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JavaScript escape() Function

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Definition and Usage

The escape() function encodes a string.

This function makes a string portable, so it can be transmitted across any network to any computer that supports ASCII characters.

This function encodes special characters, with the exception of: * @ - _ + . /

Tip: Use [unescape\(\)](#) to decode strings.

Syntax

```
escape (string)
```

Parameter	Description
string	Required. The string to be encoded

Browser Support



The escape() function is supported in all major browsers.

Tips and Notes

Note: The escape() function should not be used to encode URIs. Use the [encodeURIComponent\(\)](#) function instead.

Example

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Encode a string:

```
<script type="text/javascript">

document.write(escape("Need tips? Visit W3Schools!"));

</script>
```

The output of the code above will be:

Need%20tips%3F%20Visit%20W3Schools%21

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