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.

Help for attaching images to Bulk Uploaded listings

As of Bulk Uploader v2.9.0, the uploader accepts image references as either fully-qualified URLs (e.g. *http://mysite.com/images/an_image.jpg*) or local server paths (e.g. */var/www/html/user_images/this_image.jpg*).

The most common approach is to assign each URL or path to a numbered Image URL column, as in "Image URL 1" and "Image URL 2"

There are two "meta-image" options designed to make your life easier:

- "Base Image URL" will be prepended to every numbered slot, so you could use a **Base Image URL** of *http://example.com/images/* and then **Image URL 1** of *image1.jpg* and **Image URL 2** of *image2.jpg*
- **Image List** accepts a comma-separated list of images, that will be given the lowest-available slots (e.g. "*http://example.com/1.jpg,http://example.com/2.jpg*")
- These can be combined. For example, you could set **Base Image URL** to *http://example.com/images/* and then set **Image List** to "*1.jpg,2.jpg,3.jpg*"

As of Bulk Uploader v2.9.0, the addon will download images from remote URLs to the local server and attempt to resize them and create thumbnails, according to the main Admin settings for doing so. This should make images added by the Bulk Uploader much more consistent with images added via the normal, frontend upload process.

A common problem is attempting to Bulk Upload images that are too large or too numerous for the Bulk Uploader to be able to download them in the time allotted. If you're experiencing difficulties Bulk Uploading large quantities or sizes of images, you may need to adjust your server's PHP settings to allow more processing time, or you may need to adjust the images you're attempting to load to make them smaller.

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