

## Re: Save As CSV problem

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I read that KB article again and it sure sounds like it explains the problem to me. In fact, it recommends the same technique as you do.

ScotP wrote:

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> I didn't explain the problem correctly, I want (need) the comma's. The  
> program I wrote is to load data from a CSV into a DB. The first thing I do  
> is check the number of fields in the record, if there are too few, or too  
> many, I skip the record. Our client said they were getting a lot of skipped  
> records, and the skipped records were similar to records that weren't being  
> skipped. I asked for the file they were using & found this problem. The  
> article you cited does explain the behavior, thanx.. I will suggest to my  
> boss that he instructs the clients to put a space in the last field of any  
> record that doesn't have data (all fields are trimmed before processing).  
>  
> Thanx Again,  
> Scot P  
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> "Dave Peterson" <[ec35720@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:ec35720@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
> [news:426D8112.C544CDCB@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:426D8112.C544CDCB@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
>> Saved from a previous post:  
>>  
>> This might describe the problem of too many commas in CSV files:  
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>> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=77295>  
>> Column Delimiters Missing in Spreadsheet Saved as Text  
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>> (It actually describes missing delimiter, but if some are "missing", maybe  
> the  
>> ones appearing are "extra".)  
>>  
>> (But a lot of programs (excel included) don't care about those extra  
> columns.  
>> Maybe you don't have to care, either???)  
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>> Maybe you could write your own exporting program that would behave exactly  
> the

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>> way you want:  
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>> Here are three sites that you could steal some code from:  
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>> Earl Kiosterud's Text Write program:  
>> [www.smokeylake.com/excel](http://www.smokeylake.com/excel)  
>> (or directly: [http://www.smokeylake.com/excel/text\\_write\\_program.htm](http://www.smokeylake.com/excel/text_write_program.htm))  
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>> Chip Pearson's:  
>> <http://www.cpearson.com/excel/impertext.htm>  
>>  
>> J.E. McGimpsey's:  
>> <http://www.mcgimpsey.com/excel/textfiles.html>  
>>  
>> (or maybe you could build your own formula and copy/paste into Notepad.)  
>>  
>> In G1:  
>> =a1  
>> In G2:  
>> =a2&"&b2&"&c2&"&d2&"&e2&"&f2  
>> then drag down.  
>>  
>> You may need to insert additional quotes or formatting:  
>>  
>> =a2&"&text(b2,"mm/dd/yyyy")&....  
>>  
>> ScotP wrote:  
>>>  
>>> When I save a spreadsheet as CSV, and some of the fields at the end  
>> of  
>>> the row are empty (ie row 1 has 10 fields, and subsequent rows have <10  
>>> fields), some rows have consecutive comma's at the end of the row for  
>> the  
>>> empty fields, and some do not. Anyone see/hear of this behavior? I'm  
>> using  
>>> Excel 2002 SP3.  
>>>  
>>> To reproduce the problem, try entering 1 – 5 in cells A1 – E1, then  
>>> enter 1 & 2 in columns A & B for the next 20 rows. Save as CSV, and  
>> open in  
>>> notepad, rows 2 – 16 have three comma's at the end, & rows starting at  
>> 17 do  
>>> not. The problem always starts at row 17 for me.  
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>>  
>> Dave Peterson

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