

# What format does isCOBOL use for ORGANIZATION RELATIVE files?

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In isCOBOL the format of an ORGANIZATION RELATIVE file with fixed-length records is the same as that of an ORGANIZATION BINARY SEQUENTIAL file with fixed-length records. The records are stored consecutively with only the record data. No additional bytes, such as record size or a delete marker, are stored with the record. Each record is the same length as the maximum length record.

isCOBOL marks deleted records in the file by replacing the record data with all low-values. Therefore writing a record containing all low-values from COBOL will cause that record to appear to be deleted.