



Source File Specifications

This document describes the source file format and field requirements for imports into your GoDataFeed account. GoDataFeed can pick up your tab or comma delimited product source file (.txt or .csv) via FTP or HTTP from our -or- your servers. We can also import XML files generated according to GoDataFeed's XML schema.

Using a Current Shopping Feed as Your Feed File

If you already have a feed file for Google Base, Shopzilla, Yahoo! Shopping or other shopping sites, we can most likely use it as your source file. You can view sample source files below.

Once you complete your source file you must send it for approval to sourcefiles@godatafeed.com. We will review it for accuracy and provide you with FTP access, if necessary.

Important Note: Once your source file is approved, the **file name and format must remain unchanged**; you may add fields to your source file (up to 50 in total), but may not rename or remove existing fields.

Sample source files

- [Products.csv](#)
- [Products.xml](#)

Required/Suggested Fields

Below are the required, suggested and optional fields for creating your GoDataFeed source file. These fields represent the most common fields found throughout the shopping site feeds. You may add more fields to your source file as needed.

Note: Field names do not have to be named the same as listed below

Field Name	Description	Required
Unique ID	The value that uniquely identifies the product in the merchant's system, such as the product's SKU	Yes
Name	The product name	Yes

Description	The product long description	Yes
Price	The product price	Yes
Merchant Category	The category the product belongs to in the merchant's internal system	Yes
URL	The URL to the product details page on your site	Yes
Image URL	The URL to a photo of the product	Yes
Manufacturer	The manufacturer name of the product	Yes
Manufacturer Part Number	The manufacturer part number of the product	Yes
Brand	The brand name of the product	Suggested
Keywords	Brief, relevant keywords or search terms for the product separated by commas	Suggested
Shipping Price	The shipping price of the product	Suggested
Quantity	The quantity of items in stock for the product	Suggested
Weight	The shipping weight of the product	Suggested
Condition	The condition of the product (New, Used, Refurbished, etc.)	No
UPC	The UPC of the product	No
Sale Price	The marked-down sale price of the product	No

Comma/Tab delimited file format

- Feed files must be provided in a *UTF-8 encoded* format
- The first row must contain the field names separated by tabs or commas
- Each product listing must be on a separate line within the file
- You must make sure that no line-breaks are contained within the field content, only between product listings

GoDataFeed XML file format

The GoDataFeed XML file format is ideal for platform integrations, although it can be used for a single store import. It is also the preferred format for large product set imports for stores with tens of thousands of SKUs, since it has a built-in paging mechanism to make the import process more efficient.

There are three XML node sections to this file's schema, **Fields**, **Products** and **Paging**; each is discussed below.

Fields node

The **Fields** node section lets GoDataFeed know what product attributes to expect for your import. This node contains multiple child **Field** nodes (up to 50), each representing a product attribute to be imported from your system. Each Field node must contain a **name** attribute that contains the field name as a value.

For example:

```
<Fields>
  <Field name="UniqueID" />
  <Field name="Name" />
  <Field name="Description" />
  <Field name="Price" />
  More Field nodes...
</Fields>
```

Products node

The **Products** node section provides your product listings to GoDataFeed. This node contains multiple child **Product** nodes, each representing a product in your system. Each **Product** node must contain child nodes named according to the **Fields** node section, all fields from the **Fields** node section must be present in each **Product** node.

For example:

```
<Products>
  <Product>
    <UniqueID>6816916</UniqueID>
    <Name>Apple iPod Video 30GB White 5.5 GEN</Name>
    <Description>With 5.5 generation iPods all your music at your
    fingertips you may never want to stop listening...</Description>
    <Price>237.99</Price>
    More fields ...
  </Product>
  More Product nodes...
</Products>
```

Paging node

The **Paging** node section allows GoDataFeed to relay paging calls to your system, providing an efficient mechanism for large product set imports and eliminating server timeouts on large XML files.

The **Paging** node contains three child nodes:

- **Start** – This is the starting index of the first product to be returned
- **Count** - The number of products to return
- **Total** – The total products to be returned for this import

You must populate each of these nodes as calls are made to your system.

For example:

```
<Paging>  
  <Start>1</Start>  
  <Count>100</Count>  
  <Total>1000</Total>  
</Paging>
```

GoDataFeed will make calls to your system via HTTP and will pass query string parameters that indicate which product page to return.

The HTTP call will be similar to the following:

<http://www.MyStore.com/MyWebPage?start=1&count=100>

To retrieve the second page of a 1000 products file the call will be similar to the following:

<http://www.MyStore.com/MyWebPage?start=101&count=100>