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Introduction

Dear users,

The team at EPLAN Software & Service GmbH & Co. KG is pleased to welcome you as a new user.

This document describes the import of sample data for the parts management and for the dictionary. The information is relevant for EPLAN users who have not used an EPLAN version before and are now starting with the 64-bit variant of the EPLAN platform 2.8 in combination with an SQL server.

Precondition for this is an installed, configured and running SQL server.

The appropriate procedure is possible for the following program variants of the EPLAN platform:

- EPLAN CPM
- EPLAN Education
- EPLAN Electric P8
- EPLAN Fluid
- EPLAN Preplanning
- EPLAN Pro Panel
- EPLAN Trial

> **Note:** Users who use the EPLAN platform 2.8 together with Office 64-bit or earlier (32 Bit) versions of the EPLAN platform, have this data already on their system.

Notes for the Reader

Before you begin reading, please note the following symbols and styles used in this document:

⚠️ **Caution:**

Text preceded by this image are warnings. You should be absolutely sure to read this warning before proceeding!

📌 **Note:**

Text preceded by this image contains extra notes.

ℹ️ **Tip:**

Useful tips to facilitate your interaction with the program are presented after this image.

💡 **Example:**

Examples are highlighted by this symbol.

- Elements of the user interface are identified by **bold** print, making them easy to find immediately in the text.

- *Italic text* provides particularly important information that you should definitely pay attention to.

- Code examples, directory names, and direct input (among other elements) are displayed in a `non-proportional` font.

- Function keys, keyboard keys, and buttons within the program are shown in brackets (such as **[F1]** for the "F1" function key).

- To improve the flow of the text, we often use "menu paths" in this document (for example, **Help > Contents**). In order to find a particular program function, the menus and options shown in a menu path must be selected in the sequence shown. For example, the menu path mentioned above calls up the EPLAN help system.

- The operating information provides step-by-step instructions for reaching specific targets, and in many places, after the right-arrow symbol ⟹, you'll also find the reaction of the program to your action.

- In combination with settings or fields (e.g., check boxes) which can only be switched on or off, in this document we often use the term "activate" (after which the setting is active ☑) and "deactivate" (after which the setting is inactive ☐).

Importing the Sample Parts Data

In this chapter you learn how to import the downloaded parts data into your parts management.

Prerequisite for importing is a correctly set-up parts management on an SQL / SQL Express Server that does not yet contain any parts.

Importing the Parts Data

You have two options for importing the sample parts data:
Parts management data can be imported from an XML file or from an EDZ file. The XML file contains the parts information that is available within the EPLAN parts management. The EDZ file offers macros for some parts in addition to the parts data. The **EDZ Import** functionality requires the "EPLAN EDZ Format" license module.

Proceed as follows to import the data:

1. Select the menu items **Utilities > Parts > Management**.

2. Click **[Extras] > Import** in the parts management.

⇨ The **Import records** dialog is opened.

3. Depending on the file to be imported select **XML** or **EPLAN Data Portal Exchange Format (EDZ)** in the **File type** field.

4. Use the **[…]** button in the **File name** field to select the file to be imported.

5. Select **Add new records only** as the option for the import.

6. Confirm the **Import records** dialog with **[OK]**.

⇨ The sample parts data is imported.

⚠️ **Caution:**

If your database already contains parts, data can be modified if the options **Update existing records only** or **Update existing records and add new ones** are used. In this case, please create a data backup before the import.

Importing the Sample Foreign Languages

In this chapter you learn how to import the downloaded foreign language data into your dictionary.

Prerequisite for importing is a correctly set-up dictionary on an SQL / SQL Express Server that does not yet contain any entries.

Importing the Foreign Languages

An ETD file with the sample data is provided for importing the foreign languages. Proceed as follows to import the data:

1. Select the menu items **Utilities > Translation > Edit dictionary**.

⇨ The **Dictionary** dialog opens.

2. Select the **Management** tab.

3. Click **[Extras] > Import**.

⇨ The **Import dictionary** dialog is opened.

4. Select **XML file (*.etd)** in the **File type** field and then use **Browse in** to navigate to the downloaded ETD file.

5. Confirm your file selection with **[Open]**.

6. Mark your source language in the **Select source language** dialog, and confirm the dialog with **[OK]**.

7. Confirm the **Language not available** dialog with **[Yes to all]** if you want to add all the sample languages.

⇨ The import is now carried out.

⚠ **Caution:**

If your database already contains entries, you should create a data backup of the dictionary before carrying out the import.

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