
How to remove trailing blanks from 008?

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Desired Outcome Goal:

Field 008 has 10 trailing characters “^” at the end of the field which shall be removed. They came into the field by mistake during data loading.

Field content looks like ...

```
870227c19839999hk^mr^p^^^^^^0uuu^0fre^d^^^^^^
```

... but should look this way ...

```
870227c19839999hk^mr^p^^^^^^0uuu^0fre^d
```

The last entry in the field is always “d”. A file with affected system numbers is available.

Procedure:

Run “Download Machine-Readable Records (print-03)” for the file with the affected system numbers and extract only field 008. You get an output file which looks like ...

```
00005678 008 L 870227c19839999hk^mr^p^^^^^^0uuu^0fre^d^^^^^^
000053886 008 L 870227c19839999hk^mr^p^^^^^^0uuu^0fre^d^^^^^^
00006091 008 L 751101c19559999fr^ar^p^^a^^^^0uuub0fre^d^^^^^^
000054162 008 L 751101c19559999fr^ar^p^^a^^^^0uuub0fre^d^^^^^^
```

Now perform the following vi command ...

```
:1,$s/d^^^^^^/d/g
```

... and save the file. It can then be used for loading the fields back using “Load ALEPH Sequential MARC Records (manage-18)” with options “Update current records in the database” and “Replace fields within a record”.

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