

Notes about PC Design

This document provides general information about contributing to and retrieving information from the Plant Collections project.

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Contributors

Contributing to the Plant Collections project requires the following steps:

1. Create an account with Google Base.
2. Generate the appropriate bulk upload files for Google Base.
3. Upload your data
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 as information about your institution and collection changes.

We are endeavoring to make steps 2–4 as simple as possible by providing software that will connect with your database, generate the necessary bulk upload files, upload the data to Google Base, and re-synchronize the data as necessary.

Consumers

Anyone may view information uploaded to Google Base by the Plant Collections project participants, and including basic searches of the information on a web site should be trivial thanks to the widely adopted standards that are being used by Google.

We are also producing a portal that will provide an enhanced experience for users of the Plant Collections data.