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Refresh / re-direct using PHP

We know how to use [Refresh Meta tags](#) in our <head></head> tags. But what if we needed to do the same thing only this time do it in PHP?

We can use PHP's header() function

We can **re-direct** or **refresh** our web pages by simply doing either of the following in our PHP scripts or codes:

Method I: using header ('location...')

You probably know this ol' favourite...

php:

```
<?php

// refresh / re-direct without delay
// -----
header( 'location:http://www.desilva.biz/webdsn/' );

?>
```

Method II: using header ('refresh...')

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php:

```
<?php

// refresh / redirect to an internal web page
// -----
header( 'refresh: 5; url=/webdsn/' );
echo '<h1>You will be re-directed in 5 seconds...</h1>';

// refresh / redirect to an internal web page
// -----
header( 'refresh: 3; url=/' ); # redirects to our homepage
echo '<h1>You will be re-directed in 3 seconds...</h1>';

// refresh / redirect to an external web page
// -----
header( 'refresh: 0; url=http://www.example.net' );
echo '<h1>You won\'t know what hit you!</h1>';
?>
```

You can of course use the `header()` function for other useful stuff as well. I definitely recommend reading up on the function at [PHP.NET](#) and this other [place](#).

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