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In [3]: from pathvalidate import sanitize_filepath
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In [4]: fpath = "/tmp/fi:l*ep\"a?t>h|.t<xt"
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In [5]: print(f"{fpath} -> {sanitize_filepath(fpath)}\n")
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ValidationError                                     Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-5-7d7912d90a3f> in <module>
----> 1 print(f"{fpath} -> {sanitize_filepath(fpath)}\n")

~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages/pathvalidate/_filepath.py in sanitize_filepath(file_path, replacement_text, platform, max_len, check_reserved, normalize)
    418     """
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--> 420     return FilePathSanitizer(
    421         platform=platform, max_len=max_len, check_reserved=check_reserved, normalize=normalize
    422     ).sanitize(file_path, replacement_text)

~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages/pathvalidate/_filepath.py in sanitize(self, value, replacement_text)
    77     return ""
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---> 79     self.__filepath_validator.validate_abspath(value)
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    81     unicode_filepath = preprocess(value)

~/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages/pathvalidate/_filepath.py in validate_abspath(self, value)
    237
    238     if any([self._is_windows(), self._is_universal()]) and is_posix_abs:
--> 239         raise err_object
    240
    241     drive, _tail = ntpath.splitdrive(value)
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**ValidationError:** reason=MALFORMED\_ABS\_PATH, target-platform=universal, description=an invalid absolute file path (/tmp/fi:l\*ep"a?t>h|.t<xt) for the platform (universal). to avoid the error, specify an appropriate platform correspond with the path format, or 'auto'.

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In [6]: print(f"{fpath} -> {sanitize_filepath(fpath, platform='auto')}\n")
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/tmp/fi:l*ep"a?t>h|.t<xt -> /tmp/fi:l*ep"a?t>h|.t<xt
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In [7]: print(f"{fpath} -> {sanitize_filepath(fpath, platform='Linux')}\n")
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/tmp/fi:l*ep"a?t>h|.t<xt -> /tmp/fi:l*ep"a?t>h|.t<xt
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