

PHP session

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PHP session is used to store data on server side instead of client side. Sessions are better than cookies because sessions store data on the server side and cookies store data on the computer browser. Anyone can get cookies data from the browser. So security data should not be stored by cookies.

PHP session function :

1. `session_start()` - It is used to start a new session.
2. `session_destroy()` - It is used to destroy all session variables completely.
3. `session_id()` - It generates a current new unique session ID.

PHP `$_SESSION` Variable :

`$_SESSION` is a session variable which is used to assign and retrieve a value.

Look at the below example where username and email ID are stored by session variable.

```
<?php
session_start();
$_SESSION['username']="Robert";
$_SESSION['email']="Robert*****@yah**o.com";
```

```
?>
```

Now you can get the above values as per as below.

```
<?
```

```
session_start();

echo "<br>User Name:".$_SESSION['username'];
```

```
echo "<br>Email:".$_SESSION['email'];
session_destroy();
```

```
?>
```

Output :

```
User Name:Robert
Email:Robert*****@yah**o.com
```

Output :

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