

RE: Bulk Copy / BCP problem....please advise

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Thanks for responding,

I could do that, but would much rather do it with SQL. Actually I might be more inclined to import every row as one big field and then split it out with T-SQL.

Anyone else have any other ideas?

>-----Original Message-----

>You can use vb6, vb.net, c#, etc. to open the text file and then using ADO or

>ADO.NET connect to your db and insert the rows. I know this solution is

>slower than using bcp or bulk insert but it could help.

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>"Scott" wrote:

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>> I have a text file that I would like to import on a

>> regular basis into my SQL Server using either Bulk

Copy /

>> BCP. The problem I have is that the number of fields in

>> the text file varies per row. The maximum number of

>> fields that a row will contain is 26. If I edit the file

>> so that each row has the same number of fields, then the

>> import works great, but I cannot do this on a regular

>> basis. I have tried using a format file, but with no

>> luck.

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>> Is there a trick to having a text file with a varying

>> number of fields per row automatically imported? I

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>> *tried DTS, but could not get the "transform data task"*

or

>> *the "bulk insert task" to work there.*

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>> *My only solution thus far is to have bulk insert/bcp*

>> *import into the minimum number of fields (3) and then*

try

>> *and use SQL to split them out later (if the row has*

more

>> *than three fields, then the rest of the fields for that*

>> *row are run together in the 3rd field).*

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>> **HELP!!!**

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>> *Thank you.*

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