

Import Wizard “Cookbook”



Guide for Bulk Importing of Data into GRIN-Global

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Purpose of this Guide

There are three major steps to be completed when setting up GRIN-Global for an organization:

1. Install the GRIN-Global software (refer to the **GRIN-Global Installation Guide** for detailed steps)
2. Prepare and import any existing data that the organization had previously been maintaining in spreadsheets or other databases
3. Add users and grant them security privileges (refer to the **GRIN-Global Administrator Guide** and the **Curator Tool User Guide** – each of these manuals addresses specific security settings, permission, and ownership)

This guide explains the second step, how to prepare an organization's existing data and import it into GRIN-Global. Each organization will have its own unique issues when converting its data.

The GRIN-Global Admin Tool has an **Import Wizard** feature for bulk importing data. This “cookbook” explains how to import data into GRIN-Global in a step-by-step procedure via the **Import Wizard**. We also recommend a sequential order for importing data.

This guide contains links to online sample spreadsheet files which can serve as examples of typical data or which can be used as they are. For example, there are GRIN taxonomy files which can be imported and then used by an organization.

As you read this document, you will see that your organization's data can be easily imported into GRIN-Global with perhaps some relatively minor adjustments. These adjustments could be as simple as editing the column headings of your data to match the field headings in GRIN-Global. By design, GRIN-Global is very adaptable in meeting diverse organizational requirements.

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GRIN-Global is a Relational Database

The GRIN-Global data is stored in many tables; this type of database is referred to as a relational database. Each table relates to other tables by key fields. A single stand-alone spreadsheet, on the other hand, while often considered a database, is not relational.

A key principle to remember is that GRIN-Global tables are related. For organizations that maintained their data in relational databases such as FoxPro, Access, or some other database, this concept is not new. For organizations that kept their data in spreadsheets or maintained the data manually, this may be a new concept or may be something which they did not handle previously.

For more information on relational databases, refer to the *Database and GRIN-Global Basic Concepts* section in the Curator Tool User Guide.

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Primary Purpose of the Import Wizard

The Import Wizard (IW) facilitates the bulk loading of records. Since many organizations store their data in spreadsheet form, the wizard was designed to copy data imported from a single, stored .csv file directly into multiple tables.

Although the IW is capable of importing new accessions into the database, it does more than that. It is useful when an organization is first getting started with GG and will need to build add ancillary supporting data used within the GG system. For example, rather than input one Taxonomy record at a time, you can use the IW to mass load thousand of taxon records to populate the taxonomy tables that are used within GG.



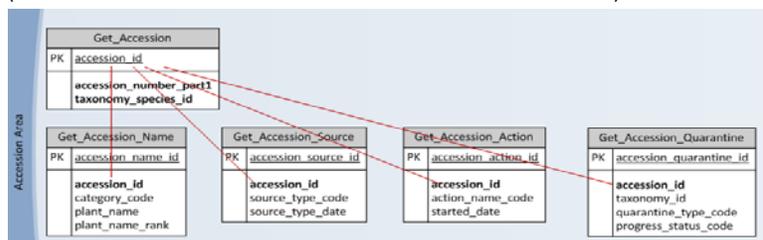
The Import Wizard can also be used to view existing data. Although it is titled “Import Wizard,” it also has the capability to display existing records.



The Import Wizard has dataviews used to import certain data, but not all. Currently, the main “parent” tables have associated Import Wizard dataviews. As GRIN-Global evolves, additional Import Wizard dataviews will be designed to facilitate the bulk importing process. Also, the existing Import Wizard dataviews may be modified by the GRIN-Global development team.

Many of the hundreds of GRIN-Global tables are supporting “children” tables. For example, subordinate tables relate to the main accession table by pointing to the main accession table’s accession_id. (Each record in the accession table has a unique accession_id. The accession_id field is the table’s primary key.)

(Not all of the accession-related tables are shown in this illustration.)



Besides using the Import Wizard, data for any table may also be imported into GRIN-Global via the Curator Tool. After you have imported “parent” data with the Import Wizards, use the Curator Tool to copy into GRIN-Global any related supporting data. For example, use the Import Wizard to import the basic accession data and then use the Curator Tool to copy any existing supporting accession name or accession source data.

Your organization most likely will not use all of the tables, or all of the table fields. In some organizations, the organization may add data columns to handle their specific data requirements. Each organization will handle tables in their own way and must determine what data will be initially imported into GRIN-Global from their existing system.

For detailed instructions for copying data from spreadsheets and other sources into the Curator

Tool, refer to the *Importing Your Data from an Existing Database into GRIN-Global* section in the Curator Tool User Guide.

Recommended Order for Importing Data

The GRIN-Global developers highly recommend importing data in the order described in the following table. This is not necessarily the only path to follow, and many organizations may have good reasons for importing their data into the system differently. However, this sequence is recommended because of the data relationships – most tables have “foreign keys” that link the data to a parent table. If the parent data has not been loaded into the database, then the foreign key will not be able to link to anything. Each child record in a foreign key relationship must have a matching parent record.



The current version of the Admin Tool lists a few Import Wizards that have not been fully implemented. In the table below, **11b** and **11c** are intentionally omitted here and are not currently supported.

[For more background information on foreign keys, among other sources is Wikipedia; see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foreign_key]

When starting with an empty GRIN-Global database, you need to populate ancillary tables using the dataviews listed in the table below before storing Accession data. You may have other data to transfer into ancillary tables; in those cases use the Curator Tool to copy your existing data into GRIN-Global.

Using the Import Wizard, we recommend adding data in the order listed below:

	Data (Import Wizard)	Tables That Will be Updated	Notes
00.	Name Groups	name_group	Use Name Groups when you want to connect your plant names to groups such as CIMMYT, SINGER, or NPGS at the time of importing. If you are not concerned about tracking accession names by group or organization, then the Name Groups wizard doesn't need to be used. (Also, the Name Group field in the Accession Name dataview can be ignored.) For details, see Name Groups (page 26.)
01.	Code Groups & Values	code_value, code_value_lang	Throughout the GRIN-Global system, on many of the Curator Tool screens, dropdowns are used to assist users in selecting valid entries – the fields do not allow random text data to be entered, but instead require a value from a pre-populated set of values. These values sourced by drop downs are

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	Data (Import Wizard)	Tables That Will be Updated	Notes
			<p>stored in the code_value table.</p> <p>For details, see Field Codes (page 27.)</p> <p>Note: during data entry in the Curator Tool, there are two types of fields that access data from other sources. Besides the dropdowns that use data stored in the code_value table, there are fields that get their data via a lookup picker. (For more details, in the Admin Tool Guide, under the Dataview section, refer to the subsection titled “Drop Down Source & Lookup Picker Source.”)</p>
02.	Site	site	Sites typically are used to indicate where inventory is maintained. For details, see Site (page 32).
03.	Region	region, region_lang	For details, see Region (page 33).
04.	Geography	geography, geography_lang	<p>As an option, ADMIN1 and Country can be provided by the installer, but coding and all ADMIN1 for some countries are not complete.</p> <p>For details, see Geography (page 34).</p>
05.	Cooperator	site, geography, cooperator	<p>Collector names, donor names, developer names as well as people and institutions who gave the accession a name or a cultivar name will need to be in the database before they can be associated with the source record. Cooperator names will also need to be in the database for inventory actions such as addressing the question “Who donated it?”</p> <p>For details, see Cooperators (page 35).</p>
06.	Taxonomy	family, genus, species	<p>As an option, the Taxonomy data from the U.S. GRIN system may be initially loaded during the installation. Even so, if different taxonomic names are recognized and needed by your organization, then these must be added or substituted in place of the supplied taxonomic names.</p> <p>Since GRIN-Global handles synonymy, the ideal way to handle this is to add your organization’s scientific names as the recognized names and whenever possible, assign the provided GRIN</p>

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	Data (Import Wizard)	Tables That Will be Updated	Notes
			<p>names as synonyms.</p> <p>Note that some wild species or crop plants not common to the U.S. may not be in this database.</p> <p>For details, see Taxonomy (page 36).</p>
07.	Crop – Trait (Characterization / Evaluation Descriptors)	crop, crop_trait, crop_trait_lang, crop_trait_code, crop_trait_code_lang	<p>(If desired, you can postpone this step of importing crop descriptors until just before observations are available for database input.)</p> <p>Before putting data into the crop_trait_observation table, GRIN-Global must be supplied with the name of the crop being evaluated, the descriptor(s) for that crop, and the possible values for each descriptor. Because of the international aspect of GRIN-Global, two additional tables are also related. Both are “language” tables that store this information in multiple languages.</p> <p>For details, see Crop Traits (Characterization & Evaluation) (page 38).</p>
08.	Methods	method	<p>Methods indicate the experiment, condition, or situation under which an inventory was grown.</p> <p>For example, a method record would be entered in the “inventory action table.”</p> <p>For details, see Methods (page 42).</p>
09.	Accessions	accession	For details, see Accessions (page 42).
10.	Inventory Maintenance Policy	inventory_maint_policy	<p>Policies need to be in place before adding inventory. A policy indicates whether an order will auto-deduct from inventory, whether the material will be available on the web, the units of quantity that are used, and other attributes such as the quantity to be distributed for an order and so on.</p> <p>For details, see Inventory Maintenance Policy (page 43).</p>
11.	Inventory	inventory	Although GRIN-Global can work without any inventory by creating a virtual inventory for every accession, it works best if you create an inventory

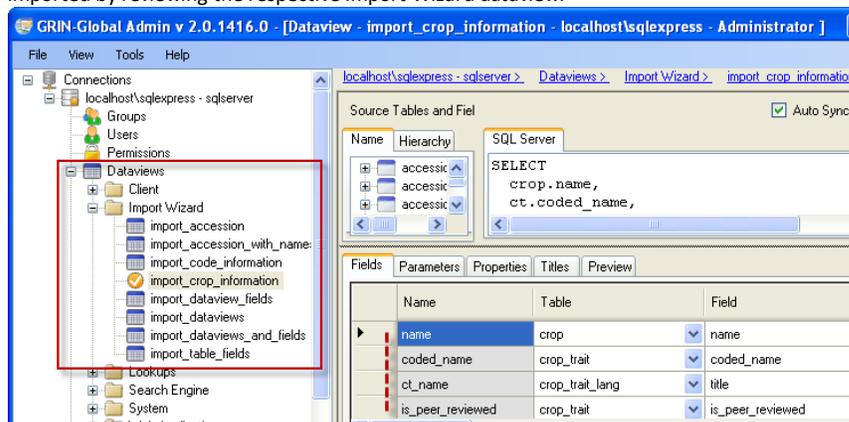
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	Data (Import Wizard)	Tables That Will be Updated	Notes
			record. For details, see Inventory (page 44).
11b.			This is not supported at this time.
12.	Observations (Character/Evaluation Descriptors)	crop, crop_trait, inventory, method, crop_trait_code, crop_trait_observation	The observation values for each accession that were observed and recorded. For details, see Observations (page 45).
	Import Dataview Fields Import Dataview Titles and Descriptions Import Table Fields		These are used for translating GG items into languages other than English. For details, refer to the <i>Language Notes</i> document

Import Wizard Dataviews



Every Import Wizard has its own dataview. You can determine much about the data being imported by reviewing the respective Import Wizard dataview.



The wizard compares the column headings from the source data with the GRIN-Global database column headings. The columns can be in any order as long as the *column headings in both the source data and wizard dataview are spelled the same*. You can use the actual table column names or the language-friendly names.

When running the Import Wizard there is a handy option – you can produce a quick list of

existing records.

In the process of updating and adding records to the database, the wizard returns an itemized list of the affected database tables and any records that failed to import, including a reason for the failure. At that point, you can modify the records and re-submit. After a successful import, the Import Wizard prompts you to update the search engine indexes to include the new records.



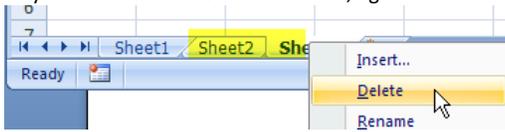
When the number of records being added is large, the index building could take a few hours.

PREPARING YOUR DATA

In order to use the Import Wizard, you need to prepare the data that will be imported into GRIN-Global. Typically, an organization already has the data in one or more spreadsheets. The column heading names of your data need to match the column headings used in GRIN-Global.

Prepare a Blank Transfer Spreadsheet

To prepare data for importing into GRIN-Global, create a transfer spreadsheet. Your spreadsheet should only have one sheet. To delete a sheet, right-click on the sheet name and select **Delete**:



Preparing the Column Headings

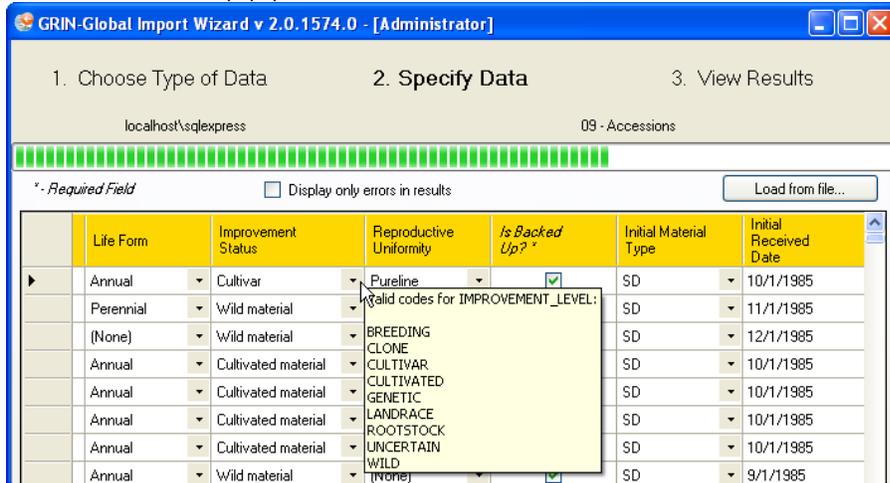
You will need column headings to match the columns used by the Import Wizard dataview. The easiest way to be sure that the spreadsheet column headings are spelled correctly is to run the Import Wizard *twice*. The primary reason for the first time is to copy column headings from the wizard into a blank spreadsheet. In the process, if data exists, you can also copy sample data to get an idea what type of data will be imported. (Some of the tables used by the Import Wizard dataviews may initially be empty.)

Data Requirements

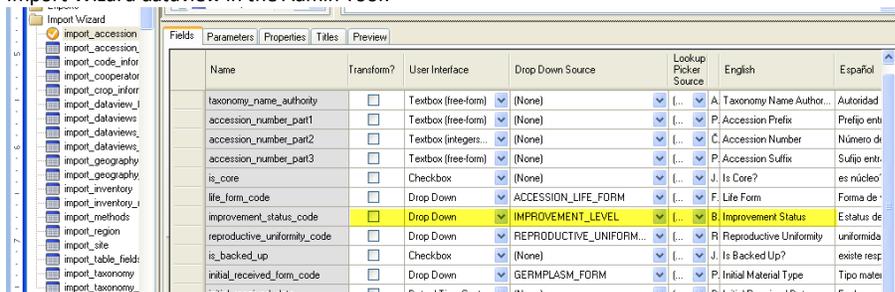
- The spelling of column headings in your transfer spreadsheet must be identical to the spelling used by GRIN-Global (either the database field names or the “language-friendly” names); however, the text is not case sensitive.
- For GRIN-Global columns that use checkboxes, **Y** and **N** are appropriate values. (A filled checkbox is equivalent to a **Y**; an unchecked box is equivalent to an **N**.) Likewise, **1** and **0** are valid.
- When columns have dropdowns, valid entries can be either the coded Values or their respective “friendly names” (**Titles**).

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For example, when importing Accessions, the **Improvement Status** field has a dropdown. Notice that the values in the displayed record cells are different from the valid codes listed in the pop-up; **Values** are shown in the popup whereas **Titles** are shown in the record cells:



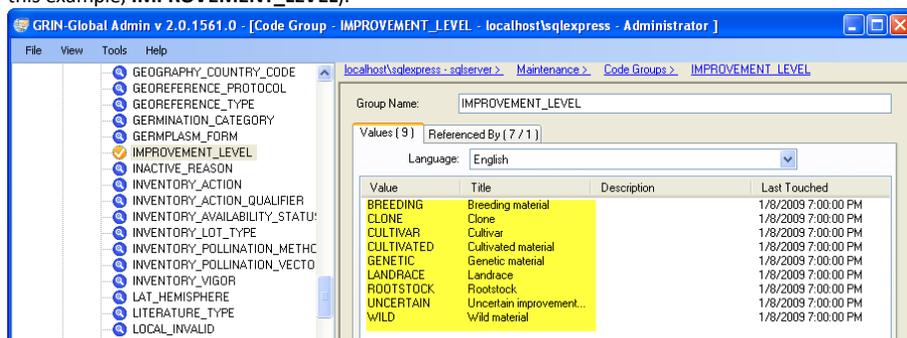
The Import Wizard dataview for Accessions shows the dataview using a Drop Down Source named **IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL** for this **Improvement Status** field. This can be determined by reviewing the Import Wizard dataview in the Admin Tool:



IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL is therefore the Code Group from which **Improvement Status** gets its values.

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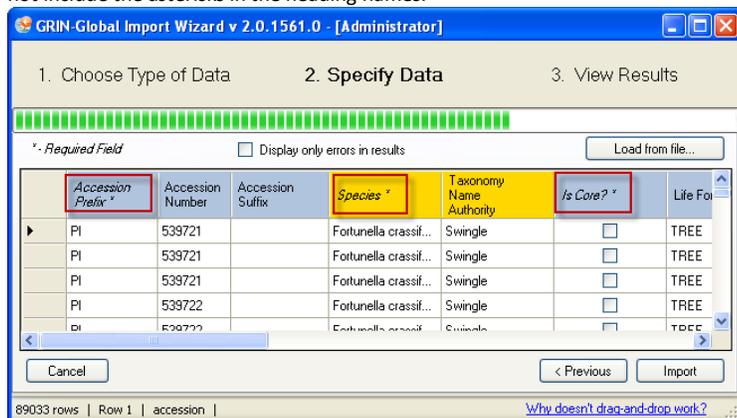
To determine what values or titles are valid, open the Code Group editor for the Code Group name (in this example, **IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL**).



Note that the Values shown in the above figure correspond with the codes displayed by the wizard in the figure on the top of the previous page.

Using the first entry for an example, when importing via the Import Wizard, either **BREEDING** or **Breeding material** is valid for the Improvement Status data.

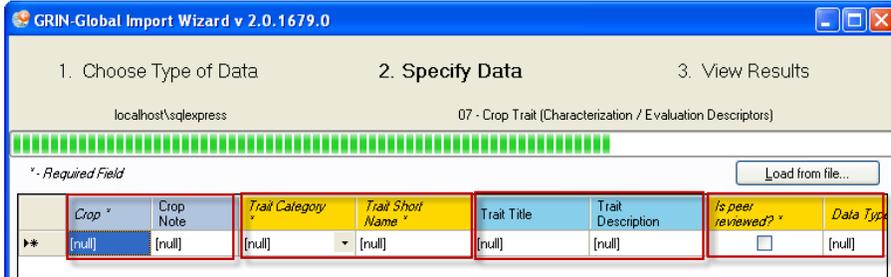
The wizard uses *italics* and asterisks (*) to indicate required columns. In your transfer spreadsheet, do not include the asterisks in the heading names.



Remember that a dataview's data may span across several physical database tables. The import wizard can handle simultaneous updating of related tables via the Import Wizard dataviews.

STEP-BY-STEP IMPORT WIZARD DIRECTIONS

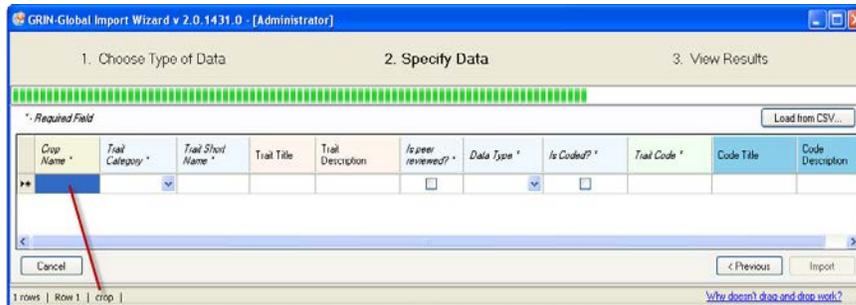
In the following example, the four background colors indicate that four tables will be updated:



Note that the left-to-right table order is significant. When importing, you can intentionally decide to not import data into all of the involved tables. However, if you completely skip a table, subsequent tables to the right in the dataview will not be updated. In the example above, if you omitted the **Trait Category** column, (shown in yellow) then you could not import data into the “blue” table (the **Trait Title** and **Trait Description** columns). (This ordering from left to right reflects the parent => child relationships of tables as defined in the database.)



As you click in each cell in the Import Wizard grid, the source table is displayed in the lower left corner of the status bar.



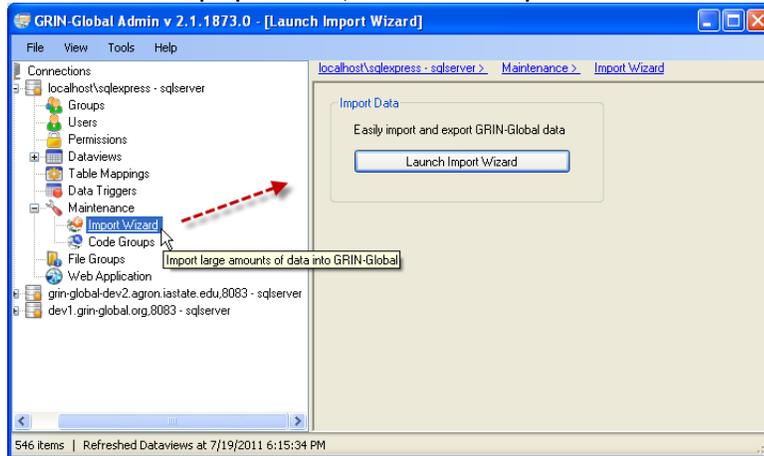
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Main Steps of the Import Wizard

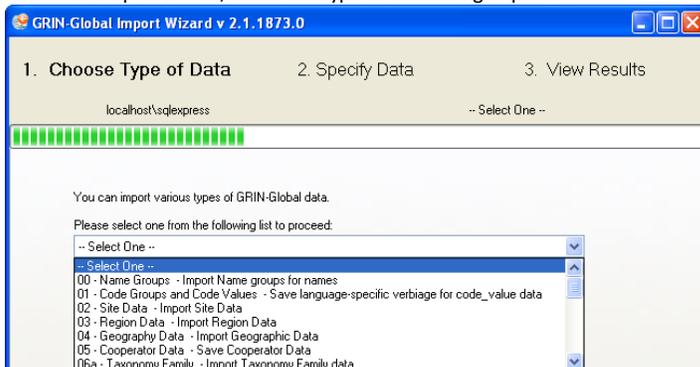
Start the Admin Tool (if it is not already open) from the Windows **Start** menu.

Select **Maintenance | Import Wizard**; click the **Launch Import Wizard** button.



Step 1 – Choose Type of Data

1. From the drop down list, select the type of data being imported.



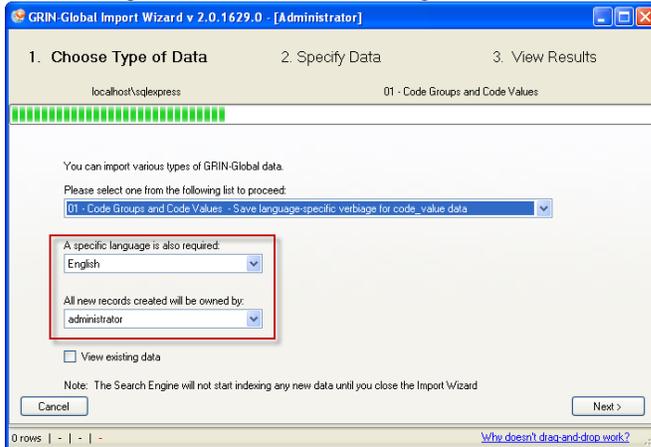
For each of the choices in the dropdown, there is a corresponding Import Wizard dataview. These (and all other dataviews), can be reviewed in the Admin Tool dataview editor.

STEP-BY-STEP IMPORT WIZARD DIRECTIONS

2. Specify the language. (This determines which column headings will be displayed.)

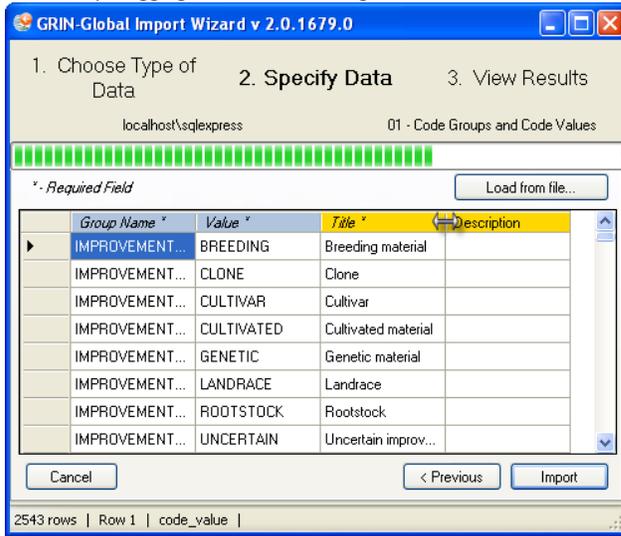
You can also select from a dropdown who will be considered the owner of the records being imported. (This owner indication only pertains to new records; when existing records are being updated, the original owner remains intact.)

To see existing data, select the **View all existing data** checkbox. Click the **Next** button.

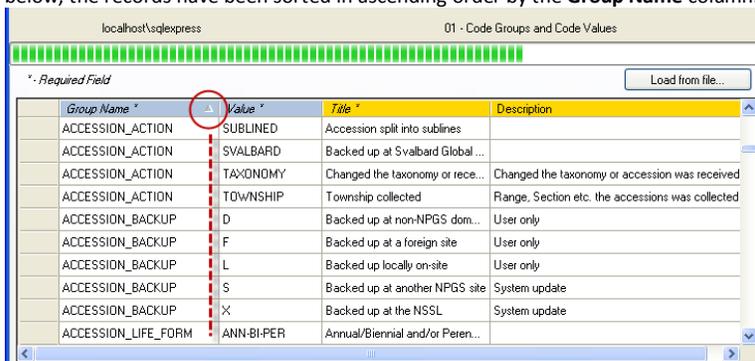


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3. A window will display column headings and any existing data; column widths can be adjusted as needed, by dragging the column heading dividers:



Click on any column heading and the data will be sorted by that column. A sort indicator will display in the column heading, indicating ascending or descending order. In the example shown below, the records have been sorted in ascending order by the **Group Name** column.



This data can be easily dragged into a spreadsheet for review or editing. If you hold the Ctrl key while dragging, the actual table names will be displayed as the column headings; otherwise, the friendly names will serve as the headings.

STEP-BY-STEP IMPORT WIZARD DIRECTIONS

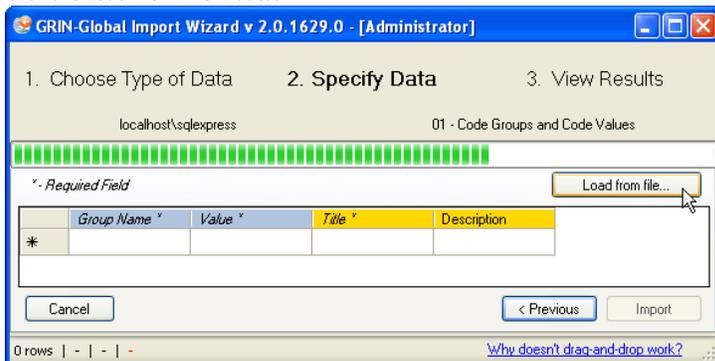
Step 2 – Specify Data

There are two alternative methods for importing the data into the Import Wizard. You can either:

- Import a .csv file.
- Copy/paste data from a spreadsheet to the Import Wizard

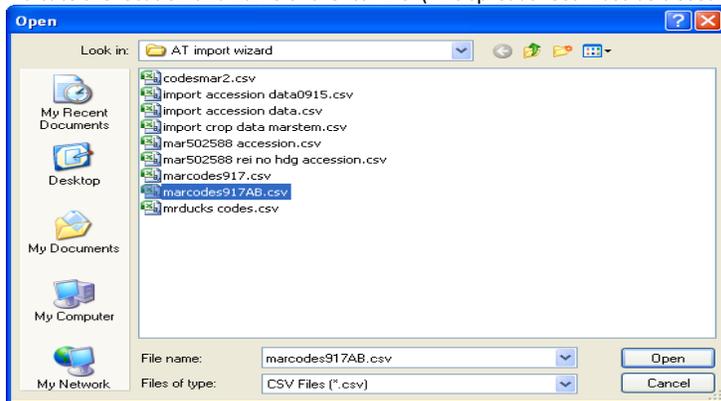
To Import a .csv file:

1. Click the **Load from file...** button



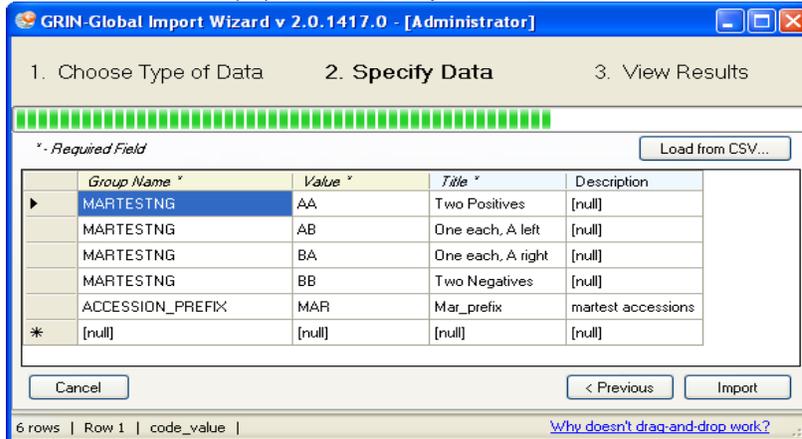
The four fields that will be imported are displayed. Their column names in this case were their English “friendly” names. Required fields have their column headings marked with an asterisk.

2. Indicate the location and name of the .csv file. (This spreadsheet must be closed.)



STEP-BY-STEP IMPORT WIZARD DIRECTIONS

- The Wizard screen will display the data; click **Import**:



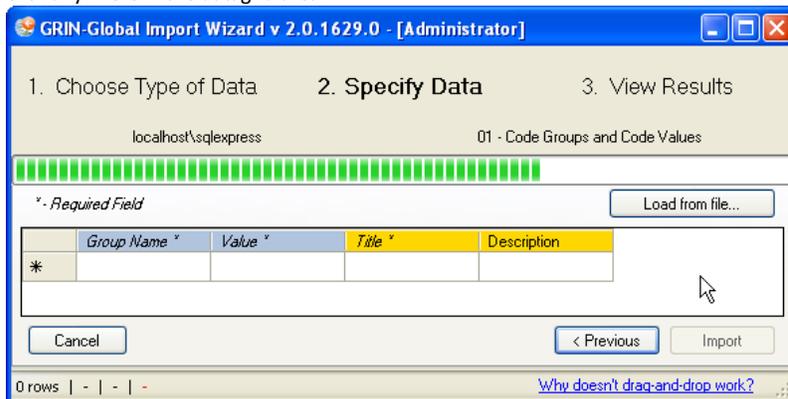
alternatively...

To Copy & Paste Date

- In your spreadsheet, copy the data, including the headings row:

Group Name	Value	Title	Description
MARTESTNG	AA	Two Positives	
MARTESTNG	AB	One each, A left	
MARTESTNG	BA	One each, A right	
MARTESTNG	BB	Two Negatives	
ACCESSION_PREFIX	MAR	Mar_prefix	martest accessions

- Click anywhere in the datagrid area:



STEP-BY-STEP IMPORT WIZARD DIRECTIONS

- The Wizard screen will display the data; click **Import**:

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1. Choose Type of Data 2. Specify Data 3. View Results

* - Required Field Load from CSV...

	Group Name *	Value *	Title *	Description
▶	MARTESTNG	AA	Two Positives	[null]
	MARTESTNG	AB	One each, A left	[null]
	MARTESTNG	BA	One each, A right	[null]
	MARTESTNG	BB	Two Negatives	[null]
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*	[null]	[null]	[null]	[null]

Cancel < Previous Import

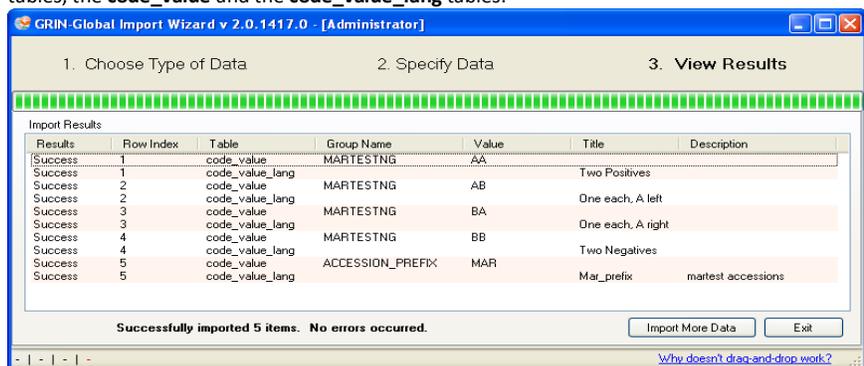
6 rows | Row 1 | code_value | [Why doesn't drag-and-drop work?](#)

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Step 3 – View Results

The Import Wizard will parse each record and update tables accordingly. The wizard returns a summary report. The summary will itemize each row that was submitted along with the specific tables and fields that were updated.

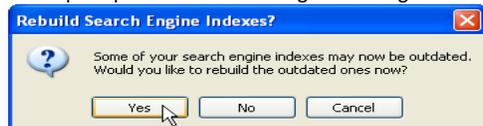
In this example, five records were imported successfully. Notice that each record updated two related tables, the `code_value` and the `code_value_lang` tables:



Click the **Import More Data** or **Exit** button, as appropriate.

Step 4 – Update the Search Engine Index and Lookup Tables

When prompted about rebuilding search engine indexes, click **Yes**.



Update Lookup Tables in the Curator Tool

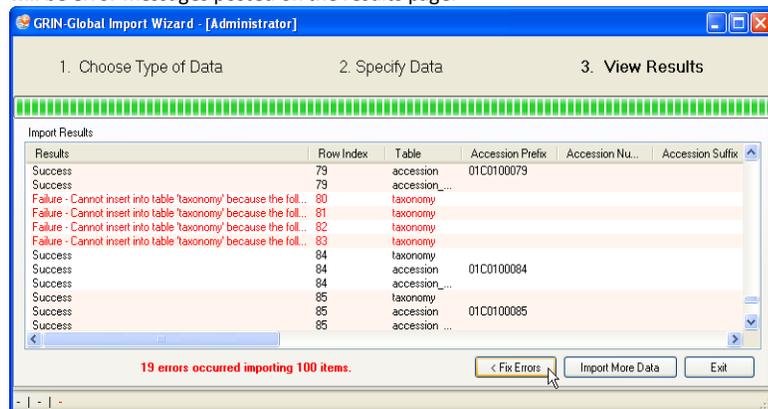
Not only do the search indexes need updating, since records in the database tables have been modified, the lookup tables relating to the tables will require updating in the Curator Tool.



Do it now! In the Curator Tool, open the Lookup Table Loader window and update the lookups related to the tables that were imported.

Error Handling

In the importing process, the Import Wizard may encounter problems with the data. When it does, there will be error messages posted on the results page:



When there are errors listed, you have three options:

- **Fix Errors** – displays the records that were skipped and provides an opportunity for correcting the data (see *Fix Errors* section below)
- **Import More Data** – returns the wizard to step one
- **Exit** – closes the wizard and prompts you to update indexes (see *Update Search Engine Indexes* section)

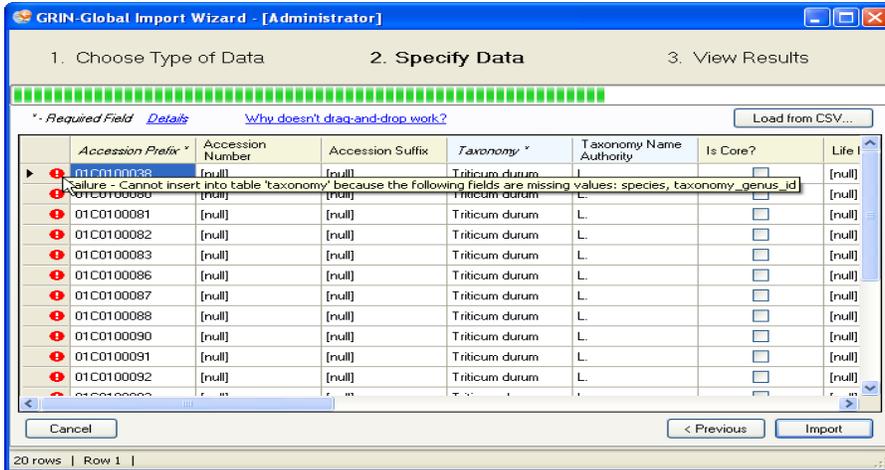
Fix Errors

There are two major kinds of errors—those the **Import Wizard** can detect *before* writing to the database (validation errors) and those that occur when attempting to write to the database (constraint errors).

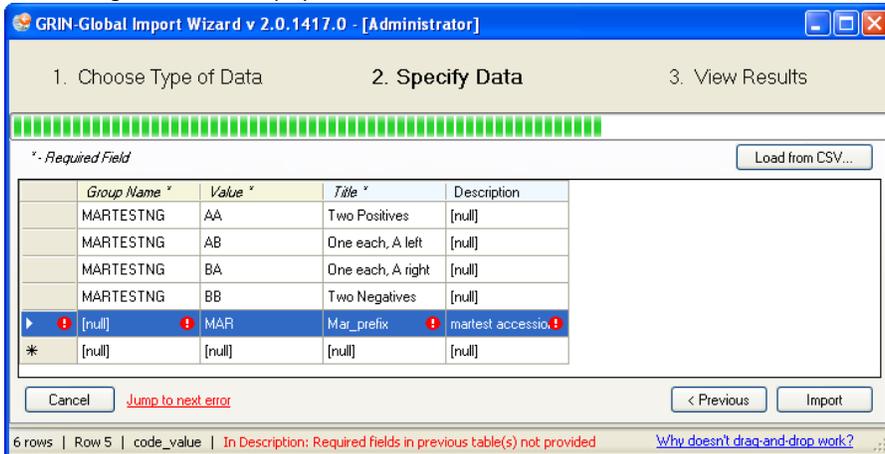
The former will show both the row and column the error applies to since it is known. The latter will show an error only at the row level.

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The **Fix Errors** option provides an opportunity to review and correct any records that were skipped by the import process. Locate the specific error of each record by placing your cursor within the cell of a row.



Error messages will also be displayed at the bottom of the window, with details of each error.



STEP-BY-STEP IMPORT WIZARD DIRECTIONS

Editing

Edits can be made directly within the grid view, or, you can select the data and put it into a spreadsheet for further refinement at a later time. To delete a record, select the row; right-click, select **Delete**.

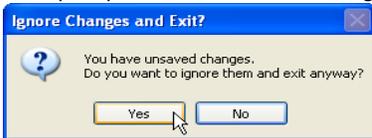


Import Wizard has been programmed to accept data that already exists – when that happens, it will simply update that data instead of inserting. It detects this by what is defined in the Table Mappings as making up a unique index. For example, in the `code_value` table, the `group_name` and `value` fields comprise the index.

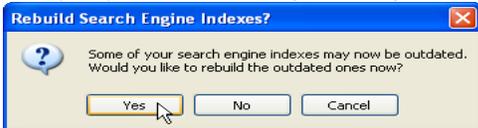
If you make your edits within the grid view, click **Import** when you are ready to submit the changes.

If you intend to correct the errors in a spreadsheet, it is recommended that you:

1. Copy the records having the errors into a spreadsheet
2. **Cancel** out of the grid view; return to step one of the import process
3. When prompted with the “unsaved changes” message, click **Yes**



4. When prompted about rebuilding search engine indexes click **Yes**

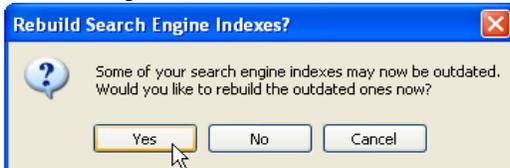


5. After making appropriate corrections to the data, repeat the Import wizard steps.

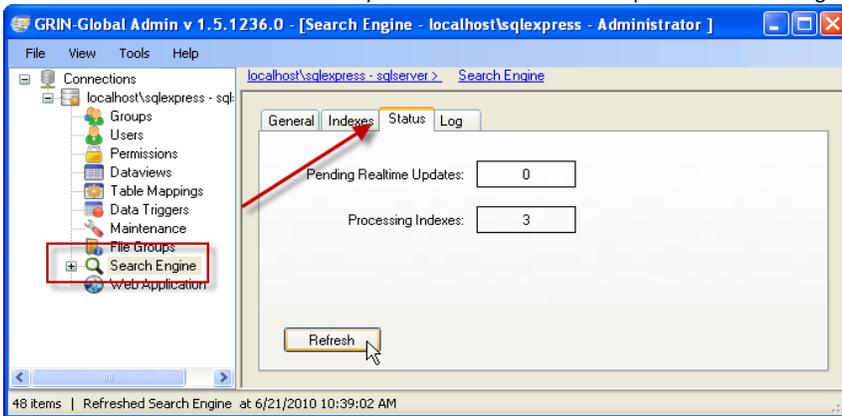
STEP-BY-STEP IMPORT WIZARD DIRECTIONS

Update Search Engine indexes

After new records have been imported, the search engine needs to rebuild its indexes to include the new records. When exiting, if records have been imported, the Import Wizard will prompt you to rebuild the search engine indexes:



You can monitor the status of indexes being processed. In the **Admin Tool**, select **Search Engine**; click the **Status** tab. You will need to manually click the **Refresh** button to update the value being shown.



Refer to the GRIN-Global online data dictionary to obtain detailed information about any field in any dataview in the GRIN-Global schema.

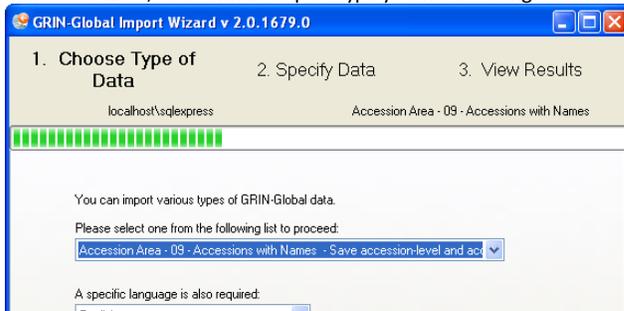
See http://www.ars-grin.gov/npgs/gringlobal/docs/gg_data_dictionary.pdf

STEP-BY-STEP IMPORT WIZARD DIRECTIONS

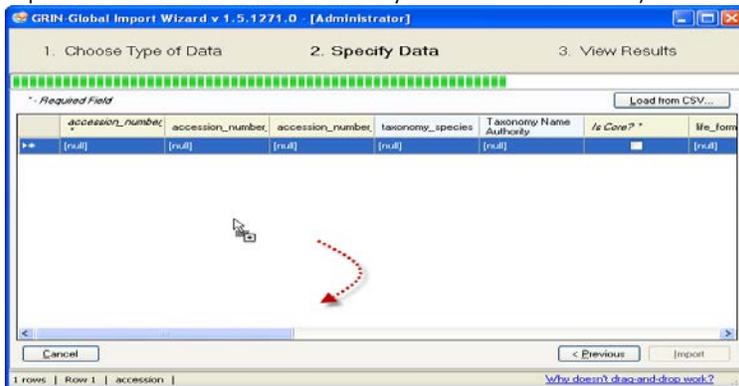
Dragging Column Headings from the Wizard

The following step-by-step example illustrates dragging the column headings from the Import Wizard to a spreadsheet. Note that drag and drop works in Windows XP, but not Windows 7 or Vista.

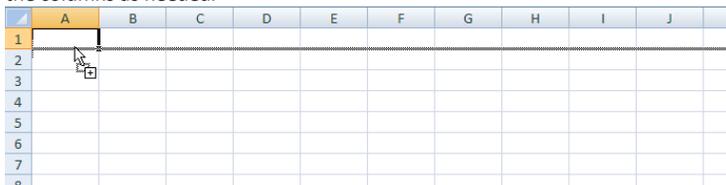
1. Start the wizard; select which import type you will be doing.



2. Click in the data row header cell (on the left); then click in the data row and start dragging into a blank spreadsheet. (Press **Ctrl** before dragging to **obtain** the **actual** field names; however, the Import Wizard works with either the friendly names or the field names.)



3. Drop in the spreadsheet (usually in the upper corner, but can be anywhere); adjust the widths of the columns as needed.

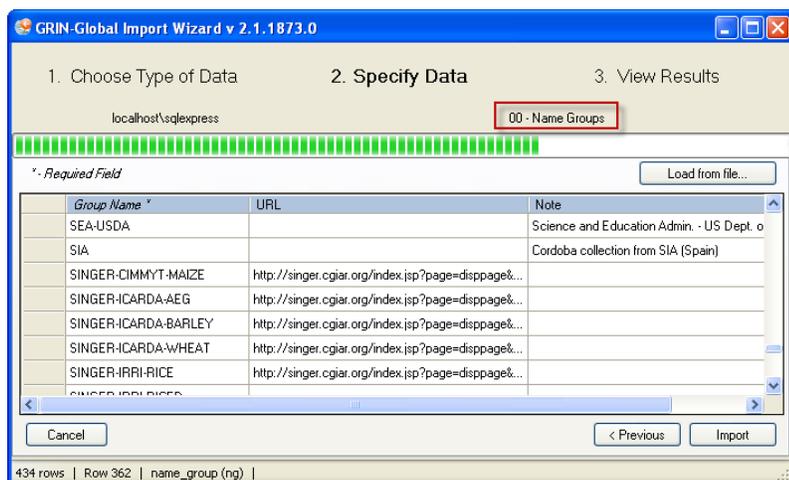


(00) Name Groups

DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF IMPORT WIZARDS

(00) Name Groups

Use Name Groups when you want to connect your plant names to groups such as CIMMYT, SINGER, or NPGS at the time of importing. If you are not concerned about tracking accession names by group or organization, then the Name Groups Import Wizard doesn't need to be used. Also, the **Name Group** field in the Accession Name dataview can be ignored.



Name Group field being shown in the **Accession Name** dataview in the Curator Tool:



Fields

The Import Wizard dataview for importing **Name Groups and Values** records updates one table:

- **name_group**

The wizard imports three fields as shown above in the Import Wizard sample.



The field descriptions are online at the [GRIN-Global data dictionary](#). Please refer to this document for the field descriptions for this and the other Import Wizards described in this cookbook.

Name Groups can also be easily added within the Curator Tool by adding records within using the **Get Name Group** dataview.

(01) Database Code Groups & Values

Fields

The Import Wizard dataview for importing **Code Groups and Values** records updates two related tables:

- **code_value**
- **code_value_language**

The wizard imports four fields:

Field (Friendly Name) [Table]	Length/ Attribute*	Description	Examples
group_name (Group Name) [code_value]	100	The group name used for a set of codes. Example: Improvement Status. Refer to the online document that describes in detail the codes that are used by GRIN-Global.	PATOGEN_STATUS, PATHOLOGY_TEST, POLLINATION_METHOD
value (Value) [code_value]	20	The actual value of a code	FREE, INFECTED, TESTED, UNTESTED
title (Title) [code_value_language]	500	This is the text displayed in the dropdowns.	Pathogen free Infected
description (Description) [code_value_language]	max	An optional description used to provide additional information about the code's value.	"All available tests have been performed and all results were negative."

*nvarchar, unless specified; length is the allowable number of characters; "max" is the maximum number of characters allowed by the database management tool

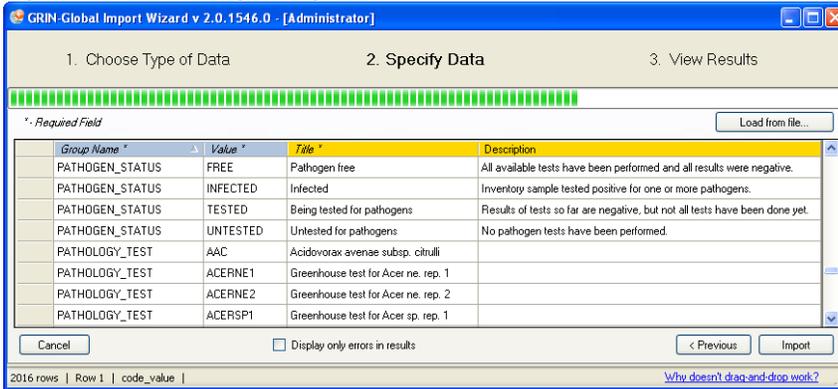


The field descriptions are online at the [GRIN-Global data dictionary](#). Please refer to this document for the field descriptions for this and the other Import Wizards described in this cookbook.

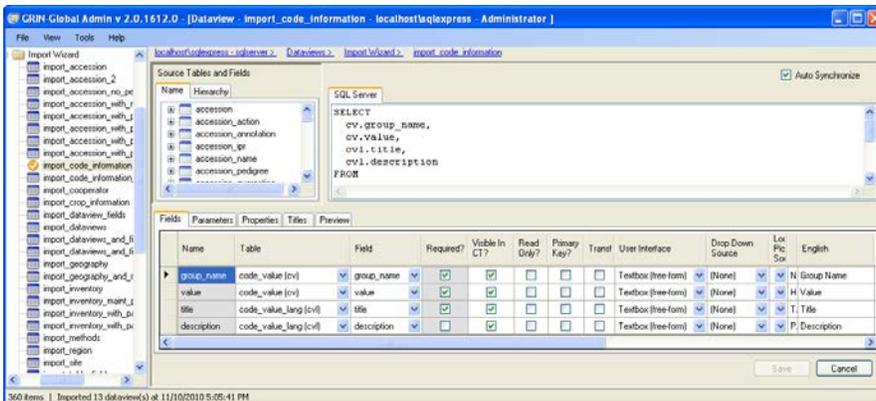
Codes These codes are automatically included with GRIN-Global, but they can be modified as needed to meet an organization's unique needs.

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Import Wizard Code Groups Example



The Admin Tool dataview editor indicates the table and fields for the `import_code_information` Import Wizard dataview:



Use **Admin Tool | Maintenance | Launch Import Wizard** to start the wizard; select **01 - Code Groups...**

01 - Code Groups and Code Values - Save language-specific verbiage for code_value data

For step-by-step directions for using the Import Wizard, see **STEP-BY-STEP IMPORT WIZARD DIRECTIONS** on page 14.



Note that the Import Wizard cannot be used to *delete* items, such as Code Groups, so if there are any Code Groups that need to be deleted, do so via the Code Group editor. Refer to the Admin Tool Guide for details on using the Code Groups editor.

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Background Information

Many Curator Tool dataviews use dropdowns to assist the user in selecting a valid entry from a list. Fields using dropdowns do not allow random text data to be entered, but instead require a value from a pre-populated set of values. The items in the dataview dropdowns are stored in two related Code Group tables. What codes and data values are stored in the two Code Group tables? All kinds! The next four screens use a sample, the “IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL” code, to illustrate how a code group and its possible values are displayed in the Curator Tool.

In the Curator Tool, the CodeValue dataview shows there are nine possible values for the Group Name IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL: values BREEDING through WILD.

Code Value ID	Group Name	Value	Created Date	Created By	Modified Date
1	IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL	BREEDING	9/9/1993	SYSTEM, 0.	9/28/2010 2:58 ..
2	IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL	CLONE	3/31/1994	SYSTEM, 0.	9/28/2010 2:58 ..
3	IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL	CULTIVAR	9/9/1993	SYSTEM, 0.	9/28/2010 2:58 ..
4	IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL	CULTIVATED	9/9/1993	SYSTEM, 0.	9/28/2010 2:58 ..
5	IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL	GENETIC	9/9/1993	SYSTEM, 0.	9/28/2010 2:58 ..
6	IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL	LANDRACE	9/9/1993	SYSTEM, 0.	9/28/2010 2:58 ..
7	IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL	ROOTSTOCK	5/30/1996	SYSTEM, 0.	9/28/2010 2:58 ..
8	IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL	UNCERTAIN	9/9/1993	SYSTEM, 0.	9/28/2010 2:58 ..
9	IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL	WILD	9/9/1993	SYSTEM, 0.	9/28/2010 2:58 ..

The next screen, from the Admin Tool Dataview editor, is highlighting the field **improvement_status_code** in the **get_accession** dataview. This field uses **IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL** for its source of data in the dropdown:

GRIN-Global Admin v 2.0.1431.0 - [Dataview - get_accession - localhost\sqlserver - Administrator]

Client: localhost\sqlserver > Dataviews > Client > get_accession

Source Tables and Fields: Auto Synchronize

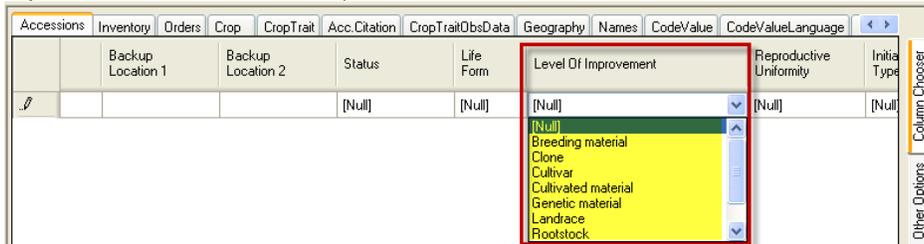
SQL Server: a.life_form_code, a.improvement_status_code

Name	User Interface	Drop Down Source	Lookup Picker Source	English	Español
status_code	Drop Down	ACCESSION_STATUS	(None)	Status	
life_form_code	Drop Down	ACCESSION_LIFE_FORM	(None)	Life Form	Forma de vida
improvement_status_code	Drop Down	IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL	(None)	Level Of Improvement	Nivel de mejora
reproductive_uniformity...	Drop Down	REPRODUCTIVE_UNIFD...	(None)	Reproductive Uniformity	uniformidad rep

Notice that when this dataview is displayed in the Curator Tool, the English column heading, the friendly name is actually “Level of Improvement.”

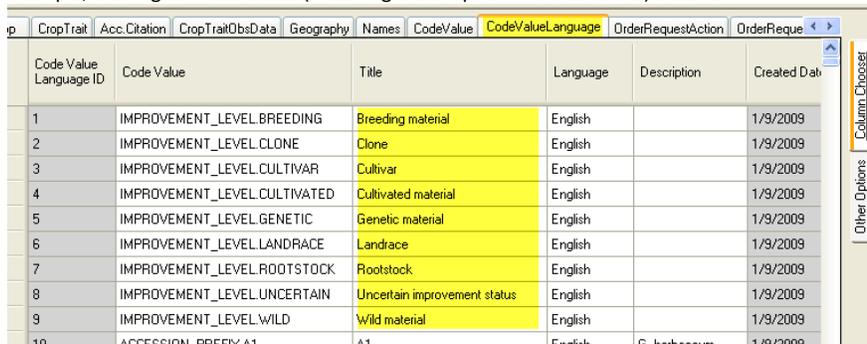
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In the Curator Tool, when working with the Accession dataview, the user is able to select the **Improvement Level** values from a dropdown:



Accessions	Inventory	Orders	Crop	CropTrait	Acc.Citation	CropTraitObsData	Geography	Names	CodeValue	CodeValueLanguage	Reproductive Uniformity	Initial Type
	Backup Location 1	Backup Location 2		Status	Life Form				Level Of Improvement		[Null]	[Null]
[Null]												
Breeding material												
Clone												
Cultivar												
Cultivated material												
Genetic material												
Landrace												
Rootstock												

However, did you notice that although the dropdown values are similar, they do not match exactly the Values listed in the **CodeValue** dataview? You can deduce there must be another location where these values are stored. The values are stored in the related **CodeValueLang** table. Because GRIN-Global handles multiple languages, this second table holds the values displayed for each language. In this example, the English **Title** values (matching the dropdown values above) are shown:



Code Value Language ID	Code Value	Title	Language	Description	Created Date
1	IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL.BREEDING	Breeding material	English		1/9/2009
2	IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL.CLONE	Clone	English		1/9/2009
3	IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL.CULTIVAR	Cultivar	English		1/9/2009
4	IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL.CULTIVATED	Cultivated material	English		1/9/2009
5	IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL.GENETIC	Genetic material	English		1/9/2009
6	IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL.LANDRACE	Landrace	English		1/9/2009
7	IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL.ROOTSTOCK	Rootstock	English		1/9/2009
8	IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL.UNCERTAIN	Uncertain improvement status	English		1/9/2009
9	IMPROVEMENT_LEVEL.WILD	Wild material	English		1/9/2009
10	ACCESSION.PREFEA1	A1	English	Genetic material	1/9/2009

Note that the **CodeValue** field in the **CodeValueLang** dataview combines the **Group Name** and the **Value** fields from the **CodeValue** table.

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As mentioned earlier, the GRIN-Global Code Groups Import Wizard fills four fields from two tables. The **import_code_information** dataview is shown below:

Name	Table	Field	Required?
group_name	code_value	group_name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
value	code_value	value	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
title	code_value_lang	title	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
description	code_value_lang	description	<input type="checkbox"/>

Another example of Code Values...

SITE_TYPE (example)

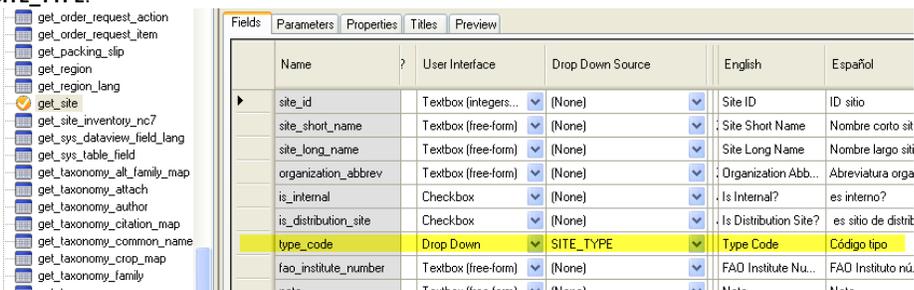
In the Curator Tool, in the **get_site** dataview, the values SEED, MIXED, and CLONAL display in the **Type Code** column.

Site ID	Site Short Name	Site Long Name	Organization Abbreviation	Is Internal?	Is Distribution Site?	Type Code	FAD Institute Number
1	CDT	Colton Collection		Y	Y	SEED	USA049
2	BRW	Natl. Germplasm ...		Y	Y	MIXED	USA133
3	CDR	Natl. Germplasm ...		Y	Y	CLONAL	USA026
4	DAV	Natl. Germplasm ...		Y	Y	MIXED	USA390
5	GEN	Natl. Germplasm ...		Y	Y	MIXED	USA167
6	HII	Natl. Germplasm ...		Y	Y	SEED	USA042

(02) Site Table

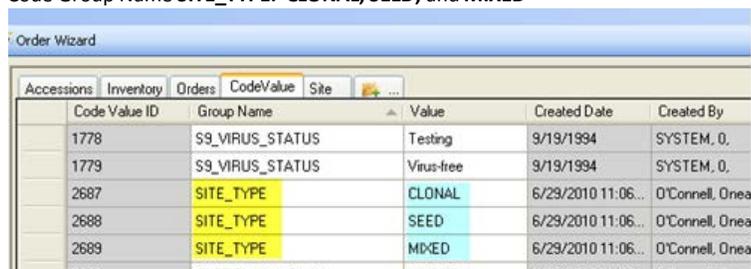
In the Admin Tool, the **type_code** field uses for its Drop Down Source the Code Group named

SITE_TYPE:



Name	User Interface	Drop Down Source	English	Español
site_id	Textbox (integers...)	(None)	Site ID	ID sitio
site_short_name	Textbox (free-form)	(None)	Site Short Name	Nombre corto sit
site_long_name	Textbox (free-form)	(None)	Site Long Name	Nombre largo siti
organization_abbrev	Textbox (free-form)	(None)	Organization Abb...	Abreviatura orga
is_internal	Checkbox	(None)	Is Internal?	es interno?
is_distribution_site	Checkbox	(None)	Is Distribution Site?	es sitio de distrib
type_code	Drop Down	SITE_TYPE	Type Code	Código tipo
fao_institute_number	Textbox (free-form)	(None)	FAO Institute Nu...	FAO Instituto nú.
note	Textbox (free-form)	(None)	Note	Nota

In the Curator Tool, when reviewing the **CodeValue** dataview, there are three possible values for the Code Group Name **SITE_TYPE**: **CLONAL**, **SEED**, and **MIXED**



Code Value ID	Group Name	Value	Created Date	Created By
1778	S9_VIRUS_STATUS	Testing	9/19/1994	SYSTEM, 0.
1779	S9_VIRUS_STATUS	Virus-free	9/19/1994	SYSTEM, 0.
2687	SITE_TYPE	CLONAL	6/29/2010 11:06...	O'Connell, Onea
2688	SITE_TYPE	SEED	6/29/2010 11:06...	O'Connell, Onea
2689	SITE_TYPE	MIXED	6/29/2010 11:06...	O'Connell, Onea

(02) Site Table

Fields

The Import Wizard **Site** dataview imports the fields for the **site** table. The field descriptions are online at the [GRIN-Global data dictionary](#).

Use **Admin Tool | Maintenance | Launch Import Wizard** to start the wizard; select **02 – Site Data**

02 - Site Data - Import Site Data

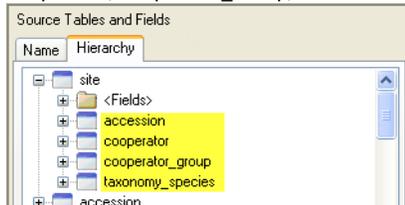
For step-by-step directions for using the Import Wizard, see **STEP-BY-STEP IMPORT WIZARD DIRECTIONS** on page 14.

Background Information

The **Site** Table is used by the GRIN-Global system in various ways. For instance, when a new user is defined by the GRIN-Global administrator in the Admin Tool, the administrator assigns a site code to the

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user. Users within the same site code can share lists in the Curator Tool. The Hierarchy tab in the Admin Tool dataview editor screen shows that four other tables are dependent on the Site table: Accession, Cooperator, Cooperator_Group, and Taxonomy_Species.



[Sample Data](#)

(03) Region Table

Fields

The Import Wizard **Region** dataview imports fields for the **region** table. The field descriptions are online at the [GRIN-Global data dictionary](#).

Use **Admin Tool | Maintenance | Launch Import Wizard** to start the wizard; select **03 – Region Data**



For step-by-step directions for using the Import Wizard, see **STEP-BY-STEP IMPORT WIZARD DIRECTIONS** on page 14.

Background Information

Region needs to be in place in order for the **geography map** to tie geography to regions. This needs to be handled via the Curator Tool **get_geography_region_map** dataview. Therefore, geography (discussed in the next section) needs to be in place, region is in place and then they are tied together with the map table. This enables a many-to-many relationship. Nigeria belongs to both West Africa and Africa. Africa, of course, has many countries in it.

In the dataview editor, the **Source Tables and Fields** panel shows the dependency of **geography_region_map** on **region**:



[Sample data](#)

(04) GRIN-Global Geography Data

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Fields

The Import Wizard dataview for importing Geography-related records updates two tables:

- **geography**
- **geography_lang**

The field descriptions are online at the [GRIN-Global data dictionary](#).

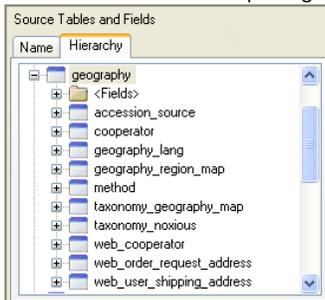
Use **Admin Tool | Maintenance | Launch Import Wizard** to start the wizard; select **04 – Geography Data**

04 - Geography Data - Import Geographic Data

For step-by-step directions for using the Import Wizard, see **STEP-BY-STEP IMPORT WIZARD DIRECTIONS** on page 14.

Background Information

Many tables are dependent on the **Geography** Table including **accession_source**, **cooperator**, and **method**, among others. These dependent tables are discussed later in this document, reflecting the recommended order for importing.



[Sample Data](#)

(05) Cooperators

The **Cooperator** table holds the contact information for individuals as well as organizations. All users added via the Admin Tool are included in the cooperator table. These contacts include the collectors, donors, and developers of the accessions as well as those who evaluate and request the germplasm.

Fields

The Import Wizard dataview for importing Cooperator data updates four tables:

- **sys_lang**
- **cooperator**
- **geography**
- **site**

The field descriptions are online at the [GRIN-Global data dictionary](#).

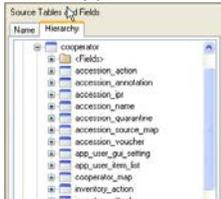
Use **Admin Tool | Maintenance | Launch Import Wizard** to start the wizard; select **05 – Cooperator Data**



For step-by-step directions for using the Import Wizard, see **STEP-BY-STEP IMPORT WIZARD DIRECTIONS** on page 14.

Background Information

Many tables are dependent on the cooperator data, as shown below in a partial screen capture of the Hierarchy panel in the dataview editor window:



[Sample Data](#)

(06) Taxonomy Data



It is possible to install GG with a copy of the U.S. GRIN taxonomy database – if you do that you should skip this step (the data is redundant). See the Installation Guide for directions on using the Updater to download GRIN taxonomy.

Fields

Because GRIN-Global Taxonomy supports synonyms, the taxonomy-related data is quite extensive. Three separate wizards have been written to import data into three different tables:

- **taxonomy_family**
- **taxonomy_genus**
- **taxonomy_species**



By using the three dataviews, you can collect your data and load it in smaller “chunks.” The field descriptions are online at the [GRIN-Global data dictionary](#).

The taxonomic tables are fairly involved and the taxonomy IW dataviews seem complex at first glance. Some users may feel intimidated by the many fields in the dataviews; however, only a few fields are required. Here are several points that need mentioning:

- The **taxonomy_family** dataview has three **Family Names** columns – all three must be filled with the same family name. Example:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V
1	Suprafa:	Supra:	Family Name	Author N	AR	Sul	Tri	Sul	Note	Family Name	Author N	Subfa	Tribe	Subtri	Genus	Genus	Subge	Sectic	Subse	Series	Subsi	Family Name
2			Acanthaceae							Acanthaceae												Acanthaceae

- If you supply a **species_authority** field for the **06c Taxonomy Species** dataview, the **taxonomy_name_authority** field in the **09 Accessions dataview** must match. In the following

(06) Taxonomy Data

example, they don't, so the Accessions will not import properly:

excerpt from the file used to import Accessions

	A	B	C	D	E
1	taxonomy_taxon	taxonomy_name_authority	accession	accession	accession_i
11	Eleusine coracana		MAR	371 A	y
12	Eleusine coracana		MAR	372 A	y
13	Eleusine coracana		MAR	373 A	y
14	Sorghum bicolor		MAR	374 A	y
15	Sorghum bicolor		MAR	376 A	y

excerpt from the file used to import Taxonomy species

	F	O	P
y	su_genus_name	species_name	species_authority
	Sorghum	bicolor	(L.) Moench
	Sorghum	bicolor	(L.) Moench
	Sorghum	bicolor	(L.) Moench

- Whenever the Import Wizard for **06c Taxonomy Species** sees a "Y" in the **is_specific_hybrid** column of the source .csv data file, it will insert an "x" in the name (Taxon) in the database:

M	N	O	P	Q	R
su_nomen_n	is_specific_hybrid	species_n	species_authority	is_subspe	subspecie subs
	y	coracana	(L.) Gaertn.	y	
	y	bicolor	(L.) Moench	y	
	(L.) Gaertn.	..	

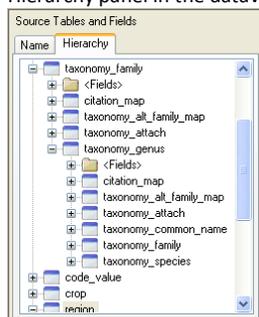
name	name_authority
Eleusine x coracana	(L.) Gaertn.
Sorghum x bicolor	(L.) Moench
Ricinus x bicolor	(L.) Moench
Gnossynium x hirsutum	L.

For step-by-step directions for using the Import Wizard, see **STEP-BY-STEP IMPORT WIZARD DIRECTIONS** on page 14.

(07) Crop Characterization / Evaluation Descriptors (Crop Traits)

Background Information

Many tables are dependent on the taxonomy data, as shown below in a partial screen capture of the Hierarchy panel in the dataview editor window:



Sample Data: [Taxonomy Family](#) [Taxonomy Genus](#) [Taxonomy Species](#)



Because of a relationship between `species_id` and the `current_id` and the current way that foreign key constraints are implemented in the Curator Tool, it is necessary to import the Taxonomy Species file twice. After you import it the first time, repeat the same Import Wizard steps for importing the same CSV file a second time.

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(07) Crop Characterization / Evaluation Descriptors (Crop Traits)

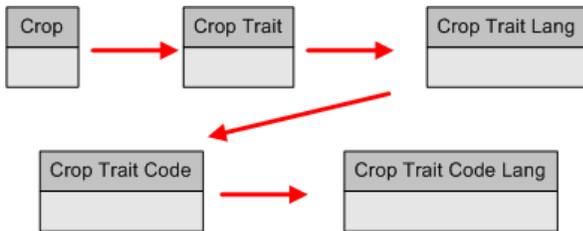
Fields

To avoid confusion with the term “descriptors,” we need to clarify how its use is intended here. This section is referring not to *passport* descriptors, but rather to *crop characterization and evaluation* descriptors. Passport descriptor data in GRIN-Global is stored under the Accession tables – the main Accession table and its child tables.

The field descriptions are online at the [GRIN-Global data dictionary](#).

Crops and Crop Traits Overview

There are five crop-related dataviews that need to be considered when setting up the crops' Characterization / Evaluation Descriptors for your organization. The following diagram illustrates the general flow in inputting /editing data in the crop-related dataviews that you should follow when manually establishing new crop traits:



The Crop dataview is the “grandparent” dataview. That is, if you don’t have the crop defined in the Crop dataview, you cannot input any of the traits related to the crop or the various possible code values that each trait can handle.

Conversely, you cannot delete a crop from the Crop table if it has traits associated to it. Similarly, traits cannot be removed from the Crop Trait table unless all of the dependent data in the children tables has been removed first.

Because GRIN-Global handles multiple languages, the two –language tables are needed to hold the values that are displayed for each language.

The Import Wizard handles adding data to all five tables simultaneously, obviously making it much easier to bulk input data when an organization already has collected this data.

How to Import the Crop Characterization and Evaluation Descriptors

Use **Admin Tool | Maintenance | Launch Import Wizard** to start the wizard; select **07 – Crop Trait...**



[Sample Data](#)

Follow the Import Wizard directions for loading or copying data. However, read the following text for specific information about the Crop-related fields that will be imported by the Import Wizard. It may be helpful to also use the Admin Tool and the Curator Tool to follow along as you read the next several pages.

The Import Wizard dataview for importing Characterization and Evaluation Descriptor Codes imports the following fields:



Two of the fields that will be imported, **Trait Category**, and **Data Type**, must match the existing Group Names in the GRIN-Global Database Code table. (The Code table was described earlier; see [GRIN-Global Database Field Codes](#) for details.)

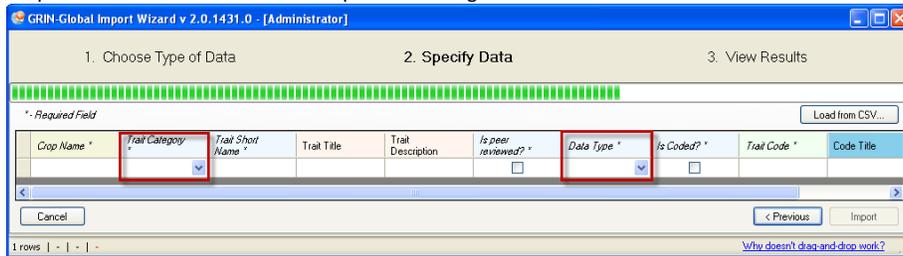
(07) Crop Characterization / Evaluation Descriptors (Crop Traits)

If you review the **import_crop_information** dataview in the **Admin Tool**, you will see the two fields that use drop down sources for their values:

Name	Table	Field	R	Prim Key	Tra	User Interface	Drop Down Source	Loc Pic Sou	English
name	crop	name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Textbox (free-form)	(None)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crop Name
category_code	crop_trait	category_code	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drop Down	DESCRIPTOR_CATEGORY	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trait Category
coded_name	crop_trait	coded_name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Textbox (free-form)	(None)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trait Short Name
ct_title	crop_trait_lang	title	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Textbox (free-form)	(None)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trait Title
ct_description	crop_trait_lang	description	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Textbox (free-form)	(None)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trait Description
is_peer_reviewed	crop_trait	is_peer_reviewed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checkbox	(None)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is peer reviewed?
data_type_code	crop_trait	data_type_code	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drop Down	CROP_TRAIT_DATA_TYPE	<input type="checkbox"/>	Data Type
is_coded	crop_trait	is_coded	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checkbox	(None)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is Coded?
code	crop_trait_code	code	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Textbox (free-form)	(None)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trait Code
code_title	crop_trait_code_lang	title	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Textbox (free-form)	(None)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Code Title
code_description	crop_trait_code_lang	description	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Textbox (free-form)	(None)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Code Description

(In referring to these fields on the next page, we'll continue to use their English names, "Trait Category" and "Data Type," rather than their database field names.)

As you proceed with the import wizard you can also identify fields using drop down sources; the dropdowns will be indicated in the Import Wizard's grid:



Whatever values you supply for these fields must match exactly their related Group Names stored in the **CodeValue** table. On the previous page, we saw that the data source for the two dropdowns is the Group Names **DESCRIPTOR_CATEGORY** and **CROP_TRAIT_DATA_TYPE**.

The following screen shows some sample **DESCRIPTOR_CATEGORY** values stored in a **CodeValue** table. These would be the valid values to import for the "Trait Category" field:

Acc.Citation	CropTraitObsData	Geography	Names	CodeValue	CodeValueLanguage	OrderRequestAc
	Code Value ID	Group Name	Value	Created Date	Created B	
	2730	DATE_QUALIFIER	NEAR	8/20/2010 6:40 ...	SYSTEM	
	361	DESCRIPTOR_CATEGORY	CHEMICAL	9/9/1993	SYSTEM	
	362	DESCRIPTOR_CATEGORY	COMMENT	10/14/1993	SYSTEM	
	363	DESCRIPTOR_CATEGORY	CYTOLOGIC	3/17/1994	SYSTEM	
	364	DESCRIPTOR_CATEGORY	DISEASE	9/9/1993	SYSTEM	
	365	DESCRIPTOR_CATEGORY	FLWR-FRUIT	3/23/1999	SYSTEM	
	366	DESCRIPTOR_CATEGORY	GENSTOCK	9/9/1993	SYSTEM	
	367	DESCRIPTOR_CATEGORY	GROWTH	11/21/1996	SYSTEM	

(08) Methods

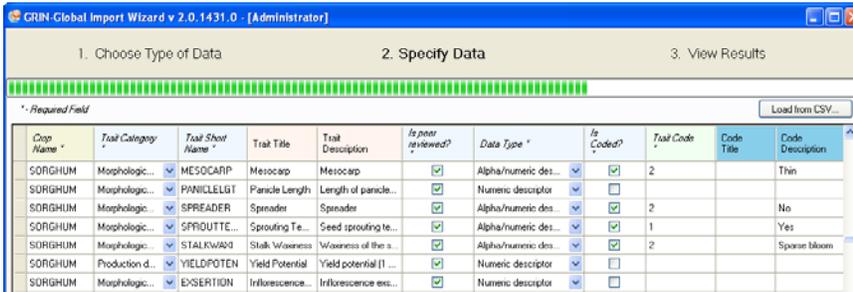
Similarly, in the **CodeValue** table in this example four possible values are valid for **CROP_TRAIT_DATA_TYPE**. When using the Import Wizard to import your data, you would therefore use one of the four “Values” for the “Data Type” field, as shown below:

Acc.Citation	CropTraitObsData	Geography	Names	CodeValue	CodeValueLanguage	OrderRequestAc
	Code Value ID	Group Name	Value	Created Date	Created B	
	358	COOPERATOR_TITLE	Srta.	9/9/1993	SYSTEM.	
	1623	CROP_TRAIT_DATA_TYPE	CHAR	5/26/1994	SYSTEM.	
	1624	CROP_TRAIT_DATA_TYPE	LOWER	5/26/1994	SYSTEM.	
	1625	CROP_TRAIT_DATA_TYPE	NUMERIC	5/26/1994	SYSTEM.	
	1626	CROP_TRAIT_DATA_TYPE	UPPER	5/26/1994	SYSTEM.	
	1627	CROP_TRAIT_DATA_TYPE	INTU	5/26/1994	SYSTEM.	

To import the Crop Descriptors, a spreadsheet similar to the following is needed:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
	Crop Name	Trait Category	Trait Short Name	Trait Title	Trait Description	Is peer reviewed?	Data Type	Is Coded?	Trait Code	Code Title	Code Description
1											
2											
3	NC7-CUCUMIS	GROWTH	PLTVIGOR2	MAXIMUM PLANT VIGOR	Maximum plant vigor.	N	CHAR	Y	1		GOOD
4	MUSA	PHENOLOGY	BNCHPHENO	Bunch Phenotype	Phenotype of the bunch.	Y	CHAR	Y	2		True-horn
5	MUSA	MORPHOLOGY	PSTEMCOL	Plant Pseudostem Color	Color of the plant's pseudostem	Y	CHAR	Y	2		Pale green
6	MILLET-FOXTAIL	MORPHOLOGY	VEGSTRUCT	VEGETATIVE STRUCTURE	The vegetative structures are	N	CHAR	Y		RHIZOME	Long rhizome
7	MILLET-FOXTAIL	MORPHOLOGY	VEGSTRUCT	VEGETATIVE STRUCTURE	The vegetative structures are	N	CHAR	Y		BU-VERT-RHIZ	Bunch with

Note that the headings in the spreadsheet must match the spelling of the headings used by the Import Wizard:



For step-by-step directions for using the Import Wizard, see **STEP-BY-STEP IMPORT WIZARD DIRECTIONS** on page 14.

(09) Accessions

(08) Methods

“Method” is referring to the name describing the method environment and/or procedure used in evaluating the accession’s crop traits (characteristic/evaluation descriptors) and inventory descriptors.

Fields

The Import Wizard dataview for importing Methods updates three related tables:

- **geography**
- **method**
- **geography_lang**



The field descriptions are online at the [GRIN-Global data dictionary](#).

For step-by-step directions for using the Import Wizard, see **STEP-BY-STEP IMPORT WIZARD DIRECTIONS** on page 14.

[Sample Data](#)

(09) Accessions

Fields

The Import Wizard dataview for importing Accessions updates three related tables: **taxonomy_species**, **accession**, and **accession_pedigree**.

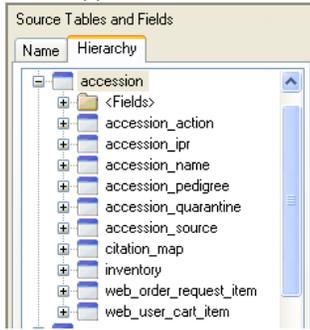


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(11) Inventory Data

Many tables are dependent on the accession data, as shown below in a partial screen capture of the Hierarchy panel in the dataview editor window:



[Sample Data](#)

(10) Inventory Maintenance Policy

The Maintenance Policy refers to the “rules” when handling Inventory: the default form in which the germplasm is stored, the default units and quantities for distribution, the default units of germplasm by which orders are filled for this group, and the default number of germplasm units necessary for replenishment.

A number less than the critical replenishment value indicates the need to increase the inventory sample.

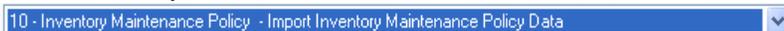
Fields

The Import Wizard dataview for importing **Inventory Maintenance Policy** records updates two tables:

- **inventory_maint_policy**
- **geography_lang**

The field descriptions are online at the [GRIN-Global data dictionary](#).

Use **Admin Tool | Maintenance | Launch Import Wizard** to start the wizard; select **10 – Inventory Maintenance Policy**



For step-by-step directions for using the Import Wizard, see STEP-BY-STEP IMPORT WIZARD DIRECTIONS on page 14.

[Sample Data](#)

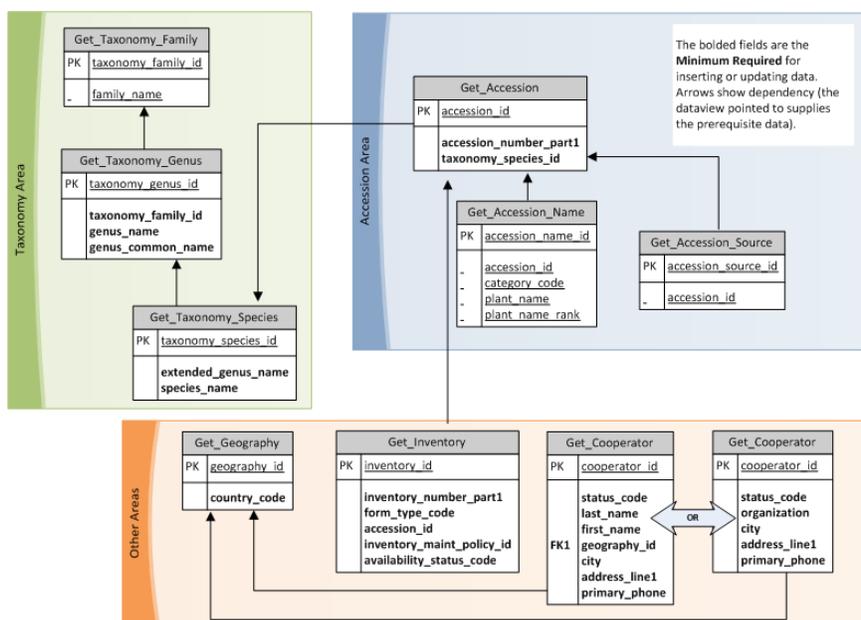
(11) Inventory Data

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The inventory data is used for managing and tracking the inventories held at the genebank. There may be several samples for an accession at a site corresponding to different generations, storage types, locations, etc.

In GRIN-Global, the Inventory records relate to the Accession records by the combined Prefix, Number, and Suffix fields. Each accession record must have a unique combination of those three fields.

The following graphic explores the relationship between the accession (the parent) and inventory (the child) records.



Fields

The Import Wizard dataview for importing **Inventory** updates three related tables:

- **inventory**
- **accession**
- **inventory_maintenance_policy**

The field descriptions are online at the [GRIN-Global data dictionary](#).

Use **Admin Tool | Maintenance | Launch Import Wizard** to start the wizard; select **11 – Inventory Data**

11 - Inventory Data - Import Inventory Data with Parent and Backup lots.

(12) Observations (Character & Evaluation Descriptors)

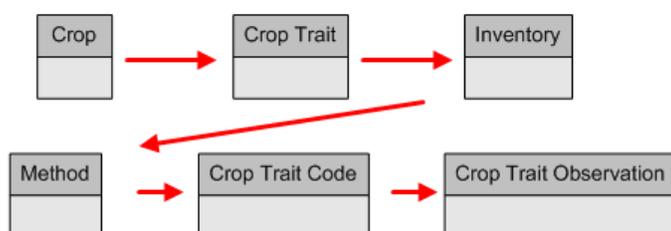
For step-by-step directions for using the Import Wizard, see **STEP-BY-STEP IMPORT WIZARD DIRECTIONS** on page 14.

[Sample Data](#)

(12) Observations (Character & Evaluation Descriptors)

The observation data consists of the descriptors for the crop or descriptor set. It includes both characterization (plant height, oil content, days to flower, etc.) and evaluation parameters (resistance to an insect species, response to fertilizer, etc.).

When using the “12 – Observation Data” Import Wizard, six crop-related tables are impacted when importing crop observations:



Fields

The Import Wizard dataview for importing **Observations** updates six related tables:

- **Crop**
- **Crop Trait**
- **inventory**
- **Method**
- **Crop Trait Code**
- **Crop Trait Observation**

The field descriptions are online at the [GRIN-Global data dictionary](#).

Use **Admin Tool | Maintenance | Launch Import Wizard** to start the wizard; select **12 – Cooperator Data**

12 - Observation Data - Import Observation Data

For step-by-step directions for using the Import Wizard, **STEP-BY-STEP IMPORT WIZARD DIRECTIONS** on page 14

Sample Data: [Apple](#) [Eggplant](#) [Pear](#) [Potato](#) [Sunflower](#) [Tomato](#)