

Re: RegularExpressionValidator?

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DC wrote:

> *I have this snippet:*

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> <tr>

> <td align="left">E-mail</td>

> <td>

> <asp:TextBox id="txtEmail" runat="server"

> MaxLength="100"></asp:TextBox>

> <asp:RegularExpressionValidator id="revEmail" runat="server"

> ErrorMessage="Enter a valid e-mail address"

> ControlToValidate="txtEmail"

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> ValidationExpression="\b[A-Z0-9._%~]+@[A-Z0-9._%~]+\.[A-Z0-9._%~]{2,4}\b">

> </asp:RegularExpressionValidator>

> </td>

> </tr>

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> *My question is why this regular expression is not invoked if I leave the*

> *textbox blank?*

> *My understanding is blank entry is not met the requirement of that regular*

> *expression.*

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> *Am I missing something here?*

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> - DC

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Validators normally aren't enabled when something is left blank. Why that decision was made (especially for regex validators) I'll never know. Slap a RequiredFieldValidator on the field as well and all shall function properly (if not with a little extra maintenance on your part).

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