



Allowing Duplicate Words in the Naming Standards Glossary

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ERwin Naming Standards Editor is a powerful tool which allows Data Modelers to reuse an Organization's naming standards across Logical/Physical models thereby reducing duplicate efforts considerably. To share and reuse model objects within your organization, it is important to develop naming standards so that everyone in your organization uses names correctly and consistently. Using the Naming Standards editor you can:

- Develop model naming standards
- Develop a glossary of words and abbreviations that can be used in model names
- Check model names for accuracy
- Name model objects in models derived from other models

Problem Statement:

One of the main drawbacks of Naming Standards Editor is – it does not allow duplicate words/abbreviations in the Glossary Tab. In a real world, there might exist multiple words / abbreviations across Organizations glossary of words. For eg. “Description” can be classified as both Modifier → “DESC” & Class Word → “DE”.

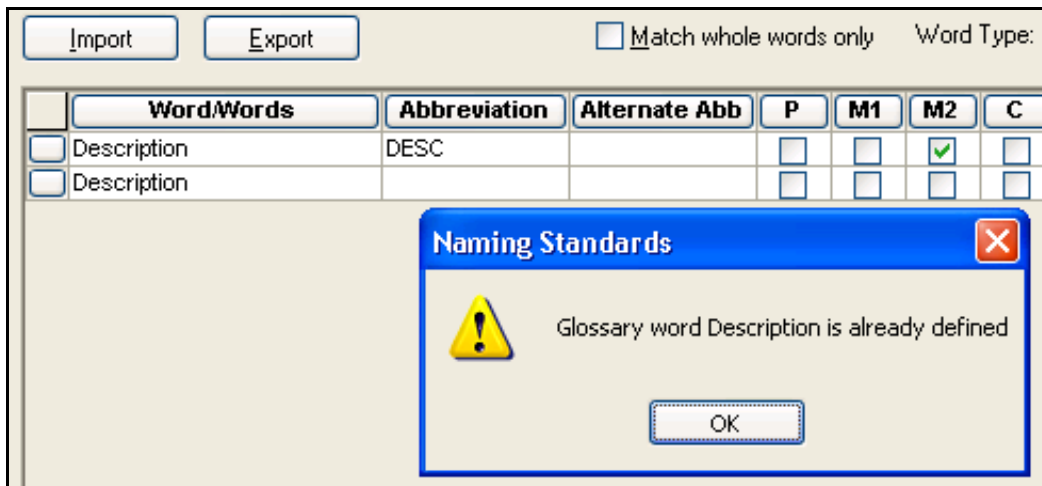


Figure 1 - Duplicate Word error with Naming Standards Editor

Solution:

In order to facilitate the above scenario, a workaround solution (might be a bug) can be achieved by using the Import/Export option using the following steps.

- Export the Glossary list to .csv file
- Append the .csv file with the duplicate words/abbreviations
- Import the .csv file back into the Naming Standards Editor and save it as .nsm file.

The important point being, Naming Standards Editor does not validate duplicate words/abbreviations when you import, instead it validates only when the user manually keys in words/abbreviations in the Glossary Tab.

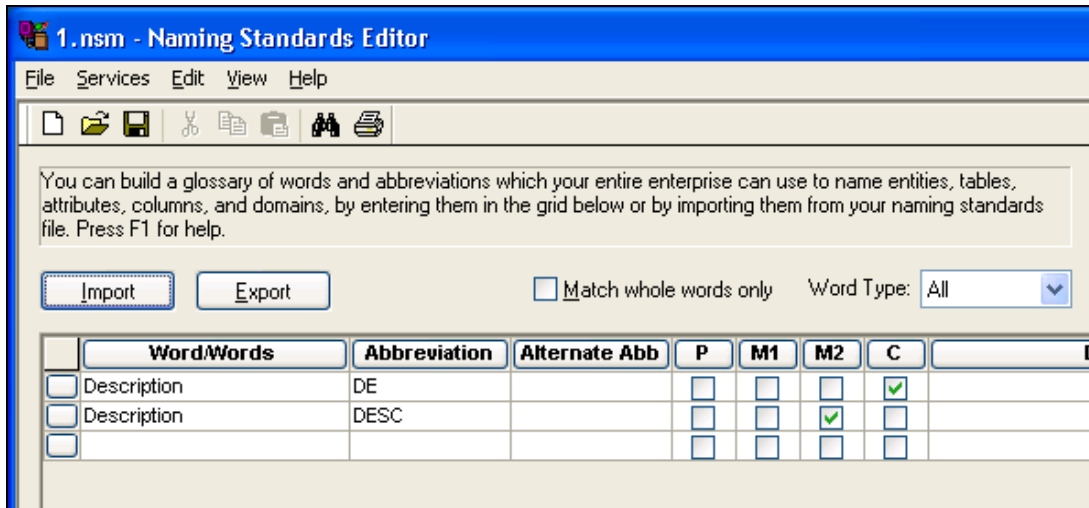


Figure 2 - Duplicate Words in the Naming Standards Editor