

Ingesting External Data Feeds

Before beginning this procedure, you'll need the URL to an open-source data feed. Illustrations on this page use <https://ransomwaretracker.abuse.ch/feeds/csv/> to serve as a representative example.

Process

1. Open the open-source data feed.
2. Identify the column heads and separation symbol.



Column Heads:	Separation Symbol:
Firstseen (UTC), Threat, Malware, Host, URL, Status, Registrar, IP address(es), ASN(s), Country	comma

3. In your favorite text-edit application, update `spec.xml` to contain the column heads you need. Your updated xml file should look similar to this:

```
<specification xmlns="http://www.xitSoftware.com/schemas/tables/1.0">
  <pipeline name="ransomware">
    <delimited-parser field-separator="," quote=""" skip-header-rows="1" escape="\\">
      <fields>
        <field name="firstseen" type="string"/>
        <field name="threat" type="string"/>
        <field name="malware" type="string"/>
        <field name="host" type="string"/>
        <field name="url" type="string"/>
        <field name="status" type="string"/>
        <field name="registrar" type="string"/>
        <field name="ip_address" type="string"/>
        <field name="asn" type="string"/>
        <field name="country" type="string"/>
      </fields>
    </delimited-parser>
  </pipeline>
</specification>
```

Still in your text-edit application, create a `sample_data.txt` file [like this one](#) that contains one or more rows of data from the feed.

1. [Log in](#) to Asset Manager Command Center via your browser interface.
2. Navigate to **Settings > Tables > Add Table**.
3. In the Name field, enter a descriptive name for the table you are creating such as `ransomware_tracker_feed`.
4. In the Table Type field, select **Managed Primary Table**.
5. At your option, you can add Tags to help other Asset Manager users to find the table and a Description to let others know the purpose of the table.
6. Browse to and then select the `spec.xml` and `sample_data.txt` files.

Data sources

Supply a parser spec and sample data file to configure this table's data ingestion strategy. Optionally, supply a data file to load data into the table after creation.

Parser spec

✓ spec.xml

Type: text/xml, Size: 663.0 B

Sample data

1 MB maximum file size

✓ sample_data.txt

Type: text/plain, Size: 637.0 B

Status Valid

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7. Click **Next**.
The column headings for your table display, ordered alphabetically. Review the values listed in the Field column to confirm that they match your `spec.xml`.

- Click the **Value Index** checkbox for those fields you want to HDFS to index immediately. If you do not check any items in the Value Index column, your table will still be created—just not indexed.

Field	Text index	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Value index
_id String	None ▾	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
asn String	None ▾	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
country String	None ▾	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
firstseen String	None ▾	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
host String	None ▾	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ip_address String	None ▾	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
malware String	None ▾	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
registrar String	None ▾	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
status String	None ▾	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
threat String	None ▾	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
url String	None ▾	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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- Click **Create Table**.
The table structure is created in the Asset Manager's HDFS data store.

- [Log in to the CLI](#) of your Asset Manager Command Center.
- At the command-line prompt, enter **support db**.
You now have access to Asset Manager's PostgreSQL database.
- Insert the feed details into Asset Manager's PostgreSQL database using the Insert command. The labels will remain the same from feed to feed. The values for each label will need to be customized for your feed. Here's a sample entry:
insert into system.feed(name, shortname, enabled, overwrite, url, key, filename, tablename, pipelinename, pollinterval) values ('ransomware-tracker', 'ransomware', true, true, 'https://ransomware-tracker.abuse.ch', '', '/feeds/csv/', 'Asset Manager.public.ransomware_tracker_feed', 'ransomware', 1440);
- Make sure the insertion was received by entering
select * from system.feed where name = 'ransomware-tracker';
A response similar to this one indicates that Asset Manager's database has received the insertion.

```

id | name | shortname | pipelinename | enabled | overwrite | servername | url | key | filename | tablename
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14 | ransomware-tracker | ransomware | ransomware | true | true |  | https://ransomware-tracker.abuse.ch |  | /feeds/csv/ | Asset Manager.public.ransomware_tracker_feed
(1 row)

```

- To validate the connection, restart the Asset Manager-api service by entering:
support service api restart

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admin@aishkov-esi-3-2-1> support service api restart
admin@aishkov-esi-3-2-1>

```

The feed will begin to populate and records will very soon be available in the Asset Manager GUI.

- In the Asset Manager GUI, browse to **Settings > Tables**.
- Select the **ransomware_tracker_feed** table.
- Check the number of records present to confirm that the database has been populated.

ransomware_tracker_feed	Managed primary
ReportsSnapshot	Managed primary
enla	External
PM	Records ~ 10,085
Comment	

4. Click **View**.

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Congratulations! The table displays. Asset Manager has ingested an external data feed.

Hooray! You now have Asset Manager to ingest a feed of external data.