

Kentico Import Toolkit is an external utility which enables you to import data from external sources into Kentico. As a source of data, you can use:

- **MS SQL database**
- **XML file**
- **CSV file**
- **XLSX file**

Data from these sources can be imported as:

- **Pages**
- **Page attachments**
- **Objects**
- **Object attachments (metafiles)**
- **Custom table items**
- **On-line form items**
- **Resource strings**

## Launching Kentico Import Toolkit

You can launch Kentico Import Toolkit from the Windows **Start menu -> All programs -> Kentico <version> -> Utilities**. Kentico Import Toolkit is installed automatically on your computer with Kentico.

## Using the utility to import data

There are two ways how you can import data from external sources to Kentico:

- [Using the wizard](#) - a step-by-step guide through the import process. Also necessary to create an import profile for the command line mode.
- Using the command line (see the following section)

You can also make use of these practical examples:

- [Example - Importing users using the Kentico Import Toolkit](#)
- [Example - importing a culture version of a page](#)
- [Example - Importing new products using Kentico Import Toolkit](#)

## Importing data from the command line

You can run the Import Toolkit utility from the command line by executing the **ImportToolkit.exe** file located in **<Kentico installation folder>\Bin** (typically *C:\Program Files (x86)\Kentico\<version number>\Bin*) using a special syntax.

To perform the actual import:

1. Create an import profile file in the **last step** of the wizard.
2. Run the utility (located in the **<Kentico installation folder>\Bin** folder) using the **ImportToolkit <profile file name>** syntax.
  - You can launch the utility with an optional **-i** parameter, which ignores errors during the import.
  - You can specify either a relative or an absolute path to the *.iprofile* file.
  - Make sure you use proper quotation when entering an absolute path containing special characters, e.g., blank spaces.

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ImportToolkit my_profile.iprofile -i
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ImportToolkit "C:\Temp\ImportToolkit\my_profile.iprofile" -i
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After executing the command, the tool will import the data to your Kentico instance based on the settings contained in the specified import profile.