Importing Data from Different Sources to Excel



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Module Overview



Loading data into excel from:

- Text Files
- Microsoft Access
- SharePoint Lists
- Microsoft Azure
- Web-Services
- PDF



Loading Data from Text Files



Text File - Overview

Two types of text file formats

Delimited text files (.txt) - separated by tabs

Comma separated value text files (.csv) - separated by commas



Loading Data from Microsoft Access



MS Access - Overview

DBMS

Data storage based on "Access Jet Database Engine"

Import export from word, spreadsheet or database file



Loading Data from SharePoint Lists



SharePoint Overview

Web based collab platform

Deployed as series of intranet sites

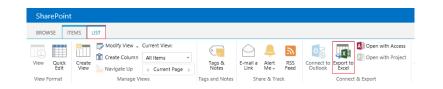
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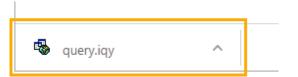
Used for version control

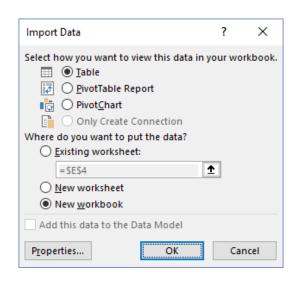
SharePoint lists ~ Excel table



Loading Data from SharePoint Lists









Loading Data from Azure SQL Database



Azure Overview

Cloud computing service – building, testing, deploying apps and services Provides hundreds of services like VM's, databases, file storage etc.

Azure SQL Database



Loading Data from Web-Services



Web-Services Overview

Function that can be accessed by other programs over the web

Uses XML messaging system

Self contained, modular, distributed and dynamic applications

Example - Retrieve information about books on Amazon



Loading Data from PDF



Web-Services Overview

Portable Document Format

Document representation is independent of hardware, software, o.s

PDF files are compact



Summary



Text files - delimited and fixed width

Access - overview, loading and exporting

SharePoint - steps to load SharePoint lists to excel

Azure - creating a sample database and loading tables into excel

Web-Service – loading weather data into excel

PDF - conversion of pdf table to word file and then loading to excel

