

## Guide for:

# IMPORTING A SELECTION

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## Adding an Imported Selection

For instances in which a data set is not in *Ali* we can import the data set into a selection to be used within a CRM function that uses selections, such as **Queries** or **Events**.

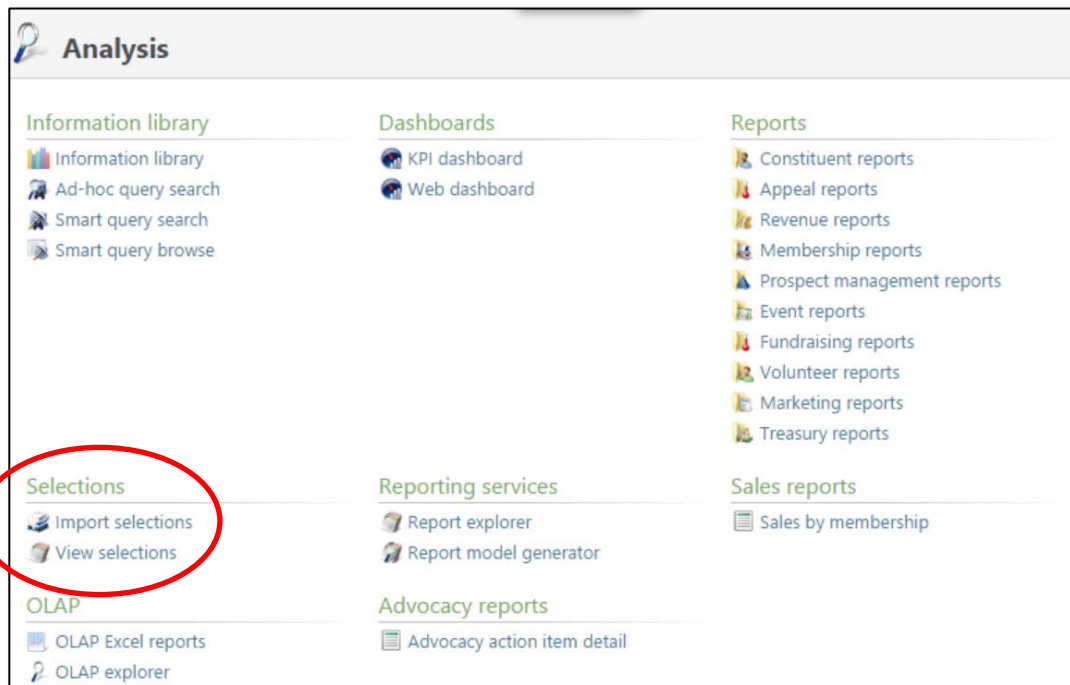
### Steps to importing

1. Navigate to the **Analysis** functional area in the [blue navigation bar](#).
2. Click on the **Import selections** under the **Selections** area.
3. Click **Add**.
4. Populate the following fields:
  - a. **Name:** please follow the selection naming conventions as outlined in the [Supplemental Reference Guide Naming Conventions and Standards](#).
  - b. **Description:** All queries must have a description. The **Description** should contain:
    - Retention requirements
      1. If it is used for a [business process](#), the retention should be **Permanent**.
        - a. If it is for a Process in *Ali* indicate what that is – Reminders, Receipts, etc.
      2. If it is for a [specific project](#), indicate a date in the future when you believe the project will be complete and the query can be deleted.
        - a. Description of the project the query is related to.
    - c. **Record Type:** This is dependent on the type of selection you are importing.
      - For example, if you have constituent IDs and need a constituent selection you'd select the *record* type of constituent.
    - d. **Category:** Select “Import”.
  5. Optional Fields
    - a. **Site:** if you use Site then it is restricted to processes with a matching site.
    - b. Show this selection in the **Query Designer:** only choose this if you need the selection available in an ad-hoc query. This does not need to be selected if you plan to use the imported selection in a process.
      - Example: Do not select this for a selection import that will be used in an event.
  6. Choose the **Import File**.
    - a. **Note:** the file must be a CSV.
  7. Select the **ID column**.
  8. Select the **ID type** that relates to the ID in the ID column.

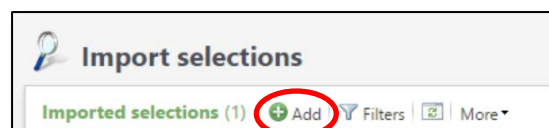
9. Click **Save** and **Import**.
10. Confirm the number processed matches your intended results.
  - a. **Note:** if the numbers do not match, check your CSV for duplicate ID numbers.

Steps to importing with visuals

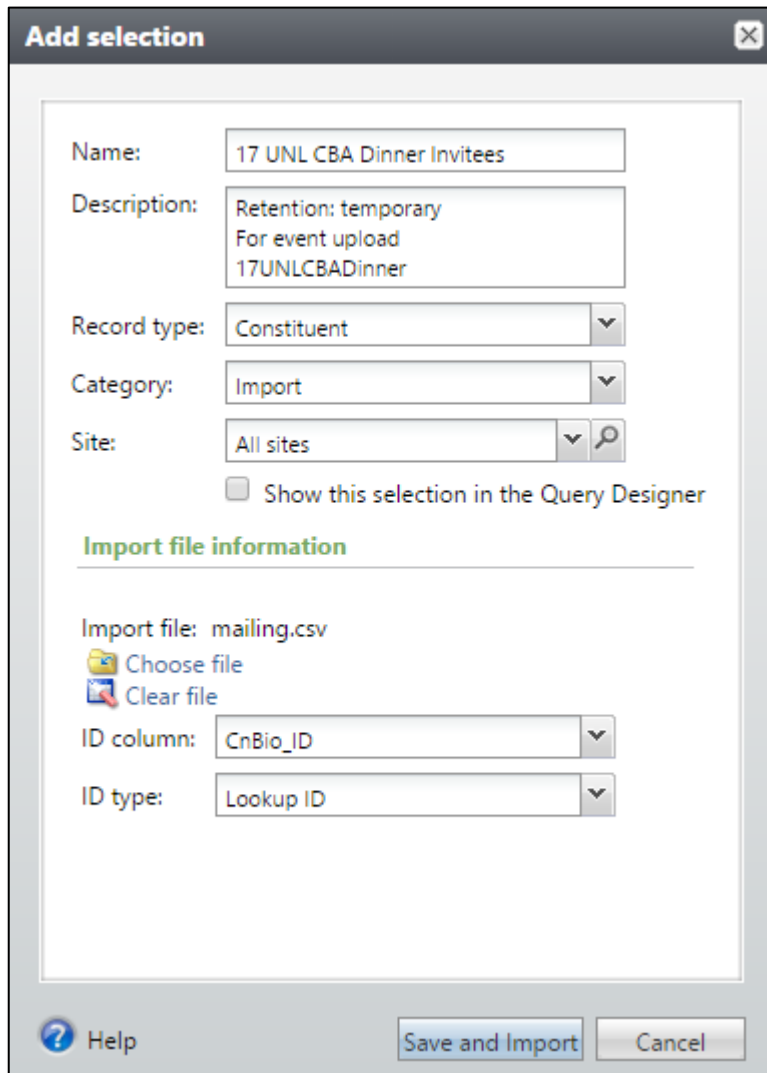
1. Navigate to the **Analysis** functional area in the [blue navigation bar](#).



2. Click on **Import selections** under the **Selections** area.
3. Click **Add**.



4. Populate the following fields:



5. Optional Fields

- a. **Site.**
- b. Show this selection in the Query Designer.

6. Choose the **Import File.**

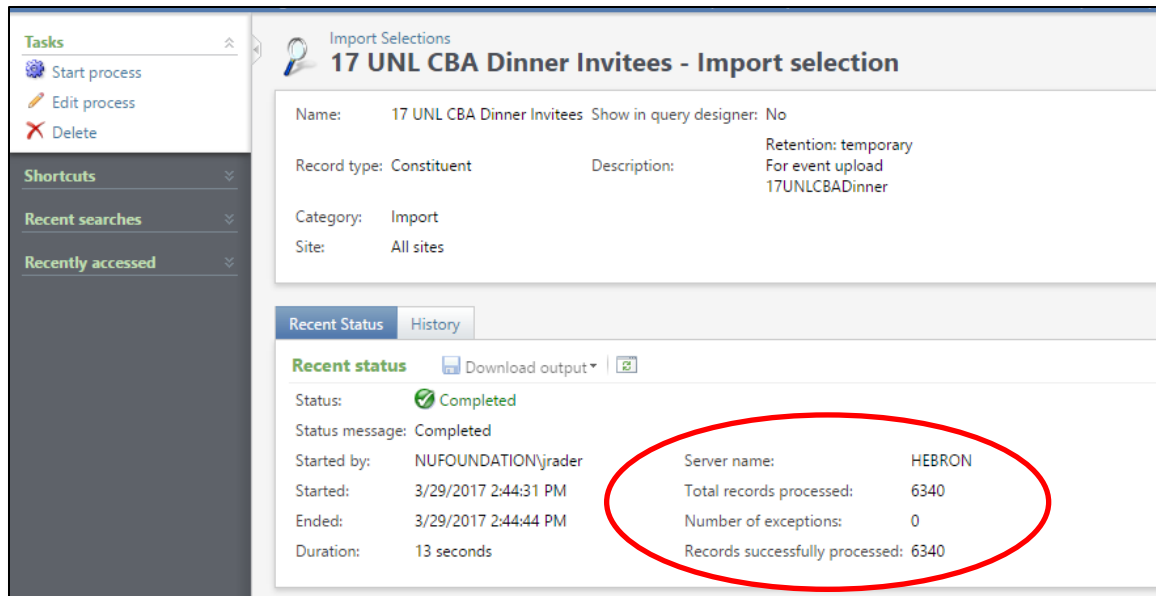
7. Select the **ID column.**

8. Select the **ID type** that relates to the ID in the ID column.

9. Click **Save and Import.**

10. Confirm the number processed matches your intended results.

- a. **Note:** if the numbers do not match, check your CSV for duplicate ID numbers.



## Deleting an imported selection

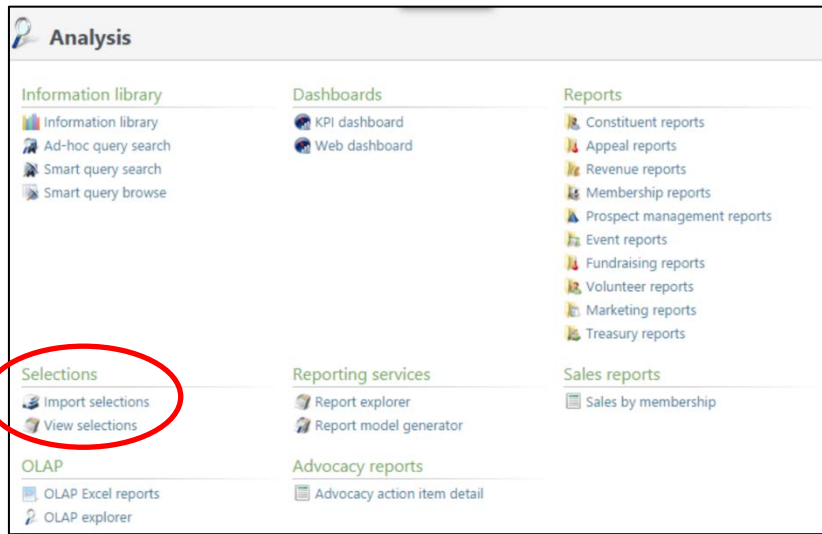
Once your imported selection is no longer needed, please delete the selection.

Steps to deleting

1. Navigate to the **Analysis** functional area.
2. Click on **Import selections** under the **Selections** area.
3. Expand the details under the selection by using the expand icon.
4. Click **Delete**.

Steps to deleting with visuals

1. Navigate to the **Analysis** functional area.



2. Click on **Import selections** under the **Selections** area.
3. Expand the details under the selection by using the double down.
4. Click **Delete**.

