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Question

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## Help with string function reading data from files

I have multiple files with different columns, first 9 values are fixed, so i want to ignore the first value, and next 8 values i want to combine into one value using ^ sign

### Current Format

```
|||||||^^|^^|  
|||||||^^|^^|  
|||||||^^|^^|
```

### Desired Format

```
~~~~~|^^|^^|  
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```

Reading each line from the file use below code.

```
#dim line as %String = tInput.ReadLine(, .status)
```

"here i was to put some string function to change format of the data in line variable"

```
set status = ..SetEncounter(.line, tFileType, tLineNumber)
```

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