**Sanitization**

What’s the difference between sanitization and validation?

***Validation***: Ensuring that the input is well-formed and in the expected structure.

Validation checks whether an input — say on a web form — complies with specific policies and constraints (for example, single quotation marks). For example, consider the following input:

***Sanitizing:*** Ensuring data is semantically and logically correct and safe to use in the system's workflow.

So, it consists of removing any unsafe characters from user inputs, and validating will check to see if the data is in the expected format and type. Sanitizing modifies the input to ensure it’s in a valid format for display, or before insertion in a database.