

# Bulk Uploader

The Bulk Uploader Addon allows you, as the site administrator, to upload mass quantities of listings on a category by category basis for each user in your GeoProducts database. All your client needs to do is send you an excel spreadsheet (or .csv document) of their inventory. You then save this document as a .csv file in preparation for the upload.

Once installed, the Bulk Uploader has its own series of admin pages which walk you through the upload process in an easy to follow, step-by-step format. If you make a mistake with the upload, or simply need to cancel and reupload a new spreadsheet every couple of days, no problem. The bulk uploader maintains a history of recent uploads and allows you to simply 'undo' an upload. All listings created by that upload are automatically removed from your site.

<tip c n>Note that there is a max upload size configuration within the php.ini php configuration file that may affect very large bulk upload files. You will need to make sure that this configuration in the php.ini file is set large enough to allow the size of bulk upload file you will be using.</tip>

## See also

- [Server Configuration](#)
- [Settings](#)

## New Feature: Multi-category Uploads

Beginning with Geo v5.0.3, it is now possible to bulk upload into multiple categories from a single file. To do so, select the "Multiple Categories" checkbox on Step 1 of the uploader. This will modify Step 2 of the upload process as follows:

- A new column type, **Category > Category ID#**, will be present. Create a column in your CSV file that holds the numerical category ID numbers for each listing, and assign it to this new column. Numerical category ID numbers may be found in the admin, on the Categories Setup page - look for the number in (parentheses) by each category name.
- When uploading to multiple categories, **category-specific questions will not be available**, and will not be present as selectable options in Step 2. Site-wide Optional Fields *will* remain available for all bulk uploads, and category-specific questions will still be available if doing a single-category bulk upload.

## Bulk Uploader FAQ's

- Images are not attached to bulk-uploaded images. Why?
  1. Make sure the image urls you are submitting are fully qualified urls to those images like: [http://www.somesite.com/images/this\\_image.jpg](http://www.somesite.com/images/this_image.jpg).
  2. Make sure that image is assigned to on of the numbered Image URL slots like "Image URL 1", "Image URL 2" within upload step 2 of the bulk upload process.
  3. The bulk-uploader attempts to verify that this image exists before actually attaching the image to the listing. The bulk-uploader uses the PHP getimagesize() function to collect

information about the image. If the image isn't found by these means the image may be rejected. Many servers restrict the `getimagesize()` function specifically (and sometimes all functions like it) from "connecting" over the Internet to an image on another server. So if this is the case there are additional configurations in the software to force the use of a cURL connection to verify the existence of the image. You will need to contact support about this. But most "image attachment" issues are handled by the above suggestions.

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