

**Unit-III**  
**Lecture-II**  
**Processing Arrays with Loops and Iterators**

One can iterate over an array using:

**1. For Loop:**

```
<?php
//define array
$cities = array('Hamirpur', 'Dharmshala', 'Shimla', 'Kinnaur', 'Chandigarh',
'Delhi');
// iterate over array
// print each value
for ($i=0; $i<count($cities); $i++)
{
echo $cities[$i] . "\r\n";
}
?>
```

In the above example, a for loop iterates over \$cities array, printing each value found. The loop runs as many times as there are elements in the array; this information is quickly ascertained by a call to the count () function.

**2. The foreach Loop:** With a foreach loop, each time the loop runs, the current array element is assigned to a temporary variable, which can then be processed in any way you please-printed, copied to another variable, used in calculation and so on.

Unlike a for loop, a foreach loop doesn't use a counter; it automatically knows where it is in the array, and it moves forward continuously until it reaches the end of the array, at which point it automatically halts.

```
<?php
//define array
```

```

$cities = array('Hamirpur', 'Dharmshala', 'Shimla', 'Kinnaur', 'Chandigarh',
'Delhi');

//iterate over array

// print each value
foreach($cities as $c) {

\echo "$c \r\n";

}

?>

```

**3. The Array Iterator:** The third way is to use an ArrayIterator which was introduced in PHP5.0, which provides a ready-made, extensible tool to loop over array elements.

```

<?php

// define array

$cities = array(

"United Kingdom" => "London",

"United States" => "Washington",

"France" => "Paris",

"India" => "Delhi"

);

// create an ArrayIterator object

$iterator = new ArrayIterator($cities);

// rewind to beginning of array

$iterator->rewind();

// iterate over array

// print each value

while($iterator->valid()) {

print $iterator->current() . " is in " . $iterator->key() . ". \r\n";

```

```
$iterator->next();  
}  
?>
```

In the above example, an `ArrayIterator` object is initialized with an array variable, and the object's `rewind()` method is used to reset the internal array pointer to the first element of the array.

A while loop, which runs so long as a `valid()` element exists, can then be used to iterate over the array.

Individual array keys are retrieved with the `key()` method, and their corresponding values are retrieved with the `current()` method.

The `next()` method moves the internal array pointer forward to the next array element.

Project: Averaging the Grade of a class:

```
<html>  
<head>  
<title>Grade Averaging</title>  
</head>  
<body>  
<h2>Grade Averaging</h2>  
<?php  
// define array of grades  
// ranging between 1 and 100  
$grades = array(  
    25, 64, 23, 87, 56, 38, 78, 57, 98, 95,  
    81, 67, 75, 76, 74, 82, 36, 39,  
    54, 43, 49, 65, 69, 69, 78, 17, 91
```

```
);  
  
// get number of grades  
$count = count($grades);  
  
// iterate over grades  
// calculate total and top/bottom 20%  
$total = $top = $bottom = 0;  
foreach ($grades as $g) {  
    $total += $g;  
    if ($g <= 20) {  
        $bottom++;  
    }  
    if ($g >= 80) {  
        $top++;  
    }  
}  
  
// calculate average  
$avg = round($total / $count);  
  
// print statistics  
echo "Class average: $avg <br />";  
echo "Number of students in bottom 20%: $bottom <br />";  
echo "Number of students in top 20%: $top <br />";  
?>  
  
</body>  
</html>
```