**Compare the preg\_match() function with ereg() funtion; preg\_replace() function with ereg\_replace() function.**

* preg\_match() vs ereg()

- preg\_match() may be faster than ereg(), according to the PHP Manual.

- The PCRE functions are binary safe, but the ereg functions are not.

- The ereg functions are [becoming second class citizens](http://www.php.net/~derick/meeting-notes.html#move-ereg-to-pecl) compared to PCRE.

* preg\_replace() vs ereg\_replace()

- preg\_replace() is often more efficient than ereg\_replace()

- In preg\_replace(), regular expressions can be used in the pattern and replacement input parameters.