

Convert Windows / MS-DOS end of line characters (CR/LF) to UNIX (LF) with sed

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I guess everyone has ended up with problems into a script files written under Windows using some text editor which incorrectly placed into the end of lines Windows (**\r\n**) end of lines instead of the UNIX (**\n**). Those who have already take advantage of the nice tiny utility **dos2unix** which is capable of convert the Windows end of lines to UNIX. However some older UNIXes, like **SunOS** or **HP-UX** does not have the **dos2unix** utility into the list of packages one can install or even if its possible to install *dos2unix* it takes quite a hassle.

In that cases its good to say conversion of end of lines can be done without using external end programs by simply using UNIX **sed** .

The way to remove the incorrect Windows **^M** (as seen in unix text editors) is by using the sed one liner:

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server# sed 's/$//' file-with-wrong-windows-eol.txt > file-with-fixed-unix-eol.txt
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