



Imported Connections

Best Practice: How to Implement Imported Connections

The imported connections design pattern is a function that allows users to import contacts from one application into another. Allowing users to import contacts from one mail client, social media site, or address book to another saves them time and effort. To implement the imported connections design pattern correctly, follow these steps:

- 1** | **Make sure that users know about the facility of importing existing connections** when they first begin using your mail client, service, website, or application. This can be part of a user manual, a step-by-step installation guide, or a one-time pop-up. Imparting this information to users allows them to import their contacts immediately, or, at the very least, it informs them of this capacity for a later time.
- 2** | The system should relieve the users of having to search for their contacts; simply **provide the users with a command button that will search the contact list** from another application, or guide the users through the process by using a wizard.
- 3** | **Ensure the users have the means of accessing the 'import contacts' function** from their main dashboard or menu options, so they can execute this operation at any time they want without having to go through a lengthy, drawn-out process.

