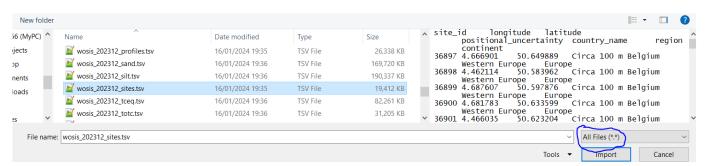
## Tutorial: How to import 'tsv files' into Excel (wosis snapshot 2023)

This document illustrates how a tsv (tab-separated values) file from 'wosis snapshot 2023, 1 can be imported into Excel, as an example.

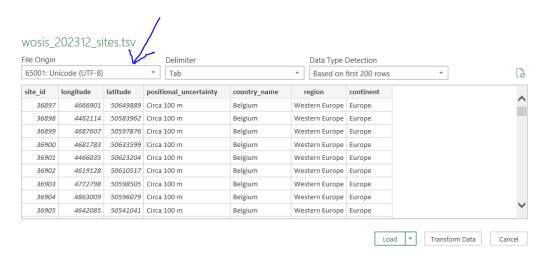
## a) Download zipped dataset from:

https://data.isric.org/geonetwork/srv/eng/catalog.search#/metadata/e50f84e1-aa5b-49cb-bd6b-cd581232a2ec (see also the ReadMe file).

- b) Unzip the dataset to your desired folder.
- c) Open Excel.
- d) Go to 'Data tab', then go to the folder where the snapshot files were downloaded. For this, choose option 'select 'All files (\*.\*)'; you will then see a list including the tsv files.
- e) Select the tsv datafile to be imported, for example 'wosis 202312 sites.tsv'.



f) Press 'import'. Note that the 'file origin' must be set to '65001: Unicode (URF-8)'.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Data source: Calisto, L., de Sousa, L.M., Batjes, N.H., 2023. Standardised soil profile data for the world (WoSIS snapshot – December 2023), https://doi.org/10.17027/isric-wdcsoils-20231130.



- g) Press the 'load' button. The selected file will be loaded into Excel; this may take some time for the larger files.
- h) The imported data are now ready for use in your tailor-made programmes.

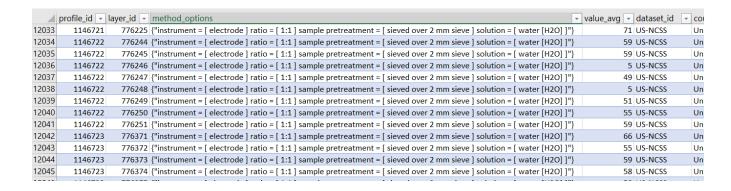


## Important:

The tsv files are tab-delimited, with double quotation marks as text delimiters. File origin to be considered during data import/loading is '65001: Unicode (UTF-8)'.

Two text fields in *method\_options*, namely 'value' and 'method\_option', contain <u>complex</u> text strings. These were concatenated from PostgreSQL arrays in WoSIS itself when the snapshot was created. See an example for 'soil pH':

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{"instrument = [ electrode ] ratio = [ 1:1 ] sample pretreatment = [ sieved over 2 mm sieve ] solution = [ water [H2O] ]"}
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