

# Get elements in GET, POST, COOKIE, SERVER as variable

The **extract()** Function is an inbuilt function in **PHP**. The **extract()** function does array to variable conversion. That is it converts array keys into variable names and array values into variable value. In other words, we can say that the **extract()** function imports variables from an array to the symbol table.

You have to put below code on top of your PHP code, so you can access \$q directly instead of \$\_POST['q']

```
extract( $_POST );  
extract( $_GET );  
extract( $_COOKIE );
```

If you want to use server variable like **PHP\_SELF** directly, you will need add below on top of your PHP code.

```
extract( $_SERVER );
```