

Re: Converting textfile from Mac to Windows

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"Joachim Van den Bogaert" <joachim@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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I have experienced the problem of converting windows to mac.
We needed Word files for Mac 8.5 so what I did was the following:
First convert the text to rtf, then parse the rtf with a matrix I
composed from the official codepages you find here

<http://unicode.org/Public/MAPPINGS/VENDORS/APPLE/>

I used this approach because there was something wrong with the
conversion in Word for Windows.
CE languages showed corrupted characters.

After I wrote the conversion tool, the files were ok for mac.

The text is plain ASCII so I suggest you have a look at the codepages
on the link I gave you
and do a hex dump of your file (rename it to a .bin file for example)
in Visual Studio so you can trace wrong characters.
Maybe then you can find out which code page has been used. If the
approach with the .NET codepages doesnt work
you can still use the matrix method,

Hope this helps,
Joachim

Thank Joachim for your reply.
My case is following:

1. Filemaker should write a file to filesystem containig data from database.
2. C# / Asp.Net should read this file, parse it and insert data into SQL Server.

Problem is that special characters that Filemaker writes into file are not
shown correctly in

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Windows.

I have tried to encoding using C#'s Encoding classes but still special characters are not shown.

Do you know that what is the default encoding when FileMaker writes data into file?

Is it possible and how to change encoding so that Windows can also understand it, maybe UTF8?

I would be very grateful for tips what comes to proper encoding between Mac FileMaker and Windows.

Thanks,

– J

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