

# Most PHP Interview Questions asked by company

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PHP (Hypertext Preprocessor) is a widely used server-side scripting language for web development. During PHP interviews, candidates may be asked a variety of questions to assess their knowledge and skills. Here's a list of common PHP interview questions that are often asked by companies

## 1. What is PHP, and what does the acronym stand for?

- PHP is a server-side scripting language commonly used for web development. It originally stood for "Personal Home Page" but now stands for "Hypertext Preprocessor."

## 2. How does PHP differ from client-side languages like JavaScript?

- PHP is a server-side language, meaning it runs on the server and processes the code before sending the result to the client. JavaScript, on the other hand, is a client-side language that runs in the user's browser.

## 3. What are the differences between GET and POST methods in PHP?

- GET sends data through the URL, and data is visible in the URL. POST sends data through HTTP headers, and data is not visible in the URL.

## 4. Explain the difference between include and require in PHP.

- Both include and require are used to include files, but require will produce a fatal error if the file is not found, while include will only produce a warning.

## 5. What is the purpose of the 'echo' and 'print' statements in PHP?

- Both are used to output data to the screen. The main difference is that echo can take multiple parameters, while print can only take one, and print always returns 1.

## 6. What is the difference between '==' and '===' operators in PHP?

- '==' checks for equality, while '===' checks for both equality and type, making it a stricter comparison.

## 7. Explain what a session is in PHP.

- A session is a way to store information (in variables) to be used across multiple pages.

## 8. What is the purpose of the 'mysqli' and 'PDO' in PHP?

- Both are used to connect to databases. 'mysqli' is specific to MySQL databases, while 'PDO' is a database access layer providing a uniform method of access to multiple databases.

## 9. How does error handling work in PHP?

- PHP has several error-handling functions and settings, including `error_reporting`, `ini_set`, and try-catch blocks for exceptions.

**10. Can you explain the difference between cookies and sessions in PHP?** - Cookies store information on the client side, while sessions store information on the server side. Sessions are more secure for sensitive data.

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