# Text Processing in Linux - Cut Command



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#### **Problem Statement**

#### Task

Given a tab delimited file with several columns (tsv format) print the fields from second fields to last field.

#### **Input Format**

A tab-separated file with lines of ASCII text only.

# **Input Constraints**

1 <= N <= 100

 $2 \le \mathbb{C} \le 100$  (N is the number of lines of text in the input file and C is the number of columns of data in the file)

Note: These values don't really impact your command.

## **Output Format**

The output should contain **N** lines. For each line in the input, print the fields from second fields to last field.

### Sample Input

- 1 New York, New York[10] 8,244,910 1 New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA MSA 19,015,900 1 New York-Newark-Bridgeport, NY-NJ-CT-PA CSA 22,214,083
- 2 Los Angeles, California 3,819,702 2 Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA MSA 12,944,801 2 Los Angeles-Long Beach-Riverside, CA CSA 18,081,569
- 3 Chicago, Illinois 2,707,120 3 Chicago-Joliet-Naperville, IL-IN-WI MSA 9,504,753 3 Chicago-Naperville-Michigan City, IL-IN-WI CSA 9,729,825
- 4 Houston, Texas 2,145,146 4 Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX MSA 6,526,548 4 Washington-Baltimore-Northern Virginia, DC-MD-VA-WV CSA 8,718,083
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### **Sample Output**

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#### **Recommended References**

This is a very well written tutorial demonstrating different ways in which 'cut' may be used to either print characters at a particular position, or to print columns of a text file, based on delimiters. The latter is particularly useful while dealing with tabulated data in \*.tsv or \*.csv format.