

Handling of Empty Lines When Composing a Flat File



This page explains the **Flat File Adapter** in Bridge context. If you were looking for the same information regarding the [PAS Designer](#), refer to [Flat File Adapter](#) in the Designer guide.

If the Flat File composer receives an empty class, it produces an empty line. You should prevent creating empty classes by using the [exists\(\) Operation](#).

The options **ignoreEmptyRecords** and **ignoreEmptyStrings** on the flat file record definitions only apply to flat file **parsing**. For flat file composing they have no effect.

So, for flat file composing you need to check if the flat file record contains data when building the flat file structure, e.g. by using the [exists\(\) Operation](#).

Related Pages:

- [exists\(\) Operation](#)
- [Flat File Adapter Reference](#)

Other Common Flat File Issues:

- [Flat File Records Without Data](#)
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