
Subject: Re: PHP issue

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htmlspecialchars converts characters to their HTML equivalents, so outputting them to a HTML document like that should render them correctly without needing to make any further modifications to the values.

For example,

```
echo "<p>Thing &amp; another thing</p>";
```

Would appear something like this;

Thing & another thing

The idea of htmlspecialchars is to convert characters to HTML safe equivalents whilst ensuring they still output correctly. If they are outputting as &, > etc then you are either calling htmlspecialchars multiple times or are not checking whether magic quotes are enabled before calling htmlspecialchars.
