

An Etsy Draft Batch Before Upload

Reconcile product rows, original assets and review states
before creating marketplace drafts

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How to use this guide

Creators preparing a small mixed digital and physical product batch for their own authorized Etsy shop.

An original eight-item rehearsal with product records, actual small text and SVG practice assets, deliberate mismatches, a repair ledger and a draft-transfer worksheet. The result is an inspected local batch and a clear list of provider checks, not live Etsy listings.

- Distinguish product identity, asset identity and provider listing identity.
- Find and repair four deliberate local readiness failures without deleting records.
- Keep digital delivery files separate from listing-preview assets.
- Reconcile a draft-only transfer without blindly repeating uncertain operations.

Scope and limitations

- The case products and store aliases are fictional; SVG diagrams are practice evidence, not photographs of manufactured goods.
- No real shop, listing, credential, application activation or provider upload is included.
- KitForma local preparation is available with an account; live Etsy connection and uploads depend on application activation and authorization.
- No publication, acceptance, sales, tax or legal guarantee is made.

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Define what a draft batch is allowed to do

A batch is a group of proposed changes with a shared purpose and an explicit boundary. Our fictional Quay Notes batch contains eight products: four digital text downloads and four physical-product practice records. The exercise prepares their data and assets for review. It does not publish products, create a real store or represent the schematic artwork as proof that physical goods have been manufactured. Write that boundary before arranging files.

Draft-only is a meaningful destination state, but it is not the same as harmless. A draft can still contain the wrong price, someone else's image or a file intended for another buyer. Treat creation as an external action that needs correct account identity and a traceable record. The fact that customers cannot yet buy the item is an opportunity for inspection, not a reason to skip preparation.

Etsy's API tutorial distinguishes inactive drafts from active listings and describes creating a draft before associated work such as uploading listing images. ^[S1] This book uses that separation as a planning boundary. It does not provide credentials or claim that an API application is already approved. If an authorized connection is unavailable, the local preparation remains useful and the transfer worksheet must remain pending.

The supplied product IDs D01 through D04 and P01 through P04 are our working identities. They stay stable even when a title changes. They are not Etsy listing IDs, and the book never invents provider identifiers for them. A real transfer would record the returned listing identity separately. This prevents a local row number from being mistaken for evidence that an external object exists.

Start a batch note with the input version, product count, intended shop and permitted action. For the exercise, the shop field reads fictional rehearsal, no connection. For real work, verify the actual shop before any write. If you are helping another seller, their authorization and eligible content remain necessary. A neatly formatted CSV does not supply either, and a successful login does not establish permission for every operation.

Sources and tools

[S1] Etsy Open API: Listings Tutorial

<https://developers.etsy.com/documentation/tutorials/listings/>

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[S2] Etsy: How to Manage Your Digital Listings

<https://help.etsy.com/hc/en-us/articles/115015628347-How-to-Manage-Your-Digital-Listings>

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[S3] Etsy: How to Create a Listing

<https://help.etsy.com/hc/en-us/articles/115015628707-How-to-Create-a-Listing>

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[S4] Etsy: Processing Times and Profiles

<https://help.etsy.com/hc/en-us/articles/115015588087-How-to-Set-Processing-Times-Processing-Profiles-and-Ship-By-Dates>

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Etsy bulk draft uploader

Optional local preparation with login. Real connection and draft transfer require activated application access and shop authorization.

<https://kitforma.com/en/etsy-bulk-upload/>

CSV structure validator

Inspect table structure; it cannot verify product truth or approve a listing.

<https://kitforma.com/en/csv-validator/>

Compare two lists

Compare expected product and asset identifiers before transfer.

<https://kitforma.com/en/text-list-compare/>

Inside the complete guide

Build an inventory with separate identities

Separate digital delivery from physical fulfillment

Match files by ownership as well as existence

Represent incomplete rows honestly

Review the listing promise before any transfer

Plan transfer states that survive interruptions

Reconcile the batch in both directions

Capstone: repair the Quay Notes rehearsal

Answer key and reusable draft controls