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Introduction

Thankyou for purchasing the eXtream File Converter tm. If you follow the instruction continued within this user manual you will have many years of file conversion productivity without hassle.

This user guide has been written for you, the user of eXtream File Converter, to facilitate your transition from legacy data storage in CVS format to the latest in relational database designs, or the latest Extensible mark-up languages.

If you have any comments, suggestions, improvements or general well wishes feel free to send this to <u>JavaAlliance@awesomness.com</u>

Supported Formats

Text Formats

The File Format Converter program has a comprehensive understanding of file formats. Your legacy data can be imported and then converted into the latest cutting edge relational database or Extensible mark-up formats with minimal effort and maximum results. You can convert the following text formats.

- CVS
- JSON
- XML

Databases

The File Format Converter program has a unique, dynamic understanding of the latest industry standard relational databases. By implementing our Initialisation file system your legacy data can be exported to ANY SQL compatible database.

The File Format Converter program comes preloaded with compatibility with MySQL, postgreSQL and MSSQL.

If you are interested in expanding your output options to other relational databases please see the 'Configuration File Creation' section of your system manual.

Extensible Text Formats

The File Format Converter program has an understanding of the latest industry standards in Extensible File Formats. At the press of a button you can export your legacy data into Web2.0 compatible file formats like XML and JSON.

Import

Click Menu => File => Import. The Open File dialog will appear.

Choosing File type

1. Click **Browse** to select the file.



Figure 1 Open File

2. Browse and choose the file you need to convert.

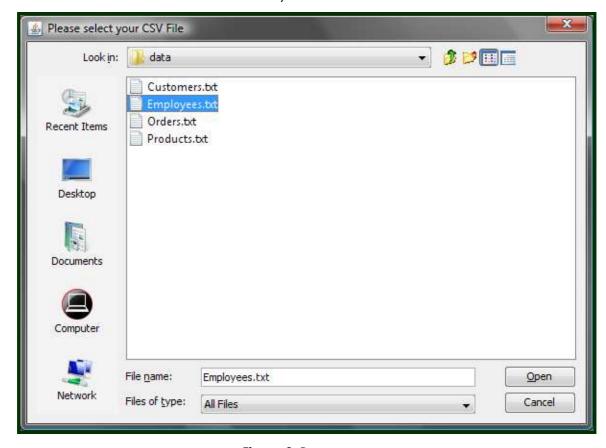


Figure 2 Browse

3. Select file type.

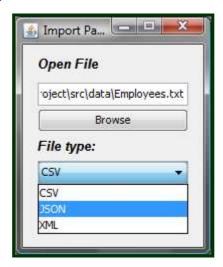


Figure 3 Selecting File type

4. Press **Next** to continue.

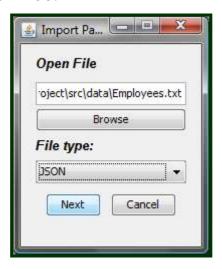


Figure 4 Continue

Adding Column Headers

1. The Import Page 2 Wizard will appear.

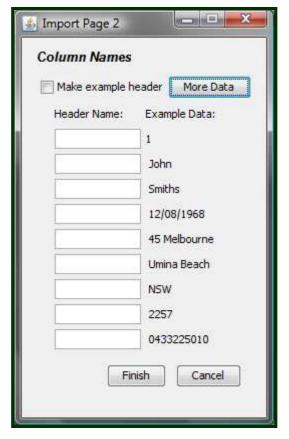


Figure 5 Import Wizard

- 2. Press More Data if you want to see the next record.
- Check Make example header checkbox if the first record's fields are column names or type your own column names in the text fields.
- 4. Press Finish to continue.



Figure 6 Column Names

Working with data

Before exporting your text file, you can work with the data, modify records, change data types, add and delete records.

There are two modes for working with data: Single Record mode and Data Table mode. The Single Record Mode allows you to change the column name, choose available data type; change every field of the selected record. You can also add and delete a record. For your convenience there is navigation throughout the records. The Data Table Mode allows you working with data in the table. You can scroll to see all data you have got.

Single Record mode

Navigate throughout the records

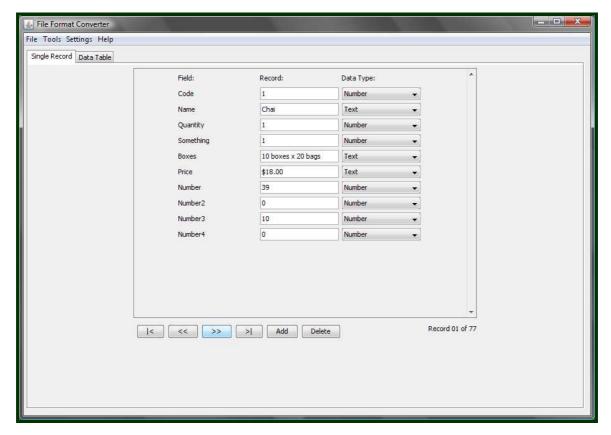


Figure 7 Single Record

Press , and to navigate the records.

Changing column name

- 1. Click on the **column name** field that needs to be changed.
- 2. On-Click the column changes to an editable text field.
- 3. Change the **column name** to the new required name.
- 4. Click off or tab off the column and the new name will be saved and updated.

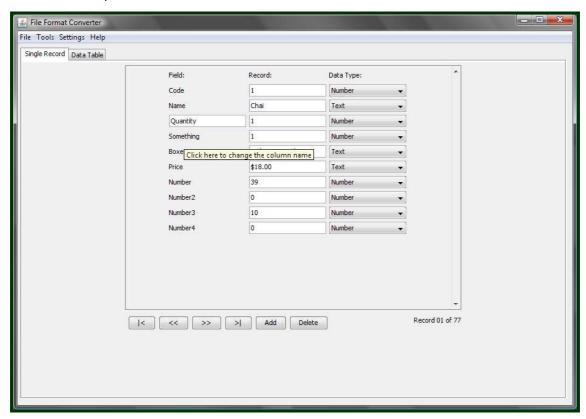


Figure 8 Change column name

Note: The column name can only contain alphanumeric symbols.

Change Data Type

- 1. Click on the **Data Type** field that needs to be changed
- 2. Change the **Data Type** to the new required type.
- 3. The system will only allow valid data types.

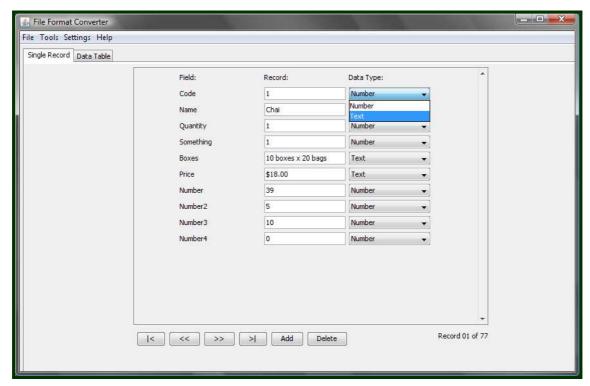


Figure 9 Change Data Type

Change Record

- 1. Click on the cell containing the data you wish to edit.
- 2. Change the data as required and then click off or tab off the field
- 3. The system will automatically validate the new data.

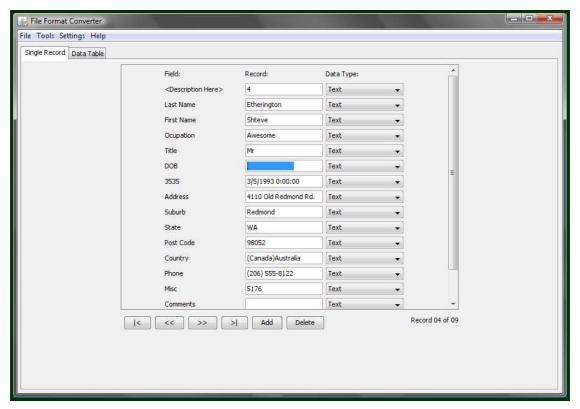


Figure 10 Change Data

Add record

It doesn't work yet

Delete Record

It doesn't word yet

Data Table mode

1. Click on the data table tab pane to switch to the **Data Table** view.

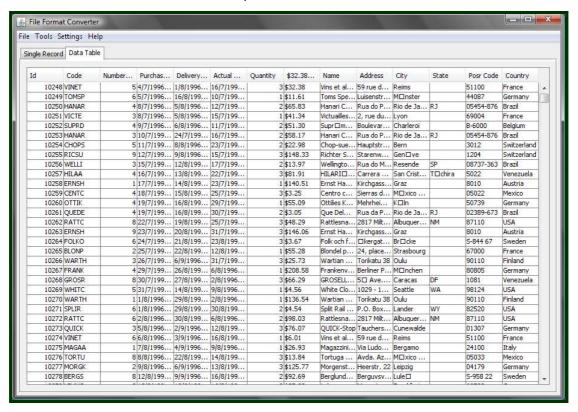


Figure 11 Data Table Mode

Changing data

- 1. Click on the cell you wish to change.
- 2. Enter new text.
- 3. Click off or tab off the cell to update the table.

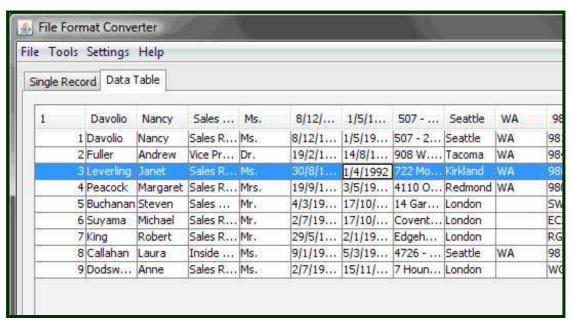


Figure 12 Change Data

Add column

- 1. Click on Tools => Table => Add Column.
- 2. A new blank column

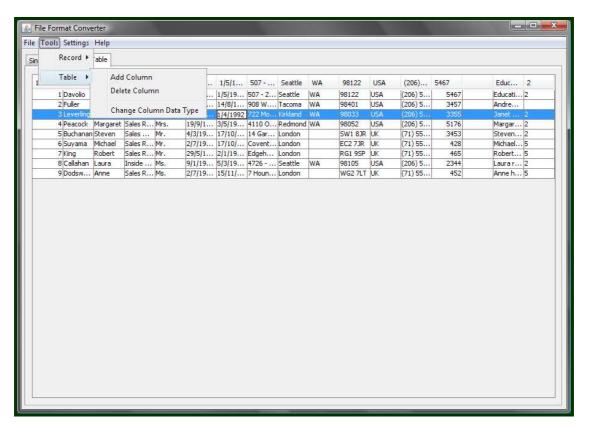


Figure 13 This is gonna be changed

It doesn't word yet

Delete column

It doesn't work yet

Sorting data

- 1. Click on a column name.
- 2. The Data will be sorting contained within alphabetically by that columns data.

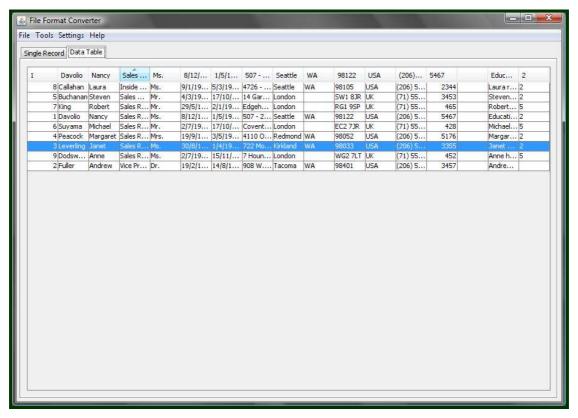


Figure 14 Sorting Data

Export

Export to Text

1. Click File => Export => Text. The Save File dialog will appear.

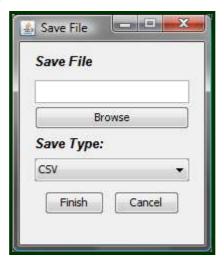


Figure 15 Export to Text

2. Choose the **Save Type**.

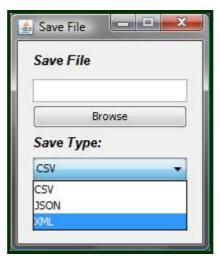


Figure 16 Save Type

3. Click **Browse** to bring up a file system viewer.

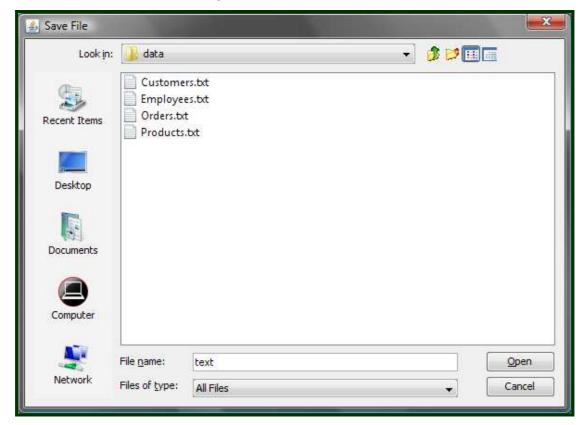


Figure 17 Browse

4. Click Finish.

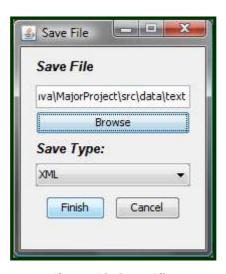


Figure 18 Save File

The file will be saved in the location you have chosen.

Export to Database

Click on File => Export => Database.

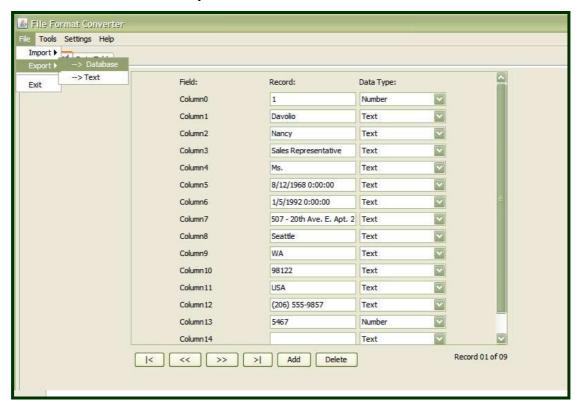


Figure 19 Export to Database

2. Select a vendor's database from a list.



Figure 20 Selecting Database

3. Enter the Host Name.

- 4. Enter the User Name.
- 5. Enter the Password.



Figure 21 Enter Details

- 6. Press **NEXT** to continue.
- 7. Select the **Database Name**.

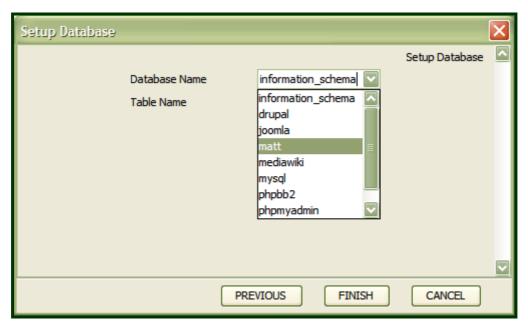


Figure 22 Database Name

8. Select the Table Name.



9. Press Finish

10. The selected data will now be exported to the database and table you have selected.

Settings

If you want to change the appearance of this application, do following:

1. Click on **Settings => Look and feel =>**

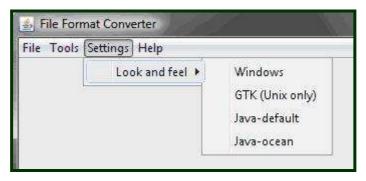


Figure 23 Settings

- 2. Choose between the different view types, Windows, GTK (UNIX Only) Java-default and Java-ocean.
- 3. The appearance of the program will change.

Below are samples of how look and feel will change based on your selection:

1. Windows:



Figure 24 Look and Feel 1

2. Java-default:

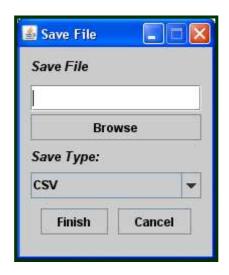


Figure 25 Look and Feel 3

3. Java-ocean:



Figure 26 Look and Feel 4

Troubleshoot

Database connection error

Ensure you have a valid username, hostname and password as provided from your database administrator.

Ensure that the database is active and able to accept connections.

Incorrect username

Check that your username is typed in correctly as supplied by your database administrator. Ensure that caps lock is not on.

No Database appearing

Check that you have configuration files listed in the projects directory. Ensure the configuration files are valid.

No databases appearing in list

Check that you have databases installed onto your database server, check that the database server is active and ready for connections.

Contact your system administrator.

No tables appearing

Check that there are tables in the database which is selected.

Program not starting

If your programs will no load, try reinstalling the application. Failing that call our support centre.

The program crashes without throwing any error messages

Please write down what you were doing when the application crashed and then contact our support centre.

Won't import a text file

Check that your text file is in one of the supported formats: JSON, XML and CSV.

FAQ

How do I know if my file is CSV format?

If your file contains text data with comma separator, it is CSV.

What is JSON?

JSON (pronounced "Jason"), short for JavaScript Object Notation, is a lightweight computer data interchange format. It is a text-based, human-readable format for representing simple data structures and associative arrays (called objects).

The JSON file extension is .json

What is XML?

XML (Extensible Markup Language) is a general-purpose specification for creating custom markup languages. It is classified as an extensible language, because it allows the user to define the mark-up elements. XML's purpose is to aid information systems in sharing structured data, especially via the Internet, to encode documents, and to serialize data; in the last context, it compares with text-based serialization languages such as JSON, YAML and S-Expressions.

What is a User Name?

The username is also the login credentials of the account you use to access the relation data base management systems of your choice. Your User Name will be supplied by your database administrator.

What is the Password?

The password is also the login validation of the account you use to access the relation data base management systems of your choice. Your password will be supplied by your database administrator.

What is the Host Name?

The hostname IP is the IP location of the relation data base management systems of your choice. Your hostname will be supplied by your database administrator. Please contact them.

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It is a gathering of like minded individuals with similar goals.

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