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Notes on Creating Geodatabase Domains from Tables or Tables from Geodatabase Domains

1. Create a Table in Excel and save it as .txt or .csv. Use the “Table to Domain” Tool to import the table into an existing Geodatabase. Even if the table being imported has been formatted with no decimals and is less than 4 character (and should therefore result in a short integer domain upon import) it will be imported as a long integer domain.
2. Export a table from existing domain using the Domain to Table tool. If the result is stored as a file in a folder, a short integer domain is converted to a long integer domain. If the result is stored in a Geodatabase, the field property (i.e. short integer) is preserved. This table can then be used to create a short integer domain in a new Geodatabase.