

# Use non dc metadata in the item importer

Non dc metadata can be used in the item import supplying additional metadata files per item and schema.

The files got to be named

```
metadata_[prefix].xml
```

. The prefix is the name of the metadata schema as registered with the DSpace instance the importer is used on.

An import directory with dc and non-dc metadata might look like this:

```
archive_directory/  
  item_000/  
    dublin_core.xml  
    metadata_foo.xml  
    metadata_bar.xml  
    contents  
    file_1.doc  
    file_2.pdf  
  item_001/  
    dublin_core.xml  
    contents  
    file_1.png
```

The

```
metadata_[prefix].xml
```

has the same structure as the

```
dublin_core.xml
```

. The prefix given in the name determines the metadata schema used whereas

```
dublin_core.xml
```

is only used for metadata with the dc schema. So for each non-dc schema it's own

```
metadata_[prefix].xml
```

must be supplied.

**Note:** Make sure that every metadata field you use is registered with the metadata registry of your DSpace instance.