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# How do we handle special characters, for example in passwords?

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Kindly make sure that your system can handle a password that contains special characters.

**XML escape characters**
The following characters have a special meaning for XML: **&** (*ampersand*), **<** (*less than*), **>** (*greater than*), **“** (*double quote*) and **‘** (*single quote*), and they must be escaped when used as data. This can be done by *entity* notation or CDATA element.

- Invalid: <pw>abcABC<>123</pw>
- Valid: <pw>abcABC<>123</pw>
- Valid: <pw><![CDATA[abcABC<>123]]></pw>