

# PHP array\_rand() Function

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PHP array\_rand() Function returns one or more random key from an array. The array\_rand() is a built-in function of PHP.

## Syntax :

```
array_rand($array, $number);
```

## Parameter,

*\$array* : Required It is type of array parameter.

*\$number* : Optional. It specifies how many random keys to return.

Let's see below example to understand php array\_rand() Function in details.

**Return :** A array\_rand() Function returns one key randomly from an array if number parameter is not specified.

## Example :

```
<?php
echo "<br><br>It returns one random key from array animals.<br>";
$animals= array("a"=>"Dog", "b"=>"Cat", "c"=>"Cow", "d"=>"Fox", "e"=>"Lion");
$arr=array_rand($animals);
print_r($arr);

echo "<br><br>It returns two random keys from array animals.<br>";
$animals= array("a"=>"Dog", "b"=>"Cat", "c"=>"Cow", "d"=>"Fox", "e"=>"Lion");
$arr=array_rand($animals, 2);
print_r($arr);
?>
```