

^M line feed characters

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Question

^M" line feed characters in Aleph tables cause problems. How do they get there and how can they be eliminated?

Answer

They get there because the file has been ftp-ed in binary mode rather than ascii.

There are two ways to get rid of these control characters:

1. re-ftp the file, typing "ASCII" on the ftp command line prior to doing the ftp.
2. Enter this command at the unix prompt on your server:

`dos2unix xxxxxxxxx <where "xxxxxxx" is the name of the file> (on LINUX systems)`

`dos2unix -ascii xxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxx <where "xxxxxxx" is the name of the file> (on SUN systems)`

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