

# Import combined fields

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## Scenario

This document will explain how to do a product import with combined fields. A product description will be combined with a secondary text.

## Pre-requisites

CSVl VirtueMart 3.4.1 or higher

(If using 3.4.1., [this fix](#) is required)

Understand how to make a CSV file

## Setup the import file

The import file will have 3 columns:

- Product SKU
- Product description
- Extra description

In a spreadsheet the file will look like this:

Product SKU	Product description	Extra description
P01	First product	{article 522}{text}/{article}
P02	Second product	{article 622}{text}/{article}

In CSV the file will look like this:

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"Product SKU";"Product description";"Extra description"
"P01";"First product";"{article 522}{text}/{article}"
"P02";"Second product";"{article 622}{text}/{article}"
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## Setup the import screen

1. Set the import to **Product import**
2. Add the following fields in this order:
  - a. **product\_sku**
  - b. **product\_desc**
  - c. **combine**
3. Set the product\_desc field to Combine **Yes**
4. Set the combine field to Combine **Yes**
5. Your screen should now look like below:

**Template details**  

-- Select template to load --

Load

Remove

Apply

Save as new

**Import details**

**Import**

Options

Image

Path

Replacement

Limit

Choose which import you want to do  

Product import

Quick Add

Optional: Choose which fields you want to import

Add	Field name	Default value	Process	Combine	
<div>+</div>	<div>attribute</div>		<div>No</div> <div>Yes</div>	<div>No</div> <div>Yes</div>	

Field name	Default value	Process	Combine	Delete
<div>product_sku</div>		<div>No</div> <div>Yes</div>	<div>No</div> <div>Yes</div>	<div></div>
<div>product_desc</div>		<div>No</div> <div>Yes</div>	<div>No</div> <div>Yes</div>	<div></div>
<div>combine</div>		<div>No</div> <div>Yes</div>	<div>No</div> <div>Yes</div>	<div></div>

## Setup the File options

1. Click on the Options tab
2. Set Use headers/nodes as configuration to **No**
3. Set the Skip first line to **Yes**
4. Your screen should now look like below:

**File options**

Auto detect delimiters	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Field Delimiter	,
Text Enclosure	"
Category separator	/
Use headers/nodes as configuration	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Skip first line	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Overwrite existing data	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Ignore non-existing items	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Skip default value	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Show preview	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Collect debug information	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes

## Save your settings

With the template all setup it is time to save the settings so they are not lost.

1. Click on **Save as new** and give your template a name.

**Template details**

Combine desc	▼	Load	Remove	Apply	Save as new
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2. The template is now saved and can be used for future use.

## Import the file

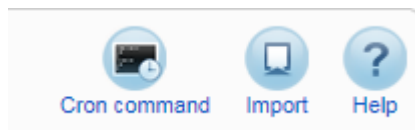
Now that we have setup the file and the template, it is time to import.

1. Click on **Import**
2. Click on the **Options** tab
3. Select the file to import

Source options

Load from computer	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Browse..."/>
Load from server	<input type="radio"/>	
Load from URL	<input type="radio"/>	
Load from FTP	<input type="radio"/>	

4. Click on the **Import** button



## The result

Now that the import is done we can check the result in VirtueMart by editing the products we imported:

**Product Description:**

**B** *I* U **ABC** | | **Styles** **Paragraph**

| | | **HTML**

| |

First product {article 522}{text}{/article}

Path: p

Image

Pagebreak

Readmore

Toggle editor