

# Linux

## How to edit a very large file?

I had to remove one line of a 20GB MySQL dump file and was wondering how I could do this.

Actually there are a few ways, but hexdump worked best for me.

aptitude install hexdump

Will get you started on Debian and here is the syntax for editing a file:

```
hexedit largefile.sql.dump
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tab (switch to ASCII side)
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move to the position you want to alter/erase
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space (repeat as needed until your header is gone)
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F2 (save)/Ctrl-X (save and exit)/Ctrl-C (exit without saving)
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