

# Re: Why is ASP.NET changing character encoding of documents?

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I found out what gives.

My default encoding in web.config was iso-8859-1.

When I run that page with  
<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=iso-8859-1" />  
both charsets are the same, so everything is OK.

When I change web.config to use utf-8, I get the same error you reported, but all that means is that you cannot override an asp.net charset setting with a META tag.

The web.config setting takes precedence over the meta tag.

In sum, if you want to change the web.config setting ( or the default setting for asp.net, which is utf-8 ), use the @Page directive :

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<% @ Page ResponseEncoding="iso-8859-1" %>
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and get rid of the META tag you tried to use.

Check the valid result, eliminating the META tag, and using the above @Page setting, with the default encoding set to utf-8 in web.config.

<http://validator.w3.org/check?uri=http%3A%2F%2Fasp.net.do%2Ftest%2Fw3cvalidate.aspx&charset=%28detect+aut>

best regards,

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> That's really strange.

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- > When I check : <http://asp.net.do/test/w3cvalidate.aspx>
- > which has the \*exact\* same content as you provided
- > ( I copied and pasted it ) it passes validation, and the
- > encoding is reported as iso-8859-1.
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- > Here's the check URL :
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