

Re: PHP Date Search Question

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Greg (greg@xxxxxxxxxx) decided we needed to hear...
> I retyped the code, therefore the typo's. Thanks to both of you for
> your suggestions. I changed the date columns in the db and that did the
> trick. All is good now. I've set all of the date fields to
> automatically fill in so the employees will not have to type them. I'm
> new to php so I don't understand "validating vars" and "testing
> mysql_num_rows()" yet. Got time for the readers digest version on how
> to do this or a suggestion on where to find a good tutorial?
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> Thanks for your help,
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> Greg

Glad its working for you now.

By validating vars, I meant checking (for example) that a variable you expect to contain a valid date, actually does contain a valid date and not some other nonsense value that would break your code. You can do this pretty much any way you like with if statements, string and number functions, date functions etc. For the valid date example, you might start by checking out the strtotime function which tries to parse a date and lets you know if it could or not –
<http://ca.php.net/manual/en/function.strptime.php>

mysql_num_rows() returns the number of rows selected in the most recently executed query. Your testing of \$result didn't accomplish much because by that point in the code your query had already worked (your program dies if it did not). Because you know the query worked, what you really need to know at this point is were any rows returned or not. Thats where mysql_num_rows() comes in.

HTH

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