

# Standard Energy Efficiency Data Platform™



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Mapping and Merging Data

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## Matching fields in Column Settings

- Matching fields are now customizable within the Column Settings page. Also, the accompanying matching logic has been simplified -- records match only if **all** of the matching fields have matching values.
- You should redefine or update your matching columns now (in Column Settings) before importing any new data, and going forward only make changes when necessary. In later releases, these matching columns will decide how records are linked/associated across cycles.
- If the matching fields need to be changed because of changes in the data being imported (such as adding a Custom ID as a matching field) make sure to reset the matching fields in Column Settings before importing the file with the new matching field(s).

# Matching fields: Column Settings

Step 1:

Before importing a file, go to Column Settings and define the Matching fields

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**Column Settings** Save Changes

Step 3: Click the **Save Changes** button when you have defined the matching fields

## Modifying Column Settings

From the table below, you may modify the columns in the following ways:

- Change the display name of a column
- Rename "Column Name", which specifies the underlying, system-level column to use
- Specify the data type of extra data columns
- Toggle merge protection for specific columns
- For non-extra\_data columns, toggle whether the column is matching criteria

Normally when an imported record is merged into another record the newest value overwrites an older one. Merge protection prevents this, and is particularly useful for columns where you have manually edited values that you want to persist even after importing and merging.

Step 2:

Click (twice) on the Match Criteria column header to see the currently defined matching fields

View by Property	View by Tax Lot	DISPLAY NAME	COLUMN NAME	RENAME	DATA TYPE	MERGE PROTECTION	MATCH CRITERIA
<input type="text" value="Search display name"/>	<input type="text" value="Search column name"/>						
<input type="text" value="UBID"/>	<input type="text" value="ubid"/>	<input type="text" value="Rename"/>	<input type="text" value="Text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="text" value="PM Property ID"/>	<input type="text" value="pm_property_id"/>	<input type="text" value="Rename"/>	<input type="text" value="Text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="text" value="Custom ID 1"/>	<input type="text" value="custom_id_1"/>	<input type="text" value="Rename"/>	<input type="text" value="Text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="text" value="Address Line 1"/>	<input type="text" value="address_line_1"/>	<input type="text" value="Rename"/>	<input type="text" value="Text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="text" value="Zip code"/>	<input type="text" value="Zip code"/> <b>extra data</b>	<input type="text" value="Rename"/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ineligible		

The default is that these four fields are checked as matching fields

Uncheck the ones that you do **NOT** want to define as matching

# Matching fields: Column Settings: Property

## Set the Matching fields for the Property data

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### Column Settings

Save Changes

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Click the **Save Changes** button when you have defined the matching fields

Uncheck any fields that you do **NOT** want to be used to match records

DISPLAY NAME	COLUMN NAME	RENAME	DATA TYPE	MERGE PROTECTION	MATCH CRITERIA
<input type="text" value="Search display name"/>	<input type="text" value="Search column name"/>				
UBID	ubid	<input type="button" value="Rename"/>	<input type="text" value="Text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PM Property ID	pm_property_id	<input type="button" value="Rename"/>	<input type="text" value="Text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Custom ID 1	custom_id_1	<input type="button" value="Rename"/>	<input type="text" value="Text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Address Line 1	address_line_1	<input type="button" value="Rename"/>	<input type="text" value="Text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Zip code	Zip code <span>extra data</span>	<input type="button" value="Rename"/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ineligible

Now these are the only 2 matching fields.

# Matching fields: Column Settings: Tax Lot

Set the Matching fields for the Tax Lot data

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Column Settings Save Changes

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- Rename "Column Name", which specifies the underlying, system-level column to use
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Click the **Save Changes** button when you have defined the matching fields

View by Property **View by Tax Lot**

In this example, only 1 field is set to matching for Tax Lot data

Uncheck any fields that you do **NOT** want to be used to match records

DISPLAY NAME	COLUMN NAME	RENAME	DATA TYPE	MERGE PROTECTION	MATCH CRITERIA
<input type="text" value="Search display name"/>	<input type="text" value="Search column name"/>				
Jurisdiction Tax Lot ID	jurisdiction_tax_lot_id	<input type="button" value="Rename"/>	Text	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
YEARBUILT2	YEARBUILT2 <span>extra data</span>	<input type="button" value="Rename"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Ineligible

# Mapping on Import

Map the appropriate fields in the import file to the Matching fields defined in Column Settings

## MAPPING YOUR DATA TO SEED

It is necessary to map your field names to SEED field names. You can select from the list that appears as you start to type, which is based on the Building Energy Data Exchange Specification (BEDES), or you can type in your own name, as well as typing in the field name from the original datafile.

In addition, you need to specify where the field should be associated with Tax Lot data or Property data. This is shown in the screenshot below, where the dropdown menu is set to Property, Tax Lot, and Property.

**Field names for matching:** Custom ID 1, Jurisdiction Tax Lot ID, PM Property ID

If there are fields in the datafile mapped to these names, the program will attempt to match on the corresponding values in existing records. All of these fields must have the same values between records for the records to match.

For Portfolio Manager files, SEED has a default set of field names which can be used without extra user editing unless desired.

When you click the **Map Your Data** button, the program will show a grid with the new field names as the column headings and your data in the rows. In that view, you can still come back to the initial mapping screen and change the field mapping.

The program will display the matching fields that were set in Column Settings (future versions will group them by Property and Tax Lot)

SEED		1 - example-data-ESPM	
INVENTORY TYPE	SEED HEADER	MEASUREMENT UNITS	DATA FILE HEADER
Property ▼	PM Property ID		Property ID
Property ▼	Custom ID 1		Building ID
Tax Lot ▼	Jurisdiction Tax Lot ID		Rust Parcel ID
Property ▼	PM Parent Property ID		Parent Property ID

Set the appropriate fields to the matching fields defined in Column Settings. In this case:

- Property ID ⇒ PM Property ID (Property data)
- Building ID ⇒ Custom ID 1 (Property data)
- Rust Parcel ID ⇒ Jurisdiction Tax Lot ID (Tax Lot data)