# How to enter your Balsam fir data

You should save your data as a comma-separated value (CSV) file, which is a plain text format for spreadsheets. CSV files can be viewed and edited with many applications (e.g. Microsoft Excel, OpenOffice Calc, Google Sheets, R). This will enable us to read the data into R for Lab 3, and while R can read Excel files too, the CSV format is more generally accessible.

## Using Microsoft Excel or similar

1) Open Excel and enter your data.

2) Save as a csv file. You should choose a name for your file that is distinct from any other files in the Lab 2 directory of the Github repository (i.e., try not to give your file the same name as another group). Select "File" -> "Save As..." -> In the "Format" drop-down menu select "Comma-Separated Values (.csv)" -> Click "Save". This may prompt the warning "This workbook contains features that will not work or may be removed if you save it in the selected file format. Do you want to continue?" - Click "Continue" to proceed with saving the file. If you are prompted by an additional warning concerning the encoding of the file, select the option "UTF-8 encoding" to prevent including unwanted special characters in your file.

3) Go to “Submit a Pull Request” below.

## Directly in the GitHub repository

1) Open the Lab 2 directory of the class repository.

2) Click on