

# Configure Global File Encoding Type

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The Trifacta® platform supports a single global file encoding type, which is set to UTF-8 by default. This file encoding type applies to all text files for the following operations:

- Loading the default sample and any subsequent random samples
- Running text-based jobs

**NOTE:** This setting applies only to text files. Binary types, such as Avro, are not affected by the global file encoding type.

**NOTE:** If you change this setting, datasets that were imported under the former encoding type are no longer valid. Instructions are provided below for updating them.

## Supported File Encoding Types

For more information, see [Supported File Encoding Types](#).

## Configure Global File Encoding Type

You can apply this change through the [Admin Settings Page](#) (recommended) or

`trifacta-conf.json`

. For more information, see [Platform Configuration Methods](#).

1. Set the following parameter to the appropriate file encoding type:

```
"inputFileEncoding": "UTF-8",
```

2. Save your changes and restart the platform.

**NOTE:** After you change the global encoding type, datasets that were imported under the old encoding type must be reloaded to the platform. For more information, see [Update Sources](#).

## Validate

After you have changed the global file encoding type, restart services. See [Start and Stop the Platform](#).

You should try to create a dataset from source data of the selected encoding type.

## Update Sources

After you have changed the global encoding type, datasets that were imported under the former encoding type are no longer valid.

### Steps:

1. For each dataset imported under the old encoding type, upload a new version.
2. For each recipe that used the old version of the imported dataset:
  - a. Edit the recipe in the Transformer Page.
  - b. Swap the source from the old version to the new one. For more information, see *Flow View Page*.
3. Repeat for each imported and recipe combination.