

<http://www.lua.org/manual/5.1/manual.html#5.4.1>

<https://www.gammon.com.au/scripts/doc.php?lua=string.find>

## escape special characters for pattern matching

```
pattern = pattern:gsub ("%+", "%%%+") -- change '+' to '%+'
pattern = pattern:gsub ("([+%?])", "%%%1") -- escape only characters from set
pattern = pattern:gsub ("([%^w])", "%%%1") -- escape all non alphanumeric
characters
```

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