

# Filtering & Escaping

(yes, it's a mantra)



User Input

Tainted Data

**Validation**

- ctype\_alpha()
- ctype\_digit()
- ctype\_alnum()
- ctype\_lower()
- ctype\_upper()
- preg\_match()

Alphabetical  
Numerical  
Alphanumeric  
Lowercase  
Uppercase  
E-Mail Addresses  
Phone Numbers  
Credit Cards  
Zip Codes  
HTML  
Control Characters  
Slashes

**Filtering**

- strip\_tags()
- preg\_replace()
- str\_replace()
- stripslashes()
- urlencode()
- rawurlencode()

Application Output

Validated & Filtered Data

Yes, Databases are output too!

**Database**

- mysql\_real\_escape\_string()
- pg\_escape\_string()
- sqlite\_escape\_string()
- maxdb::real\_escape\_string()
- mysqli::real\_escape\_string()

Use Prepared Queries when you can!

**HTML & XML**

- htmlspecialchars()
- htmlspecialchars()

**URLs & HTTP**

- urlencode()
- rawurlencode()

**CLI & Commands**

- escapeshellcmd()
- escapeshellarg()

So are Shell Commands (i.e. calls to exec())