
Searching record with p_ret_01, special characters

- **Product:** Aleph
 - **Product Version:** 20, 21, 22, 23
 - **Relevant for Installation Type:** Dedicated-Direct, Direct, Local, Total Care
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Description:

I tried to search records where the field 245\$a begins with an asterisk ("*") using the ret-01 Service. This character is using as a wild card. Is it possible to use a kind of entity or ASCII code to search this character?

I want to remove this "asterix" by notihing using p_manage_21. I must first have a entry file.

Resolution:

Despite rep_change 1491, which enables use of special characters ? { ' ` ^ > in batch services, the star (*) sign, or its escape translation (%2A) still cannot be used with p-ret-01 or p-manage-21, since it is used as a wild caracter for truncation.

Instead, please use p-file-08 with a generic fix program (See document "How to Set Up a Script for the Correction of Records in ALEPH Sequential Format"),

For example:

In bib library, tab/import directory, create a table named, let's say, "asterisk",

Add this line:

```
1 245##          REPLACE-STRING          $$a*, $$a
```

This table can be used with p-file-08, or as a fix routine with fix_doc_do_file_08.

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