

# txt2xls

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I would like to convert very simple text files into .xls files and I need some help.

Here is the format of a typical file:

```
# begin table.txt
```

This should go in the first row,  
first column.

This should go in the first row,  
second column.

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```

This should go in the second row,  
first column.

This should go in the second row,  
second column.

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```

This should go in the third row,  
first column.

This should go in the third row,  
second column.

```
# end table.txt
```

"====" separates different rows, whereas different columns are separated by an empty line. table.txt should be converted into a table.xls file containing a 3x2 table like this:

```
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```

This should go in the first row, This should go in the first row,  
first column. second column.

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This should go in the second row, This should go in the second row,  
first column. second column.  
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This should go in the third row, This should go in the third row,  
first column. second column.  
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I use OpenOffice on Linux, but I have no experience at all about the .xls  
format, so I would welcome help/pointers and especially snippets of code ;)  
TIA,

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