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Importing Data from other Systems

Files can be imported into **PatternFinder (PF)** where a **SFP** is created and the imported file is transformed into a **DAT** file.

To import data from other systems into **PF**, click on the **Import file to new SFP** button 

The following window appears:

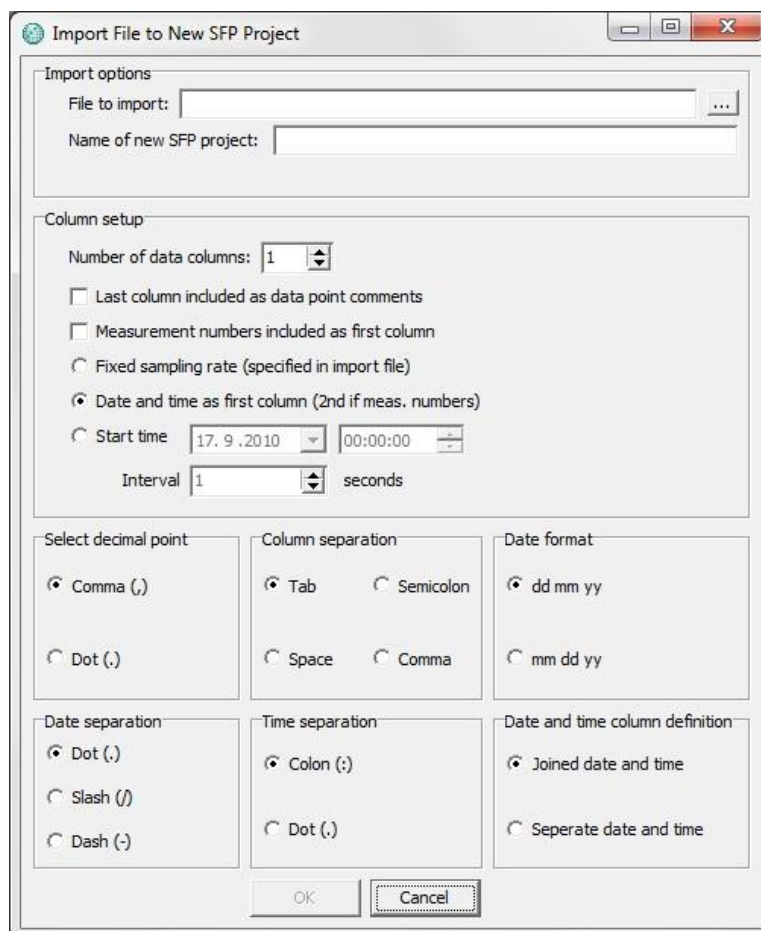


Figure 1 Import file to new SFP project

Browse for the file you want to import and name the project.

- No header is included in the file. The user defines the start date, time and the sampling frequency in the import window (see figure 1).

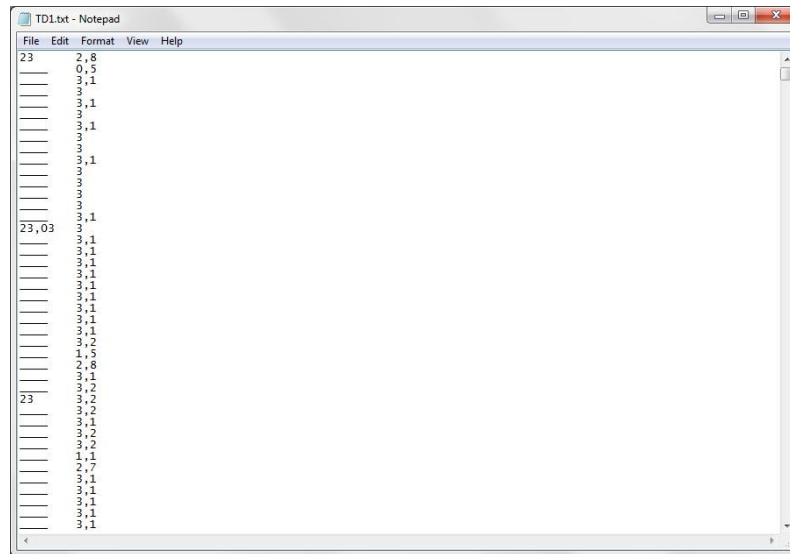


Figure 4 Option 3

Column Setup

Before importing the file, the user must fill in the definition on how the data is organized in the file.

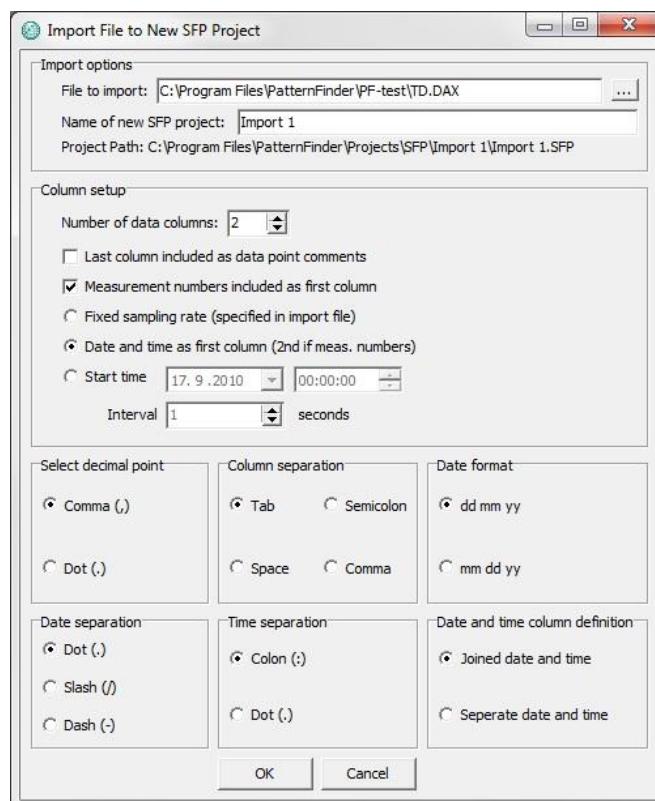


Figure 5 Import file to new SFP project

In the test file (type 1) data is organized as follows (see figure 5):

Number of data columns: 2

- Measurement number included as first column
- Date and time as first column (2nd if meas. Number)

Decimal point: comma.

Column separation: TAB

Date format: dd mm yy

Date separation: Dot

Time separation: Colon (:)

Date and time column definition: Joined date and time

Once the definition has been filled out, click OK and the window in figure 6 appears. For each data channel the user needs to select a unit and define the number of decimals.

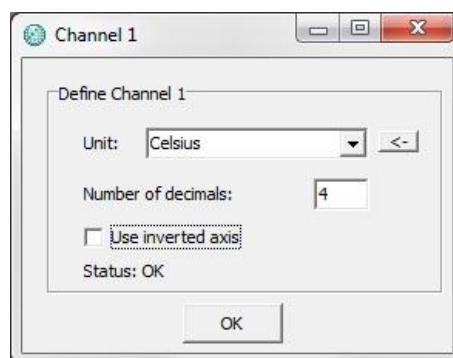


Figure 6 Channel 1

The Unit Settings can be changed by clicking on the arrow on the right side of the **Unit** column (see figure 6).

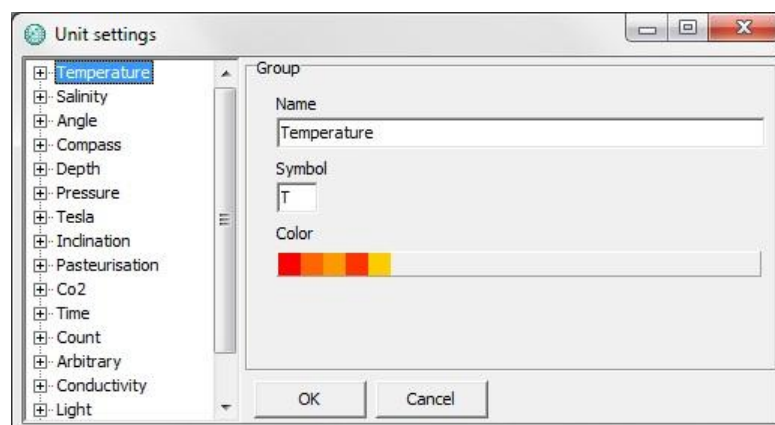


Figure 7 Unit Settings

Once the user has defined the data, click **OK** and the data will be imported into **PF** as **SFP** (see figure 8).

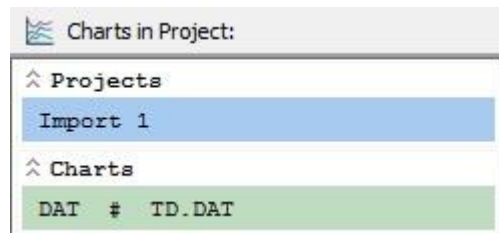


Figure 8 Overview Pane

Project Information

To see if a file has been imported to **PF** select **Project-Properties** and the following window appears:

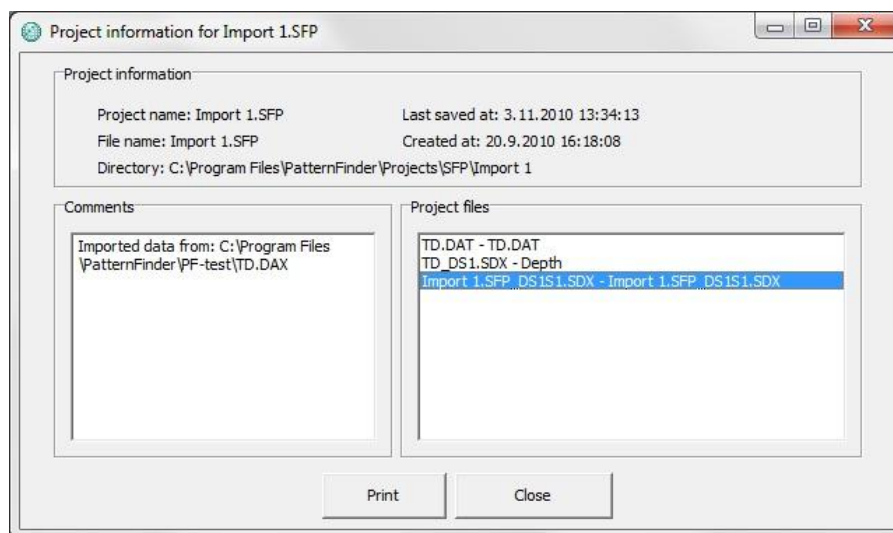


Figure 9 Project information

In **Project Information** the user can view information on the project files and add comments about the project (see figure 9). Select **Print** to print out the information (see figure 10).

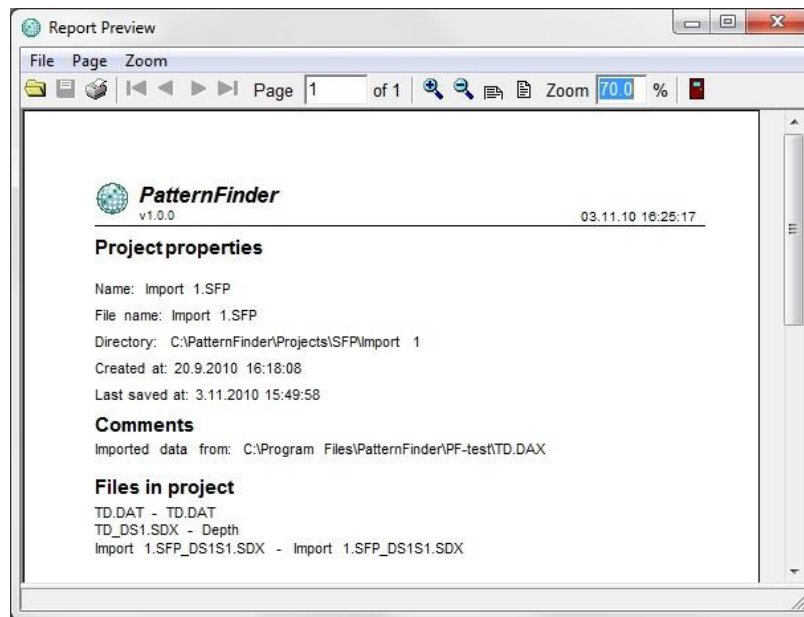


Figure 10 Report Preview