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## Many non-alphanumeric characters are ignored when creating patron barcodes

- **Article Type:** Known Issue
- **Product:** Voyager
- **Product Version:** 8
- **Relevant for Installation Type:** Dedicated-Direct; Direct; Local; Total Care

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### Symptoms

- \* Non-alphanumeric characters are ignored when the barcode is saved in the database, without any warning or error
- \* Some non-alphanumeric characters do work including: "#^&+~`".

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### Defect Status

Issue VYG-6178 is resolved for Voyager 9.2.0 and higher.

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### Replication Steps

1. In Circulation create a patron and assign a barcode that includes a non-alphanumeric character ( e.g. !@\$%\*( ) ).
2. Save and close the patron record and find the patron again using the barcode.
3. Observe that the barcode has the non-alphanumerics, stripped out.
4. Delete the barcode and create a new barcode consisting entirely of non-alphanumerics.
5. Close circulation and search for the fully non-alphanumeric barcode.
6. Note that the patron is not found.

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### Workaround

Avoid using non-alphanumeric characters in patron barcodes.

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