# 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>

<tip c n>Note that there is a max execution time 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 high 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 Bulk Uploader v2.4.0, 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.

## Do you have a large CSV file or lots of images to import?

You can break up the processing of an individual csv file into many parts. Doing this will allow you to process a large csv file or a file with a lot of time consuming image imports into bite size pieces so

you never time out. Within the 3rd step of the bulk upload process you'll see the **Multi-part Upload** setting as shown in the following screenshot:



Set the max number of listings to load with each attempt and the time between each attempt. This process should continue until the whole csv file is processed. <tip c n>**Note** this feature does NOT work with revolving inventory uploads</tip>