

# Create a Recommendations Dataset

You don't need to upload a full file when you create a new Recommendations dataset schema. A file that contains the required headers and at least three rows will suffice.

All the attributes required for a Recommendations dataset must appear in the file header, with the attribute name matching the exact spelling and case. See the [dataset specifications](#) in the [Recommendations dataset overview](#) to ensure success.

Follow these steps to create a Recommendations dataset.

1. Click **DATASETS** in the top navigation bar, and then, if necessary, select **Product Data**.
2. Click **CREATE DATASET**.
3. Click **Recommendation** and then click **NEXT**.
4. Name the dataset and then click **NEXT**.

The name must begin with a letter and can contain only letters, numbers, and underscores.

5. Drag and drop the file into the upload area, and then wait for the platform to validate the data.
  - If the file fails validation, an error message appears that states the problem encountered. Revise the file, click **RE-UPLOAD**, and then drag and drop the revised file into the upload area.
  - If no errors are detected, ensure the sample shown is correct and then select **Looks good**.
6. Click **CONFIRM AND CREATE**.

Once Monetate finishes creating the schema, the details page for the newly created Recommendations dataset loads, with the Current Updates table showing the file you just uploaded listed and the **PENDING** status at the top-right corner. This status appears until the platform finishes processing the dataset.

With the schema created, you can now update the dataset as needed, especially if you used a file that only contained a few rows. A full update replaces the entire dataset, and a partial update allows you to add new rows or update existing ones. See [Update a Recommendations Dataset](#) for more information.

You can access the dataset's files on the **Update History** tab of its details page in the Monetate platform.

Monetate retains dataset files for 180 days from the date it was uploaded. Once a file is out of this

retention period, it still appears on the dataset's **Update History** tab, but you cannot download it.