

Data Import

The Data Import module is designed, in common with other Platinum Software modules, for both multiuser operation and ease of use.

The purpose of Data Import is to bring information into Platinum Software. Unlike most other Platinum Modules this one cannot be used on its own and should be considered as a support product only. For example, it can be used to bring pricing information into the stock control module from disk information provided by your company's suppliers, this can be done regularly and with the minimum of fuss!

Data Import is flexible; it can bring information into Platinum software that has been created using a wide variety of other software products. You can thus bring in suppliers price lists from many suppliers even if they each run different software and provide you with very differently formatted information.

Because of its extreme flexibility this product is very often used for bringing information into Platinum software for clients converting from other products e.g. SAGE or PEGASUS. It is usually possible to import customer & supplier names and addresses, their account balances and even nominal accounts and transactions. In short, if another software product can produce a plain ASCII file it is highly probable that Platinum data import can collect and use the information. Thus, it is possible to convert from other software products without losing or having to re-enter large amounts of information.

Remote data capture by hand held barcode scanners and electronic tills are just two of the very many possible ongoing uses for data import that make this module a vital part of the day to day use of our software for many users.

- A huge variety of data destinations in many Platinum software modules is available.
- Standard templates can be set up to avoid configuring repetitive imports. Just configure the import once and use it limitlessly.
- May be automatically run by scheduling software for regular operations such as bringing in sales information from cash registers over night.
- Most common data formats coped with, for instance, comma-separated variable (CSV), Tab delimited (Most windows applications) or fixed length (Usual with captured print output)
- User definable data tests mean that the import can ignore irrelevant or incorrect data. This is ideal for ignoring page headings when importing a report produced from third party software.
- On screen view and mark facility to examine the data file to be imported whilst configuring the import makes setting up templates simple.
- All import errors and warnings are logged and may be printed or read after the import.
- Dynamic links from specific Platinum software modules may use the data import to bring information into Platinum Software whilst running a specific operation. For instance, data gathered remotely on stock levels on hand held units might be imported directly into the stock level changes part of Platinum's Stock control system.