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Subject: Tab delimited txt / open special  
Posted by **CEADOG** on Wed, 02 Aug 2023 19:01:29 GMT  
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This website describes opening txt files with "open special"

[openmolecules.org/help/import.html](http://openmolecules.org/help/import.html)

#### Text Files

TAB delimited and comma separated text files ('.txt' and '.csv') are among the most portable file formats ... (etc.) From the File menu, select Open Special and choose Textfile...

My version 5.5.0 does not have that feature (see attachment png screenshot) and I am going on more than 24 hours to open (NOT open special, because I can't) a tab-delimited txt file with 7000 lines in it ... progress now at 235 MB out of 327 MB ... it seems unlikely that it will actually reach 327 MB and then be fine ... should this take ~48 hours or more?

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#### File Attachments

1) [OpenSpecial.png](#), downloaded 726 times

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Subject: Re: Tab delimited txt / open special  
Posted by **thomas** on Wed, 02 Aug 2023 19:22:52 GMT  
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Sorry, 'Open Special' for text files is outdated as you have found yourself. 'Open...' now includes txt, csv, and tsv.

7000 lines should open within a few second, even if they contain SMILES or other information, which needs some more processing. I suggest that you upgrade to the current dev version: On the download page click 'read and understood' and click the link for your OS in the small print to download the newest dev update. Open the zip-file and copy all its content into your datawarrior installation directory.

Most likely this should fix it. If not, then it would be nice, if you could incrementally remove parts of your 7000 line file and check, whether the problem persist. If you can send me a file per e-mail, which doesn't finish loading, I will make sure to fix the issue.

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Subject: Re: Tab delimited txt / open special  
Posted by **drobinhold** on Fri, 08 Sep 2023 19:49:01 GMT  
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I am running into the same issue as CEADOG. I save a .txt file and then try to open it again right away and I get a new dw window that just sits and loads verrrry slowly. This txt file has 14 rows

for 6kb and opens immediately to "900 of 1325mb"

I've tried letting it go for up to 30 min but it never finishes. A couple times, after closing the window I'm left with an error dialog that says "uncaught exception:null" but that hasn't happened today.

This is happening with today's download version in both windows 11 and 10.

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Subject: Re: Tab delimited txt / open special

Posted by [thomas](#) on Sat, 09 Sep 2023 19:47:03 GMT

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Can you send me the text file (or a subset of it that has the same effect)? Something in the file seems to crash the loading thread. I need to reproduce the error...

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