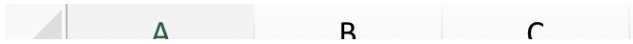


[1260] CSV Files

"CSV" stands for "Comma Separated Variables." The CSV file format is one of the oldest around. It was created to help people transfer data between some of the earliest PC spreadsheet programs. CSV is a very simple format. Each line corresponds to a row in the spreadsheet. Each cell on that row is converted to text and separated from the other cells using commas.

Here is a screenshot of a spreadsheet and its corresponding CSV file:



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Name,Car,# of Wheels  
John,Chevy,4  
Tom,Honda,4  
Sara,Ford,4  
Jim,Nissan,4  
Chip,BMW,3
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