

## Re: Bareword errors?

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On Nov 28, 6:23 pm, gcr <reviewyourd...@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

There were also big back and forths on the newsgroup by those more knowledgeable than I (that would be everyone) about the pluses and minuses of `cgi.pm`. I haven't been burned \*yet\* by using the regexes and it's been in pretty constant use for a while. I like to be able to control what is being decoded for various reasons which I wasn't able to figure out in `cgi.pm`. I've also fixed other peoples broken `cgi`'s (again, linebreak issues) by taking `cgi.pm` out and using regexes. YMMV.

What makes Perl so great is CPAN and all the available reliable well-maintained quality modules.

Countless programmers have spent hours writing and maintaining module code so we can have the capabilities to perform certain operations trouble and stress free. This saves us from unnecessary development time and headaches. You wouldn't spend hours and hours trying to reinvent the wheel when the wheel is right in front of you ready to be used.

What you have is a piece of code that dumps all parameters into Global variables regardless of size. This will be stored in memory during the duration of run time. Your sub form parsing technique is dated and though may get the job done it also does ZERO error and safety handling which makes it open to all sorts of future and present catastrophes.

You claim you want full control over how the form data is processed yet you use it in the most generic way which makes your statement reflect your inexperience even more so. If you have several CGIs and each use the same copied sub-routine you are actually limiting functionality and maintainability. Eventually you'd end up dumping the code in a module. Then you will soon or later be forced into spending hours trying to make your code more strict and bug free. Which would be reinventing the wheel.

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Modules are created for a reason. It's so programmers can use reliable safe code instead of trying to reinvent the functionality of an operation for every project. CGI.pm is the standard for parsing form data if you choose not to use it you are only limiting yourself and putting your web site, server and users at risk.

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