**XIQ Ekahau Importer Guide**

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Overview**:**

This guide covers how to run the XIQ\_Ekahau\_Import.py script. This script can be used to import an Ekahau floorplan and place APs into ExtremeCloud IQ (XIQ). This will save time by creating the building and floor(s) (as well as optional location), uploading the image file, scaling the floorplan, and setting the location of the Access Points, all from data within an Ekahau file.

Target Audience**:** Semi-Technical

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# Definitions:

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| XIQ | ExtremeCloud IQ |
| VIQ | Virtual ExtremeCloud IQ |

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# Prerequisites:

* ExtremeCloud IQ Public Cloud or Private Cloud instance (IQVA on-prem is not supported.)
* Knowledge of XIQ by onboarding access points; creating locations, buildings, and floors; naming and setting locations of access points; Uploading and assigning floorplans to floors
* RadSec Proxy requires TCP Port 2083 to be open on your internet firewall
* One or more XIQ native access points or campus-based Wi-Fi systems (WiNG or IdentiFi)
* Download Ekahau script files from GitHub
  + <https://github.com/timjsmith24/XIQ_Ekahau_Importer>
  + XIQ\_Ekahau\_Import.py
  + mapImportLogger.py
  + app folder
    - Ekahau\_importer.py
    - ap\_csv\_importer.py
    - xiq\_exporter.py
* Ekahau 10.0 or later file

# Scripting Environment Preparation:

### Information:

The XIQ\_Ekahau\_Import.py script requires, at minimum, Python 3.6 and is tested up to Python 3.9. This script has only been tested with macOS but may be able to be executed from any device with python and the needed modules installed. This device will need to be able to access the Ekahau files and be able to reach out to ExtremeCloud IQ. Ekahau does not need to be installed on the device.

The script, when run, will create a *map\_importer.log* file. This log file will show information about locations, buildings, and floors being created and the APs throughout the process. Any API errors experienced will also show up in the log file.

## Device Choice:

Currently, this script has only been tested in MacOS. Both Big Sur and Monterey. This script may be executed from any device that can run python 3.6 or higher, but that is currently not supported until testing is completed. The device will need to be able to reach ExtremeCloud IQ. This can be done through a proxy. Proxy config is beyond the scope of this guide.

## Python Installation:

Depending on the device used, you may need to install python, or a different version of python. The easiest way to check the version of python is to open the terminal and type this command.

python3 --version

Below is an example of installing python3 for Mac OSX.

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### Mac OSX Big Sur

* Open the terminal and enter python3 –version
  + This triggers the installation of Developer Tools
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* Click Agree
* pip3 is needed to install python modules
* With Big Sur, the Developer tools does not install pip3
* Mac terminal will be used to install pip3
* Running this command will check if pip is installed.

pip3 --version

* Run the following command to install

curl https://bootstrap.pypa.io/get-pip.py -o get-pip.py && python3 get-pip.py

## Required Modules:

The **requests, pandas,** and **cv2** modules are required for the XIQ\_Ekahau\_Import.py script.

### Checking for existing Modules

You can check if the required modules are installed using the terminal. For each module, run the following command.

python3 -c “import requests”

python3 -c “import pandas”

python3 -c “import cv2”

The module is not installed if a ‘*ModuleNotFoundError: No module named '<module name>*' error is returned.

### Installing required modules

The required modules can be installed using pip3 using the downloaded requirements.txt file with the following command.

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pip3 install -r requirements.txt

Or the modules can be installed individually using.

pip3 install requests

pip3 install pandas

pip3 install cv2

# Ekahau File Preparation:

## Information:

For the XIQ\_Ekahau\_Importer.py script to work, an Ekahau 10.x file will need to be used. If you have a file with a previous version of Ekahau, you will need to open it with Ekahau version 10 and save the file before you can use it with this script.

The script will try and use the building(s) and floor(s) names from the Ekahau file. **Please note that XIQ limits the length of the name to 32 characters.** If a name is longer, the script will prompt you to change the name.

Floors not assigned to Buildings in Ekahau:

If the floor(s) in the Ekahau file are not assigned to a building in Ekahau, the script will walk through creating a new building. You will also have the option of adding the new building to a location. If you add the building to a location, you will be presented with a choice of existing locations, or you can create a new location to add the building to. When creating a new location, the location's name must be unique to your VIQ.

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To create a new building, you will need to give the script a building name and the address of the building. The name of the building is required, but the address is optional. The script will put “Unknown Address” in the address field if no address is entered.

You will need to give the building a name unique to your VIQ. It cannot be the name of another building or location. If you use an existing name, you will be given a message and asked to pick a new name.



After a valid building name and address has been entered, a prompt will ask you to confirm before creating the building in XIQ.



Once you confirm, the building will be created in XIQ. The floorplan(s) will be uploaded to XIQ, and the floor(s) will be created in XIQ. The name of the floor(s) created in XIQ is the name of the floor(s) configured in the Ekahau file, so make sure it has the correct name you want.

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## Floors assigned to Buildings in Ekahau:

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Before the building is created, you will be presented with the option to add the new building to the location as above.

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Description automatically generatedThe address of the building can be set in the Ekahau file. You can add the address to the project notes under location. This can be found in Ekahau by selecting **Project >> Project Notes**. The script will pull the address from the location field and apply it to the building(s). If the location field is left empty, the address will be set to ‘Unknown Address.’

## Assign AP locations from Ekahau File:

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To add the serial numbers to the APs names in the Ekahau file you will need to format the AP name by adding the serial numbers to the AP name, separating them by two colons as shown.

<AP Name> :: <Serial Number>

The script omits spaces.

# Running The Script:

To run the script, open the terminal to the location of the script and run:

Python3 XIQ\_Ekahau\_Importer.py

chmod +x XIQ\_Ekahau\_Importer.py

You can also make the script executable by running

Then you can run the script by typing

./XIQ\_Ekahau\_Importer.py

The script will ask you to enter an Ekahau file. You can either enter the name of the file, including the full path to the file or in macOS, you can drag the file into the terminal and hit enter. The script will collect the needed information from the Ekahau file. Once that is complete, the script will ask for your XIQ username and password.

* **Note:** The User account will need an administrator role to create the location, buildings, and floors.

### Locations, buildings, floors & floorplans

Once logged in, the script will take you through the options of creating the locations, buildings, and floors. These options will differ based on how the Ekahau file is prepped. See [Ekahau File Preparation](#_Ekahau_File_Preparation:) for details and screenshots on this.

Generally, this script section will present a few (y/n) questions or selection-type questions. To quit the script, you can type ‘quit’ or ‘q’ for any of the (y/n) questions. If a name is longer than 32 characters, the script will print the name with a message that it is longer than 32 characters and allow you to enter a new name.



Once everything is correct, the script will start to create the buildings, upload the floorplans, and create the floors. The script will print each of these steps on the screen as it goes through them.

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### Access Points

After all the buildings and floors have been created, the script will print out the names of all/any APs that do not have a serial numbers. Serial numbers can be added directly to the AP names in the Ekahau file (see [Assign AP locations](#_Assign_AP_locations)) or by using a CSV file (See [CSV section](#_CSV_File))

The script will check the serial numbers to see if any exist in the current VIQ. Serial numbers that are found will be listed, and you will be given the option of moving those APs to the new location or leaving them where they currently are.

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After selecting, the script will attempt to onboard the remaining serial numbers. If a serial number is attached to a different VIQ, the script will inform you that it could not onboard the AP.

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Once the APs are onboarded, the script will name them and place them according to the Ekahau file.

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## Arguments

Two optional arguments can be added when running the script.

--CSV

This flag is used when a CSV maps the AP names to the serial numbers. (See [CSV section](#_CSV_File) below) To run the script using a CSV, in the terminal, you would run:

Python3 XIQ\_Ekahau\_Importer.py --csv <path & name of csv file>

On macOS, an easy way to get the path & name of a file in the terminal is to drag and drop the file in the terminal window.

--external

This flag allows you to import the Ekahau floorplans into a VIQ that you are an external user of.

To run the script on an externally managed VIQ in the terminal, you would run.

Python3 XIQ\_Ekahau\_Importer.py --external

The script will start as usual and ask for an Ekahau file, then proceed with asking for your XIQ login. After you log in, you will be presented with a choice of which VIQ you would like to import into.

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* **NOTE:** External users need to be granted API access. By default, API access is disabled. This can only be done by a local or external user who has already been granted API access. For more information, see the API access for External Users section in [A Guide to Getting Started with v2 APIs in XIQ](https://extremeportal.force.com/ExtrArticleDetail?an=000102173) on Extreme’s Portal page.

## CSV File

A CSV file can map AP serial numbers to AP names. This is most beneficial for large Ekahau files, so you don’t have to go through and add the serial numbers to each AP name. This CSV file will need two columns with “AP Name” and “Serial Number” as the headers. Additional columns can be added but will be ignored by the script. This file could be a switchport worksheet or something used for other purposes.

AP #,AP Name,Model,Serial Number,Mac Address

1,AP-Bonus,ExtremeWireless AP305C, 03052008070096, 7467F79B3B70

## Log File

Upon running the script, a log file will be created named *map\_importer.log*. This log file contains the same type of information printed on the screen. It is also an excellent place to check if any issues arise as there sometimes is more information in the log file.Text

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