How can I encode a URL String?

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You can work with the OOP statements using the Java class named "java.net.URLEncoder", available with the Java Runtime, useful to encode a URL string:
http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/net/URLEncoder.html

The following is an example of a COBOL program that encodes a string using UTF-8 as the encoding scheme:

```cobol
program-id. pencode.
configuration section.
repository.
 class jencoder as "java.net.URLEncoder"
 class jstring as "java.lang.String"
 class jencodeEx as "java.io.UnsupportedEncodingException"
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working-storage section.
77 w-jencoder object reference jencoder.
77 w-string object reference jstring.
77 var pic x any length.
procedure division.
main.
 try
    set w-string to jstring:>new("The string ü@#foo-bar")
    set var to jencoder:>encode(w-string, "UTF-8")
    display var
 catch jencodeEx
  display exception-object
 end-try.
 stop run.
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