

# How to retrieve or use custom fields for Blancco Management Console API

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## Description

How to retrieve custom fields from Blancco Management Console API to include in a CSV export, or use as a search field in an export.

## Step by step instructions

To access the custom fields via the Blancco Management Console report export API you will need to specify the path to the custom field "*user\_data.fields.fieldName*" within your request xml file. For example, for a field entitled "Client", the path would be "*user\_data.fields.Client*".

For use as a search path you need to use the full path entry in the search path. `<search path="user_data.fields.fieldName" value="fieldValue" operator="eq" datatype="string" conjunction="true" />`. For example if you were searching for a particular client name "Blancco" the search path would be `<search path="user_data.fields.Client" value="Blancco" operator="eq" datatype="string" conjunction="true" />`

### Search Path Example - using the custom field as a search criteria:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<request>
<export-report>
<report mode="original"/>
<search path="user_data.fields.Client" value="Blancco" operator="eq" datatype="string" conjunction="true" />
</export-report>
</request>
```

### CSV Example - exporting the custom field value as a column in CSV:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?> <request>
<export-report>
<report mode="original"/>
<search path="user_data.fields.Client" value="Blancco" operator="eq" datatype="string" conjunction="true" />
<reportColumns>
<columnPath>user_data.fields.Client</columnPath>-->
</reportColumns>
<csv-options csvLanguage="en_US" delimiter="," subDelimiter=":" />
</export-report>
</request>
```