

# Worksheet.ImportData(Object>(), String(), Cell, DataImportProperties)

## Description

Imports data from a two-dimensional array of objects to cells in the worksheet. The new data will overwrite values and formulas in the target worksheet cells, but existing formatting will be preserved.

### C#

```
public Area ImportData(System.Object[][] data, System.String[] columnNames, Cell startCell, DataImportProperties props)
```

### vb.net

```
Public Function ImportData(ByVal data As Object(), ByVal columnNames As String(),  
ByVal startCell As Cell, ByVal props As DataImportProperties) As Area
```

## Parameters

### *data*

A two-dimensional array of values to import to the worksheet.

By default, the first dimension corresponds to column and the second to row (that is, `Object[column][row]`).

Thus, an array of data { {"A","X"}, {"B","Y"}, {"C","Z"} } would be inserted into the worksheet as:

A	X
B	Y
C	Z

If you enable `DataImportProperties.Transpose`, the format will be `[row][column]`, so:

{ {"A","B","C"}, {"X","Y","Z"} } would be inserted into the worksheet as:

A	X
B	Y
C	Z

### *columnNames*

An array of column names for the imported data. `columnNames` and the column dimension of `data` must contain the same number of elements.

### *startCell*

The cell at which to start entering the imported values.

### *props*

A `DataImportProperties` object that contains a set of properties that will determine the behavior of the data import.

## Returns

An [Area](#) object representing the set of cells populated with the imported values.

## Examples

### C#

```
Area importedArea = ws.ImportData(dataArray, fieldNames, cel, importProps);
```

### vb.net

```
Dim importedArea As Area = ws.ImportData(dataArray, fieldNames, cel, importProps)
```