

Re: Check before insert in Database

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I would to know how to check the value I am getting from an HTML form.

Let's put it that way, I need to get a string and I would like to make sure this is a string and not a number for instance.

Everything you get from `$_POST` is a string. It might also be the string representation of a number.

Make checks appropriate for the specific data involved. PHP has all sorts of nice string functions to pick strings apart, to do regular expression matching, etc. If a serial number is supposed to be a letter followed by 5 digits, you might match it against `"[A-Za-z][0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9]"`.

`is_numeric()` checks for a string that could be interpreted as a number. It allows signs, decimal points, and exponential notation.

What kind of test could I use to check that?

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//here is the line where I get the value
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$variable = $_POST['value'];
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The point is I have to insert the data in an Oracle database. And I would like to test it before sending the data to the database.

That's a very good idea, but I don't see what kind of field has restrictions like "any string that isn't a number".

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