

## Scanning for the Percent Symbol

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Follow these steps to scan for the percent symbol (%) using the LIKE or NLIKE test in Query/400:

1. Create a table to convert the percent symbol:

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CrtTbl Tbl( QGPL/WLDCRDQRY )  
      SrcFile( *PROMPT )  
      TblType( *CVT )
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2. Scroll down to input hexadecimal value X'6C' (which signifies the percent symbol) and replace the output value, specifying X'5C', for example, which is the hex equivalent of an asterisk. In place of the percent symbol, you can insert any symbol that doesn't appear in the fields you want to test.
3. Press F6 to create the table.
4. Go to Query/400's Select Collating Sequence panel.
5. Select option 4 (Translation table) and enter the newly created table name and library in the fields at the bottom of the screen.
6. On Query/400's Specify Processing Options panel, verify that Y is specified for Use Collating Sequence for All Character Comparisons.
7. Enter a SELECT statement with the following specification to select all records having the % anywhere in the NAME field: `NAME LIKE '%%'`

This method lets you easily enter the replaced wildcard search for any query by simply repeating steps 4 to 7 as required.

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