
Subject: Re: Read ASCII File with tab separator
Posted by [Carsten Lechte](#) on Wed, 02 Mar 2011 18:12:45 GMT
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Hi,

after firmly kicking the person responsible for this abomination ;)
you can try this little sed command on the data to generate non-broken files:
(all needs to go into one line)

```
sed <asdf.tab -e 's/\t\t\t\t\t/g' -e 's/\t\t\t\t\t/g' -e 's/\t\t\t\t\t/g' -e 's/\t$/\t\t\t\t\t/g'
```

asdf.tab:

```
1 2 3 4
2  3
3 5 5
```

result:

```
1 2 3 4
2 0 0 3
3 5 5 0
```

chl
