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## hash signs in GUI .dat files - Aleph version 22

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### Question

In version 22, ".dat" files have # (hashsign) in pos. 41, for example:

```
..\acq\tableng>window.dat:
```

```
AboutDlg.Static.AppName #Acquisitions/Serials
```

This sign is present in all ".dat" files installed by file /exlibris/aleph/a22\_1/aleph/pc\_exe/gui500.exe:

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 aleph exlibris 29204792 Dec 31 10:19 gui500.exe
```

In version 20, the .dat files installed by /exlibris/aleph/a20\_1/aleph/pc\_exe/gui500.exe also have the # sign:

```
-rwxr-xr-x 1 aleph exlibris 20413215 Sep 2 08:41 gui500.exe*
```

However, the files updated by version 20 services packs do not have the # sign. What is the difference?

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### Answer

There was a change in the middle of version 20: rpc #2164 in V20:

```
rep_change #002164
```

Description: GUI Version Check will now work as follows:

Merge - When files are downloaded from sp\_conf or sp\_exe directories (<module>.ini, print.ini and language dat files only).

Override - When files are downloaded from any other directory under the pc\_exe directory, they will override the existing PC files.

Before this change, the SP installation did overwrite the conf files (like window.dat), and the # did not exist anymore.

After this change, the SP installation merges updated file, keeping the #.

So indeed that was the behavior until the middle of V20, and it will not be so in V22.

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