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Thread: [Convert String to url friendly string](#)

Webman.io - September 11, 2012, 7:56 am

How can I somehow convert "a 16134 !#¤ ¤ toko5 14&!G90 into like a-16134-toko5-14-G90 or something like that, so that it can be used as a part of the url.

QuantumTunnel - September 11, 2012, 8:01 am

Look it up on google preg functions in php :) Just use PHP's documentation you won't learn anything unless you go research it yourself :)

CarrotMilk - September 11, 2012, 8:44 am

<http://cubiq.org/the-perfect-php-clean-url-generator>

If you google well enough, someone else has ALWAYS made a function

Dave85 - September 11, 2012, 8:48 am

use this function:

PHP Code

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<?php
function to_url($text){

    $text=trim($text);//remove space in first and end
    $text= strtr($text,"ÀÁÂÃÄÅàáâãäåÖÏÕÖøòóôõöøÈÉÊËèéêëÇçİıİîİĩıÙÚÛÜùúûüÿÑñ",
"aaooeecciiuuynnn"); //remove accents
    $text = preg_replace('/([^\a-z0-9]+)/i', '-', $text);
    // remove special character: other than letters and numbers change it to -
    $text = strtolower($text); //lowercase
    return $text;
}
```

Cida - September 11, 2012, 8:49 am

With the [preg_replace\(\)](#) function.

PHP Code

```
<?php
$string = preg_replace ('/^[^a-zA-Z0-9]+/', '-', $string);
# replace non-alphanumeric groups with a hyphen.
```

houseinn2 - September 11, 2012, 8:50 am

put your string in one variable.

make another variable valid char like "abc...xyz.ABC..XYZ012..9".

Check if the char in ur string is contained in valid char.

if yes,put it as it is

else,"-"

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Thanks a lot to all of you. I got this solved.

:YEAH!: