

# 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 Trifacta®. What you create is an **imported dataset**, which is simply a reference to the source of the data. Trifacta never stores or modifies source data. For more information, see *Object Overview*.

Other import options:

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

## Steps:

1. From the menubar, click **Library**.
2. In the Library page, click **Import Data**.
3. From the left sidebar in the Import Data page, select the connection to the relational datastore where your data is located.
4. 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*.
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5. 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*.
6. When you are ready to complete the import process:
  - If you are importing a single table: click **Import** to load it into the Library page. Or, you can click **Import & Wrangle** to import the table, add it to a flow of the same name, create a recipe for the imported dataset and begin editing that recipe in the Transformer page.
  - If you are importing multiple tables: click **Import Datasets** to load them into the Library page. Or, you can click the Add Datasets to Flow checkbox to select or create the flow to which to add these imported datasets. Click **Import & Add to Flow**.
7. Your tables are imported as imported datasets.

For more information, see *Import Data Page*.