Importing

Price Spectre supports the bulk uploading of listing settings. This gives users a way to create their settings offline and then upload them later. The also provides an easy mechanism to perform simple commands (enable all, disable all, etc) and break up their settings by category or site ID.

Usage

Imported files must consist of the following:
- Header Row
- Series of one or more rows (commands) to perform.

With each row consisting of the following:
- 1 or more "selectors"
- 1 or more "customizable properties".

Selectors
- Item # - the listing number assigned by eBay.
- SKU – the SKU or variation (if an MVL) that identifies one or more listings.
- Site – the eBay site a listing belongs to.
- Category – the category* a listings belongs to.

Price Spectre will combine all selectors specified to find matching listings.

Read-Only properties such as current price and title are ignored by Price Spectre when processing the input file.

Customizable properties are any setting that can normally be set via the Price Spectre interface or Search Console. Price Spectre behaves differently depending on whether the column is numeric or text.

Each row in the input file is considered a separate command with each command processed in the order it appears in the file. A single command can reference one or more listings.

Before importing any settings into Price Spectre it is highly recommended that the user use the export feature with all properties to make a complete backup of their current settings.

* Price Spectre only considers the first category a listing is assigned to in the case that it belongs to multiple.

Numeric Columns

If a cell is left blank then it is interpreted as "ignore". Not specifying a particular column has the same effect as leaving all cells for that column blank. A value of 0 will clear that property. For instance setting Ceiling Price to 0 will remove the ceiling price from Price Spectre so it will no longer limit that listing's price to an upper bound.

Text Columns

Text columns include the properties "Include Sellers", "Exclude Sellers", and "Keywords". For "Include Sellers" and "Exclude Sellers" a comma-separated list of sellers should be provided. Leaving a cell blank will clear that property. For instance leaving "Exclude Sellers" blank will result in no sellers being excluded from Price Spectre. In order to not set these properties these columns must not be specified in the input file.

Example Inputs

Example 1: Parts of a command

Example 1 shows a sample input of 3 commands.

The first command tells Price Spectre to set listing 150384290591 on eBay.co.uk (Site 3) and category "Other Manuals & Literature" (Category 36086) to a BIN price of £10.00 and changes the search keywords to "test". It clears the values for Floor Price, Ceiling Price, Algorithm, X, Y, and tells Price Spectre to stop managing the listing. Since the listing is uniquely identified with just the listing number the remaining selectors (SKU, Site, and Category) could have been left blank.

The second command is the same as the first except that it sets a different listing to a BIN price of £1.99.

The third command involves a multi-variation listing (MVL). In order to uniquely identify this item we must also specify a SKU. It also behaves similar to the first two commands and sets the BIN price to $17.99 since the listing is on eBay.com (Site 0).

Example 2: Multiple Affected Listings

Example 2 shows a sample input of 4 commands.

The first command tells Price Spectre to all listings on eBay.co.uk (Site 3) to keywords "test" and sets the pricing algorithm of those listings to "Average 3".

The second command tells Price Spectre to set all listings on eBay.co.uk and the category "Formal Shirts" (Category 57991) to keywords "test, bid", set the algorithm to "x lowest y%" with X set to 1 and Y set to 5%, set the floor price to £5.00, tells Price Spectre not to use a ceiling price, and tells Price Spectre to manage the listings.

The third command involves a multi-variation listing (MVL). Since only the listing # is specified all variants will be affected. This command sets the BIN price to $17.99, floor price to $10.00, ceiling price to $19.99, keywords to "ralph lauren, shirt", and sets the algorithm to "lowest" for all variants of listing 150394212362. This also instructs Price Spectre to manage all variants of the listing.

The fourth command disables all listings with SKU "N97 MINI" and removes the keywords used for searching.

Algorithms

The values under the column "Algorithm" may contain one of the following numeric values.
- 0 - "None" This prevents Price Spectre from managing the listing. If enabled, then disable.
- 1 - "Lowest" Price will be the lowest by $0.01* if possible.
- 2 - "x lowest" Price will be set $0.01* lower than the xth lowest listing found.
- 3 - "Average 3" Price will be set to the average price of the three lowest listings found.
- 4 - "Average x" Price will be set to the average price of the x lowest listings found.
- 5 - "x lowest by $y" Price will be set to the xth lowest price found minus $y*.
- 6 - "x lowest y%" Price will be set to the xth lowest price found minus y%.

* Price Spectre uses the currency of the site the listing belongs to. For eBay.com all prices are in USD, eBay.co.uk GBP, etc.

Sites

Price Spectre currently works with all eBay sites. The Site column can contain any numeric value that represents a valid eBay site. For a list of eBay sites and their associated Site IDs please visit the eBay Developer site.

Categories

When specifying a category in Price Spectre use the numeric id specified by eBay. The current active categories for eBay.com can be found at http://listings.ebay.com/ . Category ids may be different for different eBay sites.

File Formats

Price Spectre supports 3 different file formats.
- XLS – Microsoft® Excel format
- ODS – OpenDocument Spreadsheet format
- CSV – Generic comma-separated values format