
Subject: Escaped Characters in string output
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To prepare string data for a database, I'd like to escape all of the special characters. Other languages have built-in functions for this. Does IDL, or someone from the community have a routine they trust?

The special characters are

\ ' " NUL (ASCII 0) \n and \r and CTRL-Z

In essence I'd like to create a function that searches for these and places a backslash in front of each occurrence. See `mysql_real_escape_string()`
<http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.0/en/mysql-real-escape-string.html> in PHP. In principle I suppose this is a good task for Regular Expressions, but I'm not enough of an expert.

Thanks
