

Add items to the tracker

Step Three in: *Four Steps to make Trackers*

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Once you have created the fields in trackers, you have defined what kind of data you want to collect - with items you are now collecting that data.

Creating the tracker and defining the fields are generally part of the configuration of a site, performed by the site admins - items, on the other hand are what you want the users (ok, who may also be the admins) to do. Therefore you may want to revisit how the assign permissions to groups settings are established, to ensure that the permissions *create tracker items* is given to the groups you intend to have using the tracker.

Once designed, the tracker can now be inserted into any wiki page (or article or blog?) using the PluginTracker. By default each tracker can be viewed at its own unique url, from the list trackers page. But if you want users to find it, better use the plugin.

Items can be inserted into a tracker either directly from the visualization of the tracker (**tiki-view_tracker.php?trackerId=N**), being **N** the identification number of the tracker (trackerId)

The screenshot shows a web interface for a 'Teacher' plugin. At the top, there is a back arrow icon and a title 'Teacher'. Below the title, there are four buttons: '+ Create Item', 'Properties', 'Fields', and 'Trackers'. To the right of these buttons is a small blue icon with a downward arrow. Below the buttons, there is a label 'Items' followed by a dark grey box containing the number '0'. The main area below is empty.

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or from a Wiki page where PluginTracker has been included with appropriate syntax. For instance:

```
{TRACKER(trackerId=>1, fields=>7:8, action=>Add to Staff, showtitle=>y, showdesc=>y, showmandatory=>y,
embedded=>y)} The item was added successfully. "(Click to another link to continue, or go to [index.php|Home
Page])"{TRACKER}
```

Would produce:

The screenshot shows a form titled 'Add Teacher for our school'. At the top, there is a back arrow icon and a small blue icon with a downward arrow. Below the title, there is a text input field labeled 'Name *'. Below the 'Name' field, there is a label 'Specialisation' followed by a list of checkboxes: 'Mathmatic', 'Geographie', 'French', 'English', 'Grammar', and 'Electricity'. Below the checkboxes, there is a dark grey button labeled 'Add to Staff, showtitle=>y'. At the bottom, there is a pink box containing the text 'Fields marked with an * are mandatory.'

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After inserted an item, this message would be show at the wiki page where the tracker plugin was placed:

Success

Form saved successfully.

Add Teacher for our school

The item was added successfully. "(Click to another link to continue, or go to [Home Page](#))"

Edit

Rename

History

Source

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Keep in mind that fields with an asterisk on their right hand side are compulsory.

This means that, if they are not filled, or they don't contain the proper data type (depending on how the tracker has been configured), when you want to insert the item in the tracker a message will appear showing which fields are missing to be properly completed, in order to submit your item to the tracker successfully.

Massive addition of items to a tracker

If you want a massive addition of items into a tracker, you can use the "**Import CSV data**" feature. It can be found at "**Admin Tracker**":

Trackers

+ Create

Duplicate

ER diagram

Import

Manage Import-Export Formats

Find...

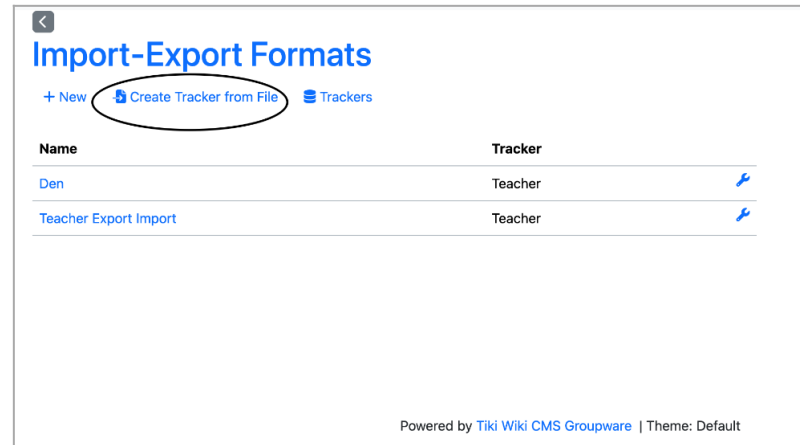
Find

Id	Name	Created	Last modified	Items	
4	User	2025-03-02	2025-03-02 22:24	0	
3	Categories	2025-03-02	2025-03-03 15:04	2	
2	Expenses	2025-03-02	2025-03-03 15:06	1	
1	Teacher	2025-03-02	01:21	1	

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Import New tracker with data from file

You can create a new tracker with items from a file (CSV file). All you need to do is click on the **Manage Import-Export Format** button. A new window will appear, and then you should click on the **Create Tracker From File** button.



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Once the window appears, simply fill in the fields below with the correct information, and your tracker will be created with its data.

Name:

Tracker Name:

File Delimiter:

File:

Simple headers ☒

Import updates ☒

Ignore blanks ☐

Transactional import ☐

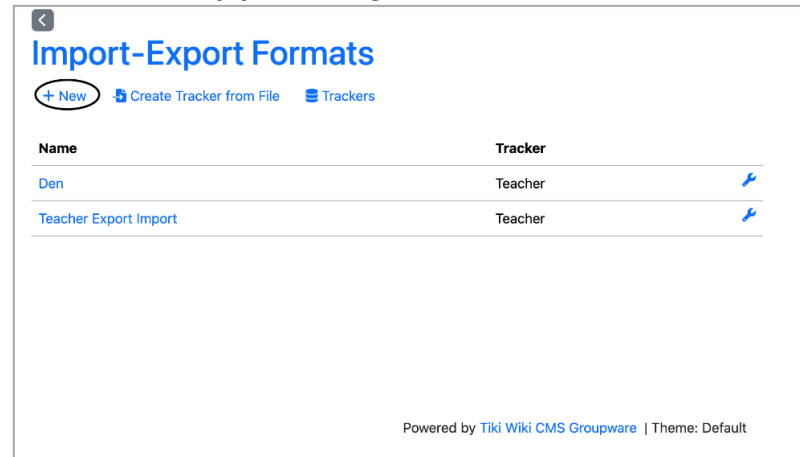
Bulk import ☐

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Import/Export data in existing Tracker

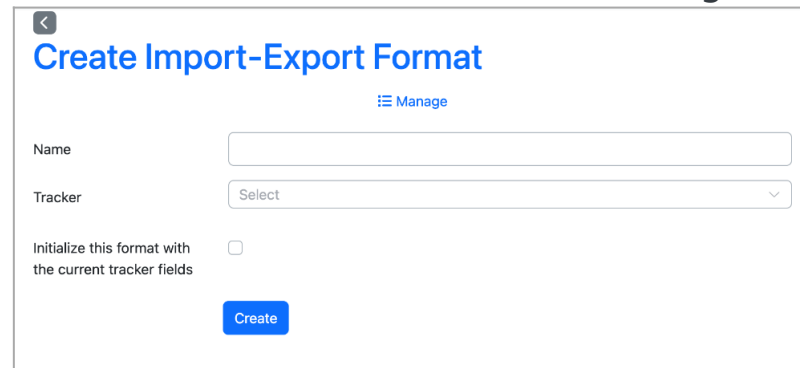
You can import/export data in your existing tracker by clicking on the **Manage Import-Export Format** button again as we did previously.

In the window that appears, you can click on the **New** button.



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Here, you can define the structure of your import/export feature. First, you need to enter the name you want for your structure, then select the tracker where the data can come from or go to, and click on the **Create** button.

A screenshot of a web application window titled 'Create Import-Export Format'. At the top left is a back arrow icon. Below the title is a 'Manage' button with a list icon. Below that are two form fields: 'Name' with a text input field, and 'Tracker' with a dropdown menu showing 'Select'. Below these fields is a checkbox labeled 'Initialize this format with the current tracker fields'. At the bottom center is a blue 'Create' button.

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In the new window that will appear, you can specify whether you want the data to come or go in CSV format or JSON format, and fill in your other preferences.

Take note that the items will be added to the tracker, and if some of them were already present, they will be duplicated. So if you don't want to this to happen, remove the rows that you don't want to be duplicated.