# Handling csv file input – “Null” & nulls

csv files get string “null” put into fields as Null values causing problems with integers, dates & strings.

An alternative to handle is to read columns that may have Nulls in as Strings, test for “null” and then either input NULL or perform appropriate conversions.

* Integer

csv\_employees.ParentEmployeeKey.equalsIgnoreCase("null") -- test for “null” string

?null -- if yes, input NULL (real NULL)

:Integer.parseInt(csv\_employees.ParentEmployeeKey) -- if no, convert to integer

* Date

csv\_employees.EndDate.equalsIgnoreCase("null")

?null

:Integer.parseInt(routines.TalendDate.formatDate("yyyyMMdd",TalendDate.parseDate("yyyy-MM dd",csv\_employees.EndDate) ) )

