
Subject: Re: BUG+FIX: error generated in _cm_pre_updateRecord gives 'blank' screen

Posted by [AJM](#) on Fri, 23 Feb 2007 17:12:36 GMT

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Thanks for spotting that. I will include the fix in the next release.

This problem did not exist in PHP 4 as the `array_merge()` function would automatically cast any non-array argument to an array, but one of those dunderheads in the PHP development team decided to remove this "feature" in PHP 5. His reasoning was that if a function expects an array then giving it something which is not an array is a fault. That is the way that "proper" languages work, so PHP should be just the same.

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These ideas of purity and strictness are a real PITA. PHP used to be very forgiving by automatically changing a variable's type to suit the circumstances, but now code that worked in PHP 4 does not work in PHP 5. Is it any wonder that the take-up of PHP 5 has been so slow when there have been so many unnecessary breakages in backwards compatibility.

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