How to export and import a Data Dictionary (structure only) in REDCAP

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Step-by-step guide

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Steps for making project changes:

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- 2.) Edit the Data Dictionary (see the Help & FAQ for help)
- 3.) Upload the Data Dictionary using the form below
- 4.) The changes will be made to the project after the Data Dictionary has been checked for errors



This module will allow you to create new data collection instruments/surveys or edit existing ones. Changes may be made by either using the Online Designer or Upload Data Dictionary (see tabs above), in which you may use either method or both. The Online Designer may help you get some initial fields/forms built quickly or to make quick edits, but using the Data Dictionary file may be more helpful if you will be adding a large number of fields for this project.

- O Your document was uploaded successfully and awaits your confirmation below.
 - You are now required to review any warnings below and then click the button at the bottom of the page to officially commit the field changes to the project. Follow the instructions below.
 - The uploaded data dictionary contains 60 fields, which will replace the 60 fields that currently exist in Draft Mode (excluding 'Form Status' fields, which are automatically generated by REDCap).

Allowable warnings found in your Data Dictionary:

It is recommended that each row have a field label in order to distinguish fields, but the following cells have a field label missing: E49, E50.

Are you ready to commit the changes to the project from the uploaded Data Dictionary? (Click the button below to submit the changes.)





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