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**How you can overcome data compatibility issues when joining tabular data to feature classes**.

Turning Text to numbers can be a troubling thing especially when the software is not playing nice. A problem that must first be addressed is to make sure the fields for the join attributes match. Then the data should be entered into Microsoft Exel before using in GIS. Once the data is joined in Excel and your fields match you can import your files into a file geodatabase. Once the data is in a geodatabase it will automatically be added to the map.