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Using `isSet()` to Test If a Variable Is `Set_GET`, a Superglobal Array; Including Page Views Dynamically; Concatenation; Strict Naming Convention; Displaying a Default Page; Validating Your HTML; Styling the Site with CSS; Declaring a `Page_Data` Class; Classes Make Objects; Highlighting Current Navigation Item with a Dynamic Style Rule; Taking a Closer Look at the Dynamic CSS; Summary; Chapter 3: Form Management; What Are Forms?; Setting Up a New PHP Project; Seeing for Yourself; Creating a Dynamic Navigation; Creating Page Views for the Form; Displaying Page Views on `index.php` Spending Your Time Wisely: Conventions and ReuseA Super-Simple Search Form; Trying Your Search Form; Forms Encode URL Variables; A `Name` Attribute Declares the Name of a URL Variable; The `Element` and Some Common Types; Understanding the `Method` Attribute; Named PHP Functions; The Basic Syntax for Functions; Using Function Arguments for Increased Flexibility; Creating a Form for the Quiz; Showing the Quiz Form; Using `and` ; The `POST` Method; Using the `_POST` Superglobal; `_POST` Is an Array; If and Else Explained; Evaluating the Quiz Response The Identical Comparison OperatorCurly's Law: Do One Thing; Meaningful Names; Code Is Poetry; Styling Forms; Exercises; Summary; Chapter 4: Building a Dynamic Image Gallery with Image Upload; Setting Up a Dynamic Site; Prerequisites: A Folder with Some Images; Creating a Navigation; Creating Two Dummy Page View Files; Creating the Index File; Time to Test; Adding Two Style Sheets to One Page; Staying DRY; Improving the `Page_Data` Class with a Method; Is It a Function or a Method?; What Is this?; Using the New Method; You Can Only Use Methods That Are Declared Preparing a Function for Displaying Images

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PHP is a server-side scripting language that enables you to develop dynamic sites that engage users in ways that are simply not possible using only HTML and CSS. *PHP for Absolute Beginners* takes a practical approach to teaching you how to build dynamic content for your website using PHP. You'll quickly get started with practical PHP projects, learning how to build a dynamic image gallery. By the end of the book you'll will have developed a personal blog complete with a password protected admin module. *PHP for Absolute Beginners* won't swamp you with every detail of the full PHP language up front – instead, you'll be introduced to a small, versatile subset of PHP and learn to use it creatively to develop dynamic web sites. In the process you will learn to use variables, control structures, functions, and objects to your advantage. You will learn how to plan and create databases and how to organize your PHP scripts beautifully. At the end of the book, you will be a confident PHP user, ready to take the next steps in creating great websites.

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