

## Re: XmlReader and first char

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Cowboy (Gregory A. Beamer) <[NoSpamMgbworld@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:NoSpamMgbworld@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

When you stream, the streamreader will attempt to determine if the entire transmission is bogus or not. A null char is a definite signal that the stream is bad or non-existent. I am not sure why the white space in the first position would be seen as a null char, but I am not overly surprised either.

My guess is that the stream has been created using a UTF-16 (or similar) encoding, giving 0 as the first byte.

Remember that files, with the exception of ascii files, begin with real characters, not white space.

On what grounds? There's not reason why a text file stored in UTF-16 shouldn't start with spaces, for instance. It wouldn't be valid XML, but it's a perfectly reasonable text file.

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