

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 foreach (\$array as \$value) { loop ... }

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

^ start of string

\d number from 0 to 9

\s whitespace

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any letter or digit or whitespace

\w any alphanumeric [0-9A-Za-z]

\$ end of string

() group

[] character class

{x} {x,}

x of | x or more of | x to y of {x,y}

| or

* none or more

? none or one

+ one or more

\ escape

Arrays

Create \$myArray = array();

Push into \$myArray[] = "Something";

Push to associative \$myArray["key"] = "Value";

Create numeric \$myArray = array('value', 'value2');

Create associative \$a = array('key'=>'val');

Print from numeric echo \$myArray[0];

Print from associative echo \$myArray['key'];

Associative arrays Keys are strings

Numeric arrays Keys are numbers: 0,1,2,3,4

