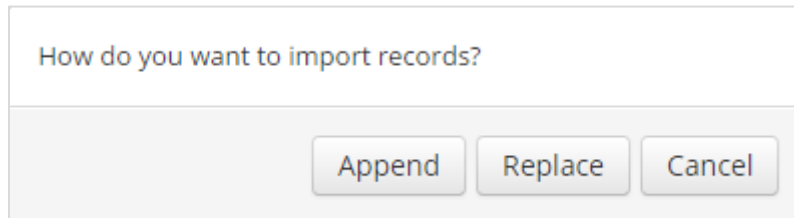# FAQ – Append or Replace when Importing in Crimson Filer

When importing data into your FEC report in CrimsonFiler, whether you're importing data directly from Crimson or via an Excel file, you have the option to "**Append**" or "**Replace**" the existing data.

Either option can be used when importing your data into your FEC report for the first time.

How do you want to import records?

Append   Replace   Cancel

Append

If you choose "**Append**", then the data that you're importing will be added to the existing data in the FEC report.

This option is commonly used when you've noticed missing information that just needs to be added to your FEC report, most likely via an Excel file, and you don't want your existing data to be changed. Please keep in mind that if you choose the "**Append**" option when importing data from Crimson, you will not only add any new data, but you also duplicate any existing data that you previously already imported.

Replace

If you choose "**Replace**", then the data that you're importing will remove and overwrite the existing data in the FEC report.

This option is commonly used when you've made corrections to your data in Crimson or in your Excel file so you would like to wipe out the old data and replace it with the most up-to-date information.