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# PHP static code analysis

Unique rules to find Bugs, Vulnerabilities, Security Hotspots, and Code Smells in your PHP code

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Bug
All code should be reachable
Bug
Loops with at most one iteration should be refactored
Bug
Short-circuit logic should be used to prevent null pointer dereferences in conditionals
Bug
Variables should not be self-assigned
Bug
Useless "if(true){...}" and "if(false){...}" blocks should be removed
Bug
All "catch" blocks should be able to catch exceptions
Bug
Constructing arguments of system commands from user input is security-sensitive
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## `str\_replace` should be preferred to `preg\_replace`

Analyze your code

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Critical

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regex performance

An `preg_replace` call always performs an evaluation of the first argument as a regular expression, even if no regular expression features were used. This has a significant performance cost and therefore should be used with care.

When `preg_replace` is used, the first argument should be a real regular expression. If it's not the case, `str_replace` does exactly the same thing as `preg_replace` without the performance drawback of the regex.

This rule raises an issue for each `preg_replace` used with a simple string as first argument which doesn't contains special regex character or pattern.

### Noncompliant Code Example

```
$str = "Bob is a Bird... Bob is a Plane... Bob is Super";
$changed = preg_replace("/Bob is/", "It's", $str); // N
$changed = preg_replace("/\.\.\./", ";", $changed); //
```

### Compliant Solution

```
$str = "Bob is a Bird... Bob is a Plane... Bob is Super";
$changed = str_replace("Bob is", "It's", $str);
$changed = str_replace("...", ";", $changed);
```

Or, with a regex:

```
$str = "Bob is a Bird... Bob is a Plane... Bob is Super";
$changed = preg_replace("/\w*\sis/", "It's", $str);
$changed = preg_replace("/\.{3}/", ";", $changed);
```


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Allowing requests with excessive content length is security-sensitive

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Setting loose POSIX file permissions is security-sensitive