


# How to escape special chars in resource bundles

## Normal Java resource bundles

**API: `java.util.Properties`**

The method does not treat a backslash character, `\`, before a non-valid escape character as an error; the backslash is silently dropped. For example, in a Java string the sequence `"\z"` would cause a compile time error. In contrast, this method silently drops the backslash. Therefore, this method treats the two character sequence `"\b"` as equivalent to the single character `'b'`.

## MessageFormat rules

The table describes how to escape some special charaters.

### The special chars `\`, `{` and `}`:

escape ' with another '	' '	(double-single quote)
escape \ with another \	\\	(double backslash)
enclose } with '{	'{'	
enclose { with '}'	'}'	