

# DataImportProperties.PreserveDataOnMergedCells

Introduced in build 8.5.1

## Description

Sets or returns whether values should be preserved when importing into merged cells. The default value is `true`.

**C#**

```
public boolean PreserveDataOnMergedCells{ get; set; }
```

**vb.net**

```
Public Property PreserveDataOnMergedCells() As Boolean
```

## Examples

**C#**

```
//--- Get PreserveDataOnMergedCells
bool preserveData = importProps.PreserveDataOnMergedCells;

//--- Set PreserveDataOnMergedCells
importProps.PreserveDataOnMergedCells = false;
```

**vb.net**

```
'--- Get PreserveDataOnMergedCells
Dim preserveData As Boolean = importProps.PreserveDataOnMergedCells

'--- Set PreserveDataOnMergedCells
importProps.PreserveDataOnMergedCells = False
```

\$body

Given the following data set:

1	2	3	4	5
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6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15

Is being imported into the following cells:


If `PreserveDataOnMergedCells` is equal to `true`, each value will be assigned to a cell or group of merged cells.

The result for the above example would be:

1	2	3	4	5					
6		7			8	9	10		
11	12	13	14	15					

If `PreserveDataOnMergedCells` is equal to `false`, `ImportData` will treat all cells as though they are unmerged. Any additional values that are imported into merged areas will be lost.

The result for the above example would be:

1	2	3	4	5
11		13		

\$body

### Remarks

When `PreserveDataOnMergedCells` is set to `true` it will also affect column names when `UseColumnNames` is also set to `true`.