data*.

shmop_write (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Write data into shared memory block

```
int shmop_write (int shmid, string data, int offset)
```

shmop_write() will write a string into shared memory block.

shmop_write() takes 3 parameters: *shmid*, which is the shared memory block identifier created by *shmop_open()*, *data*, a string that you want to write into shared memory block and *offset*, which specifies where to start writing data inside the shared memory segment.

Example 1. Writing to shared memory block

```
<?php
$shm_bytes_written = shmop_write($shm_id, $my_string, 0);
?>
```

This example will write data inside *\$my_string* into shared memory block, *\$shm_bytes_written* will contain the number of bytes written.

shmop_size (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Get size of shared memory block

```
int shmop_size (int shmid)
```

shmop_size() is used to get the size, in bytes of the shared memory block.

shmop_size() takes the shmid, which is the shared memory block identifier created by shmop_open(), the function will return an int, which represents the number of bytes the shared memory block occupies.

Example 1. Getting the size of the shared memory block

```
<?php
$shm_size = shmop_size($shm_id);
?>
```

This example will put the size of shared memory block identified by \$shm_id into \$shm_size.

shmop_delete (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Delete shared memory block

```
int shmop_delete (int shmid)
```

shmop_delete() is used to delete a shared memory block.

shmop_delete() takes the shmid, which is the shared memory block identifier created by shmop_open(). On success 1 is returned, on failure 0 is returned.

Example 1. Deleting shared memory block

```
<?php
shmop_delete($shm_id);
?>
```

This example will delete shared memory block identified by `$shm_id`.

shmop_close (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Close shared memory block

```
int shmop_close (int shmid)
```

shmop_close() is used to close a shared memory block.

shmop_close() takes the `shmid`, which is the shared memory block identifier created by `shmop_open()`.

Example 1. Closing shared memory block

```
<?php  
shmop_close($shm_id);  
?>
```

This example will close shared memory block identified by `$shm_id`.

LXXXI. Shockwave Flash functions

PHP offers the ability to create Shockwave Flash files via Paul Haeberli's libswf module. You can download libswf at <http://reality.sgi.com/grafica/flash/>. Once you have libswf all you need to do is to configure `--with-swf[=DIR]` where DIR is a location containing the directories include and lib. The include directory has to contain the swf.h file and the lib directory has to contain the libswf.a file. If you unpack the libswf distribution the two files will be in one directory. Consequently you will have to copy the files to the proper location manually.

Once you've successfully installed PHP with Shockwave Flash support you can then go about creating Shockwave files from PHP. You would be surprised at what you can do, take the following code:

Example 1. SWF example

```
<?php
swf_openfile ("test.swf", 256, 256, 30, 1, 1, 1);
swf_ortho2 (-100, 100, -100, 100);
swf_defineline (1, -70, 0, 70, 0, .2);
swf_definerect (4, 60, -10, 70, 0, 0);
swf_definerect (5, -60, 0, -70, 10, 0);
swf_addcolor (0, 0, 0, 0);

swf_definefont (10, "Mod");
swf_fontsize (5);
swf_fontslant (10);
swf_definetext (11, "This be Flash wit PHP!", 1);

swf_pushmatrix ();
swf_translate (-50, 80, 0);
swf_placeobject (11, 60);
swf_popmatrix ();

for ($i = 0; $i < 30; $i++) {
    $p = $i/(30-1);
    swf_pushmatrix ();
    swf_scale (1-($p*.9), 1, 1);
    swf_rotate (60*$p, 'z');
    swf_translate (20+20*$p, $p/1.5, 0);
    swf_rotate (270*$p, 'z');
    swf_addcolor ($p, 0, $p/1.2, -$p);
    swf_placeobject (1, 50);
    swf_placeobject (4, 50);
    swf_placeobject (5, 50);
    swf_popmatrix ();
    swf_showframe ();
}

for ($i = 0; $i < 30; $i++) {
    swf_removeobject (50);
    if (($i%4) == 0) {
        swf_showframe ();
    }
}
```

```
    }  
}  
  
swf_startdoaction ();  
swf_actionstop ();  
swf_enddoaction ();  
  
swf_closefile ();  
?>
```

Note: SWF support was added in PHP 4 RC2.

The libswf does not have support for Windows. The development of that library has been stopped, and the source is not available to port it to another systems.

swf_openfile (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open a new Shockwave Flash file

```
void swf_openfile (string filename, float width, float height, float
framerate, float r, float g, float b)
```

The **swf_openfile()** function opens a new file named *filename* with a width of *width* and a height of *height* a frame rate of *framerate* and background with a red color of *r* a green color of *g* and a blue color of *b*.

The **swf_openfile()** must be the first function you call, otherwise your script will cause a segfault. If you want to send your output to the screen make the filename: "php://stdout" (support for this is in 4.0.1 and up).

swf_closefile (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Close the current Shockwave Flash file

```
void swf_closefile (int [return_file])
```

Close a file that was opened by the swf_openfile() function. If the *return_file* parameter is set then the contents of the SWF file are returned from the function.

Example 1. Creating a simple flash file based on user input and outputting it and saving it in a database

```
<?php

// The $text variable is submitted by the
// user

// Global variables for database
// access (used in the swf_savedata() function)
$DBHOST = "localhost";
$DBUSER = "sterling";
$DBPASS = "secret";

swf_openfile ("php://stdout", 256, 256, 30, 1, 1, 1);

    swf_definefont (10, "Ligon-Bold");
        swf_fontsize (12);
        swf_fontslant (10);
```



```

    swf_definetext (11, $text, 1);

    swf_pushmatrix ();
        swf_translate (-50, 80, 0);
        swf_placeobject (11, 60);
    swf_popmatrix ();

    swf_showframe ();

    swf_startdoaction ();
        swf_actionstop ();
    swf_enddoaction ();

$data = swf_closefile (1);

$data ?
    swf_savedata ($data) :
    die ("Error could not save SWF file");

// void swf_savedata (string data)
// Save the generated file a database
// for later retrieval
function swf_savedata ($data)
{
    global $DBHOST,
        $DBUSER,
        $DBPASS;

    $dbh = @mysql_connect ($DBHOST, $DBUSER, $DBPASS);

    if (!$dbh) {
        die (sprintf ("Error [%d]: %s",
            mysql_errno (), mysql_error ()));
    }

    $stmt = "INSERT INTO swf_files (file) VALUES ('$data')";

    $sth = @mysql_query ($stmt, $dbh);

    if (!$sth) {
        die (sprintf ("Error [%d]: %s",
            mysql_errno (), mysql_error ()));
    }

    @mysql_free_result ($sth);
    @mysql_close ($dbh);
}
?>

```

swf_labelframe (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Label the current frame

```
void swf_labelframe (string name)
```

Label the current frame with the name given by the *name* parameter.

swf_showframe (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Display the current frame

```
void swf_showframe ()
```

The `swf_showframe` function will output the current frame.

swf_setframe (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Switch to a specified frame

```
void swf_setframe (int framenum)
```

The `swf_setframe()` changes the active frame to the frame specified by *framenum*.

swf_getframe (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the frame number of the current frame

```
int swf_getframe ()
```

The `swf_getframe()` function gets the number of the current frame.

swf_mulcolor (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets the global multiply color to the *rgba* value specified

```
void swf_mulcolor (float r, float g, float b, float a)
```

The **swf_mulcolor()** function sets the global multiply color to the *rgba* color specified. This color is then used (implicitly) by the `swf_placeobject()`, `swf_modifyobject()` and the `swf_addbuttonrecord()` functions. The color of the object will be multiplied by the *rgba* values when the object is written to the screen.

Note: The *rgba* values can be either positive or negative.

swf_addcolor (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the global add color to the *rgba* value specified

```
void swf_addcolor (float r, float g, float b, float a)
```

The **swf_addcolor()** function sets the global add color to the *rgba* color specified. This color is then used (implicitly) by the `swf_placeobject()`, `swf_modifyobject()` and the `swf_addbuttonrecord()` functions. The color of the object will be add by the *rgba* values when the object is written to the screen.

Note: The *rgba* values can be either positive or negative.

swf_placeobject (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Place an object onto the screen

```
void swf_placeobject (int objid, int depth)
```

Places the object specified by *objid* in the current frame at a depth of *depth*. The *objid* parameter and the *depth* must be between 1 and 65535.

This uses the current mulcolor (specified by `swf_mulcolor()`) and the current addcolor (specified by `swf_addcolor()`) to color the object and it uses the current matrix to position the object.

Note: Full RGBA colors are supported.

swf_modifyobject (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Modify an object

```
void swf_modifyobject (int depth, int how)
```

Updates the position and/or color of the object at the specified depth, *depth*. The parameter *how* determines what is updated. *how* can either be the constant `MOD_MATRIX` or `MOD_COLOR` or it can be a combination of both (`MOD_MATRIX|MOD_COLOR`).

`MOD_COLOR` uses the current mulcolor (specified by the function `swf_mulcolor()`) and addcolor (specified by the function `swf_addcolor()`) to color the object. `MOD_MATRIX` uses the current matrix to position the object.

swf_removeobject (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Remove an object

```
void swf_removeobject (int depth)
```

Removes the object at the depth specified by *depth*.

swf_nextid (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the next free object id

```
int swf_nextid ()
```

The **swf_nextid()** function returns the next available object id.

swf_startdoaction (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Start a description of an action list for the current frame

```
void swf_startdoaction ( )
```

The **swf_startdoaction()** function starts the description of an action list for the current frame. This must be called before actions are defined for the current frame.

swf_actiongotoframe (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Play a frame and then stop

```
void swf_actiongotoframe (int framenum)
```

The **swf_actionGotoFrame()** function will go to the frame specified by *framenum*, play it, and then stop.

swf_actiongeturl (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get a URL from a Shockwave Flash movie

```
void swf_actiongeturl (string url, string target)
```

The **swf_actionGetUrl()** function gets the URL specified by the parameter *url* with the target *target*.

swf_actionnextframe (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Go forward one frame

```
void swf_actionnextframe ( )
```

Go forward one frame.

swf_actionprevframe (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Go backwards one frame

```
void swf_actionprevframe ()
```

swf_actionplay (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Start playing the flash movie from the current frame

```
void swf_actionplay ()
```

Start playing the flash movie from the current frame.

swf_actionstop (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Stop playing the flash movie at the current frame

```
void swf_actionstop ()
```

Stop playing the flash movie at the current frame.

swf_actiontogglequality (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Toggle between low and high quality

```
void swf_actiontogglequality ()
```

Toggle the flash movie between high and low quality.

swf_actionwaitforframe (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Skip actions if a frame has not been loaded

```
void swf_actionwaitforframe (int framenum, int skipcount)
```

The **swf_actionWaitForFrame()** function will check to see if the frame, specified by the *framenum* parameter has been loaded, if not it will skip the number of actions specified by the *skipcount* parameter. This can be useful for "Loading..." type animations.

swf_actionsettarget (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the context for actions

```
void swf_actionsettarget (string target)
```

The **swf_actionSetTarget()** function sets the context for all actions. You can use this to control other flash movies that are currently playing.

swf_actiongotolabel (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Display a frame with the specified label

```
void swf_actiongotolabel (string label)
```

The **swf_actionGotoLabel()** function displays the frame with the label given by the *label* parameter and then stops.

swf_enddoaction (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

End the current action

```
void swf_enddoaction ()
```

Ends the current action started by the `swf_startdoaction()` function.

swf_defineline (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Define a line

```
void swf_defineline (int objid, float x1, float y1, float x2, float y2,
float width)
```

The **swf_defineline()** defines a line starting from the x coordinate given by *x1* and the y coordinate given by *y1* parameter. Up to the x coordinate given by the *x2* parameter and the y coordinate given by the *y2* parameter. It will have a width defined by the *width* parameter.

swf_definerect (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Define a rectangle

```
void swf_definerect (int objid, float x1, float y1, float x2, float y2,
float width)
```

The **swf_definerect()** defines a rectangle with an upper left hand coordinate given by the x, *x1*, and the y, *y1*. And a lower right hand coordinate given by the x coordinate, *x2*, and the y coordinate, *y2* . Width of the rectangles border is given by the *width* parameter, if the width is 0.0 then the rectangle is filled.

swf_definepoly (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Define a polygon

```
void swf_definepoly (int objid, array coords, int npoints, float width)
```

The **swf_definepoly()** function defines a polygon given an array of x, y coordinates (the coordinates are defined in the parameter *coords*). The parameter *npoints* is the number of overall points that are contained in the array given by *coords*. The *width* is the width of the polygon's border, if set to 0.0 the polygon is filled.

swf_startshape (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Start a complex shape

```
void swf_startshape (int objid)
```

The **swf_startshape()** function starts a complex shape, with an object id given by the *objid* parameter.

swf_shapelinesolid (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the current line style

```
void swf_shapelinesolid (float r, float g, float b, float a, float width)
```

The **swf_shapeLineSolid()** function sets the current line style to the color of the *rgba* parameters and width to the *width* parameter. If 0.0 is given as a width then no lines are drawn.

swf_shapefilloff (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Turns off filling

```
void swf_shapefilloff ()
```

The **swf_shapeFillOff()** function turns off filling for the current shape.

swf_shapefillsolid (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the current fill style to the specified color

```
void swf_shapefillsolid (float r, float g, float b, float a)
```

The **swf_shapeFillSolid()** function sets the current fill style to solid, and then sets the fill color to the values of the *rgba* parameters.

swf_shapefillbitmapclip (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set current fill mode to clipped bitmap

```
void swf_shapefillbitmapclip (int bitmapid)
```

Sets the fill to bitmap clipped, empty spaces will be filled by the bitmap given by the *bitmapid* parameter.

swf_shapefillbitmaptile (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set current fill mode to tiled bitmap

```
void swf_shapefillbitmaptile (int bitmapid)
```

Sets the fill to bitmap tile, empty spaces will be filled by the bitmap given by the *bitmapid* parameter (tiled).

swf_shapemoveto (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Move the current position

```
void swf_shapemoveto (float x, float y)
```

The **swf_shapeMoveTo()** function moves the current position to the x coordinate given by the *x* parameter and the y position given by the *y* parameter.

swf_shape.lineto (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draw a line

```
void swf_shape.lineto (float x, float y)
```

The **swf_shapeLineTo()** draws a line to the x,y coordinates given by the *x* parameter & the *y* parameter. The current position is then set to the x,y parameters.

swf_shapecurveto (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draw a quadratic bezier curve between two points

```
void swf_shapecurveto (float x1, float y1, float x2, float y2)
```

The **swf_shapecurveto()** function draws a quadratic bezier curve from the x coordinate given by *x1* and the y coordinate given by *y1* to the x coordinate given by *x2* and the y coordinate given by *y2*. The current position is then set to the x,y coordinates given by the *x2* and *y2* parameters

swf_shapecurveto3 (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draw a cubic bezier curve

```
void swf_shapecurveto3 (float x1, float y1, float x2, float y2, float x3,  
float y3)
```

Draw a cubic bezier curve using the x,y coordinate pairs *x1*, *y1* and *x2*,*y2* as off curve control points and the x,y coordinate *x3*, *y3* as an endpoint. The current position is then set to the x,y coordinate pair given by *x3*,*y3*.

swf_shapearc (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Draw a circular arc

```
void swf_shapearc (float x, float y, float r, float ang1, float ang2)
```

The **swf_shapeArc()** function draws a circular arc from angle A given by the *ang1* parameter to angle B given by the *ang2* parameter. The center of the circle has an x coordinate given by the *x* parameter and a y coordinate given by the *y*, the radius of the circle is given by the *r* parameter.

swf_endshape (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Completes the definition of the current shape

```
void swf_endshape ( )
```

The **swf_endshape()** completes the definition of the current shape.

swf_definefont (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Defines a font

```
void swf_definefont (int fontid, string fontname)
```

The **swf_definefont()** function defines a font given by the *fontname* parameter and gives it the id specified by the *fontid* parameter. It then sets the font given by *fontname* to the current font.

swf_setfont (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Change the current font

```
void swf_setfont (int fontid)
```

The **swf_setfont()** sets the current font to the value given by the *fontid* parameter.

swf_fontsize (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Change the font size

```
void swf_fontsize (float size)
```

The **swf_fontsize()** function changes the font size to the value given by the *size* parameter.

swf_fontslant (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the font slant

```
void swf_fontslant (float slant)
```

Set the current font slant to the angle indicated by the *slant* parameter. Positive values create a forward slant, negative values create a negative slant.

swf_fontracking (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the current font tracking

```
void swf_fontracking (float tracking)
```

Set the font tracking to the value specified by the *tracking* parameter. This function is used to increase the spacing between letters and text, positive values increase the space and negative values decrease the space between letters.

swf_getfontinfo (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

The height in pixels of a capital A and a lowercase x

```
array swf_getfontinfo ()
```

The **swf_getfontinfo()** function returns an associative array with the following parameters:

- *Aheight* - The height in pixels of a capital A.
- *xheight* - The height in pixels of a lowercase x.

swf_definetext (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Define a text string

```
void swf_definetext (int objid, string str, int docenter)
```

Define a text string (the *str* parameter) using the current font and font size. The *docenter* is where the word is centered, if *docenter* is 1, then the word is centered in x.

swf_textwidth (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the width of a string

```
float swf_textwidth (string str)
```

The **swf_textwidth()** function gives the width of the string, *str*, in pixels, using the current font and font size.

swf_definebitmap (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Define a bitmap

```
void swf_definebitmap (int objid, string image_name)
```

The **swf_definebitmap()** function defines a bitmap given a GIF, JPEG, RGB or FI image. The image will be converted into a Flash JPEG or Flash color map format.

swf_getbitmapinfo (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get information about a bitmap

```
array swf_getbitmapinfo (int bitmapid)
```

The **swf_getbitmapinfo()** function returns an array of information about a bitmap given by the *bitmapid* parameter. The returned array has the following elements:

- "size" - The size in bytes of the bitmap.
- "width" - The width in pixels of the bitmap.
- "height" - The height in pixels of the bitmap.

swf_startsymbol (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Define a symbol

```
void swf_startsymbol (int objid)
```

Define an object id as a symbol. Symbols are tiny flash movies that can be played simultaneously. The *objid* parameter is the object id you want to define as a symbol.

swf_endsymbol (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

End the definition of a symbol

```
void swf_endsymbol ( )
```

The **swf_endsymbol()** function ends the definition of a symbol that was started by the **swf_startsymbol()** function.

swf_startbutton (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Start the definition of a button

```
void swf_startbutton (int objid, int type)
```

The **swf_startbutton()** function starts off the definition of a button. The *type* parameter can either be `TYPE_MENUBUTTON` or `TYPE_PUSHBUTTON`. The `TYPE_MENUBUTTON` constant allows the focus to travel from the button when the mouse is down, `TYPE_PUSHBUTTON` does not allow the focus to travel when the mouse is down.

swf_addbuttonrecord (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Controls location, appearance and active area of the current button

```
void swf_addbuttonrecord (int states, int shapeid, int depth)
```

The **swf_addbuttonrecord()** function allows you to define the specifics of using a button. The first parameter, *states*, defines what states the button can have, these can be any or all of the following constants: BSHitTest, BSDown, BSOVer or BSUp. The second parameter, the *shapeid* is the look of the button, this is usually the object id of the shape of the button. The *depth* parameter is the placement of the button in the current frame.

Example 1. swf_addbuttonrecord() function example

```
swf_startButton ($objid, TYPE_MENUBUTTON);
    swf_addButtonRecord (BSDown|BSOver, $buttonImageId, 340);
    swf_onCondition (MenuEnter);
        swf_actionGetUrl ("http://www.designmultimedia.com", "_level1");
    swf_onCondition (MenuExit);
        swf_actionGetUrl ("", "_level1");
swf_endButton ();
```

swf_oncondition (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Describe a transition used to trigger an action list

```
void swf_oncondition (int transition)
```

The **swf_onCondition()** function describes a transition that will trigger an action list. There are several types of possible transitions, the following are for buttons defined as TYPE_MENUBUTTON:

- IdletoOverUp
- OverUptoIdle
- OverUptoOverDown
- OverDowntoOverUp
- IdletoOverDown
- OutDowntoIdle
- MenuEnter (IdletoOverUp|IdletoOverDown)
- MenuExit (OverUptoIdle|OverDowntoIdle)

For TYPE_PUSHBUTTON there are the following options:

- IdletoOverUp
- OverUptoIdle
- OverUptoOverDown
- OverDowntoOverUp
- OverDowntoOutDown
- OutDowntoOverDown
- OutDowntoIdle
- ButtonEnter (IdletoOverUp|OutDowntoOverDown)
- ButtonExit (OverUptoIdle|OverDowntoOutDown)

swf_endbutton (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

End the definition of the current button

```
void swf_endbutton ( )
```

The **swf_endButton()** function ends the definition of the current button.

swf_viewport (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Select an area for future drawing

```
void swf_viewport (float xmin, float xmax, float ymin, float ymax)
```

The **swf_viewport()** function selects an area for future drawing for *xmin* to *xmax* and *ymin* to *ymax*, if this function is not called the area defaults to the size of the screen.

swf_ortho (PHP 4)

Defines an orthographic mapping of user coordinates onto the current viewport

```
void swf_ortho (float xmin, float xmax, float ymin, float ymax, float zmin, float zmax)
```

The **swf_ortho()** function defines a orthographic mapping of user coordinates onto the current viewport.

swf_ortho2 (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Defines 2D orthographic mapping of user coordinates onto the current viewport

```
void swf_ortho2 (float xmin, float xmax, float ymin, float ymax)
```

The **swf_ortho2()** function defines a two dimensional orthographic mapping of user coordinates onto the current viewport, this defaults to one to one mapping of the area of the Flash movie. If a perspective transformation is desired, the **swf_perspective ()** function can be used.

swf_perspective (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Define a perspective projection transformation

```
void swf_perspective (float fovy, float aspect, float near, float far)
```

The **swf_perspective()** function defines a perspective projection transformation. The *fovy* parameter is field-of-view angle in the y direction. The *aspect* parameter should be set to the aspect ratio of the viewport that is being drawn onto. The *near* parameter is the near clipping plane and the *far* parameter is the far clipping plane.

Note: Various distortion artifacts may appear when performing a perspective projection, this is because Flash players only have a two dimensional matrix. Some are not to pretty.

swf_polarview (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Define the viewer's position with polar coordinates

```
void swf_polarview (float dist, float azimuth, float incidence, float twist)
```

The **swf_polarview()** function defines the viewer's position in polar coordinates. The *dist* parameter gives the distance between the viewpoint to the world space origin. The *azimuth* parameter defines the azimuthal angle in the x,y coordinate plane, measured in distance from the y axis. The *incidence* parameter defines the angle of incidence in the y,z plane, measured in distance from the z axis. The incidence angle is defined as the angle of the viewport relative to the z axis. Finally the *twist* specifies the amount that the viewpoint is to be rotated about the line of sight using the right hand rule.

swf_lookat (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Define a viewing transformation

```
void swf_lookat (float view_x, float view_y, float view_z, float
reference_x, float reference_y, float reference_z, float twist)
```

The **swf_lookat()** function defines a viewing transformation by giving the viewing position (the parameters *view_x*, *view_y*, and *view_z*) and the coordinates of a reference point in the scene, the reference point is defined by the *reference_x*, *reference_y* , and *reference_z* parameters. The *twist* controls the rotation along with viewer's z axis.

swf_pushmatrix (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Push the current transformation matrix back unto the stack

```
void swf_pushmatrix ()
```

The **swf_pushmatrix()** function pushes the current transformation matrix back onto the stack.

swf_popmatrix (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Restore a previous transformation matrix

```
void swf_popmatrix ()
```

The **swf_popmatrix()** function pushes the current transformation matrix back onto the stack.

swf_scale (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Scale the current transformation

```
void swf_scale (float x, float y, float z)
```

The **swf_scale()** scales the x coordinate of the curve by the value of the *x* parameter, the y coordinate of the curve by the value of the *y* parameter, and the z coordinate of the curve by the value of the *z* parameter.

swf_translate (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Translate the current transformations

```
void swf_translate (float x, float y, float z)
```

The **swf_translate()** function translates the current transformation by the *x*, *y*, and *z* values given.

swf_rotate (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Rotate the current transformation

```
void swf_rotate (float angle, string axis)
```

The **swf_rotate()** rotates the current transformation by the angle given by the *angle* parameter around the axis given by the *axis* parameter. Valid values for the axis are 'x' (the x axis), 'y' (the y axis) or 'z' (the z axis).

swf_posround (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Enables or Disables the rounding of the translation when objects are placed or moved

```
void swf_posround (int round)
```

The **swf_posround()** function enables or disables the rounding of the translation when objects are placed or moved, there are times when text becomes more readable because rounding has been enabled. The *round* is whether to enable rounding or not, if set to the value of 1, then rounding is enabled, if set to 0 then rounding is disabled.

LXXXII. SNMP functions

In order to use the SNMP functions on Unix you need to install the UCD SNMP (<http://ucd-snmp.ucdavis.edu/>) package. On Windows these functions are only available on NT and not on Win95/98.

Important: In order to use the UCD SNMP package, you need to define NO_ZEROLENGTH_COMMUNITY to 1 before compiling it. After configuring UCD SNMP, edit config.h and search for NO_ZEROLENGTH_COMMUNITY. Uncomment the #define line. It should look like this afterwards:

```
#define NO_ZEROLENGTH_COMMUNITY 1
```

If you see strange segmentation faults in combination with SNMP commands, you did not follow the above instructions. If you do not want to recompile UCD SNMP, you can compile PHP with the --enable-ucd-snmp-hack switch which will work around the misfeature.

snmpget (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch an SNMP object

```
string snmpget (string hostname, string community, string object_id [, int timeout [, int retries]])
```

Returns SNMP object value on success and FALSE on error.

The **snmpget()** function is used to read the value of an SNMP object specified by the *object_id*. SNMP agent is specified by the *hostname* and the read community is specified by the *community* parameter.

```
$syscontact = snmpget("127.0.0.1", "public", "system.SysContact.0");
```

snmpset (PHP 3 >= 3.0.12, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set an SNMP object

```
bool snmpset (string hostname, string community, string object_id, string type, mixed value [, int timeout [, int retries]])
```

Sets the specified SNMP object value, returning TRUE on success and FALSE on error.

The **snmpset()** function is used to set the value of an SNMP object specified by the *object_id*. SNMP agent is specified by the *hostname* and the read community is specified by the *community* parameter.

snmpwalk (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch all the SNMP objects from an agent

```
array snmpwalk (string hostname, string community, string object_id [, int timeout [, int retries]])
```

Returns an array of SNMP object values starting from the **object_id()** as root and FALSE on error.

snmpwalk() function is used to read all the values from an SNMP agent specified by the *hostname*. *Community* specifies the read community for that agent. A NULL *object_id* is taken as the root of the SNMP objects tree and all objects under that tree are returned as an array. If *object_id* is specified, all the SNMP objects below that *object_id* are returned.

```
$a = snmpwalk("127.0.0.1", "public", "");
```

Above function call would return all the SNMP objects from the SNMP agent running on localhost. One can step through the values with a loop

```
for ($i=0; $i < count($a); $i++) {
    echo $a[$i];
}
```

snmpwalkoid (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Query for a tree of information about a network entity

```
array snmpwalkoid (string hostname, string community, string object_id [, int timeout [, int retries]])
```

Returns an associative array with object ids and their respective object value starting from the *object_id* as root and FALSE on error.

snmpwalkoid() function is used to read all object ids and their respective values from an SNMP agent specified by the *hostname*. *Community* specifies the read *community* for that agent. A NULL *object_id* is taken as the root of the SNMP objects tree and all objects under that tree are returned as an array. If *object_id* is specified, all the SNMP objects below that *object_id* are returned.

The existence of **snmpwalkoid()** and **snmpwalk()** has historical reasons. Both functions are provided for backward compatibility.

```
$a = snmpwalkoid("127.0.0.1", "public", "");
```


Above function call would return all the SNMP objects from the SNMP agent running on localhost. One can step through the values with a loop

```
for (reset($a); $i = key($a); next($a)) {
    echo "$i: $a[$i]<br>\n";
}
```

snmp_get_quick_print (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetch the current value of the UCD library's quick_print setting

```
bool snmp_get_quick_print ()
```

Returns the current value stored in the UCD Library for quick_print. quick_print is off by default.

```
$quickprint = snmp_get_quick_print();
```

Above function call would return FALSE if quick_print is off, and TRUE if quick_print is on.

snmp_get_quick_print() is only available when using the UCD SNMP library. This function is not available when using the Windows SNMP library.

See: **snmp_set_quick_print()** for a full description of what quick_print does.

snmp_set_quick_print (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the value of quick_print within the UCD SNMP library.

```
void snmp_set_quick_print (bool quick_print)
```

Sets the value of quick_print within the UCD SNMP library. When this is set (1), the SNMP library will return 'quick printed' values. This means that just the value will be printed. When quick_print is not

enabled (default) the UCD SNMP library prints extra information including the type of the value (i.e. IPAddress or OID). Additionally, if `quick_print` is not enabled, the library prints additional hex values for all strings of three characters or less.

Setting `quick_print` is often used when using the information returned rather than displaying it.

```
snmp_set_quick_print(0);
$a = snmpget("127.0.0.1", "public", ".1.3.6.1.2.1.2.2.1.9.1");
echo "$a<BR>\n";
snmp_set_quick_print(1);
$a = snmpget("127.0.0.1", "public", ".1.3.6.1.2.1.2.2.1.9.1");
echo "$a<BR>\n";
```

The first value printed might be: 'Timeticks: (0) 0:00:00.00', whereas with `quick_print` enabled, just '0:00:00.00' would be printed.

By default the UCD SNMP library returns verbose values, `quick_print` is used to return only the value.

Currently strings are still returned with extra quotes, this will be corrected in a later release.

`snmp_set_quick_print()` is only available when using the UCD SNMP library. This function is not available when using the Windows SNMP library.

LXXXIII. Socket functions

Warning

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The socket extension implements a low-level interface to the socket communication functions, providing the possibility to act as a socket server as well as a client.

The socket functions described here are part of an extension to PHP which must be enabled at compile time by giving the `--enable-sockets` option to **configure**.

For a more generic client-side socket interface, see `fsockopen()` and `pfssockopen()`.

When using these functions, it is important to remember that while many of them have identical names to their C counterparts, they often have different declarations. Please be sure to read the descriptions to avoid confusion.

That said, those unfamiliar with socket programming can still find a lot of useful material in the appropriate Unix man pages, and there is a great deal of tutorial information on socket programming in C on the web, much of which can be applied, with slight modifications, to socket programming in PHP.

Example 1. Socket example: Simple TCP/IP server

This example shows a simple talkback server. Change the address and port variables to suit your setup and execute. You may then connect to the server with a command similar to: **telnet 192.168.1.53 10000** (where the address and port match your setup). Anything you type will then be output on the server side, and echoed back to you. To disconnect, enter 'quit'.

```
<?php
error_reporting (E_ALL);

/* Allow the script to hang around waiting for connections. */
set_time_limit (0);

$address = '192.168.1.53';
$port = 10000;

if (($sock = socket (AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0)) < 0) {
    echo "socket() failed: reason: " . strerror ($sock) . "\n";
}

if (($ret = bind ($sock, $address, $port)) < 0) {
    echo "bind() failed: reason: " . strerror ($ret) . "\n";
}

if (($ret = listen ($sock, 5)) < 0) {
    echo "listen() failed: reason: " . strerror ($ret) . "\n";
```

```

}

do {
    if (($msgsock = accept_connect($sock)) < 0) {
        echo "accept_connect() failed: reason: " . strerror ($msgsock) . "\n";
        break;
    }
    do {
        $buf = "";
        $ret = read ($msgsock, $buf, 2048);
        if ($ret < 0) {
            echo "read() failed: reason: " . strerror ($ret) . "\n";
            break 2;
        }
        if ($ret == 0) {
            break 2;
        }
        $buf = trim ($buf);
        if ($buf == 'quit') {
            close ($msgsock);
            break 2;
        }
        $talkback = "PHP: You said '$buf'.\n";
        write ($msgsock, $talkback, strlen ($talkback));
        echo "$buf\n";
    } while (true);
    close ($msgsock);
} while (true);

close ($sock);
?>

```

Example 2. Socket example: Simple TCP/IP client

This example shows a simple, one-shot HTTP client. It simply connects to a page, submits a HEAD request, echoes the reply, and exits.

```

<?php
error_reporting (E_ALL);

echo "<h2>TCP/IP Connection</h2>\n";

/* Get the port for the www service. */
$service_port = getservbyname ('www', 'tcp');

/* Get the IP address for the target host. */
$address = gethostbyname ('www.php.net');

```

```

/* Create a TCP/IP socket. */
$socket = socket (AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
if ($socket < 0) {
    echo "socket() failed: reason: " . strerror ($socket) . "\n";
} else {
    "socket() successful: " . strerror ($socket) . "\n";
}

echo "Attempting to connect to '$address' on port '$service_port'...";
$result = connect ($socket, $address, $service_port);
if ($result < 0) {
    echo "connect() failed.\nReason: ($result) " . strerror($result) . "\n";
} else {
    echo "OK.\n";
}

$in = "HEAD / HTTP/1.0\r\n\r\n";
$out = "";

echo "Sending HTTP HEAD request...";
write ($socket, $in, strlen ($in));
echo "OK.\n";

echo "Reading response:\n\n";
while (read ($socket, $out, 2048)) {
    echo $out;
}

echo "Closing socket...";
close ($socket);
echo "OK.\n\n";
?>

```

accept_connect (4.0.2 - 4.0.6 only)

Accepts a connection on a socket

```
int accept_connect (resource socket)
```

Warning

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After the socket *socket* has been created using `socket()`, bound to a name with `bind()`, and told to listen for connections with `listen()`, this function will accept incoming connections on that socket. Once a successful connection is made, a new socket descriptor is returned, which may be used for communication. If there are multiple connections queued on the socket, the first will be used. If there are no pending connections, **accept_connect()** will block until a connection becomes present. If *socket* has been made non-blocking using `socket_set_blocking()` or **set_nonblock()**, an error code will be returned.

The socket descriptor returned by **accept_connect()** may not be used to accept new connections. The original listening socket *socket*, however, remains open and may be reused.

Returns a new socket descriptor on success, or a negative error code on failure. This code may be passed to `strerror()` to get a textual explanation of the error.

See also `bind()`, `connect()`, `listen()`, `socket()`, `socket_get_status()`, and `strerror()`.

bind (4.0.2 - 4.0.6 only)

Binds a name to a socket

```
int bind (resource socket, string address [, int port])
```

Warning

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bind() binds the name given in *address* to the socket described by *socket*, which must be a valid socket descriptor created with `socket()`.

The *address* parameter is either an IP address in dotted-quad notation (e.g. `127.0.0.1`), if the socket is of the `AF_INET` family; or the pathname of a Unix-domain socket, if the socket family is `AF_UNIX`.

The *port* parameter is only used when connecting to an `AF_INET` socket, and designates the port on the remote host to which a connection should be made.

Returns zero on success, or a negative error code on failure. This code may be passed to `strerror()` to get a textual explanation of the error.

See also `accept_connect()`, `connect()`, `listen()`, `socket()`, `socket_get_status()`, and `strerror()`.

close (4.0.2 - 4.0.6 only)

Closes a file descriptor

`bool close (resource socket)`

Warning

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close() closes the file (or socket) descriptor given by *socket*.

Note that **close()** should not be used on PHP file descriptors created with `fopen()`, `popen()`, `fsockopen()`, or **psockopen()**; it is meant for sockets created with `socket()` or `accept_connect()`.

Returns `TRUE` on success, or `FALSE` if an error occurs (i.e., *socket* is invalid).

See also `bind()`, `listen()`, `socket()`, `socket_get_status()`, and `strerror()`.

connect (4.0.2 - 4.0.6 only)

Initiates a connection on a socket

`int connect (resource socket, string address [, int port])`

Warning

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Initiates a connection using the socket descriptor *socket*, which must be a valid socket descriptor created with `socket()`.

The *address* parameter is either an IP address in dotted-quad notation (e.g. `127.0.0.1`), if the socket is of the `AF_INET` family; or the pathname of a Unix-domain socket, if the socket family is `AF_UNIX`.

The *port* parameter is only used when connecting to an `AF_INET` socket, and designates the port on the remote host to which a connection should be made.

Returns zero on success, or a negative error code on failure. This code may be passed to `strerror()` to get a textual explanation of the error.

See also `bind()`, `listen()`, `socket()`, `socket_get_status()`, and `strerror()`.

listen (4.0.2 - 4.0.6 only)

Listens for a connection on a socket

```
int listen (resource socket, int backlog)
```

Warning

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After the socket *socket* has been created using `socket()` and bound to a name with `bind()`, it may be told to listen for incoming connections on *socket*. A maximum of *backlog* incoming connections will be queued for processing.

listen() is applicable only to sockets with type `SOCK_STREAM` or `SOCK_SEQPACKET`.

Returns zero on success, or a negative error code on failure. This code may be passed to `strerror()` to get a textual explanation of the error.

See also `accept_connect()`, `bind()`, `connect()`, `socket()`, `socket_get_status()`, and `strerror()`.

read (4.0.2 - 4.0.6 only)

Read from a socket

```
int read (resource socket_des, string buffer, int length [, int type])
```

Warning

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The function **read()** reads from socket *socket_des* created by the `accept_connect()` function into *buffer* the number of bytes set by *length*. Otherwise you can use `\n`, `\t` or `\0` to end reading. Returns number of bytes that have been read.

Optional *type* parameter is a named constant:

- `PHP_BINARY_READ` - use the system **read()** (Default in PHP $\geq 4.1.0$)
- `PHP_NORMAL_READ` - reading stops at `\n` or `\r`. (Default in PHP $\leq 4.0.6$)

See also `accept_connect()`, `bind()`, `connect()`, `listen()`, `strerror()`, `socket_get_status()` and `write()`.

socket (4.0.2 - 4.0.6 only)

Create a socket (endpoint for communication)

```
int socket (int domain, int type, int protocol)
```

Warning

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Creates a communication endpoint (a socket), and returns a descriptor to the socket.

The *domain* parameter sets the domain. Currently, `AF_INET` and `AF_UNIX` are understood.

The *type* parameter selects the socket type. This is one of `SOCK_STREAM`, `SOCK_DGRAM`, `SOCK_SEQPACKET`, `SOCK_RAW`, `SOCK_RDM`, or `SOCK_PACKET`.

protocol sets the protocol.

Returns a valid socket descriptor on success, or a negative error code on failure. This code may be passed to `strerror()` to get a textual explanation of the error.

For more information on the usage of **`socket()`**, as well as on the meanings of the various parameters, see the Unix man page `socket (2)`.

See also `accept_connect()`, `bind()`, `connect()`, `listen()`, `strerror()`, and `socket_get_status()`.

strerror (4.0.2 - 4.0.6 only)

Return a string describing a socket error

```
string strerror (int errno)
```

Warning

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`strerror()` takes as its *errno* parameter the return value of one of the socket functions, and returns the corresponding explanatory text. This makes it a bit more pleasant to figure out why something didn't work; for instance, instead of having to track down a system include file to find out what '-111' means, you just pass it to **`strerror()`**, and it tells you what happened.

Example 1. `strerror()` example

```
<?php
if (($socket = socket (AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0)) &lt; 0) {
    echo "socket() failed: reason: " . strerror ($socket) . "\n";
}

if (($ret = bind ($socket, '127.0.0.1', 80)) &lt; 0) {
    echo "bind() failed: reason: " . strerror ($ret) . "\n";
}
?>
```

The expected output from the above example (assuming the script is not run with root privileges):

```
bind() failed: reason: Permission denied
```

See also `accept_connect()`, `bind()`, `connect()`, `listen()`, `socket()`, and `socket_get_status()`.

write (4.0.2 - 4.0.6 only)

Write to a socket

```
int write (resource socket_des, string &buffer, int length)
```

Warning

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The function **write()** writes to the socket *socket_des* from *&buffer* the number of bytes set by *length*.

See also `accept_connect()`, `bind()`, `connect()`, `listen()`, `read()`, `strerror()`, and `socket_get_status()`.

LXXXIV. String functions

These functions all manipulate strings in various ways. Some more specialized sections can be found in the regular expression and URL handling sections.

For information on how strings behave, especially with regard to usage of single quotes, double quotes, and escape sequences, see the Strings entry in the Types section of the manual.

addcslashes (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Quote string with slashes in a C style

```
string addcslashes (string str, string charlist)
```

Returns a string with backslashes before characters that are listed in *charlist* parameter. It escapes `\n`, `\r` etc. in C-like style, characters with ASCII code lower than 32 and higher than 126 are converted to octal representation.

Be careful if you choose to escape characters 0, a, b, f, n, r, t and v. They will be converted to `\0`, `\a`, `\b`, `\f`, `\n`, `\r`, `\t` and `\v`. In PHP `\0` (NULL), `\r` (carriage return), `\n` (newline) and `\t` (tab) are predefined escape sequences, while in C all of these are predefined escape sequences.

charlist like `"\0..\37"`, which would escape all characters with ASCII code between 0 and 31.

Example 1. addcslashes() example

```
$escaped = addcslashes($not_escaped, "\0..\37!@\177..\377");
```

When you define a sequence of characters in the *charlist* argument make sure that you know what characters come between the characters that you set as the start and end of the range.

```
echo addcslashes('foo[]', 'A..z');
// All upper and lower-case letters will be escaped
// ... but so will the [\]^_ and space characters.
```

Also, if the first character in a range has a lower ASCII value than the second character in the range, no range will be constructed. Only the start, end and period characters will be escaped. Use the `ord()` function to find the ASCII value for a character.

```
echo addcslashes("zoo['.']", 'z..A');
/* output:
\zoo['\.' ]

*/
```

Note: Added in PHP 4

See also `stripcslashes()`, `stripslashes()`, `htmlspecialchars()`, and `quotemeta()`.

addslashes (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Quote string with slashes

string **addslashes** (string *str*)

Returns a string with backslashes before characters that need to be quoted in database queries etc. These characters are single quote (`'`), double quote (`"`), backslash (`\`) and NUL (the NULL byte).

Note: `magic_quotes_gpc` is ON by default.

See also `stripslashes()`, `htmlspecialchars()`, and `quotemeta()`.

bin2hex (PHP 3>= 3.0.9, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Convert binary data into hexadecimal representation

string **bin2hex** (string *str*)

Returns an ASCII string containing the hexadecimal representation of *str*. The conversion is done byte-wise with the high-nibble first.

chop (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Alias of `rtrim()`

This function is an alias of `rtrim()`.

Note: **`chop()`** is different than the Perl `chop()` function, which removes the last character in the string.

chr (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return a specific character

```
string chr (int ascii)
```

Returns a one-character string containing the character specified by *ascii*.

Example 1. chr() example

```
$str .= chr(27); /* add an escape character at the end of $str */

/* Often this is more useful */

$str = sprintf("The string ends in escape: %c", 27);
```

You can find an ASCII-table over here: <http://www.mindspring.com/~jc1/serial/Resources/ASCII.html>.

This function complements ord(). See also sprintf() with a format string of %c.

chunk_split (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Split a string into smaller chunks

```
string chunk_split (string string [, int chunklen [, string end]])
```

Can be used to split a string into smaller chunks which is useful for e.g. converting base64_encode output to match RFC 2045 semantics. It inserts every *chunklen* (defaults to 76) chars the string *end* (defaults to "\r\n"). It returns the new string leaving the original string untouched.

Example 1. chunk_split() example

```
# format $data using RFC 2045 semantics

$new_string = chunk_split(base64_encode($data));
```

This function is significantly faster than ereg_replace().

Note: This function was added in 3.0.6.

convert_cyr_string (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Convert from one Cyrillic character set to another

string **convert_cyr_string** (string *str*, string *from*, string *to*)

This function returns the given string converted from one Cyrillic character set to another. The *from* and *to* arguments are single characters that represent the source and target Cyrillic character sets. The supported types are:

- k - koi8-r
- w - windows-1251
- i - iso8859-5
- a - x-cp866
- d - x-cp866
- m - x-mac-cyrillic

count_chars (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return information about characters used in a string

mixed **count_chars** (string *string*, [mode])

Counts the number of occurrences of every byte-value (0..255) in *string* and returns it in various ways. The optional parameter *Mode* default to 0. Depending on *mode* **count_chars()** returns one of the following:

- 0 - an array with the byte-value as key and the frequency of every byte as value.
- 1 - same as 0 but only byte-values with a frequency greater than zero are listed.
- 2 - same as 0 but only byte-values with a frequency equal to zero are listed.
- 3 - a string containing all used byte-values is returned.

- 4 - a string containing all not used byte-values is returned.

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.

crc32 (PHP 4)

Calculates the crc32 polynomial of a string

```
int crc32 (string str)
```

Generates the cyclic redundancy checksum polynomial of 32-bit lengths of the *str*. This is usually used to validate the integrity of data being transmitted.

See also: md5()

crypt (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

DES-encrypt a string

```
string crypt (string str [, string salt])
```

crypt() will return an encrypted string using the standard Unix DES encryption method. Arguments are a string to be encrypted and an optional two-character salt string to base the encryption on. See the Unix man page for your crypt function for more information.

If the salt argument is not provided, one will be randomly generated by PHP.

Some operating systems support more than one type of encryption. In fact, sometimes the standard DES encryption is replaced by an MD5 based encryption algorithm. The encryption type is triggered by the salt argument. At install time, PHP determines the capabilities of the crypt function and will accept salts for other encryption types. If no salt is provided, PHP will auto-generate a standard 2-character DES salt by default, unless the default encryption type on the system is MD5, in which case a random MD5-compatible salt is generated. PHP sets a constant named CRYPT_SALT_LENGTH which tells you whether a regular 2-character salt applies to your system or the longer 12-char MD5 salt is applicable.

If you are using the supplied salt, you should be aware that the salt is generated once. If you are calling this function recursively, this may impact both appearance and, to a certain extent, security.

The standard DES encryption **crypt()** contains the salt as the first two characters of the output.

On systems where the `crypt()` function supports multiple encryption types, the following constants are set to 0 or 1 depending on whether the given type is available:

- `CRYPT_STD_DES` - Standard DES encryption with a 2-char SALT
- `CRYPT_EXT_DES` - Extended DES encryption with a 9-char SALT
- `CRYPT_MD5` - MD5 encryption with a 12-char SALT starting with `$1$`
- `CRYPT_BLOWFISH` - Extended DES encryption with a 16-char SALT starting with `$2$`

There is no decrypt function, since **`crypt()`** uses a one-way algorithm.

See also: `md5()`.

echo (unknown)

Output one or more strings

echo (string *arg1*, string [*argn*]...)

Outputs all parameters.

echo() is not actually a function (it is a language construct) so you are not required to use parentheses with it. In fact, if you want to pass more than one parameter to `echo`, you must not enclose the parameters within parentheses.

Example 1. echo() examples

```
<?php
echo "Hello World";

echo "This spans
multiple lines. The newlines will be
output as well";

echo "This spans\nmultiple lines. The newlines will be\noutput as well.";

echo "escaping characters is done \"Like this\"."

//You can use variables inside of an echo statement
$foo = "foobar";
$bar = "barbaz";

echo "foo is $foo"; // foo is foobar

// Using single quotes will print the variable name, not the value
echo 'foo is $foo'; // foo is $foo
```

```
// If you are not using any other characters, you can just echo variables
echo $foo;           // foobar
echo $foo,$bar;      // foobarbarbaz

// because echo is not a function, following code is invalid.
($some_var) ? echo('true'): echo('false');

// However, the following examples will work:
($some_var) ? print('true'): print('false'); // print is a function
echo $some_var ? 'true': 'false'; // changing the statement around
?>
```

echo() also has a shortcut syntax, where you can immediately follow the opening tag with an equals sign.

I have <?=\$foo?> foo.

See also: `print()`, `printf()`, and `flush()`.

explode (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Split a string by string

```
array explode (string separator, string string [, int limit])
```

Returns an array of strings, each of which is a substring of *string* formed by splitting it on boundaries formed by the string *separator*. If *limit* is set, the returned array will contain a maximum of *limit* elements with the last element containing the whole rest of *string*. If an empty string ("") is used as the *separator* argument, then **explode()** will return FALSE. If *separator* contains a value that is not contained in the *string* argument, then **explode()** will return the *string* argument.

Note: The *limit* parameter was added in PHP 4.0.1

Example 1. explode() example

```
$pizza = "piece1 piece2 piece3 piece4 piece5 piece6";
$pieces = explode(" ", $pizza);
```

Note: Although `implode()` can for historical reasons accept its parameters in either order, **`explode()`** cannot. You must ensure that the *separator* argument comes before the *string* argument.

See also `preg_split()`, `spliti()`, `split()`, and `implode()`.

get_html_translation_table (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the translation table used by `htmlspecialchars()` and `htmlentities()`

```
string get_html_translation_table (int table [, int quote_style])
```

get_html_translation_table() will return the translation table that is used internally for `htmlspecialchars()` and `htmlentities()`. There are two new defines (*HTML_ENTITIES*, *HTML_SPECIALCHARS*) that allow you to specify the table you want. And as in the `htmlspecialchars()` and `htmlentities()` functions you can optionally specify the *quote_style* you are working with. The default is ENT_COMPAT mode. See the description of these modes in `htmlspecialchars()`.

Example 1. Translation Table Example

```
$trans = get_html_translation_table(HTML_ENTITIES);
$str = "Hallo & <Frau> & Krämer";
$encoded = strtr($str, $trans);
```

The `$encoded` variable will now contain: "Hallo & <Frau> & Krämer".

The cool thing is using `array_flip()` to change the direction of the translation.

```
$trans = array_flip($trans);
$original = strtr($str, $trans);
```

The content of `$original` would be: "Hallo & <Frau> & Krämer".

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.

See also: `htmlspecialchars()`, `htmlentities()`, `strtr()`, and `array_flip()`.

get_meta_tags (PHP 3 >= 3.0.4, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Extracts all meta tag content attributes from a file and returns an array

```
array get_meta_tags (string filename [, int use_include_path])
```

Opens *filename* and parses it line by line for <meta> tags of the form

Example 1. Meta Tags Example

```
<meta name="author" content="name">
<meta name="tags" content="php3 documentation">
</head> <!-- parsing stops here -->
```

(pay attention to line endings - PHP uses a native function to parse the input, so a Mac file won't work on Unix).

The value of the name property becomes the key, the value of the content property becomes the value of the returned array, so you can easily use standard array functions to traverse it or access single values. Special characters in the value of the name property are substituted with '_', the rest is converted to lower case.

Setting *use_include_path* to 1 will result in PHP trying to open the file along the standard include path.

hebrew (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Convert logical Hebrew text to visual text

```
string hebrew (string hebrew_text [, int max_chars_per_line])
```

The optional parameter *max_chars_per_line* indicates maximum number of characters per line will be output. The function tries to avoid breaking words.

See also `hebrevc()`

hebrevc (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Convert logical Hebrew text to visual text with newline conversion

```
string hebrevc (string hebrew_text [, int max_chars_per_line])
```

This function is similar to `hebrew()` with the difference that it converts newlines (`\n`) to "`<br>\n`". The optional parameter *max_chars_per_line* indicates maximum number of characters per line will be output. The function tries to avoid breaking words.

See also `hebrew()`

htmlentities (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Convert all applicable characters to HTML entities

```
string htmlentities (string string [, int quote_style [, string charset]])
```

This function is identical to `htmlspecialchars()` in all ways, except that all characters which have HTML character entity equivalents are translated into these entities. Like `htmlspecialchars()`, it takes an optional second argument which indicates what should be done with single and double quotes. `ENT_COMPAT` (the default) will only convert double-quotes and leave single-quotes alone. `ENT_QUOTES` will convert both double and single quotes, and `ENT_NOQUOTES` will leave both double and single quotes unconverted.

At present, the ISO-8859-1 character set is used as default. Note that the optional second argument was added in PHP 3.0.17 and PHP 4.0.3.

Like `htmlspecialchars()`, it takes an optional third argument which defines character set used in conversion.

See also `htmlspecialchars()` and `nl2br()`.

htmlspecialchars (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Convert special characters to HTML entities

```
string htmlspecialchars (string string [, int quote_style [, string charset]])
```

Certain characters have special significance in HTML, and should be represented by HTML entities if they are to preserve their meanings. This function returns a string with some of these conversions made; the translations made are those most useful for everyday web programming. If you require all HTML character entities to be translated, use `htmlentities()` instead.

This function is useful in preventing user-supplied text from containing HTML markup, such as in a message board or guest book application. The optional second argument, `quote_style`, tells the function what to do with single and double quote characters. The default mode, `ENT_COMPAT`, is the backwards compatible mode which only translates the double-quote character and leaves the single-quote untranslated. If `ENT_QUOTES` is set, both single and double quotes are translated and if `ENT_NOQUOTES` is set neither single nor double quotes are translated.

The translations performed are:

- `'&'` (ampersand) becomes `'&'`
- `'"'` (double quote) becomes `'"'` when `ENT_NOQUOTES` is not set.
- `'''` (single quote) becomes `'''` only when `ENT_QUOTES` is set.
- `'<'` (less than) becomes `'<'`
- `'>'` (greater than) becomes `'>'`

Example 1. `htmlspecialchars()` example

```
$new = htmlspecialchars("<a href='test'>Test</a>", ENT_QUOTES);
```

Note that this function does not translate anything beyond what is listed above. For full entity translation, see `htmlentities()`. Also note that the optional second argument was added in PHP 3.0.17 and PHP 4.0.3.

The third argument defines character set used in conversion. The default character set is ISO-8859-1.

See also `htmlentities()` and `nl2br()`.

implode (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Join array elements with a string

```
string implode (string glue, array pieces)
```

Returns a string containing a string representation of all the array elements in the same order, with the glue string between each element.

Example 1. implode() example

```
$colon_separated = implode(":", $array);
```

Note: implode() can, for historical reasons, accept its parameters in either order. For consistency with explode(), however, it may be less confusing to use the documented order of arguments.

See also explode(), join(), and split().

join (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Join array elements with a string

```
string join (string glue, array pieces)
```

join() is an alias to implode(), and is identical in every way.

See also explode(), implode(), and split().

levenshtein (PHP 3 >= 3.0.17, PHP 4)

Calculate Levenshtein distance between two strings

```
int levenshtein (string str1, string str2)
int levenshtein (string str1, string str2, int cost_ins, int cost_rep, int cost_del)
int levenshtein (string str1, string str2, function cost)
```

This function returns the Levenshtein-Distance between the two argument strings or -1, if one of the argument strings is longer than the limit of 255 characters (255 should be more than enough for name or dictionary comparison, and nobody serious would be doing genetic analysis with PHP).

The Levenshtein distance is defined as the minimal number of characters you have to replace, insert or delete to transform *str1* into *str2*. The complexity of the algorithm is $O(m*n)$, where *n* and *m* are the

length of *str1* and *str2* (rather good when compared to `similar_text()`, which is $O(\max(n,m)**3)$, but still expensive).

In its simplest form the function will take only the two strings as parameter and will calculate just the number of insert, replace and delete operations needed to transform *str1* into *str2*.

A second variant will take three additional parameters that define the cost of insert, replace and delete operations. This is more general and adaptive than variant one, but not as efficient.

The third variant (which is not implemented yet) will be the most general and adaptive, but also the slowest alternative. It will call a user-supplied function that will determine the cost for every possible operation.

The user-supplied function will be called with the following arguments:

- operation to apply: 'I', 'R' or 'D'
- actual character in string 1
- actual character in string 2
- position in string 1
- position in string 2
- remaining characters in string 1
- remaining characters in string 2

The user-supplied function has to return a positive integer describing the cost for this particular operation, but it may decide to use only some of the supplied arguments.

The user-supplied function approach offers the possibility to take into account the relevance of and/or difference between certain symbols (characters) or even the context those symbols appear in to determine the cost of insert, replace and delete operations, but at the cost of losing all optimizations done regarding cpu register utilization and cache misses that have been worked into the other two variants.

See also `soundex()`, `similar_text()`, and `metaphone()`.

localeconv (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Get numeric formatting information

array **localeconv** ()

Returns an associative array containing localized numeric and monetary formatting information.

localeconv() returns data based upon the current locale as set by `setlocale()`. The associative array that is returned contains the following fields:

Array element	Description
<code>decimal_point</code>	Decimal point character

Array element	Description
thousands_sep	Thousands separator
grouping	Array containing numeric groupings
int_curr_symbol	International currency symbol (i.e. USD)
currency_symbol	Local currency symbol (i.e. \$)
mon_decimal_point	Monetary decimal point character
mon_thousands_sep	Monetary thousands separator
mon_grouping	Array containing monetary groupings
positive_sign	Sign for positive values
negative_sign	Sign for negative values
int_frac_digits	International fractional digits
frac_digits	Local fractional digits
p_cs_precedes	TRUE if currency_symbol precedes a positive value, FALSE if it succeeds one
p_sep_by_space	TRUE if a space separates currency_symbol from a positive value, FALSE otherwise
n_cs_precedes	TRUE if currency_symbol precedes a negative value, FALSE if it succeeds one
n_sep_by_space	TRUE if a space separates currency_symbol from a negative value, FALSE otherwise
p_sign_posn	0 Parentheses surround the quantity and currency_symbol 1 The sign string precedes the quantity and currency_symbol 2 The sign string succeeds the quantity and currency_symbol 3 The sign string immediately precedes the currency_symbol 4 The sign string immediately succeeds the currency_symbol

Array element	Description
n_sign_posn	0 Parentheses surround the quantity and currency_symbol 1 The sign string precedes the quantity and currency_symbol 2 The sign string succeeds the quantity and currency_symbol 3 The sign string immediately precedes the currency_symbol 4 The sign string immediately succeeds the currency_symbol

The grouping fields contain arrays that define the way numbers should be grouped. For example, the grouping field for the en_US locale, would contain a 2 item array with the values 3 and 3. The higher the index in the array, the farther left the grouping is. If an array element is equal to CHAR_MAX, no further grouping is done. If an array element is equal to 0, the previous element should be used.

Example 1. localeconv() example

```
setlocale(LC_ALL, "en_US");

$locale_info = localeconv();

echo "<PRE>\n";
echo "-----\n";
echo "  Monetary information for current locale:  \n";
echo "-----\n\n";

echo "int_curr_symbol:  {$locale_info["int_curr_symbol"]}\n";
echo "currency_symbol:  {$locale_info["currency_symbol"]}\n";
echo "mon_decimal_point: {$locale_info["mon_decimal_point"]}\n";
echo "mon_thousands_sep: {$locale_info["mon_thousands_sep"]}\n";
echo "positive_sign:    {$locale_info["positive_sign"]}\n";
echo "negative_sign:     {$locale_info["negative_sign"]}\n";
echo "int_frac_digits:   {$locale_info["int_frac_digits"]}\n";
echo "frac_digits:       {$locale_info["frac_digits"]}\n";
echo "p_cs_precedes:      {$locale_info["p_cs_precedes"]}\n";
echo "p_sep_by_space:     {$locale_info["p_sep_by_space"]}\n";
echo "n_cs_precedes:      {$locale_info["n_cs_precedes"]}\n";
echo "n_sep_by_space:     {$locale_info["n_sep_by_space"]}\n";
echo "p_sign_posn:        {$locale_info["p_sign_posn"]}\n";
echo "n_sign_posn:        {$locale_info["n_sign_posn"]}\n";
echo "</PRE>\n";
```

The constant `CHAR_MAX` is also defined for the use mentioned above.

Note: Added in PHP 4.0.5

See also: `setlocale()`.

ltrim (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Strip whitespace from the beginning of a string

```
string ltrim (string str [, string charlist])
```

Note: The second parameter was added in PHP 4.1.0

This function returns a string with whitespace stripped from the beginning of *str*. Without the second parameter, **ltrim()** will strip these characters:

- " " (ASCII 32 (0x20)), an ordinary space.
- "\t" (ASCII 9 (0x09)), a tab.
- "\n" (ASCII 10 (0x0A)), a new line (line feed).
- "\r" (ASCII 13 (0x0D)), a carriage return.
- "\0" (ASCII 0 (0x00)), the NUL-byte.
- "\x0B" (ASCII 11 (0x0B)), a vertical tab.

You can also specify the characters you want to strip, by means of the *charlist* parameter. Simply list all characters that you want to be stripped. With `.` you can specify a range of characters.

Example 1. Usage example of ltrim()

```
<?php

$text = "\t\tThese are a few words :) ... ";
$trimmed = ltrim($text);
// $trimmed = "These are a few words :) ... "
```

```

$trimmed = ltrim($text, " \t.");
// $trimmed = "These are a few words :) ... "
$clean = ltrim($binary, "\0x00..\0x1F");
// trim the ASCII control characters at the beginning of $binary
// (from 0 to 31 inclusive)

?>

```

See also `trim()` and `rtrim()`.

md5 (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Calculate the md5 hash of a string

```
string md5 (string str)
```

Calculates the MD5 hash of *str* using the RSA Data Security, Inc. MD5 Message-Digest Algorithm (<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc1321.html>), and returns that hash.

See also: `crc32()`

metaphone (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Calculate the metaphone key of a string

```
string metaphone (string str)
```

Calculates the metaphone key of *str*.

Similar to `soundex()` metaphone creates the same key for similar sounding words. It's more accurate than `soundex()` as it knows the basic rules of English pronunciation. The metaphone generated keys are of variable length.

Metaphone was developed by Lawrence Philips <lphilips@verity.com>. It is described in ["Practical Algorithms for Programmers", Binstock & Rex, Addison Wesley, 1995].

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.

nl2br (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Inserts HTML line breaks before all newlines in a string

```
string nl2br (string string)
```

Returns *string* with '
' inserted before all newlines.

Note: Starting with PHP 4.0.5, **nl2br()** is now XHTML compliant. All versions before 4.0.5 will return *string* with '
' inserted before newlines instead of '
'.

See also htmlspecialchars(), htmlentities() and wordwrap().

ord (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return ASCII value of character

```
int ord (string string)
```

Returns the ASCII value of the first character of *string*. This function complements chr().

Example 1. ord() example

```
if (ord($str) == 10) {
    echo "The first character of \$str is a line feed.\n";
}
]>
    </programlisting>
    </example>
</para>
<para>
    You can find an ASCII-table over here: <ulink url="&url.asciitable;"
    >&url.asciitable;</ulink>.
</para>
<simpara>
    See also <function>chr</function>.
</simpara>
</refsect1>
```

```

</refentry>

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  </refnamediv>
  <refsect1>
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    <funcsynopsis>
      <funcprototype>
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        <paramdef>string <parameter>str</parameter></paramdef>
        <paramdef>array
          <parameter><optional>arr</optional>
        </parameter>
      </funcprototype>
    </funcsynopsis>
    <para>
      Parses <parameter>str</parameter> as if it were the query string
      passed via an URL and sets variables in the current scope. If
      the second parameter <parameter>arr</parameter> is present,
      variables are stored in this variable as an array elements instead.
    </para>
    <para>
      <example>
        <title>Using <function>parse_str</function></title>
        <programlisting role="php">
<![CDATA[
$str = "first=value&second[]=this+works&second[]=another";
parse_str($str);
echo $first;      /* prints "value" */
echo $second[0]; /* prints "this works" */
echo $second[1]; /* prints "another" */

```

print (unknown)

Output a string

print (string *arg*)

Outputs *arg*.

See also: `echo()`, `printf()`, and `flush()`.

printf (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Output a formatted string

```
void printf (string format [, mixed args...])
```

Produces output according to *format*, which is described in the documentation for `sprintf()`.

See also: `print()`, `sprintf()`, `sscanf()`, `fscanf()`, and `flush()`.

quoted_printable_decode (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Convert a quoted-printable string to an 8 bit string

```
string quoted_printable_decode (string str)
```

This function returns an 8-bit binary string corresponding to the decoded quoted printable string. This function is similar to `imap_qprint()`, except this one does not require the IMAP module to work.

quotemeta (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Quote meta characters

```
string quotemeta (string str)
```

Returns a version of *str* with a backslash character (`\`) before every character that is among these:

```
. \ + * ? [ ^ ] ( $ )
```

See also `addslashes()`, `htmlentities()`, `htmlspecialchars()`, `nl2br()`, and `stripslashes()`.

rtrim (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Strip whitespace from the end of a string

```
string rtrim (string str [, string charlist])
```

Note: The second parameter was added in PHP 4.1.0

This function returns a string with whitespace stripped from the end of *str*. Without the second parameter, **rtrim()** will strip these characters:

- " " (ASCII 32 (0x20)), an ordinary space.
- "\t" (ASCII 9 (0x09)), a tab.
- "\n" (ASCII 10 (0x0A)), a new line (line feed).
- "\r" (ASCII 13 (0x0D)), a carriage return.
- "\0" (ASCII 0 (0x00)), the NUL-byte.
- "\x0B" (ASCII 11 (0x0B)), a vertical tab.

You can also specify the characters you want to strip, by means of the *charlist* parameter. Simply list all characters that you want to be stripped. With . . you can specify a range of characters.

Example 1. Usage example of rtrim()

```
<?php

$text = "\t\tThese are a few words :) ... ";
$trimmed = rtrim($text);
// $trimmed = "\t\tThese are a few words :) ..."
$trimmed = rtrim($text, " \t.");
// $trimmed = "\t\tThese are a few words :)"
$clean = rtrim($binary, "\0x00..\0x1F");
// trim the ASCII control characters at the end of $binary
// (from 0 to 31 inclusive)

?>
```

See also trim() and ltrim().

sscanf (PHP 4)

Parses input from a string according to a format

mixed **sscanf** (string *str*, string *format* [, string *var1*...])

The function **sscanf()** is the input analog of **printf()**. **sscanf()** reads from the string *str* and interprets it according to the specified *format*. If only two parameters were passed to this function, the values parsed will be returned as an array.

Example 1. sscanf() Example

```
// getting the serial number
$serial = sscanf("SN/2350001", "SN/%d");
// and the date of manufacturing
$mandate = "January 01 2000";
list($month, $day, $year) = sscanf($mandate, "%s %d %d");
echo "Item $serial was manufactured on: $year-".substr($month,0,3)."- $day\n";
```

If optional parameters are passed, the function will return the number of assigned values. The optional parameters must be passed by reference.

Example 2. sscanf() - using optional parameters

```
// get author info and generate DocBook entry
$auth = "24\tLewis Carroll";
$n = sscanf($auth, "%d\t%s %s", &$id, &$first, &$last);
echo "<author id='$id'>
    <firstname>$first</firstname>
    <surname>$last</surname>
</author>\n";
```

See also: **fscanf()**, **printf()**, and **sprintf()**.

setlocale (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set locale information

string **setlocale** (mixed *category*, string *locale*)

Category is a named constant (or string) specifying the category of the functions affected by the locale setting:

- LC_ALL for all of the below
- LC_COLLATE for string comparison, see strcoll()
- LC_CTYPE for character classification and conversion, for example strtoupper()
- LC_MONETARY for localeconv()
- LC_NUMERIC for decimal separator (See also: localeconv())
- LC_TIME for date and time formatting with strftime()

If *locale* is the empty string "", the locale names will be set from the values of environment variables with the same names as the above categories, or from "LANG".

If *locale* is zero or "0", the locale setting is not affected, only the current setting is returned.

Setlocale returns the new current locale, or FALSE if the locale functionality is not implemented in the platform, the specified locale does not exist or the category name is invalid. An invalid category name also causes a warning message.

similar_text (PHP 3 >= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Calculate the similarity between two strings

int **similar_text** (string *first*, string *second* [, float *percent*])

This calculates the similarity between two strings as described in Oliver [1993]. Note that this implementation does not use a stack as in Oliver's pseudo code, but recursive calls which may or may not speed up the whole process. Note also that the complexity of this algorithm is $O(N^2)$ where N is the length of the longest string.

By passing a reference as third argument, **similar_text()** will calculate the similarity in percent for you. It returns the number of matching chars in both strings.

soundex (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Calculate the soundex key of a string

string **soundex** (string *str*)

Calculates the soundex key of *str*.

Soundex keys have the property that words pronounced similarly produce the same soundex key, and can thus be used to simplify searches in databases where you know the pronunciation but not the spelling.

This soundex function returns a string 4 characters long, starting with a letter.

This particular soundex function is one described by Donald Knuth in "The Art Of Computer Programming, vol. 3: Sorting And Searching", Addison-Wesley (1973), pp. 391-392.

Example 1. Soundex Examples

```
soundex("Euler") == soundex("Ellery") == 'E460';
soundex("Gauss") == soundex("Ghosh") == 'G200';
soundex("Hilbert") == soundex("Heilbronn") == 'H416';
soundex("Knuth") == soundex("Kant") == 'K530';
soundex("Lloyd") == soundex("Ladd") == 'L300';
soundex("Lukasiewicz") == soundex("Lissajous") == 'L222';
```

sprintf (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return a formatted string

```
string sprintf (string format [, mixed args...])
```

Returns a string produced according to the formatting string *format*.

The format string is composed of zero or more directives: ordinary characters (excluding %) that are copied directly to the result, and *conversion specifications*, each of which results in fetching its own parameter. This applies to both **sprintf()** and **printf()**.

Each conversion specification consists of a percent sign (%), followed by one or more of these elements, in order:

1. An optional *padding specifier* that says what character will be used for padding the results to the right string size. This may be a space character or a 0 (zero character). The default is to pad with spaces. An alternate padding character can be specified by prefixing it with a single quote ('). See the examples below.
2. An optional *alignment specifier* that says if the result should be left-justified or right-justified. The default is right-justified; a - character here will make it left-justified.

3. An optional number, a *width specifier* that says how many characters (minimum) this conversion should result in.
4. An optional *precision specifier* that says how many decimal digits should be displayed for floating-point numbers. This option has no effect for other types than float. (Another function useful for formatting numbers is `number_format()`.)
5. A *type specifier* that says what type the argument data should be treated as. Possible types:
 - % - a literal percent character. No argument is required.
 - b - the argument is treated as an integer, and presented as a binary number.
 - c - the argument is treated as an integer, and presented as the character with that ASCII value.
 - d - the argument is treated as an integer, and presented as a (signed) decimal number.
 - u - the argument is treated as an integer, and presented as an unsigned decimal number.
 - f - the argument is treated as a float, and presented as a floating-point number.
 - o - the argument is treated as an integer, and presented as an octal number.
 - s - the argument is treated as and presented as a string.
 - x - the argument is treated as an integer and presented as a hexadecimal number (with lowercase letters).
 - X - the argument is treated as an integer and presented as a hexadecimal number (with uppercase letters).

As of PHP version 4.0.6 the format string supports argument numbering/swapping. Here is an example:

Example 1. Argument swapping

```
$format = "There are %d monkeys in the %s";
printf($format,$num,$location);
```

This might output, "There are 5 monkeys in the tree". But imagine we are creating a format string in a separate file, commonly because we would like to internationalize it and we rewrite it as:

Example 2. Argument swapping

```
$format = "The %s contains %d monkeys";
printf($format,$num,$location);
```

We now have a problem. The order of the placeholders in the format string does not match the order of the arguments in the code. We would like to leave the code as is and simply indicate in the format string which arguments the placeholders refer to. We would write the format string like this instead:

Example 3. Argument swapping

```
$format = "The %2$s contains %1$d monkeys";
printf($format,$num,$location);
```

An added benefit here is that you can repeat the placeholders without adding more arguments in the code. For example:

Example 4. Argument swapping

```
$format = "The %2\$s contains %1\$d monkeys.  
    That's a nice %2\$s full of %1\$d monkeys.";
printf($format, $num, $location);
```

See also: `printf()`, `sscanf()`, `fscanf()`, and `number_format()`.

Example 5. `sprintf()`: zero-padded integers

```
$isodate = sprintf("%04d-%02d-%02d", $year, $month, $day);
```

Example 6. `sprintf()`: formatting currency

```
$money1 = 68.75;
$money2 = 54.35;
$money = $money1 + $money2;
// echo $money will output "123.1";
$formatted = sprintf("%01.2f", $money);
// echo $formatted will output "123.10"
```

strncasecmp (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Binary safe case-insensitive string comparison of the first *n* characters

```
int strncasecmp (string str1, string str2, int len)
```

This function is similar to `strncasecmp()`, with the difference that you can specify the (upper limit of the) number of characters (*len*) from each string to be used in the comparison. If any of the strings is shorter than *len*, then the length of that string will be used for the comparison.

Returns < 0 if *str1* is less than *str2*; > 0 if *str1* is greater than *str2*, and 0 if they are equal.

See also `ereg()`, `strcasecmp()`, `strcmp()`, `substr()`, `stristr()`, and `strstr()`.

strcasecmp (PHP 3>= 3.0.2, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Binary safe case-insensitive string comparison

```
int strcasecmp (string str1, string str2)
```

Returns < 0 if *str1* is less than *str2*; > 0 if *str1* is greater than *str2*, and 0 if they are equal.

Example 1. strcasecmp() example

```
$var1 = "Hello";
$var2 = "hello";
if (!strcasecmp($var1, $var2)) {
    echo '$var1 is equal to $var2 in a case-insensitive string comparison';
}
```

See also `ereg()`, `strcmp()`, `substr()`, `stristr()`, `strncasecmp()`, and `strstr()`.

strchr (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Find the first occurrence of a character

```
string strchr (string haystack, string needle)
```

This function is an alias for `strstr()`, and is identical in every way.

strcmp (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Binary safe string comparison

```
int strcmp (string str1, string str2)
```

Returns < 0 if *str1* is less than *str2*; > 0 if *str1* is greater than *str2*, and 0 if they are equal.

Note that this comparison is case sensitive.

See also `ereg()`, `strcasecmp()`, `substr()`, `stristr()`, `strncasecmp()`, `strncmp()`, and `strstr()`.

strcoll (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Locale based string comparison

```
int strcoll (string str1, string str2)
```

Returns < 0 if *str1* is less than *str2*; > 0 if *str1* is greater than *str2*, and 0 if they are equal.

strcoll() uses the current locale for doing the comparisons. If the current locale is C or POSIX, this function is equivalent to `strcmp()`.

Note that this comparison is case sensitive, and unlike `strcmp()` this function is not binary safe.

Note: Added in PHP 4.0.5.

See also `ereg()`, `strcmp()`, `strcasecmp()`, `substr()`, `stristr()`, `strncasecmp()`, `strncmp()`, `strstr()`, and `setlocale()`.

strcspn (PHP 3 >= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Find length of initial segment not matching mask

```
int strcspn (string str1, string str2)
```

Returns the length of the initial segment of *str1* which does *not* contain any of the characters in *str2*.

See also `strspn()`.

strip_tags (PHP 3>= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Strip HTML and PHP tags from a string

```
string strip_tags (string str [, string allowable_tags])
```

This function tries to return a string with all HTML and PHP tags stripped from a given *str*. It errs on the side of caution in case of incomplete or bogus tags. It uses the same tag stripping state machine as the `fgetss()` function.

You can use the optional second parameter to specify tags which should not be stripped.

Note: *allowable_tags* was added in PHP 3.0.13 and PHP 4.0b3.

Example 1. strip_tags() example

```
$string = strip_tags($string, '<a><b><i><u>');
```

Warning

This function does not modify any attributes on the tags that you allow using *allowable_tags*, including the `style` and `onmouseover` attributes that a mischievous user may abuse when posting text that will be shown to other users.

stripcslashes (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Un-quote string quoted with `addcslashes()`

```
string stripcslashes (string str)
```

Returns a string with backslashes stripped off. Recognizes C-like `\n`, `\r` ..., octal and hexadecimal representation.

Note: Added in PHP4b3-dev.

See also `addslashes()`.

stripslashes (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Un-quote string quoted with `addslashes()`

string **stripslashes** (string *str*)

Returns a string with backslashes stripped off. (`\'` becomes `'` and so on.) Double backslashes are made into a single backslash.

See also `addslashes()`.

strstr (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Case-insensitive `strstr()`

string **strstr** (string *haystack*, string *needle*)

Returns all of *haystack* from the first occurrence of *needle* to the end. *needle* and *haystack* are examined in a case-insensitive manner.

If *needle* is not found, returns `FALSE`.

If *needle* is not a string, it is converted to an integer and applied as the ordinal value of a character.

See also `strchr()`, `strrchr()`, `substr()`, and `ereg()`.

strlen (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get string length

int **strlen** (string *str*)

Returns the length of *string*.

strnatcmp (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

String comparisons using a "natural order" algorithm

```
int strnatcmp (string str1, string str2)
```

This function implements a comparison algorithm that orders alphanumeric strings in the way a human being would, this is described as a "natural ordering". An example of the difference between this algorithm and the regular computer string sorting algorithms (used in `strcmp()`) can be seen below:

```
$arr1 = $arr2 = array("img12.png", "img10.png", "img2.png", "img1.png");
echo "Standard string comparison\n";
usort($arr1, "strcmp");
print_r($arr1);
echo "\nNatural order string comparison\n";
usort($arr2, "strnatcmp");
print_r($arr2);
```

The code above will generate the following output:

Standard string comparison

Array

```
(
    [0] => img1.png
    [1] => img10.png
    [2] => img12.png
    [3] => img2.png
)
```

Natural order string comparison

Array

```
(
    [0] => img1.png
    [1] => img2.png
    [2] => img10.png
    [3] => img12.png
)
```

For more information see: Martin Pool's Natural Order String Comparison (<http://naturalordersort.org/>) page.

Similar to other string comparison functions, this one returns < 0 if *str1* is less than *str2*; > 0 if *str1* is greater than *str2*, and 0 if they are equal.

Note that this comparison is case sensitive.

See also `ereg()`, `strcasecmp()`, `substr()`, `stristr()`, `strcmp()`, `strncmp()`, `strncasecmp()`, `strnatcasecmp()`, `strstr()`, `natsort()` and `natcasesort()`.

strnatcasecmp (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Case insensitive string comparisons using a "natural order" algorithm

```
int strnatcasecmp (string str1, string str2)
```

This function implements a comparison algorithm that orders alphanumeric strings in the way a human being would. The behaviour of this function is similar to `strnatcmp()`, except that the comparison is not case sensitive. For more information see: Martin Pool's Natural Order String Comparison (<http://naturalordersort.org/>) page.

Similar to other string comparison functions, this one returns < 0 if *str1* is less than *str2*; > 0 if *str1* is greater than *str2*, and 0 if they are equal.

See also `ereg()`, `strcasecmp()`, `substr()`, `stristr()`, `strcmp()`, `strncmp()`, `strncasecmp()`, `strnatcmp()`, and `strstr()`.

strncmp (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Binary safe string comparison of the first n characters

```
int strncmp (string str1, string str2, int len)
```

This function is similar to `strcmp()`, with the difference that you can specify the (upper limit of the) number of characters (*len*) from each string to be used in the comparison. If any of the strings is shorter than *len*, then the length of that string will be used for the comparison.

Returns < 0 if *str1* is less than *str2*; > 0 if *str1* is greater than *str2*, and 0 if they are equal.

Note that this comparison is case sensitive.

See also `ereg()`, `strncasecmp()`, `strcasecmp()`, `substr()`, `stristr()`, `strcmp()`, and `strstr()`.

str_pad (PHP 4)

Pad a string to a certain length with another string

```
string str_pad (string input, int pad_length [, string pad_string [, int pad_type]])
```

This function returns the *input* string padded on the left, the right, or both sides to the specified padding length. If the optional argument *pad_string* is not supplied, the *input* is padded with spaces, otherwise it is padded with characters from *pad_string* up to the limit.

Optional argument *pad_type* can be STR_PAD_RIGHT, STR_PAD_LEFT, or STR_PAD_BOTH. If *pad_type* is not specified it is assumed to be STR_PAD_RIGHT.

If the value of *pad_length* is negative or less than the length of the input string, no padding takes place.

Example 1. str_pad() example

```
$input = "Alien";
print str_pad($input, 10);           // produces "Alien      "
print str_pad($input, 10, "-=", STR_PAD_LEFT); // produces "-=-=-Alien"
print str_pad($input, 10, "_", STR_PAD_BOTH);  // produces "__Alien__"
```

strpos (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Find position of first occurrence of a string

```
int strpos (string haystack, string needle [, int offset])
```

Returns the numeric position of the first occurrence of *needle* in the *haystack* string. Unlike the strpos(), this function can take a full string as the *needle* parameter and the entire string will be used.

If *needle* is not found, returns FALSE.

Note: It is easy to mistake the return values for "character found at position 0" and "character not found". Here's how to detect the difference:

```
// in PHP 4.0b3 and newer:
$pos = strpos($mystring, "b");
if ($pos === false) { // note: three equal signs
    // not found...
}

// in versions older than 4.0b3:
```

```

$pos = strpos($mystring, "b");
if (is_string($pos) && !$pos) {
    // not found...
}

```

If *needle* is not a string, it is converted to an integer and applied as the ordinal value of a character.

The optional *offset* parameter allows you to specify which character in *haystack* to start searching. The position returned is still relative to the the beginning of *haystack*.

See also `strpos()`, `strchr()`, `substr()`, `stristr()`, and `strrchr()`.

strrchr (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Find the last occurrence of a character in a string

```
string strrchr (string haystack, string needle)
```

This function returns the portion of *haystack* which starts at the last occurrence of *needle* and goes until the end of *haystack*.

Returns FALSE if *needle* is not found.

If *needle* contains more than one character, the first is used.

If *needle* is not a string, it is converted to an integer and applied as the ordinal value of a character.

Example 1. strrchr() example

```

// get last directory in $PATH
$dir = substr(strrchr($PATH, ":"), 1);

// get everything after last newline
$text = "Line 1\nLine 2\nLine 3";
$last = substr(strrchr($text, 10), 1 );

```

See also `strchr()`, `substr()`, `stristr()`, and `strrchr()`.

str_repeat (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Repeat a string

```
string str_repeat (string input, int multiplier)
```

Returns *input_str* repeated *multiplier* times. *multiplier* has to be greater than 0.

Example 1. str_repeat() example

```
echo str_repeat("-", 10);
```

This will output "-----".

Note: This function was added in PHP 4.0.

strrev (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Reverse a string

```
string strrev (string string)
```

Returns *string*, reversed.

Example 1. Reversing a string with strrev()

```
<php  
echo strrev("Hello world!"); // outputs "!dlrow olleH"  
?>
```

strrpos (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Find position of last occurrence of a char in a string

```
int strrpos (string haystack, char needle)
```

Returns the numeric position of the last occurrence of *needle* in the *haystack* string. Note that the needle in this case can only be a single character. If a string is passed as the needle, then only the first character of that string will be used.

If *needle* is not found, returns FALSE.

Note: It is easy to mistake the return values for "character found at position 0" and "character not found". Here's how to detect the difference:

```
// in PHP 4.0b3 and newer:
$pos = strrpos($mystring, "b");
if ($pos === false) { // note: three equal signs
    // not found...
}

// in versions older than 4.0b3:
$pos = strrpos($mystring, "b");
if (is_string($pos) && !$pos) {
    // not found...
}
```

If *needle* is not a string, it is converted to an integer and applied as the ordinal value of a character.

See also strpos(), strrchr(), substr(), strstr(), and stristr().

strspn (PHP 3 >= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Find length of initial segment matching mask

```
int strspn (string str1, string str2)
```

Returns the length of the initial segment of *str1* which consists entirely of characters in *str2*.

The line of code:

```
$var = strpos("42 is the answer, what is the question ...", "1234567890");
```

will assign 2 to `$var`, because the string "42" will be the longest segment containing characters from "1234567890".

See also `strcspn()`.

strstr (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Find first occurrence of a string

```
string strstr (string haystack, string needle)
```

Returns all of *haystack* from the first occurrence of *needle* to the end.

If *needle* is not found, returns FALSE.

If *needle* is not a string, it is converted to an integer and applied as the ordinal value of a character.

Note: Note that this function is case-sensitive. For case-insensitive searches, use `stristr()`.

Example 1. strstr() example

```
$email = 'sterling@designmultimedia.com';  
$domain = strstr($email, '@');  
print $domain; // prints @designmultimedia.com
```

See also `strchr()`, `stristr()`, `strrchr()`, `substr()`, and `ereg()`.

strtok (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Tokenize string

```
string strtok (string arg1, string arg2)
```

strtok() is used to tokenize a string. That is, if you have a string like "This is an example string" you could tokenize this string into its individual words by using the space character as the token.

Example 1. strtok() example

```
$string = "This is an example string";  
$tok = strtok($string, " ");  
while ($tok) {  
    echo "Word=$tok<br>";  
    $tok = strtok(" ");  
}
```

Note that only the first call to strtok uses the string argument. Every subsequent call to strtok only needs the token to use, as it keeps track of where it is in the current string. To start over, or to tokenize a new string you simply call strtok with the string argument again to initialize it. Note that you may put multiple tokens in the token parameter. The string will be tokenized when any one of the characters in the argument are found.

Also be careful that your tokens may be equal to "0". This evaluates to FALSE in conditional expressions.

See also split() and explode().

strtolower (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Make a string lowercase

```
string strtolower (string str)
```

Returns *string* with all alphabetic characters converted to lowercase.

Note that 'alphabetic' is determined by the current locale. This means that in i.e. the default "C" locale, characters such as umlaut-A (Ä) will not be converted.

Example 1. strtolower() example

```
$str = "Mary Had A Little Lamb and She LOVED It So";
$str = strtolower($str);
print $str; # Prints mary had a little lamb and she loved it so
```

See also strtoupper(), ucfirst(), and ucwords().

strtoupper (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Make a string uppercase

```
string strtoupper (string string)
```

Returns *string* with all alphabetic characters converted to uppercase.

Note that 'alphabetic' is determined by the current locale. For instance, in the default "C" locale characters such as umlaut-a (ä) will not be converted.

Example 1. strtoupper() example

```
$str = "Mary Had A Little Lamb and She LOVED It So";
$str = strtoupper($str);
print $str; # Prints MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB AND SHE LOVED IT SO
```

See also strtolower(), ucfirst(), and ucwords().

str_replace (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Replace all occurrences of the search string with the replacement string

```
mixed str_replace (mixed search, mixed replace, mixed subject)
```

This function returns a string or an array with all occurrences of *search* in *subject* replaced with the given *replace* value. If you don't need fancy replacing rules, you should always use this function instead of ereg_replace() or preg_replace().

In PHP 4.0.5 and later, every parameter to **str_replace()** can be an array.

If *subject* is an array, then the search and replace is performed with every entry of *subject*, and the return value is an array as well.

If *search* and *replace* are arrays, then **str_replace()** takes a value from each array and uses them to do search and replace on *subject*. If *replace* has fewer values than *search*, then an empty string is used for the rest of replacement values. If *search* is an array and *replace* is a string; then this replacement string is used for every value of *search*. The converse would not make sense, though.

Example 1. str_replace() example

```
$bodytag = str_replace("%body%", "black", "<body text=%body%>");
```

This function is binary safe.

Note: **str_replace()** was added in PHP 3.0.6, but was buggy up until PHP 3.0.8.

See also `ereg_replace()`, `preg_replace()`, and `strtr()`.

strtr (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Translate certain characters

```
string strtr (string str, string from, string to)
```

This function returns a copy of *str*, translating all occurrences of each character in *from* to the corresponding character in *to* and returning the result.

If *from* and *to* are different lengths, the extra characters in the longer of the two are ignored.

Example 1. strtr() example

```
$addr = strtr($addr, "ääö", "aao");
```

strtr() can be called with only two arguments. If called with two arguments it behaves in a new way: *from* then has to be an array that contains string -> string pairs that will be replaced in the source string.

strtr() will always look for the longest possible match first and will **NOT** try to replace stuff that it has already worked on.

Examples:

```
$trans = array("hello" => "hi", "hi" => "hello");
echo strtr("hi all, I said hello", $trans) . "\n";
```

This will show: "hello all, I said hi",

Note: This feature (two arguments) was added in PHP 4.0.

See also `ereg_replace()`.

substr (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Return part of a string

```
string substr (string string, int start [, int length])
```

Substr returns the portion of *string* specified by the *start* and *length* parameters.

If *start* is positive, the returned string will start at the *start*'th position in *string*, counting from zero. For instance, in the string 'abcdef', the character at position 0 is 'a', the character at position 2 is 'c', and so forth.

Examples:

```
$rest = substr("abcdef", 1);    // returns "bcdef"
$rest = substr("abcdef", 1, 3); // returns "bcd"
```

If *start* is negative, the returned string will start at the *start*'th character from the end of *string*.

Examples:

```
$rest = substr("abcdef", -1);    // returns "f"
$rest = substr("abcdef", -2);    // returns "ef"
$rest = substr("abcdef", -3, 1); // returns "d"
```

If *length* is given and is positive, the string returned will end *length* characters from *start*. If this would result in a string with negative length (because the start is past the end of the string), then the returned string will contain the single character at *start*.

If *length* is given and is negative, the string returned will end *length* characters from the end of *string*. If this would result in a string with negative length, then the returned string will contain the single character at *start*.

Examples:

```
$rest = substr("abcdef", 1, -1); // returns "bcde"
```

See also `strchr()` and `ereg()`.

substr_count (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Count the number of substring occurrences

```
int substr_count (string haystack, string needle)
```

substr_count() returns the number of times the *needle* substring occurs in the *haystack* string.

Example 1. substr_count() example

```
print substr_count("This is a test", "is"); // prints out 2
```

substr_replace (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Replace text within a portion of a string

```
string substr_replace (string string, string replacement, int start [, int length])
```

substr_replace() replaces a copy of *string* delimited by the *start* and (optionally) *length* parameters with the string given in *replacement*. The result is returned.

If *start* is positive, the replacing will begin at the *start*'th offset into *string*.

If *start* is negative, the replacing will begin at the *start*'th character from the end of *string*.

If *length* is given and is positive, it represents the length of the portion of *string* which is to be replaced. If it is negative, it represents the number of characters from the end of *string* at which to stop replacing. If it is not given, then it will default to `strlen( string )`; i.e. end the replacing at the end of *string*.

Example 1. substr_replace() example

```
<?php
$var = 'ABCDEFGH:/MNRPQR/';
echo "Original: $var<hr>\n";

/* These two examples replace all of $var with 'bob'. */
echo substr_replace($var, 'bob', 0) . "<br>\n";
echo substr_replace($var, 'bob', 0, strlen($var)) . "<br>\n";

/* Insert 'bob' right at the beginning of $var. */
echo substr_replace($var, 'bob', 0, 0) . "<br>\n";

/* These next two replace 'MNRPQR' in $var with 'bob'. */
echo substr_replace($var, 'bob', 10, -1) . "<br>\n";
echo substr_replace($var, 'bob', -7, -1) . "<br>\n";

/* Delete 'MNRPQR' from $var. */
echo substr_replace($var, "", 10, -1) . "<br>\n";
?>
```

See also `str_replace()` and `substr()`.

Note: `substr_replace()` was added in PHP 4.0.

trim (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Strip whitespace from the beginning and end of a string

```
string trim (string str [, string charlist])
```

Note: The second parameter was added in PHP 4.1.0

This function returns a string with whitespace stripped from the beginning and end of *str*. Without the second parameter, **trim()** will strip these characters:

- " " (ASCII 32 (0x20)), an ordinary space.
- "\t" (ASCII 9 (0x09)), a tab.
- "\n" (ASCII 10 (0x0A)), a new line (line feed).
- "\r" (ASCII 13 (0x0D)), a carriage return.
- "\0" (ASCII 0 (0x00)), the NUL-byte.
- "\x0B" (ASCII 11 (0x0B)), a vertical tab.

You can also specify the characters you want to strip, by means of the *charlist* parameter. Simply list all characters that you want to be stripped. With . . you can specify a range of characters.

Example 1. Usage example of trim()

```
<?php

$text = "\t\tThese are a few words :) ... ";
$trimmed = trim($text);
// $trimmed = "These are a few words :) ..."
$trimmed = trim($text, " \t.");
// $trimmed = "These are a few words :)"
$clean = trim($binary, "\0x00..\0x1F");
// trim the ASCII control characters at the beginning and end of $binary
// (from 0 to 31 inclusive)

?>
```

See also ltrim() and rtrim().

ucfirst (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Make a string's first character uppercase

```
string ucfirst (string str)
```

Returns a string with the first character of *str* capitalized, if that character is alphabetic.

Note that 'alphabetic' is determined by the current locale. For instance, in the default "C" locale characters such as umlaut-a (ä) will not be converted.

Example 1. ucfirst() example

```
$foo = 'hello world!';
$foo = ucfirst($foo);           // Hello world!

$bar = 'HELLO WORLD!';
$bar = ucfirst($bar);           // HELLO WORLD!
$bar = ucfirst(strtolower($bar)); // Hello world!
```

See also strtolower(), strtoupper(), and ucwords().

ucwords (PHP 3 >= 3.0.3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Uppercase the first character of each word in a string

```
string ucwords (string str)
```

Returns a string with the first character of each word in *str* capitalized, if that character is alphabetic.

Example 1. ucwords() example

```
$foo = 'hello world!';
$foo = ucwords($foo);           // Hello World!

$bar = 'HELLO WORLD!';
$bar = ucwords($bar);           // HELLO WORLD!
$bar = ucwords(strtolower($bar)); // Hello World!
```

Note: The definition of a word is any string of characters that is immediately after a whitespace (These are: space, form-feed, newline, carriage return, horizontal tab, and vertical tab).

See also `strtoupper()`, `strtolower()` and `ucfirst()`.

vprintf (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Output a formatted string

```
void vprintf (string format, array args)
```

Display array values as a formatted string according to *format* (which is described in the documentation for `sprintf()`).

Operates as `printf()` but accepts an array of arguments, rather than a variable number of arguments.

See also: `printf()`, `sprintf()`, `vsprintf()`

vsprintf (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Return a formatted string

```
string vsprintf (string format, array args)
```

Return array values as a formatted string according to *format* (which is described in the documentation for `sprintf()`).

Operates as `sprintf()` but accepts an array of arguments, rather than a variable number of arguments.

See also: `sprintf()`, **`vsprintf()`**, `vprintf()`

wordwrap (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Wraps a string to a given number of characters using a string break character.

```
string wordwrap (string str [, int width [, string break [, int cut]]])
```

Returns a string with *str* wrapped at the column number specified by the (optional) *width* parameter. The line is broken using the (optional) *break* parameter.

wordwrap() will automatically wrap at column 75 and break using '\n' (newline) if *width* or *break* are not given.

If the *cut* is set to 1, the string is always wrapped at the specified width. So if you have a word that is larger than the given width, it is broken apart. (See second example).

Note: The *cut* parameter was added in PHP 4.0.3.

Example 1. wordwrap() example

```
$text = "The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog.";
$newtext = wordwrap( $text, 20 );

echo "$newtext\n";
```

This example would display:

```
The quick brown fox
jumped over the lazy dog.
```

Example 2. wordwrap() example

```
$text = "A very long wooooooooooooooooord.";
$newtext = wordwrap( $text, 8, "\n", 1);

echo "$newtext\n";
```

This example would display:

```
A very  
long  
woooooooo  
oooooord.
```

See also `nl2br()`.

LXXXV. Sybase functions

sybase_affected_rows (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

get number of affected rows in last query

```
int sybase_affected_rows (int [link_identifier])
```

Returns: The number of affected rows by the last query.

sybase_affected_rows() returns the number of rows affected by the last INSERT, UPDATE or DELETE query on the server associated with the specified link identifier. If the link identifier isn't specified, the last opened link is assumed.

This command is not effective for SELECT statements, only on statements which modify records. To retrieve the number of rows returned from a SELECT, use `sybase_num_rows()`.

Note: This function is only available using the CT library interface to Sybase, and not the DB library.

sybase_close (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

close Sybase connection

```
bool sybase_close (int link_identifier)
```

Returns: TRUE on success, FALSE on error

`sybase_close()` closes the link to a Sybase database that's associated with the specified link identifier. If the link identifier isn't specified, the last opened link is assumed.

Note that this isn't usually necessary, as non-persistent open links are automatically closed at the end of the script's execution.

`sybase_close()` will not close persistent links generated by `sybase_pconnect()`.

See also: `sybase_connect()`, `sybase_pconnect()`.

sybase_connect (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

open Sybase server connection

```
int sybase_connect (string servername, string username, string password [,
string charset])
```

Returns: A positive Sybase link identifier on success, or FALSE on error.

`sybase_connect()` establishes a connection to a Sybase server. The `servername` argument has to be a valid servername that is defined in the 'interfaces' file.

In case a second call is made to `sybase_connect()` with the same arguments, no new link will be established, but instead, the link identifier of the already opened link will be returned.

The link to the server will be closed as soon as the execution of the script ends, unless it's closed earlier by explicitly calling `sybase_close()`.

See also `sybase_pconnect()`, `sybase_close()`.

sybase_data_seek (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

move internal row pointer

```
bool sybase_data_seek (int result_identifier, int row_number)
```

Returns: TRUE on success, FALSE on failure

`sybase_data_seek()` moves the internal row pointer of the Sybase result associated with the specified result identifier to pointer to the specified row number. The next call to `sybase_fetch_row()` would return that row.

See also: `sybase_data_seek()`.

sybase_fetch_array (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

fetch row as array

```
array sybase_fetch_array (int result)
```

Returns: An array that corresponds to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

`sybase_fetch_array()` is an extended version of `sybase_fetch_row()`. In addition to storing the data in the numeric indices of the result array, it also stores the data in associative indices, using the field names as keys.

An important thing to note is that using `sybase_fetch_array()` is NOT significantly slower than using `sybase_fetch_row()`, while it provides a significant added value.

For further details, also see `sybase_fetch_row()`

sybase_fetch_field (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

get field information

```
object sybase_fetch_field (int result [, int field_offset])
```

Returns an object containing field information.

`sybase_fetch_field()` can be used in order to obtain information about fields in a certain query result. If the field offset isn't specified, the next field that wasn't yet retrieved by `sybase_fetch_field()` is retrieved.

The properties of the object are:

- `name` - column name. if the column is a result of a function, this property is set to `computed#N`, where `#N` is a serial number.
- `column_source` - the table from which the column was taken
- `max_length` - maximum length of the column
- `numeric` - 1 if the column is numeric
- `type` - datatype of the column

See also `sybase_field_seek()`

sybase_fetch_object (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

fetch row as object

```
int sybase_fetch_object (int result)
```

Returns: An object with properties that correspond to the fetched row, or `FALSE` if there are no more rows.

`sybase_fetch_object()` is similar to `sybase_fetch_array()`, with one difference - an object is returned, instead of an array. Indirectly, that means that you can only access the data by the field names, and not by their offsets (numbers are illegal property names).

Speed-wise, the function is identical to `sybase_fetch_array()`, and almost as quick as `sybase_fetch_row()` (the difference is insignificant).

See also: `sybase_fetch_array()` and `sybase_fetch_row()`.

sybase_fetch_row (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

get row as enumerated array

```
array sybase_fetch_row (int result)
```

Returns: An array that corresponds to the fetched row, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

`sybase_fetch_row()` fetches one row of data from the result associated with the specified result identifier. The row is returned as an array. Each result column is stored in an array offset, starting at offset 0.

Subsequent call to `sybase_fetch_rows()` would return the next row in the result set, or FALSE if there are no more rows.

See also: `sybase_fetch_array()`, `sybase_fetch_object()`, `sybase_data_seek()`, **`sybase_fetch_lengths()`**, and `sybase_result()`.

sybase_field_seek (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

set field offset

```
int sybase_field_seek (int result, int field_offset)
```

Seeks to the specified field offset. If the next call to `sybase_fetch_field()` won't include a field offset, this field would be returned.

See also: `sybase_fetch_field()`.

sybase_free_result (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

free result memory

```
bool sybase_free_result (int result)
```

`sybase_free_result()` only needs to be called if you are worried about using too much memory while your script is running. All result memory will automatically be freed when the script ends. You may call **`sybase_free_result()`** with the result identifier as an argument and the associated result memory will be freed.

sybase_get_last_message (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the last message from the server

```
string sybase_get_last_message ( )
```

sybase_get_last_message() returns the last message reported by the server.

sybase_min_client_severity (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets minimum client severity

```
void sybase_min_client_severity (int severity)
```

sybase_min_client_severity() sets the minimum client severity level.

Note: This function is only available using the CT library interface to Sybase, and not the DB library.

See also: **sybase_min_server_severity()**.

sybase_min_error_severity (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets minimum error severity

```
void sybase_min_error_severity (int severity)
```

sybase_min_error_severity() sets the minimum error severity level.

See also: **sybase_min_message_severity()**.

sybase_min_message_severity (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets minimum message severity

```
void sybase_min_message_severity (int severity)
```

sybase_min_message_severity() sets the minimum message severity level.

See also: `sybase_min_error_severity()`.

sybase_min_server_severity (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Sets minimum server severity

```
void sybase_min_server_severity (int severity)
```

sybase_min_server_severity() sets the minimum server severity level.

Note: This function is only available using the CT library interface to Sybase, and not the DB library.

See also: `sybase_min_client_severity()`.

sybase_num_fields (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

get number of fields in result

```
int sybase_num_fields (int result)
```

`sybase_num_fields()` returns the number of fields in a result set.

See also: `sybase_db_query()`, `sybase_query()`, `sybase_fetch_field()`, `sybase_num_rows()`.

sybase_num_rows (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

get number of rows in result

```
int sybase_num_rows (int result)
```

`sybase_num_rows()` returns the number of rows in a result set.

See also: `sybase_db_query()`, `sybase_query()` and, `sybase_fetch_row()`.

sybase_pconnect (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

open persistent Sybase connection

```
int sybase_pconnect (string servername, string username, string password [,
string charset])
```

Returns: A positive Sybase persistent link identifier on success, or FALSE on error

`sybase_pconnect()` acts very much like `sybase_connect()` with two major differences.

First, when connecting, the function would first try to find a (persistent) link that's already open with the same host, username and password. If one is found, an identifier for it will be returned instead of opening a new connection.

Second, the connection to the SQL server will not be closed when the execution of the script ends. Instead, the link will remain open for future use (`sybase_close()` will not close links established by `sybase_pconnect()`).

This type of links is therefore called 'persistent'.

sybase_query (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

send Sybase query

```
int sybase_query (string query, int link_identifier)
```

Returns: A positive Sybase result identifier on success, or FALSE on error.

`sybase_query()` sends a query to the currently active database on the server that's associated with the specified link identifier. If the link identifier isn't specified, the last opened link is assumed. If no link is open, the function tries to establish a link as if `sybase_connect()` was called, and use it.

See also: `sybase_db_query()`, `sybase_select_db()`, and `sybase_connect()`.

sybase_result (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

get result data

```
string sybase_result (int result, int row, mixed field)
```

Returns: The contents of the cell at the row and offset in the specified Sybase result set.

`sybase_result()` returns the contents of one cell from a Sybase result set. The field argument can be the field's offset, or the field's name, or the field's table dot field's name (`tablename.fieldname`). If the column name has been aliased ('select foo as bar from...'), use the alias instead of the column name.

When working on large result sets, you should consider using one of the functions that fetch an entire row (specified below). As these functions return the contents of multiple cells in one function call, they're MUCH quicker than `sybase_result()`. Also, note that specifying a numeric offset for the field argument is much quicker than specifying a fieldname or `tablename.fieldname` argument.

Recommended high-performance alternatives: `sybase_fetch_row()`, `sybase_fetch_array()`, and `sybase_fetch_object()`.

sybase__select_db (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

select Sybase database

```
bool sybase_select_db (string database_name, int link_identifier)
```

Returns: TRUE on success, FALSE on error

`sybase_select_db()` sets the current active database on the server that's associated with the specified link identifier. If no link identifier is specified, the last opened link is assumed. If no link is open, the function will try to establish a link as if `sybase_connect()` was called, and use it.

Every subsequent call to `sybase_query()` will be made on the active database.

See also: `sybase_connect()`, `sybase_pconnect()`, and `sybase_query()`

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base64_decode (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Decodes data encoded with MIME base64

```
string base64_decode (string encoded_data)
```

base64_decode() decodes *encoded_data* and returns the original data. The returned data may be binary.

See also: `base64_encode()`, RFC2045 section 6.8.

base64_encode (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Encodes data with MIME base64

```
string base64_encode (string data)
```

base64_encode() returns *data* encoded with base64. This encoding is designed to make binary data survive transport through transport layers that are not 8-bit clean, such as mail bodies.

Base64-encoded data takes about 33% more space than the original data.

See also: `base64_decode()`, `chunk_split()`, RFC2045 section 6.8.

parse_url (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Parse a URL and return its components

```
array parse_url (string url)
```

This function returns an associative array returning any of the various components of the URL that are present. This includes the "scheme", "host", "port", "user", "pass", "path", "query", and "fragment".

See also `pathinfo()`.

rawurldecode (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Decode URL-encoded strings

```
string rawurldecode (string str)
```

Returns a string in which the sequences with percent (%) signs followed by two hex digits have been replaced with literal characters. For example, the string

```
foo%20bar%40baz
```

decodes into

```
foo
    bar@baz
```

.

See also `rawurlencode()`, `urldecode()`, `urlencode()`.

rawurlencode (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

URL-encode according to RFC1738

```
string rawurlencode (string str)
```

Returns a string in which all non-alphanumeric characters except

```
~_.
```

have been replaced with a percent (%) sign followed by two hex digits. This is the encoding described in RFC1738 for protecting literal characters from being interpreted as special URL delimiters, and for protecting URL's from being mangled by transmission media with character conversions (like some email systems). For example, if you want to include a password in an FTP URL:

Example 1. rawurlencode() example 1

```
echo '<a href="ftp://user:', rawurlencode('foo @+%/'),
    '@ftp.my.com/x.txt">';
```

Or, if you pass information in a PATH_INFO component of the URL:

Example 2. rawurlencode() example 2

```
echo '<a href="http://x.com/department_list_script/',
```



```
rawurlencode('sales and marketing/Miami'), '>';
```

See also `rawurldecode()`, `urldecode()`, `urlencode()`.

urldecode (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Decodes URL-encoded string

```
string urldecode (string str)
```

Decodes any `%##` encoding in the given string. The decoded string is returned.

Example 1. `urldecode()` example

```
$a = split('&', $QUERY_STRING);
$i = 0;
while ($i < count($a)) {
    $b = split('=', $a[$i]);
    echo 'Value for parameter ', htmlspecialchars(urldecode($b[0])),
        ' is ', htmlspecialchars(urldecode($b[1])), "<br>";
    $i++;
}
```

See also `urlencode()`, `rawurlencode()`, `rawurldecode()`.

urlencode (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

URL-encodes string

```
string urlencode (string str)
```

Returns a string in which all non-alphanumeric characters except `-_.` have been replaced with a percent (%) sign followed by two hex digits and spaces encoded as plus (+) signs. It is encoded the same way that the posted data from a WWW form is encoded, that is the same way as in

application/x-www-form-urlencoded media type. This differs from the RFC1738 encoding (see `rawurlencode()`) in that for historical reasons, spaces are encoded as plus (+) signs. This function is convenient when encoding a string to be used in a query part of an URL, as a convenient way to pass variables to the next page:

Example 1. `urlencode()` example

```
echo '<a href="mycgi?foo=', urlencode($userinput), '>';
```

Note: Be careful about variables that may match HTML entities. Things like `&`, `&copy` and `&pound` are parsed by the browser and the actual entity is used instead of the desired variable name. This is an obvious hassle that the W3C has been telling people about for years. The reference is here: <http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/appendix/notes.html#h-B.2.2> PHP supports changing the argument separator to the W3C-suggested semi-colon through the `arg_separator` .ini directive. Unfortunately most user agents do not send form data in this semi-colon separated format. A more portable way around this is to use `&` instead of `&` as the separator. You don't need to change PHP's `arg_separator` for this. Leave it as `&`, but simply encode your URLs using `htmlentities(urlencode($data))`.

Example 2. `urlencode/htmlentities()` example

```
echo '<a href="mycgi?foo=', htmlentities(urlencode($userinput)), '>';
```

See also `urldecode()`, `htmlentities()`, `rawurldecode()`, `rawurlencode()`.

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doubleval (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Alias of floatval()

This function is an alias of floatval().

Note: This alias is a left-over from a function-renaming. In older versions of PHP you'll need to use this alias of the floatval() function, because floatval() wasn't yet available in that version.

empty (unknown)

Determine whether a variable is set

boolean **empty** (mixed *var*)

Note: **empty()** is a language construct.

This is the opposite of (boolean) *var*, except that no warning is generated when the variable is not set. See converting to boolean for more information.

```
$var = 0;

if (empty($var)) { // evaluates true
    echo '$var is either 0 or not set at all';
}

if (!isset($var)) { // evaluates false
    echo '$var is not set at all';
}
```

Note that this is meaningless when used on anything which isn't a variable; i.e. **empty (addslashes (\$name))** has no meaning since it would be checking whether something which isn't a variable is a variable with a FALSE value.

See also `isset()` and `unset()`.

floatval (PHP 4 CVS only)

Get float value of a variable

float **floatval** (mixed *var*)

Returns the float value of *var*.

Var may be any scalar type. You cannot use **floatval()** on arrays or objects.

```
$var = '122.34343The';  
$float_value_of_var = floatval ($var);  
print $float_value_of_var; // prints 122.34343
```

See also intval(), strval(), settype() and Type juggling.

gettype (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get the type of a variable

string **gettype** (mixed *var*)

Returns the type of the PHP variable *var*.

Warning

Never use **gettype()** to test for a certain type, since the returned string may be subject to change in a future version. In addition, it is slow too, as it involves string comparision .

Instead, use the *is_** functions.

Possibles values for the returned string are:

- "boolean" (since PHP 4)
- "integer"
- "double" (for historical reasons "double" is returned in case of a float, and not simply "float")

- "string"
- "array"
- "object"
- "resource" (since PHP 4)
- "null" (since PHP 4)
- "user function" (PHP 3 only, deprecated)
- "unknown type"

For PHP 4, you should use `function_exists()` and `method_exists()` to replace the prior usage of **`gettype()`** on a function.

See also `settype()`, `is_array()`, `is_bool()`, `is_float()`, `is_integer()`, `is_null()`, `is_numeric()`, `is_object()`, `is_resource()`, `is_scalar()` and `is_string()`.

get_defined_vars (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Returns an array of all defined variables

```
array get_defined_vars ()
```

This function returns an multidimensional array containing a list of all defined variables, be them environment, server or user-defined variables.

```
$b = array(1,1,2,3,5,8);

$arr = get_defined_vars();

// print $b
print_r($arr["b"]);

// print path to the PHP interpreter (if used as a CGI)
// e.g. /usr/local/bin/php
echo $arr["_"];

// print the command-line paramaters if any
print_r($arr["argv"]);

// print all the server vars
print_r($arr["HTTP_SERVER_VARS"]);

// print all the available keys for the arrays of variables
print_r(array_keys(get_defined_vars()));
```

See also `get_defined_functions()`.

get_resource_type (PHP 4 >= 4.0.2)

Returns the resource type

```
string get_resource_type (resource $handle)
```

This function returns a string representing the type of the resource passed to it. If the parameter is not a valid resource, it generates an error.

```
$c = mysql_connect();
echo get_resource_type($c)."\n";
// prints: mysql link

$f = fopen("foo", "w");
echo get_resource_type($f)."\n";
// prints: file

$doc = new_xmlrpc("1.0");
echo get_resource_type($doc->doc)."\n";
// prints: domxml document
```

import_request_variables (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Import GET/POST/Cookie variables into the global scope

```
bool import_request_variables (string types [, string prefix])
```

Imports GET/POST/Cookie variables into the global scope. It is useful if you disabled `register_globals`, but would like to see some variables in the global scope.

Using the *types* parameter, you can specify, which request variables to import. You can use 'G', 'P' and 'C' characters respectively for GET, POST and Cookie. These characters are not case sensitive, so

you can also use any combination of 'g', 'p' and 'c'. POST includes the uploaded file informations. Note, that the order of the letters matters, as using "gp", the POST variables will overwrite GET variables with the same name. Any other other letters then GPC are discarded.

Note: Although the *prefix* argument is optional, you will get a notice level error, if you specify no prefix, or specify an empty string as a prefix. This is a possible security hazard. Notice level errors are not displayed using the default error reporting level.

```
// This will import GET and POST vars
// with an "rvar_" prefix
import_request_variables("gP", "rvar_");
```

See also `register_globals` and `track_vars`.

intval (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get integer value of a variable

```
int intval (mixed var [, int base])
```

Returns the integer value of *var*, using the specified base for the conversion (the default is base 10).

var may be any scalar type. You cannot use **intval()** on arrays or objects.

Note: The *base* argument for **intval()** has no effect unless the *var* argument is a string.

See also `floatval()`, `strval()`, `settype()` and Type juggling.

is_array (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Finds whether a variable is an array

```
bool is_array (mixed var)
```

Returns TRUE if *var* is an array, FALSE otherwise.

See also `is_float()`, `is_int()`, `is_integer()`, `is_string()`, and `is_object()`.

is_bool (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Finds out whether a variable is a boolean

```
bool is_bool (mixed var)
```

Returns TRUE if the *var* parameter is a boolean.

See also `is_array()`, `is_float()`, `is_int()`, `is_integer()`, `is_string()`, and `is_object()`.

is_double (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Alias of `is_float()`

This function is an alias of `is_float()`.

is_float (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Finds whether a variable is a float

```
bool is_float (mixed var)
```

Returns TRUE if *var* is a float, FALSE otherwise.

See also `is_bool()`, `is_int()`, `is_integer()`, `is_string()`, `is_array()`, and `is_object()`.

is_int (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Find whether a variable is an integer

```
bool is_int (mixed var)
```

Returns TRUE if *var* is an integer FALSE otherwise.

See also `is_bool()`, `is_float()`, `is_integer()`, `is_string()`, `is_array()`, and `is_object()`.

is_integer (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Alias of `is_int()`

This function is an alias of `is_int()`.

is_long (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Alias of `is_int()`

This function is an alias of `is_int()`.

is_null (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Finds whether a variable is NULL

`bool is_null (mixed var)`

Returns TRUE if *var* is null, FALSE otherwise.

See also `is_bool()`, `is_numeric()`, `is_float()`, `is_int()`, `is_string()`, `is_object()`, `is_array()`, and

is_numeric (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Finds whether a variable is a number or a numeric string

`bool is_numeric (mixed var)`

Returns TRUE if *var* is a number or a numeric string, FALSE otherwise.

See also `is_bool()`, `is_float()`, `is_int()`, `is_string()`, `is_object()`, `is_array()`, and `is_integer()`.

is_object (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Finds whether a variable is an object

```
bool is_object (mixed var)
```

Returns TRUE if *var* is an object, FALSE otherwise.

See also `is_bool()`, `is_int()`, `is_integer()`, `is_float()`, `is_string()`, and `is_array()`.

is_real (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Alias of `is_float()`

This function is an alias of `is_float()`.

is_resource (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Finds whether a variable is a resource

```
bool is_resource (mixed var)
```

is_resource() returns TRUE if the variable given by the *var* parameter is a resource, otherwise it returns FALSE.

See the documentation on the resource-type for more information.

is_scalar (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Finds whether a variable is a scalar

```
bool is_scalar (mixed var)
```

is_scalar() returns TRUE if the variable given by the *var* parameter is a scalar, otherwise it returns FALSE.

Scalar variables are those containing an integer, float, string or boolean. For example:

```

<!-- TODO: better example, this one can be quite misleading for unexperienced
        programmers -->
function show_var($var) {
    if (is_scalar($var))
        echo $var;
    else
        var_dump($var);
}

$pi = 3.1416;
$proteins = array("hemoglobin", "cytochrome c oxidase", "ferredoxin");

show_var($pi);
// prints: 3.1416

show_var($proteins)
// prints:
// array(3) {
//     [0]=>
//     string(10) "hemoglobin"
//     [1]=>
//     string(20) "cytochrome c oxidase"
//     [2]=>
//     string(10) "ferredoxin"
// }

```

Note: `is_scalar()` does not consider resource type values to be scalar values. This behavior is intentional: Resources are abstract datatypes which are currently based on integers. This implementation detail should not be relied upon, as it may change.

Note: Since 4.0.5

See also `is_bool()`, `is_numeric()`, `is_float()`, `is_int()`, `is_real()`, `is_string()`, `is_object()`, `is_array()`, and `is_integer()`.

is_string (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Finds whether a variable is a string

bool **is_string** (mixed *var*)

Returns TRUE if *var* is a string, FALSE otherwise.

See also `is_bool()`, `is_int()`, `is_integer()`, `is_float()`, `is_real()`, `is_object()`, and `is_array()`.

isset (unknown)

Determine whether a variable is set

boolean **isset** (mixed *var*)

Returns TRUE if *var* exists; FALSE otherwise.

If a variable has been unset with `unset()`, it will no longer be **isset()**. **isset()** will return FALSE if testing a variable that has been set to NULL. Also note that a NULL byte ("\0") is not equivalent to the PHP NULL constant.

```
$a = "test";
echo isset ($a); // TRUE

unset ($a);
echo isset ($a); // FALSE

$foo = NULL;
print isset ($foo); // FALSE
```

See also `empty()` and `unset()`.

print_r (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Prints human-readable information about a variable

void **print_r** (mixed *expression*)

This function displays information about the values of variables in a way that's readable by humans. If given a string, integer or float, the value itself will be printed. If given an array, values will be presented in a format that shows keys and elements. Similar notation is used for objects.

Remember that **print_r()** will move the array pointer to the end. Use `reset()` to bring it back to beginning.

Tip: As with anything that outputs its result directly to the browser, you can use the output-control functions to capture the output of this function, and save it - for example - in a string.

Compare **print_r()** to `var_dump()`.

```
<?php
$a = array (1, 2, array ("a", "b", "c"));
print_r ($a);
?>
```

Warning

This function will continue forever if given an array or object that contains a direct or indirect reference to itself or that contains an array or object on a deeper level that does so. This is especially TRUE for `print_r($GLOBALS)`, as `$GLOBALS` is itself a global variable and contains a reference to itself as such.

serialize (PHP 3>= 3.0.5, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Generates a storable representation of a value

string **serialize** (mixed *value*)

serialize() returns a string containing a byte-stream representation of *value* that can be stored anywhere.

This is useful for storing or passing PHP values around without losing their type and structure.

To make the serialized string into a PHP value again, use `unserialize()`. **serialize()** handles all types, except the resource-type. You can even **serialize()** arrays that contain references to itself. References inside the array/object you are **serialize()**ing will also be stored.

Note: In PHP 3, object properties will be serialized, but methods are lost. PHP 4 removes that limitation and restores both properties and methods. Please see the Serializing Objects section of Classes and Objects for more information.

Example 1. serialize() example

```
// $session_data contains a multi-dimensional array with session
// information for the current user. We use serialize() to store
// it in a database at the end of the request.

$conn = odbc_connect ("webdb", "php", "chicken");
$stmt = odbc_prepare ($conn,
    "UPDATE sessions SET data = ? WHERE id = ?");
$sqldata = array (serialize($session_data), $PHP_AUTH_USER);
if (!odbc_execute ($stmt, &$sqldata)) {
    $stmt = odbc_prepare($conn,
        "INSERT INTO sessions (id, data) VALUES(?, ?)");
    if (!odbc_execute($stmt, &$sqldata)) {
        /* Something went wrong. Bitch, whine and moan. */
    }
}
```

See Also: unserialize().

settype (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set the type of a variable

boolean **settype** (mixed *var*, string *type*)

Set the type of variable *var* to *type*.

Possibles values of *type* are:

- "boolean" (or, since PHP 4.2.0, "bool")
- "integer" (or, since PHP 4.2.0, "int")
- "float" (only possible since PHP 4.2.0, for older versions use the deprecated variant "double")
- "string"
- "array"
- "object"
- "null" (since PHP 4.0.8)

Returns TRUE if successful; otherwise returns FALSE.

Example 1. settype() example

```
$foo = "5bar"; // string
$bar = true;   // boolean

settype($foo, "integer"); // $foo is now 5   (integer)
settype($bar, "string");  // $bar is now "1" (string)
```

See also `gettype()`, type-casting and type-juggling.

strval (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get string value of a variable

```
string strval (mixed var)
```

Returns the string value of *var*. See the documentation on string for more information on converting to string.

var may be any scalar type. You cannot use **strval()** on arrays or objects.

See also `floatval()`, `intval()`, `settype()` and Type juggling.

unserialize (PHP 3 >= 3.0.5, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Creates a PHP value from a stored representation

```
mixed unserialize (string str)
```

unserialize() takes a single serialized variable (see `serialize()`) and converts it back into a PHP value. The converted value is returned, and can be an integer, float, string, array or object. If an object was serialized, its methods are not preserved in the returned value.

Note: In PHP 3, methods are not preserved when unserializing a serialized object. PHP 4 removes that limitation and restores both properties and methods. Please see the Serializing Objects section of Classes and Objects or more information.

Example 1. unserialize() example

```
// Here, we use unserialize() to load session data from a database
// into $session_data. This example complements the one described
// with <function>serialize</function>.

$conn = odbc_connect ("webdb", "php", "chicken");
$stmt = odbc_prepare ($conn, "SELECT data FROM sessions WHERE id = ?");
$sqldata = array ($PHP_AUTH_USER);
if (!odbc_execute ($stmt, &$sqldata) || !odbc_fetch_into ($stmt, &$tmp)) {
    // if the execute or fetch fails, initialize to empty array
    $session_data = array();
} else {
    // we should now have the serialized data in $tmp[0].
    $session_data = unserialize ($tmp[0]);
    if (!is_array ($session_data)) {
        // something went wrong, initialize to empty array
        $session_data = array();
    }
}
```

See Also: `serialize()`.

unset(unknown)

Unset a given variable

```
void unset (mixed var [, mixed var [, ...]])
```

unset() destroys the specified variables. Note that in PHP 3, **unset()** will always return TRUE (actually, the integer value 1). In PHP 4, however, **unset()** is no longer a TRUE function: it is now a statement. As such no value is returned, and attempting to take the value of **unset()** results in a parse error.

Example 1. unset() example

```
// destroy a single variable
unset ($foo);

// destroy a single element of an array
unset ($bar['quux']);
```

```
// destroy more than one variable
unset ($foo1, $foo2, $foo3);
```

The behavior of **unset()** inside of a function can vary depending on what type of variable you are attempting to destroy.

If a globalized variable is **unset()** inside of a function, only the local variable is destroyed. The variable in the calling environment will retain the same value as before **unset()** was called.

```
function destroy_foo() {
    global $foo;
    unset($foo);
}

$foo = 'bar';
destroy_foo();
echo $foo;
```

The above example would output:

```
bar
```

If a variable that is PASSED BY REFERENCE is **unset()** inside of a function, only the local variable is destroyed. The variable in the calling environment will retain the same value as before **unset()** was called.

```
function foo(&$bar) {
    unset($bar);
    $bar = "blah";
}

$bar = 'something';
echo "$bar\n";

foo($bar);
echo "$bar\n";
```

The above example would output:

```
something  
something
```

If a static variable is **unset()** inside of a function, **unset()** unsets the reference to the static variable, rather than the static variable itself.

```
function foo() {  
    static $a;  
    $a++;  
    echo "$a\n";  
  
    unset($a);  
}  
  
foo();  
foo();  
foo();
```

The above example would output:

```
1  
2  
3
```

If you would like to **unset()** a global variable inside of a function, you can use the **\$GLOBALS** array to do so:

```
function foo() {  
    unset($GLOBALS['bar']);  
}  
  
$bar = "something";  
foo();
```

Note: `unset()` is a language construct.

See also `isset()` and `empty()`.

var_dump (PHP 3>= 3.0.5, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Dumps information about a variable

```
void var_dump (mixed expression [, mixed expression [, ...]])
```

This function returns structured information about one or more expressions that includes its type and value. Arrays are explored recursively with values indented to show structure.

Tip: As with anything that outputs its result directly to the browser, you can use the output-control functions to capture the output of this function, and save it - for example - in a string.

Compare **var_dump()** to `print_r()`.

```
<pre>
<?php
$a = array (1, 2, array ("a", "b", "c"));
var_dump ($a);

/* output:
array(3) {
    [0]=>
    int(1)
    [1]=>
    int(2)
    [2]=>
    array(3) {
        [0]=>
        string(1) "a"
        [1]=>
        string(1) "b"
        [2]=>
        string(1) "c"
    }
}

*/

$b = 3.1; $c = TRUE;
```

```
var_dump($b,$c);
```

```
/* output:  
float(3.1)  
bool(true)
```

```
*/  
?>  
</pre>
```

LXXXVIII. WDDX Functions

These functions are intended for work with WDDX (<http://www.openwddx.org/>).

In order to use WDDX, you will need to install the expat library (which comes with apache 1.3.7 or higher) and recompile PHP with `--with-xml` and `--enable-wddx`.

Note that all the functions that serialize variables use the first element of an array to determine whether the array is to be serialized into an array or structure. If the first element has string key, then it is serialized into a structure, otherwise, into an array.

Example 1. Serializing a single value

```
<?php
print wddx_serialize_value("PHP to WDDX packet example", "PHP packet");
?>
```

This example will produce:

```
<wddxPacket version='1.0'><header comment='PHP packet' /><data>
<string>PHP to WDDX packet example</string></data></wddxPacket>
```

Example 2. Using incremental packets

```
<?php
$pi = 3.1415926;
$packet_id = wddx_packet_start("PHP");
wddx_add_vars($packet_id, "pi");

/* Suppose $cities came from database */
$cities = array("Austin", "Novato", "Seattle");
wddx_add_vars($packet_id, "cities");

$packet = wddx_packet_end($packet_id);
print $packet;
?>
```

This example will produce:

```
<wddxPacket version='1.0'><header comment='PHP' /><data><struct>  
<var name='pi'><number>3.1415926</number></var><var name='cities'>  
<array length='3'><string>Austin</string><string>Novato</string>  
<string>Seattle</string></array></var></struct></data></wddxPacket>
```

wddx_serialize_value (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Serialize a single value into a WDDX packet

```
string wddx_serialize_value (mixed var [, string comment])
```

wddx_serialize_value() is used to create a WDDX packet from a single given value. It takes the value contained in *var*, and an optional *comment* string that appears in the packet header, and returns the WDDX packet.

wddx_serialize_vars (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Serialize variables into a WDDX packet

```
string wddx_serialize_vars (mixed var_name [, mixed ...])
```

wddx_serialize_vars() is used to create a WDDX packet with a structure that contains the serialized representation of the passed variables.

wddx_serialize_vars() takes a variable number of arguments, each of which can be either a string naming a variable or an array containing strings naming the variables or another array, etc.

Example 1. wddx_serialize_vars example

```
<?php
$a = 1;
$b = 5.5;
$c = array("blue", "orange", "violet");
$d = "colors";

$clvars = array("c", "d");
print wddx_serialize_vars("a", "b", $clvars);
?>
```

The above example will produce:

```
<wddxPacket version='1.0'><header/><data><struct><var name='a'><number>1</number></var>
<var name='b'><number>5.5</number></var><var name='c'><array length='3'>
<string>blue</string><string>orange</string><string>violet</string></array></var>
```



```
<var name='d'><string>colors</string></var></struct></data></wddxPacket>
```

wddx_packet_start (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Starts a new WDDX packet with structure inside it

```
int wddx_packet_start ([string comment])
```

Use **wddx_packet_start()** to start a new WDDX packet for incremental addition of variables. It takes an optional *comment* string and returns a packet ID for use in later functions. It automatically creates a structure definition inside the packet to contain the variables.

wddx_packet_end (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Ends a WDDX packet with the specified ID

```
string wddx_packet_end (int packet_id)
```

wddx_packet_end() ends the WDDX packet specified by the *packet_id* and returns the string with the packet.

wddx_add_vars (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Add variables to a WDDX packet with the specified ID

```
wddx_add_vars (int packet_id, mixed name_var [, mixed ...])
```

wddx_add_vars() is used to serialize passed variables and add the result to the packet specified by the *packet_id*. The variables to be serialized are specified in exactly the same way as **wddx_serialize_vars()**.

wddx_deserialize (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Deserializes a WDDX packet

mixed **wddx_deserialize** (string *packet*)

wddx_deserialize() takes a *packet* string and deserializes it. It returns the result which can be string, number, or array. Note that structures are deserialized into associative arrays.

LXXXIX. XML parser functions

Introduction

About XML

XML (eXtensible Markup Language) is a data format for structured document interchange on the Web. It is a standard defined by The World Wide Web consortium (W3C). Information about XML and related technologies can be found at <http://www.w3.org/XML/>.

Installation

This extension uses expat, which can be found at <http://www.jclark.com/xml/>. The Makefile that comes with expat does not build a library by default, you can use this make rule for that:

```
libexpat.a: $(OBJJS)
    ar -rc $@ $(OBJJS)
    ranlib $@
```

A source RPM package of expat can be found at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/expat/>.

Note that if you are using Apache-1.3.7 or later, you already have the required expat library. Simply configure PHP using `--with-xml` (without any additional path) and it will automatically use the expat library built into Apache.

On UNIX, run **configure** with the `--with-xml` option. The expat library should be installed somewhere your compiler can find it. If you compile PHP as a module for Apache 1.3.9 or later, PHP will automatically use the bundled expat library from Apache. You may need to set `CPPFLAGS` and `LDFLAGS` in your environment before running `configure` if you have installed expat somewhere exotic.

Build PHP. *Tada!* That should be it.

About This Extension

This PHP extension implements support for James Clark's expat in PHP. This toolkit lets you parse, but not validate, XML documents. It supports three source character encodings also provided by PHP: US-ASCII, ISO-8859-1 and UTF-8. UTF-16 is not supported.

This extension lets you create XML parsers and then define *handlers* for different XML events. Each

XML parser also has a few parameters you can adjust.

The XML event handlers defined are:

Table 1. Supported XML handlers

PHP function to set handler	Event description
<code>xml_set_element_handler()</code>	Element events are issued whenever the XML parser encounters start or end tags. There are separate handlers for start tags and end tags.
<code>xml_set_character_data_handler()</code>	Character data is roughly all the non-markup contents of XML documents, including whitespace between tags. Note that the XML parser does not add or remove any whitespace, it is up to the application (you) to decide whether whitespace is significant.
<code>xml_set_processing_instruction_handler()</code>	PHP programmers should be familiar with processing instructions (PIs) already. <code><?php ?></code> is a processing instruction, where <i>php</i> is called the "PI target". The handling of these are application-specific, except that all PI targets starting with "XML" are reserved.
<code>xml_set_default_handler()</code>	What goes not to another handler goes to the default handler. You will get things like the XML and document type declarations in the default handler.
<code>xml_set_unparsed_entity_decl_handler()</code>	This handler will be called for declaration of an unparsed (NDATA) entity.
<code>xml_set_notation_decl_handler()</code>	This handler is called for declaration of a notation.
<code>xml_set_external_entity_ref_handler()</code>	This handler is called when the XML parser finds a reference to an external parsed general entity. This can be a reference to a file or URL, for example. See the external entity example for a demonstration.

Case Folding

The element handler functions may get their element names *case-folded*. Case-folding is defined by the XML standard as "a process applied to a sequence of characters, in which those identified as non-uppercase are replaced by their uppercase equivalents". In other words, when it comes to XML, case-folding simply means uppercasing.

By default, all the element names that are passed to the handler functions are case-folded. This behaviour can be queried and controlled per XML parser with the `xml_parser_get_option()` and

`xml_parser_set_option()` functions, respectively.

Error Codes

The following constants are defined for XML error codes (as returned by `xml_parse()`):

```
XML_ERROR_NONE
XML_ERROR_NO_MEMORY
XML_ERROR_SYNTAX
XML_ERROR_NO_ELEMENTS
XML_ERROR_INVALID_TOKEN
XML_ERROR_UNCLOSED_TOKEN
XML_ERROR_PARTIAL_CHAR
XML_ERROR_TAG_MISMATCH
XML_ERROR_DUPLICATE_ATTRIBUTE
XML_ERROR_JUNK_AFTER_DOC_ELEMENT
XML_ERROR_PARAM_ENTITY_REF
XML_ERROR_UNDEFINED_ENTITY
XML_ERROR_RECURSIVE_ENTITY_REF
XML_ERROR_ASYNC_ENTITY
XML_ERROR_BAD_CHAR_REF
XML_ERROR_BINARY_ENTITY_REF
XML_ERROR_ATTRIBUTE_EXTERNAL_ENTITY_REF
XML_ERROR_MISPLACED_XML_PI
XML_ERROR_UNKNOWN_ENCODING
XML_ERROR_INCORRECT_ENCODING
XML_ERROR_UNCLOSED_CDATA_SECTION
XML_ERROR_EXTERNAL_ENTITY_HANDLING
```

Character Encoding

PHP's XML extension supports the Unicode (<http://www.unicode.org/>) character set through different *character encodings*. There are two types of character encodings, *source encoding* and *target encoding*. PHP's internal representation of the document is always encoded with UTF-8.

Source encoding is done when an XML document is parsed. Upon creating an XML parser, a source encoding can be specified (this encoding can not be changed later in the XML parser's lifetime). The supported source encodings are ISO-8859-1, US-ASCII and UTF-8. The former two are single-byte encodings, which means that each character is represented by a single byte. UTF-8 can encode characters composed by a variable number of bits (up to 21) in one to four bytes. The default source encoding used by PHP is ISO-8859-1.

Target encoding is done when PHP passes data to XML handler functions. When an XML parser is created, the target encoding is set to the same as the source encoding, but this may be changed at any point. The target encoding will affect character data as well as tag names and processing instruction targets.

If the XML parser encounters characters outside the range that its source encoding is capable of representing, it will return an error.

If PHP encounters characters in the parsed XML document that can not be represented in the chosen target encoding, the problem characters will be "demoted". Currently, this means that such characters are

replaced by a question mark.

Some Examples

Here are some example PHP scripts parsing XML documents.

XML Element Structure Example

This first example displays the stucture of the start elements in a document with indentation.

Example 1. Show XML Element Structure

```
$file = "data.xml";
$depth = array();

function startElement($parser, $name, $attrs) {
    global $depth;
    for ($i = 0; $i < $depth[$parser]; $i++) {
        print "  ";
    }
    print "$name\n";
    $depth[$parser]++;
}

function endElement($parser, $name) {
    global $depth;
    $depth[$parser]--;
}

$xml_parser = xml_parser_create();
xml_set_element_handler($xml_parser, "startElement", "endElement");
if (!$fp = fopen($file, "r")) {
    die("could not open XML input");
}

while ($data = fread($fp, 4096)) {
    if (!xml_parse($xml_parser, $data, feof($fp))) {
        die(sprintf("XML error: %s at line %d",
            xml_error_string(xml_get_error_code($xml_parser)),
            xml_get_current_line_number($xml_parser)));
    }
}
xml_parser_free($xml_parser);
```

XML Tag Mapping Example

Example 2. Map XML to HTML

This example maps tags in an XML document directly to HTML tags. Elements not found in the "map array" are ignored. Of course, this example will only work with a specific XML document type.

```
$file = "data.xml";
$map_array = array(
    "BOLD"      => "B",
    "EMPHASIS" => "I",
    "LITERAL"  => "TT"
);

function startElement($parser, $name, $attrs) {
    global $map_array;
    if ($htmltag = $map_array[$name]) {
        print "<$htmltag>";
    }
}

function endElement($parser, $name) {
    global $map_array;
    if ($htmltag = $map_array[$name]) {
        print "</$htmltag>";
    }
}

function characterData($parser, $data) {
    print $data;
}

$xml_parser = xml_parser_create();
// use case-folding so we are sure to find the tag in $map_array
xml_parser_set_option($xml_parser, XML_OPTION_CASE_FOLDING, true);
xml_set_element_handler($xml_parser, "startElement", "endElement");
xml_set_character_data_handler($xml_parser, "characterData");
if (!$fp = fopen($file, "r")) {
    die("could not open XML input");
}

while ($data = fread($fp, 4096)) {
    if (!xml_parse($xml_parser, $data, feof($fp))) {
        die(sprintf("XML error: %s at line %d",
            xml_error_string(xml_get_error_code($xml_parser)),
            xml_get_current_line_number($xml_parser)));
    }
}
```

```

    }
}
xml_parser_free($xml_parser);

```

XML External Entity Example

This example highlights XML code. It illustrates how to use an external entity reference handler to include and parse other documents, as well as how PIs can be processed, and a way of determining "trust" for PIs containing code.

XML documents that can be used for this example are found below the example (xmltest.xml and xmltest2.xml.)

Example 3. External Entity Example

```

$file = "xmltest.xml";

function trustedFile($file) {
    // only trust local files owned by ourselves
    if (!ereg("^[a-z]+://", $file)
        && fileowner($file) == getmyuid()) {
        return true;
    }
    return false;
}

function startElement($parser, $name, $attribs) {
    print "<<font color=\"#0000cc\">$name</font>";
    if (sizeof($attribs)) {
        while (list($k, $v) = each($attribs)) {
            print " <font color=\"#009900\">$k</font>=<font
                color=\"#990000\">$v</font>\\";
        }
    }
    print "&gt;";
}

function endElement($parser, $name) {
    print "</<font color=\"#0000cc\">$name</font>&gt;";
}

function characterData($parser, $data) {
    print "<b>$data</b>";
}

```



```

function PIHandler($parser, $target, $data) {
    switch (strtolower($target)) {
        case "php":
            global $parser_file;
            // If the parsed document is "trusted", we say it is safe
            // to execute PHP code inside it. If not, display the code
            // instead.
            if (trustedFile($parser_file[$parser])) {
                eval($data);
            } else {
                printf("Untrusted PHP code: <i>%s</i>",
                    htmlspecialchars($data));
            }
            break;
    }
}

function defaultHandler($parser, $data) {
    if (substr($data, 0, 1) == "&" && substr($data, -1, 1) == ";") {
        printf('<font color="#aa00aa">%s</font>',
            htmlspecialchars($data));
    } else {
        printf('<font size="-1">%s</font>',
            htmlspecialchars($data));
    }
}

function externalEntityRefHandler($parser, $openEntityNames, $base, $systemId,
                                   $publicId) {
    if ($systemId) {
        if (!list($parser, $fp) = new_xml_parser($systemId)) {
            printf("Could not open entity %s at %s\n", $openEntityNames,
                $systemId);
            return false;
        }
        while ($data = fread($fp, 4096)) {
            if (!xml_parse($parser, $data, feof($fp))) {
                printf("XML error: %s at line %d while parsing entity %s\n",
                    xml_error_string(xml_get_error_code($parser)),
                    xml_get_current_line_number($parser), $openEntityNames);
                xml_parser_free($parser);
                return false;
            }
        }
        xml_parser_free($parser);
        return true;
    }
    return false;
}

function new_xml_parser($file) {

```

```

global $parser_file;

$xml_parser = xml_parser_create();
xml_parser_set_option($xml_parser, XML_OPTION_CASE_FOLDING, 1);
xml_set_element_handler($xml_parser, "startElement", "endElement");
xml_set_character_data_handler($xml_parser, "characterData");
xml_set_processing_instruction_handler($xml_parser, "PIHandler");
xml_set_default_handler($xml_parser, "defaultHandler");
xml_set_external_entity_ref_handler($xml_parser, "externalEntityRefHandler");

if (!($fp = @fopen($file, "r"))) {
    return false;
}
if (!is_array($parser_file)) {
    settype($parser_file, "array");
}
$parser_file[$xml_parser] = $file;
return array($xml_parser, $fp);
}

if (!(list($xml_parser, $fp) = new_xml_parser($file))) {
    die("could not open XML input");
}

print "<pre>";
while ($data = fread($fp, 4096)) {
    if (!xml_parse($xml_parser, $data, feof($fp))) {
        die(sprintf("XML error: %s at line %d\n",
                    xml_error_string(xml_get_error_code($xml_parser)),
                    xml_get_current_line_number($xml_parser)));
    }
}
print "</pre>";
print "parse complete\n";
xml_parser_free($xml_parser);

?>

```

Example 4. xmltest.xml

```

<?xml version='1.0'?>
<!DOCTYPE chapter SYSTEM "/just/a/test.dtd" [
<!ENTITY plainEntity "FOO entity">
<!ENTITY systemEntity SYSTEM "xmltest2.xml">
]>
<chapter>
  <TITLE>Title &plainEntity;</TITLE>

```

```

<para>
  <informaltable>
    <tgroup cols="3">
      <tbody>
        <row><entry>a1</entry><entry morerows="1">b1</entry><entry>c1</entry></row>
        <row><entry>a2</entry><entry>c2</entry></row>
        <row><entry>a3</entry><entry>b3</entry><entry>c3</entry></row>
      </tbody>
    </tgroup>
  </informaltable>
</para>
&systemEntity;
<sect1 id="about">
  <title>About this Document</title>
  <para>
    <!-- this is a comment -->
    <?php print 'Hi! This is PHP version ' .phpversion(); ?>
  </para>
</sect1>
</chapter>

```

This file is included from xmltest.xml:

Example 5. xmltest2.xml

```

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE foo [
<!ENTITY testEnt "test entity">
]>
<foo>
  <element attrib="value"/>
  &testEnt;
  <?php print "This is some more PHP code being executed."; ?>
</foo>

```

xml_parser_create (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

create an XML parser

```
int xml_parser_create ([string encoding])
```

encoding (optional)

Which character encoding the parser should use. The following character encodings are supported:

ISO-8859-1 (default)

US-ASCII

UTF-8

This function creates an XML parser and returns a handle for use by other XML functions. Returns FALSE on failure.

xml_set_object (PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Use XML Parser within an object

```
void xml_set_object (int parser, object &object)
```

This function allows to use *parser* inside *object*. All callback functions could be set with `xml_set_element_handler()` etc and assumed to be methods of *object*.

```
<?php
class xml {
var $parser;

function xml() {
    $this->parser = xml_parser_create();
    xml_set_object($this->parser,&$this);
    xml_set_element_handler($this->parser,"tag_open","tag_close");
    xml_set_character_data_handler($this->parser,"cdata");
}

function parse($data) {
    xml_parse($this->parser,$data);
}

function tag_open($parser,$tag,$attributes) {
    var_dump($parser,$tag,$attributes);
}
```

```

function cdata($parser,$cdata) {
    var_dump($parser,$cdata);
}

function tag_close($parser,$tag) {
    var_dump($parser,$tag);
}

} // end of class xml

$xml_parser = new xml();
$xml_parser->parse("<A ID=\"hallo\">PHP</A>");
?>

```

xml_set_element_handler (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

set up start and end element handlers

```
int xml_set_element_handler (int parser, string startElementHandler, string
endElementHandler)
```

Sets the element handler functions for the XML parser *parser*. *startElementHandler* and *endElementHandler* are strings containing the names of functions that must exist when `xml_parse()` is called for *parser*.

The function named by *startElementHandler* must accept three parameters:

```
startElementHandler (int parser, string name, array attribs)
```

parser

The first parameter, *parser*, is a reference to the XML parser calling the handler.

name

The second parameter, *name*, contains the name of the element for which this handler is called. If case-folding is in effect for this parser, the element name will be in uppercase letters.

attribs

The third parameter, *attribs*, contains an associative array with the element's attributes (if any). The keys of this array are the attribute names, the values are the attribute values. Attribute names are case-folded on the same criteria as element names. Attribute values are *not* case-folded.

The original order of the attributes can be retrieved by walking through *attrs* the normal way, using `each()`. The first key in the array was the first attribute, and so on.

The function named by *endElementHandler* must accept two parameters:

```
endElementHandler (int parser, string name)
```

parser

The first parameter, *parser*, is a reference to the XML parser calling the handler.

name

The second parameter, *name*, contains the name of the element for which this handler is called. If case-folding is in effect for this parser, the element name will be in uppercase letters.

If a handler function is set to an empty string, or FALSE, the handler in question is disabled.

TRUE is returned if the handlers are set up, FALSE if *parser* is not a parser.

There is currently no support for object/method handlers. See `xml_set_object()` for using the XML parser within an object.

xml_set_character_data_handler (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

set up character data handler

```
int xml_set_character_data_handler (int parser, string handler)
```

Sets the character data handler function for the XML parser *parser*. *handler* is a string containing the name of a function that must exist when `xml_parse()` is called for *parser*.

The function named by *handler* must accept two parameters:

```
handler (int parser, string data)
```

parser

The first parameter, *parser*, is a reference to the XML parser calling the handler.

data

The second parameter, *data*, contains the character data as a string.

If a handler function is set to an empty string, or FALSE, the handler in question is disabled.

TRUE is returned if the handler is set up, FALSE if *parser* is not a parser.

There is currently no support for object/method handlers. See `xml_set_object()` for using the XML parser within an object.

xml_set_processing_instruction_handler (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set up processing instruction (PI) handler

```
int xml_set_processing_instruction_handler (int parser, string handler)
```

Sets the processing instruction (PI) handler function for the XML parser *parser*. *handler* is a string containing the name of a function that must exist when `xml_parse()` is called for *parser*.

A processing instruction has the following format:

```
<?
    target
    data?>
```

You can put PHP code into such a tag, but be aware of one limitation: in an XML PI, the PI end tag (`?>`) can not be quoted, so this character sequence should not appear in the PHP code you embed with PIs in XML documents. If it does, the rest of the PHP code, as well as the "real" PI end tag, will be treated as character data.

The function named by *handler* must accept three parameters:

```
handler (int parser, string target, string data)
```

parser

The first parameter, *parser*, is a reference to the XML parser calling the handler.

target

The second parameter, *target*, contains the PI target.

data

The third parameter, *data*, contains the PI data.

If a handler function is set to an empty string, or FALSE, the handler in question is disabled.

TRUE is returned if the handler is set up, FALSE if *parser* is not a parser.

There is currently no support for object/method handlers. See `xml_set_object()` for using the XML parser within an object.

xml_set_default_handler (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

set up default handler

```
int xml_set_default_handler (int parser, string handler)
```

Sets the default handler function for the XML parser *parser*. *handler* is a string containing the name of a function that must exist when `xml_parse()` is called for *parser*.

The function named by *handler* must accept two parameters:

```
handler (int parser, string data)
```

parser

The first parameter, *parser*, is a reference to the XML parser calling the handler.

data

The second parameter, *data*, contains the character data. This may be the XML declaration, document type declaration, entities or other data for which no other handler exists.

If a handler function is set to an empty string, or FALSE, the handler in question is disabled.

TRUE is returned if the handler is set up, FALSE if *parser* is not a parser.

There is currently no support for object/method handlers. See `xml_set_object()` for using the XML parser within an object.

xml_set_unparsed_entity_decl_handler (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Set up unparsed entity declaration handler


```
int xml_set_unparsed_entity_decl_handler (int parser, string handler)
```

Sets the unparsed entity declaration handler function for the XML parser *parser*. *handler* is a string containing the name of a function that must exist when `xml_parse()` is called for *parser*.

This handler will be called if the XML parser encounters an external entity declaration with an NDATA declaration, like the following:

```
<!ENTITY name {publicId | systemId}  
        NDATA notationName>
```

See section 4.2.2 of the XML 1.0 spec (<http://www.w3.org/TR/1998/REC-xml-19980210#sec-external-ent>) for the definition of notation declared external entities.

The function named by *handler* must accept six parameters:

```
handler (int parser, string entityName, string base, string systemId, string  
publicId, string notationName)
```

parser

The first parameter, *parser*, is a reference to the XML parser calling the handler.

entityName

The name of the entity that is about to be defined.

base

This is the base for resolving the system identifier (*systemId*) of the external entity. Currently this parameter will always be set to an empty string.

systemId

System identifier for the external entity.

publicId

Public identifier for the external entity.

notationName

Name of the notation of this entity (see `xml_set_notation_decl_handler()`).

If a handler function is set to an empty string, or FALSE, the handler in question is disabled.

TRUE is returned if the handler is set up, FALSE if *parser* is not a parser.

There is currently no support for object/method handlers. See `xml_set_object()` for using the XML parser within an object.

`xml_set_notation_decl_handler` (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

set up notation declaration handler

```
int xml_set_notation_decl_handler (int parser, string handler)
```

Sets the notation declaration handler function for the XML parser *parser*. *handler* is a string containing the name of a function that must exist when `xml_parse()` is called for *parser*.

A notation declaration is part of the document's DTD and has the following format:

```
<!NOTATION
    name {systemId |
    publicId}>
```

See section 4.7 of the XML 1.0 spec (<http://www.w3.org/TR/1998/REC-xml-19980210#Notations>) for the definition of notation declarations.

The function named by *handler* must accept five parameters:

```
handler (int parser, string notationName, string base, string systemId,
string publicId)
```

parser

The first parameter, *parser*, is a reference to the XML parser calling the handler.

notationName

This is the notation's *name*, as per the notation format described above.

base

This is the base for resolving the system identifier (*systemId*) of the notation declaration. Currently this parameter will always be set to an empty string.

systemId

System identifier of the external notation declaration.

publicId

Public identifier of the external notation declaration.

If a handler function is set to an empty string, or FALSE, the handler in question is disabled.

TRUE is returned if the handler is set up, FALSE if *parser* is not a parser.

There is currently no support for object/method handlers. See `xml_set_object()` for using the XML parser within an object.

xml_set_external_entity_ref_handler (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

set up external entity reference handler

```
int xml_set_external_entity_ref_handler (int parser, string handler)
```

Sets the notation declaration handler function for the XML parser *parser*. *handler* is a string containing the name of a function that must exist when `xml_parse()` is called for *parser*.

The function named by *handler* must accept five parameters, and should return an integer value. If the value returned from the handler is FALSE (which it will be if no value is returned), the XML parser will stop parsing and `xml_get_error_code()` will return XML_ERROR_EXTERNAL_ENTITY_HANDLING.

```
int handler (int parser, string openEntityNames, string base, string  
systemId, string publicId)
```

parser

The first parameter, *parser*, is a reference to the XML parser calling the handler.

openEntityNames

The second parameter, *openEntityNames*, is a space-separated list of the names of the entities that are open for the parse of this entity (including the name of the referenced entity).

base

This is the base for resolving the system identifier (*systemid*) of the external entity. Currently this parameter will always be set to an empty string.

systemId

The fourth parameter, *systemId*, is the system identifier as specified in the entity declaration.

publicId

The fifth parameter, *publicId*, is the public identifier as specified in the entity declaration, or an empty string if none was specified; the whitespace in the public identifier will have been normalized as required by the XML spec.

If a handler function is set to an empty string, or FALSE, the handler in question is disabled.

TRUE is returned if the handler is set up, FALSE if *parser* is not a parser.

There is currently no support for object/method handlers. See `xml_set_object()` for using the XML parser within an object.

xml_parse (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

start parsing an XML document

```
int xml_parse (int parser, string data [, int isFinal])
```

parser

A reference to the XML parser to use.

data

Chunk of data to parse. A document may be parsed piece-wise by calling **xml_parse()** several times with new data, as long as the *isFinal* parameter is set and TRUE when the last data is parsed.

isFinal (optional)

If set and TRUE, *data* is the last piece of data sent in this parse.

When the XML document is parsed, the handlers for the configured events are called as many times as necessary, after which this function returns TRUE or FALSE.

TRUE is returned if the parse was successful, FALSE if it was not successful, or if *parser* does not refer to a valid parser. For unsuccessful parses, error information can be retrieved with `xml_get_error_code()`, `xml_error_string()`, `xml_get_current_line_number()`, `xml_get_current_column_number()` and `xml_get_current_byte_index()`.

xml_get_error_code (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

get XML parser error code

```
int xml_get_error_code (int parser)
```

parser

A reference to the XML parser to get error code from.

This function returns FALSE if *parser* does not refer to a valid parser, or else it returns one of the error codes listed in the error codes section.

xml_error_string (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

get XML parser error string

```
string xml_error_string (int code)
```

code

An error code from xml_get_error_code().

Returns a string with a textual description of the error code *code*, or FALSE if no description was found.

xml_get_current_line_number (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

get current line number for an XML parser

```
int xml_get_current_line_number (int parser)
```

parser

A reference to the XML parser to get line number from.

This function returns FALSE if *parser* does not refer to a valid parser, or else it returns which line the parser is currently at in its data buffer.

xml_get_current_column_number (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get current column number for an XML parser

```
int xml_get_current_column_number (int parser)
```

parser

A reference to the XML parser to get column number from.

This function returns FALSE if *parser* does not refer to a valid parser, or else it returns which column on the current line (as given by `xml_get_current_line_number()`) the parser is currently at.

xml_get_current_byte_index (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

get current byte index for an XML parser

```
int xml_get_current_byte_index (int parser)
```

parser

A reference to the XML parser to get byte index from.

This function returns FALSE if *parser* does not refer to a valid parser, or else it returns which byte index the parser is currently at in its data buffer (starting at 0).

xml_parse_into_struct (PHP 3 >= 3.0.8, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Parse XML data into an array structure

```
int xml_parse_into_struct (int parser, string data, array &values, array &index)
```

This function parses an XML file into 2 parallel array structures, one (*index*) containing pointers to the location of the appropriate values in the *values* array. These last two parameters must be passed by reference.

Below is an example that illustrates the internal structure of the arrays being generated by the function. We use a simple note tag embeded inside a para tag, and then we parse this and print out the structures generated:

```

$simple = "<para><note>simple note</note></para>";
$p = xml_parser_create();
xml_parse_into_struct($p,$simple,$vals,$index);
xml_parser_free($p);
echo "Index array\n";
print_r($index);
echo "\nVals array\n";
print_r($vals);

```

When we run that code, the output will be:

Index array

Array

```

(
    [ PARA ] => Array
        (
            [ 0 ] => 0
            [ 1 ] => 2
        )

    [ NOTE ] => Array
        (
            [ 0 ] => 1
        )
)

```

Vals array

Array

```

(
    [ 0 ] => Array
        (
            [ tag ] => PARA
            [ type ] => open
            [ level ] => 1
        )

    [ 1 ] => Array
        (
            [ tag ] => NOTE
            [ type ] => complete
            [ level ] => 2
            [ value ] => simple note
        )

    [ 2 ] => Array
        (
            [ tag ] => PARA

```

```

        [type] => close
        [level] => 1
    )
)

```

Event-driven parsing (based on the expat library) can get complicated when you have an XML document that is complex. This function does not produce a DOM style object, but it generates structures amenable of being transversed in a tree fashion. Thus, we can create objects representing the data in the XML file easily. Let's consider the following XML file representing a small database of aminoacids information:

Example 1. molddb.xml - small database of molecular information

```

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<molddb>

  <molecule>
    <name>Alanine</name>
    <symbol>ala</symbol>
    <code>A</code>
    <type>hydrophobic</type>
  </molecule>

  <molecule>
    <name>Lysine</name>
    <symbol>lys</symbol>
    <code>K</code>
    <type>charged</type>
  </molecule>

</molddb>

```

And some code to parse the document and generate the appropriate objects:

Example 2. parsemolddb.php - parses molddb.xml into an array of molecular objects

```

<?php

class AminoAcid {
    var $name; // aa name
    var $symbol; // three letter symbol
    var $code; // one letter code
    var $type; // hydrophobic, charged or neutral

```



```

function AminoAcid ($aa) {
    foreach ($aa as $k=>$v)
        $this->$k = $aa[$k];
}

function readDatabase($filename) {
    // read the xml database of aminoacids
    $data = implode("",file($filename));
    $parser = xml_parser_create();
    xml_parser_set_option($parser,XML_OPTION_CASE_FOLDING,0);
    xml_parser_set_option($parser,XML_OPTION_SKIP_WHITE,1);
    xml_parse_into_struct($parser,$data,$values,$tags);
    xml_parser_free($parser);

    // loop through the structures
    foreach ($tags as $key=>$val) {
        if ($key == "molecule") {
            $molranges = $val;
            // each contiguous pair of array entries are the
            // lower and upper range for each molecule definition
            for ($i=0; $i < count($molranges); $i+=2) {
                $offset = $molranges[$i] + 1;
                $len = $molranges[$i + 1] - $offset;
                $tdb[] = parseMol(array_slice($values, $offset, $len));
            }
        } else {
            continue;
        }
    }
    return $tdb;
}

function parseMol($mvalues) {
    for ($i=0; $i < count($mvalues); $i++)
        $mol[$mvalues[$i]["tag"]] = $mvalues[$i]["value"];
    return new AminoAcid($mol);
}

$db = readDatabase("molddb.xml");
echo "*** Database of AminoAcid objects:\n";
print_r($db);

?>

```

After executing `parsemolddb.php`, the variable `$db` contains an array of `AminoAcid` objects, and the output of the script confirms that:

```

** Database of AminoAcid objects:

```

```

Array
(
    [0] => aminoacid Object
        (
            [name] => Alanine
            [symbol] => ala
            [code] => A
            [type] => hydrophobic
        )

    [1] => aminoacid Object
        (
            [name] => Lysine
            [symbol] => lys
            [code] => K
            [type] => charged
        )
)

```

xml_parser_free (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Free an XML parser

```
string xml_parser_free (int parser)
```

parser

A reference to the XML parser to free.

This function returns FALSE if *parser* does not refer to a valid parser, or else it frees the parser and returns TRUE.

xml_parser_set_option (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

set options in an XML parser

```
int xml_parser_set_option (int parser, int option, mixed value)
```

parser

A reference to the XML parser to set an option in.

option

Which option to set. See below.

value

The option's new value.

This function returns `FALSE` if *parser* does not refer to a valid parser, or if the option could not be set. Else the option is set and `TRUE` is returned.

The following options are available:

Table 1. XML parser options

Option constant	Data type	Description
<code>XML_OPTION_CASE_FOLDING</code>	integer	Controls whether case-folding is enabled for this XML parser. Enabled by default.
<code>XML_OPTION_TARGET_ENCODING</code>	string	Sets which target encoding to use in this XML parser. By default, it is set to the same as the source encoding used by <code>xml_parser_create()</code> . Supported target encodings are ISO-8859-1, US-ASCII and UTF-8.

`xml_parser_get_option` (PHP 3 >= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

get options from an XML parser

mixed `xml_parser_get_option` (int *parser*, int *option*)

parser

A reference to the XML parser to get an option from.

option

Which option to fetch. See `xml_parser_set_option()` for a list of options.

This function returns `FALSE` if *parser* does not refer to a valid parser, or if the option could not be set. Else the option's value is returned.

See `xml_parser_set_option()` for the list of options.

utf8_decode (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Converts a string with ISO-8859-1 characters encoded with UTF-8 to single-byte ISO-8859-1.

string **utf8_decode** (string *data*)

This function decodes *data*, assumed to be UTF-8 encoded, to ISO-8859-1.

See `utf8_encode()` for an explanation of UTF-8 encoding.

utf8_encode (PHP 3>= 3.0.6, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

encodes an ISO-8859-1 string to UTF-8

string **utf8_encode** (string *data*)

This function encodes the string *data* to UTF-8, and returns the encoded version. UTF-8 is a standard mechanism used by Unicode for encoding *wide character* values into a byte stream. UTF-8 is transparent to plain ASCII characters, is self-synchronized (meaning it is possible for a program to figure out where in the bytestream characters start) and can be used with normal string comparison functions for sorting and such. PHP encodes UTF-8 characters in up to four bytes, like this:

Table 1. UTF-8 encoding

bytes	bits	representation
1	7	0bbbbbbb
2	11	110bbbb 10bbbbbb
3	16	1110bbbb 10bbbbbb 10bbbbbb
4	21	11110bbb 10bbbbbb 10bbbbbb 10bbbbbb

Each *b* represents a bit that can be used to store character data.

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Introduction

About XSLT and Sablotron

XSLT (Extensible Stylesheet Language (XSL) Transformations) is a language for transforming XML documents into other XML documents. It is a standard defined by The World Wide Web consortium (W3C). Information about XSLT and related technologies can be found at <http://www.w3.org/TR/xslt>.

Installation

This extension uses Sabloton and expat, which can both be found at <http://www.gingerall.com/>. Binaries are provided as well as source.

On UNIX, run **configure** with the `--with-sablot`. The Sablotron library should be installed somewhere your compiler can find it.

About This Extension

This PHP extension implements support Sablotron from Ginger Alliance in PHP. This toolkit lets you transform XML documents into other documents, including new XML documents, but also into HTML or other target formats. It basically provides a standardized and portable template mechanism, separating content and design of a website.

xslt_closelog (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Clear the logfile for a given instance of Sablotron

bool **xslt_closelog** (resource *xh*)

Warning

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xh

A reference to the XSLT parser.

This function returns FALSE if *parser* does not refer to a valid parser, or if the closing of the logfile fails. Otherwise it returns TRUE.

xslt_create (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Create a new XSL processor.

resource **xslt_create** ()

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

This function returns a handle for a new XSL processor. This handle is needed in all subsequent calls to XSL functions.

xslt_errno (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Return the current error number

```
int xslt_errno (resource xh)
```

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

Return the current error number of the given XSL processor. If no handle is given, the last error number that occurred anywhere is returned.

xslt_error (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Return the current error string

```
mixed xslt_error (resource xh)
```

Warning

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Return the current error string of the given XSL processor. If no handle is given, the last error string that occurred anywhere is returned.

xslt_fetch_result (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Fetch a (named) result buffer

```
string xslt_fetch_result (resource xh, string result_name)
```

Warning

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Fetch a result buffer from the XSLT processor identified by the given handle. If no result name is given, the buffer named `"/_result"` is fetched.

xslt_free (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Free XSLT processor

```
void xslt_free (resource xh)
```

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

Free the XSLT processor identified by the given handle.

xslt_openlog (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Set a logfile for XSLT processor messages

```
bool xslt_openlog (resource xh, string logfile, int loglevel)
```

Warning

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Set a logfile for the XSLT processor to place all of its error messages.

xslt_output_begintransform (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Begin an XSLT transformation on the output

```
void xslt_output_begintransform (string xslt_filename)
```

Warning

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This function will begin the output transformation on your data. From the point you call **xslt_output_begintransform()** till the point you call xslt_output_endtransform() all output will be transformed through the xslt stylesheet given by the first argument.

Note: This function does not currently support nested output transformations.

Example 1. Transforming output through an XSLT stylesheet, using the DOM-XML functions for xml generation

```
<?php

$xml_file = "article.xml";
xslt_output_begintransform($xml_file);

$doc = new_xmldoc('1.0');
$article = $doc->new_root('article');

$article->new_child('title', 'The History of South Tyrol');
$article->new_child('author', 'Sterling Hughes');
$article->new_child('body', 'Back after WWI, Italy gained South Tyrol from
                          Austria. Since that point nothing interesting has
                          happened');

echo $doc->dumpmem();

xslt_output_endtransform();
```

xslt_output_endtransform (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

End an output transformation started with `xslt_output_begintransform`

```
void xslt_output_endtransform ( )
```

Warning

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The **xslt_output_endtransform()** ends the output transformation started by the `xslt_output_begintransform()` function. You must call this function in order to see the results of the output transformation.

xslt_process (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Transform XML data through a string containing XSL data

```
bool xslt_process (string xsl_data, string xml_data, string result)
```

Warning

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The **xslt_process()** takes a string containing the XSLT stylesheet as its first argument, it takes a second string containing the XML data you want to transform and then a third string containing the results of the transformation. **xslt_process()** will return TRUE on success and FALSE on failure, to get the error number and error string if an error occurs use the `xslt_errno()` and `xslt_error()` functions.

Example 1. Using the `xslt_process()` to transform three strings

```
<?php
```

```
$xslData = '<xsl:stylesheet
  version="1.0"
```

```

xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Transform">

<xsl:template match="article">
  <table border="1" cellpadding="2" cellspacing="1">
    <tr>
      <td width="20%">
        &#160;
      </td>
      <td width="80%">
        <h2><xsl:value-of select="title"/></h2>
        <h3><xsl:value-of select="author"/></h3>
        <br/>

        <xsl:copy-of select="p"/>
      </td>
    </tr>
  </table>
</xsl:template>

</xsl:stylesheet>';

$xmlData = '<?xml version="1.0"?>
<article>
  <title>Learning German</title>
  <author>Sterling Hughes</author>
  <p>
    Essential phrases:
    <br/>
    K#246;nnen Sie mir sagen, wo die Toilette ist?<br/>
    Ein grosses Bier, bitte!<br/>
    Noch eins, bitte.<br/>
  </p>
</article>';

if (xslt_process($xslData, $xmlData, $result)) {
  echo "Here is the brilliant in-depth article on learning";
  echo " German: ";
  echo "<br>\n<br>";
  echo $result;
} else {
  echo "There was an error that occurred in the XSL transformation...\n";
  echo "\tError number: " . xslt_errno() . "\n";
  echo "\tError string: " . xslt_error() . "\n";
  exit;
}
?>

```

xslt_run (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Apply a XSLT stylesheet to a file.

```
bool xslt_run (resource xh, string xslt_file, string xml_data_file, string  
result, array xslt_params, array xslt_args)
```

Warning

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Process the *xml_data_file* by applying the *xslt_file* stylesheet to it. The stylesheet has access to *xslt_params* and the processor is started with *xslt_args*. The result of the XSLT transformation is placed in the named buffer (default is *"/_result"*).

xslt_set_sax_handler (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Set SAX handlers for a XSLT processor

```
bool xslt_set_sax_handler (resource xh, array handlers)
```

Warning

This function is *EXPERIMENTAL*. That means, that the behaviour of this function, this function name, in concreto ANYTHING documented here can change in a future release of PHP WITHOUT NOTICE. Be warned, and use this function at your own risk.

Set SAX handlers on the resource handle given by *xh*.

xslt_transform (PHP 4 >= 4.0.3)

Perform an XSLT transformation

```
bool xslt_transform (string xsl, string xml, string result, string params,  
string args, string resultBuffer)
```

Warning

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The **xslt_transform()** provides an interface to sablotron's more advanced features without requiring you to use the resource API.

XCI. YAZ functions

Introduction

This extension offers a PHP interface to the YAZ toolkit that implements the Z39.50 protocol for information retrieval. With this extension you can easily implement a Z39.50 origin (client) that searches or scans Z39.50 targets (servers) in parallel.

YAZ is available at <http://www.indexdata.dk/yaz/>. You can find news information, example scripts, etc. for this extension at <http://www.indexdata.dk/php Yaz/>.

The module hides most of the complexity of Z39.50 so it should be fairly easy to use. It supports persistent stateless connections very similar to those offered by the various SQL APIs that are available for PHP. This means that sessions are stateless but shared amongst users, thus saving the connect and initialize phase steps in most cases.

Installation

Compile YAZ and install it. Build PHP with your favourite modules and add option `--with-yaz`. Your task is roughly the following:

```
gunzip -c yaz-1.6.tar.gz|tar xf -
gunzip -c php-4.0.X.tar.gz|tar xf -
cd yaz-1.6
./configure --prefix=/usr
make
make install
cd ../php-4.0.X
./configure --with-yaz=/usr/bin
make
make install
```

Example

PHP/YAZ keeps track of connections with targets (Z-Associations). A positive integer represents the ID of a particular association.

Example 1. Parallel searching using YAZ()

The script below demonstrates the parallel searching feature of the API. When invoked with no

arguments it prints a query form; else (arguments are supplied) it searches the targets as given in in array host.

```
$num_hosts = count ($host);
if (empty($term) || count($host) == 0) {
    echo '<form method="get">
    <input type="checkbox"
    name="host[]" value="bagel.indexdata.dk/gils">
        GILS test
    <input type="checkbox"
    name="host[]" value="localhost:9999/Default">
        local test
    <input type="checkbox" checked="1"
    name="host[]" value="z3950.bell-labs.com/books">
        BELL Labs Library
    <br>
    RPN Query:
    <input type="text" size="30" name="term">
    <input type="submit" name="action" value="Search">
    ';
} else {
    echo 'You searced for ' . htmlspecialchars($term) . '<br>';
    for ($i = 0; $i < $num_hosts; $i++) {
        $id[] = yaz_connect($host[$i]);
        yaz_syntax($id[$i], "sutrs");
        yaz_search($id[$i], "rpn", $term);
    }
    yaz_wait();
    for ($i = 0; $i < $num_hosts; $i++) {
        echo '<hr>' . $host[$i] . ":";
        $error = yaz_error($id[$i]);
        if (!empty($error)) {
            echo "Error: $error";
        } else {
            $hits = yaz_hits($id[$i]);
            echo "Result Count $hits";
        }
        echo '<dl>';
        for ($p = 1; $p <= 10; $p++) {
            $rec = yaz_record($id[$i], $p, "string");
            if (empty($rec)) continue;
            echo "<dt><b>$p</b></dt><dd>";
            echo ereg_replace("\n", "<br>\n", $rec);
            echo "</dd>";
        }
        echo '</dl>';
    }
}
```

yaz_addinfo (PHP 4)

Returns additional error information

```
int yaz_addinfo (int id)
```

Returns additional error message for target (last request). An empty string is returned if last operation was a success or if no additional information was provided by the target.

yaz_close (PHP 4)

Closes a YAZ connection

```
int yaz_close (int id)
```

Closes the Z-association given by *id*. The *id* is a target ID as returned by a previous `yaz_connect()` command.

yaz_connect (PHP 4)

Prepares for a connection and Z-association to a Z39.50 target.

```
int yaz_connect (string zurl [, mixed options])
```

This function returns a positive ID on success; zero on failure.

yaz_connect() prepares for a connection to a Z39.50 target. The *zurl* argument takes the form `host[:port][/database]`. If port is omitted 210 is used. If database is omitted Default is used. This function is non-blocking and doesn't attempt to establish a socket - it merely prepares a connect to be performed later when `yaz_wait()` is called.

If the second argument, *options*, is given as a string it is treated as the Z39.50 V2 authentication string (OpenAuth).

If *options* is given as an array the contents of the array serves as options. Note that array options are only supported for PHP 4.1.0 and later.

yaz_connect() options

user

Username for authentication.

group

Group for authentication.

password

Password for authentication.

cookie

Cookie for session (YAZ proxy).

proxy

Proxy for connection (YAZ proxy).

persistent

A boolean. If TRUE the connection is persistent; If FALSE the connection is not persistent. By default connections are persistent.

piggyback

A boolean. If TRUE piggyback is enabled for searches; If FALSE piggyback is disabled. By default piggyback is enabled. Enabling piggyback is more efficient and usually saves a network-round-trip for first time fetches of records. However, a few Z39.50 targets doesn't support piggyback or they ignore element set names. For those, piggyback should be disabled.

yaz_errno (PHP 4)

Returns error number

int yaz_errno (int *id*)

Returns error for target (last request). A positive value is returned if the target returned a diagnostic code; a value of zero is returned if no errors occurred (success); negative value is returned for other errors (such as when the target closed connection, etc).

yaz_errno() should be called after network activity for each target - (after `yaz_wait()` returns) to determine the success or failure of the last operation (e.g. search).

yaz_error (PHP 4)

Returns error description

```
string yaz_error (int id)
```

Returns error message for target (last request). An empty string is returned if last operation was a success.

yaz_error() returns an english text message corresponding to the last error number as returned by **yaz_errno()**.

yaz_hits (PHP 4)

Returns number of hits for last search

```
int yaz_hits (int id)
```

yaz_hits() returns number of hits for last search.

yaz_element (PHP 4)

Specifies Element-Set Name for retrieval

```
int yaz_element (int id, string elementset)
```

This function is used in conjunction with **yaz_search()** and **yaz_present()** to specify the element set name for records to be retrieved. Most servers support F (full) and B (brief).

Returns TRUE on success; FALSE on error.

yaz_database (PHP 4 >= 4.0.6)

Specifies the databases within a session

```
int yaz_database (int id, string databases)
```

This function specifies one or more databases to be used in search, retrieval, etc. - overriding databases specified in call to `yaz_connect()`. Multiple databases are separated by a plus sign +.

This function allows you to use different sets of databases within a session.

Returns TRUE on success; FALSE on error.

yaz_range (PHP 4)

Specifies the maximum number of records to retrieve

```
int yaz_range (int id, int start, int number)
```

This function is used in conjunction with `yaz_search()` to specify the maximum number of records to retrieve (*number*) and the first record position (*start*). If this function is not invoked (only `yaz_search()`) *start* is set to 1 and *number* is set to 10.

Returns TRUE on success; FALSE on error.

yaz_record (PHP 4)

Returns a record

```
int yaz_record (int id, int pos, string type)
```

Returns record at position or empty string if no record exists at given position.

The **yaz_record()** function inspects a record in the current result set at the position specified. If no database record exists at the given position an empty string is returned. The argument, *type*, specifies the form of the returned record. If *type* is "string" the record is returned in a string representation suitable for printing (for XML and SUTRS). If *type* is "array" the record is returned as an array representation (for structured records).

yaz_search (PHP 4)

Prepares for a search

```
int yaz_search (int id, string type, string query)
```

yaz_search() prepares for a search on the target with given id. The type represents the query type - only "rpn" is supported now in which case the third argument specifies a Type-1 query (RPN). Like **yaz_connect()** this function is non-blocking and only prepares for a search to be executed later when **yaz_wait()** is called.

The RPN query is a textual representation of the Type-1 query as defined by the Z39.50 standard. However, in the text representation as used by YAZ a prefix notation is used, that is the operator precedes the operands. The query string is a sequence of tokens where white space is ignored unless surrounded by double quotes. Tokens beginning with an at-character (@) are considered operators, otherwise they are treated as search terms.

Table 1. RPN Operators

Syntax	Description
@and query1 query2	intersection of query1 and query2
@or query1 query2	union of query1 and query2
@not query1 query2	query1 and not query2
@set name	result set reference
@attrset set query	specifies attribute-set for query. This construction is only allowed once - in the beginning of the whole query
@attr set type=value query	applies attribute to query. The type and value are integers specifying the attribute-type and attribute-value respectively. The set, if given, specifies the attribute-set.

Example 1. Query Examples

Query

computer

matches documents where "computer" occur. No attributes are specified.

The Query

"donald knuth"

matches documents where "donald knuth" occur.

For the query

@attr 1=4 art

attribute type is 1 (Bib-1 use), attribute value is 4 Title), so this should match documents where art occur in the title.

Another more complex one:

@attrset gils @and @attr 1=4 art @attr 1=1003 "donald knuth"

The query as a whole uses the GILS attributeset. The query matches documents where art occur in the title and in which donald knuth occur in the author.

yaz_present (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Prepares for retrieval (Z39.50 present).

```
int yaz_present ( )
```

This function prepares for retrieval of records after a successful search. The `yaz_range()` should be called prior to this function to specify the range of records to be retrieved.

yaz_syntax (PHP 4)

Specifies the preferred record syntax for retrieval.

```
int yaz_syntax (int id, string syntax)
```

The syntax is specified as an OID (Object Identifier) in a raw dot-notation (like 1.2.840.10003.5.10) or as one of the known registered record syntaxes (sutrs, usmarc, grs1, xml, etc.). This function is used in conjunction with `yaz_search()` and `yaz_present()` to specify the preferred record syntax for retrieval.

yaz_scan (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Prepares for a scan

```
int yaz_scan (int id, string type, string startterm [, array flags])
```

This function prepares for a Z39.50 Scan Request. Argument *id* specifies target ID. Starting term point for the scan is given by *startterm*. The form in which is the starting term is specified is given by *type*. Currently type `rpn` is supported. The optional *flags* specifies additional information to control the behaviour of the scan request. Three indexes are currently read from the flags: `number` (number of terms requested), `position` (preferred position of term) and `stepSize` (preferred step size). To actually transfer the Scan Request to the target and receive the Scan Response, `yaz_wait()` must be called. Upon completion of `yaz_wait()` call `yaz_error()` and `yaz_scan_result()` to handle the response.

The syntax of *startterm* is similar to the RPN query as described in `yaz_search()`. The startterm consists of zero or more `@attr`-operator specifications, then followed by exactly one token.

Example 1. PHP function that scans titles

```

function scan_titles($id, $startterm) {
    yaz_scan($id,"rpn", "@attr 1=4 " . $startterm);
    yaz_wait();
    $errno = yaz_errno($id);
    if ($errno == 0) {
        $ar = yaz_scan_result($id,&$options);
        echo 'Scan ok; ';
        $ar = yaz_scan_result($id, &$options);
        while(list($key,$val)=each($options)) {
            echo "$key = $val &nbsp;";
        }
        echo '<br><table><tr><td>';
        while(list($key,list($k, $term, $tcount))=each($ar)) {
            if (empty($k)) continue;
            echo "<tr><td>$term</td><td>";
            echo $tcount;
            echo "</td></tr>";
        }
        echo '</table>';
    } else {
        echo "Scan failed. Error: " . yaz_error($id) . "<br>";
    }
}

```

yaz_scan_result (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Returns Scan Response result

array **yaz_scan_result** (int *id* [, array & *result*])

Given a target ID this function returns an array with terms as received from the target in the last Scan Response. This function returns an array (0..n-1) where n is the number of terms returned. Each value is a pair where first item is term, second item is result-count. If the *result* is given it will be modified to hold additional information taken from the Scan Response: number (number of entries returned), stepsize (Step-size), position (position of term), status (Scan Status).

yaz_ccl_conf (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Configure CCL parser

```
int yaz_ccl_conf (int id, array config)
```

This function configures the CCL query parser for a target with definitions of access points (CCL qualifiers) and their mapping to RPN. To map a specific CCL query to RPN afterwards call the `yaz_ccl_parse()` function. Each index of the array *config* is the name of a CCL field and the corresponding value holds a string that specifies a mapping to RPN. The mapping is a sequence of attribute-type, attribute-value pairs. Attribute-type and attribute-value is separated by an equal sign (=). Each pair is separated by white space.

Example 1. CCL configuration

In the example below, the CCL parser is configured to support three CCL fields: `ti`, `au` and `isbn`. Each field is mapped to their BIB-1 equivalent. It is assumed that variable `$id` is a target ID.

```
$field["ti"] = "1=4";
$field["au"] = "1=1";
$field["isbn"] = "1=7";
yaz_ccl_conf($id,$field);
```

yaz_ccl_parse (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Invoke CCL Parser

```
int yaz_ccl_parse (int id, string query, array &result)
```

This function invokes the CCL parser. It converts a given CCL FIND query to an RPN query which may be passed to the `yaz_search()` function to perform a search. To define a set of valid CCL fields call `yaz_ccl_conf()` prior to this function. If the supplied *query* was successfully converted to RPN, this function returns TRUE, and the index *rpn* of the supplied array *result* holds a valid RPN query. If the query could not be converted (because of invalid syntax, unknown field, etc.) this function returns FALSE and three indexes are set in the resulting array to indicate the cause of failure: `errorCodeCCL` error code (integer), `errorstringCCL` error string, and `errorpos` approximate position in query of failure (integer is character position).

yaz_itemorder (PHP 4 >= 4.0.5)

Prepares for Z39.50 Item Order with an ILL-Request package

```
int yaz_itemorder (array args)
```

This function prepares for an Extended Services request using the Profile for the Use of Z39.50 Item Order Extended Service to Transport ILL (Profile/1). See this (<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/iso/ill/stanprf.htm>) and the specification (<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/iso/ill/document/standard/z-ill-1a.pdf>). The *args* parameter must be a hash array with information about the Item Order request to be sent. The key of the hash is the name of the corresponding ASN.1 tag path. For example, the ISBN below the Item-ID has the key *item-id,ISBN*.

The ILL-Request parameters are:

```
protocol-version-num
transaction-id,initial-requester-id,person-or-institution-symbol,person
transaction-id,initial-requester-id,person-or-institution-symbol,institution
transaction-id,initial-requester-id,name-of-person-or-institution,name-of-person
transaction-id,initial-requester-id,name-of-person-or-institution,name-of-institution
transaction-id,transaction-group-qualifier
transaction-id,transaction-qualifier
transaction-id,sub-transaction-qualifier
service-date-time,this,date
service-date-time,this,time
service-date-time,original,date
service-date-time,original,time
requester-id,person-or-institution-symbol,person
requester-id,person-or-institution-symbol,institution
requester-id,name-of-person-or-institution,name-of-person
requester-id,name-of-person-or-institution,name-of-institution
responder-id,person-or-institution-symbol,person
responder-id,person-or-institution-symbol,institution
responder-id,name-of-person-or-institution,name-of-person
responder-id,name-of-person-or-institution,name-of-institution
transaction-type
delivery-address,postal-address,name-of-person-or-institution,name-of-person
delivery-address,postal-address,name-of-person-or-institution,name-of-institution
delivery-address,postal-address,extended-postal-delivery-address
delivery-address,postal-address,street-and-number
delivery-address,postal-address,post-office-box
delivery-address,postal-address,city
delivery-address,postal-address,region
delivery-address,postal-address,country
delivery-address,postal-address,postal-code
delivery-address,electronic-address,telecom-service-identifier
```


delivery-address,electronic-address,telecom-service-address
 billing-address,postal-address,name-of-person-or-institution,name-of-person
 billing-address,postal-address,name-of-person-or-institution,name-of-institution
 billing-address,postal-address,extended-postal-delivery-address
 billing-address,postal-address,street-and-number
 billing-address,postal-address,post-office-box
 billing-address,postal-address,city
 billing-address,postal-address,region
 billing-address,postal-address,country
 billing-address,postal-address,postal-code
 billing-address,electronic-address,telecom-service-identifier
 billing-address,electronic-address,telecom-service-address
 ill-service-type
 requester-optional-messages,can-send-RECEIVED
 requester-optional-messages,can-send-RETURNED
 requester-optional-messages,requester-SHIPPED
 requester-optional-messages,requester-CHECKED-IN
 search-type,level-of-service
 search-type,need-before-date
 search-type,expiry-date
 search-type,expiry-flag
 place-on-hold
 client-id,client-name
 client-id,client-status
 client-id,client-identifier
 item-id,item-type
 item-id,call-number
 item-id,author
 item-id,title
 item-id,sub-title
 item-id,sponsoring-body
 item-id,place-of-publication
 item-id,publisher
 item-id,series-title-number
 item-id,volume-issue
 item-id,edition
 item-id,publication-date
 item-id,publication-date-of-component
 item-id,author-of-article
 item-id,title-of-article
 item-id,pagination
 item-id,ISBN
 item-id,ISSN
 item-id,additional-no-letters
 item-id,verification-reference-source
 copyright-complicance
 retry-flag
 forward-flag

requester-note
forward-note

There are also a few parameters that are part of the Extended Services Request package and the ItemOrder package:

package-name
user-id
contact-name
contact-phone
contact-email
itemorder-item

yaz_wait (PHP 4)

Wait for Z39.50 requests to complete

```
int yaz_wait ([array options])
```

This function carries out networked (blocked) activity for outstanding requests which have been prepared by the functions `yaz_connect()`, `yaz_search()`, `yaz_present()`, `yaz_scan()` and `yaz_itemorder()`. **yaz_wait()** returns when all targets have either completed all requests or aborted (in case of errors).

If the *options* array is given that holds options that change the behaviour of **yaz_wait()**.

timeout

Sets timeout in seconds. If a target hasn't responded within the timeout it is considered dead and **yaz_wait()** returns. The default value for timeout is 15 seconds.

yaz_sort (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Sets sorting criteria

```
int yaz_sort (int id, string criteria)
```

This function sets sorting criteria and enables Z39.50 Sort. Use this function together with `yaz_search()` or `yaz_present()`. Using this function alone doesn't have any effect. If used in conjunction with

yaz_search() a Z39.50 Sort will be sent after a search response has been received and before any records are retrieved with Z39.50 Present. The *criteria* takes the form

field1 flags1 field2 flags2 ...

where field1 specifies primary attributes for sort, field2 seconds, etc.. The field specifies either numerical attribute combinations consisting of type=value pairs separated by comma (e.g. 1=4, 2=1) ; or the field may specify a plain string criteria (e.g. *title*). The flags is a sequence of the following characters which may not be separated by any white space.

Sort Flags

a

Sort ascending

d

Sort descending

i

Case insensitive sorting

s

Case sensitive sorting

Example 1. Sort Criterias

To sort on Bib1 attribute title, case insensitive, and ascending you'd use the following sort criteria:

1=4 ia

If the secondary sorting criteria should be author, case sensitive and ascending you'd use:

1=4 ia 1=1003 sa

XCII. YP/NIS Functions

NIS (formerly called Yellow Pages) allows network management of important administrative files (e.g. the password file). For more information refer to the NIS manpage and Introduction to YP/NIS (<http://www.desy.de/~sieversm/ypdoku/ypdoku/ypdoku.html>). There is also a book called Managing NFS and NIS (<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/nfs/noframes.html>) by Hal Stern.

To get these functions to work, you have to configure PHP with `--with-yp`(PHP 3) or `--enable-yp`(PHP 4).

yp_get_default_domain (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Fetches the machine's default NIS domain

```
int yp_get_default_domain ( )
```

yp_get_default_domain() returns the default domain of the node or FALSE. Can be used as the domain parameter for successive NIS calls.

A NIS domain can be described a group of NIS maps. Every host that needs to look up information binds itself to a certain domain. Refer to the documents mentioned at the beginning for more detailed information.

Example 1. Example for the default domain

```
<?php
$domain = yp_get_default_domain();
echo "Default NIS domain is: " . $domain;
?>
```

yp_order (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the order number for a map

```
int yp_order (string domain, string map)
```

yp_order() returns the order number for a map or FALSE.

Example 1. Example for the NIS order

```
<?php
$number = yp_order($domain,$mapname);
echo "Order number for this map is: " . $number;
?>
```

See also `yp-get-default-domain()`.

yp_master (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the machine name of the master NIS server for a map

string **yp_master** (string *domain*, string *map*)

yp_master() returns the machine name of the master NIS server for a map.

Example 1. Example for the NIS master

```
<?php
$number = yp_master ($domain, $mapname);
echo "Master for this map is: " . $master;
?>
```

See also `yp-get-default-domain()`.

yp_match (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the matched line

string **yp_match** (string *domain*, string *map*, string *key*)

yp_match() returns the value associated with the passed key out of the specified map or FALSE. This key must be exact.

Example 1. Example for NIS match

```
<?php
$entry = yp_match ($domain, "passwd.byname", "joe");
echo "Matched entry is: " . $entry;
?>
```

In this case this could be: joe:##joe:11111:100:Joe User:/home/j/joe:/usr/local/bin/bash

See also `yp-get-default-domain()`

yp_first (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the first key-value pair from the named map

array **yp_first** (string *domain*, string *map*)

yp_first() returns the first key-value pair from the named map in the named domain, otherwise FALSE.

Example 1. Example for the NIS first

```
<?php
$entry = yp_first($domain, "passwd.byname");
$key = $entry ["key"];
$value = $entry ["value"];
echo "First entry in this map has key " . $key . " and value " . $value;
?>
```

See also `yp-get-default-domain()`

yp_next (PHP 3>= 3.0.7, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Returns the next key-value pair in the named map.

array **yp_next** (string *domain*, string *map*, string *key*)

yp_next() returns the next key-value pair in the named map after the specified key or FALSE.

Example 1. Example for NIS next

```
<?php
$entry = yp_next ($domain, "passwd.byname", "joe");

if (!$entry) {
echo "No more entries found\n";
    <!-- echo yp_errno() . ": " . yp_err_string(); -->
}

$key = key ($entry);

echo "The next entry after joe has key " . $key
    . " and value " . $entry[$key];
?>
```

See also `yp-get-default-domain()`.

XCIII. Zip File Functions (Read Only Access)

This module uses the functions of the ZZIPlib (<http://zziplib.sourceforge.net/>) library by Guido Draheim to transparently read ZIP compressed archives and the files inside them.

Please note that ZZIPlib only provides a subset of functions provided in a full implementation of the ZIP compression algorithm and can only read ZIP file archives. A normal ZIP utility is needed to create the ZIP file archives read by this library.

Zip support in PHP is not enabled by default. You will need to use the `--with-zip` configuration option when compiling PHP to enable zip support. This module requires ZZIPlib version `>= 0.10.6`.

Note: Zip support before PHP 4.1.0 is experimental. This section reflects the Zip extension as it exists in PHP 4.1.0 and later.

Example Usage

This example opens a ZIP file archive, reads each file in the archive and prints out its contents. The `test2.zip` archive used in this example is one of the test archives in the ZZIPlib source distribution.

Example 1. Zip Usage Example

```
<?php

$zip = zip_open("/tmp/test2.zip");

if ($zip) {

    while ($zip_entry = zip_read($zip)) {
        echo "Name:           " . zip_entry_name($zip_entry) . "\n";
        echo "Actual Filesize:  " . zip_entry_filesize($zip_entry) . "\n";
        echo "Compressed Size:     " . zip_entry_compressedsize($zip_entry) . "\n";
        echo "Compression Method: " . zip_entry_compressionmethod($zip_entry) . "\n";

        if (zip_entry_open($zip, $zip_entry, "r")) {
            echo "File Contents:\n";
            $buf = zip_entry_read($zip_entry, zip_entry_filesize($zip_entry));
            echo "$buf\n";

            zip_entry_close($zip_entry);
        }
        echo "\n";
    }

    zip_close($zip);
}
```

?>

zip_close (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Close a Zip File Archive

```
void zip_close (resource zip)
```

Closes a zip file archive. The parameter *zip* must be a zip archive previously opened by `zip_open()`.

This function has no return value.

See also `zip_open()` and `zip_read()`.

zip_entry_close (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Close a Directory Entry

```
void zip_entry_close (resource zip_entry)
```

Closes a directory entry specified by *zip_entry*. The parameter *zip_entry* must be a valid directory entry opened by `zip_entry_open()`.

This function has no return value.

See also `zip_entry_open()` and `zip_entry_read()`.

zip_entry_compressedsize (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Retrieve the Compressed Size of a Directory Entry

```
int zip_entry_compressedsize (resource zip_entry)
```

Returns the compressed size of the directory entry specified by *zip_entry*. The parameter *zip_entry* is a valid directory entry returned by `zip_read()`.

See also `zip_open()` and `zip_read()`.

zip_entry_compressionmethod (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Retrieve the Compression Method of a Directory Entry

```
string zip_entry_compressionmethod (resource zip_entry)
```

Returns the compression method of the directory entry specified by *zip_entry*. The parameter *zip_entry* is a valid directory entry returned by `zip_read()`.

See also `zip_open()` and `zip_read()`.

zip_entry_filesize (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Retrieve the Actual File Size of a Directory Entry

```
int zip_entry_filesize (resource zip_entry)
```

Returns the actual size of the directory entry specified by *zip_entry*. The parameter *zip_entry* is a valid directory entry returned by `zip_read()`.

See also `zip_open()` and `zip_read()`.

zip_entry_name (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Retrieve the Name of a Directory Entry

```
string zip_entry_name (resource zip_entry)
```

Returns the name of the directory entry specified by *zip_entry*. The parameter *zip_entry* is a valid directory entry returned by `zip_read()`.

See also `zip_open()` and `zip_read()`.

zip_entry_open (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Open a Directory Entry for Reading

```
bool zip_entry_open (resource zip, resource zip_entry [, string mode])
```

Opens a directory entry in a zip file for reading. The parameter *zip* is a valid resource handle returned by `zip_open()`. The parameter *zip_entry* is a directory entry resource returned by `zip_read()`. The optional parameter *mode* can be any of the modes specified in the documentaion for `fopen()`.

Note: Currently, *mode* is ignored and is always "rb". This is due to the fact that zip support in PHP is read only access. Please see `fopen()` for an explanation of various modes, including "rb".

Returns TRUE on succes or FALSE on failure.

Note: Unlike `fopen()` and other similar functions, the return value of **zip_entry_open()** only indicates the result of the operation and is not needed for reading or closing the directory entry.

See also `zip_entry_read()` and `zip_entry_close()`.

zip_entry_read (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Read From an Open Directory Entry

```
string zip_entry_read (resource zip_entry [, int length])
```

Reads up to *length* bytes from an open directory entry. If *length* is not specified, then **zip_entry_read()** will attempt to read 1024 bytes. The parameter *zip_entry* is a valid directory entry returned by `zip_read()`.

Note: The *length* parameter should be the uncompressed length you wish to read.

Returns the data read, or FALSE if the end of the file is reached.

See also `zip_entry_open()`, `zip_entry_close()` and `zip_entry_filesize()`.

zip_open (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Open a Zip File Archive

```
resource zip_open (string filename)
```

Opens a new zip archive for reading. The *filename* parameter is the filename of the zip archive to open.

Returns a resource handle for later use with `zip_read()` and `zip_close()` or returns `FALSE` if *filename* does not exist.

See also `zip_read()` and `zip_close()`.

zip_read (PHP 4 >= 4.0.7RC1)

Read Next Entry in a Zip File Archive

resource **zip_read** (resource *zip*)

Reads the next entry in a zip file archive. The parameter *zip* must be a zip archive previously opened by `zip_open()`.

Returns a directory entry resource for later use with the **zip_entry_...()** functions.

See also `zip_open()`, `zip_close()`, `zip_entry_open()`, and `zip_entry_read()`.

XCIV. Zlib Compression Functions

This module uses the functions of zlib (<http://www.gzip.org/zlib/>) by Jean-loup Gailly and Mark Adler to transparently read and write gzip (.gz) compressed files. You have to use a zlib version $\geq 1.0.9$ with this module.

This module contains versions of most of the filesystem functions which work with gzip-compressed files (and uncompressed files, too, but not with sockets).

Note: The current CVS version 4.0.4-dev introduces a fopen-wrapper for .gz-files, so that you can use a special 'zlib:' URL to access compressed files transparently using the normal `f*()` file access functions if you prepend the filename or path with a 'zlib:' prefix when calling `fopen()`.

This feature requires a C runtime library that provides the `fopencookie()` function. To my current knowledge the GNU libc is the only library that provides this feature.

Small code example

Opens a temporary file and writes a test string to it, then it prints out the content of this file twice.

Example 1. Small Zlib Example

```
<?php

$filename = tempnam ('/tmp', 'zlibtest').'.gz';
print "<html>\n<head>\n<body>\n<pre>\n";
$s = "Only a test, test, test, test, test, test, test, test!\n";

// open file for writing with maximum compression
$zp = gzopen($filename, "w9");

// write string to file
gzwrite($zp, $s);

// close file
gzclose($zp);

// open file for reading
$zp = gzopen($filename, "r");

// read 3 char
print gzread($zp, 3);

// output until end of the file and close it.
gzpassthru($zp);

print "\n";
```

```
// open file and print content (the 2nd time).
if (readgzfile($filename) != strlen($s)) {
    echo "Error with zlib functions!";
}
unlink($filename);
print "</pre>\n</h1></body>\n</html>\n";

?>
```


gzclose (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Close an open gz-file pointer

```
int gzclose (int zp)
```

The gz-file pointed to by *zp* is closed.

Returns TRUE on success and FALSE on failure.

The gz-file pointer must be valid, and must point to a file successfully opened by `gzopen()`.

gzeof (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Test for end-of-file on a gz-file pointer

```
int gzeof (int zp)
```

Returns TRUE if the gz-file pointer is at EOF or an error occurs; otherwise returns FALSE.

The gz-file pointer must be valid, and must point to a file successfully opened by `gzopen()`.

gzfile (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Read entire gz-file into an array

```
array gzfile (string filename [, int use_include_path])
```

Identical to `readgzfile()`, except that **gzfile()** returns the file in an array.

You can use the optional second parameter and set it to "1", if you want to search for the file in the `include_path`, too.

See also `readgzfile()`, and `gzopen()`.

gzgetc (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get character from gz-file pointer

```
string gzgetc (int zp)
```

Returns a string containing a single (uncompressed) character read from the file pointed to by *zp*. Returns FALSE on EOF (as does `gzeof()`).

The gz-file pointer must be valid, and must point to a file successfully opened by `gzopen()`.

See also `gzopen()`, and `gzgets()`.

gzgets (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get line from file pointer

```
string gzgets (int zp, int length)
```

Returns a (uncompressed) string of up to `length - 1` bytes read from the file pointed to by *fp*. Reading ends when `length - 1` bytes have been read, on a newline, or on EOF (whichever comes first).

If an error occurs, returns FALSE.

The file pointer must be valid, and must point to a file successfully opened by `gzopen()`.

See also `gzopen()`, `gzgetc()`, and `fgets()`.

gzgetss (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Get line from gz-file pointer and strip HTML tags

```
string gzgetss (int zp, int length [, string allowable_tags])
```

Identical to `gzgets()`, except that **`gzgetss()`** attempts to strip any HTML and PHP tags from the text it reads.

You can use the optional third parameter to specify tags which should not be stripped.

Note: `Allowable_tags` was added in PHP 3.0.13, PHP4B3.

See also `gzgets()`, `gzopen()`, and `strip_tags()`.

gzopen (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Open gz-file

```
int gzopen (string filename, string mode [, int use_include_path])
```

Opens a gzip (.gz) file for reading or writing. The mode parameter is as in fopen() ("rb" or "wb") but can also include a compression level ("wb9") or a strategy: 'f' for filtered data as in "wb6f", 'h' for Huffman only compression as in "wb1h". (See the description of deflateInit2 in zlib.h for more information about the strategy parameter.)

gzopen() can be used to read a file which is not in gzip format; in this case gzread() will directly read from the file without decompression.

gzopen() returns a file pointer to the file opened, after that, everything you read from this file descriptor will be transparently decompressed and what you write gets compressed.

If the open fails, the function returns FALSE.

You can use the optional third parameter and set it to "1", if you want to search for the file in the include_path, too.

Example 1. gzopen() Example

```
$fp = gzopen ("/tmp/file.gz", "r");
```

See also gzclose().

gzpassthru (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Output all remaining data on a gz-file pointer

```
int gzpassthru (int zp)
```

Reads to EOF on the given gz-file pointer and writes the (uncompressed) results to standard output.

If an error occurs, returns FALSE.

The file pointer must be valid, and must point to a file successfully opened by gzopen().

The gz-file is closed when **gzpassthru()** is done reading it (leaving *zp* useless).

gzputs (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Write to a gz-file pointer

```
int gzputs (int zp, string str [, int length])
```

gzputs() is an alias to **gzwrite()**, and is identical in every way.

gzread (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Binary-safe gz-file read

```
string gzread (int zp, int length)
```

gzread() reads up to *length* bytes from the gz-file pointer referenced by *zp*. Reading stops when *length* (uncompressed) bytes have been read or EOF is reached, whichever comes first.

```
// get contents of a gz-file into a string
$filename = "/usr/local/something.txt.gz";
$d = gzopen ($filename, "r");
$content = gzread ($d, 10000);
gzclose ($d);
```

See also **gzwrite()**, **gzopen()**, **gzgets()**, **gzgetss()**, **gzfile()**, and **gzpassthru()**.

gzrewind (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Rewind the position of a gz-file pointer

```
int gzrewind (int zp)
```

Sets the file position indicator for *zp* to the beginning of the file stream.

If an error occurs, returns 0.

The file pointer must be valid, and must point to a file successfully opened by `gzopen()`.

See also `gzseek()` and `gztell()`.

gzseek (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Seek on a gz-file pointer

```
int gzseek (int zp, int offset)
```

Sets the file position indicator for the file referenced by *zp* to offset bytes into the file stream. Equivalent to calling (in C) `gzseek( zp, offset, SEEK_SET )`.

If the file is opened for reading, this function is emulated but can be extremely slow. If the file is opened for writing, only forward seeks are supported; `gzseek` then compresses a sequence of zeroes up to the new starting position.

Upon success, returns 0; otherwise, returns -1. Note that seeking past EOF is not considered an error.

See also `gztell()` and `gzrewind()`.

gztell (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Tell gz-file pointer read/write position

```
int gztell (int zp)
```

Returns the position of the file pointer referenced by *zp*; i.e., its offset into the file stream.

If an error occurs, returns FALSE.

The file pointer must be valid, and must point to a file successfully opened by `gzopen()`.

See also `gzopen()`, `gzseek()` and `gzrewind()`.

gzwrite (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Binary-safe gz-file write

```
int gzwrite (int zp, string string [, int length])
```

gzwrite() writes the contents of *string* to the gz-file stream pointed to by *zp*. If the *length* argument is given, writing will stop after *length* (uncompressed) bytes have been written or the end of *string* is reached, whichever comes first.

Note that if the *length* argument is given, then the `magic_quotes_runtime` configuration option will be ignored and no slashes will be stripped from *string*.

See also `gzread()`, `gzopen()`, and `gzputs()`.

readgzfile (PHP 3, PHP 4 >= 4.0.0)

Output a gz-file

```
int readgzfile (string filename [, int use_include_path])
```

Reads a file, decompresses it and writes it to standard output.

readgzfile() can be used to read a file which is not in gzip format; in this case **readgzfile()** will directly read from the file without decompression.

Returns the number of (uncompressed) bytes read from the file. If an error occurs, FALSE is returned and unless the function was called as `@readgzfile`, an error message is printed.

The file *filename* will be opened from the filesystem and its contents written to standard output.

You can use the optional second parameter and set it to "1", if you want to search for the file in the `include_path`, too.

See also `gzpassthru()`, `gzfile()`, and `gzopen()`.

gzcompress (PHP 4)

Compress a string

```
string gzcompress (string data [, int level])
```

This function returns a compressed version of the input *data* using the ZLIB data format, or FALSE if an error is encountered. The optional parameter *level* can be given as 0 for no compression up to 9 for maximum compression.

For details on the ZLIB compression algorithm see the document "ZLIB Compressed Data Format Specification version 3.3 (<http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc1950.txt>)" (RFC 1950).

Note: This is *not* the same as gzip compression, which includes some header data. See `gzencode()` for gzip compression.

See also `gzdeflate()`, `gzinflate()`, `gzuncompress()`, `gzencode()`.

gzuncompress (PHP 4)

Uncompress a deflated string

```
string gzuncompress (string data [, int length])
```

This function takes *data* compressed by `gzcompress()` and returns the original uncompressed data or `FALSE` on error. The function will return an error if the uncompressed data is more than 256 times the length of the compressed input *data* or more than the optional parameter *length*.

See also `gzdeflate()`, `gzinflate()`, `gzcompress()`, `gzencode()`.

gzdeflate (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Deflate a string

```
string gzdeflate (string data [, int level])
```

This function returns a compressed version of the input *data* using the DEFLATE data format, or `FALSE` if an error is encountered. The optional parameter *level* can be given as 0 for no compression up to 9 for maximum compression.

For details on the DEFLATE compression algorithm see the document "DEFLATE Compressed Data Format Specification version 1.3 (<http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc1951.txt>)" (RFC 1951).

See also `gzinflate()`, `gzcompress()`, `gzuncompress()`, `gzencode()`.

gzinflate (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Inflate a deflated string

```
string gzinflate (string data [, int length])
```

This function takes *data* compressed by `gzdeflate()` and returns the original uncompressed data or `FALSE` on error. The function will return an error if the uncompressed data is more than 256 times the length of the compressed input *data* or more than the optional parameter *length*.

See also `gzcompress()`, `gzuncompress()`, `gzdeflate()`, `gzencode()`.

gzencode (PHP 4 >= 4.0.4)

Create a gzip compressed string

```
string gzencode (string data [, int level])
```

This function returns a compressed version of the input *data* compatible with the output of the **gzip** program, or `FALSE` if an error is encountered. The optional parameter *level* can be given as 0 for no compression up to 9 for maximum compression, if not given the default compression level will be 1.

The resulting data contains the appropriate headers and data structure to make a standard .gz file, e.g.:

Example 1. Creating a gzip file

```
<?php
$data = implode("", "bigfile.txt");
$gzdata = gzencode($data, 9);
$fp = fopen("bigfile.txt.gz", "w");
fwrite($fp, $gzdata);
fclose($fp);
?>
```

For more information on the GZIP file format, see the document: GZIP file format specification version 4.3 (<http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc1952.txt>) (RFC 1952).

See also `gzcompress()`, `gzuncompress()`, `gzdeflate()`, `gzinflate()`.

Part V. PEAR: the PHP Extension and Application Repository

Chapter 24. About PEAR

PEAR is dedicated to Malin Bakken, born 1999-11-21 (the first PEAR code was written just two hours before she was born).

Note: A separate manual for PEAR is just forming at <http://pear.php.net/manual/>. See that page for most actual information about PEAR.

What is PEAR?

PEAR is a code repository for PHP extensions and PHP library code inspired by TeX's CTAN and Perl's CPAN.

The purpose of PEAR is:

- to provide a consistent means for library code authors to share their code with other developers
- to give the PHP community an infrastructure for sharing code
- to define standards that help developers write portable and reusable code
- to provide tools for code maintenance and distribution

Chapter 25. PEAR Coding Standards

Note: The PEAR Coding Standards applies to code that is to become a part of PEAR, either distributed with PHP or available for download via PEAR's install tool.

Indenting

Use an indent of 4 spaces, with no tabs. If you use Emacs to edit PEAR code, you should set `indent-tabs-mode` to `nil`. Here is an example mode hook that will set up Emacs according to these guidelines (you will need to ensure that it is called when you are editing PHP files):

```
(defun php-mode-hook ()
  (setq tab-width 4
        c-basic-offset 4
        c-hanging-comment-ender-p nil
        indent-tabs-mode
  (not
    (and (string-match "/\\((PEAR\\|pear\\))/" (buffer-file-name))
         (string-match "\\.[php$]" (buffer-file-name))))))
```

Here are vim rules for the same thing:

```
set expandtab
set shiftwidth=4
set tabstop=4
```

Control Structures

These include `if`, `for`, `while`, `switch`, etc. Here is an example `if` statement, since it is the most complicated of them:

```
if ((condition1) || (condition2)) {
    action1;
} elseif ((condition3) && (condition4)) {
    action2;
} else {
    defaultaction;
}
```

Control statements should have one space between the control keyword and opening parenthesis, to distinguish them from function calls.

You are strongly encouraged to always use curly braces even in situations where they are technically optional. Having them increases readability and decreases the likelihood of logic errors being introduced when new lines are added.

For switch statements:

```
switch (condition) {
case 1:
    action1;
    break;

case 2:
    action2;
    break;

default:
    defaultaction;
    break;
}
```

Function Calls

Functions should be called with no spaces between the function name, the opening parenthesis, and the first parameter; spaces between commas and each parameter, and no space between the last parameter, the closing parenthesis, and the semicolon. Here's an example:

```
$var = foo($bar, $baz, $quux);
```

As displayed above, there should be one space on either side of an equals sign used to assign the return value of a function to a variable. In the case of a block of related assignments, more space may be inserted to promote readability:

```
$short      = foo($bar);
```

```
$long_variable = foo($baz);
```

Function Definitions

Function declarations follow the "one true brace" convention:

```
function fooFunction($arg1, $arg2 = "")
{
    if (condition) {
        statement;
    }
    return $val;
}
```

Arguments with default values go at the end of the argument list. Always attempt to return a meaningful value from a function if one is appropriate. Here is a slightly longer example:

```
function connect(&$dsn, $persistent = false)
{
    if (is_array($dsn)) {
        $dsninfo = &$dsn;
    } else {
        $dsninfo = DB::parseDSN($dsn);
    }

    if (!$dsninfo || !$dsninfo['phptype']) {
        return $this->raiseError();
    }

    return true;
}
```

Comments

Inline documentation for classes should follow the PHPDoc convention, similar to Javadoc. More information about PHPDoc can be found here: <http://www.phpdoc.de/>

Non-documentation comments are strongly encouraged. A general rule of thumb is that if you look at a section of code and think "Wow, I don't want to try and describe that", you need to comment it before you forget how it works.

C style comments (`/* */`) and standard C++ comments (`//`) are both fine. Use of Perl/shell style comments (`#`) is discouraged.

Including Code

Anywhere you are unconditionally including a class file, use `require_once()`. Anywhere you are conditionally including a class file (for example, factory methods), use `include_once()`. Either of these will ensure that class files are included only once. They share the same file list, so you don't need to worry about mixing them - a file included with `require_once()` will not be included again by `include_once()`.

Note: `include_once()` and `require_once()` are statements, not functions. You don't *need* parentheses around the filename to be included.

PHP Code Tags

Always use `<?php ?>` to delimit PHP code, not the `<? ?>` shorthand. This is required for PEAR compliance and is also the most portable way to include PHP code on differing operating systems and setups.

Header Comment Blocks

All source code files in the core PEAR distribution should contain the following comment block as the header:

```
/* vim: set expandtab tabstop=4 shiftwidth=4: */
// +-----+
// | PHP version 4.0 |
// +-----+
// | Copyright (c) 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 The PHP Group |
// +-----+
// | This source file is subject to version 2.0 of the PHP license, |
// | that is bundled with this package in the file LICENSE, and is |
// | available at through the world-wide-web at |
// | http://www.php.net/license/2_02.txt. |
// | If you did not receive a copy of the PHP license and are unable to |
// | obtain it through the world-wide-web, please send a note to |
```

```
// | license@php.net so we can mail you a copy immediately.      |
// +-----+
// | Authors: Original Author <author@example.com>                |
// |           Your Name <you@example.com>                         |
// +-----+
//
// $Id: standards.xml,v 1.15 2001/11/23 21:51:24 hholzgra Exp $
```

There's no hard rule to determine when a new code contributor should be added to the list of authors for a given source file. In general, their changes should fall into the "substantial" category (meaning somewhere around 10% to 20% of code changes). Exceptions could be made for rewriting functions or contributing new logic.

Simple code reorganization or bug fixes would not justify the addition of a new individual to the list of authors.

Files not in the core PEAR repository should have a similar block stating the copyright, the license, and the authors. All files should include the modeline comments to encourage consistency.

Using CVS

This section applies only to packages using CVS at cvs.php.net.

Include the \$Id\$ CVS keyword in each file. As each file is edited, add this tag if it's not yet present (or replace existing forms such as "Last Modified:", etc.).

The rest of this section assumes that you have basic knowledge about CVS tags and branches.

CVS tags are used to label which revisions of the files in your package belong to a given release. Below is a list of the required and suggested CVS tags:

RELEASE_*n_n*

(required) Used for tagging a release. If you don't use it, there's no way to go back and retrieve your package from the CVS server in the state it was in at the time of the release.

QA_*n_n*

(branch, optional) If you feel you need to roll out a release candidate before releasing, it's a good idea to make a branch for it so you can isolate the release and apply only those critical fixes before the actual release. Meanwhile, normal development may continue on the main trunk.

MAINT_*n_n*

(branch, optional) If you need to make "micro-releases" (for example 1.2.1 and so on after 1.2), you can use a branch for that too, if your main trunk is very active and you want only minor changes between your micro-releases.

Only the RELEASE tag is required, the rest are recommended for your convenience.

Below is an example of how to tag the 1.2 release of the "Money_Fast" package:

```
$ cd pear/Money_Fast
$ cvs tag RELEASE_1_2
T Fast.php
T README
T package.xml
```

By doing this you make it possible for the PEAR web site to take you through the rest of your release process.

Here's an example of how to create a QA branch:

```
$ cvs tag QA_2_0_BP
...
$ cvs rtag -b -r QA_2_0_BP QA_2_0
$ cvs update -r QA_2_0
$ cvs tag RELEASE_2_0RC1
...and then the actual release, from the same branch:
$ cvs tag RELEASE_2_0
```

The "QA_2_0_BP" tag is a "branch point" tag, which is the start point of the tag. It's always a good idea to start a CVS branch from such branch points. MAINT branches may use the RELEASE tag as their branch point.

Example URLs

Use "example.com" for all example URLs, per RFC 2606.

Naming Conventions

Functions and Methods

Functions and methods should be named using the "studly caps" style (also referred to as "bumpy case" or "camel caps"). Functions should in addition have the package name as a prefix, to avoid name collisions between packages. The initial letter of the name (after the prefix) is lowercase, and each letter that starts a new "word" is capitalized. Some examples:

connect()	getData()	buildSomeWidget()	XML_RPC_serial

Private class members (meaning class members that are intended to be used only from within the same class in which they are declared; PHP does not yet support truly-enforceable private namespaces) are preceded by a single underscore. For example:

<code>_sort()</code>	<code>_initTree()</code>	<code>\$this->_status</code>

Constants

Constants should always be all-uppercase, with underscores to separate words. Prefix constant names with the uppercased name of the class/package they are used in. For example, the constants used by the DB : : package all begin with "DB_".

Global Variables

If your package needs to define global variables, their name should start with a single underscore followed by the package name and another underscore. For example, the PEAR package uses a global variable called `$_PEAR_destructor_object_list`.

XCV. PEAR Reference Manual

This chapter contains reference documentation for PEAR components that are distributed with PHP. It is assumed that you are already familiar with objects and classes.

PEAR (unknown)

PEAR base class

Synopsis

```
require_once "PEAR.php";  
  
class classname extends PEAR { ... }
```

The PEAR base class provides standard functionality that is used by most PEAR classes. Normally you never make an instance of the PEAR class directly, you use it by subclassing it.

Its key features are:

- request-shutdown object "destructors"
- error handling

If you inherit PEAR in a class called *ClassName*, you can define a method in it called *_*ClassName** (the class name with an underscore prepended) that will be invoked when the request is over. This is not a destructor in the sense that you can "delete" an object and have the destructor called, but in the sense that PHP gives you a callback in the object when PHP is done executing. See the example below.

Important!

In order for destructors to work properly, you must instantiate your class with the "`=& new`" operator like this:

```
$obj =& new MyClass();
```

If you only use "`= new`", the object registered in PEAR's shutdown list will be a copy of the object at the time the constructor is called, and it will this copy's "destructor" that will be called upon request shutdown.

PEAR's base class also provides a way of passing around more complex errors than a true/false value or a numeric code. A PEAR error is an object that is either an instance of the class `PEAR_Error`, or some class inheriting `PEAR_Error`.

One of the design criteria of PEAR's errors is that it should not force a particular type of output on the user, it should be possible to handle errors without any output at all if that is desirable. This makes it possible to handle errors gracefully, also when your output format is different from HTML (for example WML or some other XML format).

The error object can be configured to do a number of things when it is created, such as printing an error message, printing the message and exiting, raising an error with PHP's `trigger_error()` function, invoke a callback, or none of the above. This is typically specified in `PEAR_Error`'s constructor, but all of the parameters are optional, and you can set up defaults for errors generated from each object based on the `PEAR` class. See the PEAR error examples for how to use it and the `PEAR_Error` reference for the full details.

The example below shows how to use the PEAR's "poor man's kinda emulated destructors" to implement a simple class that holds the contents of a file, lets you append data to the object and flushes the data back to the file at the end of the request:

Example 1. PEAR: emulated destructors

```
require_once "PEAR.php";

class FileContainer extends PEAR
{
    var $file = "";
    var $contents = "";
    var $modified = 0;

    function FileContainer($file)
    {
        $this->PEAR(); // this calls the parent class constructor
        $fp = fopen($file, "r");
        if (!is_resource($fp)) {
            return;
        }
        while (!empty($data = fread($fp, 2048))) {
            $this->contents .= $data;
        }
        fclose($fp);
    }

    function append($str)
    {
        $this->contents .= $str;
        $this->modified++;
    }

    // The "destructor" is named like the constructor
    // but with an underscore in front.
    function _FileContainer()
    {
        if ($this->modified) {
            $fp = fopen($this->file, "w");
```

```

        if (!is_resource($fp)) {
            return;
        }
        fwrite($fp, $this->contents);
        fclose($fp);
    }
}

$fileobj =& new FileContainer("testfile");
$fileobj->append("this ends up at the end of the file\n");

// When the request is done and PHP shuts down, $fileobj's
// "destructor" is called and updates the file on disk.

```

Note: PEAR "destructors" use PHP's shutdown callbacks (`register_shutdown_function()`), and you can't output anything from these when PHP is running in a web server. So anything printed in a "destructor" gets lost except when PHP is used in command-line mode. Bummer.

Also, see the warning about how to instantiate objects if you want to use the destructor.

The next examples illustrate different ways of using PEAR's error handling mechanism.

Example 2. PEAR error example (1)

```

function mysockopen($host = "localhost", $port = 8090)
{
    $fp = fsockopen($host, $port, $errno, $errstr);
    if (!is_resource($fp)) {
        return new PEAR_Error($errstr, $errno);
    }
    return $fp;
}

$sock = mysockopen();
if (PEAR::isError($sock)) {
    print "mysockopen error: ".$sock->getMessage()."<BR>\n"
}

```

This example shows a wrapper to `fsockopen()` that delivers the error code and message (if any) returned by `fsockopen` in a PEAR error object. Notice that **PEAR::isError()** is used to detect whether a value is a PEAR error.

PEAR_Error's mode of operation in this example is simply returning the error object and leaving the rest to the user (programmer). This is the default error mode.

In the next example we're showing how to use default error modes:

Example 3. PEAR error example (2)

```
class TCP_Socket extends PEAR
{
    var $sock;

    function TCP_Socket()
    {
        $this->PEAR();
    }

    function connect($host, $port)
    {
        $sock = fsockopen($host, $port, $errno, $errstr);
        if (!is_resource($sock)) {
            return $this->raiseError($errstr, $errno);
        }
    }
}

$sock = new TCP_Socket;
$sock->setErrorHandler(PEAR_ERROR_DIE);
$sock->connect("localhost", 8090);
print "still alive<BR>\n";
```

Here, we set the default error mode to PEAR_ERROR_DIE, and since we don't specify any error mode in the raiseError call (that'd be the third parameter), raiseError uses the default error mode and exits if fsockopen fails.

The PEAR class uses some global variables to register global defaults, and an object list used by the "destructors". All of the global variables associated with the PEAR class have a _PEAR_ name prefix.

`$_PEAR_default_error_mode`

If no default error mode is set in an object, this mode will be used. Must be one of PEAR_ERROR_RETURN, PEAR_ERROR_PRINT, PEAR_ERROR_TRIGGER, PEAR_ERROR_DIE or PEAR_ERROR_CALLBACK.

Don't set this variable directly, call **PEAR::setErrorHandler()** as a static method like this:

```
PEAR::setErrorHandler(PEAR_ERROR_DIE);
```

`$_PEAR_default_error_options`

If the error mode is `PEAR_ERROR_TRIGGER`, this is the error level (one of `E_USER_NOTICE`, `E_USER_WARNING` or `E_USER_ERROR`).

Don't set this variable directly, call **`PEAR::setErrorHandler()`** as a static method like this:

```
PEAR::setErrorHandler(PEAR_ERROR_TRIGGER, E_USER_ERROR);
```

`$_PEAR_default_error_callback`

If no *options* parameter is used when an error is raised and the error mode is `PEAR_ERROR_CALLBACK`, the value of this variable is used as the callback. This means that you can switch the error mode temporarily and return to callback mode without specifying the callback function again. A string value represents a function, a two-element array with an object at index 0 and a string at index 1 represents a method.

Again, don't set this variable directly, call **`PEAR::setErrorHandler()`** as a static method like this:

```
PEAR::setErrorHandler(PEAR_ERROR_CALLBACK, "my_error_handler");
```

Here is an example of how you can switch back and forth without specifying the callback function again:

```
PEAR::setErrorMode(PEAR_ERROR_CALLBACK, "my_function_handler");
do_some_stuff();
PEAR::setErrorMode(PEAR_ERROR_DIE);
do_some_critical_stuff();
PEAR::setErrorMode(PEAR_ERROR_CALLBACK);
// now we're back to using my_function_handler again
```


PEAR::PEAR

```
PEAR() ()
```

This is the PEAR class constructor. Call it from the constructor of every class inheriting the PEAR class.

Example 4. PEAR Class Constructor Example

```
class MyClass extends PEAR
{
    var $foo, $bar;
    function MyClass($foo, $bar)
    {
        $this->PEAR();
        $this->foo = $foo;
        $this->bar = $bar;
    }
}
```

PEAR::_PEAR

```
_PEAR() ()
```

This is the PEAR class destructor. It is called during request shutdown.

PEAR_Error (unknown)

PEAR error mechanism base class

Synopsis

```
$err = new PEAR_Error($msg);
```

An error object has a mode of operation that can be set with one of the following constants:

PEAR_ERROR_RETURN

Just return the object, don't do anything special in PEAR_Error's constructor.

PEAR_ERROR_PRINT

Print the error message in the constructor. The execution is not interrupted.

PEAR_ERROR_TRIGGER

Use PHP's `trigger_error()` function to raise an internal error in PHP. The execution is aborted if you have defined your own PHP error handler or if you set the error severity to `E_USER_ERROR`.

PEAR_ERROR_DIE

Print the error message and exit. Execution is of course aborted.

PEAR_ERROR_CALLBACK

Use a callback function or method to handle errors. Execution is aborted.

```
PEAR_Error::PEAR_Error ([message code mode options userinfo][ ]])
```

Description

PEAR_Error constructor. Parameters:

message

error message, defaults to "unknown error"

code

error code (optional)

mode

Mode of operation. See the error modes section for details.

options

If the mode of can have any options specified, use this parameter. Currently the "trigger" and "callback" modes are the only using the options parameter. For trigger mode, this parameter is one of `E_USER_NOTICE`, `E_USER_WARNING` or `E_USER_ERROR`. For callback mode, this parameter should contain either the callback function name (string), or a two-element (object, string) array representing an object and a method name.

Part VI. FAQ: Frequently Asked Questions

Chapter 26. General Information

This section holds the most general questions about PHP: what it is and what it does.

1. What is PHP?

From the preface of the manual:

PHP is an HTML-embedded scripting language. Much of its syntax is borrowed from C, Java and Perl with a couple of unique PHP-specific features thrown in. The goal of the language is to allow web developers to write dynamically generated pages quickly.

A nice introduction to PHP by Stig Sæther Bakken can be found here (<http://www.zend.com/zend/art/intro.php>) on the Zend website. Also, much of the PHP Conference Material (<http://conf.php.net/>) is freely available.

2. What does PHP stand for?

PHP stands for *PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor*. This confuses many people because the first word of the acronym is the acronym. This type of acronym is called a recursive acronym. The curious can visit Free On-Line Dictionary of Computing (<http://www.foldoc.org/>) for more information on recursive acronyms.

3. What is the relation between the versions?

PHP/FI 2.0 is an early and no longer supported version of PHP. PHP 3 is the successor to PHP/FI 2.0 and is a lot nicer. PHP 4 is the latest generation of PHP, which uses the Zend engine (<http://www.zend.com/>) under the hood.

4. Can I run several versions of PHP at the same time?

Yes. See the INSTALL file that is included in the PHP 4 source distribution. Also, read the related appendix.

5. What are the differences between PHP 3 and PHP 4?

There are a couple of articles (<http://www.zend.com/zend/art/>) written on this by the authors of PHP 4. Here's a list of some of the more important new features:

- Extended API module.
- Generalized build process under UNIX
- Generic web server interface that also supports multi-threaded web servers
- Improved syntax highlighter
- Native HTTP session support
- Output buffering support
- More powerful configuration system
- Reference counting

Please see the What's new in PHP 4 overview (<http://www.zend.com/zend/whats-new.php>) for a detailed explanation of these features and more. If you're migrating from PHP 3 to PHP 4, also read the related appendix.

6. I think I found a bug! Who should I tell?

You should go to the PHP Bug Database and make sure the bug isn't a known bug. If you don't see it in the database, use the reporting form to report the bug. It is important to use the bug database instead of just sending an email to one of the mailing lists because the bug will have a tracking number assigned and it will then be possible for you to go back later and check on the status of the bug. The bug database can be found at <http://bugs.php.net/>.

Chapter 27. Mailing lists

This section holds questions about how to get in touch with the PHP community. The best way is the mailing lists.

1. Are there any PHP mailing lists?

Of course! There are many mailing lists for several subjects. A whole list of mailing lists can be found on our Support (<http://www.php.net/support.php>) page.

The most general mailing list is `php-general`. To subscribe, send mail to `php-general-subscribe@lists.php.net` (<mailto:php-general-subscribe@lists.php.net>). You don't need to include anything special in the subject or body of the message. To unsubscribe, send mail to `php-general-unsubscribe@lists.php.net` (<mailto:php-general-unsubscribe@lists.php.net>).

You can also subscribe and unsubscribe using the web interface on our Support (<http://www.php.net/support.php>) page.

2. Are there any other communities?

There are countless of them around the world. We have links for example to some IRC servers and foreign language mailing lists on our Support (<http://www.php.net/support.php>) page.

3. Help! I can't seem to subscribe/unsubscribe to/from one of the mailing lists!

If you have problems subscribing to or unsubscribing from the `php-general` mailing list, it may be because the mailing list software can't figure out the correct mailing address to use. If your email address was `joeblow@example.com`, you can send your subscription request to `php-general-subscribe-joeblow@example.com@lists.php.net`, or your unsubscription request to `php-general-unsubscribe-joeblow@example.com@lists.php.net`. Use similar addresses for the other mailing lists.

4. Is there an archive of the mailing lists anywhere?

Yes, you will find a list of archive sites on the Support (<http://www.php.net/support.php>) page. The mailing list articles are also archived as news messages. You can access the news server at `news://news.php.net/` with a news client. There is also an experimental web interface for the news server at <http://news.php.net/>

5. What can I ask the mailing list?

Since PHP is growing more and more popular by the day the traffic has increased on the `php-general` mailing list and as of now the list gets about 150 to 200 posts a day. Because of this it is in everyone's interest that you use the list as a last resort when you have looked everywhere else.

Before you post to the list please have a look in this FAQ and the manual to see if you can find the help there. If there is nothing to be found there try out the mailing list archives (see above). If you're having problem with installing or configuring PHP please read through all included documentation and README's. If you still can't find any information that helps you out you're more than welcome to use the mailing list.

6. What information should I include when posting to the mailing list?

Posts like "I can't get PHP up and running! Help me! What is wrong?" are of absolutely no use to anyone. If you're having problems getting PHP up and running you must include what operating system you are running on, what version of PHP you're trying to set up, how you got it (pre-compiled, CVS, RPMs and so on), what you have done so far, where you got stuck and the exact error message.

This goes for any other problem as well. You have to include information on what you have done, where you got stuck, what you're trying to do and, if applicable, exact error messages. If you're having problems with your source code you need to include the part of the code that isn't working. Do not include more code than necessary though! It makes the post hard to read and a lot of people might just skip it all together because of this. If you're unsure about how much information to include in the mail it's better that you include too much than too little.

Another important thing to remember is to summarize your problem on the subject line. A subject like "HELP MEEEE!!!" or "What is the problem here?" will be ignored by the majority of the readers.

Chapter 28. Obtaining PHP

This section has details about PHP download locations, and OS issues.

1. Where can I obtain PHP?

You can download PHP from any of the members of the PHP network of sites. These can be found at <http://www.php.net/>. You can also use anonymous CVS to get the absolute latest version of the source. For more information, go to <http://cvs.php.net/>.

2. Are pre-compiled binary versions available?

We only distribute precompiled binaries for Windows systems, as we are not able to compile PHP for every major Linux/Unix platform with every extension combination. Also note, that many Linux distributions come with PHP built in these days. Windows binaries can be downloaded from our Downloads (<http://www.php.net/downloads.php>) page, for Linux binaries, please visit your distributions website.

3. Where can I get libraries needed to compile some of the optional PHP extensions?

Note: Those marked with * are not thread-safe libraries, and should not be used with PHP as a server module in the multi-threaded Windows web servers (IIS, Netscape). This does not matter in Unix environments, yet.

- LDAP (unix) (<ftp://ftp.openldap.org/pub/openldap/openldap-stable.tgz>).
- LDAP* (unix) (<ftp://terminator.rs.itd.umich.edu/ldap/ldap-3.3.tar.Z>).
- LDAP (unix/win) (<http://developer.netscape.com/tech/directory/downloads.html>) : Netscape Directory (LDAP) SDK 1.1.
- free LDAP server (<http://developer.netscape.com/tech/directory/downloads.html>).
- Berkeley DB2 (Unix/Win) (<http://www.sleepycat.com/>) : <http://www.sleepycat.com/>.
- SNMP* (Unix): (<http://www.ece.ucdavis.edu/ucd-snmp/>).
- GD* (Unix/Win) (<http://www.boutell.com/gd/#buildgd>).
- mSQL* (Win) (<http://blnet.com/msqlpc/>).
- mSQL* (Unix) (<http://www.hughes.com.au/>).
- MySQL* (Unix) (<http://www.mysql.com/>).
- IMAP* (Win/Unix) (<ftp://ftp.cac.washington.edu/imap/old/imap-4.5.tar.Z>).
- Sybase-CT* (Linux, libc5) (<http://www.php.net/extra/ctlib-linux-elf.tar.gz>) : Available locally.
- FreeType (libtiff): (<http://www.freetype.org/>).
- ZLib (Unix/Win32) (<http://www.cdrom.com/pub/infozip/zlib/>).
- expat XML parser (Unix/Win32) (<http://www.jclark.com/xml/expat.html>).
- PDFLib (<http://www.pdflib.com/>).
- mcrypt (<ftp://argeas.cs-net.gr/pub/unix/mcrypt/>).
- mhash (<http://sasweb.de/mhash/>).

- t1lib (<http://www.neuroinformatik.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/ini/PEOPLE/rmz/t1lib/t1lib.html>).
- dmalloc (<http://www.dmalloc.com/>).
- aspell (<http://download.sourceforge.net/aspell/aspell-.29.1.tar.gz>).
- readline (<ftp://prep.ai.mit.edu/pub/gnu/readline/>).

4. How do I get these libraries to work?

You will need to follow instructions provided with the library. Some of these libraries are detected automatically when you run the 'configure' script of PHP (such as the GD library), and others you will have to enable using '-with-EXTENSION' options to 'configure'. Run 'configure --help' for a listing of these.

5. I got the latest version of the PHP source code from the CVS repository on my Windows machine, what do I need to compile it?

First, you will need Microsoft Visual C++ v6 (v5 may do it also, but we do it with v6), and you will need some support files. See the manual section about building PHP from source on Windows.

6. Where do I find the Browser Capabilities File?

You can find a browscap.ini file at <http://www.cyscape.com/asp/browscap/>.

Chapter 29. Database issues

This section holds common questions about relation between PHP and databases. Yes, PHP can access virtually any database available today.

1. I heard it's possible to access Microsoft SQL Server from PHP. How?

On Windows machines, you can simply use the included ODBC support and the correct ODBC driver.

On Unix machines, you can use the Sybase-CT driver to access Microsoft SQL Servers because they are (at least mostly) protocol-compatible. Sybase has made a free version of the necessary libraries for Linux systems (<http://www.php.net/extra/ctlib-linux-elf.tar.gz>). For other Unix operating systems, you need to contact Sybase for the correct libraries. Also see the answer to the next question.

2. Can I access Microsoft Access databases?

Yes. You already have all the tools you need if you are running entirely under Windows 9x/Me, or NT/2000, where you can use ODBC and Microsoft's ODBC drivers for Microsoft Access databases.

If you are running PHP on a Unix box and want to talk to MS Access on a Windows box you will need Unix ODBC drivers. OpenLink Software (<http://www.openlinksw.com/>) has Unix-based ODBC drivers that can do this. There is a free pilot program where you can download an evaluation copy that doesn't expire and prices start at \$675 for the commercial supported version.

Another alternative is to use an SQL server that has Windows ODBC drivers and use that to store the data, which you can then access from Microsoft Access (using ODBC) and PHP (using the built in drivers), or to use an intermediary file format that Access and PHP both understand, such as flat files or dBase databases. On this point Tim Hayes from OpenLink software writes:

Using another database as an intermediary is not a good idea, when you can use ODBC from PHP straight to your database - i.e. with OpenLink's drivers. If you do need to use an intermediary file format, OpenLink have now released Virtuoso (a virtual database engine) for NT, Linux and other unix platforms. Please visit our website (<http://www.openlinksw.com/>) for a free download.

One option that has proven successful is to use MySQL and its MyODBC drivers on Windows and synchronizing the databases. Steve Lawrence writes:

- Install MySQL on your platform according to instructions with MySQL. Latest available from www.mysql.com (<http://www.mysql.com/>) (get it from your mirror!). No special configuration required except when you set up a database, and configure the user account, you should put % in the host field, or the host name of the Windows computer you wish to access MySQL with. Make a note of your server name, username, and password.
- Download the MyODBC for Windows driver from the MySQL site. Latest release is myodbc-2_50_19-win95.zip (NT available too, as well as source code). Install it on your Windows machine. You can test the operation with the utilities included with this program.
- Create a user or system dsn in your ODBC administrator, located in the control panel. Make up a dsn name, enter your hostname, user name, password, port, etc for you MySQL database configured in step 1.

- Install Access with a full install, this makes sure you get the proper add-ins.. at the least you will need ODBC support and the linked table manager.
- Now the fun part! Create a new access database. In the table window right click and select Link Tables, or under the file menu option, select Get External Data and then Link Tables. When the file browser box comes up, select files of type: ODBC. Select System dsn and the name of your dsn created in step 3. Select the table to link, press ok, and presto! You can now open the table and add/delete/edit data on your MySQL server! You can also build queries, import/export tables to MySQL, build forms and reports, etc.

Tips and Tricks:

- You can construct your tables in access and export them to MySQL, then link them back in. That makes table creation quick.
- When creating tables in access, you must have a primary key defined in order to have write access to the table in access. Make sure you create a primary key in MySQL before linking in access
- If you change a table in MySQL, you have to re-link it in Access. Go to tools>add-ins>linked table manager, cruise to your ODBC DSN, and select the table to re-link from there. you can also move your dsn source around there, just hit the always prompt for new location checkbox before pressing ok.

3. I upgraded to PHP 4, and now mysql keeps telling me "Warning: MySQL: Unable to save result set in ...". What's up?

Most likely what has happened is, PHP 4 was compiled with the '--with-mysql' option, without specifying the path to MySQL. This means PHP is using its built-in MySQL client library. If your system is running applications, such as PHP 3 as a concurrent Apache module, or auth-mysql, that use other versions of MySQL clients, then there is a conflict between the two differing versions of those clients.

Recompiling PHP 4, and adding the path to MySQL to the flag, '--with-mysql=/your/path/to/mysql' usually solves the problem.

4. After installing shared MySQL support, Apache dumps core as soon as libphp4.so is loaded. Can this be fixed?

If your MySQL libs are linked against pthreads this will happen. Check using ldd. If they are, grab the MySQL tarball and compile from source, or recompile from the source rpm and remove the switch in the spec file that turns on the threaded client code. Either of these suggestions will fix this. Then recompile PHP with the new MySQL libs.

5. Why do I get an error that looks something like this: "Warning: 0 is not a MySQL result index in <file> on line <x>" or "Warning: Supplied argument is not a valid MySQL result resource in <file> on line <x>"?

You are trying to use a result identifier that is 0. The 0 indicates that your query failed for some reason. You need to check for errors after submitting a query and before you attempt to use the returned result

identifier. The proper way to do this is with code similar to the following:

```
$result = mysql_query("SELECT * FROM tables_priv");  
if (!$result) {  
    echo mysql_error();  
    exit;  
}
```

or

```
$result = mysql_query("SELECT * FROM tables_priv")  
    or die("Bad query: ".mysql_error());
```

Chapter 30. Installation

This section holds common questions about the way to install PHP. PHP is available for almost any OS (except maybe for MacOS before OSX), and almost any web server.

To install PHP, follow the instructions in the INSTALL (<http://cvs.php.net/co.php/php4/INSTALL>) file located in the distribution. Windows users should also read the install.txt (<http://cvs.php.net/co.php/php4/win32/install.txt>) file. There are also some helpful hints for Windows users here.

1. Unix/Windows: Where should my php.ini file be located?

By default on UNIX it should be in `/usr/local/lib`. Most people will want to change this at compile-time with the `--with-config-file-path` flag. You would, for example, set it with something like:

```
--with-config-file-path=/etc
```

And then you would copy `php.ini-dist` from the distribution to `/etc/php.ini` and edit it to make any local changes you want.

On Windows the default path for the `php.ini` file is the Windows directory.

2. Unix: I installed PHP, but every time I load a document, I get the message 'Document Contains No Data'! What's going on here?

This probably means that PHP is having some sort of problem and is core-dumping. Look in your server error log to see if this is the case, and then try to reproduce the problem with a small test case. If you know how to use 'gdb', it is very helpful when you can provide a backtrace with your bug report to help the developers pinpoint the problem. If you are using PHP as an Apache module try something like:

- Stop your httpd processes
- `gdb httpd`
- Stop your httpd processes
- `> run -X -f /path/to/httpd.conf`
- Then fetch the URL causing the problem with your browser
- `> run -X -f /path/to/httpd.conf`
- If you are getting a core dump, gdb should inform you of this now
- `type: bt`
- You should include your backtrace in your bug report. This should be submitted to <http://bugs.php.net/>

If your script uses the regular expression functions (`ereg()` and friends), you should make sure that you compiled PHP and Apache with the same regular expression package. This should happen automatically with PHP and Apache 1.3.x

3. Unix: I installed PHP using RPMS, but Apache isn't processing the PHP pages! What's going on here?

Assuming you installed both Apache and PHP from RPM packages, you need to uncomment or add some or all of the following lines in your `http.conf` file:

```
# Extra Modules
AddModule mod_php.c
AddModule mod_php3.c
AddModule mod_perl.c

# Extra Modules
LoadModule php_module          modules/mod_php.so
LoadModule php3_module         modules/libphp3.so    /* for PHP 3 */
LoadModule php4_module         modules/libphp4.so    /* for PHP 4 */
LoadModule perl_module         modules/libperl.so
```

And add:

```
AddType application/x-httpd-php3 .php3    /* for PHP 3 */
AddType application/x-httpd-php .php      /* for PHP 4 */
```

... to the global properties, or to the properties of the VirtualDomain you want to have PHP support added to.

4. Unix: I installed PHP 3 using RPMS, but it doesn't compile with the database support I need! What's going on here?

Due to the way PHP 3 built, it is not easy to build a complete flexible PHP RPM. This issue is addressed in PHP 4. For PHP 3, we currently suggest you use the mechanism described in the `INSTALL.REDHAT` file in the PHP distribution. If you insist on using an RPM version of PHP 3, read on...

The RPM packagers are setting up the RPMS to install without database support to simplify installations *and* because RPMS use `/usr/` instead of the standard `/usr/local/` directory for files. You need to tell the RPM spec file which databases to support and the location of the top-level of your database server.

This example will explain the process of adding support for the popular MySQL database server, using the mod installation for Apache.

Of course all of this information can be adjusted for any database server that PHP supports. We will assume you installed MySQL and Apache completely with RPMS for this example as well.

- First remove `mod_php3` :
`rpm -e mod_php3`
- Then get the source rpm and INSTALL it, NOT `--rebuild`
`rpm -Uvh mod_php3-3.0.5-2.src.rpm`
- Then edit the `/usr/src/redhat/SPECS/mod_php3.spec` file

In the %build section add the database support you want, and the path.

For MySQL you would add

```
--with-mysql=/usr \
```

The %build section will look something like this:

```
./configure --prefix=/usr \
--with-apxs=/usr/sbin/apxs \
--with-config-file-path=/usr/lib \
--enable-debug=no \
--enable-safe-mode \
--with-exec-dir=/usr/bin \
--with-mysql=/usr \
--with-system-regex
```

- Once this modification is made then build the binary rpm as follows:

```
rpm -bb /usr/src/redhat/SPECS/mod_php3.spec
```

- Then install the rpm

```
rpm -ivh /usr/src/redhat/RPMS/i386/mod_php3-3.0.5-2.i386.rpm
```

Make sure you restart Apache, and you now have PHP 3 with MySQL support using RPM's. Note that it is probably much easier to just build from the distribution tarball of PHP 3 and follow the instructions in `INSTALL.REDHAT` found in that distribution.

5. Unix: I patched Apache with the FrontPage extensions patch, and suddenly PHP stopped working. Is PHP incompatible with the Apache FrontPage extensions?

No, PHP works fine with the FrontPage extensions. The problem is that the FrontPage patch modifies several Apache structures, that PHP relies on. Recompiling PHP (using 'make clean ; make') after the FP patch is applied would solve the problem.

6. Unix/Windows: I have installed PHP, but when I try to access a PHP script file via my browser, I get a blank screen.

Do a 'view source' in the web browser and you will probably find that you can see the source code of your PHP script. This means that the web server did not send the script to PHP for interpretation. Something is wrong with the server configuration - double check the server configuration against the PHP installation instructions.

7. Unix/Windows: I have installed PHP, but when try to access a PHP script file via my browser, I get a server 500 error.

Something went wrong when the server tried to run PHP. To get to see a sensible error message, from the command line, change to the directory containing the PHP executable (`php.exe` on Windows) and run `php -i`. If PHP has any problems running, then a suitable error message will be displayed which will give you a clue as to what needs to be done next. If you get a screen full of html codes (the output of the `phpinfo()` function) then PHP is working, and your problem may be related to your server configuration which you should double check.

8. Windows: I have installed PHP, but when I to access a PHP script file via my browser, I get the error:

`cgi error:`

The specified CGI application misbehaved by not
returning a complete set of HTTP headers.
The headers it did return are:

This error message means that PHP failed to output anything at all. To get to see a sensible error message, from the command line, change to the directory containing the PHP executable (`php.exe` on Windows) and run `php -i`. If PHP has any problems running, then a suitable error message will be displayed which will give you a clue as to what needs to be done next. If you get a screen full of html codes (the output of the `phpinfo()` function) then PHP is working.

Once PHP is working at the command line, try accessing the script via the browser again. If it still fails then it could be one of the following:

- File permissions on your PHP script, `php.exe`, `php4ts.dll`, `php.ini` or any PHP extensions you are trying to load are such that the anonymous internet user `ISUR_<machinename>` cannot access them.
- The script file does not exist (or possibly isn't where you think it is relative to your web root directory). Note that for IIS you can trap this error by ticking the 'check file exists' box when setting up the script mappings in the Internet Services Manager. If a script file does not exist then the server will return a 404 error instead. There is also the additional benefit that IIS will do any authentication required for you based on the NT LanMan permissions on your script file.

9. Windows: I've followed all the instructions, but still can't get PHP and IIS to work together!

Make sure any user who needs to run a PHP script has the rights to run `php.exe`! IIS uses an anonymous user which is added at the time IIS is installed. This user needs rights to `php.exe`. Also, any authenticated user will also need rights to execute `php.exe`. And for IIS4 you need to tell it that PHP is a script engine.

Chapter 31. Build Problems

This section gathers most common errors that occur at build time.

1. I got the latest version of PHP using the anonymous CVS service, but there's no configure script!

You have to have the GNU autoconf package installed so you can generate the configure script from `configure.in`. Just run **`./buildconf`** in the top-level directory after getting the sources from the CVS server. (Also, unless you run configure with the `--enable-maintainer-mode` option, the configure script will not automatically get rebuilt when the `configure.in` file is updated, so you should make sure to do that manually when you notice `configure.in` has changed. One symptom of this is finding things like `@VARIABLE@` in your Makefile after configure or `config.status` is run.)

2. I'm having problems configuring PHP to work with Apache. It says it can't find `httpd.h`, but it's right where I said it is!

You need to tell the configure/setup script the location of the top-level of your Apache source tree. This means that you want to specify `'--with-apache=/path/to/apache'` and *not* `'--with-apache=/path/to/apache/src'`.

3. When I run configure, it says that it can't find the include files or library for GD, gdbm, or some other package!

You can make the configure script look for header files and libraries in non-standard locations by specifying additional flags to pass to the C preprocessor and linker, such as:

```
CPPFLAGS=-I/path/to/include LDFLAGS=-L/path/to/library ./configure
```

If you're using a csh-variant for your login shell (why?), it would be:

```
env CPPFLAGS=-I/path/to/include LDFLAGS=-L/path/to/library ./configure
```

4. When it is compiling the file `language-parser.tab.c`, it gives me errors that say 'yytname undeclared'.

You need to update your version of Bison. You can find the latest version at <ftp://ftp.gnu.org/pub/gnu/bison/>.

5. When I run 'make', it seems to run fine but then fails when it tries to link the final application complaining that it can't find some files.

Some old versions of make that don't correctly put the compiled versions of the files in the functions directory into that same directory. Try running `"cp *.o functions"` and then re-running **`'make'`** to see if that helps. If it does, you should really upgrade to a recent version of GNU make.

6. When linking PHP, it complains about a number of undefined references.

Take a look at the link line and make sure that all of the appropriate libraries are being included at the end. Common ones that you might have missed are `'-ldl'` and any libraries required for any database support you included.

If you're linking with Apache 1.2.x, did you remember to add the appropriate information to the `EXTRA_LIBS` line of the Configuration file and re-run Apache's Configure script? See the `INSTALL` (<http://cvs.php.net/co.php/php4/INSTALL>) file that comes with the distribution for more information.

Some people have also reported that they had to add `'-ldl'` immediately following `'libphp3.a'` when linking with Apache.

7. I can't figure out how to build PHP with Apache 1.3.

This is actually quite easy. Follow these steps carefully:

- Grab the latest Apache 1.3 distribution from <http://www.apache.org/dist/>.
- Ungzip and untar it somewhere, for example `/usr/local/src/apache-1.3`.
- Compile PHP by first running `./configure --with-apache=<path>/apache-1.3` (substitute `<path>` for the actual path to your apache-1.3 directory).
- Type `'make'` followed by `'make install'` to build PHP and copy the necessary files to the Apache distribution tree.
- Change directories into to your `/<path>/apache-1.3/src` directory and edit the Configuration file. At the end of the file, add: `AddModule modules/php3/libphp3.a`.
- Type: `'./Configure'` followed by `'make'`.
- You should now have a PHP-enabled httpd binary!

Note: : You can also use the new Apache `./configure` script. See the instructions in the `README.configure` file which is part of your Apache distribution. Also have a look at the `INSTALL` file in the PHP distribution.

8. I have followed all the steps to install the Apache module version on UNIX, and my PHP scripts show up in my browser or I am being asked to save the file.

This means that the PHP module is not getting invoked for some reason. Three things to check before asking for further help:

- Make sure that the httpd binary you are running is the actual new httpd binary you just built. To do this, try running: `/path/to/binary/httpd -l`

If you don't see `mod_php3.c` listed then you are not running the right binary. Find and install the correct binary.

- Make sure you have added the correct Mime Type to one of your Apache `.conf` files. It should be:
`AddType application/x-httpd-php3 .php3` (for PHP 3)
or `AddType application/x-httpd-php .php` (for PHP 4)

Also make sure that this `AddType` line is not hidden away inside a `<Virtualhost>` or `<Directory>` block which would prevent it from applying to the location of your test script.

- Finally, the default location of the Apache configuration files changed between Apache 1.2 and Apache 1.3. You should check to make sure that the configuration file you are adding the `AddType`

line to is actually being read. You can put an obvious syntax error into your httpd.conf file or some other obvious change that will tell you if the file is being read correctly.

9. It says to use: `--activate-module=src/modules/php4/libphp4.a`, but that file doesn't exist, so I changed it to `--activate-module=src/modules/php4/libmodphp4.a` and it doesn't work!? What's going on?

Well, you decided to try to outsmart the people who wrote those nice step-by-step instructions for you and you have now discovered that these people cannot be outsmarted. The `libphp4.a` file is not supposed to exist. The Apache build process will create it.

10. When I try to build Apache with PHP as a static module using `--activate-module=src/modules/php4/libphp4.a` it tells me that my compiler is not ANSI compliant.

This is a misleading error message from Apache that has been fixed in more recent versions.

11. When I try to build PHP using `--with-apxs` I get strange error messages.

There are three things to check here. First, for some reason when Apache builds the apxs Perl script, it sometimes ends up getting built without the proper compiler and flags variables. Edit your apxs (sometimes found in `/usr/local/apache/bin/apxs` or `/usr/sbin/apxs`) and check for these lines:

```
my $CFG_CFLAGS_SHLIB = ' ';      # substituted via Makefile.tmpl
my $CFG_LD_SHLIB      = ' ';      # substituted via Makefile.tmpl
my $CFG_LDFLAGS_SHLIB = ' ';      # substituted via Makefile.tmpl
```

If this is what you see, you have found your problem. Change these lines to say:

```
my $CFG_CFLAGS_SHLIB = '-fpic -DSHARED_MODULE';      # substituted via Makefile.tmpl
my $CFG_LD_SHLIB      = 'gcc';                      # substituted via Makefile.tmpl
my $CFG_LDFLAGS_SHLIB = 'q(-shared);# substituted via Makefile.tmpl
```

The second possible problem should only be an issue on RedHat-6.1/6.2. The apxs script RedHat ships is broken. Look for this line:

```
my $CFG_LIBEXECDIR = 'modules';      # substituted via APACI install
```

If you see the above line, change it to this:

```
my $CFG_LIBEXECDIR = '/usr/lib/apache';      # substituted via APACI install
```

Last, if you reconfigure/reinstall Apache, add a 'make clean' to the process after './configure' and before 'make'.

12. During 'make', I get errors in microtime, and a lot of 'RUSAGE_' stuff.

During the 'make' portion of installation, if you encounter problems that look similar to this:

```
microtime.c: In function 'php_if_getrusage':
```



```

microtime.c:94: storage size of 'usg' isn't known
microtime.c:97: 'RUSAGE_SELF' undeclared (first use in this function)
microtime.c:97: (Each undeclared identifier is reported only once
microtime.c:97: for each function it appears in.)
microtime.c:103: 'RUSAGE_CHILDREN' undeclared (first use in this function)
make[3]: *** [microtime.lo] Error 1
make[3]: Leaving directory '/home/master/php-4.0.1/ext/standard'
make[2]: *** [all-recursive] Error 1
make[2]: Leaving directory '/home/master/php-4.0.1/ext/standard'
make[1]: *** [all-recursive] Error 1
make[1]: Leaving directory '/home/master/php-4.0.1/ext'
make: *** [all-recursive] Error 1

```

Your system is broken. You need to fix your `/usr/include` files either by making sure your `/usr/include/linux` symlink is pointing to the right place in your kernel sources or by installing a `glibc-devel` package that matches your `glibc`. This has absolutely nothing to do with PHP. To prove this to yourself, try this simple test:

```

$ cat >test.c <<X
#include <sys/resource.h>
X
$ gcc -E test.c >/dev/null

```

If that spews out errors, you know your include files are messed up.

Chapter 32. Using PHP

This section gathers most common errors you can face, while writing PHP scripts.

1. I would like to write a generic PHP script that can handle data coming from any form. How do I know which POST method variables are available?

Make sure that the `track_vars` feature is enabled in your `php.ini` file. Since PHP 4.0.3, this feature is always on. When `track_vars` is on, it creates some associative arrays, the most important here is: `$HTTP_POST_VARS`. So, to write a generic script to handle POST method variables you would need something similar to the following:

```
foreach ($HTTP_POST_VARS as $var => $value) {
    echo "$var = $value<br>\n";
}
```

2. I need to convert all single-quotes (') to a backslash followed by a single-quote. How can I do this with a regular expression?

First off, take a look at the `addslashes()` function. It will do exactly what you want. You should also have a look at the `magic_quotes_gpc` directive in your `php.ini` file.

3. When I do the following, the output is printed in the wrong order:

```
function myfunc($argument)
{
    echo $argument + 10;
}
$variable = 10;
echo "myfunc($variable) = " . myfunc($variable);
```

what's going on?

To be able to use the results of your function in an expression (such as concatenating it with other strings in the example above), you need to *return* the value, not `echo()` it.

4. Hey, what happened to my newlines?

```
<pre>
<?php echo "This should be the first line."; ?>
<?php echo "This should show up after the new line above."; ?>
</pre>
```

In PHP, the ending for a block of code is either `"?>"` or `"?>\n"` (where `\n` means a newline). So in the example above, the echoed sentences will be on one line, because PHP omits the newlines after the block ending. This means that you need to insert an extra newline after each block of PHP code to make it print out one newline.

Why does PHP do this? Because when formatting normal HTML, this usually makes your life easier because you don't want that newline, but you'd have to create extremely long lines or otherwise make the raw page source unreadable to achieve that effect.

5. I need to access information in the request header directly. How can I do this?

The `getallheaders()` function will do this if you are running PHP as an Apache module. So, the following bit of code will show you all the request headers:

```
$headers = getallheaders();
foreach ($headers as $name => $content) {
    echo "headers[$name] = $content<br>\n";
}
```

6. When I try to use authentication with IIS I get 'No Input file specified'.

The security model of IIS is at fault here. This is a problem common to all CGI programs running under IIS. A workaround is to create a plain HTML file (not parsed by PHP) as the entry page into an authenticated directory. Then use a META tag to redirect to the PHP page, or have a link to the PHP page. PHP will then recognize the authentication correctly. With the ISAPI module, this is not a problem. This should not effect other NT web servers. For more information, see:
<http://support.microsoft.com/support/kb/articles/q160/4/22.asp>.

7. My PHP script works on IE and Lynx, but on Netscape some of my output is missing. When I do a "View Source" I see the content in IE but not in Netscape.

Very good question! ;) This is a tricky little issue and it has come up twice in the past month as of this writing. Both times I ended up spending a good 20 minutes trying to figure out what the heck was going on. The answer is that both IE and Lynx ignore any NULs (`\0`) in the HTML stream. Netscape does not. The best way to check for this is to compile the command-line version of PHP (also known as the CGI version) and run your script from the command line and pipe it through `'od -c'` and look for any `\0` characters. (If you are on Windows you need to find an editor or some other program that lets you look at binary files) When Netscape sees a NUL in a file it will typically not output anything else on that line whereas both IE and Lynx will. If this issue has bitten you, congratulations! You are not alone.

8. How am I supposed to mix XML and PHP? It complains about my `<?xml>` tags!

You need to turn off the short tags by setting `short_tags` to 0 in your `php.ini` file, or by using the appropriate Apache directive. You could even use a `<File>` section to do this selectively.

9. How can I use PHP with FrontPage or some other HTML editor that insists on moving my code around?

One of the easiest things to do is to enable using ASP tags in your PHP code. This allows you to use the ASP-style `<%` and `%>` code delimiters. Some of the popular HTML editors handle those more intelligently (for now). To enable the ASP-style tags, you need to set the `asp_tags` `php.ini` variable, or use the appropriate Apache directive.

10. Where can I find a complete list of pre-set variables available to me, and why are these not documented in the PHP documentation?

The best way is to stick a `<?php phpinfo(); ?>` part on a page and load it up. This will show you all sorts of information about your PHP setup, including a list of both environment variables and also special variables set by your web server. This list can't really be documented in the PHP documentation because it will change from one server to another.

11. I'm trying to access one of the standard CGI variables (such as `$DOCUMENT_ROOT` or `$HTTP_REFERER`) in a user-defined function, and it can't seem to find it. What's wrong?

Environment variables are normal global variables, so you must either declare them as global variables in your function (by using `global $DOCUMENT_ROOT;`, for example) or by using the global variable array (ie, `$GLOBALS["DOCUMENT_ROOT"]`).

Chapter 33. PHP and HTML

PHP and HTML interact a lot: PHP generate HTML, and HTML has informations that will be sent to PHP.

1. What encodings/decodings do I need when I pass a value on via a form? And via an URL?

There are several stages for which encoding is important. Assuming that you have a string `$data`, which contains the string you want to pass on in a non-encoded way, these are the relevant stages:

- HTML interpretation. In order to specify a random string, you *must* include it in double quotes, and `htmlspecialchars` the whole value.
- URL: A URL consists of several parts. If you want your data to be interpreted as one item, you *must* encode it with `urlencode()`.

Example 33-1. A hidden HTML form element

```
<?php
    echo "<input type=hidden value=\"\" . htmlspecialchars($data) . \"\">\n";
?>
```

Note: It is wrong to `urlencode() $data`, because it's the browsers responsibility to `urlencode()` the data. All popular browsers do that correctly. Note that this will happen regardless of the method (i.e., GET or POST). You'll only notice this in case of GET request though, because POST requests are usually hidden.

Example 33-2. Data to be edited by the user

```
<?php
    echo "<textarea name=mydata>\n";
    echo htmlspecialchars($data). "\n";
    echo "</textarea>";
?>
```

Note: The data is shown in the browser as intended, because the browser will interpret the html escaped symbols.

Upon submitting, either via GET or POST, the data will be `urlencode()` by the browser for transferring, and directly `urldecode()` by PHP. So in the end, you don't need to do any `urlencode()`/`urldecode()` yourself, everything is handled automatically.

Example 33-3. In an URL

```
<?php
    echo "<a href=\"\" . htmlspecialchars("/nexpage.php?stage=23&data=" .
        urlencode($data)) . "\">\n";
?>
```

Note: In fact you are faking a HTML GET request, therefore it's necessary to manually `urlencode()` the data.

Note: You need to **`htmlspecialchars()`** the whole URL, because the URL occurs as value of an HTML-attribute. In this case, the browser will first un-**`htmlspecialchars()`** the value, and then pass the URL on. PHP will understand the URL correctly, because you **`urlencoded()`** the data.

You'll notice that the `&` in the URL is replaced by `&`; . Although most browsers will recover if you forget this, this isn't always possible. So even if your URL is not dynamic, you *need* to **`htmlspecialchars()`** the URL.

2. I'm trying to use an `<input type="image">` tag, but the `$foo.x` and `$foo.y` variables aren't available. Where are they?

When submitting a form, it is possible to use an image instead of the standard submit button with a tag like:

```
<input type="image" src="image.gif" name="foo">
```

When the user clicks somewhere on the image, the accompanying form will be transmitted to the server with two additional variables: `foo.x` and `foo.y`.

Because `$foo.x` and `$foo.y` are invalid variable names in PHP, they are automagically converted to `$foo_x` and `$foo_y`. That is, the periods are replaced with underscores.

3. How do I create arrays in a HTML `<form>`?

To get your `<form>` result sent as an array to your PHP script you name the `<input>`, `<select>` or `<textarea>` elements like this:

```
<input name="MyArray[]">
```



```
<input name="MyArray[]">
<input name="MyArray[]">
<input name="MyArray[]">
```

Notice the square brackets after the variable name, that's what makes it an array. You can group the elements into different arrays by assigning the same name to different elements:

```
<input name="MyArray[]">
<input name="MyArray[]">
<input name="MyOtherArray[]">
<input name="MyOtherArray[]">
```

This produces two arrays, MyArray and MyOtherArray, that gets sent to the PHP script. It's also possible to assign specific keys to your arrays:

```
<input name="AnotherArray[]">
<input name="AnotherArray[]">
<input name="AnotherArray[email]">
<input name="AnotherArray[phone]">
```

The AnotherArray array will now contain the keys 0, 1, email and phone.

Note: Specifying an arrays key is optional in HTML. If you do not specify the keys, the array gets filled in the order the elements appear in the form. Our first example will contain keys 0, 1, 2 and 3.

See also Array Functions and Variables from outside PHP.

4. How do I get all the results from a select multiple HTML tag?

The select multiple tag in an HTML construct allows users to select multiple items from a list. These items are then passed to the action handler for the form. The problem is that they are all passed with the same widget name. ie.

```
<select name="var" multiple>
```

Each selected option will arrive at the action handler as:

```
var=option1  
var=option2  
var=option3
```

Each option will overwrite the contents of the previous `$var` variable. The solution is to use PHP's "array from form element" feature. The following should be used:

```
<select name="var[]" multiple>
```

This tells PHP to treat `$var` as an array and each assignment of a value to `var[]` adds an item to the array. The first item becomes `$var[0]`, the next `$var[1]`, etc. The `count()` function can be used to determine how many options were selected, and the `sort()` function can be used to sort the option array if necessary.

Note that if you are using JavaScript the `[]` on the element name might cause you problems when you try to refer to the element by name. Use its numerical form element id instead, or enclose the variable name in single quotes and use that as the index to the elements array, for example:

```
variable = documents.forms[0].elements['var[]'];
```

Chapter 34. PHP and COM

PHP can be used to access COM and DCOM objects on Win32 platforms.

1. I have built a DLL to calculate something. Is there any way to run this DLL under PHP ?

If this is a simple DLL there is no way yet to run it from PHP. If the DLL contains a COM server you may be able to access it if it implements the IDispatch interface.

2. What does 'Unsupported variant type: xxxx (0xxxxx)' mean ?

There are dozens of VARIANT types and combinations of them. Most of them are already supported but a few still have to be implemented. Arrays are not completely supported. Only single dimensional indexed only arrays can be passed between PHP and COM. If you find other types that aren't supported, please report them as a bug (if not already reported) and provide as much information as available.

3. Is it possible manipulate visual objects in PHP ?

Generally it is, but as PHP is mostly used as a web scripting language it runs in the web servers context, thus visual objects will never appear on the servers desktop. If you use PHP for application scripting e.g. in conjunction with PHP-GTK there is no limitation in accessing and manipulating visual objects through COM.

4. Can I store a COM object in a session ?

No, you can't. COM instances are treated as resources and therefore they are only available in a single script's context.

5. How can I trap COM errors ?

Currently it's not possible to trap COM errors beside the ways provided by PHP itself (@, track_errors, ..), but we are thinking of a way to implement this.

6. Can I generate DLL files from PHP scripts like i can in Perl ?

No, unfortunately there is no such tool available for PHP.

7. What does 'Unable to obtain IDispatch interface for CLSID {xxxxxxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxxxxxxxxxx}' mean ?

This error can have multiple reasons:

- the CLSID is wrong
- the requested DLL is missing
- the requested component doesn't implement the IDispatch interface

8. How can I run COM object from remote server ?

Exactly like you run local objects. You only have to pass the ip of the remote machine as second parameter to the COM constructor.

Make sure that you have set `com.allow_dcom=true` in your `php.ini`.

9. I get 'DCOM is disabled in C:\path...\scriptname.php on line 6', what can I do ?

Edit your `php.ini` and set `com.allow_dcom=true`.

10. Is it possible to load/manipulate an ActiveX object in a page with PHP ?

This has nothing to do with PHP. ActiveX objects are loaded on client side if they are requested by the HTML document. There is no relation to the PHP script and therefore there is no direct server side interaction possible.

11. Is it possible to get a running instance of a component ?

This is possible with the help of monikers. If you want to get multiple references to the same word instance you can create that instance like shown:

```
$word = new COM("C:\docs\word.doc");
```

This will create a new instance if there is no running instance available or it will return a handle to the running instance, if available.

12. Is there a way to handle an event sent from COM object ?

Not yet.

13. I'm having problems when trying to invoke a method of a COM object wich exposes more than one interface. What can I do ?

The answer is as simple as unsatisfying. I don't know exactly but i think you can do nothing. If someone has specific information about this, please let me (<mailto:harald.radi@nme.at>) know :)

14. So PHP works with COM, how about COM+ ?

COM+ extends COM by a framework for managing components through MTS and MSMQ but there is nothing special that PHP has to support to use such components.

15. If PHP can manipulate COM objects, can we imagine to use MTS to manage components resources, in conjunction with PHP ?

PHP itself doesn't handle transactions yet. Thus if an error occurs no rollback is initiated. If you use components that support transactions you will have to implement the transaction management yourself.

Chapter 35. PHP and other languages

PHP is the best language for web programming, but what about other languages?

1. PHP vs. ASP?

ASP is not really a language in itself, it's an acronym for Active Server Pages, the actual language used to program ASP with is Visual Basic Script or JScript. The biggest drawback of ASP is that it's a proprietary system that is natively used only on Microsoft Internet Information Server (IIS). This limits its availability to Win32 based servers. There are a couple of projects in the works that allows ASP to run in other environments and web servers: InstantASP (<http://www.halcyonsoft.com/prods/iasp/iasp.htm>) from Halcyon (<http://www.halcyonsoft.com/>) (commercial), Chili!Soft ASP (<http://www.chilisoft.com/>) from Chili!Soft (<http://www.chilisoft.com/chiliasp/default.asp>) (commercial) and OpenASP from ActiveScripting.org (<http://www.activescripting.org/>) (free). ASP is said to be a slower and more cumbersome language than PHP, less stable as well. Some of the pros of ASP is that since it primarily uses VBScript it's relatively easy to pick up the language if you're already know how to program in Visual Basic. ASP support is also enabled by default in the IIS server making it easy to get up and running. The components built in ASP are really limited, so if you need to use "advanced" features like interacting with FTP servers, you need to buy additional components.

2. Is there an ASP to PHP converter?

Yes, asp2php (<http://asp2php.naken.cc/>) is the one most often referred to.

3. PHP vs. Cold Fusion?

PHP is commonly said to be faster and more efficient for complex programming tasks and trying out new ideas. PHP is generally referred to as more stable and less resource intensive as well. Cold Fusion has better error handling, database abstraction and date parsing although database abstraction is addressed in PHP 4. Another thing that is listed as one of Cold Fusion's strengths is its excellent search engine, but it has been mentioned that a search engine is not something that should be included in a web scripting language. PHP runs on almost every platform there is; Cold Fusion is only available on Win32, Solaris, Linux and HP/UX. Cold Fusion has a good IDE and is generally easier to get started with, whereas PHP initially requires more programming knowledge. Cold Fusion is designed with non-programmers in mind, while PHP is focused on programmers.

A great summary by Michael J Sheldon on this topic has been posted to the PHP mailing list. A copy can be found here (<http://marc.theaimsgroup.com/?l=php3-general&m=95602167412542&w=1>).

4. PHP vs. Perl?

The biggest advantage of PHP over Perl is that PHP was designed for scripting for the web where Perl was designed to do a lot more and can because of this get very complicated. The flexibility / complexity of Perl makes it easier to write code that another author / coder has a hard time reading. PHP has a less confusing and stricter format without losing flexibility. PHP is easier to integrate into existing HTML than Perl. PHP has pretty much all the 'good' functionality of Perl: constructs, syntax and so on, without making it as complicated as Perl can be. Perl is a very tried and true language, it's been around since the late eighties, but PHP is maturing very quickly.

Chapter 36. Migrating from PHP 2 to PHP 3

PHP has already a long history behind him: Legendary PHP 1.0, PHP/FI, PHP 3.0 and PHP 4.0.

1. Migrating from PHP 2 to PHP 3?

PHP/FI 2.0 is no longer supported. Please see appropriate manual section for information about migration from PHP/FI 2.0.

If you are still working with PHP 2, we *strongly* recommend you to upgrade straight to PHP 4.

Chapter 37. Migrating from PHP 3 to PHP 4

PHP has already a long history behind him : Legendary PHP 1.0, PHP/FI, PHP 3.0 and PHP 4.0.

1. Migrating from PHP3 to PHP4

PHP 4 was designed to be as compatible with earlier versions of PHP as possible and very little functionality was broken in the process. If you're really unsure about compatibility you should install PHP 4 in a test environment and run your scripts there.

Also see the appropriate migration appendix of this manual.

2. Incompatible functions?

Since PHP 4 is basically a rewrite of the entire PHP engine there was very few functions that were altered and only then some of the more exotic ones.

Chapter 38. Miscellaneous Questions

There can be some questions we can't put into other categories. Here you can find them.

1. Where did the pop-ups go on the website? Can I have the code for that?

The yellow pop-up windows on the old site were pretty cool, but were very difficult to maintain (since some companies seem to enjoy changing the way their browsers work with every new release).

All the code for previous versions of the website is still available through CVS. Specifically, the last version of `shared.inc` (that had all the Javascript and DHTML to do the popups) is available here (<http://cvsweb.php.net/co.php/phpweb/include/shared.inc?r=1.123>).

Part VII. Appendixes

Appendix A. Migrating from PHP/FI 2.0 to PHP 3.0

About the incompatibilities in 3.0

PHP 3.0 is rewritten from the ground up. It has a proper parser that is much more robust and consistent than 2.0's. 3.0 is also significantly faster, and uses less memory. However, some of these improvements have not been possible without compatibility changes, both in syntax and functionality.

In addition, PHP's developers have tried to clean up both PHP's syntax and semantics in version 3.0, and this has also caused some incompatibilities. In the long run, we believe that these changes are for the better.

This chapter will try to guide you through the incompatibilities you might run into when going from PHP/FI 2.0 to PHP 3.0 and help you resolve them. New features are not mentioned here unless necessary.

A conversion program that can automatically convert your old PHP/FI 2.0 scripts exists. It can be found in the `converter` subdirectory of the PHP 3.0 distribution. This program only catches the syntax changes though, so you should read this chapter carefully anyway.

Start/end tags

The first thing you probably will notice is that PHP's start and end tags have changed. The old `<? >` form has been replaced by three new possible forms:

Example A-1. Migration: old start/end tags

```
<? echo "This is PHP/FI 2.0 code.\n"; ?>
```

As of version 2.0, PHP/FI also supports this variation:

Example A-2. Migration: first new start/end tags

```
<? echo "This is PHP 3.0 code!\n"; ?>
]]|
  </programlisting>
</example>
```

Notice that the end tag now consists of a question mark and a greater-than character instead of just greater-than. However, if you plan on using XML on your server, you will get problems with the first new variant, because PHP may try to execute the XML markup in XML documents as PHP code. Because of this, the following variation was introduced:

```
<example>
  <title>Migration: second new start/end tags</title>
  <programlisting role="php">
<![CDATA[
```

```
<?php echo "This is PHP 3.0 code!\n"; ?>
```

Some people have had problems with editors that don't understand the processing instruction tags at all. Microsoft FrontPage is one such editor, and as a workaround for these, the following variation was introduced as well:

Example A-3. Migration: third new start/end tags

```
<script language="php">

    echo "This is PHP 3.0 code!\n";

</script>
```

if..endif syntax

The 'alternative' way to write if/elseif/else statements, using if(); elseif(); else; endif; cannot be efficiently implemented without adding a large amount of complexity to the 3.0 parser. Because of this, the syntax has been changed:

Example A-4. Migration: old if..endif syntax

```
if ($foo);
    echo "yep\n";
elseif ($bar);
    echo "almost\n";
else;
    echo "nope\n";
endif;
```

Example A-5. Migration: new if..endif syntax

```
if ($foo):
    echo "yep\n";
elseif ($bar):
    echo "almost\n";
else:
    echo "nope\n";
```



```
endif;
```

Notice that the semicolons have been replaced by colons in all statements but the one terminating the expression (endif).

while syntax

Just like with if..endif, the syntax of while..endwhile has changed as well:

Example A-6. Migration: old while..endwhile syntax

```
while ($more_to_come);  
    ...  
endwhile;
```

Example A-7. Migration: new while..endwhile syntax

```
while ($more_to_come):  
    ...  
endwhile;
```

Warning

If you use the old while..endwhile syntax in PHP 3.0, you will get a never-ending loop.

Expression types

PHP/FI 2.0 used the left side of expressions to determine what type the result should be. PHP 3.0 takes both sides into account when determining result types, and this may cause 2.0 scripts to behave unexpectedly in 3.0.

Consider this example:

```
$a[0]=5;  
$a[1]=7;
```

```
$key = key($a);
while (" " != $key) {
    echo "$keyn";
    next($a);
}
```

In PHP/FI 2.0, this would display both of \$a's indices. In PHP 3.0, it wouldn't display anything. The reason is that in PHP 2.0, because the left argument's type was string, a string comparison was made, and indeed " " does not equal "0", and the loop went through. In PHP 3.0, when a string is compared with an integer, an integer comparison is made (the string is converted to an integer). This results in comparing `atoi(" ")` which is 0, and `variablelist` which is also 0, and since `0==0`, the loop doesn't go through even once.

The fix for this is simple. Replace the while statement with:

```
while ((string)$key != " ") {
```

Error messages have changed

PHP 3.0's error messages are usually more accurate than 2.0's were, but you no longer get to see the code fragment causing the error. You will be supplied with a file name and a line number for the error, though.

Short-circuited boolean evaluation

In PHP 3.0 boolean evaluation is short-circuited. This means that in an expression like `(1 || test_me())`, the function `test_me()` would not be executed since nothing can change the result of the expression after the 1.

This is a minor compatibility issue, but may cause unexpected side-effects.

Function TRUE/FALSE return values

Most internal functions have been rewritten so they return TRUE when successful and FALSE when failing, as opposed to 0 and -1 in PHP/FI 2.0, respectively. The new behaviour allows for more logical code, like `$fp = fopen("/your/file") or fail("darn!");`. Because PHP/FI 2.0 had no clear rules for what functions should return when they failed, most such scripts will probably have to be checked manually after using the 2.0 to 3.0 convertor.

Example A-8. Migration from 2.0: return values, old code

```

$fp = fopen($file, "r");
if ($fp == -1);
    echo("Could not open $file for reading<br>\n");
endif;
]]]
    </programlisting>
</example>
<example>
    <title>Migration from 2.0: return values, new code</title>
    <programlisting role="php">
<![CDATA[
$fp = @fopen($file, "r") or print("Could not open $file for reading<br>\n");

```

Other incompatibilities

- The PHP 3.0 Apache module no longer supports Apache versions prior to 1.2. Apache 1.2 or later is required.
- `echo()` no longer supports a format string. Use the `printf()` function instead.
- In PHP/FI 2.0, an implementation side-effect caused `$foo[0]` to have the same effect as `$foo`. This is not true for PHP 3.0.
- Reading arrays with `$array[]` is no longer supported

That is, you cannot traverse an array by having a loop that does `$data = $array[]`. Use `current()` and `next()` instead.

Also, `$array1[] = $array2` does not append the values of `$array2` to `$array1`, but appends `$array2` as the last entry of `$array1`. See also multidimensional array support.

- `"+"` is no longer overloaded as a concatenation operator for strings, instead it converts its arguments to numbers and performs numeric addition. Use `"."` instead.

Example A-9. Migration from 2.0: concatenation for strings

```
echo "1" + "1";
```

In PHP 2.0 this would echo 11, in PHP 3.0 it would echo 2. Instead use:

```
echo "1"."1";
```

```
$a = 1;  
$b = 1;  
echo $a + $b;
```

This would echo 2 in both PHP 2.0 and 3.0.

```
$a = 1;  
$b = 1;  
echo $a.$b;
```

This will echo 11 in PHP 3.0.

Appendix B. Migrating from PHP 3.0 to PHP 4.0

What has changed in PHP 4.0

PHP 4.0 and the integrated Zend engine have greatly improved PHPs performance and capabilities, but great care has been taken to break as little existing code as possible. So migrating your code from PHP 3.0 to 4.0 should be much easier than migrating from PHP/FI 2.0 to PHP 3.0. A lot of existing PHP 3.0 code should be ready to run without changes, but you should still know about the few differences and take care to test your code before switching versions in production environments. The following should give you some hints about what to look for.

Running PHP 3 and PHP 4 concurrently

Recent operating systems provide the ability to perform versioning and scoping. This features make it possible to let PHP 3 and PHP 4 run as concurrent modules in one Apache server.

This feature is known to work on the following platforms:

- Linux with recent binutils (binutils 2.9.1.0.25 tested)
- Solaris 2.5 or better
- FreeBSD (3.2, 4.0 tested)

To enable it, configure PHP3 and PHP4 to use APXS (`--with-apxs`) and the necessary link extensions (`--enable-versioning`). Otherwise, all standard installations instructions apply. For example:

```
$ ./configure \
  --with-apxs=/apache/bin/apxs \
  --enable-versioning \
  --with-mysql \
  --enable-track-vars
```

Migrating Configuration Files

The global configuration file, `php3.ini`, has changed its name to `php.ini`.

For the Apache configuration file, there are slightly more changes. The MIME types recognized by the PHP module have changed.

```
application/x-httpd-php3          -->  application/x-httpd-php
application/x-httpd-php3-source -->  application/x-httpd-php-source
```

You can make your configuration files work with both versions of PHP (depending on which one is currently compiled into the server), using the following syntax:

```
AddType  application/x-httpd-php3          .php3
AddType  application/x-httpd-php3-source .php3s

AddType  application/x-httpd-php          .php
AddType  application/x-httpd-php-source .phps
```

In addition, the PHP directive names for Apache have changed.

Starting with PHP 4.0, there are only four Apache directives that relate to PHP:

```
php_value [PHP directive name] [value]
php_flag  [PHP directive name] [On|Off]
php_admin_value [PHP directive name] [value]
php_admin_flag [PHP directive name] [On|Off]
```

There are two differences between the Admin values and the non admin values:

- Admin values (or flags) can only appear in the server-wide apache configuration files (e.g., httpd.conf).
- Standard values (or flags) cannot control certain PHP directives, for example - safe mode (if you could override safe mode settings in .htaccess files, it would defeat safe-mode's purpose). In contrast, Admin values can modify the value of any PHP directive.

To make the transition process easier, PHP 4.0 is bundled with scripts that automatically convert your Apache configuration and .htaccess files to work with both PHP 3.0 and PHP 4.0. These scripts do NOT convert the mime type lines! You have to convert these yourself.

To convert your Apache configuration files, run the apconf-conv.sh script (available in the scripts/apache/ directory). For example:

```
~/php4/scripts/apache:# ./apconf-conv.sh /usr/local/apache/conf/httpd.conf
```

Your original configuration file will be saved in httpd.conf.orig.

To convert your .htaccess files, run the aphtaccess-conv.sh script (available in the scripts/apache/ directory as well):

```
~/php4/scripts/apache:# find / -name .htaccess -exec ./aphtaccess-conv.sh {} \;
```

Likewise, your old .htaccess files will be saved with an .orig prefix.

The conversion scripts require awk to be installed.

Parser behavior

Parsing and execution are now two completely separated steps, no execution of a file's code will happen until the complete file and everything it requires has completely and successfully been parsed.

One of the new requirements introduced with this split is that required and included files now have to be syntactically complete. You can no longer spread the different controlling parts of a control structure across file boundaries. That is you cannot start a `for` or `while` loop, an `if` statement or a `switch` block in one file and have the end of loop, `else`, `endif`, `case` or `break` statements in a different file.

It is still perfectly legal to include additional code within loops or other control structures, only the controlling keywords and corresponding curly braces `{ . . }` have to be within the same compile unit (file or `eval()`ed string).

This should not harm too much as spreading code like this should be considered as very bad style anyway.

Another thing no longer possible, though rarely seen in PHP 3.0 code is returning values from a required file. Returning a value from an included file is still possible.

Error reporting

Configuration changes

With PHP 3.0 the error reporting level was set as a simple numeric value formed by summing up the numbers related to different error levels. Usual values were 15 for reporting all errors and warnings or 7 for reporting everything but simple notice messages reporting bad style and things like that.

PHP 4.0 now has a greater set of different error and warning levels and comes with a configuration parser that now allows for symbolic constants to be used for setting up the intended behavior.

Error reporting level should now be configured by explicitly taking away the warning levels you do not want to generate error messages by x-oring them from the symbolic constant `E_ALL`. Sounds complicated? Well, let's say you want the error reporting system to report all but the simple style warnings that are categorized by the symbolic constant `E_NOTICE`. Then you'll put the following into your `php.ini`: `error_reporting = E_ALL & ~ ( E_NOTICE )`. If you want to suppress warnings

too you add up the appropriate constant within the braces using the binary or operator '|':
`error_reporting= E_ALL & ~ ( E_NOTICE | E_WARNING )`.

Warning

Using the old values 7 and 15 for setting up error reporting is a very bad idea as this suppresses some of the newly added error classes including parse errors. This may lead to very strange behavior as scripts might no longer work without error messages showing up anywhere.

This has lead to a lot of unreproducible bug reports in the past where people reported script engine problems they were not capable to track down while the TRUE case was usually some missing '}' in a required file that the parser was not able to report due to a misconfigured error reporting system.

So checking your error reporting setup should be the first thing to do whenever your scripts silently die. The Zend engine can be considered mature enough nowadays to not cause this kind of strange behavior.

Additional warning messages

A lot of existing PHP 3.0 code uses language constructs that should be considered as very bad style as this code, while doing the intended thing now, could easily be broken by changes in other places. PHP 4.0 will output a lot of notice messages in such situations where PHP 3.0 didn't. The easy fix is to just turn off E_NOTICE messages, but it is usually a good idea to fix the code instead.

The most common case that will now produce notice messages is the use of unquoted string constants as array indices. Both PHP 3.0 and 4.0 will fall back to interpret these as strings if no keyword or constant is known by that name, but whenever a constant by that name had been defined anywhere else in the code it might break your script. This can even become a security risk if some intruder manages to redefine string constants in a way that makes your script give him access rights he wasn't intended to have. So PHP 4.0 will now warn you whenever you use unquoted string constants as for example in `$HTTP_SERVER_VARS[REQUEST_METHOD]`. Changing it to `$HTTP_SERVER_VARS['REQUEST_METHOD']` will make the parser happy and greatly improve the style and security of your code.

Another thing PHP 4.0 will now tell you about is the use of uninitialized variables or array elements.

Initializers

Static variable and class member initializers only accept scalar values while in PHP 3.0 they accepted any valid expression. This is, once again, due to the split between parsing and execution as no code has yet been executed when the parser sees the initializer.

For classes you should use constructors to initialize member variables instead. For static variables anything but a simple static value rarely makes sense anyway.

empty("0")

The perhaps most controversial change in behavior has happened to the behavior of the `empty()`. A String containing only the character '0' (zero) is now considered empty while it wasn't in PHP 3.0.

This new behavior makes sense in web applications, with all input fields returning strings even if numeric input is requested, and with PHP's capabilities of automatic type conversion. But on the other hand it might break your code in a rather subtle way, leading to misbehavior that is hard to track down if you do not know about what to look for.

Missing functions

While PHP 4.0 comes with a lot of new features, functions and extensions, you may still find some functions from version 3.0 missing. A small number of core functions has vanished because they do not work with the new scheme of splitting parsing and execution as introduced into 4.0 with the Zend engine. Other functions and even complete extensions have become obsolete as newer functions and extensions serve the same task better and/or in a more general way. Some functions just simply haven't been ported yet and finally some functions or extensions may be missing due to license conflicts.

Functions missing due to conceptual changes

As PHP 4.0 now separates parsing from execution it is no longer possible to change the behavior of the parser (now embedded in the Zend engine) at runtime as parsing already happened by then. So the function **`short_tags()`** has ceased to exist. You can still change the parser's behavior by setting appropriate values in the `php.ini` file.

Another feature from PHP 3.0 that didn't make it into 4.0 is the experimental debugging interface as described in ??? in this manual. A separate TRUE debugger is promised to be released as a Zend product but hasn't become visible yet.

Deprecate functions and extensions

The Adabas and Solid database extensions are no more. Long live the unified ODBC extension instead.

Changed status for unset()

`unset()`, although still available, is implemented a little different in PHP 4.0 so that it no longer counts as a 'real' function.

This has no direct consequences as the behavior of `unset()` didn't change, but testing for "unset" using `function_exists()` will return `FALSE` as it would with other lowlevel functions like `echo()`.

Another more practical change is that it is no longer possible to call `unset()` indirectly, that is `$func="unset"; $func($somevar)` won't work anymore.

PHP 3.0 extension

Extensions written for PHP 3.0 will not work with PHP 4.0 anymore, neither as binaries nor at the source level. It is not too difficult to port your extensions to PHP 4.0 if you have access to the original sources. A detailed description of the actual porting process is not part of this text (yet).

Variable substitution in strings

PHP 4.0 adds a new mechanism to variable substitution in strings. You can now finally access object member variables and elements from multidimensional arrays within strings.

To do so you have to enclose your variables with curly braces with the dollar sign immediately following the opening brace: `{$. . .}`

To embed the value of an object member variable into a string you simply write `"text {$obj->member} text"` while in PHP 3.0 you had to use something like `"text ".$obj->member." text"`.

This should lead to more readable code, while it may break existing scripts written for PHP 3.0. But you can easily check for this kind of problem by checking for the character combination `{$` in your code and by replacing it with `\{$` with your favourite search-and-replace tool.

Cookies

PHP 3.0 had the bad habit of setting cookies in the reverse order of the `setcookie()` calls in your code. PHP 4.0 breaks with this habit and creates the cookie header lines in exactly the same order as you set the cookies in the code.

This might break some existing code, but the old behaviour was so strange to understand that it deserved a change to prevent further problems in the future.

Appendix C. PHP development

Adding functions to PHP 3

Function Prototype

All functions look like this:

```
void php3_foo(INTERNAL_FUNCTION_PARAMETERS) {

}
```

Even if your function doesn't take any arguments, this is how it is called.

Function Arguments

Arguments are always of type pval. This type contains a union which has the actual type of the argument. So, if your function takes two arguments, you would do something like the following at the top of your function:

Example C-1. Fetching function arguments

```
pval *arg1, *arg2;
if (ARG_COUNT(ht) != 2 || getParameters(ht,2,&arg1,&arg2)==FAILURE) {
    WRONG_PARAM_COUNT;
}
```

NOTE: Arguments can be passed either by value or by reference. In both cases you will need to pass `&(pval *)` to `getParameters`. If you want to check if the *n*'th parameter was sent to you by reference or not, you can use the function, `ParameterPassedByReference(ht,n)`. It will return either 1 or 0.

When you change any of the passed parameters, whether they are sent by reference or by value, you can either start over with the parameter by calling `pval_destructor` on it, or if it's an `ARRAY` you want to add to, you can use functions similar to the ones in `internal_functions.h` which manipulate `return_value` as an `ARRAY`.

Also if you change a parameter to `IS_STRING` make sure you first assign the new `estrdup()`'ed string and the string length, and only later change the type to `IS_STRING`. If you change the string of a parameter which already `IS_STRING` or `IS_ARRAY` you should run `pval_destructor` on it first.

Variable Function Arguments

A function can take a variable number of arguments. If your function can take either 2 or 3 arguments, use the following:

Example C-2. Variable function arguments

```

pval *arg1, *arg2, *arg3;
int arg_count = ARG_COUNT(ht);

if (arg_count < 2 || arg_count > 3 ||
    getParameters(ht, arg_count, &arg1, &arg2, &arg3) == FAILURE) {
    WRONG_PARAM_COUNT;
}

```

Using the Function Arguments

The type of each argument is stored in the pval type field. This type can be any of the following:

Table C-1. PHP Internal Types

IS_STRING	String
IS_DOUBLE	Double-precision floating point
IS_LONG	Long integer
IS_ARRAY	Array
IS_EMPTY	None
IS_USER_FUNCTION	??
IS_INTERNAL_FUNCTION	?? (if some of these cannot be passed to a function - delete)
IS_CLASS	??
IS_OBJECT	??

If you get an argument of one type and would like to use it as another, or if you just want to force the argument to be of a certain type, you can use one of the following conversion functions:

```

convert_to_long(arg1);
convert_to_double(arg1);
convert_to_string(arg1);
convert_to_boolean_long(arg1); /* If the string is "" or "0" it becomes 0, 1 otherwise */
convert_string_to_number(arg1); /* Converts string to either LONG or DOUBLE depending on string */

```

These function all do in-place conversion. They do not return anything.

The actual argument is stored in a union; the members are:

- IS_STRING: `arg1->value.str.val`
- IS_LONG: `arg1->value.lval`
- IS_DOUBLE: `arg1->value.dval`

Memory Management in Functions

Any memory needed by a function should be allocated with either `emalloc()` or `estrdup()`. These are memory handling abstraction functions that look and smell like the normal `malloc()` and `strdup()` functions. Memory should be freed with `efree()`.

There are two kinds of memory in this program: memory which is returned to the parser in a variable, and memory which you need for temporary storage in your internal function. When you assign a string to a variable which is returned to the parser you need to make sure you first allocate the memory with either `emalloc()` or `estrdup()`. This memory should NEVER be freed by you, unless you later in the same function overwrite your original assignment (this kind of programming practice is not good though).

For any temporary/permanent memory you need in your functions/library you should use the three `emalloc()`, `estrdup()`, and `efree()` functions. They behave EXACTLY like their counterpart functions. Anything you `emalloc()` or `estrdup()` you have to `efree()` at some point or another, unless it's supposed to stick around until the end of the program; otherwise, there will be a memory leak. The meaning of "the functions behave exactly like their counterparts" is: if you `efree()` something which was not `emalloc()`'ed nor `estrdup()`'ed you might get a segmentation fault. So please take care and free all of your wasted memory.

If you compile with "-DDEBUG", PHP 3 will print out a list of all memory that was allocated using `emalloc()` and `estrdup()` but never freed with `efree()` when it is done running the specified script.

Setting Variables in the Symbol Table

A number of macros are available which make it easier to set a variable in the symbol table:

- `SET_VAR_STRING(name,value)`¹
- `SET_VAR_DOUBLE(name,value)`
- `SET_VAR_LONG(name,value)`

¹

Symbol tables in PHP 3.0 are implemented as hash tables. At any given time, `&symbol_table` is a pointer to the 'main' symbol table, and `active_symbol_table` points to the currently active symbol table (these may be identical like in startup, or different, if you're inside a function).

The following examples use 'active_symbol_table'. You should replace it with `&symbol_table` if you specifically want to work with the 'main' symbol table. Also, the same functions may be applied to arrays, as explained below.

Example C-3. Checking whether \$foo exists in a symbol table

```
if (hash_exists(active_symbol_table, "foo", sizeof("foo"))) { exists... }
else { doesn't exist }
```

Example C-4. Finding a variable's size in a symbol table

```
hash_find(active_symbol_table, "foo", sizeof("foo"), &pvalue);
check(pvalue.type);
```

Arrays in PHP 3.0 are implemented using the same hashtables as symbol tables. This means the two above functions can also be used to check variables inside arrays.

If you want to define a new array in a symbol table, you should do the following.

First, you may want to check whether it exists and abort appropriately, using `hash_exists()` or `hash_find()`.

Next, initialize the array:

Example C-5. Initializing a new array

```
pval arr;

if (array_init(&arr) == FAILURE) { failed... };
hash_update(active_symbol_table, "foo", sizeof("foo"), &arr, sizeof(pval), NULL);
```

This code declares a new array, named `$foo`, in the active symbol table. This array is empty.

Here's how to add new entries to it:

Example C-6. Adding entries to a new array

```
pval entry;
```



```

entry.type = IS_LONG;
entry.value.lval = 5;

/* defines $foo["bar"] = 5 */
hash_update(arr.value.ht, "bar", sizeof("bar"), &entry, sizeof(pval), NULL);

/* defines $foo[7] = 5 */
hash_index_update(arr.value.ht, 7, &entry, sizeof(pval), NULL);

/* defines the next free place in $foo[],
 * $foo[8], to be 5 (works like php2)
 */
hash_next_index_insert(arr.value.ht, &entry, sizeof(pval), NULL);

```

If you'd like to modify a value that you inserted to a hash, you must first retrieve it from the hash. To prevent that overhead, you can supply a pval ** to the hash add function, and it'll be updated with the pval * address of the inserted element inside the hash. If that value is NULL (like in all of the above examples) - that parameter is ignored.

hash_next_index_insert() uses more or less the same logic as "\$foo[] = bar;" in PHP 2.0.

If you are building an array to return from a function, you can initialize the array just like above by doing:

```
if (array_init(return_value) == FAILURE) { failed...; }
```

...and then adding values with the helper functions:

```

add_next_index_long(return_value, long_value);
add_next_index_double(return_value, double_value);
add_next_index_string(return_value, estrdup(string_value));

```

Of course, if the adding isn't done right after the array initialization, you'd probably have to look for the array first:

```
pval *arr;
```

```

if (hash_find(active_symbol_table, "foo", sizeof("foo"), (void **)&arr) == FAILURE) { can't find.
else { use arr->value.ht... }

```

Note that hash_find receives a pointer to a pval pointer, and not a pval pointer.

Just about any hash function returns SUCCESS or FAILURE (except for hash_exists(), which returns a boolean truth value).

Returning simple values

A number of macros are available to make returning values from a function easier.

The RETURN_* macros all set the return value and return from the function:

- RETURN
- RETURN_FALSE
- RETURN_TRUE
- RETURN_LONG(l)
- RETURN_STRING(s,dup) If dup is TRUE, duplicates the string
- RETURN_STRINGL(s,l,dup) Return string (s) specifying length (l).
- RETURN_DOUBLE(d)

The RETVAL_* macros set the return value, but do not return.

- RETVAL_FALSE
- RETVAL_TRUE
- RETVAL_LONG(l)
- RETVAL_STRING(s,dup) If dup is TRUE, duplicates the string
- RETVAL_STRINGL(s,l,dup) Return string (s) specifying length (l).
- RETVAL_DOUBLE(d)

The string macros above will all estrdup() the passed 's' argument, so you can safely free the argument after calling the macro, or alternatively use statically allocated memory.

If your function returns boolean success/error responses, always use RETURN_TRUE and RETURN_FALSE respectively.

Returning complex values

Your function can also return a complex data type such as an object or an array.

Returning an object:

1. Call object_init(return_value).
2. Fill it up with values. The functions available for this purpose are listed below.

3. Possibly, register functions for this object. In order to obtain values from the object, the function would have to fetch "this" from the active_symbol_table. Its type should be IS_OBJECT, and it's basically a regular hash table (i.e., you can use regular hash functions on .value.ht). The actual registration of the function can be done using:

```
add_method( return_value, function_name, function_ptr );
```

The functions used to populate an object are:

- add_property_long(return_value, property_name, l) - Add a property named 'property_name', of type long, equal to 'l'
- add_property_double(return_value, property_name, d) - Same, only adds a double
- add_property_string(return_value, property_name, str) - Same, only adds a string
- add_property_stringl(return_value, property_name, str, l) - Same, only adds a string of length 'l'

Returning an array:

1. Call array_init(return_value).
2. Fill it up with values. The functions available for this purpose are listed below.

The functions used to populate an array are:

- add_assoc_long(return_value,key,l) - add associative entry with key 'key' and long value 'l'
- add_assoc_double(return_value,key,d)
- add_assoc_string(return_value,key,str,duplicate)
- add_assoc_stringl(return_value,key,str,length,duplicate) specify the string length
- add_index_long(return_value,index,l) - add entry in index 'index' with long value 'l'
- add_index_double(return_value,index,d)
- add_index_string(return_value,index,str)
- add_index_stringl(return_value,index,str,length) - specify the string length
- add_next_index_long(return_value,l) - add an array entry in the next free offset with long value 'l'
- add_next_index_double(return_value,d)
- add_next_index_string(return_value,str)
- add_next_index_stringl(return_value,str,length) - specify the string length

Using the resource list

PHP 3.0 has a standard way of dealing with various types of resources. This replaces all of the local linked lists in PHP 2.0.

Available functions:

- `php3_list_insert(ptr, type)` - returns the 'id' of the newly inserted resource
- `php3_list_delete(id)` - delete the resource with the specified id
- `php3_list_find(id,*type)` - returns the pointer of the resource with the specified id, updates 'type' to the resource's type

Typically, these functions are used for SQL drivers but they can be used for anything else; for instance, maintaining file descriptors.

Typical list code would look like this:

Example C-7. Adding a new resource

```
RESOURCE *resource;

/* ...allocate memory for resource and acquire resource... */
/* add a new resource to the list */
return_value->value.lval = php3_list_insert((void *) resource, LE_RESOURCE_TYPE);
return_value->type = IS_LONG;
```

Example C-8. Using an existing resource

```
pval *resource_id;
RESOURCE *resource;
int type;

convert_to_long(resource_id);
resource = php3_list_find(resource_id->value.lval, &type);
if (type != LE_RESOURCE_TYPE) {
    php3_error(E_WARNING,"resource index %d has the wrong type",resource_id->value.lval);
    RETURN_FALSE;
}
/* ...use resource... */
```

Example C-9. Deleting an existing resource

```
pval *resource_id;
RESOURCE *resource;
```

```
int type;

convert_to_long(resource_id);
php3_list_delete(resource_id->value.lval);
```

The resource types should be registered in `php3_list.h`, in `enum list_entry_type`. In addition, one should add shutdown code for any new resource type defined, in `list.c`'s `list_entry_destructor()` (even if you don't have anything to do on shutdown, you must add an empty case).

Using the persistent resource table

PHP 3.0 has a standard way of storing persistent resources (i.e., resources that are kept in between hits). The first module to use this feature was the MySQL module, and `mSQL` followed it, so one can get the general impression of how a persistent resource should be used by reading `mysql.c`. The functions you should look at are:

```
php3_mysql_do_connect
php3_mysql_connect()
php3_mysql_pconnect()
```

The general idea of persistence modules is this:

1. Code all of your module to work with the regular resource list mentioned in section (9).
2. Code extra connect functions that check if the resource already exists in the persistent resource list. If it does, register it as in the regular resource list as a pointer to the persistent resource list (because of 1., the rest of the code should work immediately). If it doesn't, then create it, add it to the persistent resource list AND add a pointer to it from the regular resource list, so all of the code would work since it's in the regular resource list, but on the next connect, the resource would be found in the persistent resource list and be used without having to recreate it. You should register these resources with a different type (e.g. `LE_MYSQL_LINK` for non-persistent link and `LE_MYSQL_PLINK` for a persistent link).

If you read `mysql.c`, you'll notice that except for the more complex connect function, nothing in the rest of the module has to be changed.

The very same interface exists for the regular resource list and the persistent resource list, only 'list' is replaced with 'plist':

- `php3_plist_insert(ptr, type)` - returns the 'id' of the newly inserted resource
- `php3_plist_delete(id)` - delete the resource with the specified id
- `php3_plist_find(id,*type)` - returns the pointer of the resource with the specified id, updates 'type' to the resource's type

However, it's more than likely that these functions would prove to be useless for you when trying to implement a persistent module. Typically, one would want to use the fact that the persistent resource list

is really a hash table. For instance, in the MySQL/mSQL modules, when there's a `pconnect()` call (persistent connect), the function builds a string out of the `host/user/passwd` that were passed to the function, and hashes the SQL link with this string as a key. The next time someone calls a `pconnect()` with the same `host/user/passwd`, the same key would be generated, and the function would find the SQL link in the persistent list.

Until further documented, you should look at `mysql.c` or `mssql.c` to see how one should use the `plist`'s hash table abilities.

One important thing to note: resources going into the persistent resource list must **NOT** be allocated with PHP's memory manager, i.e., they should NOT be created with `emalloc()`, `estrdup()`, etc. Rather, one should use the regular `malloc()`, `strdup()`, etc. The reason for this is simple - at the end of the request (end of the hit), every memory chunk that was allocated using PHP's memory manager is deleted. Since the persistent list isn't supposed to be erased at the end of a request, one mustn't use PHP's memory manager for allocating resources that go to it.

When you register a resource that's going to be in the persistent list, you should add destructors to it both in the non-persistent list and in the persistent list. The destructor in the non-persistent list destructor shouldn't do anything. The one in the persistent list destructor should properly free any resources obtained by that type (e.g. memory, SQL links, etc). Just like with the non-persistent resources, you **MUST** add destructors for every resource, even it requires no destructotion and the destructor would be empty. Remember, since `emalloc()` and friends aren't to be used in conjunction with the persistent list, you mustn't use `efree()` here either.

Adding runtime configuration directives

Many of the features of PHP 3 can be configured at runtime. These configuration directives can appear in either the designated `php3.ini` file, or in the case of the Apache module version in the Apache `.conf` files. The advantage of having them in the Apache `.conf` files is that they can be configured on a per-directory basis. This means that one directory may have a certain `safemodeexecdir` for example, while another directory may have another. This configuration granularity is especially handy when a server supports multiple virtual hosts.

The steps required to add a new directive:

1. Add directive to `php3_ini_structure` struct in `mod_php3.h`.
2. In `main.c`, edit the `php3_module_startup` function and add the appropriate `cfg_get_string()` or `cfg_get_long()` call.
3. Add the directive, restrictions and a comment to the `php3_commands` structure in `mod_php3.c`. Note the restrictions part. `RSRC_CONF` are directives that can only be present in the actual Apache `.conf` files. Any `OR_OPTIONS` directives can be present anywhere, include normal `.htaccess` files.
4. In either `php3take1handler()` or `php3flaghandler()` add the appropriate entry for your directive.
5. In the configuration section of the `_php3_info()` function in `functions/info.c` you need to add your new directive.
6. And last, you of course have to use your new directive somewhere. It will be addressable as `php3_ini.directive`.

Calling User Functions

To call user functions from an internal function, you should use the **call_user_function()** function.

call_user_function() returns SUCCESS on success, and FAILURE in case the function cannot be found. You should check that return value! If it returns SUCCESS, you are responsible for destroying the retval pval yourself (or return it as the return value of your function). If it returns FAILURE, the value of retval is undefined, and you mustn't touch it.

All internal functions that call user functions *must* be reentrant. Among other things, this means they must not use globals or static variables.

call_user_function() takes six arguments:

HashTable *function_table

This is the hash table in which the function is to be looked up.

pval *object

This is a pointer to an object on which the function is invoked. This should be NULL if a global function is called. If it's not NULL (i.e. it points to an object), the function_table argument is ignored, and instead taken from the object's hash. The object *may* be modified by the function that is invoked on it (that function will have access to it via \$this). If for some reason you don't want that to happen, send a copy of the object instead.

pval *function_name

The name of the function to call. Must be a pval of type IS_STRING with function_name.str.val and function_name.str.len set to the appropriate values. The function_name is modified by call_user_function() - it's converted to lowercase. If you need to preserve the case, send a copy of the function name instead.

pval *retval

A pointer to a pval structure, into which the return value of the invoked function is saved. The structure must be previously allocated - **call_user_function()** does NOT allocate it by itself.

int param_count

The number of parameters being passed to the function.

pval *params[]

An array of pointers to values that will be passed as arguments to the function, the first argument being in offset 0, the second in offset 1, etc. The array is an array of pointers to pval's; The pointers are sent as-is to the function, which means if the function modifies its arguments, the original values are changed (passing by reference). If you don't want that behavior, pass a copy instead.

Reporting Errors

To report errors from an internal function, you should call the **php3_error()** function. This takes at least two parameters -- the first is the level of the error, the second is the format string for the error message (as in a standard printf() call), and any following arguments are the parameters for the format string. The error levels are:

E_NOTICE

Notices are not printed by default, and indicate that the script encountered something that could indicate an error, but could also happen in the normal course of running a script. For example, trying to access the value of a variable which has not been set, or calling stat() on a file that doesn't exist.

E_WARNING

Warnings are printed by default, but do not interrupt script execution. These indicate a problem that should have been trapped by the script before the call was made. For example, calling ereg() with an invalid regular expression.

E_ERROR

Errors are also printed by default, and execution of the script is halted after the function returns. These indicate errors that can not be recovered from, such as a memory allocation problem.

E_PARSE

Parse errors should only be generated by the parser. The code is listed here only for the sake of completeness.

E_CORE_ERROR

This is like an E_ERROR, except it is generated by the core of PHP. Functions should not generate this type of error.

E_CORE_WARNING

This is like an E_WARNING, except it is generated by the core of PHP. Functions should not generate this type of error.

E_COMPILE_ERROR

This is like an E_ERROR, except it is generated by the Zend Scripting Engine. Functions should not generate this type of error.

E_COMPILE_WARNING

This is like an E_WARNING, except it is generated by the Zend Scripting Engine. Functions should not generate this type of error.

E_USER_ERROR

This is like an E_ERROR, except it is generated in PHP code by using the PHP function `trigger_error()`. Functions should not generate this type of error.

E_USER_WARNING

This is like an E_WARNING, except it is generated by using the PHP function `trigger_error()`. Functions should not generate this type of error.

E_USER_NOTICE

This is like an E_NOTICE, except it is generated by using the PHP function `trigger_error()`. Functions should not generate this type of error.

Notes

Be careful here. The value part must be malloc'ed manually because the memory management code will try to free this pointer later. Do not pass statically allocated memory into a SET_VAR_STRING.

Appendix D. The PHP Debugger

About the debugger

PHP 3 includes support for a network-based debugger.

PHP 4 does not yet have a similar debugging facility.

Using the Debugger

The internal debugger in PHP 3 is useful for tracking down evasive bugs. The debugger works by connecting to a TCP port for every time PHP 3 starts up. All error messages from that request will be sent to this TCP connection. This information is intended for "debugging server" that can run inside an IDE or programmable editor (such as Emacs).

How to set up the debugger:

1. Set up a TCP port for the debugger in the configuration file (debugger.port) and enable it (debugger.enabled).
2. Set up a TCP listener on that port somewhere (for example **socket -l -s 1400** on UNIX).
3. In your code, run "debugger_on(*host*)", where *host* is the IP number or name of the host running the TCP listener.

Now, all warnings, notices etc. will show up on that listener socket, *even if you them turned off with error_reporting()*.

Debugger Protocol

The PHP 3 debugger protocol is line-based. Each line has a *type*, and several lines compose a *message*. Each message starts with a line of the type `start` and terminates with a line of the type `end`. PHP 3 may send lines for different messages simultaneously.

A line has this format:

```
date time
host(pid)
type:
message-data
```

date

Date in ISO 8601 format (*yyyy-mm-dd*)

time

Time including microseconds: *hh:mm:uuuuuu*

host

DNS name or IP address of the host where the script error was generated.

pid

PID (process id) on *host* of the process with the PHP 3 script that generated this error.

type

Type of line. Tells the receiving program about what it should treat the following data as:

Table D-1. Debugger Line Types

Name	Meaning
start	Tells the receiving program that a debugger message starts here. The contents of <i>data</i> will be the type of error message, listed below.
message	The PHP 3 error message.
location	File name and line number where the error occurred. The first location line will always contain the top-level location. <i>data</i> will contain <i>file: line</i> . There will always be a location line after message and after every function.
frames	Number of frames in the following stack dump. If there are four frames, expect information about four levels of called functions. If no "frames" line is given, the depth should be assumed to be 0 (the error occurred at top-level).
function	Name of function where the error occurred. Will be repeated once for every level in the function call stack.
end	Tells the receiving program that a debugger message ends here.

data

Line data.

Table D-2. Debugger Error Types

Debugger	PHP 3 Internal
warning	E_WARNING
error	E_ERROR
parse	E_PARSE
notice	E_NOTICE
core-error	E_CORE_ERROR
core-warning	E_CORE_WARNING

Debugger	PHP 3 Internal
unknown	(any other)

Example D-1. Example Debugger Message

```

1998-04-05 23:27:400966 lucifer.guardian.no(20481) start: notice
1998-04-05 23:27:400966 lucifer.guardian.no(20481) message: Uninitialized variable
1998-04-05 23:27:400966 lucifer.guardian.no(20481) location: (NULL):7
1998-04-05 23:27:400966 lucifer.guardian.no(20481) frames: 1
1998-04-05 23:27:400966 lucifer.guardian.no(20481) function: display
1998-04-05 23:27:400966 lucifer.guardian.no(20481) location: /home/ssb/public_html/test.php3:10
1998-04-05 23:27:400966 lucifer.guardian.no(20481) end: notice

```

Appendix E. PHP reserved words

Here is the list of PHP reserved words, usually constants and predefined variables. You won't find any functions here, but rather language constructs. You shouldn't try to use such names as variable, function, constant or method names, as it will surely lead to confusion.

and	E_PARSE	old_function
\$argv	E_ERROR	or
as	E_WARNING	parent
\$argc	eval	PHP_OS
break	exit()	\$PHP_SELF
case	extends	PHP_VERSION
cfunction	FALSE	print()
class	for	require()
continue	foreach	require_once()
declare	function	return
default	\$HTTP_COOKIE_VARS	static
do	\$HTTP_GET_VARS	switch
die()	\$HTTP_POST_VARS	stdClass
echo()	\$HTTP_POST_FILES	\$this
else	\$HTTP_ENV_VARS	TRUE
elseif	\$HTTP_SERVER_VARS	var
empty()	if	xor
enddeclare	include()	virtual()
endfor	include_once()	while
endforeach	global	__FILE__
endif	list()	__LINE__
endswitch	new	__sleep
endwhile	not	__wakeup
E_ALL	NULL	

Appendix F. PHP Resource Types

The following is a list of functions which create, use or destroy PHP resources. The function `is_resource()` can be used to determine if a variable is a resource and `get_resource_type()` will return the type of resource it is.

Table F-1. Resource Types

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
aspell	<code>aspell_new()</code>	<code>aspell_check()</code> , <code>aspell_check_raw()</code> , <code>aspell_suggest()</code>	None	Aspell dictionary
bzip2	<code>bzopen()</code>	<code>bzerrno()</code> , <code>bzerror()</code> , <code>bzerrstr()</code> , <code>bzflush()</code> , <code>bzread()</code> , <code>bzwrite()</code>	<code>bzclose()</code>	Bzip2 file
COM	<code>com_load()</code>	<code>com_invoke()</code> , <code>com_propget()</code> , <code>com_get()</code> , <code>com_propput()</code> , <code>com_set()</code> , <code>com_propput()</code>	None	COM object reference
VARIANT				

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
cpdf	cpdf_open()	cpdf_page_init(), cpdf_finalize_page(), cpdf_finalize(), cpdf_output_buffer(), cpdf_save_to_file(), cpdf_set_current_page(), cpdf_begin_text(), cpdf_end_text(), cpdf_show(), cpdf_show_xy(), cpdf_text(), cpdf_set_font(), cpdf_set_leading(), cpdf_set_text_rendering(), cpdf_set_horiz_scaling(), cpdf_set_text_rise(), cpdf_set_text_matrix(), cpdf_set_text_pos(), cpdf_set_text_pos(), cpdf_set_word_spacing(), cpdf_continue_text(), cpdf_stringwidth(), cpdf_save(), cpdf_translate(), cpdf_restore(), cpdf_scale(), cpdf_rotate(), cpdf_setflat(), cpdf_setlinejoin(), cpdf_setlinecap(), cpdf_setmiterlimit(), cpdf_setlinewidth(), cpdf_setdash(), cpdf_moveto(), cpdf_rmoveto(), cpdf_curveto(), cpdf_lineto(), cpdf_rlineto(), cpdf_circle(), cpdf_arc(), cpdf_rect(), cpdf_closepath(), cpdf_stroke(), cpdf_closepath_fill_stroke(), cpdf_fill_stroke(), cpdf_clip(), cpdf_fill(), cpdf_setgray_fill(), cpdf_setgray_stroke(), cpdf_setgray(), cpdf_setrgbcolor_fill(), cpdf_setrgbcolor_stroke(), cpdf_setrgbcolor(), cpdf_setrgbcolor()	cpdf_close()	PDF document with CPDF lib

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
cpdf outline				
curl	curl_init()	curl_init(), curl_exec()	curl_close()	Curl session
dbm	dbmopen()	dbmexists(), dbmfetch(), dbminsert(), dbmreplace(), dbmdelete(), dbmfirstkey(), dbmnextkey()	dbmclose()	Link to DBM database
dba	dba_popen()	dba_delete(), dba_exists(), dba_fetch(), dba_firstkey(), dba_insert(), dba_nextkey(), dba_optimize(), dba_replace(), dba_sync()	dba_close()	Link to DBA base
dba persistent	dba_open()	dba_delete(), dba_exists(), dba_fetch(), dba_firstkey(), dba_insert(), dba_nextkey(), dba_optimize(), dba_replace(), dba_sync()	None	Persistent link to DBA base
dbase	dbase_open()	dbase_pack(), dbase_add_record(), dbase_replace_record(), dbase_delete_record(), dbase_get_record(), dbase_get_record_with_names(), dbase_numfields(), dbase_numrecords()	dbase_close()	Link to Dbase base
dbx_link_object	dbx_connect()	dbx_query()	dbx_close()	dbx connection
dbx_result_object	dbx_query()	()	None	dbx result
domxml attribute				
domxml document				
domxml node				
xpath context				

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
xpath object				
fbsql database	fbsql_select_db()	()	None	fbsql database
fbsql link	fb- sql_change_user(), fbsql_connect()	fbsql_autocommit(), fb- sql_change_user(), fbsql_create_db(), fbsql_data_seek(), fbsql_db_query(), fbsql_drop_db(), (), fbsql_select_db(), fbsql_erro(), fbsql_error(), fbsql_insert_id(), fbsql_list_dbs()	fbsql_close()	Link to fbsql database
fbsql plink	fb- sql_change_user(), fbsql_pconnect()	fbsql_autocommit(), fb- sql_change_user(), fbsql_create_db(), fbsql_data_seek(), fbsql_db_query(), fbsql_drop_db(), (), fbsql_select_db(), fbsql_erro(), fbsql_error(), fbsql_insert_id(), fbsql_list_dbs()	None	Persistent link to fbsql database

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
fbsql result	fbsql_db_query(), fbsql_list_dbs(), fbsql_query(), fbsql_list_fields(), fbsql_list_tables(), fbsql_tablename()	fb- sql_affected_rows(), fbsql_fetch_array(), fbsql_fetch_assoc(), fbsql_fetch_field(), fb- sql_fetch_lengths(), fbsql_fetch_object(), fbsql_fetch_row(), fbsql_field_flags(), fbsql_field_name(), fbsql_field_len(), fbsql_field_seek(), fbsql_field_table(), fbsql_field_type(), fbsql_next_result(), fbsql_num_fields(), fbsql_num_rows(), fbsql_result(), fbsql_num_rows()	fbsql_free_result()	fbsql result
fdf	fdf_open()	fdf_create(), fdf_save(), fdf_get_value(), fdf_set_value(), fdf_next_field_name(), fdf_set_ap(), fdf_set_status(), fdf_get_status(), fdf_set_file(), fdf_get_file(), fdf_set_flags(), fdf_set_opt(), fdf_set_submit_form_action(), fdf_set_javascript_action()	fdf_close()	FDF File

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
ftp	ftp_connect()	ftp_login(), ftp_pwd(), ftp_cdup(), ftp_chdir(), ftp_mkdir(), ftp_rmdir(), ftp_nlist(), ftp_rawlist(), ftp_systype(), ftp_pasv(), ftp_get(), ftp_fget(), ftp_put(), ftp_fput(), ftp_size(), ftp_mdtm(), ftp_rename(), ftp_delete(), ftp_site()	ftp_quit()	FTP stream

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
gd	imagecreate(), imagecreatefromgif(), imagecreatefromjpeg(), imagecreatefrompng(), imagecreatefromwbmp(), imagecreatefromstring(), imagecreatetruecolor()	imagearc(), imagechar(), imagecharup(), imagecolorallocate(), imagecolorat(), imagecolorclosest(), imagecolorexact(), imagecolorresolve(), imagegammaconvert(), imagegammaconvert(), imagecolorset(), imagecolorsforindex(), imagecolorstotal(), imagecolortransparent(), imagecopy(), imagecopyresized(), imagedashedline(), imagefill(), imagefilledpolygon(), imagefilledrectangle(), imagefilltoborder(), imagegif(), imagepng(), imagejpeg(), imagewbmp(), imageinterlace(), imageline(), imagepolygon(), imagepstring(), imagerectangle(), imagesetpixel(), imagestring(), imagestringup(), imagesx(), imagesy(), imagefttext(), imagefilledarc(), imageellipse(), imagefilledellipse(), imagecolorclosestalpha(), imagecolorexactalpha(), imagecolorresolvealpha(), imagecopymerge(), imagecopymergegray(), imagecopyresampled(),	imagedestroy()	GD Image

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
gd font	imageloadfont()	imagechar(), imagecharup(), imagefontheight()	None	Font for GD
gd PS encoding				
gd PS font	imagepsloadfont()	imagepstext(), imagepslslantfont(), imagepsextend- font(), imagepsencode- font(), imagepsbbox()	imagepsfreefont()	PS font for GD

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
GMP integer	gmp_init()	gmp_intval(), gmp_strval(), gmp_add(), gmp_sub(), gmp_mul(), gmp_div_q(), gmp_div_r(), gmp_div_qr(), gmp_div(), gmp_mod(), gmp_divexact(), gmp_cmp(), gmp_neg(), gmp_abs(), gmp_sign(), gmp_fact(), gmp_sqrt(), gmp_sqrtrm(), gmp_perfect_square(), gmp_pow(), gmp_powm(), gmp_prob_prime(), gmp_gcd(), gmp_gcdext(), gmp_invert(), gmp_legendre(), gmp_jacobi(), gmp_random(), gmp_and(), gmp_or(), gmp_xor(), gmp_setbit(), gmp_clrbit(), gmp_scan0(), gmp_scan1(), gmp_popcount(), gmp_hamdist()	None	GMP Number

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
hyperwave document	hw_cp(), hw_docbyanchor(), hw_getremote(), hw_getremotechildren()	hw_children(), hw_childrenobj(), hw_getparents(), hw_getparentsobj(), hw_getchildcoll(), hw_getchildcollobj(), hw_getremote(), hw_getsrcbydestobj(), hw_getandlock(), hw_gettext(), hw_getobjectbyquerycoll(), hw_getobjectbyquerycollobj(), hw_getchilddoccoll(), hw_getchilddoccollobj(), hw_getanchors(), hw_getanchorsobj(), hw_inscoll(), hw_pipedocument(), hw_unlock()	hw_deleteobject()	Hyperwave object

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
hyperwave link	hw_connect()	hw_children(), hw_childrenobj(), hw_cp(), hw_deleteobject(), hw_docbyanchor(), hw_docbyanchorobj(), hw_errormsg(), hw_edittest(), hw_error(), hw_getparents(), hw_getparentsobj(), hw_getchildcoll(), hw_getchildcollobj(), hw_getremote(), hw_getremotechildren(), hw_getsrcbydestobj(), hw_getobject(), hw_getandlock(), hw_gettext(), hw_getobjectbyquery(), hw_getobjectbyqueryobj(), hw_getobjectbyquerycoll(), hw_getobjectbyquerycollobj(), hw_getchilddoccoll(), hw_getchilddoccollobj(), hw_getanchors(), hw_getanchorsobj(), hw_mv(), hw_incollections(), hw_info(), hw_inscoll(), hw_insdock(), hw_insertdocument(), hw_insertobject(), hw_mapid(), hw_modifyobject(), hw_pipedocument(), hw_unlock(), hw_who(), hw_getusername()	hw_close(), hw_free_document()	Link to Hyperwave server

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
hyperwave link persistent	hw_pconnect()	hw_children(), hw_childrenobj(), hw_cp(), hw_deleteobject(), hw_docbyanchor(), hw_docbyanchorobj(), hw_errormsg(), hw_edittest(), hw_error(), hw_getparents(), hw_getparentsobj(), hw_getchildcoll(), hw_getchildcollobj(), hw_getremote(), hw_getremotechildren(), hw_getsrcbydestobj(), hw_getobject(), hw_getandlock(), hw_gettext(), hw_getobjectbyquery(), hw_getobjectbyqueryobj(), hw_getobjectbyquerycoll(), hw_getobjectbyquerycollobj(), hw_getchilddoccoll(), hw_getchilddoccollobj(), hw_getanchors(), hw_getanchorsobj(), hw_mv(), hw_incollections(), hw_info(), hw_inscoll(), hw_insdock(), hw_insertdocument(), hw_insertobject(), hw_mapid(), hw_modifyobject(), hw_pipedocument(), hw_unlock(), hw_who(), hw_getusername()	None	Persistent link to Hyperwave server

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
icap	icap_open()	icap_fetch_event(), icap_list_events(), icap_store_event(), icap_snooze(), icap_list_alarms(), icap_delete_event()	icap_close()	Link to icap server
imap	imap_open()	imap_append(), imap_body(), imap_check(), imap_createmailbox(), imap_delete(), imap_deletemailbox(), imap_expunge(), imap_fetchbody(), imap_fetchstructure(), imap_headerinfo(), imap_header(), imap_headers(), imap_listmailbox(), imap_getmailboxes(), imap_get_quota(), imap_status(), imap_listsubscribed(), imap_set_quota(), imap_set_quota(), imap_getsubscribed(), imap_mail_copy(), imap_mail_move(), imap_num_msg(), imap_num_recent(), imap_ping(), imap_renamemailbox(), imap_reopen(), imap_subscribe(), imap_undelete(), imap_unsubscribe(), imap_scanmailbox(), imap_mailboxmsginfo(), imap_fetchheader(), imap_uid(), imap_msgno(), imap_search(), imap_fetch_overview()	imap_close()	Link to IMAP, POP3 server

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
imap chain persistent				
imap persistent				
ingres	ingres_connect()	ingres_query(), ingres_num_rows(), ingres_num_fields(), ingres_field_name(), ingres_field_type(), in- gres_field_nullable(), in- gres_field_length(), in- gres_field_precision(), ingres_field_scale(), in- gres_fetch_array(), ingres_fetch_row(), in- gres_fetch_object(), ingres_rollback(), ingres_commit(), ingres_autocommit()	ingres_close()	Link to ingresII base

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
ingres persistent	ingres_pconnect()	ingres_query(), ingres_num_rows(), ingres_num_fields(), ingres_field_name(), ingres_field_type(), ingres_field_nullable(), ingres_field_length(), ingres_field_precision(), ingres_field_scale(), ingres_fetch_array(), ingres_fetch_row(), ingres_fetch_object(), ingres_rollback(), ingres_commit(), ingres_autocommit()	None	Persistent link to ingresII base
interbase blob				
interbase link	ibase_connect()	ibase_query(), ibase_prepare(), ibase_trans()	ibase_close()	Link to Interbase database
interbase link persistent	ibase_pconnect()	ibase_query(), ibase_prepare(), ibase_trans()	None	Persistent link to Interbase database
interbase query	ibase_prepare()	ibase_execute()	ibase_free_query()	Interbase query
interbase result	ibase_query()	ibase_fetch_row(), ibase_fetch_object(), ibase_field_info(), ibase_num_fields()	ibase_free_result()	Interbase Result
interbase transaction	ibase_trans()	ibase_commit()	ibase_rollback()	Interbase transaction
java				

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
ldap link	ldap_connect(), ldap_search()	ldap_count_entries(), ldap_first_attribute(), ldap_first_entry(), ldap_get_attributes(), ldap_get_dn(), ldap_get_entries(), ldap_get_values(), ldap_get_values_len(), ldap_next_attribute(), ldap_next_entry()	ldap_close()	ldap connection
ldap result	ldap_read()	ldap_add(), ldap_compare(), ldap_bind(), ldap_count_entries(), ldap_delete(), ldap_errno(), ldap_error(), ldap_first_attribute(), ldap_first_entry(), ldap_get_attributes(), ldap_get_dn(), ldap_get_entries(), ldap_get_values(), ldap_get_values_len(), ldap_get_option(), ldap_list(), ldap_modify(), ldap_mod_add(), ldap_mod_replace(), ldap_next_attribute(), ldap_next_entry(), ldap_mod_del(), ldap_set_option(), ldap_unbind()	ldap_free_result()	ldap search result
ldap result entry				

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
mcald	mcald_open(), mcald_popen()	mcald_create_calendar(), mcald_rename_calendar(), mcald_rename_calendar(), mcald_delete_calendar(), mcald_fetch_event(), mcald_list_events(), mcald_append_event(), mcald_store_event(), mcald_delete_event(), mcald_list_alarms(), mcald_event_init(), mcald_event_set_category(), mcald_event_set_title(), mcald_event_set_description(), mcald_event_set_start(), mcald_event_set_end(), mcald_event_set_alarm(), mcald_event_set_class(), mcald_next_recurrence(), mcald_event_set_recur_none(), mcald_event_set_recur_daily(), mcald_event_set_recur_weekly(), mcald_event_set_recur_monthly_mday(), mcald_event_set_recur_monthly_wday(), mcald_event_set_recur_yearly(), mcald_fetch_current_stream_event(), mcald_event_add_attribute(), mcald_expunge()	mcald_close()	Link to calendar server
SWFAction				
SWFBitmap				
SWFButton				
SWFDisplayItem				
SWFFill				
SWFFont				
SWFGradient				
SWFMorph				
SWFMovie				
SWFShape				
SWFSprite				
SWFText				
SWFTextField				

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
mnogosearch agent				
mnogosearch result				
mysql link	mysql_connect()	mysql(), mysql_create_db(), mysql_createdb(), mysql_drop_db(), mysql_drop_db(), mysql_select_db(), mysql_select_db()	mysql_close()	Link to mSQL database
mysql link persistent	mysql_pconnect()	mysql(), mysql_create_db(), mysql_createdb(), mysql_drop_db(), mysql_drop_db(), mysql_select_db(), mysql_select_db()	None	Persistent link to mSQL
mysql query	mysql_query()	mysql(), mysql_affected_rows(), mysql_data_seek(), mysql_dbname(), mysql_fetch_array(), mysql_fetch_field(), mysql_fetch_object(), mysql_fetch_row(), mysql_fieldname(), mysql_field_seek(), mysql_fieldtable(), mysql_fieldtype(), mysql_fieldflags(), mysql_fieldlen(), mysql_num_fields(), mysql_num_rows(), mysql_numfields(), mysql_numrows(), mysql_result()	mysql_free_result(), mysql_free_result()	mSQL result
mssql link	mssql_connect()	mssql_query(), mssql_select_db()	mssql_close()	Link to Microsoft SQL Server database
mssql link persistent	mssql_pconnect()	mssql_query(), mssql_select_db()	None	Persistent link to Microsoft SQL Server

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
mssql result	mssql_query()	mssql_data_seek(), mssql_fetch_array(), mssql_fetch_field(), mssql_fetch_object(), mssql_fetch_row(), mssql_field_length(), mssql_field_name(), mssql_field_seek(), mssql_field_type(), mssql_num_fields(), mssql_num_rows(), mssql_result()	mssql_free_result()	Microsoft SQL Server result
mysql link	mysql_connect()	mysql_affected_rows(), mysql_change_user(), mysql_create_db(), mysql_data_seek(), mysql_db_name(), mysql_db_query(), mysql_drop_db(), mysql_errno(), mysql_error(), mysql_insert_id(), mysql_list_dbs(), mysql_list_fields(), mysql_list_tables(), mysql_query(), mysql_result(), mysql_select_db(), mysql_tablename(), mysql_get_host_info(), mysql_get_proto_info(), mysql_get_server_info()	mysql_close()	Link to MySQL database

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
mysql link persistent	mysql_pconnect()	mysql_affected_rows(), mysql_change_user(), mysql_create_db(), mysql_data_seek(), mysql_db_name(), mysql_db_query(), mysql_drop_db(), mysql_errno(), mysql_error(), mysql_insert_id(), mysql_list_dbs(), mysql_list_fields(), mysql_list_tables(), mysql_query(), mysql_result(), mysql_select_db(), mysql_tablename(), mysql_get_host_info(), mysql_get_proto_info(), mysql_get_server_info()	None	Persistent link to MySQL database
mysql result	mysql_db_query(), mysql_list_dbs(), mysql_list_fields(), mysql_list_tables(), mysql_query()	mysql_data_seek(), mysql_db_name(), mysql_fetch_array(), mysql_fetch_assoc(), mysql_fetch_field(), mysql_fetch_lengths(), mysql_fetch_object(), mysql_fetch_row(), mysql_fetch_row(), mysql_field_flags(), mysql_field_name(), mysql_field_len(), mysql_field_seek(), mysql_field_table(), mysql_field_type(), mysql_num_fields(), mysql_num_rows(), mysql_result(), mysql_tablename()	mysql_free_result()	MySQL result
oci8 collection				

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
oci8 connection	ocilogon(), ociplogon(), ocinlogon()	ocicommit(), ociserverversion(), ocinewcursor(), ociparse(), ocierror()	ocilogoff()	Link to Oracle database
oci8 descriptor				
oci8 server				
oci8 session				
oci8 statement	ocinewdescriptor()	ocirollback(), ocinewdescriptor(), ocirowcount(), ocidefinebyname(), ocibindbyname(), ociexecute(), ocinumcols(), ocireresult(), ocifetch(), ocifetchinto(), ocifetchstatement(), ocicolumnisnull(), ocicolumnname(), ocicolumnsize(), ocicolumnntype(), ocistatementntype(), ocierror()	ocifreestatement()	Oracle Cursor

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
odbc link	odbc_connect()	odbc_autocommit(), odbc_commit(), odbc_error(), odbc_errormsg(), odbc_exec(), odbc_tables(), odbc_tableprivileges(), odbc_do(), odbc_prepare(), odbc_columns(), odbc_columnprivileges(), odbc_procedurecolumns(), odbc_specialcolumns(), odbc_rollback(), odbc_setoption(), odbc_gettypeinfo(), odbc_primarykeys(), odbc_foreignkeys(), odbc_procedures(), odbc_statistics()	odbc_close()	Link to ODBC database
odbc link persistent	odbc_connect()	odbc_autocommit(), odbc_commit(), odbc_error(), odbc_errormsg(), odbc_exec(), odbc_tables(), odbc_tableprivileges(), odbc_do(), odbc_prepare(), odbc_columns(), odbc_columnprivileges(), odbc_procedurecolumns(), odbc_specialcolumns(), odbc_rollback(), odbc_setoption(), odbc_gettypeinfo(), odbc_primarykeys(), odbc_foreignkeys(), odbc_procedures(), odbc_statistics()	None	Persistent link to ODBC database

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
odbc result	odbc_prepare()	odbc_binmode(), odbc_cursor(), odbc_execute(), odbc_fetch_into(), odbc_fetch_row(), odbc_field_name(), odbc_field_num(), odbc_field_type(), odbc_field_len(), odbc_field_precision(), odbc_field_scale(), odbc_longreadlen(), odbc_num_fields(), odbc_num_rows(), odbc_result(), odbc_result_all(), odbc_setoption()	odbc_free_result()	ODBC result
velocis link				
velocis result				
OpenSSL key	openssl_get_privatekey(), openssl_get_publickey()	openssl_sign(), openssl_seal(), openssl_open(), openssl_verify()	openssl_free_key()	OpenSSL key
OpenSSL X.509	openssl_x509_read()	openssl_x509_parse(), openssl_x509_checkpurpose()	openssl_x509_free()	Public Key
oracle Cursor	ora_open()	ora_bind(), ora_columnname(), ora_columnsize(), ora_columntype(), ora_error(), ora_errorcode(), ora_exec(), ora_fetch(), ora_fetch_into(), ora_getcolumn(), ora_numcols(), ora_numrows(), ora_parse()	ora_close()	Oracle cursor

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
oracle link	ora_logon()	ora_do(), ora_error(), ora_errorcode(), ora_rollback(), ora_commitoff(), ora_commiton(), ora_open(), ora_commit()	ora_logoff()	Link to oracle database
oracle link persistent	ora_plogon()	ora_do(), ora_error(), ora_errorcode(), ora_rollback(), ora_commitoff(), ora_commiton(), ora_open(), ora_commit()	None	Persistent link to oracle database

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
pdf document	pdf_new()	pdf_add_bookmark(), pdf_add_launchlink(), pdf_add_locallink(), pdf_add_note(), pdf_add_pdflink(), pdf_add_weblink(), pdf_arc(), pdf_attach_file(), pdf_begin_page(), pdf_circle(), pdf_clip(), pdf_closepath(), pdf_closepath_fill_stroke(), pdf_closepath_stroke(), pdf_concat(), pdf_continue_text(), pdf_curveto(), pdf_end_page(), pdf_endpath(), pdf_fill(), pdf_fill_stroke(), pdf_findfont(), pdf_get_buffer(), pdf_get_image_height(), pdf_get_image_width(), pdf_get_parameter(), pdf_get_value(), pdf_lineto(), pdf_moveto(), pdf_open_ccitt(), pdf_open_file(), pdf_open_image_file(), pdf_place_image(), pdf_rect(), pdf_restore(), pdf_rotate(), pdf_save(), pdf_scale(), pdf_setdash(), pdf_setflat(), pdf_setfont(), pdf_setgray(), pdf_setgray_fill(), pdf_setgray_stroke(), pdf_setlinecap(), pdf_setlinejoin(), pdf_setlinewidth(), pdf_setmiterlimit(), pdf_setpolydash(), pdf_setrgbcolor(), pdf_setrgbcolor_fill(), pdf_setrgbcolor_stroke(),	pdf_close(), pdf_delete()	PDF document

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
pdf image	pdf_open_image(), pdf_open_image_file(), pdf_open_memory_image()	pdf_get_image_height(), pdf_get_image_width(), pdf_open_CCITT(), pdf_place_image()	pdf_close_image()	Image in PDF file
pdf object				
pdf outline				
pgsql large object	pg_getlastoid(), pg_loimport(), pg_loimport()	pg_loopen(), pg_getlastoid(), pg_locreate(), pg_loexport(), pg_loread(), pg_loreadall(), pg_lounlink(), pg_lowrite()	pg_loclose()	PostgreSQL Large Object
pgsql link	pg_connect()	pg_cmdtuples(), pg_dbname(), pg_end_copy(), pg_errormessage(), pg_host(), pg_locreate(), pg_loexport(), pg_loimport(), pg_loopen(), pg_lounlink(), pg_options(), pg_port(), pg_put_line(), pg_set_client_encoding(), pg_client_encoding(), pg_trace(), pg_untrace(), pg_tty()	pg_close()	Link to PostgreSQL database

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
pgsql link persistent	pg_pconnect()	pg_cmdtuples(), pg_dbname(), pg_end_copy(), pg_errormessage(), pg_host(), pg_locreate(), pg_loexport(), pg_loimport(), pg_loopen(), pg_lounlink(), pg_options(), pg_port(), pg_put_line(), pg_set_client_encoding(), pg_client_encoding(), pg_trace(), pg_untrace(), pg_tty()	None	Persistent link to PostgreSQL database
pgsql result	pg_exec()	pg_fetch_array(), pg_fetch_object(), pg_fieldisnull(), pg_fetch_row(), pg_fieldname(), pg_fieldnum(), pg_fieldprtlen(), pg_fieldsize(), pg_fieldtype(), pg_getlastoid(), pg_numfields(), pg_result(), pg_numrows()	pg_freeresult()	PostgreSQL result
pgsql string				
printer				
printer brush				
printer font				
printer pen				

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
pspell	pspell_new(), pspell_new_config(), pspell_new_personal()	pspell_add_to_personal(), pspell_add_to_session(), pspell_check(), pspell_clear_session(), pspell_config_ignore(), pspell_config_mode(), pspell_config_personal(), pspell_config_repl(), pspell_config_runtogether(), pspell_config_save_repl(), pspell_save_wordlist(), pspell_store_replacement(), pspell_suggest()	None	pspell dictionary
pspell config	pspell_config_create()	pspell_new_config()	None	pspell configuration
Sablotron XSLT	xslt_create()	xslt_closelog(), xslt_openlog(), xslt_run(), xslt_set_sax_handler(), xslt_errno(), xslt_error(), xslt_fetch_result(), xslt_free()	xslt_free()	XSLT parser
shmop	shmop_open()	shmop_read(), shmop_write(), shmop_size(), shmop_delete()	shmop_close()	
sockets file descriptor set	socket()	accept_connect(), bind(), connect(), listen(), read(), write()	close()	Socket
sockets i/o vector				
dir	dir()	readdir(), rewinddir()	closedir()	Dir handle

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
file	fopen()	feof(), fflush(), fgetc(), fgetcsv(), fgets(), fgetss(), flock(), fpassthru(), fputs(), fwrite(), fread(), fseek(), ftell(), fstat(), ftruncate(), set_file_buffer(), rewind()	fclose()	File handle
pipe	popen()	feof(), fflush(), fgetc(), fgetcsv(), fgets(), fgetss(), fpassthru(), fputs(), fwrite(), fread()	pclose()	Process handle
socket	fsockopen()	fflush(), fgetc(), fgetcsv(), fgets(), fgetss(), fpassthru(), fputs(), fwrite(), fread()	fclose()	Socket handle
stream				
sybase-db link	sybase_connect()	sybase_query(), sybase_select_db()	sybase_close()	Link to Sybase database using DB library
sybase-db link persistent	sybase_pconnect()	sybase_query(), sybase_select_db()	None	Persistent link to Sybase database using DB library
sybase-db result	sybase_query()	sybase_data_seek(), sybase_fetch_array(), sybase_fetch_field(), sybase_fetch_object(), sybase_fetch_row(), sybase_field_seek(), sybase_num_fields(), sybase_num_rows(), sybase_result()	sybase_free_result()	Sybase result using DB library
sybase-ct link	sybase_connect()	sybase_affected_rows(), sybase_query(), sybase_select_db()	sybase_close()	Link to Sybase database using CT library

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
sybase-ct link persistent	sybase_pconnect()	sybase_affected_rows(), sybase_query(), sybase_select_db()	None	Persistent link to Sybase database using CT library
sybase-ct result	sybase_query()	sybase_data_seek(), sybase_fetch_array(), sybase_fetch_field(), sybase_fetch_object(), sybase_fetch_row(), sybase_field_seek(), sybase_num_fields(), sybase_num_rows(), sybase_result()	sybase_free_result()	Sybase result using CT library
sysvsem	sem_get()	sem_acquire()	sem_release()	System V Semaphore
sysvshm	shm_attach()	shm_remove(), shm_put_var(), shm_get_var(), shm_remove_var()	shm_detach()	System V Shared Memory
wddx	wddx_packet_start()	wddx_add_vars()	wddx_packet_end()	WDDX packet
xml	xml_parser_create()	xml_set_object(), xml_set_element_handler(), xml_set_character_data_handler(), xml_set_processing_instruction_handler(), xml_set_default_handler(), xml_set_unparsed_entity_decl_handler(), xml_set_notation_decl_handler(), xml_set_external_entity_ref_handler(), xml_parse(), xml_get_error_code(), xml_error_string(), xml_get_current_line_number(), xml_get_current_column_number(), xml_get_current_byte_index(), xml_parse_into_struct(), xml_parser_set_option(), xml_parser_get_option()	xml_parser_free()	XML parser

Resource Type Name	Created By	Used By	Destroyed By	Definition
zlib	gzopen()	gzeof(), gzgetc(), gzgets(), gzgetss(), gzpassthru(), gzputs(), gzread(), gzrewind(), gzseek(), gztell(), gzwrite()	gzclose()	gz-compressed file

Appendix G. Aliases list

Here is the aliases list. All aliases are listed here. It is usually a bad idea to use aliases, as they may be bound to obsolescence or renaming, which will lead to unportable script. This list is provided to help those who want to upgrade their old scripts to newer syntax.

However, some functions simply have two names, and there is no real preference. (For example, `is_int()` and `is_integer()` are equally good)

This list is consistent with PHP 4.0.6.

Table G-1. Aliases

Alias	Master function	Extension used
add	<code>swfmovie_add()</code>	Ming (flash)
add	<code>swfsprite_add()</code>	Ming (flash)
add_root	<code>domxml_add_root()</code>	DOM XML
addaction	<code>swfbutton_addAction()</code>	Ming (flash)
addcolor	<code>swfdisplayitem_addColor()</code>	Ming (flash)
addentry	<code>swfgradient_addEntry()</code>	Ming (flash)
addfill	<code>swfshape_addfill()</code>	Ming (flash)
addshape	<code>swfbutton_addShape()</code>	Ming (flash)
addstring	<code>swftext_addString()</code>	Ming (flash)
addstring	<code>swftextfield_addString()</code>	Ming (flash)
align	<code>swftextfield_align()</code>	Ming (flash)
attributes	<code>domxml_attributes()</code>	DOM XML
children	<code>domxml_children()</code>	DOM XML
chop	<code>rtrim()</code>	Base syntax
close	<code>closedir()</code>	Base syntax
com_get	<code>com_propget()</code>	COM
com_propset	<code>com_propput()</code>	COM
com_set	<code>com_propput()</code>	COM
cv_add	<code>ccvs_add()</code>	CCVS
cv_auth	<code>ccvs_auth()</code>	CCVS
cv_command	<code>ccvs_command()</code>	CCVS
cv_count	<code>ccvs_count()</code>	CCVS
cv_delete	<code>ccvs_delete()</code>	CCVS
cv_done	<code>ccvs_done()</code>	CCVS
cv_init	<code>ccvs_init()</code>	CCVS
cv_lookup	<code>ccvs_lookup()</code>	CCVS
cv_new	<code>ccvs_new()</code>	CCVS
cv_report	<code>ccvs_report()</code>	CCVS
cv_return	<code>ccvs_return()</code>	CCVS
cv_reverse	<code>ccvs_reverse()</code>	CCVS

Alias	Master function	Extension used
cv_sale	ccvs_sale()	CCVS
cv_status	ccvs_status()	CCVS
cv_textvalue	ccvs_textvalue()	CCVS
cv_void	ccvs_void()	CCVS
die	exit()	Miscellaneous functions
dir	getdir()	Base syntax
diskfreespace	disk_free_space()	Filesystem
domxml_getattr	domxml_get_attribute()	DOM XML
domxml_setattr	domxml_set_attribute()	DOM XML
doubleval	floatval()	Base syntax
drawarc	swfshape_drawarc()	Ming (flash)
drawcircle	swfshape_drawcircle()	Ming (flash)
drawcubic	swfshape_drawcubic()	Ming (flash)
drawcubicto	swfshape_drawcubicto()	Ming (flash)
drawcurve	swfshape_drawcurve()	Ming (flash)
drawcurveto	swfshape_drawcurveto()	Ming (flash)
drawglyph	swfshape_drawglyph()	Ming (flash)
drawline	swfshape_drawline()	Ming (flash)
drawlineto	swfshape_drawlineto()	Ming (flash)
dtd	domxml_intdtd()	DOM XML
dumpmem	domxml_dumpmem()	DOM XML
fbsql	fbsql_db_query()	FrontBase
fputs	fwrite()	Base syntax
get_attribute	domxml_get_attribute()	DOM XML
getascent	swffont_getAscent()	Ming (flash)
getascent	swftext_getAscent()	Ming (flash)
getattr	domxml_get_attribute()	DOM XML
getdescent	swffont_getDescent()	Ming (flash)
getdescent	swftext_getDescent()	Ming (flash)
getheight	swfbitmap_getHeight()	Ming (flash)
getleading	swffont_getLeading()	Ming (flash)
getleading	swftext_getLeading()	Ming (flash)
getshape1	swfmorph_getShape1()	Ming (flash)
getshape2	swfmorph_getShape2()	Ming (flash)
getwidth	swfbitmap_getWidth()	Ming (flash)
getwidth	swffont_getWidth()	Ming (flash)
getwidth	swftext_getWidth()	Ming (flash)
gzputs	gzwrite()	Zlib

Alias	Master function	Extension used
i18n_convert	mb_convert_encoding()	Multi-bytes Strings
i18n_discover_encoding	mb_detect_encoding()	Multi-bytes Strings
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Appendix H. Using PHP from the command line

The command line options of the PHP executable are useful if you would like to debug or test your PHP setup, but they can also be handy, if you would like to use PHP for a different purpose than web scripting.

Note, that you can always direct the output of the PHP executable to an external file with the `>` character, so `php -q test.php > test.html` will print out the output of `test.php` without HTTP headers to the `test.html` file in the same directory.

You can only use these command line options if you have the PHP executable. If you built the server module version, and you have no CGI version available on your machine, than you have no chance to use these options. For Windows users both the PHP executable and the server modules are in the binary package, the executable is named `php.exe`.

This list of command line options is consistent with PHP 4.0.6. You can get the actual list and some one line descriptions with the `-h` option. The output of `php -h` should be something like this:

```
Usage: php [-q] [-h] [-s [-v] [-i] [-f <file>] | {<file> [args...]}
  -q          Quiet-mode.  Suppress HTTP Header output.
  -s          Display colour syntax highlighted source.
  -f <file>   Parse <file>.  Implies '-q'
  -v          Version number
  -C          Do not chdir to the script's directory
  -c <path>   Look for php.ini file in this directory
  -d foo[=bar] Define INI entry foo with value 'bar'
  -e          Generate extended information for debugger/profiler
  -z <file>   Load Zend extension <file>.
  -l          Syntax check only (lint)
  -m          Show compiled in modules
  -i          PHP information
  -h          This help
```

Here we list some of the most important command line options with detailed explanations.

Table H-1. Command line options

Option	Description
<code>-q</code>	Suppress HTTP headers output. Normally PHP prints out HTTP headers for the calling program (ie. webserver) to hand on to the browser. When writing command line applications these headers are useless.
<code>-s</code>	Display the color highlighted source of the file given with its name. This is the same as if you were printing out the source using the <code>highlight_file()</code> function in a PHP script.
<code>-v</code>	By calling PHP with this option, you can ask it to print out its version number, ie: 4.0.6.

Option	Description
-C	Normally PHP changes the working directory to the running scripts directory. This makes it possible for example, to open files in the same directory, with only specifying the name of the file. If you would like to disable this directory change, use this option.
-c	Using this option, you can specify an alternative <code>php.ini</code> path, so PHP will search your configurations file in this path instead of the default one.
-d	With this option, you can set individual <code>php.ini</code> settings in the time of running a script.
-m	Using this option, PHP prints out the built in (and loaded) PHP and Zend modules, the PHP and Zend version numbers, and a short Zend copyright notice.
-i	This command line option calls <code>phpinfo()</code> , and prints out the results. If PHP is not working well, it is advisable to make a <code>php -i</code> and see if any error messages are printed out before or in place of the information tables.
-h	With this option, you can get information about the actual list of command line options and some one line descriptions about what they do.

The PHP executable can be used to run PHP scripts absolutely independent from the web server. If you are on a Unix system, you should add a special first line to your PHP script, and make it executable, so the system will know, what program should run the script. On a Windows platform you can associate `php.exe` -q with the double click option of the `.php` files, or you can make a batch file to run the script through PHP. The first line added to the script to work on Unix won't hurt on Windows, so you can write cross platform programs this way. A simple example of writing a command line PHP program can be found below.

Example H-1. Script intended to be run from command line (script.php)

```
#!/usr/bin/php -q
<?php

if ($argc != 2 || in_array($argv[1], array('--help', '-help', '-h', '-?'))) {
?>
```

This is a command line PHP script with one option.

Usage:

```

<?php echo $argv[0]; ?> <option>

<option> can be some word you would like
to print out. With the --help, -help, -h,
or -? options, you can get this help.

<?php
} else {
    echo $argv[1];
}
?>

```

In the script above, we used the special first line to indicate, that this file should be run by PHP and should not print out HTTP headers. There are two variables you can use while writing command line applications with PHP: `$argc` and `$argv`. The first is the number of arguments plus one (the name of the script running). The second is an array containing the arguments, starting with the script name as number zero (`$argv[0]`).

In the program above we checked if there are less or more than one arguments. Also if the argument was `--help`, `-help`, `-h` or `-?`, we printed out the help message, printing the script name dynamically. If we received some other argument we echoed that out.

If you would like to run the above script on Unix, you need to make it executable, and simply call it as `script.php echothis` or `script.php -h`. On Windows, you can make a batch file for this task:

Example H-2. Batch file to run a command line PHP script (script.bat)

```
@c:\php\php.exe -q script.php %1 %2 %3 %4
```

Assuming, you named the above program as `script.php`, and you have your `php.exe` in `c:\php\php.exe` this batch file will run it for you with your added options: `script.bat echothis` or `script.bat -h`.

Appendix I. More about this Manual

PHP Manual formats

We provide the PHP Manual in several formats. For first glance, these formats can be divided into two groups, online readable formats and downloadable packages.

You can read the Manual online at <http://www.php.net/> (<http://www.php.net/>) and on the several mirror sites. We advise you to choose one nearby mirror site, if you would like to use this form of our Manual, as you can get better speed. For the online Manual you can choose from two layouts, so you always have the ability to view the printer friendly version if you have a slow connection, or would like to print out one page. The main advantage of these online Manuals is that you can read the most actual manual along the user notes, and you don't need to set up any software, as you only need a web browser to see it. The major disadvantage is that you need to always be online, you can face with server availability problems, you can't do a full text search on the manual, and there is no full index of manual pages.

If you decide to download the PHP Manual, you can choose from many different formats we provide. What you choose depends on your operating system, and your personal reading style. If you are interested, how we can generate these various formats, read on the technical part of this appendix named How we generate the formats.

The HTML and text files may be the most crossplatform format, as there is a text viewer and/or a browser on all operating systems. We provide the HTML files in several compressed formats for the different operating systems. Using the all-on-one-page HTML or text version is not ideal for day to day work, although full text search is easy in such files. Note, that the compressed file with several HTML files contain more than 2000 files. You can search in these files using your OS search capabilities such as the global search dialog on Windows or grep on unix like systems. Since it is not very comfortable using these tools, avail yourself of the online search as often as needed.

PDF is also a popular cross platform format. This is the best for printing, although we do not recommend printing out the manual on the whole, as it can take so much resources. As the manual changes from day to day, think twice before you print out the whole manual. Viewing PDF, you have the full text search ability. Note, that you need Adobe Acrobat Reader (<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html>) to read the PDF files.

The PalmPilot DOC and iSilo formats are ideal if you travel a lot and would like to learn more from the manual while on road or in air. You can bring your Palm with you, with the DOC (<http://www.aportis.com/>) or iSilo (<http://www.isilo.com/>) reader installed respectively for the format you downloaded. This is not the best way to learn PHP, but can be handy to get answers quickly.

At last, but not least, we have a Windows HTML Help version of the PHP Manual. It is actually a spiced up HTML package. The biggest advantage of the Compiled HTML (also known as CHM) version is that the viewer provides full text search, search in search results, full index, and bookmarking. This format also kindly integrates with many popular PHP IDEs on Windows. The biggest disadvantage is that it is currently only available on Windows operating systems. You also need the MS Internet Explorer 4.0 or newer to access the CHM version, if you are on an older Windows system. A Visual Basic for Linux project is under the planning stage, which would include the development of a CHM Creator and Viewer for Linux. See their sourceforge page (<http://sourceforge.net/projects/vb4linux/>), if you are interested in the progress.

About user notes

User notes are an important part while reading the PHP Manual. Some user notes contain very valuable information. We basically set up the user note system, to let people add their own examples, warnings about functions, language elements, etc.

Note, that the user notes are not moderated before they appear on the PHP sites, so the quality of content cannot be guaranteed.

If you can't find a solution for your problem in the user notes, you may consider reading the section How to find more information about PHP.

How to find more information about PHP

This Manual is not intended to be a full programmers guide. If you are completely a beginner in programming, you might not get used to PHP by only reading the Manual. You may consider buying a book with deeper explanation on simple programming tasks. You can find a listing of books at <http://www.php.net/books.php>. We do not recommend you to buy a reprint of the PHP Manual, because these are commonly quite outdated. Consider that the PHP manual is changing from day to day.

If you think someone already faced the exact problem and you are struggling, you can ask your questions on one of our popular mailing lists. There are plenty of them grouped by subject. You may receive an answer for your question in minutes in the busiest hours. You can subscribe to one mailing list at <http://www.php.net/support.php>. You can also find IRC channels linked on this page in the left bar.

If you are not fan of mail discussions, you can also find many community sites listed on our links page at <http://www.php.net/links.php>.

How to help improve the documentation

Of course you can help to improve our documentation. There are basically two ways of doing this.

If you find any errors within this manual, in any language, please report them using the bug system at: <http://bugs.php.net/>. Classify the bug as "Documentation Problem". This way we can follow every bug and track the things done to eliminate them from the documentation. You can also submit format problems (eg. PHP Manual PDF displayed incorrectly). Please don't abuse the bug system by submitting requests for help, use the mailing lists or community sites mentioned above, instead.

By adding annotations to pages, you can provide more examples to readers than any single manual writer. Readers very much appreciate useable user comments. Do not submit bug reports using the annotation system please. Read more about annotations in the About user notes part.

How we generate the formats

This manual is written in XML using the DocBook XML DTD (<http://www.nwalsh.com/docbook/xml/>), using DSSSL (<http://www.jclark.com/dsssl/>) (Document Style and Semantics Specification Language)

for formatting, and experimentally the XSLT (<http://www.w3.org/TR/xslt>) (Extensible Stylesheet Language Transformations) for maintenance and formatting.

Using XML as a source format gives us the ability to generate many output formats from the source files, only maintaining one source document for all formats. The tools used for formatting HTML and TeX versions are Jade (<http://www.jclark.com/jade/>), written by James Clark (<http://www.jclark.com/bio.htm>) and The Modular DocBook Stylesheets (<http://nwalsh.com/docbook/dsssl/>) written by Norman Walsh (<http://nwalsh.com/>). We use Microsoft HTML Help Workshop (<http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/en-us/htmlhelp/html/vsconhh1start.asp>) to generate the Windows HTML Help format of the manual, and of course PHP itself to do some conversions, and formatting.

You can download the actual manual in various languages and formats, including plain text, plain HTML, PDF, PalmPilot DOC, PalmPilot iSilo and Windows HTML Help, from <http://www.php.net/docs.php>. The manuals are updated as the source XML files are changed.

You can find more information about downloading the XML source code of this documentation at <http://cvs.php.net/>. The documentation is stored in the phpdoc module.

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