
Subject: Re: Sub or dom ; does it really matter?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 07 Oct 2021 05:31:10 GMT
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Originally posted by: 711 Spooky Mart

On 10/6/21 12:22 PM, Mike Spencer wrote:

> 711 Spooky Mart <711@spooky.mart> writes:
>
>> If you don't like my opinion feel free to object.
>
> Don't care about your opinion but I'd be much more likely to read what
> you post if you were to lose the long blocks of 0x81 0xe2 0x96 0x88
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>
> in your sig.

It sounds as if your locale settings may need updated either in your reader or system-wide.

Are you using Gnus/Emacs? If so the Emacs wiki says:

"Auto-detection of UTF-8 is effectively disabled by default in GNU Emacs 21.3 and below. You can prefer it just below your preferred coding system by specifying utf-8 with 'M-x prefer-coding-system' and then repeating the command to replace your most preferred coding system at the front of the priority list ('coding-category-list')."

More at: <https://www.emacswiki.org/emacs/UnicodeEncoding>

Maybe you are using a legacy reader that doesn't understand UTF-8 text. UTF-8 has been standard for many years now. Most modern mail and news readers and even terminal emulators now support it out of the box. Many programmers now use UTF-8 symbols in their source code with no problems. Even Python now supports `"*~ encoding UTF-8"` directives in source files.

Maybe check your locale settings, too. If your system locale is set to other than `"en_US.UTF-8"` or something similar containing `"UTF-8"`, this can cause display of escape sequences rather than characters. In a bash shell try this:

```
$ echo $LANG
```

You might also try:

or

```
grep -v "#" /etc/locale.gen
```

search for for a line similar to "en_US.UTF-8 UTF-8" and see if it is commented out, or if an older ISO encoding is enabled in that file. If this is the case then:

```
$ man locale-gen
```

should instruct you how to update the system locale to display UTF-8 characters properly.

Some hardcore and slim distros may not do these settings automatically, so applications that don't set their own locale settings will revert to whatever is in the system settings. For instance take XED text editor. You can open a file and specify the locale encoding.

You may ignore the string of escape sequences below this line.

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