Google Ads Import

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If you already are using Google Ads to advertise on Google, you can import these campaigns into Microsoft Advertising and run the same ads on Bing. This is an easy way to expand your online advertising reach.

To import campaigns from Google Ads, get a credential ID to represent your Google Ads credentials, choose the Google Ads account and campaigns that you want to import, choose import options e.g., the entities that you want to import, and then schedule the import.

You can get all of your ad account's scheduled import results via API, whether an import was scheduled via API or the Microsoft Advertising UI.

NOTE

The API supports import from one Google Ads account to one Microsoft Advertising account. When you schedule an import job via AddImportJobs operation, then in the Microsoft Advertising UI you'll see it in the context of an ad account, and it will not be included under your manager account's scheduled imports. If you follow the Import multiple accounts from Google Ads workflow in the context of a manager account, the import jobs and results will be returned via the GetImportJobsByIds and GetImportResults operations.

Get an Import credential ID

The import credential ID links your Google Ads and Microsoft Advertising user credentials. Each import credential ID is only valid for importing into ad accounts under one manager account (customer).

- 1. Sign in to Microsoft Advertising and navigate to the ad account where you want to import Google Ads campaigns. You must sign in and get an import credential ID with the same user credentials that will be used later when you schedule the import via the AddImportJobs operation.
- 2. Navigate to Import -> Import credential ID.

NOTE

You can only get an import credential ID in the redesigned Microsoft Advertising UI. If you don't see it, look for the "Try the new Microsoft Advertising" prompt when you sign in. To use the redesigned Microsoft Advertising you must also be in the UI pilot (GetCustomerPilotFeatures returns 522).

3. Sign in with your Google account credentials. Be sure the Google user has access to the Google Ads account that you want to import from.

IMPORTANT

To test in the Microsoft Advertising sandbox environment, you'll first need a Google Ads test account. Otherwise you can import your production Google Ads account to production Microsoft Advertising.

4. Copy or securely store the import credential ID. You'll need it later when you choose Google Ads campaigns and schedule the import via the AddImportJobs operation.

NOTE

Each import credential ID is provisioned for one Microsoft Advertising user and can be used for importing into ad accounts that the user can access. You can import any Google Ads account permitted via the Google account credentials.

If either the Microsoft Advertising User Credentials or Google Ads User Credentials varies or changes, then you'll need to use a different import credential ID. For details please see Credential ID Scope.

For more information about the accounts that you can access with Microsoft Advertising credentials, see Get Your Account and Customer IDs.

5. Use your import credential ID in the CredentialId element of a GoogleImportJob instance, choose the Google Ads account and campaigns that you want to import, choose import options e.g., the entities that you want to import, and then call the AddImportJobs operation to schedule the import. See the sections below for more details.

Changing your Google account password does not invalidate the import credential ID. Revoking **BingAdsImport App** permissions via your Google account settings will invalidate any previously provisioned import credential IDs.

Choose Google Ads Campaigns

You'll use the import credential ID and choose Google Ads campaigns via the GoogleImportJob object.

- Set the CredentialId element to the import credential ID that was provisioned in the Microsoft Advertising UI.
- Set the GoogleAccountId element to the account ID of the Google ad account that you want to import from.
- Optionally you can set the CampaignAdGroupIds element if you want to limit the import to specific Google Ads campaigns.

Later when you schedule the import you'll set the destination Microsoft Advertising ad account via the CustomerAccountId header element of the AddImportJobs operation.

Choose Import Options

Microsoft Advertising will import most supported campaigns, ads, targets, ad extensions, and other settings by default. As needed you can exclude an entity or otherwise customize the import via the GoogleImportOption object.

Here are some example customizations.

- If you want the import service to delete items that have been removed from your Google Ads account, then set DeleteRemovedEntities to true.
- If you want to increase the Microsoft Advertising campaign budgets 25 percent higher than your Google Ads campaign budgets, then set AdjustmentForCampaignBudgets to 25.
- If you do not want to update existing campaign budgets that are already in Microsoft Advertising, set UpdateCampaignBudgets to false.
- Set the AssociatedStoreId to the identifier of the Microsoft Merchant Center store that you want to associate
 with imported product ads and product filters. If this option is null or empty, your product ads and product
 filters will not be imported.

NOTE

Please note that the GoogleImportOption object does not include a comprehensive list of imported items. Microsoft Advertising imports all the data needed to manage your campaigns and aims to provide the best experience for you.

There is no option to exclude future supported entities from scheduled imports. For example, you cannot choose to only import "these specific ad extension types, but no other current or future ad extension types". Let's say promotion ad extensions is not yet available in the GooglelmportOption object. Once Microsoft Advertising supports it generally e.g., via the UI, all current and future scheduled imports will include promotion ad extensions until users opt out. After PromotionAdExtensions is added to the list of import options, then you could explicitly set it false as needed.

For more details about what does and doesn't get imported from Google Ads, see What gets imported.

Choose the Import Schedule and Frequency

You can schedule a recurring import e.g., "Every Sunday at 4:00 PM" or you can run the import now.

The scheduling options are:

- Auto: Microsoft Advertising will run imports on a varying schedule that will best optimize your campaigns.
- Now: Import once as soon as you call the AddImportJobs operation.
- Once: Import once at the date and time you specify.
- Daily: Import once per day at the time you specify.
- Weekly: Import once per week at the time you specify.
- Monthly: Import once per month at the time you specify.

To run the import "now", you can leave the Google import job Frequency element nil or empty. For all other scheduling options, set the frequency Type and Cron values. For details about supported frequency values, see the Frequency Remarks.

Start the Import

You can schedule an import or run now via the AddImportJobs operation. Be sure to set the destination Microsoft Advertising ad account via the CustomerAccountId header element.

You can get previously scheduled imports via the GetImportJobsBylds operation.

Review the Import Results

Now that you've imported your campaigns from Google Ads, you can check the status of your import and review error logs. Keep in mind that not all information will be imported, but that doesn't mean it's not supported within Microsoft Advertising. So, after you import, be sure to review your campaigns to make sure everything is good to go and add the missing information back to your campaigns.

You can get import results via the GetImportResults operation. Be sure to set the ImportType element to "GoogleImportJob". The operation can return multiple results for the same import job e.g., if the scheduled import already ran every week for the last 8 weeks you'll get 8 results. If an import is scheduled for a future date, then no import results will be returned for that import job.

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