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## **enable (pdf)latex to process UTF-8 encoded documents when using docbook2pdf**

You want to write documents in UTF-8, (pdf)latex complains about unknown characters and other errors.

Sadly it is not very easy to make docbook2\* include latex commands like

```
\usepackage[utf8x]{inputenc}
```

in the file header.

To be able to use UTF-8 you can set the environment variable SP\_ENCODING  
`export SP_ENCODING=XML`

That way you get your pdf file in UTF-8 encoding without weird characters in the file.  
From the openjade documentation:

**SP\_ENCODING**

This specifies the default encoding when operating in fixed character set mode. The value must be the name of an available encoding. The default encoding cannot be document character set relative when operating in fixed character set mode.

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