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How to change a tab-delimited text file to a CSV file.

A tab-delimited text file is a text file whose units of text are separated by a tab character. These tab characters organize the text into tabular data. You can convert the file to a CSV (comma-separated values) file using a spreadsheet application, such as Microsoft Excel or LibreOffice Calc.

Using Microsoft Excel.

Open Microsoft Excel. Click the File tab in the Ribbon menu and click the Open option. Click the Browse option to bring up the Open or Browse window. Next to the File Name field, click the File Type drop-down menu and select the Text Files option. Navigate to the location of the text file, select it, and click the Open button. In the Text Import Wizard, the Delimited option should already be selected (shown below). Click the Next button to go to Step 2 of the wizard.

If the text file has a header row (row that identifies the name of each column of data), click the check box for My data has headers.

Make sure the Tab option is checked and validate the data is separated correctly in the Data preview section.

To format each column of data, like text, date, or numeric, click the Next button and select the format type for each column of data. If you don't need to format each column of data, click the Finish button. The text file data is converted to spreadsheet format. Again, click the File tab in the Ribbon menu and select the Save As option. In the Save As window, select the CSV (Comma delimited) (*.csv) option in the Save as type drop-down menu. Type a name for the CSV file in the File name field, navigate to where you want to save the file, then click the Save button.

The file is saved as a CSV file, which is a text file that uses commas as delimiters. It can be opened in a spreadsheet application or in any text editor.

Using LibreOffice Calc.

LibreOffice is a free, open-source office productivity software suite that runs on many operating systems, including Linux, Microsoft Windows, and macOS. Its spreadsheet application is LibreOffice Calc.

Follow these steps to open a tab-delimited text file in LibreOffice Calc, view it as a spreadsheet, and save it as a CSV file.

How To Create Tab Delimited Files.

Several data import formats used with PaperCut require a file formatted as TSV (Tab Separated Values). TSV is simply a file where each line has its values separated by tabs. This is similar to the common format CSV (Comma Separated Values). TSV avoids many of the problems associated with CSV, particularly where values may contain commas, and in countries where commas are used as the decimal separator in numbers.

Creating a TSV File With Microsoft Excel.

Start with a new worksheet in Excel. Enter or paste the data into the corresponding columns (first field in column A, second field in column B, etc.). Click File (or the Office Button) → Save As. Change Save as type: to “Text (Tab delimited) (*.txt)”. Enter a file name and save the file.

It's also worth checking out the Batch User Import & Update examples if you're looking to create tsv files for that purpose!

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Import/Export Text Files.

4a. To import a .csv file, select the Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File and click Open. That's all.

4b. To import a .txt file, select the Text Document and click Open. Excel launches the Text Import Wizard.

5. Choose Delimited and click Next.

6. Clear all the check boxes under Delimiters except for the Tab check box and click Next.

Export.

To export text files, execute the following steps.

1. Open an Excel file.

2. On the File tab, click Save As.

4. Select Text (Tab delimited) or CSV (Comma delimited) from the drop-down list.

Tab separated values.

The copyFlash and csvFlash buttons have the option to specify the character (or more generally a full string) that separates the values between fields. By default this is a tab character for the copy button, but the Comma Separated Values button uses a comma.

The `fieldSeparator` option is used to specify the field separator - in this example the exported file is a tab separated values file. The file extension has also been set to reflect this, although that is optional as most spreadsheet applications will read TSV files without issue.

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Javascript HTML CSS Ajax Server-side script Comments.

The Javascript shown below is used to initialise the table shown in this example:

In addition to the above code, the following Javascript library files are loaded for use in this example:

<https://code.jquery.com/jquery-3.5.1.js> <https://cdn.datatables.net/1.10.23/js/jquery.dataTables.min.js>
<https://cdn.datatables.net/buttons/1.6.5/js/dataTables.buttons.min.js> <https://cdn.datatables.net/buttons/1.6.5/js/buttons.flash.min.js>.

The HTML shown below is the raw HTML table element, before it has been enhanced by DataTables:

This example uses a little bit of additional CSS beyond what is loaded from the library files (below), in order to correctly display the table. The additional CSS used is shown below:

The following CSS library files are loaded for use in this example to provide the styling of the table:

<https://cdn.datatables.net/1.10.23/css/jquery.dataTables.min.css> <https://cdn.datatables.net/buttons/1.6.5/css/buttons.dataTables.min.css>.

This table loads data by Ajax. The latest data that has been loaded is shown below. This data will update automatically as any additional data is loaded.

The script used to perform the server-side processing for this table is shown below. Please note that this is just an example script using PHP. Server-side processing scripts can be written in any language, using the protocol described in the DataTables documentation.

Use Tab-delimited text files.

Tab-delimited text files are an easy way to import metadata for multiple files. Use tab-delimited text files to import:

Metadata into a specific field.

Single compound object.

Multiple compound objects.

Creating a Tab-delimited Text File.

Regardless of how you use a tab-delimited file, follow these guidelines:

One field must contain the file name of the items.

For best results, place the field that contains the file names of the imported files as the last field in your tab-delimited text file.

All collection metadata field names must appear in the first record of the tab-delimited text file.

The file names must exactly match the contents of the upload directory for the files. One single mismatch causes the entire upload to fail.

Use a tab for the delimiting character.

End each record with a carriage return.

Do not use carriage returns or tabs within a field.

The end of the document should be the very end of the last word in the last line, with no extra blank lines or spaces.

Remove special characters from file names and collection metadata field names. Special characters are: \ / : * ? " < > |

When entering file names, enter only the file name of the item, such as item.jpg. Do not enter full path names such as c:\windows\item.jpg.

When entering file names, be sure to include the extension, even if your operating system hides the extension type. Common extension types are JPG, TIF, GIF, and PDF.

When importing files, use unique file names for each item. Using capital letters in the file name does not make the file name unique. The file name item.jpg is treated the same as ITEM.jpg and ITEM.JPG.

Field name mapping need not be 1:1. Multiple tab-delimited fields may map to a single CONTENTdm collection field or you might have fewer fields in your tab-delimited file than in your CONTENTdm collection.

One or more fields must map to the Title field of your collection.

Store all of your items referred to in the tab-delimited file in one directory.

Entering Dates in a Tab-delimited Text File.

If importing dates to a Date data type field, they must be valid dates in the following supported formats:

Supported formats Format Example Supported Formats yyyy-mm-dd yyyy-mm yyyy mm/dd/yyyy mm/yyyy yyyy-yyyy 2009-01-01 2009-01-01 2009 11/30/2008 11/2008 2008-2009 Supported delimiters between dates Comma (,) and semicolon (;) 2008, 2009 2008; 2009 Supported delimiter in date range Hyphen (-) 2008-2009 Leading spaces are okay but not required when using multiple dates YYYY; YYYY; YYYY YYYY;YYYY;YYYY 2007; 2008; 2009 2007;2008;2009.

After dates are added to the project spreadsheet, they will be displayed in a yyyy-mm-dd format.

Using Microsoft Excel to Create Tab-delimited Text Files.

In addition to the general guidelines highlighted above, there are specific guidelines for creating tab-delimited text files using Microsoft Excel:

Turn off the text wrap option before saving as a tab-delimited text file. Using the text wrap option sometimes places a special character at the end of the line, which then causes the import to fail.

For cleanest metadata, replace quotation marks within fields with apostrophes. Otherwise, when the spreadsheet is converted to a text file, another set of quotation marks is added next to the quotation marks. For example, if you have a field in Excel that contains the following:

Frank "Ol' Blue Eyes" Sinatra.

Once the file is saved as a text file, the tab-delimited text file will read:

"Frank "'Ol' Blue Eyes'" Sinatra" unless you change the quotation marks to apostrophes.