

**Exclusion of full stop from data headings and units**

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During development of a script for EXFOR Master File production SEQADD (script for addition of record identification and bookkeeping information to an EXFOR file, similar to ZORDER), I realize it is not very trivial to calculate the number of the data fields in common and data sections (=N2 of COMMON and DATA). However, this task becomes very simple if a full stop (.) is not allowed in the data headings and units since the numerical data in these sections must be FORTRAN real numbers and always include a full stop. Fortunately, there are not data headings and units including a full stop in Dictionaries 24 and 25, and I suggest exclusion of a full stop from the codes defined in these dictionaries in the EXFOR/CINDA Dictionary Manual.