

ReadMe file for EODEM sample CSV file

The EODEM sample CSV file is intended for use with a sample stylesheet that converts EODEM XML to CSV, as a way of demonstrating how EODEM XML might be transformed to align with a collections management system's data structure. Because XML is a nested data structure and can allow multiple values for particular elements, whilst CSV is a flat file format, we do not recommend the use of this CSV (or any other) in EODEM data import tools: it should be easier, in the long run, to import direct from the XML file.

The CSV file contains 3 rows:

1. Field labels for an existing system's generic import spreadsheet, to give an idea of the kind of overlap between this and EODEM
2. EODEM field labels
3. Data values (drawn from the sample XML file contained in this folder)

The file was drawn up in Excel for ease of editing; this means that text delimiters (") should have been applied automatically only to those columns where there are commas in the data, not universally. EODEM treats all data values as text, whether they contain numeric values or not. Hard returns in data have been replaced with ↵ to avoid any problems reading the CSV.

There are several areas where data repeats, and these have been treated differently, to give an idea of how data the problem of nested / repeating data might be addressed:

- For people / organizations, columns have been repeated
- For object measurements, columns have been repeated
- For object requirements, data has been concatenated using a |
- For multiple conceptIDs, data has been concatenated using a |