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## File\_96 and UTF Files

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### Description:

We're trying to load records from the vendor China International Book Trading. They've supplied files in UTF-8 with the necessary data to spawn order records and items. However, upon completion of file\_96, it looks like file\_96 expects only MARC-8.

Is there a way to deal with the UTF-8 and file\_96? If not, is it possible to add a drop-down selection like manage\_18 has so that different types of encoding can be used with file\_96?

### Resolution:

This is a known problem with p\_file\_96. It is hardcoded to convert from MARC8 to Unicode. An advanced vendor loader (file-90) was implemented in v19. This new service has all the functionality of p\_file\_96 and additional functionality including character conversion routines, so p\_file\_96 will not be changed.

To use p\_file\_96, you will have to explicitly convert this file from UTF-8 to MARC8 and then load it. Here are the steps to do the conversion:

- 1) p\_file\_01
- 2) p\_file\_02

These two steps will convert the file to ALEPH Sequential Format.

- 3) p\_file\_22 specifying UTF\_TO\_MARC8

This will do the character conversion. You can use the output of this step as the input to p\_file\_96.

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