Command Reference: WriteTableToDelimitedFile()

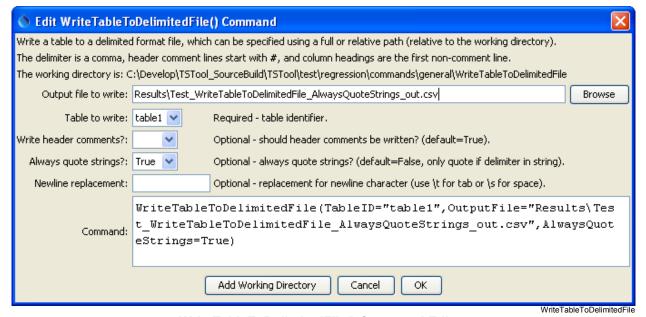
Write a table to a delimited file

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The WriteTableToDelimitedFile() command writes a table to a delimited file. Currently only the comma is supported as the delimiter. This command is the analog to the ReadTableFromDelimitedFile() command. It can be used to provide tabular data to other programs, such as spreadsheet programs and geographic information systems.

The default is to write a standard file header using comment lines that start with the # character. If available, column names will be written in double quotes as the first non-comment row. Formatting for cell values is limited and the default precision of floating point numbers may include too many digits – this will be addressed in future updates.

The following dialog is used to edit the command and illustrates the syntax for the command.



WriteTableToDelimitedFile() Command Editor

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The command syntax is as follows:

WriteTableToDelimitedFile(Parameter=Value,...)

Command Parameters

Parameter	Description	Default
TableID	Identifier for the table to write.	None – must be specified.
OutputFile	The name of the file to write, as an	None – must be specified.
	absolute path or relative to the command	
	file location.	
WriteHeaderComments	Indicates whether to write the header	True
	comments, True or False. Some	
	programs, such as Esri's ArcGIS do not	
	handle delimited files with comments.	
AlwaysQuoteStrings	Indicates whether values in string	False
	columns should always be surrounded	
	by double quotes:	
	• False — only quote strings that	
	contain the delimiter	
	• True – always quote strings	
	An example of using	
	AlwaysQuoteStrings=True is to	
	quote identifiers that have a leading zero	
	(e.g., 01234567). Not quoting may	
	cause the values to be interpreted as	
	integers when read from the delimited	
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NewlineReplacement	The string to replace newlines in string	Do not replace newlines.
	values, necessary to prevent unexpected line breaks in output rows. In order to	
	handle newlines from various systems,	
	the following patterns are replaced in	
	sequence:	
	• \r\n	
	• \n	
	• \r	
	The following special parameter values	
	are recognized:	
	• \t - replace newline with tab	
	<u> </u>	
	• \s – replace newline with space	