

# How can I use IMPORTXML in Google Sheets?

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IMPORTXML is a function in Google Sheets that allows users to import data from various sources, such as websites and RSS feeds, directly into a spreadsheet. This function can be useful for automating data collection and analysis, as it eliminates the need for manual data entry. By specifying a URL and an XPath query, users can easily extract specific data points from a webpage and have it automatically populate in their spreadsheet. This feature is particularly helpful for those who regularly track and analyze data from multiple sources, as it provides a convenient and efficient way to gather and organize information.

## IMPORTXML

Imports data from any of various structured data types including XML, HTML, CSV, TSV, and RSS and ATOM XML feeds.

### Sample Usage

```
IMPORTXML("https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moon_landing", "//a/@href")
```

```
IMPORTXML(A2, B2)
```

### Syntax

```
IMPORTXML(url, xpath_query, locale)
```

`url` - The URL of the page to examine, including protocol (e.g. `http://`).

The value for `url` must either be enclosed in quotation marks or be a reference to a cell containing the appropriate text.

`xpath_query` - The XPath query to run on the structured data.

For more information on XPath, see [http://www.w3schools.com/xml/xpath\\_intro.asp.locale](http://www.w3schools.com/xml/xpath_intro.asp.locale) - A language and region locale code to use when parsing the data. If unspecified, the document locale is used.

### See Also

**IMPORTRANGE**: Imports a range of cells from a specified spreadsheet.

**IMPORTHTML**: Imports data from a table or list within an HTML page.

**IMPORTFEED**: Imports a RSS or ATOM feed.

IMPORTDATA: Imports data at a given url in .csv (comma-separated value) or .tsv (tab-separated value) format.

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