

introduction to **SCRIPTING, DATABASES, SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE**

PHP: input validation & regular expressions



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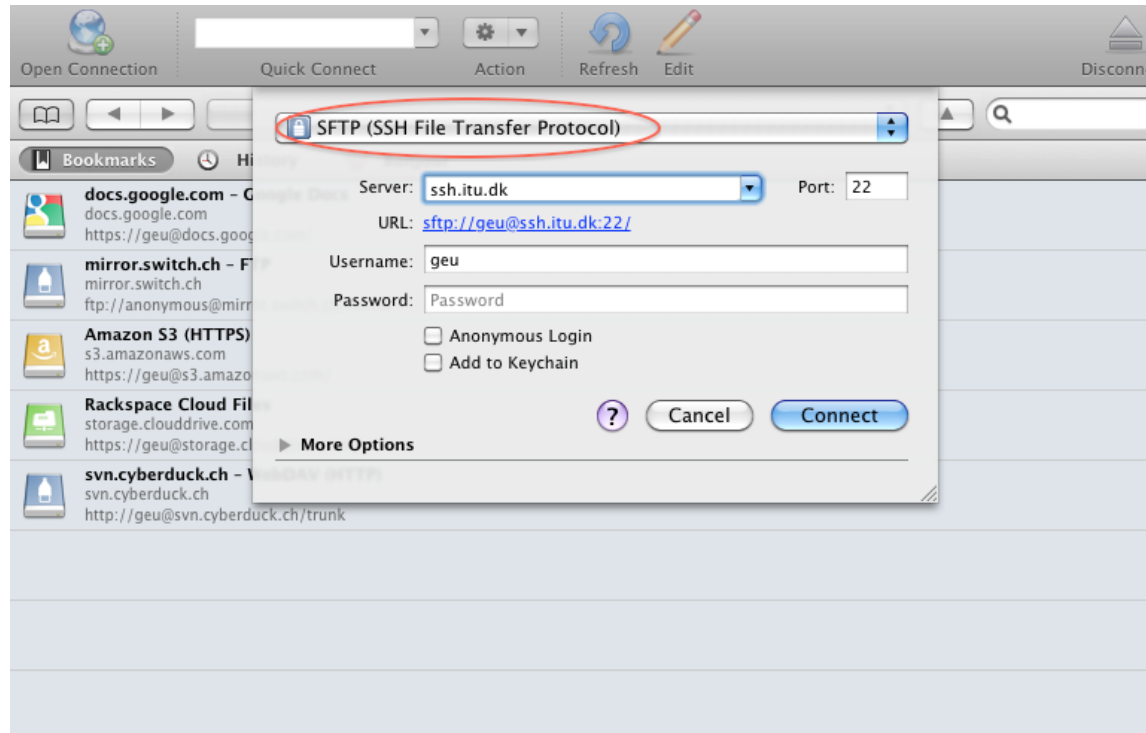
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Message from IT dept.

- Please use **SFTP** instead of **FTP**:



- ...it combines **SSH** (secure protocol) with **FTP** (File Transfer Protocol)

Agenda

- **1) RECAP** (arrays & assoc. arrays)
- **2) SINGLE PAGE PHP**
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- **5) REGULAR EXPRESSIONS** (regexps)

Array vs Associative Array

■ Array (maps an *index/number* to a value):

```
$things[0] = "Car" ;  
$things[1] = "Bike"  
$things[2] = "House" ;
```

```
for ( $i = 0 ; $i < sizeof($things) ; $i++ ) {  
    echo "<li> $things[$i] </li>" ;  
}
```

- Car
- Bike
- House

index	value
0	Car
1	Bike
2	House



■ Assoc. Array (maps a *name/text* to a value):

```
$capitals["Denmark"] = "Copenhagen" ;  
$capitals["England"] = "London" ;  
$capitals["France"] = "Paris" ;
```

```
foreach ( $capitals as $key => $value ) {  
    echo "<li> $value, $key </li>" ;  
}
```

key	value
Denmark	Copenhagen
England	London
France	Paris

- Copenhagen, Denmark
- London, England
- Paris, France

Alt. Syntax for Assoc. Arrays

■ Array (maps an *index/number* to a value):

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```

```
for ( $i = 0 ; $i < sizeof($things) ; $i++ ) {  
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}
```

- Car
- Bike
- House

index	value
0	Car
1	Bike
2	House



■ Assoc. Array (maps a *name/text* to a value):

```
$capitals = array("Denmark" => "Copenhagen",  
                  "England" => "London"  
                  "France" => "Paris") ;
```

```
foreach ( $capitals as $key => $value) {  
    echo "<li> $value, $key </li>" ;  
}
```

key	value
Denmark	Copenhagen
England	London
France	Paris

- Copenhagen, Denmark
- London, England
- Paris, France

'foreach' on (normal) Arrays

■ Array (maps an *index/number* to a value):

```
$things[0] = "Car" ;  
$things[1] = "Bike"  
$things[2] = "House" ;
```

- Thing number 0 is a Car
- Thing number 1 is a Bike
- Thing number 2 is a House

index	value
0	Car
1	Bike
2	House

```
foreach ( $things as $index => $value ) {  
    echo "<li>Thing number $index is a $value</li>" ;  
}
```

■ Assoc. Array (maps a *name/text* to a value):

```
$capitals = array("Denmark" => "Copenhagen",  
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```

```
foreach ( $capitals as $key => $value ) {  
    echo "<li> $value, $key </li>" ;  
}
```

key	value
Denmark	Copenhagen
England	London
France	Paris

- Copenhagen, Denmark
- London, England
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Let's send a bunch of emails

■ Example:

```
$emails = array("John Doe" => "john_doe@notmail.com",  
                "Jane Doe" => "jane_doe@notmail.com",  
                "Barack Obama" => "obama@whitehouse.gov",  
                "Helle Thorning" => "helle@folketinget.dk");  
  
foreach ( $emails as $key => $value ) {  
    $message = "Dear $key, I have a business opportunity ..." ;  
    $message = strtoupper($message) ;  
    mail($value, "Great Opportunity!", $message) ;  
}
```

key	value
John Doe	john_doe@notmail.com
Jane Doe	jane_doe@notmail.com
Barack Obama	obama@whitehouse.gov
Helle Thorning	helle@folketinget.dk

More Examples...

```
$unis = array("ITU" => "http://www.itu.dk/en/",
              "KU"  => "http://www.ku.dk/english/",
              "CBS" => "http://www.cbs.dk/en/",
              "AU"  => "http://www.au.dk/en/");

foreach ( $unis as $key => $value ) {
    echo "<li> <a href='$value'$key</a> </li>" ;
}
```

- [ITU](http://www.itu.dk/en/)
- [KU](http://www.ku.dk/english/)
- [CBS](http://www.cbs.dk/en/)
- [AU](http://www.au.dk/en/)

```
$menu = array("Home" => "index.php",
              "About us" => "about.php",
              "List of products" => "prod.php",
              "Contact us" => "contact.php");

foreach ( $menu as $key => $value ) {
    echo "<a href='$value'$key</a> <br/>" ;
}
```

[Home](#)
[About us](#)
[List of products](#)
[Contact us](#)

Array errors?

- Let's try to abuse the arrays to see what happens (and if we can get an error):

```
<?php
```

```
$a[10] = 42;          // set value at index 10
$size = sizeof($a) ;
echo "size is: ($size)." ;
echo "<p/>" ;
$value = $a[20] ; // read value at index 20 (which wasn't set)!
echo "value is: ($value)." ;
echo "<p/>" ;
var_dump($a) ;
```

```
?>
```

size is: (1).

value is: ().

array(1) { [10] => int(42) }

- Note: no errors!

- à la Assoc. Array: we associated **key 10** with **value 42**

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Form Submission (**GET**)

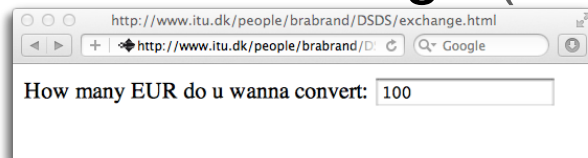
```
<html>
<body>
  <form action="exchange.php">
    How many EUR do u wanna convert:
    <input type="text" name="euro"/>
  </form>
</body>
</html>
```

exchange.html

```
<html>
<body>
  <?php
    $eur = $_REQUEST['euro'] ;
    $dkk = $eur * 7.5 ; // arith
    echo "You get $dkk kr." ; ?>
</body>
</html>
```

exchange.php

- Conventional usage (HTML → PHP):



euro=100



- Enter URL directly in browser:

```
http://www.itu.dk/people/brabrand/
DSDS/exchange.php?euro=100
```

euro=100



- Make direct link in HTML:

```
<a href=
"http://www.itu.dk/people/brabrand/
DSDS/exchange.php?euro=100">
click here</a>
```

euro=100

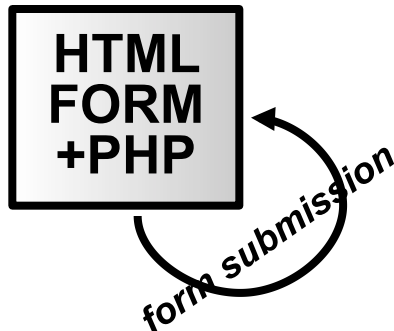


Single Page PHP

- So far, we have used two files:



- We can also use ***one single PHP*** file (the same file to ***display and handle*** form):



```
<html><body>
  <form action="">
    ...display HTML form...
  </form>
  <?php
    if ( ...form has been submitted... ) {
      ...process data and display result...
    }
  ?>
</body></html>
```

will submit to ***itself!***

Single Page PHP

HTML
FORM
+PHP

form submission

■ Single Page PHP (not: HTML → PHP):

```
<html><body>
  <form action="">
    <input type="text" name="euro" />
    <p />
    <input type="submit" value="Convert" />
  </form>
```

```
<?php
  if ( isset($_REQUEST['euro']) ) { // if form was submitted
    $eur = $_REQUEST['euro'] ;      // then process
    $dkk = $eur * 7.5 ;             // data submitted
    echo "You get $dkk kr. for $eur EUR" ; // and display!
  }
?>
</body></html>
```



http://www.itu.dk/people/brabrand/euro=100&submitted=1

EUR: 100

Convert



http://www.itu.dk/people/brabrand/euro=100&submitted=1

EUR:

Convert

You get 750 kr. for 100 EUR

Single Page PHP

HTML
FORM
+PHP

form submission

■ Single Page PHP (not: HTML → PHP):

```
<html><body>
  <form action="">
    <input type="text" name="euro" />
    <p />
    <input type="submit" value="Convert" />
  </form>
```

```
<?php
  if ( isset($_REQUEST['euro']) ) { // if form was submitted
    $eur = $_REQUEST['euro'] ;      // then process
    $dkk = $eur * 7.5 ;             // data submitted
    echo "You get $dkk kr. for $eur EUR" ; // and display!
  }
?>
</body></html>
```



http://www.itu.dk/pe...euro=100&submitted=1

EUR: 100

Convert



http://www.itu.dk/pe...euro=100&submitted=1

EUR: 100

Convert

You get 750 kr. for 100 EUR

Single Page PHP

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FORM
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form submission

■ Improved version: "Sticky Form":

```
<html><body>
  <form action="">
    <input type="text" name="euro"
value="<?php echo $_REQUEST['euro']; ?>" /> <p />
    <input type="submit" value="Convert" />
  </form>

  <?php
    if ( isset($_REQUEST['euro']) ) { // if form was submitted
      $eur = $_REQUEST['euro'] ;      // then process
      $dkk = $eur * 7.5 ;              // data submitted
      echo "You get $dkk kr. for $eur EUR" ; // and display!
    }

  ?>
</body></html>
```

A screenshot of a web browser window. The address bar shows the URL `http://www.itu.dk/people/brabrand/euro=100&submitted=1`. The page content includes a text input field labeled "EUR:" which is empty, and a "Convert" button below it.

A screenshot of a web browser window showing the same page as the previous screenshot, but with the "EUR:" input field now containing the value "100". Below the input field, the text "You get 750 kr. for 100 EUR" is displayed. The "Convert" button remains visible.

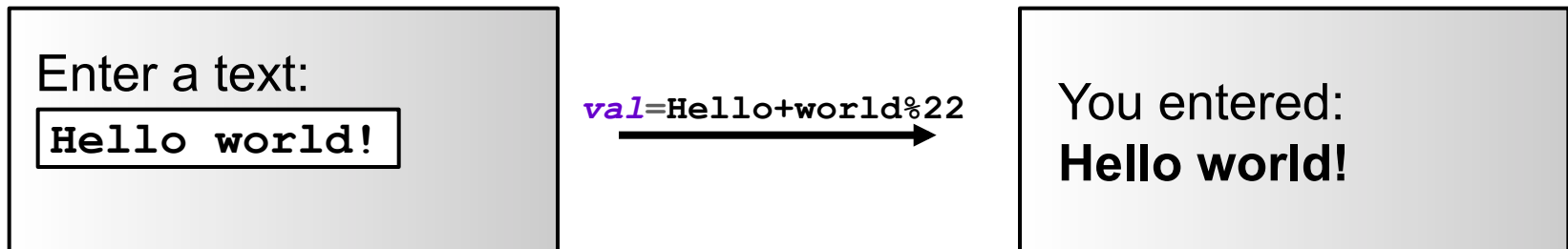
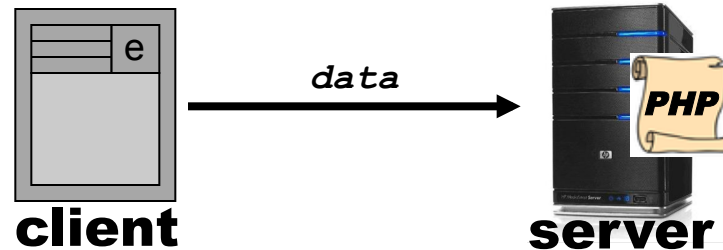
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Processing **text** input fields

```
Enter a text:  
<br/>  
<input type="text" name="val"/>
```

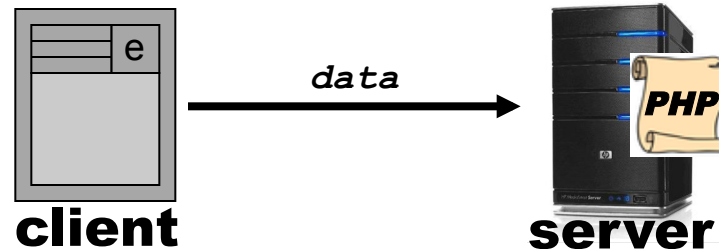
```
<?php  
    $value = $_REQUEST['val'] ;  
    echo "You entered: <br/>" ;  
    echo "<b>$value</b>" ;  
?>
```



Processing **password** input fields

```
Enter a text:  
<br/>  
<input type="password" name="val"/>
```

```
<?php  
    $value = $_REQUEST['val'] ;  
    echo "You entered: <br/>" ;  
    echo "<b>$value</b>" ;  
?>
```



Enter a text:

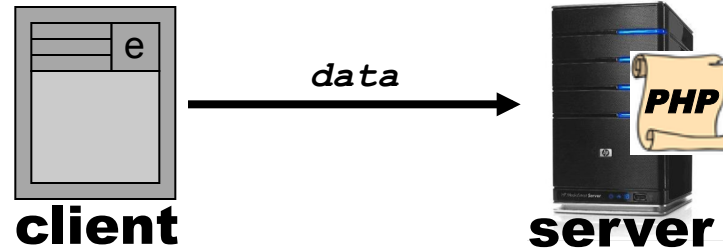
val=Hello+world%22

You entered:
Hello world!

Processing **textarea** input fields

```
Enter a text:  
<br/>  
<textarea name="val">...</textarea>
```

```
<?php  
    $value = $_REQUEST['val'] ;  
    echo "You entered: <br/>" ;  
    echo "<b>$value</b>" ;  
?>
```



Enter a text:

```
Once upon a time,  
there lived a great  
King with his ...
```

val=Once+upon+a...

You entered:
**Once upon a time,
there lived a great
King with his ...**

Processing **radio** buttons

Coke:

```
<input type="radio" name="drink" value="coke"/>
```

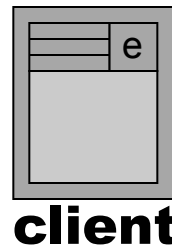

 Pepsi:

```
<input type="radio" name="drink" value="pepsi"/>
```

```
<?php
```

```
    $value = $_REQUEST['drink'] ;  
    echo "You chose: <br/>" ;  
    echo "<b>$value</b>" ;
```

```
?>
```



data



Coke: ☒
Pepsi: ☐

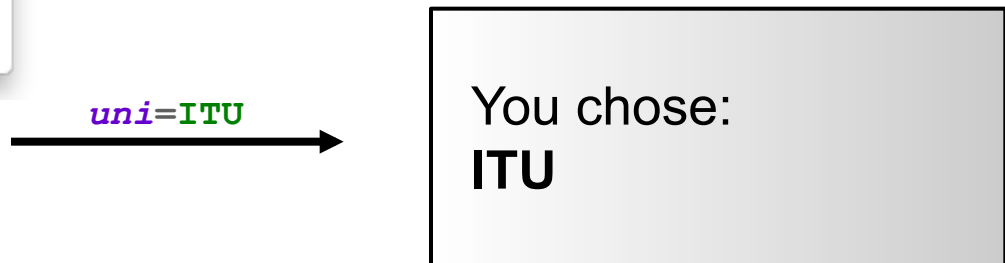
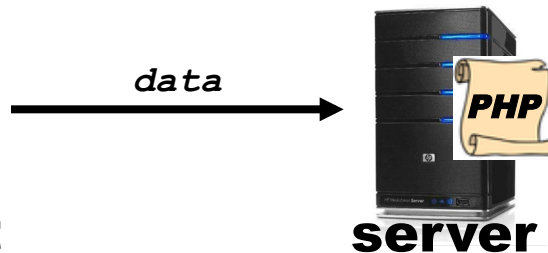
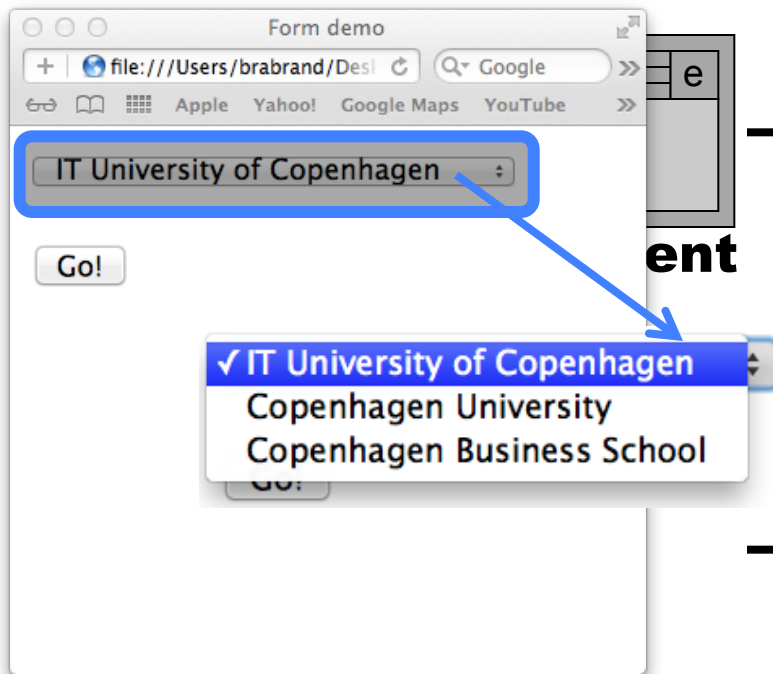
drink=coke

You chose:
coke

Processing **select** input fields

```
<select name="uni">
  <option value="ITU">IT Universi..</>
  <option value="KU">Copenhagen U..</>
  <option value="CBS">Copenhagen B..</>
</select>
```

```
<?php
  $value = $_REQUEST['uni'] ;
  echo "You chose: <br/>" ;
  echo "<b>$value</b>" ;
?>
```

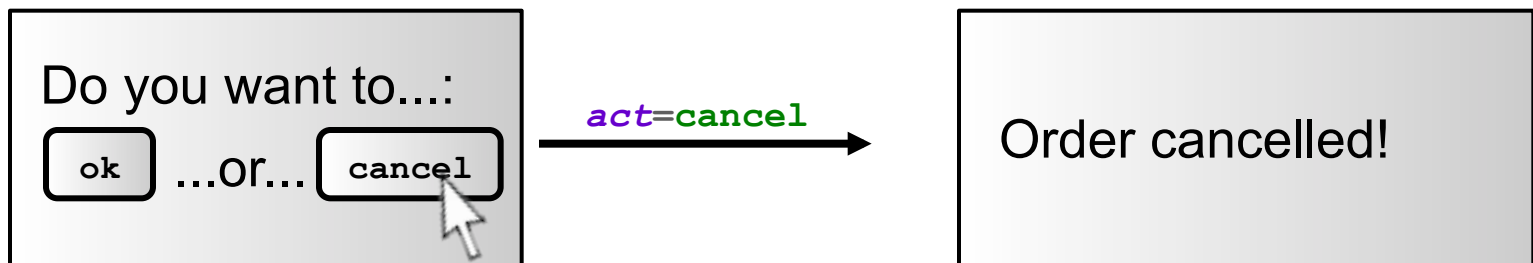
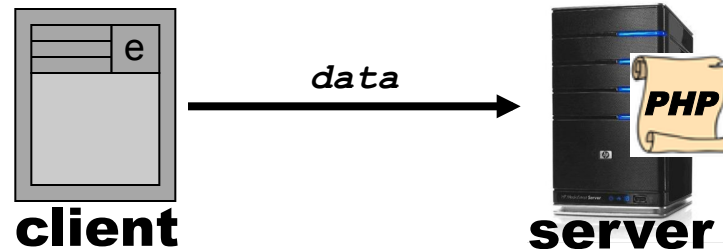


Note: a **select** is essentially the same as a **radio button** group !

Processing **submit** buttons

```
Do you want to....:
<input type="submit" name="act"
      value="ok"/>
...or...
<input type="submit" name="act"
      value="cancel"/>
```

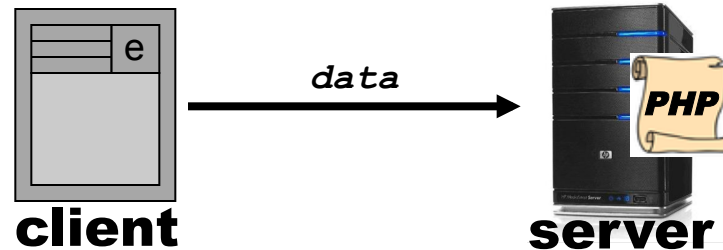
```
<?php $value = $_REQUEST['act'] ;
      if (value == "ok") {
          echo "Order confirmed!" ;
      } else {
          echo "Order cancelled!" ;
      }
      ?>
```



Processing **checkbox** buttons

```
Cheese:
<input type="checkbox" name="ingr[]"
      value="cheese"/>
... Onion:
<input type="checkbox" name="ingr[]"
      value="onion"/>
```

```
<?php $a = $_REQUEST['ingr'] ;
      // 'a' is an array! :-)
      echo "You selected:" ;
      for ($i=0; $i<sizeof($a); $i++) {
        echo "<li> $a[$i] </li>" ;
      }
?>
```



Cheese: ☒

Tomato: ☒

Onion: ☐

`ingr[]=cheese&ingr[]=tomato`

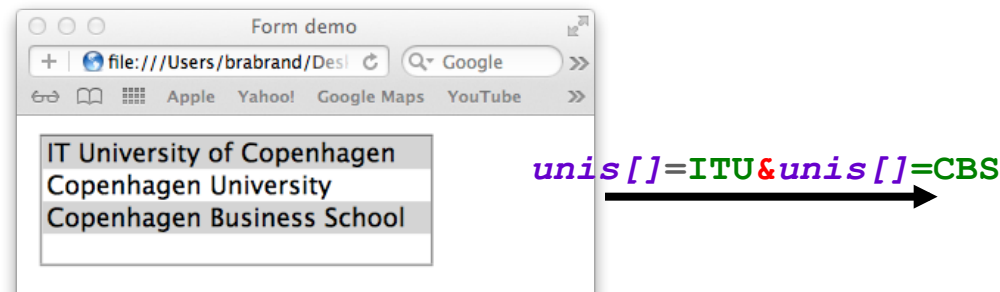
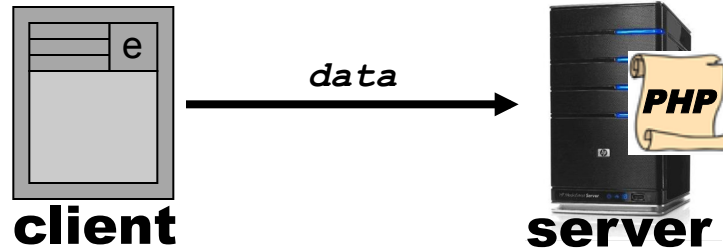
You selected:

- cheese
- tomato

Processing **select-multiple**

```
<select name="unis[]"
        multiple="multiple">
  <option value="ITU">IT Universi..</>
  <option value="KU">Copenhagen U..</>
  <option value="CBS">Copenhagen B.</>
</select>
```

```
<?php  $a = $_REQUEST['unis'] ;
        // 'a' is an array! :-)
  echo "You selected:" ;
  for ($i=0; $i<sizeof($a); $i++) {
    echo "<li> $a[$i] </li>" ;
  }
  ?>
```



You selected:

- ITU
- CBS

Note: a **select-multiple** is essentially the same as a **checkbox** group !

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Input Validation Example

```
<!-- currency conversion example -->
```

How many euros:

```
<br/>
```

```
<input type="text" name="euro"/>
```

```
<?php
```

```
$eur = $_REQUEST['euro'] ;
```

```
$dkk = $eur * 7.5 ;
```

```
echo "You get $dkk kr.
```

```
for $eur euros." ;    ?>
```



How many euros:

euro=grwlkwkjl

You get 0 kr. for
grwlkwkjl euros.

Input Validation Example

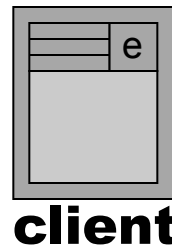
```
<!-- currency conversion example -->
```

How many euros:

```
<br/>
```

```
<input type="text" name="euro"/>
```

```
<?php
    $eur = $_REQUEST['euro'] ;
    $dkk = $eur * 7.5 ;
    echo "You get $dkk kr.
        for $eur euros." ;    ?>
```



data



*user-
injected
content*

How many euros:

```
<h1>:-)</h1>
```

euro=...

You get 0 kr. for

:-)

euros.

Note: this *lack of validation* can be exploited for *cross site scripting* (XSS) attacks!

Solution: Validate Input

```
<!-- currency conversion example -->
```

How many euros:

```
<br/>
```

```
<input type="text" name="euro"/>
```

```
<?php
    $eur = $_REQUEST['euro'] ;
    if (...check $eur valid...) {
        $dkk = $eur * 7.5 ;
        echo "You get $dkk kr. " ;
        echo "for $eur euros." ;
    } else {
        // give suitable error msg
        // and ask user to input
        // data again.
    }
?>
```

How many euros:

euro=grwlkwkj1

You bastard!, that was not a
f***in' number. Enter again!

How many euros:

Note: *validation* means that *cross site scripting* attacks are no longer possible!

Many different input formats

- numbers
- two digit numbers 09
- decimal numbers 3.1415926
- zip codes 2300
- phone numbers 72185000
- ISBN numbers 978-1-4503-0665-2
- CPR numbers 141011-9999
- names of people John X. Doe
- legal dates 14-10-2011
- finite set of choices 'coke' or 'pepsi'
'cheese', 'tomato', or 'onion'
'jan', 'feb', .., or 'dec'
- email addresses john_doe@notmail.com
- web URLs http://www.itu.dk/da/Presse
- ...

What bad stuff can happen?

- Various errors can occur when invalid data finds its way into the PHP script:
 - **Cosmetic errors**: the PHP script doesn't create well-formed HTML that the browser doesn't render well.
 - **Semantic errors**: the PHP script processes invalid data and produces wrong results.
 - **Security threats**: hackers can exploit lack of input validation to delete or modify data in the service.
- By **validating** the client input data, we can avoid a lot of errors and security threats.

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WHENEVER I LEARN A
NEW SKILL I CONCOCT
ELABORATE FANTASY
SCENARIOS WHERE IT
LETS ME SAVE THE DAY.

OH NO! THE KILLER
MUST HAVE FOLLOWED
HER ON VACATION!



BUT TO FIND THEM WE'D HAVE TO SEARCH
THROUGH 200 MB OF EMAILS LOOKING FOR
SOMETHING FORMATTED LIKE AN ADDRESS!



IT'S HOPELESS!

EVERYBODY STAND BACK.



I KNOW REGULAR
EXPRESSIONS.



Input Validation Example

```
How many euros:  
<br/>  
<input type="text"  
      name="euro"/>
```

```
<?php  
    $eur = $ REQUEST['euro'] ;  
    if ( preg_match('/^[0-9]+$/', $eur) ) {  
        $dkk = $eur * 7.5 ;  
        echo "You get $dkk kr. " ;  
        echo "for $eur euros." ;  
    } else {  
        // give suitable error msg  
        // and ask user to input  
        // data again.  
    }  
?>
```

How many euros:

euro=grwlkwkjl →

That wasn't a valid number.
Please enter data again:

How many euros:

Note: *validation* means that *cross site scripting* attacks are no longer possible!

```

<html>
<body>
    <?php
        $regex = $_REQUEST['regex'] ;
        $text = $_REQUEST['text'] ;
    ?>

    <form action="">
        <b>Regex</b>:<br/>
        <input type="text" name="regex" value="<?php echo $regex; ?>">
        <p/>
        <b>Text</b>:<br/>
        <input type="text" name="text" value="<?php echo $text; ?>">
        <p/>
        <input type="submit" value="VALIDATE"/>

    <?php
        if ( isset($regex) ) { // values submitted
            // validate!
            $pattern = "/"^" . $regex . "$/" ;
            if ( preg_match($pattern, $text) ) {
                echo "<b>TRUE</b>" ;
            } else {
                echo "<b>FALSE</b>" ;
            }
        }
    ?>
</form>
</body>
</html>

```

Simple Regex Validator:

Regexp:

Text:

TRUE

Regex Tutorial



step by step
mixed with mini exercises

Constant Text

■ *Constant text:*

- matches only itself (i.e., 'hello' matches only 'hello')

<i>regex</i> hello	...VS...	<i>text</i> hello	✓
<i>regex</i> hello	...VS...	<i>text</i> hell	✗
<i>regex</i> hello	...VS...	<i>text</i> hello world	✗

PHP

- `preg_match('/^hello$/', "hello")` == `true`
- `preg_match('/^hello$/', "hell")` == `false`
- `preg_match('/^hello$/', "hello world")` == `false`

Wild Card: '.' (dot)

■ Wild card: '.' (dot)

- matches *any* one character (except newline '\n')

<i>regex</i> . <i>ad</i>	...VS...	<i>text</i> bad	✓
<i>regex</i> . <i>ad</i>	...VS...	<i>text</i> ipad	✗
<i>regex</i> . <i>ad</i>	...VS...	<i>text</i> mad	✓

PHP

- `preg_match('/^.ad$/', "bad")` == `true`
- `preg_match('/^.ad$/', "ipad")` == `false`
- `preg_match('/^.ad$/', "mad")` == `true`

Alternative: ' | ' (vertical bar)

■ *Alternative: ' | ' (vertical bar)*

- regexp '**x** | **y**' matches either regexp '**x**' or regexp '**y**'

<i>regexp</i> coke pepsi	...VS...	<i>text</i> coke	
<i>regexp</i> coke pepsi	...VS...	<i>text</i> fanta	
<i>regexp</i> coke pepsi	...VS...	<i>text</i> pepsi	

PHP

- `preg_match('/^coke|pepsi$/', "coke")` == `true`
- `preg_match('/^coke|pepsi$/', "fanta")` == `false`
- `preg_match('/^coke|pepsi$/', "pepsi")` == `true`

Grouping: ' (...) ' (parentheses)

■ *Grouping: ' (...) ' (parentheses)*

- You can use parentheses for grouping regexps

<i>regexp</i> (Mon Fri) day	...VS...	<i>text</i> Monday	✓
<i>regexp</i> (Mon Fri) day	...VS...	<i>text</i> Sunday	✗
<i>regexp</i> (Mon Fri) day	...VS...	<i>text</i> Friday	✓

PHP

- `preg_match(' / ^ (Mon|Fri) day $ / ', "Monday") == true`
- `preg_match(' / ^ (Mon|Fri) day $ / ', "Sunday") == false`
- `preg_match(' / ^ (Mon|Fri) day $ / ', "Friday") == true`

Character Class: '[0-9]'

- **Character class: '[0-9]'** (interval)
 - matches any one character in the interval given

<i>regex</i> [0-9]	...VS...	<i>text</i> 3	✓
<i>regex</i> [0-9]	...VS...	<i>text</i> 7	✓
<i>regex</i> [0-9]	...VS...	<i>text</i> x	✗

PHP

- `preg_match('/^[0-9]$/', "3")` == `true`
- `preg_match('/^[0-9]$/', "7")` == `true`
- `preg_match('/^[0-9]$/', "x")` == `false`

One-or-More: '[0-9]+'

■ One-or-More: '[0-9]+'

- regexp '**R**+' matches *one-or-more* times regexp '**R**'

<i>regexp</i> [0-9]+	...VS...	<i>text</i> 42	✓
<i>regexp</i> [0-9]+	...VS...	<i>text</i> 2011	✓
<i>regexp</i> [0-9]+	...VS...	<i>text</i> 3.14	✗

PHP

- `preg_match('/^[0-9]+$/', "42")` == `true`
- `preg_match('/^[0-9]+$/', "2011")` == `true`
- `preg_match('/^[0-9]+$/', "3.14")` == `false`

Zero-or-More: '[0-9]*'

■ Zero-or-More: '[0-9]*'

- regexp '**R***' matches *zero-or-more* times regexp '**R**'

<i>regexp</i> [0-9]*	...VS...	<i>text</i> 42	✓
<i>regexp</i> [0-9]*	...VS...	<i>text</i> 	✓
<i>regexp</i> [0-9]*	...VS...	<i>text</i> fourtytwo	✗

PHP

- `preg_match('/^[0-9]*$/','42')` == `true`
- `preg_match('/^[0-9]*$/','')` == `true`
- `preg_match('/^[0-9]*$/','fourtytwo')` == `false`

Repetitions: '[0-9]{4}'

■ Zero-or-More: '[0-9]{4}'

- regexp 'R{4}' matches regexp 'R' four times

- `x{4}` exactly four times
- `x{4,}` four-or-more
- `x{2,5}` two to five times

<i>regexp</i> [0-9]{4}	...VS...	<i>text</i> 2300	
<i>regexp</i> [0-9]{4}	...VS...	<i>text</i> 123	
<i>regexp</i> [0-9]{4}	...VS...	<i>text</i> 12345	

PHP

- `preg_match('/^[0-9]{4}$/', "2300")` == *true*
- `preg_match('/^[0-9]{4}$/', "123")` == *false*
- `preg_match('/^[0-9]{4}$/', "12345")` == *false*

Optional: '(coke|pepsi)?'

■ Optional: '(coke|pepsi)?'

- regexp 'R?' matches regexp 'R' or nothing (empty text)

<i>regexp</i> (coke pepsi)?	...VS...	<i>text</i> pepsi	✓
<i>regexp</i> (coke pepsi)?	...VS...		✓
<i>regexp</i> (coke pepsi)?	...VS...	jolly	✗

PHP

- `preg_match('/^(coke|pepsi)?$/','pepsi') == true`
- `preg_match('/^(coke|pepsi)?$/','') == true`
- `preg_match('/^(coke|pepsi)?$/','jolly') == false`

Character Class: '[aeiou]'

■ Character class: '[aeiou]'

- matches any one of the given characters

<i>regex</i> aeiou	...VS...	<i>text</i> e	✓
<i>regex</i> aeiou	...VS...	<i>text</i> m	✗
<i>regex</i> aeiou	...VS...	<i>text</i> o	✓

PHP

- `preg_match('/^[aeiou]$/', "e")` == `true`
- `preg_match('/^[aeiou]$/', "m")` == `false`
- `preg_match('/^[aeiou]$/', "o")` == `true`

Character Class: '[0-9a-zæøå]+'

- **Character class: '[0-9a-zæøå]+'** (intervals)
 - matches any one character in the intervals given

<i>regex</i> [0-9a-zæøå]+	...VS...	<i>text</i> one4all	✓
<i>regex</i> [0-9a-zæøå]+	...VS...	<i>text</i> æblegrød	✓
<i>regex</i> [0-9a-zæøå]+	...VS...	<i>text</i> no space	✗

PHP

- `preg_match('/^[0-9a-zæøå]+$/', "one4all") == true`
- `preg_match('/^[0-9a-zæøå]+$/', "æblegrød") == true`
- `preg_match('/^[0-9a-zæøå]+$/', "no space") == false`

Negated Char Class: '[^<>]+'

■ *Negated character class: '[^<>]+'*

- matches any character that is **NOT** one of the given

<i>regex</i> [[^] <>] ⁺	...VS...	<i>text</i> text *%!:~)	✓
<i>regex</i> [[^] <>] ⁺	...VS...	<i>text</i> 1 < 2	✗
<i>regex</i> [[^] <>] ⁺	...VS...	<i>text</i> text	✗

PHP

- `preg_match('/^[^<>]+$/', "text *%!:~)") == true`
- `preg_match('/^[^<>]+$/', "1 < 2") == false`
- `preg_match('/^[^<>]+$/', "<b>text</b>") == false`

Escaping: '[0-9]*\.[0-9]+'

■ *Character escaping:* '[0-9]*\.[0-9]+'

- the regexp '\c' matches the character 'c'

<i>regexp</i> [0-9]*\.[0-9]+	...VS...	<i>text</i> 3.14	✓
<i>regexp</i> [0-9]*\.[0-9]+	...VS...	<i>text</i> .75	✓
<i>regexp</i> [0-9]*\.[0-9]+	...VS...	<i>text</i> 10.	✗

PHP

- `preg_match('/^[0-9]*\.[0-9]+$/','3.14') == true`
- `preg_match('/^[0-9]*\.[0-9]+$/','.75') == false`
- `preg_match('/^[0-9]*\.[0-9]+$/','10.') == false`

For specifying characters that have a regexp meaning: '*', '+', '?', '|', '[', ']', ...

Regular Expressions (regexp)

```
R      :  x           // matches text 'x' itself
      :  \c           // escaping (matches char 'c')
      :  '.' (dot)    // matches one character
      :  [aeiou]      // character class: one of chars
      :  [a-z]        // any character in interval
      :  [^...]      // negated char class
      :  R1 R2       // sequence (matches R1 then R2)
      :  R1 | R2     // alternative (either R1 or R2)
      :  R+           // one-or-more repetitions of R
      :  R*           // zero-or-more repetitions of R
      :  R?           // optional R (empty text or R)
      :  R{n}         // n times repetitions of R
      :  R{n,}        // at least n repetitions of R
      :  R{n,m}       // n to m repetitions of R
      :  ( R )        // parentheses for grouping
```

Regex (other uses)

■ Client-side Validation:

- Also used for validation in the browser (via JavaScript)

■ Web Scraping:

- Also used for extracting data from other external web services (e.g., currency rates, weather forecasts, ...)

■ Searching data:

- Also used for searching for certain formats in large data files (e.g., extract all email addresses in a file)

■ Search and Replace:

- (As above, except it also replaces with something)

Assignment A5:

Name:

First name:

Last names:

Birthday:

Day: / Month: / Year:

Gender:

Male ☐ / Female ☐

Personal characteristics:

- ☐ Smart
- ☐ Rich
- ☐ Lazy
- ☐ Annoying
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Danish Technical Universit
IT University of Copenhagen
Copenhagen University
University of Southern Den

Optional Gmail address:

Password:

--- ASSIGNMENT 5 ---

- 1) program a PHP script that reads the form input and simply writes it out again.
- 2) add input validation (see next slide for requirements on allowed input).
- 3) **OPTIONAL:** make the form submit to itself and reinsert what the client entered and selected in the input fields (so that input data isn't lost if the page didn't validate).

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Name: the first name should be a name (one of more alphanumeric characters). The last names should be one or more names (separated by one space character). The last name may also contain initials (e.g. 'R. R. Tolkien').

Birthday: the month is fine as 1 to 31 (i.e., we don't care that for instance "November 31" doesn't exist). Feel free to ignore leap years (which are a bit more complicated).

Gender: should be either 'male' or 'female'.

Personal chars: only 'smart', 'rich', 'lazy', 'annoying', and 'boring' are allowed (and you have to pick 1-3 of these [note: this should be done in normal PHP, not via regexps]).

Education: only 'ITU', 'AU', ..., 'KU' are allowed.

Optional Gmail address: if present, it must be a text that ends with '@gmail.com' (note that it should allow 'john.doe@gmail.com' and 'john.x.doe@gmail.com', but not 'john...doe@gmail.com' or '.doe@gmail.com')

Password: should comply with the following requirements:

- 1) should be minimum 4 characters;
- 2) should be maximum 8 characters;
- 3) should contain at least one letter character; and
- 4) should contain at least one numeric character.

[note: these requirements 1)-4) should give different error messages, so they should each be tested by a regexp]

Any questions?

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