

## Re: [PHP] \_SESSION, \_POST, and \_GET

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David T-G wrote:

> *John, et al --*  
>  
> *...and then John W. Holmes said...*  
> %  
> % *David T-G wrote:*  
> %  
> % *>I have successfully used extract() to*  
> % *>pull the data out of \_SESSION each time; yay.*  
> %  
> % *This whole question revolves around the reason you're even extract()ing*  
> % *anything to begin with... Why not just use the \$\_SESSION, \$\_POST, etc*  
> % *arrays where you need them. There's no reason to extract().*  
>  
> *OK; fair enough. 1) I was just shown it in a recent thread and it seemed*  
> *like a lifesaver :-)* 2) *I want to get our existing code rewritten to "be*  
> *good" and not lose stuff, like passwords and email addresses, that it's*  
> *supposed to remember -- as quickly as possible.*  
>  
> *I know they're famous last words, but I figure I'll do it right later :-)*  
> *[Hey, I'm even thinking of a full top-down rewrite anyway!]*

If you're going to extract blindly from \$\_POST and \$\_GET, you might as well just turn register\_globals back on; that's what you've basically got.

There's absolutely no reason to extract \$\_XXX['var'] so you can use \$var instead of just using \$\_XXX['var'] wherever you need that value...

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---John Holmes...

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