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```
import_meta_graph(  
    meta_graph_or_file,  
    clear_devices=False,  
    import_scope=None,  
    **kwargs  
)
```

Defined in `tensorflow/python/training/saver.py`

(<https://www.github.com/tensorflow/tensorflow/blob/r1.2/tensorflow/python/training/saver.py>).

See the guide: [Variables > Exporting and Importing Meta Graphs](#)

([https://www.tensorflow.org/api\\_guides/python/state\\_ops#Exporting\\_and\\_Importing\\_Meta\\_Graphs](https://www.tensorflow.org/api_guides/python/state_ops#Exporting_and_Importing_Meta_Graphs))

Recreates a Graph saved in a `MetaGraphDef` proto.

This function takes a `MetaGraphDef` protocol buffer as input. If the argument is a file containing a `MetaGraphDef` protocol buffer, it constructs a protocol buffer from the file content. The function then adds all the nodes from the `graph_def` field to the current graph, recreates all the collections, and returns a saver constructed from the `saver_def` field.

In combination with `export_meta_graph()`, this function can be used to

- Serialize a graph along with other Python objects such as `QueueRunner`, `Variable` into a `MetaGraphDef`.
- Restart training from a saved graph and checkpoints.
- Run inference from a saved graph and checkpoints.

```
...  
# Create a saver.  
saver = tf.train.Saver(...variables...)  
# Remember the training_op we want to run by adding it to a collection.  
tf.add_to_collection('train_op', train_op)  
sess = tf.Session()  
for step in xrange(1000000):  
    sess.run(train_op)  
    if step % 1000 == 0:  
        # Saves checkpoint, which by default also exports a meta_graph  
        # named 'my-model-global_step.meta'.  
        saver.save(sess, 'my-model', global_step=step)
```

Later we can continue training from this saved `meta_graph` without building the model from scratch.

```
with tf.Session() as sess:
    new_saver = tf.train.import_meta_graph('my-save-dir/my-model-10000.meta')
    new_saver.restore(sess, 'my-save-dir/my-model-10000')
    # tf.get_collection() returns a list. In this example we only want the
    # first one.
    train_op = tf.get_collection('train_op')[0]
    for step in xrange(1000000):
        sess.run(train_op)
```

NOTE: Restarting training from saved `meta_graph` only works if the device assignments have not changed.

Args:

- **meta\_graph\_or\_file**: `MetaGraphDef` protocol buffer or filename (including the path) containing a `MetaGraphDef`.
- **clear\_devices**: Whether or not to clear the device field for an `Operation` or `Tensor` during import.
- **import\_scope**: Optional `string`. Name scope to add. Only used when initializing from protocol buffer. **\*\*kwargs**: Optional keyed arguments.

Returns:

A saver constructed from `saver_def` in `MetaGraphDef` or `None`.

A `None` value is returned if no variables exist in the `MetaGraphDef` (i.e., there are no variables to restore).

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