
PHP 8.6: The Inside Scoop

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Overview

- Merged features
- Approved features
- Potential features
- Deprecations
- Questions

ReflectionProperty: Beyond Visibility

- PHP 7.4: properties can be typed (must be initialized before reading)
- PHP 8.1: properties can be readonly (cannot write multiple times)
- PHP 8.4: asymmetric visibility, property hooks
- PHP 8.5: clone with (readonly properties can be re-initialized)

“Is it safe to (read/write) a specific class property from a given scope” is no longer just a question of visibility

ReflectionProperty::isReadable()

From the RFC

- If the property is defined and readable from the passed scope
 - and has no hooks or is backed, return true
 - and is virtual return true only if the get hook is defined
- If a `__get` hook is defined
 - and a `__isset` hook is defined, return the result of `__isset`
 - and there is no `__isset` hook, return true
- If an object is provided, also confirm:
 - The property is initialized
 - The property has not been unset(). If it has, follow the same `__isset`/`__get` check as above

ReflectionProperty::isReadable() examples

```
<?php
#[AllowDynamicProperties]
class Demo {
    public $unHooked;
    public $backed { set => $value; }
    public $virtualNoGet { set {} }
    public $virtualWithGet { set {} get => true; }
    public $magic;
    public $noMagic;
    public bool $unInit;

    public function __construct() {
        unset($this->magic, $this->noMagic);
    }
    public function __isset(string $name): bool {
        return $name === 'magic';
    }
    public function __get(string $name) {}
}
```

Property	On object	Generally
\$unHooked		Readable
\$backed		Readable
\$virtualNoGet		Not readable
\$virtualWithGet		Readable
\$magic		Readable
\$noMagic	Not readable	Readable
\$unInit	Not readable	Readable
\$dynamic		Readable

ReflectionProperty::isWritable()

From the RFC

- If the property is defined and writable from the passed scope
 - and has no hooks or is backed, return true
 - and is virtual, return true only if the set hook is defined
- If a `__set` hook is defined, return true
- If an object is provided, also confirm at least one of:
 - the property is not readonly
 - the property is not yet initialized,
 - or is reinitializable (`__clone`)

ReflectionProperty::isWritable() examples

```
<?php
```

```
#[AllowDynamicProperties]
class Demo {
    public $unHooked;
    public $backed { set => $value; }
    public $virtualNoSet { get => true; }
    public $virtualWithSet { set {} get => true; }
    public public(set) readonly bool $unInit;
    public public(set) readonly bool $init;

    public function __construct() {
        $this->init = true;
    }
    public function __set(string $name, mixed $value) {
        $this->{$name} = $value;
    }
}
```

Property	On object	Generally
\$unHooked		Writable
\$backed		Writable
\$virtualNoSet		Not writable
\$virtualWithSet		Writable
\$unInit		Writable
\$init	Not writable	Writable
\$dynamic		Writable

ReflectionParameter::getDocComment()

Located anywhere up to the next comma; last comment controls

```
<?php
function demo(
    /** Comment1 */ $param1,
    /** Comment2-A */ $param2 /** Comment2-B */,
    $param3 /** Comment3 */,
    /** Comment4-A */
    /** Comment4-B */
    $param4
    /** Comment4-C */,
    $param5,
    /** Unused */
) {}

$ref = new ReflectionFunction('demo');
foreach ($ref->getParameters() as $param) {
    echo $param->name . ': ' . ($param->getDocComment() ? '(false)' . "\n";
}
}
```

SortDirection

```
<?php
```

```
enum SortDirection {  
    case Ascending;  
    case Descending;  
}
```

Clamp

```
<?php
```

```
function clamp(mixed $value, mixed $min, mixed $max) {  
    if (is_float($min) && is_nan($min)) {  
        throw new ValueError('Argument 2 ($min) must not be NaN');  
    } else if (is_float($max) && is_nan($max)) {  
        throw new ValueError('Argument 3 ($max) must not be NaN');  
    } else if ($min > $max) {  
        throw new ValueError(  
            'Argument 2 ($max) must be smaller than '  
            'or equal to argument #3 ($max)'  
        );  
    }  
    if ($value < $min) {  
        return $min;  
    } else if ($value > $max) {  
        return $max;  
    } else {  
        return $value;  
    }  
}
```

Other landed changes

- Updated session defaults ([RFC](#))
 - `session.use_strict_mode` (0 -> 1)
 - `session.cookie_httponly` (0 -> 1)
 - `session.cookie_samesite` (not set -> "Lax")
- `grapheme_strrev()` to reverse graphemes ([RFC](#))
- `mysqli_quote_string()` and `mysqli::quote_string()` for escaping ([RFC](#))

[Approved] Partial Function Application

- Placeholders with `?`
 - Or with `...` for multiple/variadic
 - But can provide some arguments (“partial”)
- Compile-time conversion to closures
- Nice integration with pipes
- Any callable*
- Expected to be in PHP 8.6
 - [php/php-src#20848](#)
 - Today: RFC regarding optional parameters passed ([RFC](#))

PFA examples

```
<?php
```

```
class BlogPostStore {
// ...
public function listBlogSlugs(): array {
    $entries = scandir( __DIR__ . '/posts/' );
    $files = array_filter(
        $entries,
        static fn ( string $path ) => str_ends_with( $path, '.md' )
    );
    $slugs = array_map(
        static fn ( string $title ) => substr( $title, 0, -3 ),
        $files
    );
    rsort( $slugs );
    return $slugs;
}
}
```

```
<?php
```

```
class BlogPostStore {
// ...
public function listBlogSlugs(): array {
    $slugs = scandir( __DIR__ . '/posts/' )
        |> array_filter( ?, str_ends_with( ?, '.md' ) )
        |> array_map( substr( ?, 0, -3 ), ? );

    rsort( $slugs );
    return $slugs;
}
}
```

[Approved] ext/uri follow ups - builders

```
<?php
namespace Uri\Rfc3986;
final class UriBuilder {
    public function __construct() {}
    public function reset(): static {}
    public function setScheme(?string $scheme): static {}
    public function setUserInfo(
        #[SensitiveParameter] ?string $userInfo
    ): static {}
    public function setHost(?string $host): static {}
    public function setPath(string $path): static {}
    public function setQuery(?string $query): static {}
    public function setFragment(?string $fragment): static {}
    public function build(?Uri $baseUrl = null): Uri {}
}
```

```
<?php
namespace Uri\WhatWg;
final class UriBuilder {
    public function __construct() {}
    public function reset(): static {}
    public function setScheme(?string $scheme): static {}
    public function setUsername(
        ?string $username): static {}
    public function setPassword(
        #[SensitiveParameter] ?string $password
    ): static {}
    public function setHost(?string $host): static {}
    public function setPath(string $path): static {}
    public function setQuery(?string $query): static {}
    public function setFragment(?string $fragment): static {}
    public function build(
        ?Uri $baseUrl = null, &$errors = null): Uri {}
}
```

[Approved] ext/uri follow ups - URI types

```
<?php
namespace Uri\Rfc3986;
enum UriType {
    case AbsolutePathReference;
    case RelativePathReference;
    case NetworkPathReference;
    case Uri;
}

final readonly class Uri {

    // ...

    public function getUriType(): UriType {}
}
```

```
<?php
namespace Uri\WhatWg;
final readonly class Uri {

    // ...

    public function isSpecialScheme(): bool {}
}
```

[Approved] ext/uri follow ups - host types

```
<?php
namespace Uri\Rfc3986;
enum UriHostType {
    case IPv4;
    case IPv6;
    case IpVFuture;
    case RegisteredName;
}

final readonly class Uri {

    // ...

    public function getHostType(): ?UriHostType {}
}
```

```
<?php
namespace Uri\WhatWg;
enum UriHostType {
    case IPv4;
    case IPv6;
    case Domain;
    case Opaque;
    case Empty;
}

final readonly class Uri {

    // ...

    public function getHostType(): ?UriHostType {}
}
```

[Approved] ext/uri follow ups - percent encoding

```
<?php
namespace Uri\Rfc3986;
enum UriPercentEncodingMode {
    case UserInfo;
    case RegisteredNameHost;
    case Path;
    case PathSegment;
    case Query;
    case FormQuery;
    case Fragment;
    case AllReservedCharacters;
    case AllButUnreservedCharacters;
}
function uri_percent_encode(
    string $input,
    UriPercentEncodingMode $mode
): string {}
```

```
<?php
namespace Uri\WhatWg;
enum UriPercentEncodingMode {
    case Username;
    case Password;
    case OpaqueHost;
    case Path;
    case OpaquePath;
    case PathSegment;
    case Query;
    case SpecialQuery;
    case FormQuery;
    case Fragment;
}
function url_percent_encode(
    string $input,
    UriPercentEncodingMode $mode
): string {}
```

[Under Discussion] Bound-Erased Generics

- Bound-erased: intended for enforcement by static analyzers
 - Compile-time bound compatibility checked
 - Covariant and contravariant options
 - Erased at runtime
- Currently done with documentation
 - But not standard, `@extends` vs `@template-extends`
- Visible via new Reflection classes/tools

Other discussions

- Magic method `__exists()` ([externals thread](#))
- Polling API for streams ([externals thread](#))
- Friendship ([externals thread](#))
- Pattern matching ([externals thread](#))
- Context managers ([externals thread](#))

Deprecated: mbregex support (--enable-mbstring)

- Oniguruma library is no longer maintained
 - `mb_ereg()`, `mb_ereg_*`()
 - `mb_eregi()`, `mb_eregi_replace()`
 - `mb_regex_encoding()`, `mb_regex_set_options()`
 - `mb_split()`
 - `MB_ONIGURUMA_VERSION`
 - `mbstring.regex_retry_limit`
 - `mbstring.regex_stack_limit`
- ``mb_onig/mb_onig`` extension available via PIE

Any requests?

- FILTER_THROW_ON_FAILURE requested on GitHub
 - I added this in 8.5 after [an RFC](#)
 - Previously hadn't worked on ext/filter ([my commits](#))
- Connecting attributes with their targets
 - Long-requested on GitHub and internals
 - Requested by Larry at Longhorn PHP
 - Currently under discussion ([RFC](#), [externals thread](#))
- Adding friendship
 - Discussed with Dave at Longhorn PHP and ConFoo
 - Currently under discussion ([RFC](#), [externals thread](#))
- Add any requests to [DanielEScherzer/website-content#86](#)

Thank You

— Questions? —

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