Learn how to use the Charset config.txt directive to allow users to specify which character set is used for pages in EZproxy. By default, EZproxy does not specify the character set (charset) of its own pages such as the login page, menu page, and administration pages. The config.txt **Charset** directive allows the user to specify what charset should be sent to allow proper display of extended characters in pages such as the menu page and status page.

To avoid overriding any existing configuration, EZproxy will not include a charset unless the **Charset** directive is present with a specific value.

**Syntax**

The complete syntax is:

```
Charset [character-set]
```

**Example**

A directive that specifies the UTF-8 character set is used:

```
Charset utf-8
```