

**connection to mysql database**

Connect to the database  
`$dbc = mysqli_connect(HOST, USER, PW, DB);`

Query the database  
`$result = mysqli_query($dbc, $query);`

Close the connection  
`mysqli_close($dbc);`

**PHP functions**

`isset()` test for variable exists

`empty()` test for empty variable

`mail($to, $subject, $msg, 'From: '. $email)` mail function

`mysqli_fetch_array($result)` fetch each row of a query (in \$result)

`header()` send a header from the server

`is_numeric()` test to see if a value is number

`exit()` causes script to stop immediately

`trim($string)` trims leading and trailing spaces

`mysqli_real_escape_string($string)` escapes special characters

`str_replace('a', 'b', $string)` replace a with b in a string

`explode(',', $string)` make string into array

`implode(", ", $string)` make array into string

`substr ($string, start, len)` grabs a substring

`preg_match('regex', $string)` matches regular expressions

`preg_replace('regex', $replace, $string)` replaces characters in a string by regex

**IF syntax**

```
if (condition) {
... }
elseif (condition) {
... }
else {
... }
```

**Loops**

`FOR loop` `for (initialize; condition; update) { ... }`

`WHILE loop` `while (condition) { ... }`

`FOREACH loop` `foreach ($array as $value) { ... }`

`DO WHILE` `do { ... } while (condition)`

`FOR` (loop until a condition is met)

`WHILE` (loop through query results)

`FOREACH` (loop through an array)

**CONTINUE**

```
for ($i = 0; $i < 5; ++$i) {
if ($i == 2)
continue;
print "$i , ";
}
```

produces the following output:

0 , 1 , 3 , 4

**SWITCH syntax**

```
SWITCH ($s) {
case 1:
...
break;
case 2:
...
break;
default:
...
}
```

can be used with numbers, or strings

**Regular Expressions**

<code>^</code>	start of string
<code>\d</code>	number from 0 to 9
<code>\s</code>	whitespace
<code>.</code>	any letter or digit or whitespace
<code>\w</code>	any alphanumeric [0-9A-Za-z]
<code>\$</code>	end of string
<code>( )</code>	group
<code>[ ]</code>	character class
<code>{x} {x.} {x,y}</code>	x of   x or more of   x to y of
<code> </code>	or
<code>*</code>	none or more
<code>?</code>	none or one
<code>+</code>	one or more
<code>\</code>	escape

**Arrays**

Create	<code>\$myArray = array();</code>
Push into	<code>\$myArray[] = "Something";</code>
Push to associative	<code>\$myArray["key"] = "Value";</code>
Create numeric	<code>\$myArray = array('value1', 'value2');</code>
Create associative	<code>\$a = array('key'=&gt;'val');</code>
Print from numeric	<code>echo \$myArray[0];</code>
Print from associative	<code>echo \$myArray["key"];</code>
Associative arrays	Keys are strings
Numeric arrays	Keys are numbers: 0,1,2,3,4

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