

## FILENAME ILLEGAL CHARACTERS

## RECOMMENDATION FOR HIGHEST INTEROPERABILITY AND COMPATIBILITY BETWEEN WINDOWS/LINUX/UNIX/MAC REGARDING FILENAME(SPACENAME) CONVENTIONS:

- Do not ever use the following reserved characters: <>:"\/|\*?
- Do not use any of the following reserved WinNT device names (with or without trailing filename extension such as 'NUL.tx7'): 'CON' 'PRN' 'AUX' 'NUL' 'COM1' 'COM2' 'COM3' 'COM4' 'COM5' 'COM6' 'COM7' 'COM8' 'COM9' 'LPT1' 'LPT2' 'LPT3' 'LPT4' 'LPT5' 'LPT6' 'LPT7' 'LPT8' 'LPT9' 'CLOCK\$'.
- Do not use non printable characters even if the underlying filesystem is capable to handle unicode filenames.
- Avoid using these charcters: []=%\$+,;
- Do not start a filename with a whitespace, a period '.' (interpreted as hidden in unix like systems) or with an minus sign '-' (interpreted as a commandline argument in unix like systems).
- Do not use "~" as a file or folder name, because it is interpreted as the "home"-directory under linux systems.
- Do not end a filename with a whitespace or a period '.' (interpreted as hidden in unix like systems).
- Do not use sequences of periods '.' in the middle of filenames.
- Avoid whitespaces in the middle of filenames.
- Do not assume case-sensivity.
- Do not use a space at the end of a filename.