

# Import a Table

You can import one or more tables into the Library or immediately add them to a new or existing flow.

**NOTE:** When you import a file, the data is not stored in Cloud Dataprep by TRIFACTA® INC.. What you create is an **imported dataset**, which is simply a reference to the source of the data. Cloud Dataprep by TRIFACTA INC. never stores or modifies source data. For more information, see *Object Overview*.

Other import options:

- *Import a File*
- *Import from Another Flow*

**Steps:**

- From the menubar, click **Library**.
- In the Library page, click **Import Data**.
- From the left sidebar in the Import Data page, select the connection to the relational datastore where your data is located.
- Browse the relational datastore to locate the table that you wish to import.
  - You must have read permissions on any database and table that you wish to import. For more information, see *Using Databases*.
  - You must have read permissions on any BigQuery database and table that you wish to import. For more information, see *Using BigQuery*.
  - **Create Dataset with SQL:** You can apply a custom SQL statement to import from a database. For more information, see *Create Dataset with SQL*.
- Some aspects of the import process can be modified. In the right panel, click **Edit Settings** for a table that you have imported.
  - The application's data types are applied to the table's columns during the import process. If needed, you can disable type inference, so that the data types of the original source are preserved, if possible, during import. For more information, see *Disable Type Inference*.
- When you are ready to complete the import process:
  - If you are importing a single table: click **Continue** to load to add it to a new flow, create a recipe for the imported dataset, and begin editing that recipe. See *Transformer Page*.
  - If you are importing multiple tables: click **Continue** to load them into a new flow. You can begin working with them in Flow View. See *Flow View Page*.
- Your tables are available as imported datasets.

For more information, see *Import Data Page*.