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Foreward

The focus of this document is the creation of Customers for use with uniCenta oPOS in v4.2 and later.

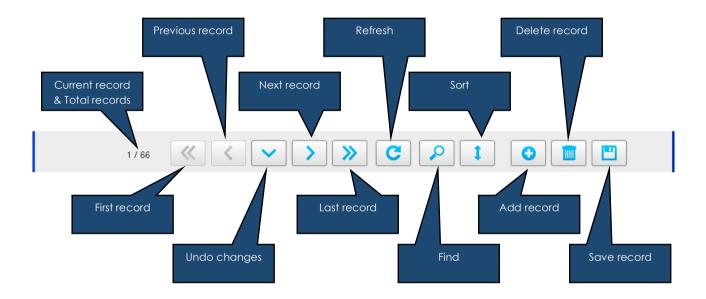
Take things step-by-step and try not to feel too intimidated. Follow this guide and you won't go far wrong.

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Useful things

Editor Toolbar

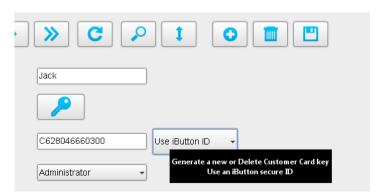
You will see this toolbar is used throughout uniCenta oPOS so here's a quick overview of what the buttons do. The Editor Toolbar appears in all record management forms.



Tooltips

Lots of things in uniCenta oPOS use pop-up Tooltips.

All you have to do is hover your mouse pointer over a component for a second and it will give you a brief description of what it does. Tooltips are constantly being added or revised as uniCenta oPOS development progresses.



CUSTOMER IMPORT

Customer Import can be found in the TOOLS panel and serves a single purpose:

1. Importing new Customers

The import file – the source - must be in Comma Separated Value (CSV) format and can originate from something like Microsoft's Excel or your preferred text editor.

Here are the basic rules to follow when building any CSV file:

- 1. The first line of the source file must contain field headers. These do not have to be the same as the uniCenta oPOS Customer record's form fields though it is advisable to make them at least similar so they can be identified more easily.
- 2. All fields must be a text string separated by a comma (,)
- 3. The end of each row must be completed by a CarriageReturn(CR) and LineFeed(LF)

Using an app' like Excel will automatically add these for you. See the customers_import_example.csv and customers_import_example.xlsx

SOURCE FILE

Fields in bold are Mandatory

SEARCH KEYMust be unique. Up to 250 characters. This field can be your own construct.

NAME Up to 250 characters. Duplicates are acceptable.

ACCOUNT ID Up to 250 characters. Duplicates are acceptable.

ALL ADDRESS LINES Up to 250 characters. Duplicates are acceptable.

FIRST & LAST NAME Up to 250 characters. Duplicates are acceptable.

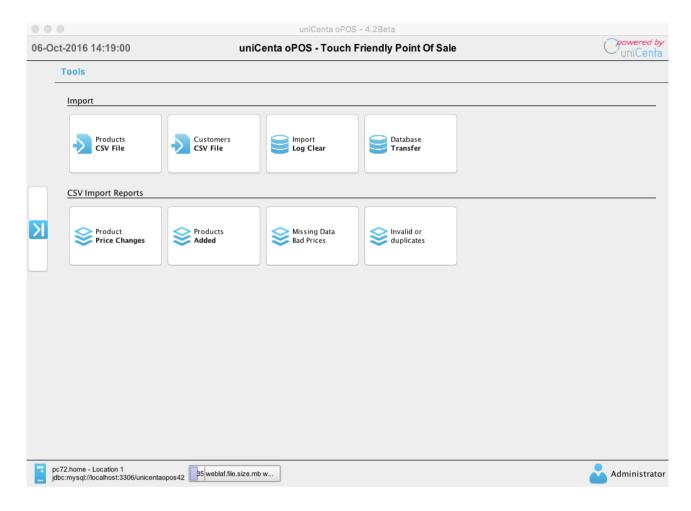
EMAIL & TELEPHONES Up to 250 characters. Duplicates are acceptable.

Example CSV file construct:

SEARCHKEY, NAME, ACCOUNTID

Nongshim, Nongshim, 98

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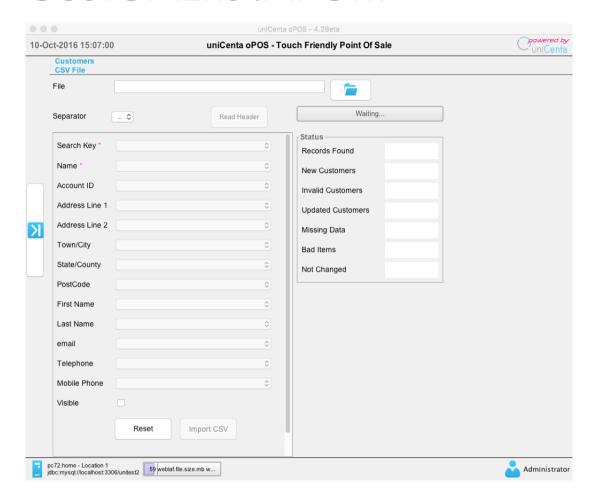
Touch the Customers CSV File to start.

If you have your Configuration set to use two databases the pop-up below will appear. Select the current database in use.

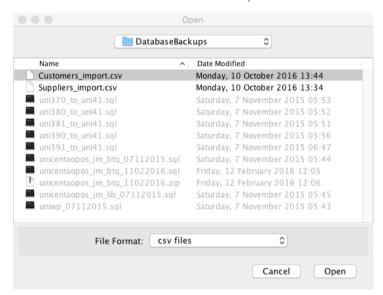


Selecting Cancel will immediately close uniCenta oPOS and you will need to restart.

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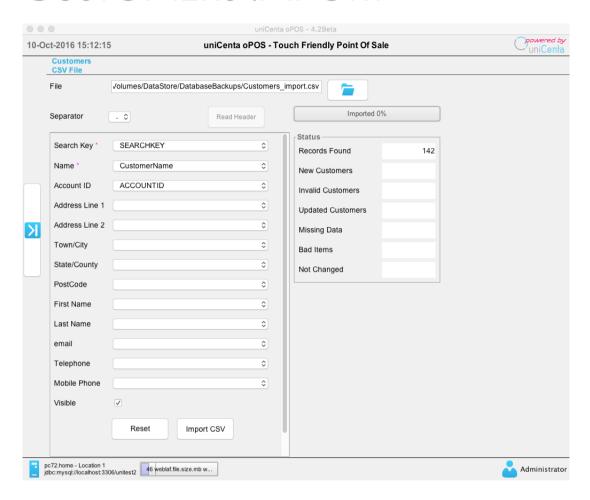


The first step is to select the source Customer CSV file to import.



By default only CSV files are shown in the file list. If the source file has a different filename.suffix choose the All files File Format from the drop-down box.

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The next step is to choose the Separator. The default separator is comma(,)

Next choose the Read Header button. uniCenta oPOS will open the file and will immediately read all the rows into memory

Select the appropriate field from the drop-down box list to match the label to the left. Remember, the first line of the source CSV file is used to fill the drop-down box content.

Until all the mandatory fields are completed the Import CSV button will remain disabled.

Show check-box

Ticking this will set the Customer to available in the sales screen. Whether checked or un-checked new Customers are still added and visible in the Customers form.

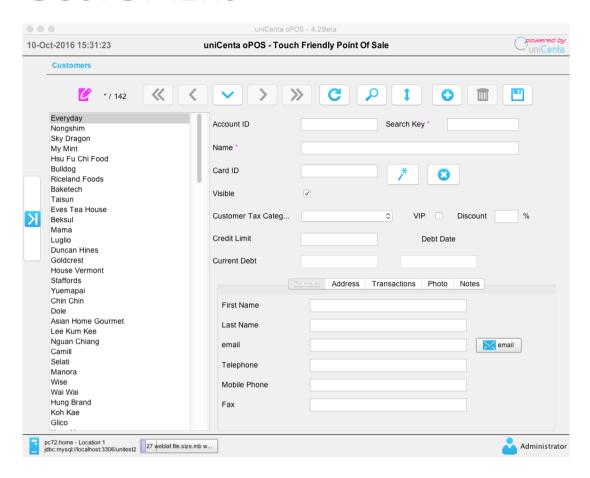
Reset button

Clears all of the import form's fields.

Import CSV

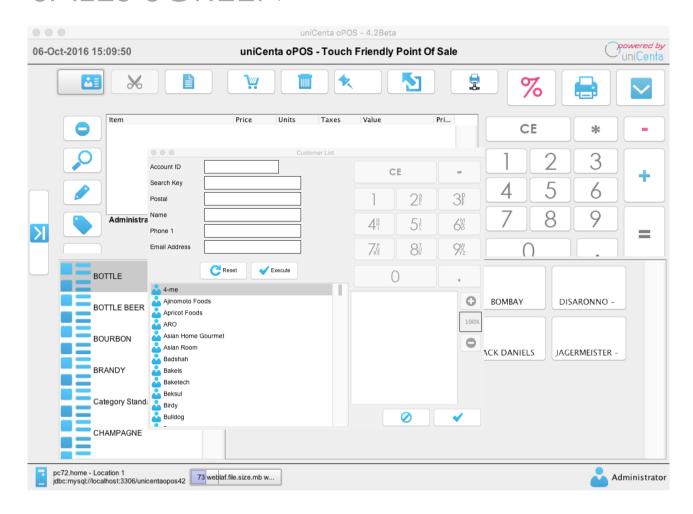
Starts the import process. Progress is shown above **Status** area.

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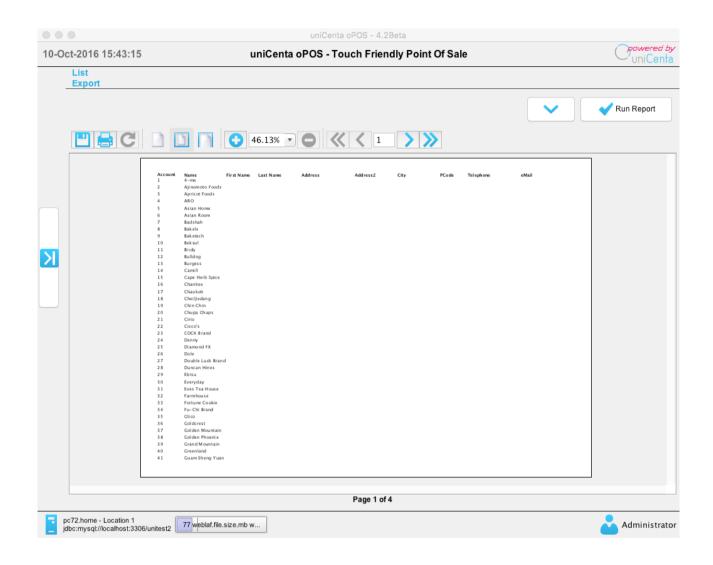


This form shows an example of newly created Customers from the source CSV file.

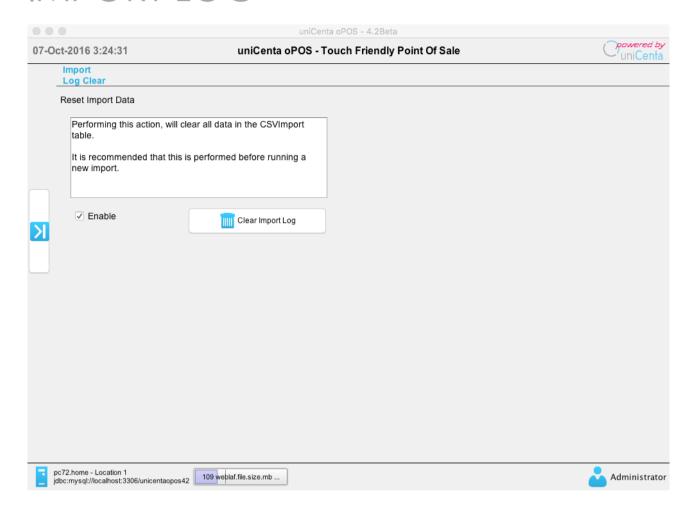
SALES SCREEN



CUSTOMER LIST REPORT



IMPORT LOG



During the import process each row is written to a logging table called csvimport.

The log table can be retained for as long as required and is useful as a point of reference to compare the original source CSV file.

Choosing the Import Log Clear option will delete **all** imported records from the log table.

PERFORMANCE

Here is a sample performance report from a Customer CSV Import process:

Elapsed Time: 2min's: 05sec's

Machine: Apple MacBook Air 1.4GHz 2GB RAM OS X El Capitan

Count snapshot of main table:

TABLES RECORDS

customers 142

Tip:

Un-Check the System>Configuration>General tab>Hide Footer Status Bar to show the dynamic memory meter.

If you have a very large source CSV file and a low specification computer you can use the information shown here to fine-tune the uniCenta oPOS start.bat or start.sh

For example:

Rows 100,000 PC RAM 2GB File start.bat

Change -Xmx1024 to -Xmx2048

start /B javaw -Xms512m -Xmx2048m -cp %CP% -Djava.library.path="%DIRNAME%lib/Windows/i368-mingw32" -Ddirname.path="%DIRNAME%./" -splash:unicenta_splash_dark.png com.openbravo.pos.forms.StartPOS %1