NAME

xls2csv – reads MS-Excel file and puts its content as comma-separated data on standard output

SYNOPSIS

xls2csv [**-xl**] [**-s** *charset*] [**-d** *charset*] [-q *number*] [**-c** *char*] *files*

DESCRIPTION

xls2csv reads MS-Excel spreadsheet and dumps its content as comma-separated values to stdout. Numbers are printed without delimiters, strings are enclosed in the double quotes. Double-quotes inside string are doubled.

OPTIONS

-x print unknown unicode chars as NN, rather than as question marks

-l list known charsets and exit successfully

-c*char* cell separator char. By default - comma.

-q*number*
set quote mode. In quote mode 0 cell contents is never quoted. In quote mode 1 only strings which contain spaces, double quotes or commas are quoted. In quote mode 2 (default) all cells with type string are quoted. In quote mode 3 all cellsa are quoted.

-d*charset*
- specifies destination charset name. Charset file has format described in CHARACTER SETS below and should have **.txt** extension and reside in **catdoc library directory (normally /usr/local/lib/catdoc).**

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-s*charset*
- specifies source charset. Typically, Excel files have CODE PAGE record, which denotes input charset, but for some reason you may wish to override it.

BUGS

Date cells are not recognized and printed as floating point number of days since 1-01-1900. Probably many others.

SEE ALSO

cat(1), **catdoc**(1), **strings**(1), **utf**(4), **unicode**(4)

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