



**Ann-Marie Breaux** Aug 11th at 1:16 AM

Hmm - you absolutely should not have to have anything in the item record barcode field. It is not a required field, and I haven't seen that behavior in other environments. One thing to do need to be careful about - do not try to map a default number or text into the barcode number field (e.g. "none" or "TBD"). If the barcode field has data, the data must be unique. If you try to build a second item with the same barcode data, or update a different item with the same barcode data, that second one will fail.

I wonder if we should perhaps have a Data **Import** confab and look at some of your profiles together. Do you think that would be helpful? If so, maybe early/middle next week? This week is pretty hectic for me.

21 replies



**Linda Turney** 22 days ago

I agree with what you have said. I've seen the test environments where the barcode field was empty (null), but everything I tried would not work. I would love to have you look at our profiles. I am available all day Monday, Tuesday afternoon, and Wednesday afternoon (Central time).



**Amanda Scott** 22 days ago

If I remember correctly, when I tried to leave the barcode field blank in an **import** profile, it said that "null" had already been used as a barcode. I have a meeting next Wednesday afternoon (3-4 CST), but other than that, my availability is the same as Linda's.



**Ann-Marie Breaux** 22 days ago

Hi [@Amanda Scott](#) That's right - because "null" is not [blank] - it's a value. And the second time FOLIO tries to fill in an item record's barcode field with "null", it'll error, since that's a duplicate value to the first item record's barcode field.

#+ Also sent to the channel



**Linda Turney** 6 minutes ago

Follow up comment: [@Kyle Banerjee](#) [@ann-marie](#) Today I attempted to use an **import** profile to create instances, holdings, and items -- at it worked perfectly. The barcode field in the item came in as 'no barcode' which is the expected behavior. I don't know if removing all those "null" barcodes was the trick, but its working for me now.



**Ann-Marie Breaux** 6 minutes ago



**Ann-Marie Breaux** 4 minutes ago

Yay! Now are you brave enough to try another one??? I'm about 85% sure that it will work properly, but it would be good to confirm. And if you think the problem really is cleared up, then I'll close the bug that the Data **Import** developers are working on: <https://issues.folio.org/browse/MODINV-474>



**Amanda Scott** 3 minutes ago

I tried one, too, and it also worked.



**Ann-Marie Breaux** 3 minutes ago

Excellent! Are you comfortable with me closing the bug?



**Ann-Marie Breaux** 2 minutes ago

And has MTSU been migrated to Juniper yet, or not yet?



**Linda Turney** 1 minute ago

I just did 2 back to back and they came in fine. Yes, I think you can close the bug, not on juniper yet



**Ann-Marie Breaux** < 1 minute ago

Woot! The devs will be happy! these bugs that don't reproduce except in one library's environment are really difficult to troubleshoot. It's not usually the code, but rather a configuration issue of some kind