

## Re: quotes from form input + MySQL insert query

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i will not use `preg_replace` or something like that but i will use:  
`string mysql_escape_string ( string unescaped_string)`

look of it at :

<http://it2.php.net/manual/en/function.mysql-escape-string.php>

Jeremy Epstein wrote:

> *<whinge>Please help! I'm tearing my hair out, trying to get this to work...  
> I've tried everything, nothing seems to work, it is extremely  
> weird.</whinge>*  
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> *This is what happens: when the user enters input from a form, that input is  
> POSTed to my script page, which then runs an insert query to put it into a  
> MySQL table. All the fields are strings. Most of them are inputted through  
> HTML text boxes, while one is inputted through an HTML textarea element.*  
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> *The problem: when there are SINGLE quotes (double quotes work fine) in the  
> TEXTBOX fields (textarea fields work fine), the data is only inserted up to  
> the first single quote. I'm handling textboxes and textareas in exactly the  
> same way, but a textarea string full of single quotes is handled fine, while  
> a similar textbox string is not!*  
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> *I have magic\_quotes turned on, and since I do not have access to php.ini on  
> my hosted site, I can't turn it off. I've checked the POSTed data by echoing  
> all fields, and magic\_quotes is handling all fields the same: it puts a  
> backslash before every quote in every field. So the problem is not  
> magic\_quotes, because it's doing its job the same for all data.*  
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> *I've tried everything: I've tried using urlencode() and urldecode(),  
> htmlentities() and htmlspecialchars(). In case magic\_quotes was stuffing up  
> somehow, I tried using addslashes() and stripslashes(). I even wrote a  
> regular expression to replace all single backslashes with double*