Exporting and Importing Explorer Contents

To exchange Designer content between systems or namespaces, or simply to create a copy of something, you can export and import the contents of the explorer tree. However, import and export are not equally allowed for all elements. The table below lists the available options for each element:

	Namespace	Folder	Service
Export	✗	✓	✓
Import	✓	✓	✗

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Version Considerations

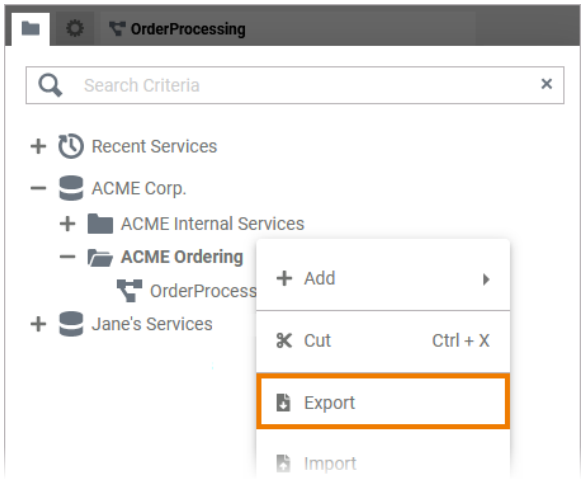
By exporting and importing, you can transfer Designer contents between PAS installations. These installations may have divergent versions.

> As of Designer 21.1.3, import will perform migrations on the imported service if the data to be imported is **not older than Designer 21.1.3** (2.0.165).
> If there is a version gap of more than one version, multiple migrations will be applied if necessary.

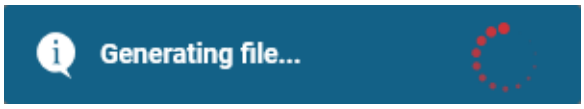
Limitations

- You cannot import newer versions to a system having an older version installed.
- There are no migrations if importing Designer content from versions prior to Designer 21.1.3 (2.0.165). This may result in the imported service not working.
  In the future, importing data from a version older than 21.1.3 will be disabled.

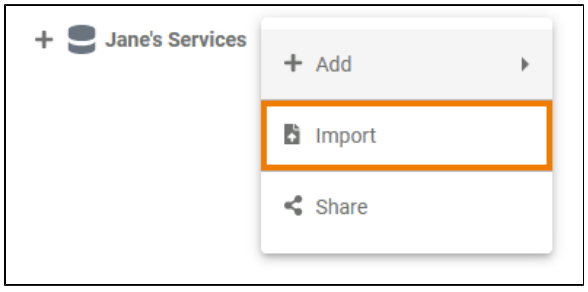
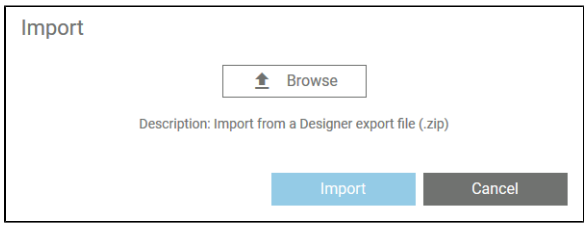
Exporting Explorer Content

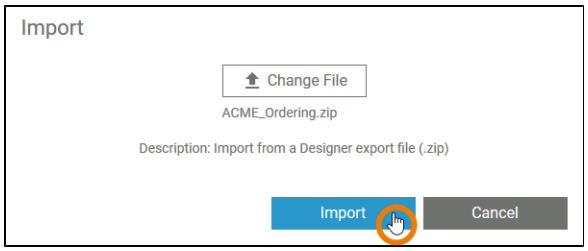
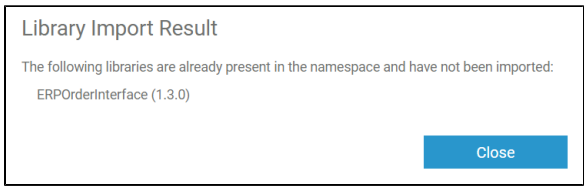


If you want to export an element, for example to create a backup copy of your model, select **Export** from the context menu.

	On exporting from a **Folder** or **Service**, you have the choice whether or not to include the libraries used in the export. By default libraries are included in an export. Click **Export** to confirm your choice and start the exporting process.
	During the export a message **Generating file...** is displayed.
	A toast message also confirms a successful export.

Importing Explorer Content

	If you want to import an element, for example to transfer a backup copy to another namespace, select **Import** from the context menu.
	A pop-up **Import** opens. Click **Browse** to select the file you want to import.

	The name of the selected file is displayed. To change your selection, click **C hange File**. Start the import by clicking the **Im port** button.
	A toast message confirms a successful import.
	Export files may contain necessary libraries. If you import an export file containing libraries, you will be notified by a pop-up notice. Two different notes are possible: • **Libraries imported successfull y:** The listed library versions have not already been available in the namespace and have been imported successfully.
	• **Libraries already present in the namespace:** The library version to be imported is already present in the namespace, and is therefore ignored. Thi s applies to libraries of the same version, no matter if the imported library has the same or a different timestamp.

Please check the imported service for functionality as the existing library will be assigned to the new service.

	The imported element is displayed in the tree.