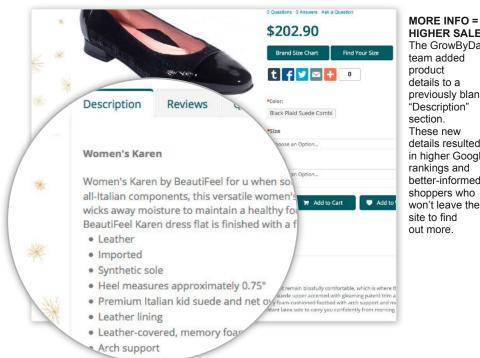


## Faster data entry:

Retailer uses automation to add 58,180 product details, just in time for the holidays



**HIGHER SALES** The GrowByData team added product details to a previously blank "Description" section. These new details resulted in higher Google rankings and better-informed shoppers who won't leave the site to find

"Managing the expansion of data and utilizing it in all areas of our Magento catalog was a big job, especially as new vendors and products were added.

We collected some data from our partners, but could not process it all because we were doing everything manually."

Michael Schuler, Director of eCommerce

## **SUMMARY**

To grow holiday sales, Schuler Shoes wanted give customers better product information, improve Google rankings, and enhance their marketplace presence. A critical part of their strategy was to enhance product data by adding detailed information, like dimensions and technical specifications.

In just five months GrowByData enabled Schuler Shoes to do what otherwise would have taken them several years:

- Add product details to 100% of their catalog (16,980 SKUs)
- Utilize automation techniques to dynamically enhance new items quickly
- Dramatically improve customer experience

Upon completion, 58,180 attributes were added.

#### **ABOUT SCHULER SHOES**



Schuler Shoes, founded in 1889, is the leading destination for men, women, and kids looking

for comfortable shoes and top brands. They have 240 employees and operate 10 retail locations in addition to their online presence.

## **CHALLENGES**

Some manufacturers provide detailed product information to Schuler Shoes, but most do not. Filling in these data gaps requires a combination of manual data work, along with automation, and Schuler Shoes was not able to keep up. They tried a "very expensive" solution to solve this problem, but didn't get the results they were after. 100% of products updated with rich data (16,980 total)

products with rich data

## AUTOMATION UPDATE

A single automation project enhanced 4,870 eligible products in bulk.

#### **ACCELERATED PRODUCTION**

The remaining items were too complex for bulk automation, but due to knowing the data's nuances and utilizing smaller scale automation, production was far faster than in the first two months.



SUCCESS 100% of 16,980 products updated with rich data. We

finished just in time

for the holidays.



## MANUAL PRODUCTION/ LEARNING PERIOD Manual entry was used

Manual entry was used as we learned the data's nuances and automation possibilities.



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# What was most important to you when evaluating your options?

SCHULER: Understanding of our goals and the data required, as well as the quality of the new data generated — both for search engine purposes and for our audience.

## How long did it take to get up and running?

SCHULER: It took a couple weeks to get the data planned out and in place to make sure that we were passing the right info back and forth. But after that it has been very simple to continue receiving updates and import those into our catalog.

# Is there a particular aspect of our solution that you rely on most?

SCHULER: At this time, we use all of the data we receive from GrowByData to update and build out our catalog with richer attributes, so we definitely rely on that the most.

## **HOW GROWBYDATA HELPED**

**GROWBYDATA ADDS RICH** 

100% of Schuler's 16,980 products

**DATA TO PRODUCTS QUICKLY** 

In just 5 months, we added rich data attributes to

Schuler Shoes was held back from improving customer experience and growing sales because they could not update their product catalog fast enough. Then they found GrowByData.

GrowByData's unique approach to Catalog Management provided Schuler Shoes with everything they needed to update their product catalog faster. The solution includes database engineering, data entry analysts to perform manual work, and GrowByData's proprietary Universal Data Hub.

### THE RESULTS

GrowByData is enabling Schuler Shoes to increase productivity and sales by quickly deepening product data throughout its entire catalog. In just 5 months, 58,180 attributes have been added to 100% of its product catalog (16,980 items), solving a problem that had lingered for years.

Schuler Shoes is now spending less money on more expensive vendors, and its internal team has more time to work on other strategic initiatives. Sales are growing too.

When asked if GrowByData has met his expectations, Schuler responses, "yes, definitely!"

