

## Phorum Support Forums / 5.1 Phorum Hacks

[register] How to limit format of username?

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[\[register\] How to limit format of username?](#)

How do I restrict the username entered during user registration?

e.g. only /^[a-z][a-z0-9\_]/, maximum 10 characters?

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you'd need to hack register.php for that.

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Done.

In register.php:

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if(count($_POST)){  
if(!isset($_POST["username"]) || empty($_POST["username"]){  
$error = $PHORUM["DATA"]["LANG"]["ErrUsername"];  
  
--- add the following ---  
}elseif (!ereg("[a-z][a-z,0-9,_" ,$_POST["username"]) || strlen($_POST["username"])<3) {  
$error = "Invalid Username. Your Username can only be  
composed of letters (a-z, lower case letters only), numbers (0-9)  
and underscores(_). Minimum 3 characters are required.";  
--- add END --  
  
}elseif(!isset($_POST["email"]) || !phorum_valid_email($_POST["email"])){  
$error = $PHORUM["DATA"]["LANG"]["ErrEmail"];  
  
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Please comment on my modification. I wonder if there are more efficient way to write that part. I'm not familiar with \*new\* PHP syntax...

Thanks.

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