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## Problems with check\_val\_runtime

- **Product:** Aleph
  - **Product Version:** 20, 21, 22, 23
  - **Relevant for Installation Type:** Dedicated-Direct, Direct, Local, Total Care
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### Problem Symptoms:

When the check\_val\_runtime routine is added to the check\_doc table to validate the running time in positions 18-20 of the 008 field of Visual Materials, the value '---', which is valid and indicates 'Unknown' is not permitted. When attempting to save the record to the server, the following error appears: "008/18/20: Value " " is not a running time.

### Cause:

The check\_val\_runtime routine is not the cause of this problem. All valid codings of the 008/18-20 are permitted by this check routine, including "---" (3 hyphens). This problem is caused by the presence of this line in tab\_fix:

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INS fix_doc_fixed_fields
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This fix routine converts all hyphens in all fixed fields to spaces when the record is being saved to the server, and 3 spaces is not a valid coding for the 008/18-20 position.

### Resolution:

Either remove the fix\_doc\_fixed\_fields routine from tab\_fix, or use '|||' instead of '---' to code the 008/18-20 fixed field. Note that there is a slight difference in meaning between '|||' and '---'. The MARC21 standard says this:

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18-20 - Running time for motion pictures and videorecordings (006/01-03)
000 - Running time exceeds three characters
001-999 - Running time
nnn - Not applicable
--- - Unknown
||| - No attempt to code
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