**Invalid Characters**

***Issue:***

Some times data can contain weird characters in it. These characters can cause problems with getting accurate data. They can also cause errors in Domo.   
  
***Fix:***

You can run your data through a MySQL dataflow. I have written a procedure that should remove un-common characters.   
  
  
***How to Use:***

1. Create a new MySQL Dataflow
2. Add your dataset that contains these un-common characters
3. Create a new transform
4. Copy and paste the procedure/transform\_1 into the new transform

**DO NOT CHANGE THIS TRANSFORM**

1. Deselect “Generate Output Table” in the transform
2. “Run SQL”
3. Click “Apply” after it is done running
4. Create a new transform
5. Copy and paste the call/transform\_2 into the new transform
6. Deselect “Generate Output Table” in the transform
7. Edit the Call to use your input\_dataset/table
8. Edit the Call to use your column
9. “Run SQL”
10. Click “Apply” after it is done running

Your dataset/transform you added to the Call (second transform) should now have un-wanted ascii characters.   
You can see this by doing a SELECT \* FROM your\_datatable  
  
  
If you need to do this with multiple columns you will need to create multiple Call transforms. One for each column.