

## Escaping XML in XML in JSF

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Recently I discovered that my RSS feeds were broken because of the Latin characters in the content. JSF's `h:outputText` unhelpfully converts these to HTML entities which are invalid in XML files such as RSS feeds. Even with `escape="false"`, the HTML markup still breaks the feed. Short of writing an XML renderer for `h:outputText`, I came up with the following putrid hack. It is an ugly stain on my otherwise beautiful code, a parasite to perfection, a car wreck on the corner of Coro Drive and Moggill Road, a pile of puppy poo on the pavement. But it works...

```
<title>
  <h:outputText value="&lt;![CDATA[" escape="false"/>
  <h:outputText value="{item.title}" escape="false"/>
  <h:outputText value="]]&gt;" escape="false"/>
</title>
```

Repeat for all output in your XML/RSS templates.

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