

php

uploading files

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the HTML


```
<form method="post" action="" enctype="multipart/form-data">
  <div class="form-group">
    <label class="control-label">Enter product name</label>
    <input type="text" name="unit_name" class="form-control">
  </div>
  <div class="form-group">
    <label for="product-image">Product image</label>
    <input type="file" id="product-image" name="product_image">
  </div>
  <button type="submit" class="btn btn-default">Save</button>
</form>
```



\$_FILES

\$_FILES superglobal variable

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This is a 'superglobal', or automatic global, variable.

This simply means that it is available in all scopes throughout a script.

There is no need to do **global \$variable;** to access it within functions or methods.

same like \$_POST, \$_GET superglobals

After form submission all the uploaded files and their specifics
are stored in `$_FILES` superglobal.

Do not look for them in `$_POST`
superglobal!

After form submission
submitted data is saved in two
superglobals

- files data goes to **\$_FILES superglobal.**
- rest of the data is in \$_POST superglobal.

- \$_FILES splits file`s data in predefined elements with indexes -
 - ["name"] - *filename*
 - ["type"] - *filetype*
 - ["tmp_name"] - temprary name used to store file in the temporary file upload directory
 - ["error"] - index of error occured during upload
 - ["size"] - file size in bytes

[see detailed info](#)



**saving
uploaded
file**

Saving uploaded file

after form`s submission, **the file** /its content/ is stored in a **temporary directory**, with a **temporary name**, waiting to be moved to the desired server`s or project`s folder

Saving uploaded file

Step 1 - moving the file to desired location

```
$uploaddir = '../uploads/';  
$uploadfile = $uploaddir . basename($_FILES['product_image']['name']);  
  
if (move_uploaded_file($_FILES['product_image']['tmp_name'], $uploadfile)) {  
    echo "File is valid, and was successfully uploaded.\n";  
} else {  
    echo "Possible file upload attack!\n";  
}
```

Step 2 - saving file info in data base

- *filename - and repetitive data*
 - *if all files are saved in the same folder - save folder name as part of the data about the file*

```
$product_name = $_POST['product_name'];
```

```
$image = $uploadfile;
```

```
$insert_query = "INSERT INTO `products` (`product_name`, `image`) VALUES ('$product_name', '$uploadfile')";
```


Saving uploaded file

Keep in mind!

- *filename – if you store files with the same name in the same directory the first file will be overwritten by the second one*



handling file uploads

Handling file uploads

- *check for file upload errors*

```
if(!isset($_FILES['product_image']['error'])){  
    // code to execute if no errors occur  
}
```

List of error values and messages explained

Handling file uploads

- *check filesize - always set limit of allowed upload filesize*

```
if ($_FILES['product_image']['size'] > 1000000) {  
    //code to execute if file exceeds the allowed limit  
}
```


Handling file uploads

- Check MIME Type - **DO NOT TRUST `$_FILES['product_image']['mime']` VALUE**
- make your own mime type validation solutions
- [some useful examples here](#)

Handling file uploads

- Avoid using **`$_FILES['product_image']['name']`** as filename for saving the uploaded file on project's server
- **DO NOT USE `$_FILES['upfile']['name']` WITHOUT ANY VALIDATION !!**
- You should name the file **uniquely** – using timestamps, ids, etc.



Securing file uploads

What are the File Upload Risks?

some of them are

- Attacking your infrastructure:
 - Overwriting an existing file
 - Malicious content
- Very large file upload

How to Prevent File Upload Attacks

- Only allow specific file types
- Verify file types
- Remove possible embedded threats
- Set a maximum name length and maximum file size
- Randomize uploaded file names
- **Store uploaded files outside web root folder**
- Use simple error messages /that do not expose project's file structure/



configuring file uploads

Configuring file uploads

File uploads directives in php.ini

file_uploads

upload_max_filesize

upload_tmp_dir

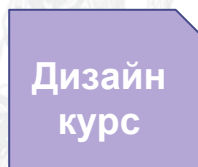
post_max_size

max_input_time

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