



# Opening Excel files with the correct CSV list separator

1. Open the Windows Start Menu and click Control Panel
2. Open the Regional and Languages Options dialog box
3. Click the Regional Options tab
4. Click Customize (Additional Settings in Windows 10)
5. Select a comma ( , ) for the List Separator
6. Apply the changes

**Note:** This only works if the Decimal Symbol is different to the List Separator symbol.

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If you do not want to change the default list separator or decimal symbols, then the below method will also work:

1. Open a new empty spreadsheet in Excel
2. Go to the Data tab and select "From Text"
3. Select the file you want to open
4. Choose the "Delimited" option and click Next
5. Select the correct delimiter which will display the metadata correctly in the Preview panel
6. Click "Finish" and you'll be able to view the CSV file

**Note:** Deselect "Tab" and select "Comma" in step 5 for these results:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Account Name	Description	Account No	Type	Balance	Tax Code	Bank Acc Name	BSB	Bank Acc No
2	Test Act	Description 1	12345	AP	0	NT			
3	Test Act 2	Description 2	5678	AR	0	NT			
4	Test Act 3	Description 3	6754	EQUITY	0	NT			
5	Test Act 4	Description 4	34567	BANK	0	NT			