# Synnefo - Bug # 3645

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Subject:	String literal escape database warning in postgresql		

# Description

Pithos requires to escape SQL wildcards in order to permit such characters in object paths.

Therefore, uses backslashes to escape like patterns

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However, Postgresql 8.4, contrary to the SQL standard, treats dy default baskslashes as escape characters (this has been changed since postgresql 9.1 - standard\_conforming\_strings has become on dy default) http://stackoverflow.com/questions/2106207/escape-sql-like-value-for-postgres-with-psycopg2#answer-2106443

As a result, it produces the following output:

WARNING: nonstandard use of \\ in a string literal at character 101 HINT: Use the escape string syntax for backslashes, e.g., E'\\'.

for SQL statements (constructed by sqlalchemy) such as:

SELECT nodes.node

FROM nodes

WHERE nodes.path LIKE E'c18088be-16b1-4263-8180-043c54e22903' ESCAPE "\\"

The proposed solutions are:

 pithos to use an escape character other than the backslash (that has a different behavior among the different databases) as proposed also here:

http://www.postgresql.org/docs/8.4/static/sql-syntax-lexical.html#AEN1313

or

to turn off postgresql escape\_string\_warning:
http://www.postgresql.org/docs/8.4/static/runtime-config-compatible.html#GUC-ESCAPE-STRING-WARNING

#### **Associated revisions**

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pithos: use other db escape string literal character

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### History

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