

# DBT File Structure

The **.DBT** file is a “core dump” of three things:

- The information in **SYSVOLUMES**;
- The information in **SYSTABLES**
- The set of known filing systems used in the database. This list is maintained by operations such as the [OPEN statement](#), which will add a filing system function name to the list after the filing system successfully completes its INSTALL operation. The list is used by the system for two main operations: [FLUSH](#) and [UNLOCK ALL](#). When either one of these BASIC+ commands is executed, the engine sends the corresponding call to each known filing system.

The **.DBT** file is **@rm**-delimited, with volume records, followed by a blank record, followed by table records, followed by a blank record, followed by the filing system list.

The volume records are **@fm**-delimited, and contain seven fields:

1. The **SYSVOLUMES** key;
2. Field 1 of the **SYSVOLUMES** record;
3. Field 2 of the **SYSVOLUMES** record;
4. Field 3 of the **SYSVOLUMES** record;
5. Field 4 of the **SYSVOLUMES** record;
6. Blank;
7. Field 6 of the **SYSVOLUMES** record.

The table records are **@fm**-delimited, and contain five fields:

1. The **SYSTABLES** key;
2. Field 1 of the **SYSTABLES** record;
3. Field 2 of the **SYSTABLES** record;
4. Field 3 of the **SYSTABLES** record;
5. Field 4 of the **SYSTABLES** record;

The filing system list is **@fm**-delimited.