

Import and Export Custom Field Definitions

Export a Custom Field definition when you want to reuse it on another FileWave Server or keep a portable copy. Importing restores the field definition, including its script and configuration, but does not make an untrusted script safe.

Review imported scripts before assignment.

- ❗ Read the script, confirm the interpreter and permissions it expects, and test the Custom Field on a small device group before assigning it broadly.

Export Custom Field definitions

1. In FileWave Central, open Assistants > Custom Fields > Edit Custom Fields.
2. Select one or more custom fields
3. Select Export.
4. Save the "FileWave Custom Fields.customfields" file
5. Share online, or store for later

Import Custom Field definitions

1. Download the custom field file
2. In FileWave Central, open Assistants > Custom Fields > Edit Custom Fields.
3. Select Import, then choose the `.customfields` file.
4. If the imported Custom Field contains a script, verify it is safe and appropriate for your environment.
5. Use Edit Custom Field Associations to assign the field to the required devices or groups.
6. You may also want to import custom field values

See [Custom Fields](#) for more on assigning fields to devices, and importing custom field values.

Conflicts:

Custom vs Internal

FileWave will let you re-use an internal name that is the same as another inventory element. If a Custom Field were added with an internal name of 'location', two 'location' internal names would co-exist the built-in internal name and the added Custom Field.

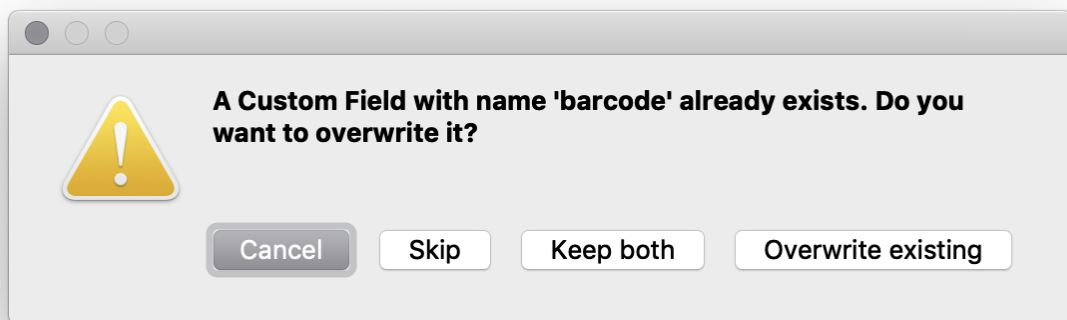
A prefix may be added to avoid confusion on matching inventory names. The prefix varies depending upon the method being used to reference the internal name.

Method	Prefix	Example
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MDM Profile	custom_field	%custom_field.location%
Scripted (Launch Argument or Environment Variable)	CustomFields	%CustomFields.location%

Custom vs Custom

If you are importing a custom field with an internal name that is the same as an existing custom field internal name you will see:

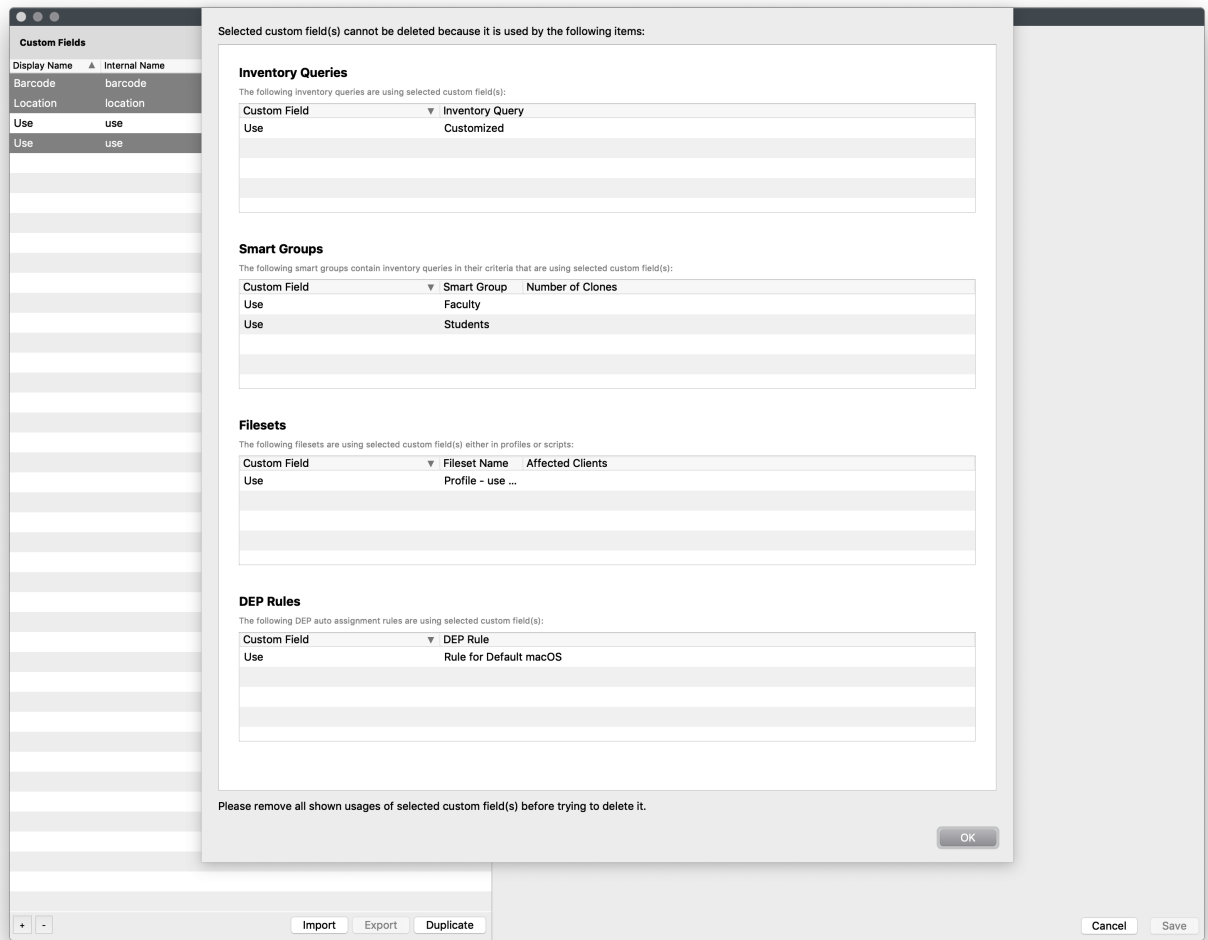


- Cancel - Stops the whole process and makes no changes
- Skip - If importing a custom fields file with multiple entries you can skip the one that is conflicting and continue
- Keep both - This will add _2 to the internal name of the field you are importing
- Overwrite existing - Replace your existing entry entirely (as long as it isn't used in smart groups, inventory queries, etc)

Avoid overwriting until dependencies are reviewed.

- ⚠ Import the definition as an additional field when possible, compare both definitions, and resolve the conflict deliberately.

If the internal names are in use (Smart Groups, Reports (formerly Queries), Automated Device Enrollment) when you press "overwrite existing" you will see this telling you where it is in use:



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