

IP Import from CSV

Simple Upload / Import from CSV

The Upload / Import from CSV tool is used if you have a simple .csv file with IP block information, such as CIDR, Mask, ASN, RIR, etc. It is accessed from the **Data Import Tab** from the **Admin** section of ProVision.

Information on preparing data for import and using each import tool is available at <https://docs.6connect.com/display/DOC/Importing+Your+Data>.

Sample import templates are available [here](#).

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Methodology

The Import from CSV tool will create Top-Level Aggregates and place blocks under those aggregates based on the following method:

First, the importer will parse through the provided data, order all blocks from largest to smallest, then attempt to split the largest block out of an existing block matching the IP space and RIR. If that fails (no larger block exists), then that block is added in the system as its own Top-Level-Aggregate. Subsequent blocks will undergo the same process.

This method ensures that your list of IP blocks does not need to be organized in any particular order.



If your import includes a large number of small blocks (/30s, /32s), be sure you've included at least one large block which encompasses them (/24, /22). This will ensure that the smaller blocks are neatly organized under the larger block, rather than imported as their own Top-Level Aggregates.

Before you Begin: Prepare your Data for Import

The Upload / Import from CSV tool requires only a .csv file for importing.

Be sure to review "[Preparing Data for Import](#)" on the [Importing your Data page](#) before you begin. Verify that your .csv is correctly parsed and cleanly formatted with your IP block information (using your choice of the available field list shown below), and is UTF-8 encoded for best results.

Common normalization steps required for ProVision IP imports include:

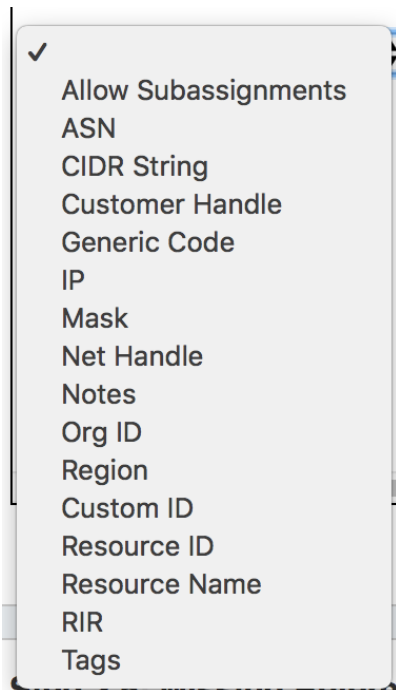
- Remove any empty rows in the data range
- Remove any empty columns in the data range
- Remove stray data from inside and outside the data range, such as:
 - notes, comments, and placeholder text as field values, when not set as their own data column
 - nested secondary information located in additional rows under a primary record
- Ensure proper data formatting
 - Check for data formatting errors - a common issue is leading zeros being dropped from a ZIP field when a file is opened. Re-specify format as needed.
 - Ensure each field has consistent formatting for values



Data Encoding Format

To ensure correct importing of any special characters, make sure to use UTF-8 encoding for your CSV file!

This tool supports the following fields:



Required Fields

For IP Import from .csv, the following fields are REQUIRED:

- CIDR String OR both IP and Mask
- RIR OR a selected default RIR

All other fields are optional.

Import Your Data

Step 1: Create a new IP Import Job

Navigate to the [Data Import](#) Tab from the [Admin](#) button. Select "Upload / Import from CSV" under "IP Import".

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Create a Job Name and Description for the import. This is especially useful to keep track of progress in cases the data arrives from multiple sources, or will require multiple stages of manual review.

Select the .csv file that you prepared above by selecting the "Choose File" button, and browsing to the correct file location. Then hit "Start Import".

IP Import

Step 1: New Import

The IP Import accepts CSV files in a variety of configurations and formats. For an example file, [click here](#). Please make sure all data files are encoded with UTF-8 for best results.

Job Name:

Example IP Import

Description:

Sample

Choose File

IP-import-Small QA Test.csv

Start Import

File must be in CSV Format.



Working with Large or Multiple Data Sets

Although you cannot add new files to an existing job, for jobs with multiple sources for data (which may have different formatting), you can simply create separate jobs and descriptions for each source - no need to manually combine the data into one file before importing. The Import tool's mapping and editing functions will allow for the data to be reconciled in ProVision.

For large data sets where multiple stages of manual review might be needed, you can create a new job using the same set of data files in order to work in parallel on a different portion of the data.

After importing, the new job will appear under the "Existing Jobs" section. To continue working with this job, select it from the list (by clicking on the link) and the next step will appear on the page.

IP Import

Existing Jobs

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Job Name:

Description:

Choose File

No file chosen

Start Import

File must be in CSV Format.

Step 2: Define Columns

Using the dropdown menu above each data field, select the appropriate definition for each of the imported columns.

- **CIDR** or **IP/Mask** fields must be provided
- **Notes**, **Tags**, and **Regions** may have multiple columns associated with the data.
- If you do not have a defined **RIR** column, you must select a default RIR to associated the blocks to.

Other columns which do not apply under the available definitions should be left as blank, and will be skipped during the upload process.

Step 2: Define Columns

The Import process requires you to enumerate the function of the columns in the provided CSV. There must be either a CIDR column or both an IP and a Mask column. There can be multiple Notes, Tags, and Regions fields. Either a defined RIR column or a Default RIR is required.

Resource ID	IP	Mask	
ID	IP Block	subnet	
543	10.2.3.0	/24	
544	10.5.3.2	/32	

Allow Subassignments
ASN
CIDR String
Customer Handle
Generic Code
IP
Mask
Net Handle
Notes
Org ID
Region
Custom ID
Resource ID
Resource Name
RIR
Tags

RIR
1918
ARIN

Default RIR: **Next**

Make sure that you have defined all desired fields by using the scroll bar below your data to view additional columns.

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sk	Notes	RIR	Region	Tags
et	Notes	RIR	Region	Tags
	Internal space	1918	Boston, MA	Customer,Cable
	Customer assign	ARIN	ASH1	

Tag Delimiter: ,

Default RIR: 1918 **Next**

When completed, hit "Next".

Step 2.5: Missing References

If references exist in your data that do not currently exist in ProVision (such as new tags or resources) the import tool will alert you to the missing references, and give you the option to create those references in ProVision. If you wish to add these elements, select the checkboxes next to the element and click the "Add (Element name)" button below.



Header Rows

If your .csv has a header row as the first line, that row may give information that produces a missing reference notice - such as "Tag", "Region", "Block", and so forth.

If this is the case, simply uncheck that item and add only the desired references.

Step 2.5: Missing References

The importer has detected references which do not currently exist in the system. Rows referencing non-existent data cannot be imported. Please select the valid entries from the sections below and they will be added to the system before the formal import begins.

Tags	Regions
<div>Tags</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/></div>	<div>Region</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/></div>
<div>Cable</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div>	<div>Boston, MA</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div>
<div>Add Tags</div>	<div>ASH1</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div>
	<div>Add Regions</div>

In this example, we get a notification that we are missing a tag named "Tags". However, we know by looking at our data that is simply an item that was part of the header line in the .csv, so we want to bypass this step.

Step 3: Reviewing Data

After supplying the file and defining columns, a review step is provided. Records with errors will show as color coded, and can be filtered to be viewed by All, Valid, Warnings, Invalid, or Ignored.

From here, the records can be edited or ignored. Select "Ignore" for records that you do not wish to import at this time. Records that are Ignored or Invalid will automatically be skipped.



Header Rows

If your .csv has a header row as the first line, that row will be shown as the first record in review data as well. Simply click "Ignore" on the first record to disregard the row.

If warnings or invalid entries are found, you may edit the data by clicking the "Edit" button.

Step 3: Review Data

Please review the data for correctness. Invalid and ignored rows will be skipped.

View: All Valid Warnings Invalid Ignored Hide

IP Block/subnet :: RIR	Invalid CIDR String. RIR does not appear in internal RIR list. Resource ID does not exist. Tag 'Tags' does not appear in internal Tags list.	Enable
10.2.3.0/24 :: 1918		Edit Ignore
10.5.3.2/32 :: ARIN	Resource ID does not exist.	Edit Ignore

Here you can edit the invalid field, or add /change information for any other available field.

Step 3: Review Data

Please review the data for correctness. Invalid and ignored rows will be skipped.

View:

All

Valid

Warnings

Invalid

Ignored

Hide

IP Block/subnet :: RIR

Invalid CIDR String. RIR does not appear in internal RIR list. Resource ID does not exist. Tag 'Tags' does not appear in internal Tags list.

Enable

10.2.3.0/24 :: 1918

EditIgnore

Resource: Akamai

CIDR: 10.5.3.2/32

Region:

Tags: Customer

ASN:

Generic Code: Test Note

RIR: ARIN

Org ID:

Notes: Customer assign

Subassignments: ☒

Customer Handle:

Net Handle:

ViewSave

After editing, hit "Save". If the edits are valid, the background color for the data row will be white.

Continue reviewing and editing data as desired. When done, proceed to Step 4.

Step 3: Review Data

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View:

All

Valid

Warnings

Invalid

Ignored

Hide

IP Block/subnet :: RIR

Invalid CIDR String. RIR does not appear in internal RIR list. Resource ID does not exist. Tag 'Tags' does not appear in internal Tags list.

Enable

10.2.3.0/24 :: 1918

EditIgnore

10.5.3.2/32 :: ARIN

EditIgnore

Step 4: Import Data

When you have reviewed the data import job for accuracy, hit the Execute Import button. All rows which are disabled, invalid, have warnings, or were previously successful will be passed over. Successful import rows will be marked as such.

Execute Import

Step 4: Execute Import

When the review step is completed, hit the "Execute Import" button. A progress bar will appear to show progress and note errors if they occur.

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Execute Import

When the bar reaches 100%, the import is complete. The Data Review section will show which data rows were successfully imported.

Step 3: Review Data

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View:

All

Valid

Warnings

Invalid

Ignored

Hide

IP Block/subnet :: RIR

Invalid CIDR String. RIR does not appear in internal RIR list. Resource ID does not exist. Tag 'Tags' does not appear in internal Tags list.

Enable

10.2.3.0/24 :: 1918

Row Successfully Imported

Edit Ignore

10.5.3.2/32 :: ARIN

Row Successfully Imported

Edit Ignore

Step 4: Import Data

When you have reviewed the data import job for accuracy, hit the Execute Import button. All rows which are disabled, invalid, have warnings, or were previously successful will be passed over. Successful import rows will be marked as such.

Execute Import

Current Block: Finished!

Post Import Followup


After the Import is complete, there are a few followup options for working with the import job or imported blocks. We recommend:

- Reviewing the imported blocks in the IPAM Tab, adding additional IPAM data, custom metadata, rules, or subassignments. See [Working with IP Blocks](#) and [Working with IP Rules](#).
- If the IP Import was only partially successful or requires additional review, you may keep the import job in the "Existing Jobs" list and revise the failed / invalid blocks at a later time. Re-running the import from the same job will allow you to re-attempt import on only the previously unsuccessful / ignored / edited blocks - successfully imported and unchanged blocks will not be affected.

If the IP Import was fully successful, and you do not wish to retain the job data, the Import Job may be deleted from the "Existing Jobs" list by clicking the delete icon next to the job name.

Existing Jobs

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 Deleting an import job is permanent and non-recoverable!

When working with large or sensitive import jobs, consider performing a backup of your instance before and after the import job as a safeguard.

Additional Information

See the following areas for information on working with IPAM / IP Blocks post-import:

- [IPAM Tab](#)
- [Working with IP Blocks](#)
- [Working with IP Rules](#)
- [IPAM Administration](#)