Connect CodeREADr to Third-Party Tools with CSV Web Links

Scans · https://www.codereadr.com/knowledgebase/connect-third-party-tools-csv-web-links/

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Connect Barcode Scans to Google Sheets, Excel, Power BI, and More

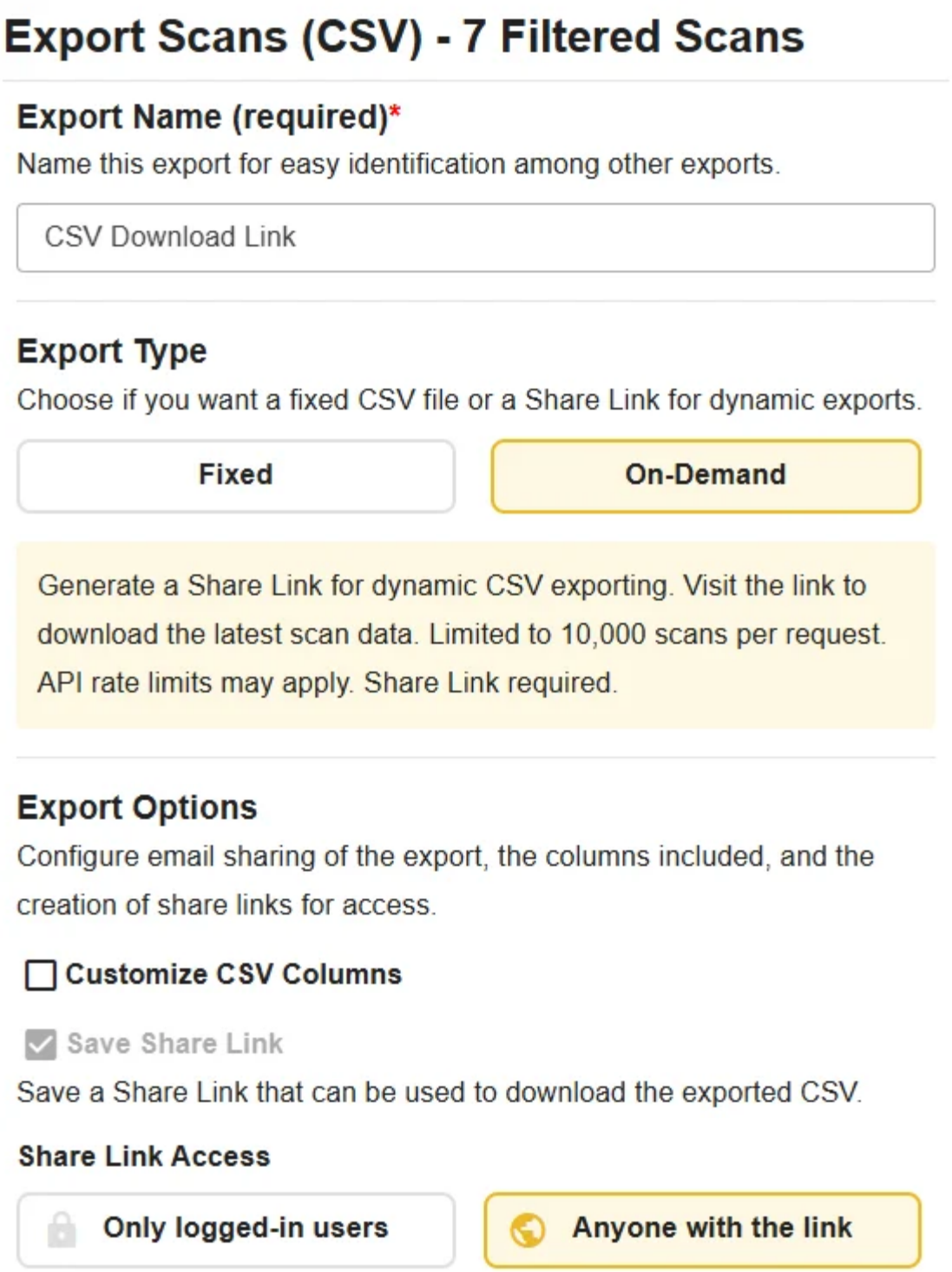
Scan records automatically transferred from CodeREADr servers to third-party spreadsheets, tables, and dashboards supporting CSV Web Links.

Example of a popular use case: Inventory Audits.

Notes:
1. Scan data associated with each link is updated on our servers every 10 minutes, subject to a load-management system during peak times.
2. To work as a transfer mechanism, these CSV Web Links are not password-protected by design. You should share URLs only with authorized individuals as needed.

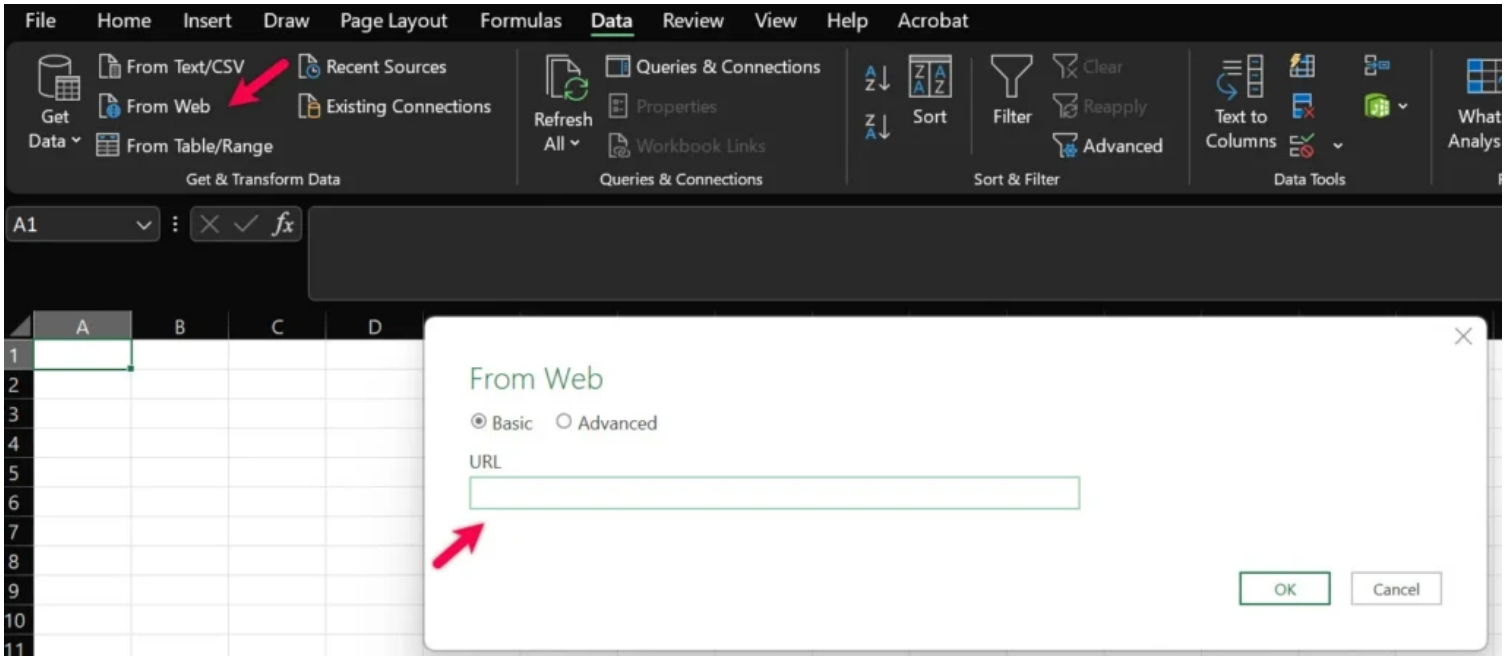
Generate CSV Download Link

1. Navigate to the **Scans** page after logging into the CodeREADr website.
2. Click **Export Scans** in the top right hand corner.
3. Choose to either generate a fixed (one-time) or On-Demand (repeatedly updated) export.
4. Check the box to Save Share Link.



Excel Desktop

1. Data tab.
2. Click **Get Data → From Web**.

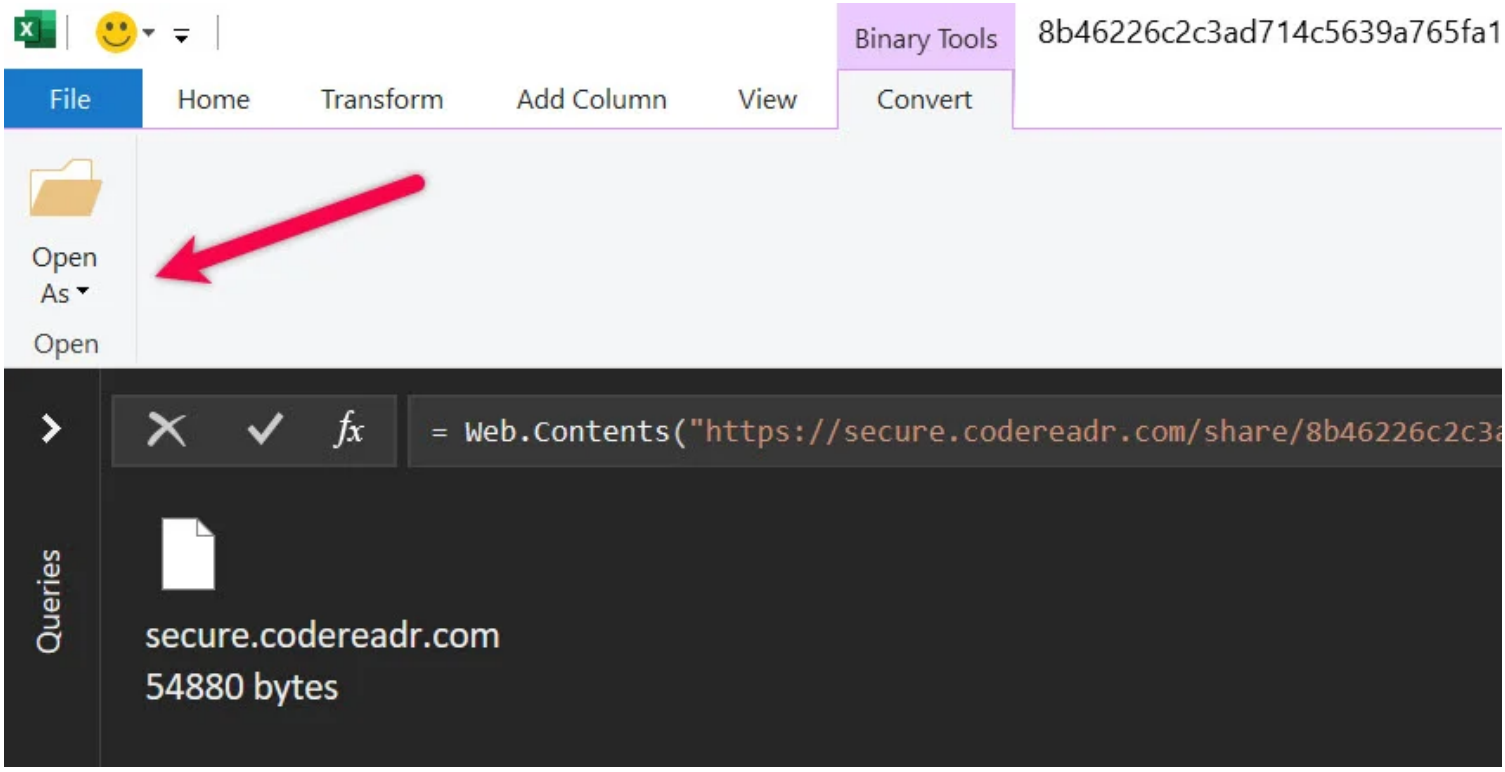


3. Paste the CodeREADr CSV URL into the input box.

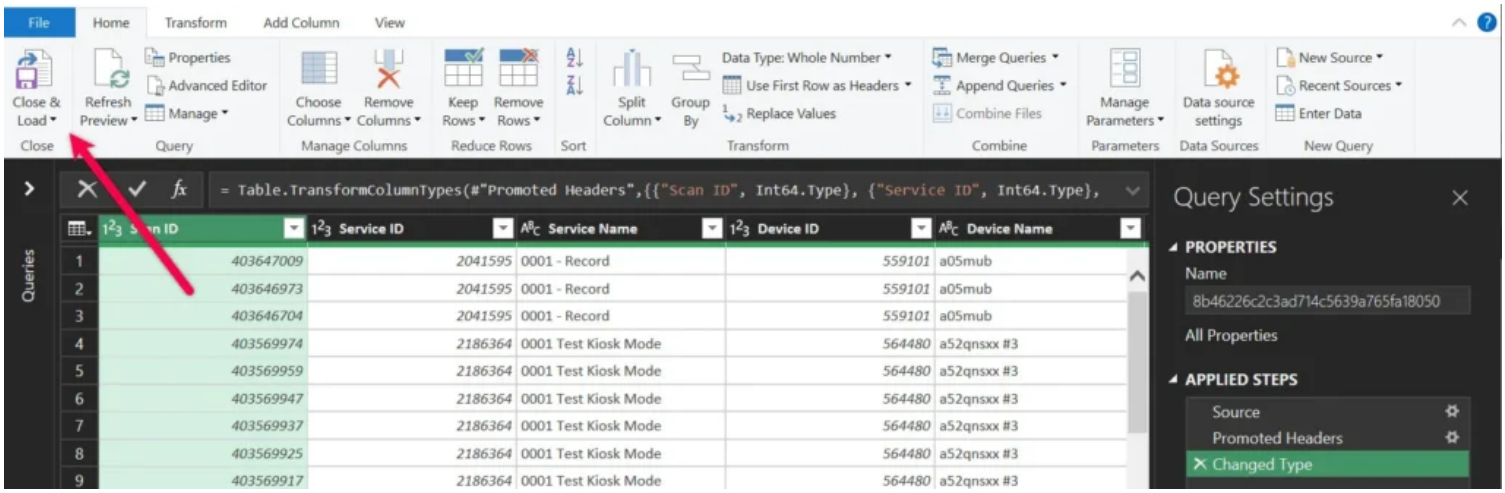
4. Click **OK**.

Load and Transform the Data (Optional)

1. Excel will open **Power Query Editor**.
2. If prompted, choose **Anonymous Access**.
3. Power Query will display a table preview of your CSV.



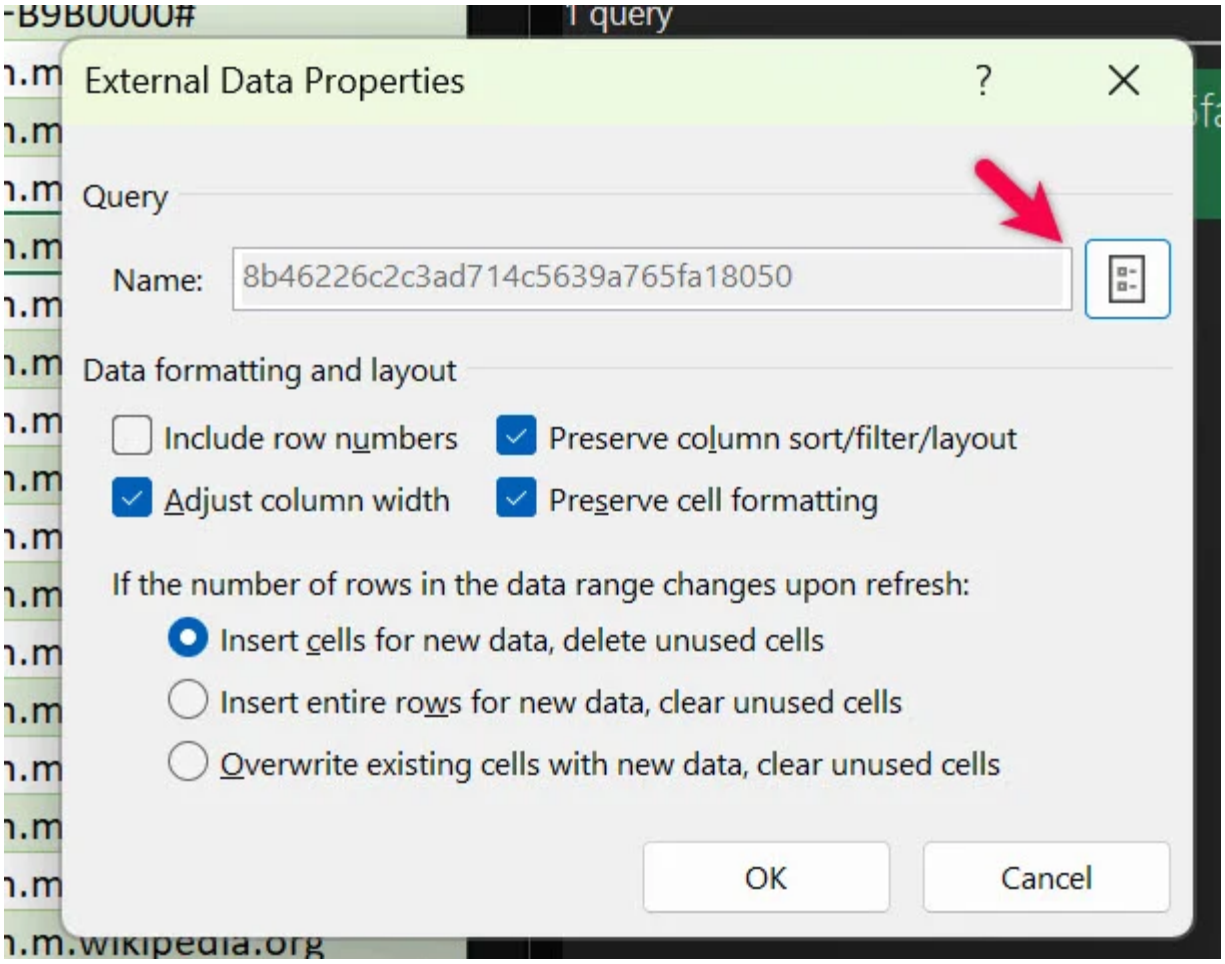
4. Click to insert the scan records into your Excel sheet.



Enable Auto-Refresh (Optional)

To keep your Excel file updated:

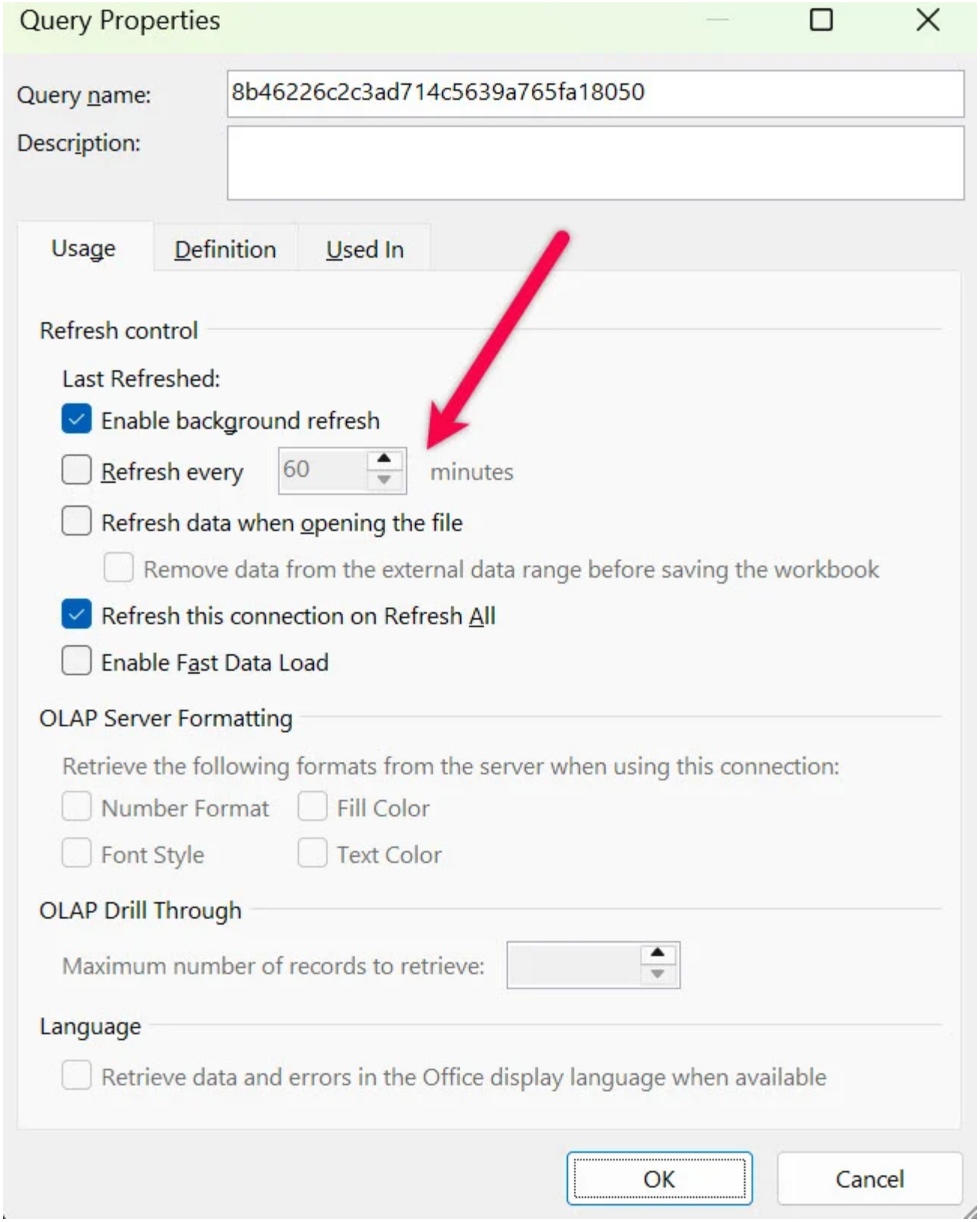
1. Right-click on the imported table.
2. Click **Table > External Data Properties**.



3. Check:

- Refresh every [X] minutes

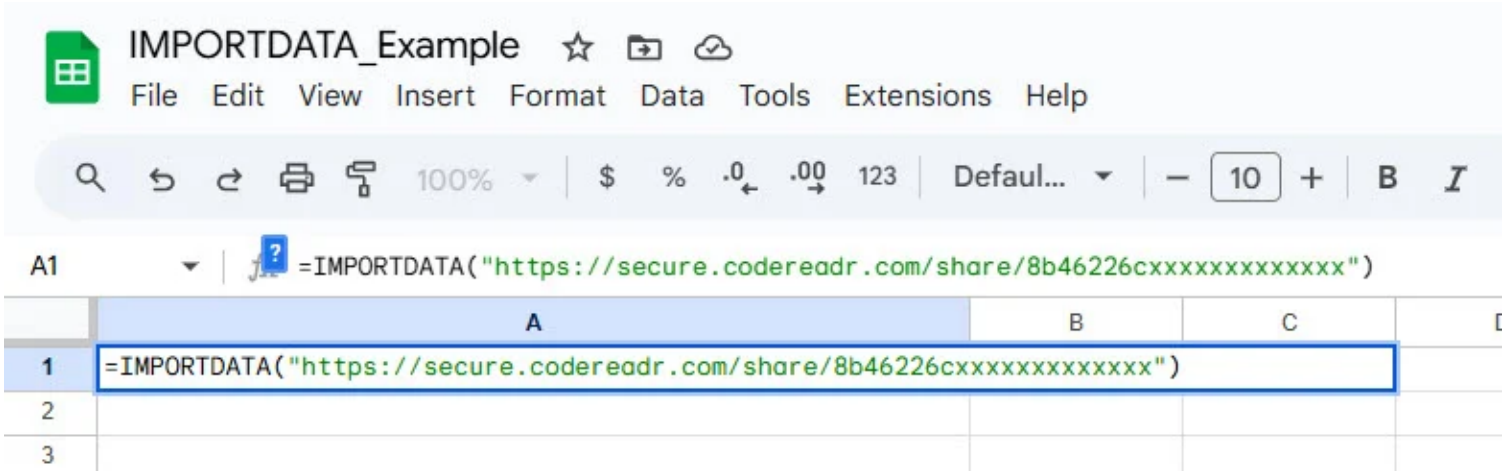
- Refresh data when opening the file



Google Sheets

Create the formula:

=IMPORTDATA("CSV_DOWNLOAD_LINK")



Note: The standard auto-refresh for a sheet is 60 minutes based on Google's settings.

Alternative: CodeREADr Connector Add-On

1. Sync scans to sheets in real-time with the sidebar open.
2. Sync sheet data to databases on CodeREADr's servers.

CodeREADr Connector for Google Sheets Instructions

CodeREADr Connector on Google Workspace

Power BI Desktop

- **You can import a CSV Web Link** using:
  - **Home > Get Data > Web**
  - Paste the **CSV URL**
- Power BI Desktop will fetch the data from the URL and let you transform it with Power Query.
- ⚠ However, **scheduled refreshes will not run** unless the file is published to Power BI Service.

Power BI Service (Web)

- **Supports automatic/scheduled refresh**, but only **after publishing the report** from Power BI Desktop.
- The web version (PowerBI.com) **relies on the data source being accessible from the cloud**. If the CSV Web Link is publicly accessible (e.g., HTTPS and no login required), scheduled refresh will work.

- To set up:
  1. Create the report in Power BI Desktop using the CSV Web Link.
  2. Publish it to **Power BI Service**.
  3. Configure **Scheduled Refresh** in the **Dataset Settings**.

Top 25 Third-Party Platforms That Support CSV Web Links

- Here's an AI-generated list of platforms that support CSV Web Links. Use AI to help you connect.
- Many other platforms also support CSV Web Links. You can use search or AI to check how to use CSV Web Links with the platform of your choice.