

Create a new ReCab-file

You can use two different file formats to create a ReCab file. Both TXT- and CSV-files are editable in a wide variety of programmes found for Windows, Mac and Linux. Below you find a table with some suggestions for (free) programmes:

Operating system	Programmes for CSV- and TXT-files
Windows	Windows Editor, Notepad++, Microsoft Excel, Google Sheets or OpenOffice and LibreOffice Calc
Mac	Numbers, vim, Table Tool or Easy CSV Editor
Linux	vim, nano or GEdit

If you have chosen a programme to use, you can start creating your ReCab-file. ReCab uses an easy pattern to make the file readable for both sites: You and the programme. Just stick to the pattern and nothing will go wrong!

Header

At the top is the header, which contains all information about the language and gives you the pattern to follow. There are seven columns in a ReCab-file. Your first row should look like the following table:

Id	Language 1	Language 2	Comment	Right-Answer	Wrong-Answer	Date
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Language 1 and Language 2 are variables in this example, you need to change them to the languages you are using in the ReCab-file.

Adding VoCab

After adding the header, you can add all VoCab you want to learn below. But there are some rules to follow though:

1. **The id has to start with the number one or higher**, because zero is used as a default value to check, if a row is empty. All ids have to be unique; we suggest to increase the id in each row.
2. **If you add a new VoCab the Right- and Wrong-Answer columns should be set to zero.** Otherwise, you spoil your own learning progress. Why should you do that? Nobody checks you out, so you don't have to present yourself better than you are. 😊
3. **The date has to be in the following format: "yyyymmdd".** For example, if you add a VoCab at the 02.01.2021, the date column should contain 20210102.

Follow these rules and nothing can go wrong!

The comment column can be used to create a reference e.g., "date" can have different meanings: "tomorrows date is the 02.02.2021" or "we have a date tomorrow". Other languages have different translations for each meaning of an

vocabulary such as “date”, therefore a reference which of them you mean is very useful.

Example

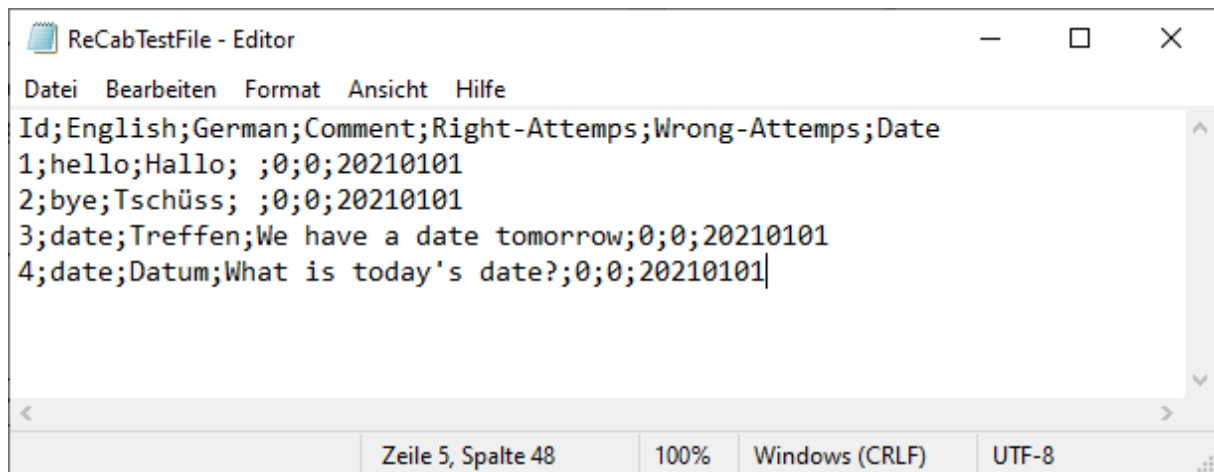


Figure 1: Example file

Allowed delimiter

You can use different delimiter in a ReCab-file. Allowed are comma, tab character, and semicolon. Important: You have to choose one delimiter for each file. Varying delimiter in one file are causing an error.

Umlauts

If you use umlauts, you must save the file in UTF-8 format. Microsoft Excel, for example, offers an additional storage option for CSV-files with a UTF-8 format. Many programs allow you to set the file format to UTF-8. Microsoft Notepad can edit UTF-8 files, but you cannot change a TXT file to UTF-8. We recommend Excel or Notepad ++ for Windows users.

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