### Explain ImpEx?

Integrated text-based Import / Export extension is called impex.

ImpEx engine allows creating, updating, removing and exporting platform items such as customer, product or order data **to & from** comma-separated value (CSV) data files, both during run time and during the initialization or update process.

Hybris provides extension called "Impex" inside platform/ext folder.

**Impex import** = Always data flows into Hybris system. **Impex export** = Always data flows out of Hybris system.

#### **Key Features:**

- ✓ Import & Export hybris Commerce Suite data from and into CSV files.
- ✓ To feed data into DB we go for impex.
- ✓ Impex file is developed based on the "BeanShell Script".
- ✓ ImpEx extension is a converter between items in hybris & CSV file, and other way round as show: -



# By using Impex extension it is easy to:

- ✓ Update data at run time
- ✓ Creating initial data for project / migrating existing data from one hybris into another.

#### Q: Why do we need to Import & Export?

- ✓ Any ecommerce **site** will have a **data** like products, customer, regions, countries, promotions etc...
- ✓ All this data should be inserted into **Hybris system** to display it on the **site**.
- ✓ Import data **multiple times** into Hybris System.
- ✓ To **insert** this kind of data into hybris system, we go for **Impex Import**.
- ✓ We can **insert data** either at the **run time** or **during initialization** or **during update** process.
- ✓ Whenever we need to take the backup of data, we have to **export** data into csv files so that later it can be imported into Hybris system.
- ✓ If we are doing initialization, it is recommended to take data backup using Impex Export.
- ✓ Once the initialization is done, we can import the data back to hybris system.

### Q: What are different types of Data Languages?

DML (Data Manipulation Language) = select, insert, update, delete etc.

DDL (Data Definition Language) = create, alter, drop, truncate etc.

DCL (Data Control Language) = grant, revoke

TCL (Transaction Control Language) = commit, rollback, savepoint etc.

**Note:** - Impex is for Load data / Take a backup.

items.xml -- Used for DDL (Table Creation). impex --- Load data (DML). Flexible Search - Select.

Q: How to insert 100 Records?

```
insert into tablename(Col1, COl2...) values (va1, va2...);
Insert into tablename(Col1, COl2...) values (va1, va2...);
....100 times....
```

### In Hybris =

insert\_update itemtype;att1;att2;...;10;20;...; (This is Syntax if **att** is automatic type) insert\_update itemtype;att1;att2;...;1,2,3;4,5,6;...; (This is Syntax if **att** is collection type) insert\_update itemtype;att1[lang=en];att1[lang=hin];att2;...;product;hello;abc...;(This is the syntax if att1 is multiple language support)

**Note:** - Hybris allows us to change the delimiters (; / , / # / ...)

Q: What are the Terminologies (or) Jargons used in ImpEx?

✓ Headers in header section =

```
mode type[modifier=value];attribute[modifier=value];attribute[modifier=value];attribute[modifier=value]

[;...];attribute[modifier=value]

Attributes
```

INSERT\_UPDATE category;code[unique=true];name[lang=de];name[lang=en];\$supercategories;\$thumbnail;description[lang=de];order
MODE | temType | Modifier

- ✓ **Mode** = Tells what is to be done with the following value lines (insert, update, and so on)
  - o **INSERT** = Used to insert record into DB. If record already exists it throws an exception.
  - o **UPDATE** = Used to update existing record. It throws exception if record does not exist.
  - o **INSERT UPDATE** = Most preferred 1 for insertion or update. There won't be exception.
  - REMOVE = Used to remove existing records. We need to specify 1 unique attribute to remove the record.
- ✓ Type / ItemType = Defines type of item to be processed (Category, Product, Media and so on)
- ✓ Attribute = Defines attributes of the item type which are defined in items.xml file. Each attribute specified will get the values affected on corresponding columns in DB.
- ✓ **Modifier** = Used to specify **additional info** for the attributes like specifying attribute uniqueness using unique=true.

Q: How can we specify multiple modifiers?

1st way (Comma Separated) = attribute[modifier1=value1,modifier2=value2,modifier3=value3];
2nd way (Separate bracket []) = ;attribute[modifier1=value1][modifier2=value2];

**Note:** - Header is applicable for all the value lines till next header appears in the file. 1 file can have any number of headers.

✓ **Lines of values** value line section = There could be **1/ more** value lines in the file.

Each value line represents one row of data in table.

**Each field** in the value line is separated by **semi colon** and represents the data into **one column**.

Note: - Semi colon should not be there for last field. Space is also considered as value of the field.

Each line should have same number of fields. If field contains any line breaks or quotes, then enclose such fields in double quotes.

✓ **Comments** = A comment starts with hash symbol #.

#Inserting product details This will be ignored
INSERT\_UPDATE Product;code[unique=true]; varianttype(code);name[lang=en]

✓ Macro definitions = Used to define the value at one place and use the macro in all the places.

How to define max size for stack in C? = #define MAX 10000000. Macro is more like constant.

It's preprocessor. Used to distinguish lines which need preprocessing before actual compilation begins. It helps to eliminate writing same lines **again & again**.

Advantage with macro? == If you change 1, it replaces at run time all the times during runtime.

Macros starts with "\$" and they are referenced by \$macroName.

Macro must be first statement in impex file. We can have any number of macros.

\$catalog=catalog(id) → Defining macro called Catalog.

\$catalogVersion=catalogVersion(\$catalog, version) -> Defining macro called "catalogVersion".

INSERT Product; code; \$catalogVersion --- Header

Wherever term \$catalogVersion appears, it is replaced by: catalogVersion(catalog(id), version)

# **Q:** Explain how data feeding can be done?

- √ 1<sup>st</sup> way = Through HAC
  - ightarrow hMC (http://localhost:9001) ightarrow Console ightarrow ImpEx Import ightarrow Copy the ImpEx Statement ightarrow Validate
  - → Impex Import
- √ 2<sup>nd</sup> way = Through HMC
  - -- HMC (http://localhost:9001/hmc/hybris) -- System -- Extract System -- Tools -- Import -- New Window is opened -- Import File -- New window opened -- File -- Select Impex file -- Upload File -- Start -- Your record is successfully uploaded.
- √ 3<sup>rd</sup> way = Programmatic Way / ImpEx approach

We can configure the impex's to load during Initialization and update process through code.

### **Q:** Explain Convention over Configuration

The **Convention** over **Configuration** principal is adopted in SAP Hybris Commerce to simplify and reduce the need for writing configuration files. As a result, **ImpEx** files for **essential** & **project** data can be prepared without the need for additional data configuration.

During the **initialization** & **update** = Platform looks for **ImpEx files** in the <extension\_name> /resources/impex folder. **In particular:** 

**For Essential Data** = platform scans **<extension\_name> /resources/impex** folders for files with names that match pattern **essentialdata\*.impex** & imports files during essential data creation.

For Project Data = Platform scans <extension\_name> /resources/impex folders for files with names that match pattern projectdata\*.impex & imports files during the project data creation.

The ImpEx directory does not exist by default. You must create it and copy files to it.

**Example:** - Let's say we have the following folder structure:

resources/impex/essentialdataOne.impex resources/impex/DataOne.csv

resources/impex/essDataOne.impex resources/impex/projectdataOne.impex

Files located in **essentialdataOne.impex** & **projectdataOne.impex** are imported during the essential and project data imports respectively.

### **Q:** What is Type & Process?

TYPE	DESCRIPTION
ESSENTIAL	Configured methods will be executed only during essential data creation process
PROJECT	Configured methods will be executed only during project data creation process
ALL	This is the default type which means Configured methods will be executed during both essential data and project data creation process

PROCESS	DESCRIPTION
INIT	Configured methods will be executed only during initialization process
UPDATE	Configured methods will be executed <b>only during</b> Update process
ALL	This is the <b>default process</b> which means Configured methods will be executed during both <b>Initialization</b> and <b>Update</b> process

Note: - Hybris Provides a class "CoreSystemSetup.java & InitialDataSystemSetup.java" to achieve this.

**Q:** What are Steps to configure an impex to **import** during initialization / Update process (or how control what an extension is doing during the initialization and update process)?

**Step 1 =** Create a class & **annotate with @SystemSetup** & Create public methods & **annotate with @SystemSetup** by specifying "**Type**" and "**Process**".

**Note:** - In above **both** methods will be executed during **Initialization** process but 1 will be executed during **essential data** creation process. Other will be executed during **project data** creation process. We passed a parameter to a method of type **SystemSetupContext** which can be used to get some additional details like **user selected** parameter value.

Step 2 = Register the class which is annotated with @SystemSetup as a spring bean
hybris\bin\custom\training\chennatraining\resources\chennatraining-spring.xml

```
<bean id="acceleratorCoreSystemSetup" class="org.training.core.setup.CoreSystemSetup" parent="abstractCoreSystemSetup"/>
```

Q: How to remove all data (all records) from the itemtype?

```
$item=TestItem
REMOVE $item[batchmode=true];itemtype(code)[unique=true]
;$item

REMOVE Employee[batchmode=true];itemtype(code)[unique=true]
;Employee
```

### **Q:** Explain conditional Impex?

```
$var=value
--...-
INSERT_UPDATE TestItem; string[unique=true]; integer
"#% if: ""$var"".equals(""value"")"
"key"; 5
#% endif.
```

**Note:** - In ImpEx every line is **auto commit**. Let's say an ImpEx is having 10000 lines of code. 7000 lines executed. after that 1 line is having error. By default, after that statements will not be executed.

Q: Where to create ImpEx? = (1) In Core – chennatrainingcore (2) In Initialdata – chennatraininginitialdata

Q: How to take backup?. We created 1000 products & want to take backup?

Go to ImpEx -- Select the Header (Select macro if any) -- hAC -- ImpEx Export, paste it -- Validate Content -- Export Content, Download the Zip file (It will have all). CVS File Contain the data. \*.impex file will have the header.

**Note:** - We can write all the ImpEx (Categories, Products, Images...) in single file. But that is not best practice. For Readability use separate ImpEx files.

### Q: Impex object methods?

- impex.setCurrentHeader(HeaderDescriptor).
   impex.setCurrentHeader(String)
   Used to replace current header.
  - Eg- U can conditionally use INSERT/UPDATE modes depending on data
- ✓ impex.setValueLinesToSkip(int) = How many value lines should be skipped.
- √ impex.getLastImportedItem() = Returns the last imported item (of Item type)
- ✓ impex.isSecondPass() = If csv data arsed again for resolving previously unresolvable item references.
- ✓ impex.discardNextLine() = Next line won't be processed.
- ✓ impex.includeSQLData(url,user,password,JDBCdriver,sql) = Initialize parameters & fires an SQL with DB.
- ✓ impex.includeSQLData(sql) = The alternative way of firing a statement. To use with initDatabase(..).
- ✓ impex.includeExternalData(file, encoding, lineToSkip) = Reads values from the file.
- √ impex.getCurrentLocation() = Returns current line number.
- ✓ impex.insertLine(csvLine) = Inserts a line into a parsing stream (it will be a next processing line)
- ✓ impex.addDefinition(definition) = Creates/modifies a macro. Definition may look like "\$a=33".
- ✓ impex.setRelaxedMode() = The same as setValidationMode("import relaxed")
- √ impex.info(msg) = Shows a debug message in the console (log.info)
- ✓ impex.warn(msg) = Shows a debug message in the console (log.warn)
- √ impex.error(msg) = Shows a debug message in the console (log.error)

**Q:** What are the main ways in hybris to update data from the external sources?.

- ✓ IMPEX. HotFolder & Import Cockpit are also in this category, because Spring Integration and Import Cockpit convert CSVs to IMPEXes.
- ✓ hybris API (modelService). This approach is to create your own importers with the custom logic.

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#### Q: Explain Hot folders =

SAP Hybris provides different ways to import data, one of them is a hot folder.

A hot folder means that when you transfer a file into a specific folder with matching name it will automatically be processed by SAP Hybris. The hot folder functionality is located inside the accelerator services extension, it's based on the Spring Integration Framework.

Q: What are the actions executed when you transfer a file into a hot folder? =

- ✓ An inbound channel detects a new file matching a pattern (file:inboundchannel-adapter).
- ✓ An outbound channel moves the file to a new folder (file:outbound-gateway).
- ✓ activators setup the headers (int:service-activator).
- ✓ Resolve mapping between the file name and the type to import.
- ✓ Generate the impex.
- ✓ Run the impex.
- ✓ Cleanup

# Q: Explain different modes of ImpEx

ImpEx import has 2 options -

**Import Content** = Copy the script & and import the data

Import Script = Select the impex file & import the data

Let's insert records into a table called "TrainingCourses" which has itemtype = "Courses"

Here is the items.xml file and for these attributes write the impex with different modes: -

```
🖃 chennatrainingcourses-items.xml 🔀
       ?xml version="1.0
                         encoding="ISO-8859-1"
             xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="items.xsd">
                 emtype code="Courses" generate="true" autocreate="true">
<deployment table="TrainingCourses" typecode="10128" />
<attribute>>
<attribute>>
              <itemtype
                 <persistence type="java.lang.str
<persistence type="property"/>
<modifiers optional="false" unique="true"/>
                 </attribute>
                 </attribute>
                 </attribute>
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                 </attributes>
              </itemtypes>
```

✓ **INSERT** = Used to insert the records. If record exists, it will throw an error & you need to correct the error.

**Option1** = Insert the data into Courses Item Type using Import Content

Step 1 = Goto <u>https://localhost:9002</u>  $\rightarrow$  Console  $\rightarrow$  ImpEx Import  $\rightarrow$  Import Content tab & past the script

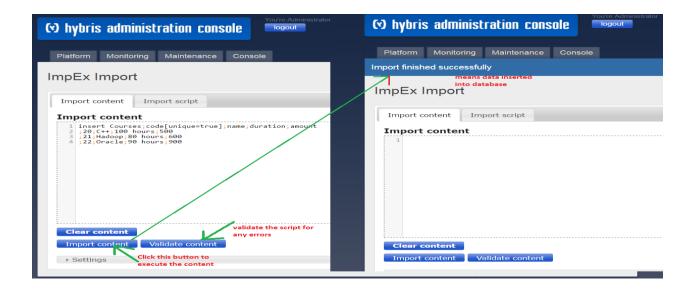
# Script-

insert Courses;code[unique=true];name;duration;amount

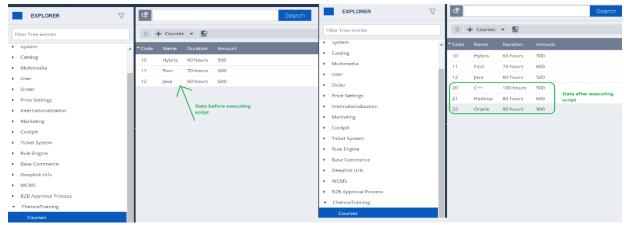
;20;C++;100 hours;500

;21;Hadoop;80 hours;600

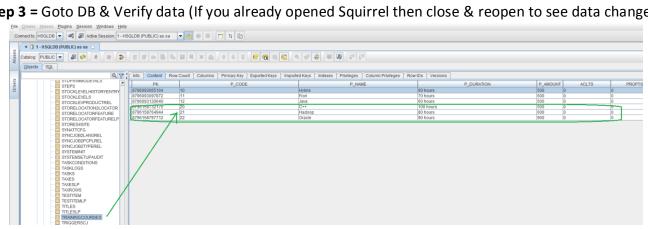
;22;Oracle;90 hours;900



Step 2 = Goto back office and verify the data

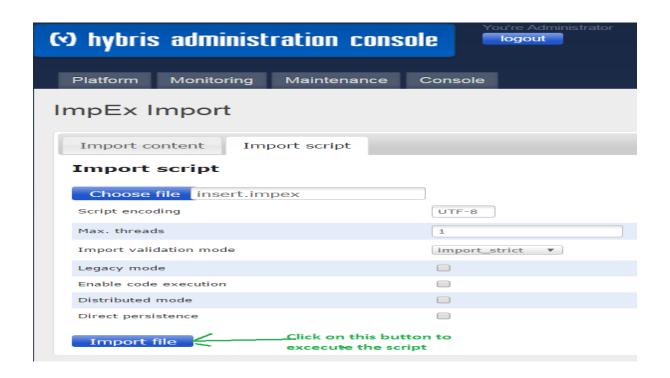


Step 3 = Goto DB & Verify data (If you already opened Squirrel then close & reopen to see data changes).

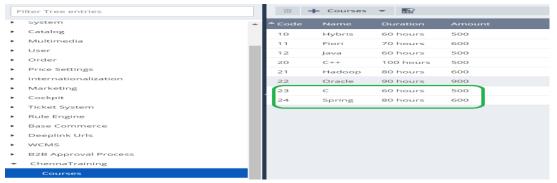


Option 2 = Insert the data into Courses Item Type using Import Script

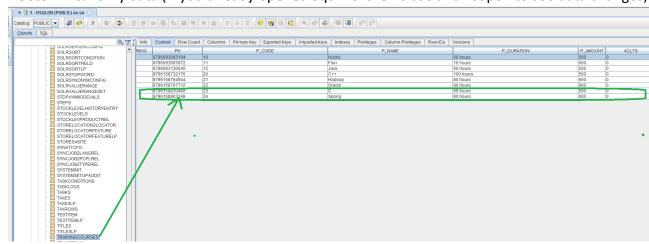
Step 1 = Goto https://localhost:9002 → Console → ImpEx Import → Import Script tab & select impex file



Step 2 = Goto back office & verify the data



Step 3 = Goto DB & verify data (If you already opened Squirrel then close and reopen to see data changes).

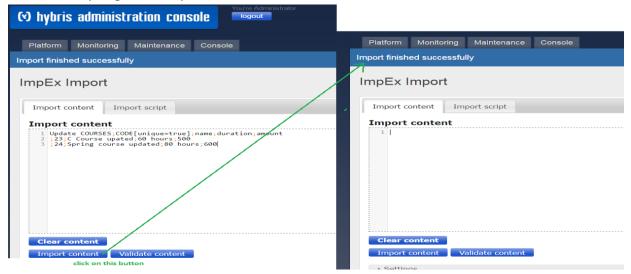


✓ UPDATE = Used to update records. If record not exists, it will throw an error & you need to correct error
Step 1 = Goto <a href="https://localhost:9002">https://localhost:9002</a> → Console → ImpEx Import → Import Script tab & select impex file
Script –

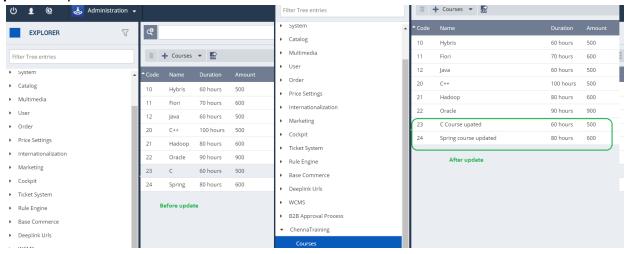
Update COURSES;CODE[unique=true];name;duration;amount

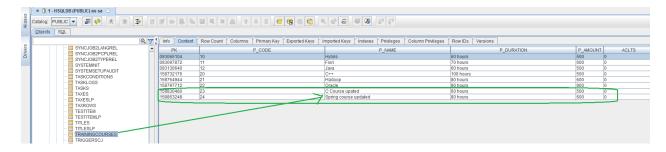
;23;C Course upated;60 hours;500

;24;Spring course updated;80 hours;600



Step 2= Verify the data in back office & in DB.



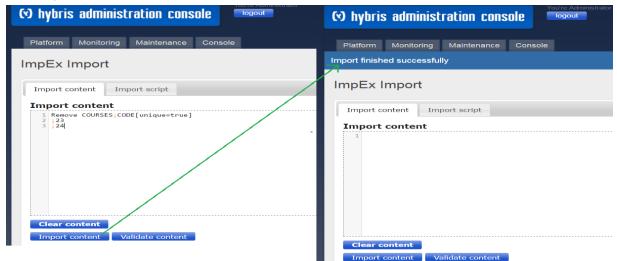


- ✓ REMOVE = Used to delete records. If record exists it will delete, otherwise it won't delete any records & no error message.
  - Step 1 = Goto <a href="https://localhost:9002">https://localhost:9002</a> → Console → ImpEx Import → Import Script tab & select impex file Script –

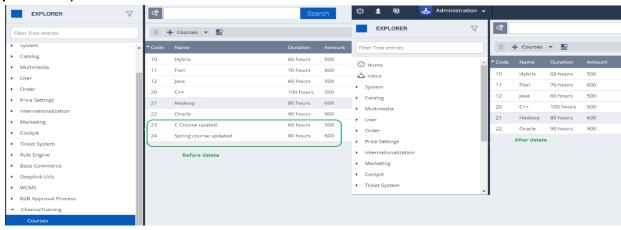
Remove Courses; code[unique=true]

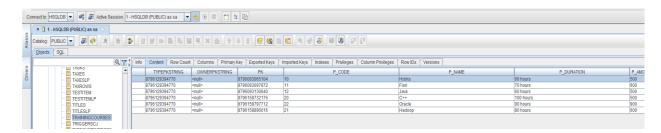
;23

;24



**Step 2 =** Verify the data in back office and in database



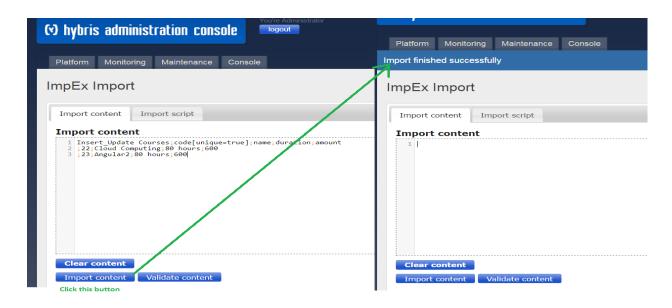


- ✓ **INSERT\_UPDATE** = Used to insert/update records. If record already exists, it will update otherwise it will insert the record
  - **Step 1** = Goto <a href="https://localhost:9002"> Console → ImpEx Import → Import Script tab & select impex file</a> **Script** →

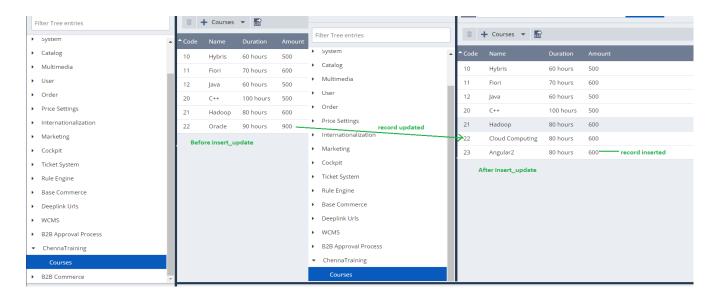
Insert\_Update Courses;code[unique=true];name;duration;amount

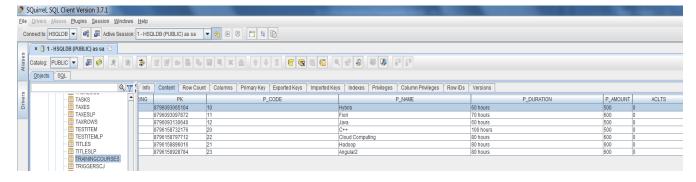
;22;Cloud Computing;80 hours;600

;23;Angular2;80 hours;600



Step 2 = Verify the data in back office & in DB





### Q = Explain catalog impex?

Step 1 = Copy the below script into a text file and save it as "catalog.impex" in some folder

# Import the Product Catalog and Classification Catalog \$productCatalog=ChennaTrainingProductCatalog \$classificationCatalog=ChennaTrainingClassificationCatalog \$languages=ja,en,de,zh

# Product catalog
INSERT\_UPDATE Catalog;id[unique=true]
;\$productCatalog

# Classification catalog INSERT\_UPDATE ClassificationSystem;id[unique=true] ;\$classificationCatalog

# Product versions for product catalogs

**INSERT UPDATE** 

CatalogVersion;catalog(id)[unique=true];version[unique=true];active;languages(isoCode);readPrincipal s(uid)

;\$productCatalog;Staged;false;\$languages;employeegroup ;\$productCatalog;Online;true;\$languages;employeegroup

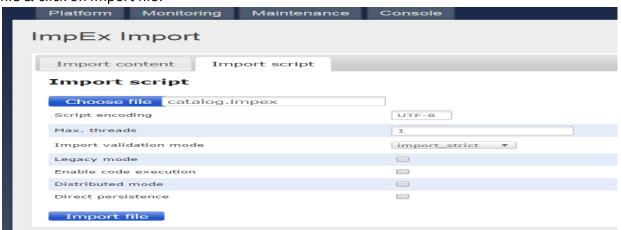
# Insert Classifications System Version

**INSERT UPDATE** 

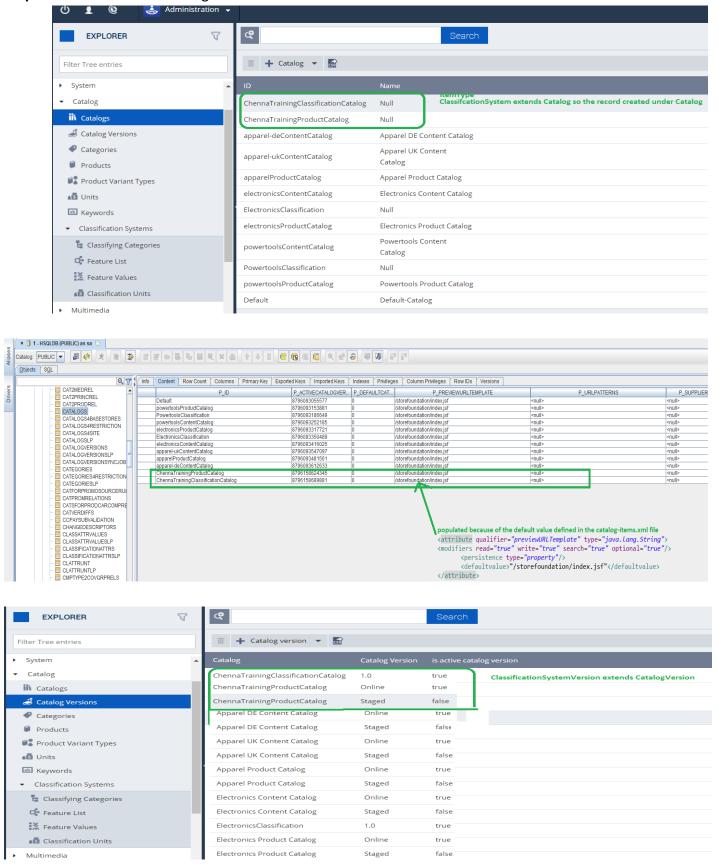
ClassificationSystemVersion; catalog(id)[unique=true]; version[unique=true]; active; inclPacking[virtual=true, default=true]; inclFreight[virtual=true, default=true]; inclAssurance[virtual=true, default=true]

;\$classificationCatalog;1.0;true

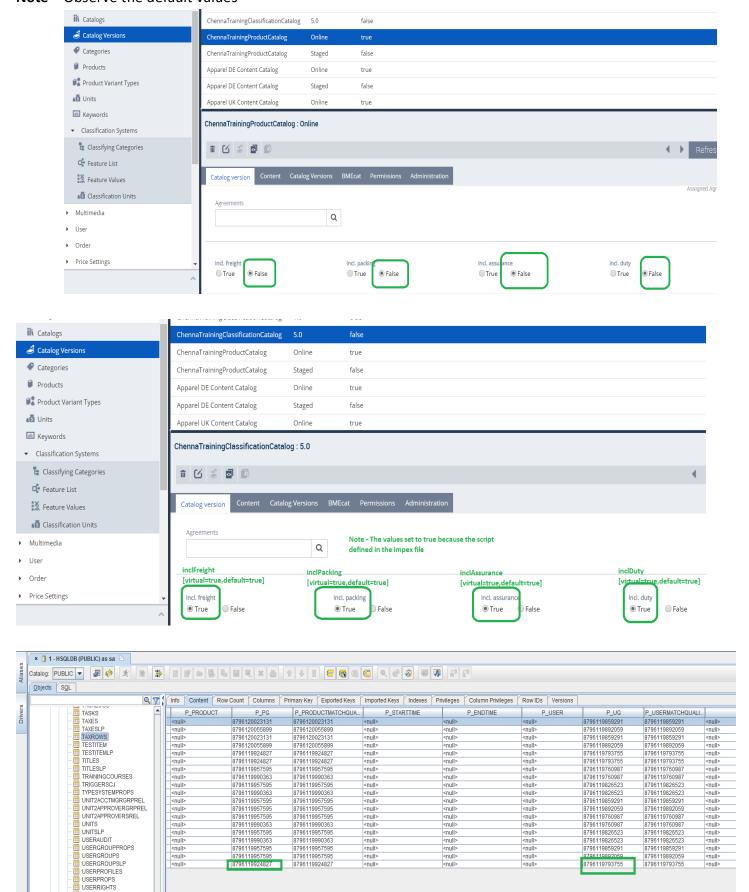
**Step 2** = Goto <a href="https://localhost:9002"> https://localhost:9002</a> → Console → ImpEx Import → Import Script tab & select the catalog.impex file & click on import file: -



Step 3 = See the the data changes in back office and database



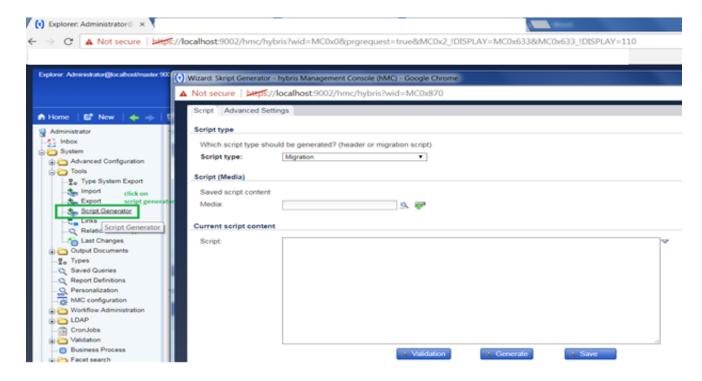
#### Note - Observe the default values



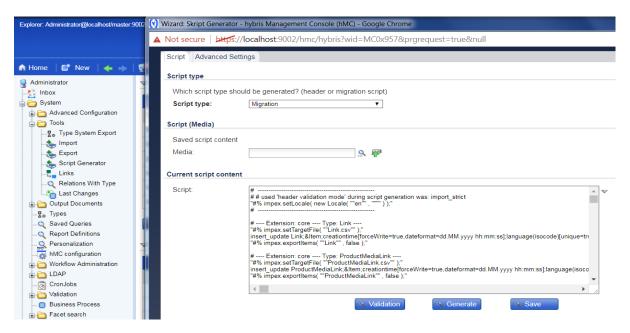
Q: How to generate impex script and corresponding data for one table?

**Scenario** – Let say there is new table created and now need to create the impex script for that table. Instead of creating manually (which is hard), you can generate the script using hmc.

**Step 1 =** Goto hmc → System → tools → Script Generator & open



**Step 2 =** Click Generate button to generate the script. This will generate the script for all the tables.



**Step 3 =** Copy the script for the item type you are looking into textpad / notepad

Example – I want copy the script for Courses item type code (here is the generated script)

# Note = Remove forceWrite=true in the creation time because creation time can't be changed for jalo classes

# ---- Extension: chennatrainingcourses ---- Type: Courses ---- "#% impex.setTargetFile( ""Courses.csv"" );" → where to export insert update

"#% impex.exportItems( ""Courses"", false );" → what to export

Script after removing forceWrite=true, Copy this script into the Console → ImpEx Export → Export Content tab

#-----

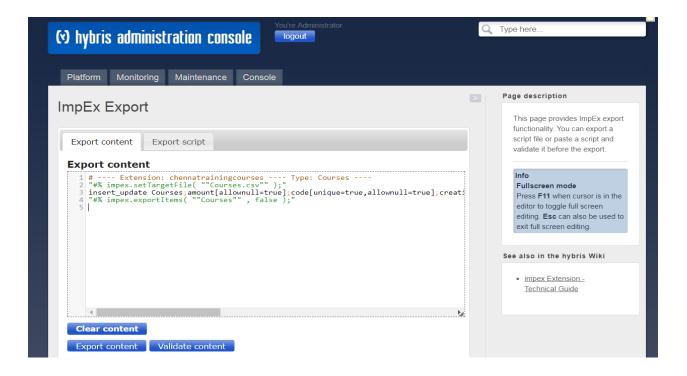
insert\_update

Courses;&Item;amount[allownull=true];code[unique=true,allownull=true];creationtime[dateformat=dd.MM.yyyy hh:mm:ss];duration[allownull=true];modifiedtime[dateformat=dd.MM.yyyy hh:mm:ss];name[allownull=true];owner(&Item)

"#% impex.includeExternalDataMedia( ""Courses.csv"" , ""UTF-8"", ';', 1 , -1 );"

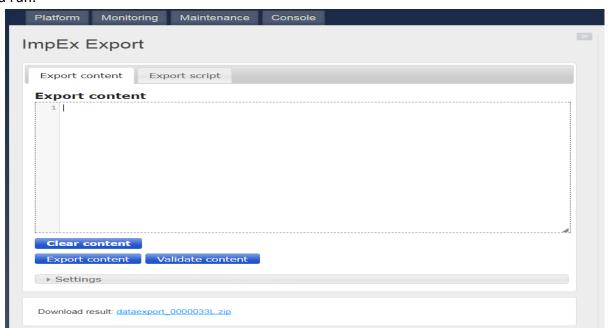
#-----

Step 4 = Goto hac → Console → Impex Export → Export Content & paste the modified item type script

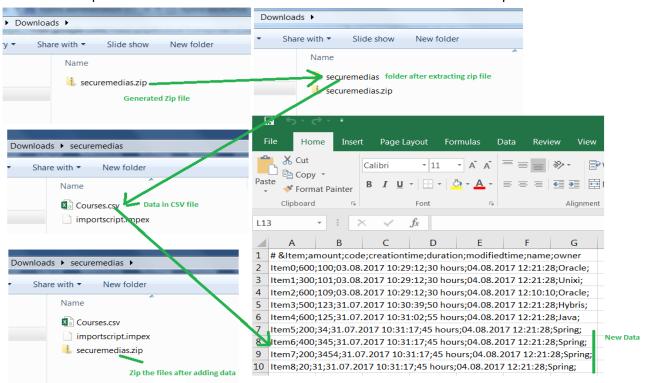


**Step 5 =** Click on Export Content and save the file. The file is saved as zip file.

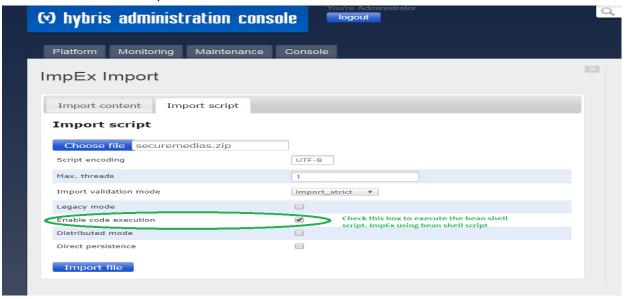
**Note** = You can use the zip file to import the data or you can copy the script and the data into Export content tab and run.



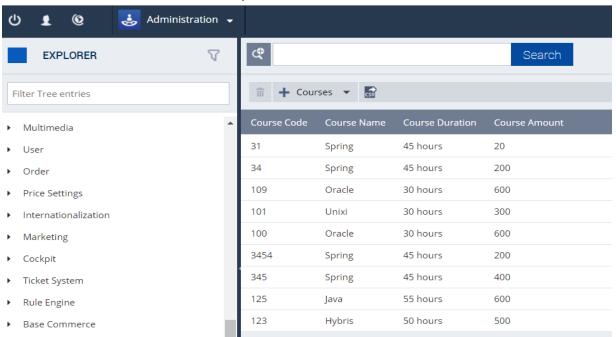
Step 6 = Extract the zip file and add the new data in the "Courses.csv" file and then zip the file



Step 7 = Goto hac  $\rightarrow$  Console  $\rightarrow$  Import Script  $\rightarrow$  Choose the zip file and then click on import (this will import the new data into the database)



**Step 8 =** You can validate data in back office / in the database



### Q: Explain Header Level Attribute modifiers?

- alias for export ([alias=theAlias])– allownull ([allownull=true])
- collection-delimiter, ([collection-delimiter=;])- dateformat ([dateformat=dd-MM-yyyy])
- forceWrite ([forceWrite=true), not compatible with the service layer
- ignoreKeyCase ([ignoreKeyCase=true])- ignorenull ([ignorenull=true]), ignore null for collection
- lang ([lang=en]) numberformat ([numberformat=#.###,##])
- path-delimiter ([path-delimiter=:])– unique ([unique=true]) used to mark this attribute
- virtual ([virtual=true,default=value]) needs to have a default modifier as well
- batchmode ([batchmode=true]), used with update / remove. Allows to modify >1 item that matches query

#### Q = What is distributed Impex?

- ✓ A new ImpEx engine that enables you to import large volumes of data using power of the whole cluster.
- ✓ Distributed ImpEx engine enables you to import Platform items from huge & complex external files (Eg, files that contain many dependencies between items), and at the same time it delivers exceptional performance. Read more about distributed ImpEx below: -

https://help.hybris.com/6.7.0/hcd/3e0138c9bfc642349cad227cfcd72d9f.html

# Q = Where is OOTB ImpEx code?

- ✓ The impex code located in c:\softwares\HYBRISCOMM62\hybris\bin\platform\ext\impex folder
- ✓ There is an impex engine under bin folder (impexserver.jar)
- ✓ ImpEx engine will use Apache POI library (responsible to read data from excel & to write into excel etc.)

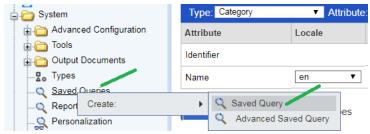
### Q = What is Saved Query and how to create Saved Query?

- ✓ Saved Query used to persist the search criteria for future reuse.
- ✓ Saved Queries can be created using ImpEx or hMC

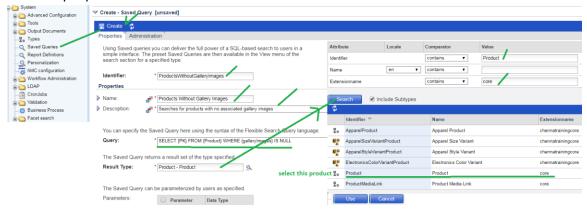
### Scenario = Let say the user wants to view all their Products that do not have Gallery Images.

**Note =** There is no OOTB search criteria for this so you need to create saved query.

**Step 1 =** Goto hMC → System → Saved Queries, right-click and "Create" a "Saved Query".



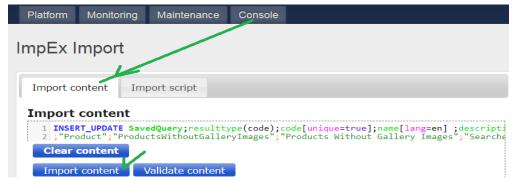
Step 2 = Fill the properties



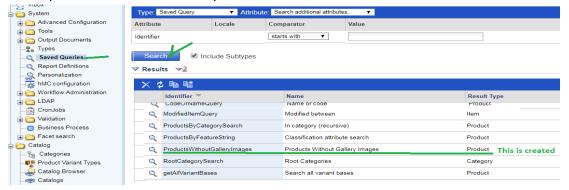
**Note** = The above saved query can also be created using ImpEx. Execute the below impex from hAC to Create saved query.

INSERT\_UPDATE SavedQuery;resulttype(code);code[unique=true];name[lang=en];description[lang=en];query;params(key,value(code))[map-delimiter=|];

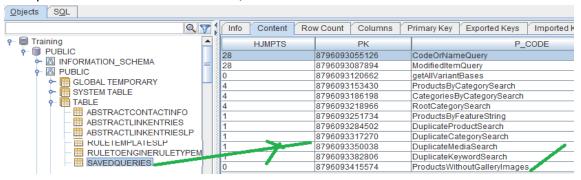
;"Product";"ProductsWithoutGalleryImages";"Products Without Gallery Images";"Searches for products with no associated gallery images";"SELECT {PK} FROM {Product} WHERE {galleryImages} IS NULL";;



Step 3 = Verify the created Saved Query in hMC



**Note =** The queries are saved in the **SavedQueries** database table.



Step 4 = Run the saved query on products

Goto hMC  $\rightarrow$  Catalog  $\rightarrow$  Products and use the Saved Query from the "Saved Queries" button on the top-right of the Search Pane. Click the "Products Without Gallery Images" option.

