

Tutorial :

## Using Arabic Language in HTML, PHP & MySQL

### 1.1 Arabic Languages in Your HTML Document

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- Use lang attribute in the any tag that will contain Arabic content. If all your document is Arabic, use the lang attribute in the body tag:

```
<body lang="ar-sa">
```

ar-sa means Arabic (Saudi Arabia)

- Use dir attribute in the body tag or any tag that will contain Arabic text:

```
<body lang="ar-sa" dir="rtl">
```

rtl means Right-to-left direction

ltr means Left-to-Right direction

- Add the following HTTP Header at the head part:

```
<head>
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<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html;  
charset=windows-1256">
```

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</head>
```

### 1.2 Arabic in MySQL & PHP

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- Use the following statement in PHP before selecting, inserting or updating in your database (i.e. before using mysql\_query() function):

```
mysql_query("set names 'cp1256' ");
```

- If you don't use this before inserting or updating, you will store only question marks strings (??? ??).
- If you don't use this before selecting, you will display (???? ??) even if it was correct in the database.