

# How Full Names are Parsed

Full names appear in two basic forms:

- <Last Name>, <First and possibly Middle Names>
- <Last Name> <First and possibly Middle Names>

(The only real difference is the comma.)

When parsing a full name, it is first split into tokens. The first token is always considered to be the last name (which corresponds to the **PERSON.FAMILY\_NAME** field, though practically speaking that field is always filled by the parsing results of the "AU" or "ED" ISI fields). If a second token is supplied, it is considered to be the first name (**PERSON.PERSONAL\_NAME**). All tokens after the second are concatenated together, separated by a single space character, and treated as the middle name (**PERSON.ADDITIONAL\_NAME**).

All values that end up in **PERSON.FULL\_NAME** as a result of this loader are converted to a canonical form, which is of the form:

- <Last Name>, <First Name> <Middle Names>

where <Middle Names> is all tokens after the second concatenated as described above.

Note: Titles such as Mr., Ms., Mrs., etc are not directly supported, in that there are no special parsing rules to handle them.

See [AUTHORS](#), [EDITORS](#), [PERSON](#), [REFERENCE](#), and [How Abbreviated Names are Parsed](#).