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Build Faster: Rapid Multi-Storefront Setup with Platform Inheritance



Agenda

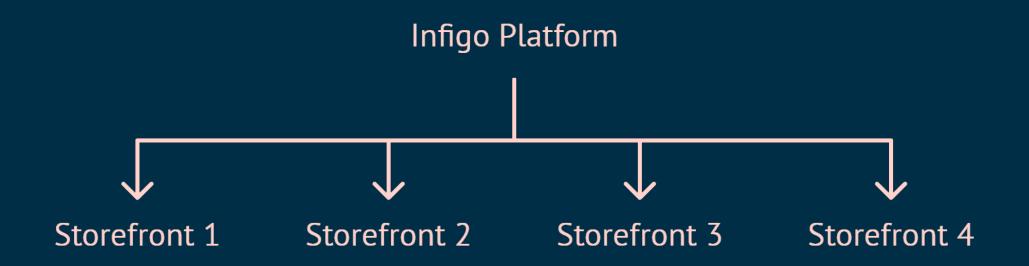
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Streamline Storefront Setup with a "Global Config Hub"



A Word on Platforms and Storefronts





Configuring a "Global Config Hub"

What is this?

- One storefront does not mean one completely isolated configuration.
- There are many instances where configuration options inside Infigo storefronts are obtained from the parent platform level.
- For many areas, the Platform level has the ability to act as a "global configuration hub" of pre-configured options.

Why is it important?

- Consider how taxing it can be to set up and maintain a high number of storefronts.
- Some storefront configurations could have *a lot* of common configuration elements between them.
- Why not centralise this configuration to reduce your workload when spinning up a new store?

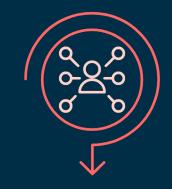


The Benefits of a "Global Config Hub"











Launch Storefronts Fast

Seed new storefronts with a huge range of pre-configured "template" content.

Content Updates

Instantly roll out changes to shared content to multiple storefronts. E.g. footer links, store pages or email copy.

Policy Rollouts

Quikly implement policy changes to all applicable stores. E.g. Password rules, legal notices, and cookie banner text. Platform edit propagates safely.

Multi-brand Networks

Inherit behaviour, UX, content structures, and transactional copy.

Keep only necessary deviating assets local (such as branding).

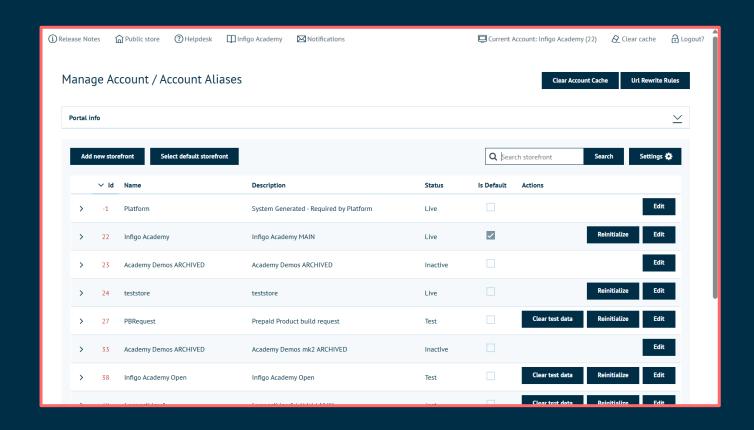
Language

Configure default storefront text to propagate to all scores. Local overrides for market-specific phrases, wording or lingo.



Default Behaviour

- Sharing of data from Platform to Storefront in Infigo is not a new concept!
- This has been the default state for a long time.
- We recently added limited additional controls (shown later), however these ultimately constitute a minor upgrade to the configurable behaviour.
- By default, storefronts will utilise values taken from the platform where they can.
- Much of what I will discuss today is already in use on your platform and storefronts, but is underutilised!





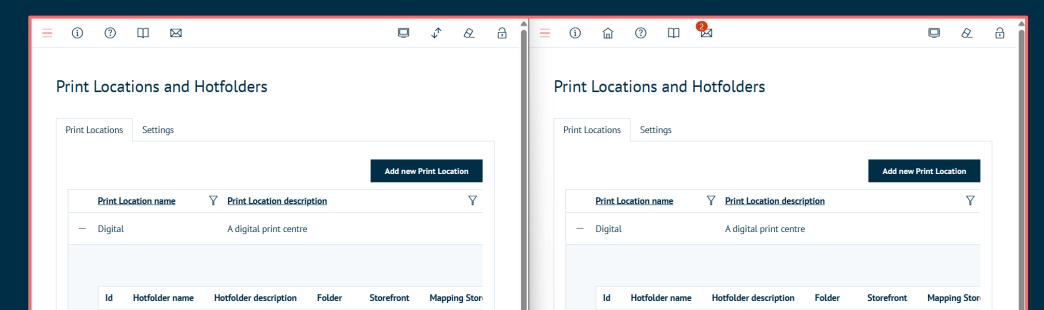
Introducing the Webinar Demo Environment

This webinar will contain numerous demonstrations within Infigo. Some configuration has been carried out prior to the webinar in order to make the demonstrations go a little smoother (hopefully!)

Setup done prior to the webinar consists of:

- Apply various configuration options to the platform level of the "Training" platform (covering many major areas of Infigo)
- Create a new storefront which is utilising those pre-configured options wherever possible.

Where possible, demonstrations will consist of a side-by-side comparison of platform and storefront levels.





Configuration "Buckets"

- Areas of configuration in Infigo generally fall into three major "buckets".
- There are no steadfast rules as to which parts of the software fit into which bucket, as it has often been driven by specific developments over the years, but there are common trends.
- We'll shortly go into examples of configuration fitting into each of these areas.



Inheritable

Settings that can be inherited from the platform but can also be overridden locally.



Local Only

Config areas which are only ever set up on individual storefronts.



Platform Controlled



Platform Controlled Config

- If initially created on the platform, some areas of Infigo will be unable to be modified on individual storefronts.
- If you wish to modify these, you must return to the platform to do so (which will impact all storefront that use them).
- These platform created entities cannot be localized.
- These options can often have local entities manually created.



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Platform Controlled Config

Examples of Platform controlled config:

- Customer Roles
- Email Accounts
- Custom Content Templates
- Delivery Methods
- Template Sets
- Print Locations and Hot Folders
- Tax Categories

Note: This does not constitute a complete list!



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Local Only Config

- "Local Only" areas of Infigo usually aren't associated with the Platform level.
- These constitute mostly unique areas of storefronts, such as product catalogues or customer databases where sharing data doesn't generally apply.
- Local only config commonly applies where you can have multiple of the element on a single storefront.
- These will always be controlled on individual storefronts.



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Local Only Config

Examples of Local Only config:

- Products
- Customers
- Address Books
- Attributes
- Categories
- Departments
- Discounts
- Orders
- Delivery Computation Shipping by Weight (Tiers)
- Suppliers
- Payment Methods (Selection)
- Appearance Settings
- Access Permissions (Scopes / Targets / Rules)

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Inheritable Config

- Many config options on a storefront have the ability to be either Inherited (reading the Platform value) or Local (owned by the storefront).
- **Inherited** entries **update** when the Platform changes.
- Local entries do not update.
- These config areas can be either Inherited **or** Local.
 - Bulk override options exist upon storefront creation (more on this later).
 - Individual settings / elements modified on storefront level will become local.



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Inheritable Config

- This shows a list of areas inside Infigo which can be considered inheritable from platform to storefront.
- Please note: This does not constitute a complete list!

- All "Settings" Pages (with some exceptions)
- Language Strings
- Editable Content Blocks (Defaults)
- Content Pages
- CSS Override
- Email Message Templates
- Connect Settings
- Connect plugin configurations / credentials
- MegaEdit Product Defaults
- Delivery Computation (Provider Selection)
- Delivery Computation Providers (eg Fedex)
- Delivery Computation Fixed Rate (Rates)
- Payment Provider Plugins (eg Stripe)
- Tax Provider (Rates)
- Reward Points



Clarifying Inheritance



Platform

Initial State

Updates to Platform

Updates to Storefront

Values available in platform

Changes propagate to inheriting storefronts

No effect



Storefront (Inherited)

Reads platform's values

Updates with platform changes

Editing creates a local copy



Storefront (Local)

Contains local bundle values

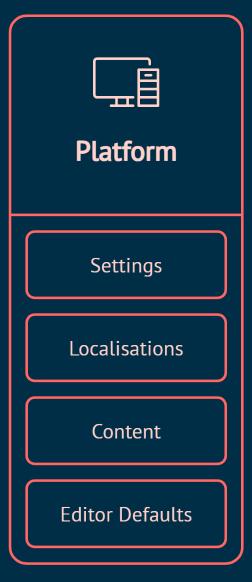
Does not receive platform updates

Remains independent after edits



Clarifying Inheritance

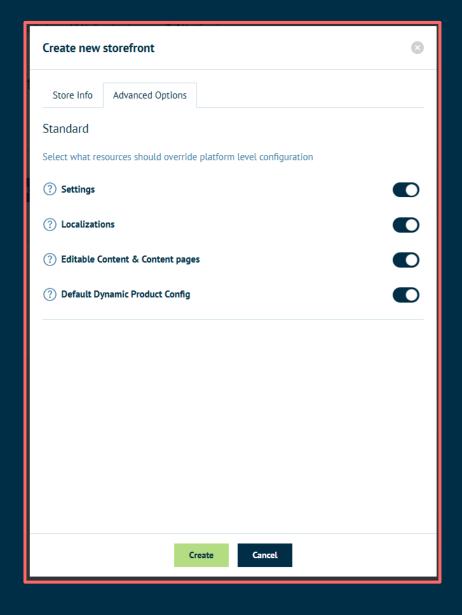
- Representative diagram showing information specified at the platform level, then how two separate storefronts are using this information.
- Storefront Alpha and Storefront Beta have separate setups.
- Some settings have been made local in each storefront (where individual customization is required) with inherited values used where the platform "default" is applicable.









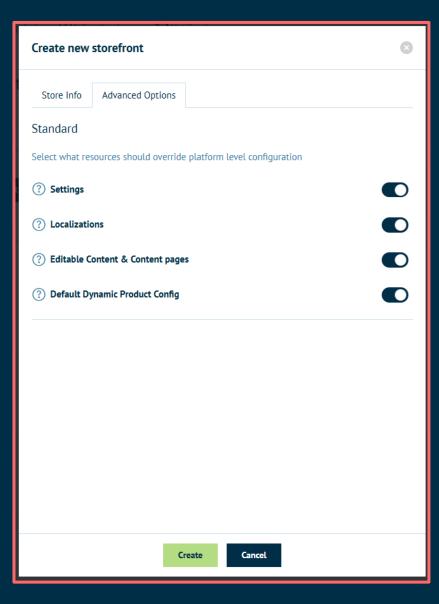


Inheritance | Advanced Options

- Tab labeled Advanced Options available on the Create Storefront dialog. Contains several toggles.
- Purpose of each toggle is to select groups of config options which should have inherited or local values.
- Feature is off by default. Request via support ticket if you would like this enabled.



Inheritance | Advanced Options | Groups

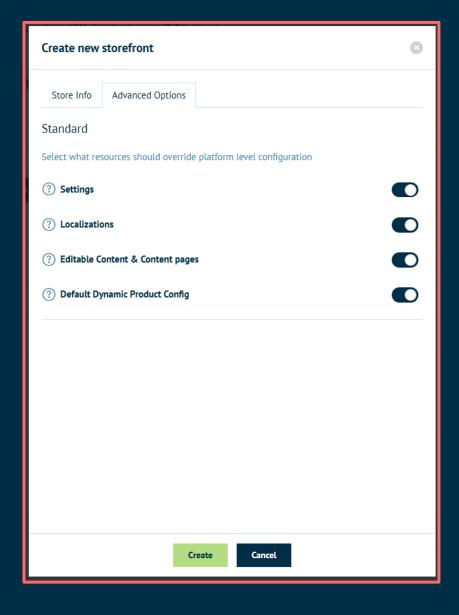


What's included in each of these groups?

Broadly speaking, each category consists of the following (although there are usually exceptions)

- Settings
 - All inputs within "Settings" pages
- Localisations
 - Language strings
- Editable Content and Content Pages
 - Editable content blocks
 - Customised content pages (such as "About Us")
 - Email templates
- Default Dynamic Product Config
 - Defined default values for MegaEdit products





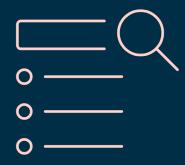
Inheritance | Advanced Options

Toggle meanings

- ON | Local
 - Writes local default bundled values into the new storefront for that category of config.
 - These config options are Local on day one.
 - Future Platform changes do not flow to those local entries.
- OFF | Inherit
 - Config options remain Inherited and follow Platform changes
 - Manual alteration on the storefront will convert the option to local.



Current Limitations to Inheritance







Knowledge Base

Currently no comprehensive list to understand which individual entries are able to be inherited

Current State

No UI options to see whether a specific entry is currently local or inherited on a storefront

Reversion

Once a local entry is defined, currently no available UI option to revert to inherited



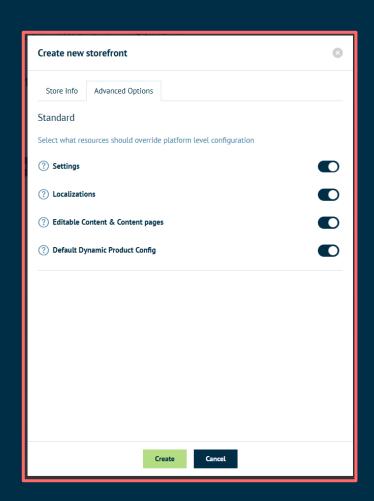
"Global Config" Guidance for New Storefronts

For multiple storefronts which utilize much of the same config:

- Consider creating and utilising a "template" configuration on your platform level.
- Use this template to seed any new storefront you create, giving you
 an instant head start to the configuration of your new storefront.

For unique storefronts:

- Inheritance could have the effect of causing more problems than it solves as you will have to clear out prepopulated config.
- Request access to the Advanced Options toggles.
- Ensure local values are created immediately upon storefront creation to prevent inheritance in key areas.



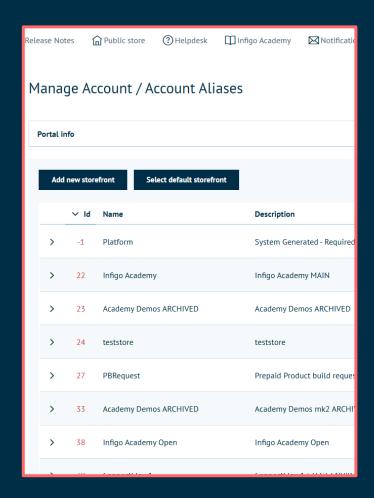


"Global Config" Guidance for Existing Storefronts

Existing stores will be inheriting values from the platform by default

Remember, inheritance is not new and is the default!

- Be careful if looking to implement a "template" platform configuration with existing stores, as inheriting settings could unexpectedly change behaviour if config propagates to your live storefronts.
- Before updating platform config, confirm whether changes are likely to have an impact on your existing stores
 - Have inputs already been added directly to the storefront (meaning entries are now localised?)
 - Will the existing stores be impacted by proposed platform changes?
 - Should I ensure all related storefront settings are localized before implementing platform level change?







Copying Products Between Storefronts

- Infigo provides the ability to copy existing products, massively reducing setup time for new products with similarities to products you have already produced.
- Copying a product to the same storefront has long been available.
- We have recently introduced the ability to copy between storefronts.



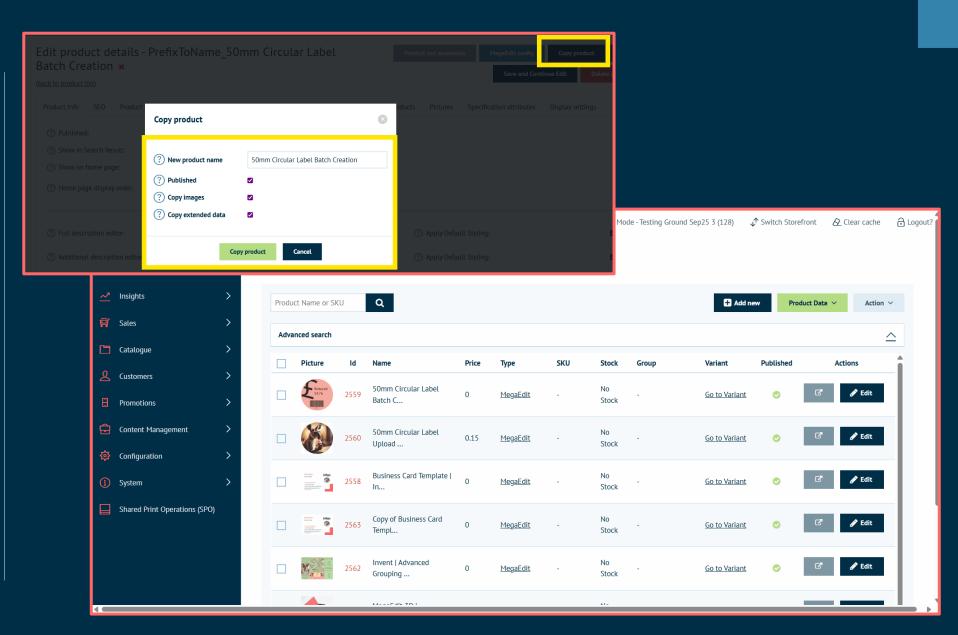


Copying a Product on a Single Storefront

Commonly known and long-standing, Infigo has the ability to quickly copy a product and all associated assets within the same storefront.

Create a carbon copy of your fully configured product.

Copy from within a products "Product Details" page on the admin area.



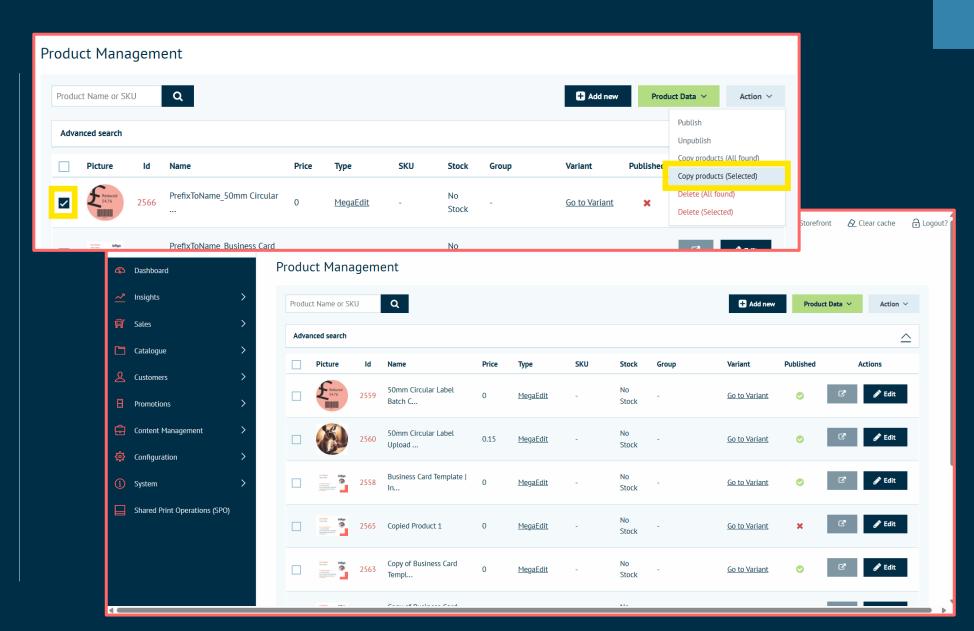


Copying a Single Product Between Storefronts

Newly released functionality. Copy a product and all associated elements / assets to a different storefront on the same platform.

Enter a completely new product name and choose whether to include certain elements.

Select a product within Product Management and select to copy within the Actions dropdown.



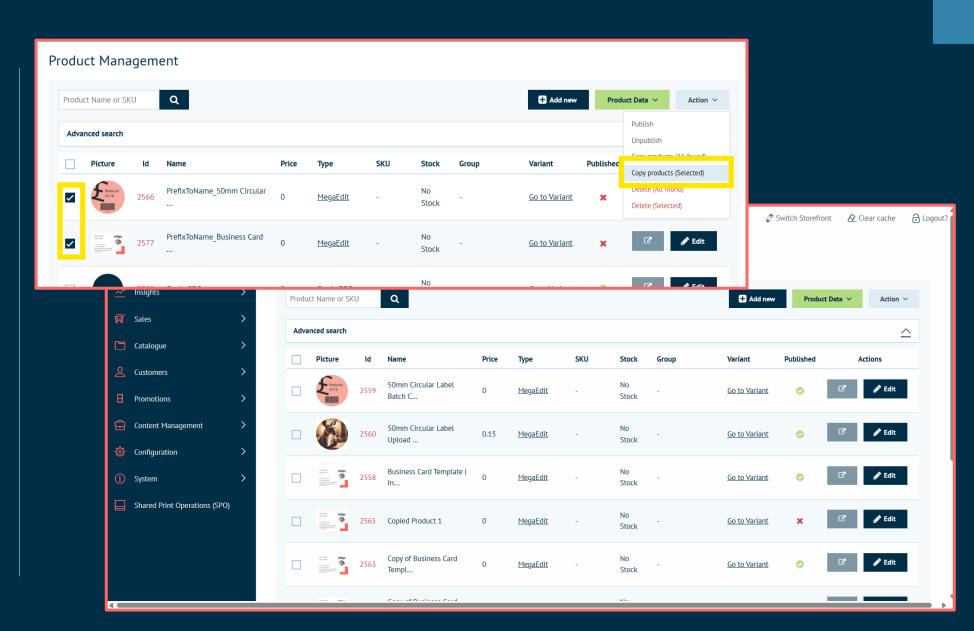


Copying Multiple Products Between Storefronts

Newly released functionality. Copy multiple (up to 500 at a time) product and all associated elements / assets to a different storefront on the same platform.

Enter a prefix to all existing product names and choose whether to include certain elements.

Select a product within Product Management and select to copy within the Actions dropdown.





Which Product Related Elements are Copied?

Core Product

Title, descriptions, content template, specs, display settings, images.



Pricing & Stock

Base price, tiered pricing, stock settings/levels.



Discounts

Product-level discount assignments.



Static PDF

Configured PDF file comes across and remains attached.



MegaEdit / Invent

All MegaEdit resources, active scripts, attached MEX file and associated functionality / resources.





Categories

Category mapping and full structure.



Tax & Delivery

Applied tax categories; delivery enabled state and additional fees.



Attributes

Product attributes (e.g., text areas, dropdowns with options).



Multi-Part Products

Fully detailed config, additional settings on config page.



EXCEPTIONS

Some exceptions do
exist, so check
carefully!
E.g. - Pitstop profiles,
downloadable product
files, related products,
certain 3D or editor
plugin configs, pricing
scripts.



Other Bulk Tools for Rapid Storefront Builds



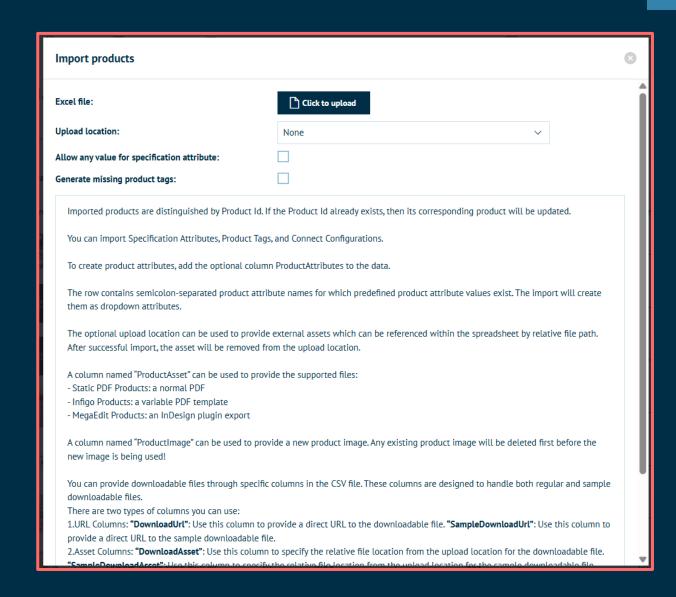
Bulk Tools | Product Import & Export (CSV)

Why: Create/update catalogue at scale from one spreadsheet.

Where: Catalogue → Products → Product
Management → Export to Excel / Import from
Excel.

How: Export full or partial product list → bulk-edit (prices, descriptions, attributes) → add new rows for new items → **keep ProductID to update, leave blank to create** → (optional) add columns for images/downloads/attributes and link to an **Upload Folder**.

Tips: Use a fresh export for current headers; don't change ProductID; ensure files exist in the referenced upload folder.





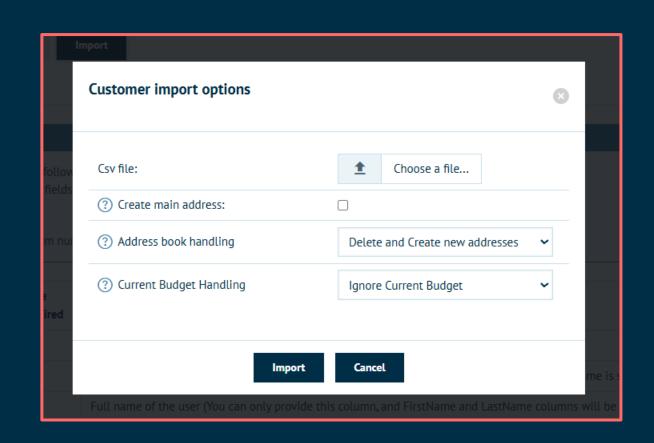
Bulk Tools | Customer CSV Bulk Import

Why: Create or update hundreds of customers in minutes.

Where: Customers → Customer Management → CSV import.

How: Download sample CSV → populate → import. Import creates if no match; updates if email/username matches (per storefront settings).

Tips: CSV headers are case-sensitive; required Registration fields must be present; Departments must pre-exist and match names exactly; error rows are returned in an error CSV





Bulk Tools | Address Books & Addresses

Why: Seed address books and addresses without manual entry.

Where: Customers → Address Books → Export (books/addresses) → Import.

How: Export to get a template → add rows → reimport to create books and addresses. When importing addresses, provide either Address Book ID or Name. Same address can live in multiple books (add multiple rows).

Tips: Address fields must not contain commas (CSV is comma-delimited); duplicates are flagged in a returned error CSV.





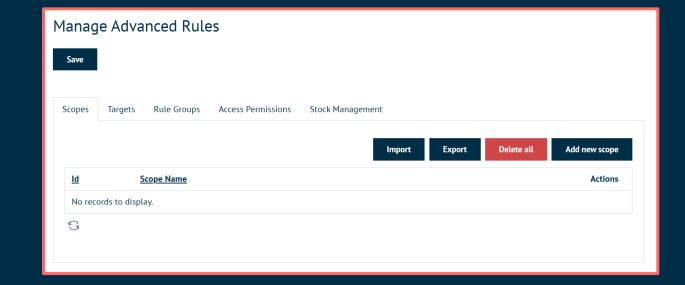
Bulk Tools | Access Permissions — CSV import (Scopes/Targets/Rules)

Why: Mass-create complex permission matrices fast.

Where: Access Permissions \rightarrow Export (scopes/targets/rules) \rightarrow edit CSV \rightarrow Import.

How: Export to a populated template → add new rows for departments/products/customers leaving ID blank so the platform auto-assigns → re-import to create rules in bulk.

Tip: Use when many customers × categories/products combinations would be tedious in UI.





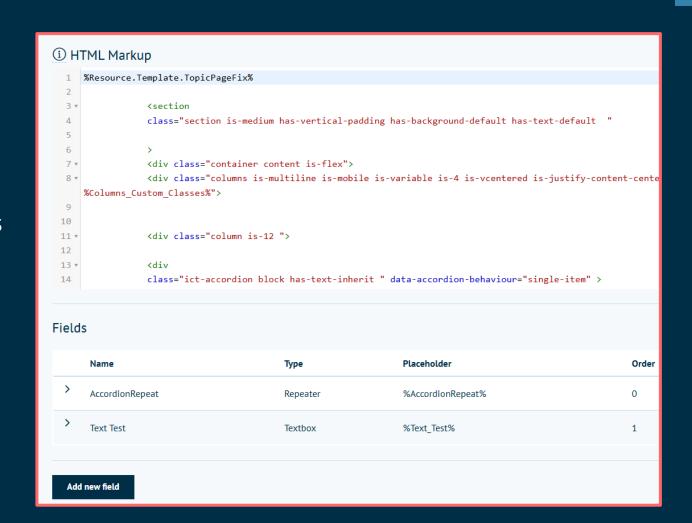
Bulk Tools | Content Templates (Standard & Custom)

Why: Build consistent pages fast; scale layout changes.

Standard: No-code "building blocks" for content/pages; great for non-dev admins.

Custom: Developer supplies HTML/CSS/JS + fields and repeaters so admins fill content without touching code; specify where the template is available (e.g., product pages vs content pages).

Tips: The Content Templates tab may need enabling by Support; Custom coding in custom templates aren't covered under general support.





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