

## BIEN 3 - Task #473

### use `_merge` instead of `_alt` to avoid losing source data on import

08/14/2012 10:57 PM - Aaron Marcuse-Kubitza

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<b>Target version:</b>			
<b>Activity type:</b>			
<b>Description</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>_alt</code> only preserves one of several alternative fields, while <code>_merge</code> concatenates them</li><li>• Important: <code>_alt</code> is still needed in cases where multiple input fields can serve as the unique key for a table, but additional input fields are also mapped elsewhere as their primary destination<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ e.g. <code>occurrenceID</code> being used as <code>location.sourceaccessioncode</code> when no <code>locationID</code> is available</li></ul></li><li>• <del>in addition to changing the mappings, the auto-<code>alts</code> added by <code>bin/map</code> should be changed to <code>_merges</code></del></li></ul>			

### History

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