

What does "Invalid Label" mean in a JSON response, and how can I fix it?

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I recently build an application that returned a JSON object of data based on a select field value. Whilst I was building this I encountered an error using the JavaScript eval() function on my JSON response. I am using the eval() function to parse a string from my JSON response, but firebug is showing a JavaScript error of "Invalid Label".

This is the code:

```
function(data){  
    jsonResponse = eval(data);  
    var src = jsonResponse.DATA;  
    };
```

After having a Google around it appears that the eval function is interpreting the first item in the JSON response as a label, rather than data. By changing the code like this:

```
jsonResponse = eval("(" + data + ")");
```

We are forcing eval to recognise the data as variable data. Now the JSON to string translation works.