

Question

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## How to use variable in a sql statement with the like operator

What is the correct way to write embedded SQL that will use a Like operator and local variable. Ex How can a sql query return the IDs of all rows where LastName has the substring "Doe"?

Set nameToFind="Doe". The below does not work.

```
&sql(Select ID from myTable where LastName like ':%:nameToFind%')
```

Simple enough but this syntax is tricky!!

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