

# Import Basics

Trifacta® Wrangler can import data from a variety of flat file formats and other distributed sources.

**NOTE: Trifacta Wrangler** does not modify a source. Instead, a set of metadata is associated with the source data, which enables transformation of the source. On export, a new version of the data is written to one or more specified output destinations.

## Steps:

When data is imported, a reference to it is stored by the platform as an imported dataset. The source data is not modified. In the application, you modify the recipe associated with a dataset to transform a sample of the imported data.

**NOTE:** Any user with a valid user account can import data from a local file.

1. Login to the application.
2. In the menubar, click **Library**. Click **Import Data**.
3. To add a dataset:
  - a. Select the connection where your source is located.
  - b. Upload:
    - i. Select **Upload** to upload a file from your local desktop. You can select multiple files to upload. For this example, select only one file.
    - ii. Navigate and select the file or files for your source. Click **Open**.
  - c. Backend storage, such as S3:
    - i. Navigate and select the file or files for your source.
    - ii. To queue the dataset for uploading, click the Plus icon next to its name.
    - iii. You can select multiple files.
  - d. Select the Add to new flow checkbox. This option creates a new flow, which is a container object for your Trifacta assets. Your imported dataset is added to it.
4. To begin working with your dataset, click **Continue**.
5. The imported dataset and its containing flow are created.
6. You can begin working with the dataset in the Transformer page. For more information, see *Transform Basics*.

**Tip:** If you are interested, you can create a visual profile of your source data before you begin transforming. For more information, see *Profiling Basics*.