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NAME

SplitTextFiles.pl - Split CSV or TSV TextFile(s) into multiple text files

## SYNOPSIS

SplitTextFiles.pl TextFile(s)...

SplitTextFiles.pl [-f, --fast] [-h, --help] [--indelim comma | semicolon] [-l, --label yes | no] [-n, --numfiles number] [-o, --overwrite] [--outdelim comma | tab | semicolon] [-q, --quote yes | no] [-r, --root rootname] [-w, --workingdir dirname] TextFile(s)...

## DESCRIPTION

Split CSV or TSV *TextFile(s)* into multiple text files. Each new text file contains a subset of similar number of lines from the initial file. The file names are separated by space. The valid file extensions are *.csv* and *.tsv* for comma/semicolon and tab delimited text files respectively. All other file names are ignored. All the text files in a current directory can be specified by *\*.csv*, *\*.tsv*, or the current directory name. The --indelim option determines the format of *TextFile(s)*. Any file which doesn't correspond to the format indicated by --indelim option is ignored.

## OPTIONS

**-f, --fast**

In this mode, --indelim, --outdelim, and -q --quote options are ignored. The format of input and output file(s) are assumed to be similar. And the text lines from input *TextFile(s)* are just transferred to output file(s) without any processing.

**-h, --help**

Print this help message.

**--indelim comma | semicolon**

Input delimiter for CSV *TextFile(s)*. Possible values: *comma* or *semicolon*. Default value: *comma*. For TSV files, this option is ignored and *tab* is used as a delimiter.

**-l, --label yes / no**

First line contains column labels. Possible values: *yes* or *no*. Default value: *yes*.

**-n, --numfiles number**

Number of new files to generate for each TextFile(s). Default: 2.

**-o, --overwrite**

Overwrite existing files.

**--outdelim comma | tab | semicolon**

Output text file delimiter. Possible values: *comma*, *tab*, or *semicolon*. Default value: *comma*

**-q, --quote yes / no**

Put quotes around column values in output text file. Possible values: *yes* or *no*. Default value: *yes*.

**-r, --root rootname**

New text file names are generated using the root: <Root>Part<Count>. <Ext>. Default new file names: <InitialTextFileName>Part<Count>. <Ext>. The csv, and tsv <Ext> values are used for comma/semicolon, and tab delimited text files respectively. This option is ignored for multiple input files.

**-w, --workingdir dirname**

Location of working directory. Default: current directory.

## EXAMPLES

To split each CSV text files into 4 different text files type:

```
% SplitTextFiles.pl -n 5 -o Sample1.csv Sample2.csv
% SplitTextFiles.pl -n 5 -o *.csv
```

To split Sample1.tsv into 10 different CSV text files, type:

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% SplitTextFiles.pl -n 10 --outdelim comma -o Sample1.tsv
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**SEE ALSO**

[JoinTextFiles.pl](#), [MergeTextFiles.pl](#), [ModifyTextFilesFormat.pl](#)

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