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NALENND™ data scrubber utility reference manual

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INTRODUCTION

The NALENND™ Wireless Block Identifier utility is a software application program used to process United States and Canadian ten digit telephone numbers.

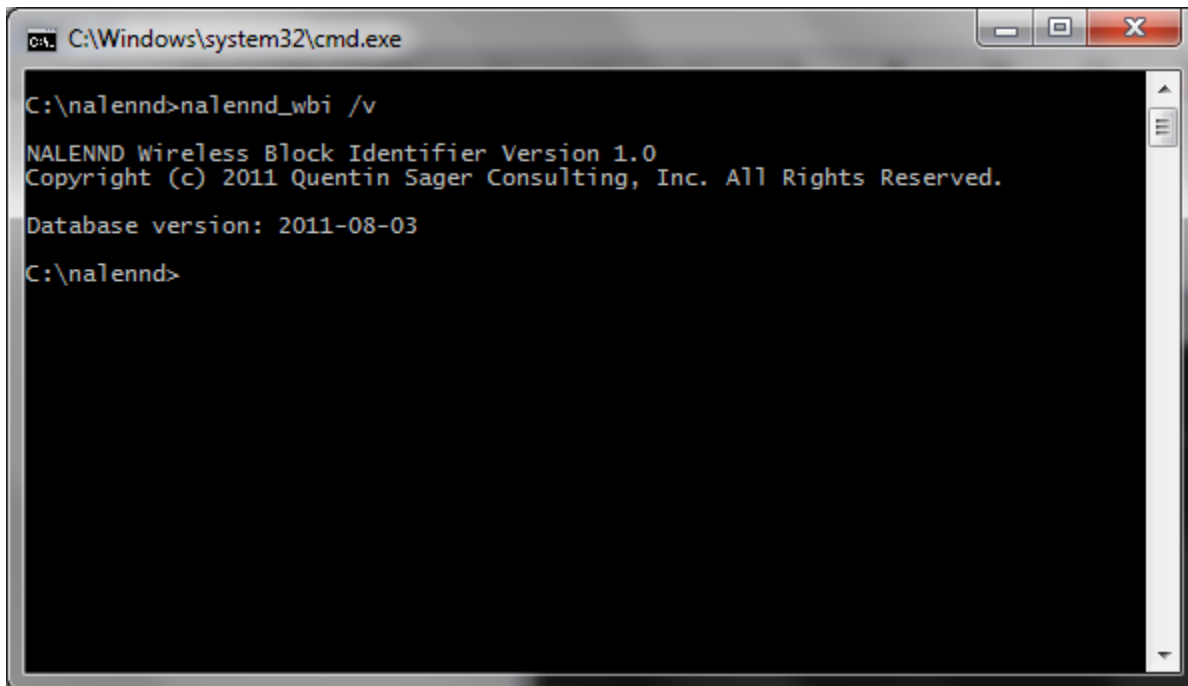
The utility can identify invalid and incomplete telephone numbers, current telephone exchanges and, identify whether a particular telephone exchange is wireless, pager, or landline at the 1,000 block level based on current North American carrier assignments.

The NALENND™ utility cannot identify individual ported telephone numbers. Ported number identification requires the independently licensed Neustar *Intermodal Ported Telephone Number* database product.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The NALENND™ utility is a *Win32 Console application* and will execute under Windows XP, Windows Server 2003, Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, or Windows 7. The utility requires approximately 58.6MB free disk space for the executable *nalennnd_wbi.exe* and the associated data file *nalennnd_wbi.dat*.

To install the utility, the downloaded file *nalennnd_wbi.zip* should be unzipped to a new or existing folder. Note the files *nalennnd_wbi.exe* and *nalennnd_wbi.dat* must always exist in the same folder for the utility to function correctly.



```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe

C:\nalennnd>nalennnd_wbi /v

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C:\nalennnd>
```

Figure 1 Command Prompt Window

GENERAL OPERATION

The NALENND™ Wireless Block Identifier application is a basic data scrubber utility and requires you to specify the following information through command options and parameters.

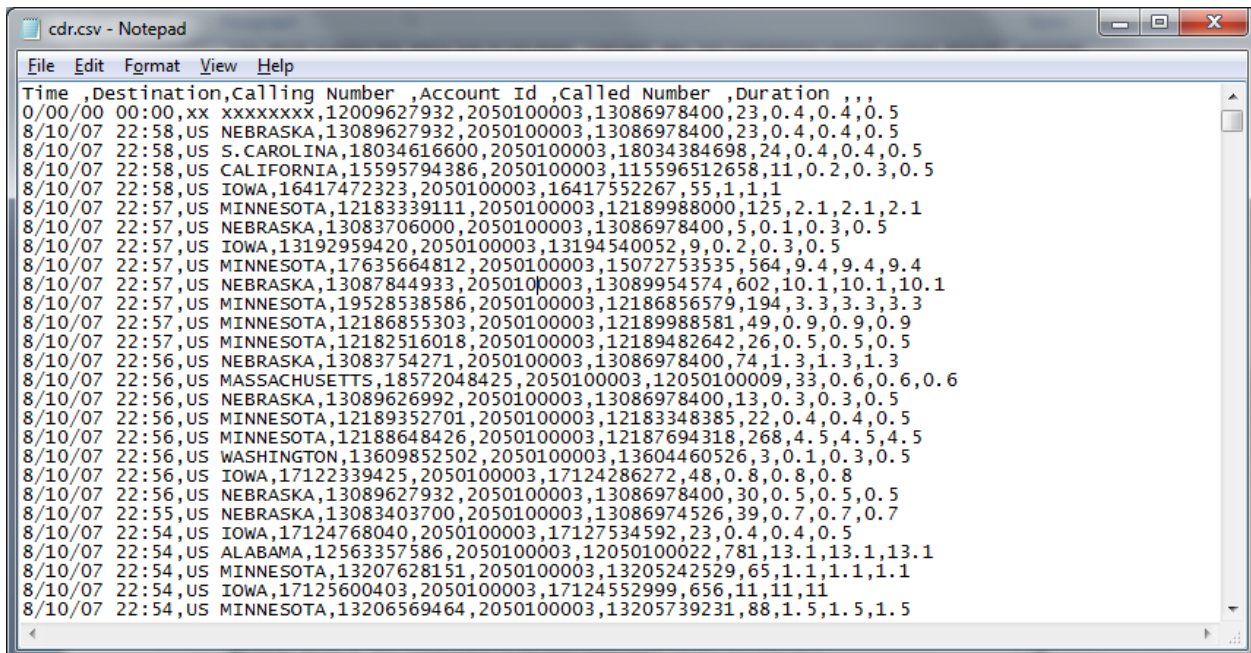
- 1) the name of the input file containing telephone numbers to be processed
- 2) which column in the input file contains the telephone numbers to be processed
- 3) what processing should be applied to the input file
- 4) what to do with the results

Input File

You must supply the input file to be read. Virtually any file containing United States and/or Canadian telephone numbers can be processed. The utility expects the input file to be an ASCII text, comma-separated-value (CSV) or similar formatted data file with or without a header row. The utility can process an unlimited number of data rows, or records, and places no row or record limit on the input file.

The only requirements for the input file are (1) it is ASCII text with each field or column separated by a single delimiting character (2) the maximum length for any line (including delimiters) cannot be greater than 4,092 characters and (3) the file has one unique column containing the telephone numbers to process.

If a header row is present you should identify the column containing the telephone numbers by its *label* using the */C:label* command line option. If the file does not contain a header row you must identify the column containing the telephone numbers by its zero based column number (counting left to right) using the */C:number* command line option.



```

cdr.csv - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
Time ,Destination,Calling Number ,Account Id ,Called Number ,Duration ,,,
0/00/00 00:00,xx xxxxxxxx,12009627932,2050100003,13086978400,23,0.4,0.4,0.5
8/10/07 22:58,US NEBRASKA,13089627932,2050100003,13086978400,23,0.4,0.4,0.5
8/10/07 22:58,US S. CAROLINA,18034616600,2050100003,18034384698,24,0.4,0.4,0.5
8/10/07 22:58,US CALIFORNIA,15595794386,2050100003,115596512658,11,0.2,0.3,0.5
8/10/07 22:58,US IOWA,16417472323,2050100003,16417552267,55,1,1,1
8/10/07 22:57,US MINNESOTA,12183339111,2050100003,12189988000,125,2.1,2.1,2.1
8/10/07 22:57,US NEBRASKA,13083706000,2050100003,13086978400,5,0.1,0.3,0.5
8/10/07 22:57,US IOWA,13192959420,2050100003,13194540052,9,0.2,0.3,0.5
8/10/07 22:57,US MINNESOTA,17635664812,2050100003,15072753535,564,9.4,9.4,9.4
8/10/07 22:57,US NEBRASKA,13087844933,2050100003,13089954574,602,10.1,10.1,10.1
8/10/07 22:57,US MINNESOTA,19528538586,2050100003,12186856579,194,3.3,3.3,3.3
8/10/07 22:57,US MINNESOTA,12186855303,2050100003,12189988581,49,0.9,0.9,0.9
8/10/07 22:57,US MINNESOTA,12182516018,2050100003,12189482642,26,0.5,0.5,0.5
8/10/07 22:56,US NEBRASKA,13083754271,2050100003,13086978400,74,1.3,1.3,1.3
8/10/07 22:56,US MASSACHUSETTS,18572048425,2050100003,12050100009,33,0.6,0.6,0.6
8/10/07 22:56,US NEBRASKA,13089626992,2050100003,13086978400,13,0.3,0.3,0.5
8/10/07 22:56,US MINNESOTA,12189352701,2050100003,12183348385,22,0.4,0.4,0.5
8/10/07 22:56,US MINNESOTA,12188648426,2050100003,12187694318,268,4.5,4.5,4.5
8/10/07 22:56,US WASHINGTON,13609852502,2050100003,13604460526,3,0.1,0.3,0.5
8/10/07 22:56,US IOWA,17122339425,2050100003,17124286272,48,0.8,0.8,0.8
8/10/07 22:56,US NEBRASKA,13089627932,2050100003,13086978400,30,0.5,0.5,0.5
8/10/07 22:55,US NEBRASKA,13083403700,2050100003,13086974526,39,0.7,0.7,0.7
8/10/07 22:54,US IOWA,17124768040,2050100003,17127534592,23,0.4,0.4,0.5
8/10/07 22:54,US ALABAMA,12563357586,2050100003,12050100022,781,13.1,13.1,13.1
8/10/07 22:54,US MINNESOTA,13207628151,2050100003,13205242529,65,1.1,1.1,1.1
8/10/07 22:54,US IOWA,17125600403,2050100003,17124552999,656,11,11,11
8/10/07 22:54,US MINNESOTA,13206569464,2050100003,13205739231,88,1.5,1.5,1.5

```

Figure 2 Sample input file with header row

Telephone Number Format

There are no particular format requirements for the input telephone numbers. The utility can process any United States or Canadian telephone numbers in virtually any format.

Example:

+1 (555) 555-1234 1.555.555.1234 555 555-1234 (555) 555 1234

Output File

The utility uses the input file to produce its output file without modifying the original data. Depending on the command line options, the input file is read, the telephone number type is identified and the original line is written to the output file with the telephone number type appended. Optionally the input file is read and only those records for a particular telephone number type (*wireless*, *landline*) are written to the output file.

By default the utility writes the original line to the output file without modification (the single exception is appending the telephone number type when the */A* command line option is used). This behavior can be changed to output the original telephone number only by using the */N* command line option.

Command Line Options

Command line options are used to control the input, processing, and output of the utility. Each command line option must be preceded by either a single hyphen '-' or a single forward slash '/' character with no space between it and the option. Multiple command line options must be separated by one or more space characters, when an option or its parameter contains a space character it should be enclosed using double quotation marks.

The utility's command line options may be specified in upper or lower case, option parameters are separated from the option with a single colon ':' character.

Option	Parameter	Meaning
/I	<i>input filename</i>	Name of the file to be processed.
/D	<i>delimiter</i>	Field delimiter used to separate field (column) values in the input source file. The default value used is a comma. If the source file uses a different value, such as a colon, semicolon, or similar value you will need to specify its literal value via this parameter. If the input file uses a tab or space character as its delimiter you must use the keyword TAB or SPACE to specify the value.
/C	<i>label or index</i>	If the input source file has a <i>header row</i> this parameter specifies the name or column label of the column containing the telephone number to check. If the input file does not have a header row this parameter specifies the zero based column number (counting left to right) of the column containing the telephone number to check.
/N		Output the telephone number only from the input record. If this option is not specified the default mode is to output the entire input record.

/A	<i>output filename</i>	<p>Output all records from the input file and append the telephone number type to each record. Output filename is optional, if not specified output is sent to the standard console. Appended line type values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C – cellular/wireless • P – pager • L – landline
/L	<i>output filename</i>	<p>Output all records with landline or fixed line telephone numbers from the input file. Output filename is optional, if not specified all output is written to the standard console.</p>
/W	<i>output filename</i>	<p>Output all records with wireless (cellular, GSM, pager, etc.) telephone numbers from the input file. Output filename is optional, if not specified all output is written to the standard console.</p>
/S	<i>filename</i>	<p>Specify a secondary output file where all records referring to invalid, obsolete, or disconnected telephone exchanges will be written.</p> <p>By default these records are discarded, this option provides a method to preserve these records for further investigation.</p>
/V		<p>Display the release date of the wireless block identifier data used by the application.</p>

COMMON TASKS AND EXAMPLES

Example:

Remove all records containing wireless and pager telephone numbers from the input file named *data.csv* and write the original records containing landline telephone numbers to the output file *landline.csv*. The input file has a header row and is comma delimited, telephone numbers are stored in the column labeled “*Telephone Number*”.

```
nalennnd_wbi /i:data.csv /c:"Telephone Number" /l:landline.csv
```

By default the utility writes all output to the console device (*i.e. screen*) therefore we can achieve the same result by not specifying the output file via a command line option and instead redirect or *pipe* the program output to the file *landline.csv*.

```
nalennnd_wbi /i:data.csv /c:"Telephone Number" /l > landline.csv
```

Example:

Scrub the input file named *data.csv*, append telephone number type to the original records and write the results to the output file *phonedata.csv*. Additionally write all records containing telephone numbers referring to disconnected telephone exchanges to the secondary output file *disconnected.csv*. The input file has a header row and is comma delimited, telephone numbers are stored in the column labeled “*Telephone Number*”.

```
nalennnd_wbi /i:data.csv /c:"Telephone Number" /a:phonedata.csv /s:disconnected.csv
```

Example:

Identify telephone number type for individual telephone numbers. When verifying individual telephone numbers the utility will discard all command line options except the immediate telephone number.

```
nalennnd_wbi 2012019999
```

Example:

Extract all wireless and pager telephone numbers from the input file named *data.csv* writing just the telephone numbers to the output file *wireless.csv*. The input file has a header row and is comma delimited, telephone numbers are stored in the column labeled “*Telephone Number*”.

```
nalennnd_wbi /i:data.csv /c:"Telephone Number" /n /w:wireless.csv
```

ERROR REPORTING AND PROGRAM EXIT CODE

The utility reports errors through simple text messages and through the *Program Exit Code*. The program exit code can be tested programmatically through Windows® system API calls and by testing the batch file environment variable ERRORLEVEL.

Result Code	Description
0	The program successfully completed the operation.
1	An input filename was not specified. See the “/I” command line option.
2	The telephone number field/column in the input file was not specified. The input file cannot be processed unless the telephone number column is identified. See the “/C” command line option.
3	Could not open the NALENND™ wireless data block file <i>nalennn_wbi.db</i> . This file should be located in the same directory or folder as the <i>nalennn_wbi.exe</i> executable.
4	An internal SQL error occurred and the utility could not recover.
5	The input filename specified could not be opened. Verify the input file exists.
6	The specified telephone number field was not found in the input file. The most common reason for this error is the column label specified via the “/C” command line option has been misspelled or the zero based column number is invalid.
7	The output filename is the same as the input filename.