

# RedHatMalformedUtf8

I get 'Malformed UTF-8 character' errors on Red Hat 8, or using perl 5.8.0, with SA 2.43.

Perl 5.8 introduces a policy change to using UTF-8 character sets by default, which broke a massive amount of existing perl code, including [SpamAssassin](#). [SpamAssassin](#) 2.50 will contain a fix, but in the meantime, add this line to the script which starts spamd, or runs the spamassassin script:

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LANG=en_US; export LANG
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