

SPSS INTRO

For EDUC/PSY 6600

#### WHAT IS "SPSS"

- "Statistics Package for the Social Science"
- You can use the program to...
- entry or read in data
- check your data for errors
- explore the data
- o run statistical analysis
- o create tables & graphs

#### THREE main windows

- Data Editor (data view & variable view)
  - where you can look at the actual data values
- Syntax
  - o where you type or paste commands telling what the computer to do
- Output
  - o where the program spits out 'stuff' you need to interpret

#### HOW TO GET SPSS

- Most every computer lab on USU campus has SPSS installed
- If you are a paying student at USU, you can run SPSS remotely on any other computer for free through "apps.usu.edu" (see Canvas for directions to use Citrix)
- You can pay big bucks to have your own license \$\$\$
  'Gard Pack 23.0' Base = \$41/6 months, Premium = \$99/year (summer 2016)

#### Standard Professional Base Premium Single-user, desktop application for Single-user, desktop application for Single-user, desktop application for Single-user, desktop application for Windows and Macs. Includes 12 months Windows and Macs. Includes 12 months Windows and Macs, Includes 12 months Windows and Macs, Includes 12 months of technical support. of technical support. of technical support. of technical support. Starting at Starting at Starting at Starting at per user per year per user per year per user per year per user per vear

# SPSS VIA CITRIX

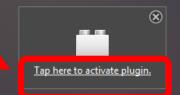
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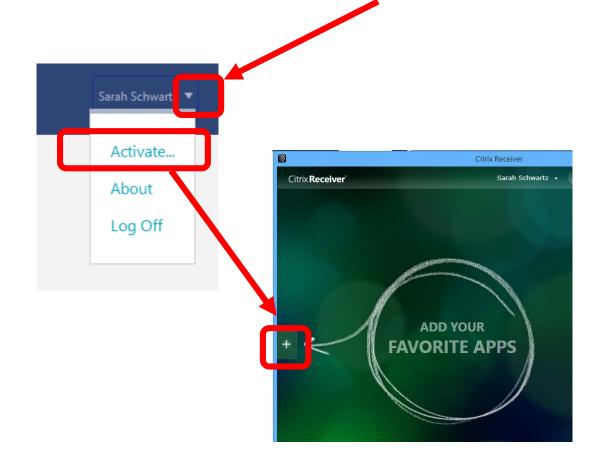
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Activate the Citrix plug-in

Allow this website to run the Citrix plug-in to access apps.

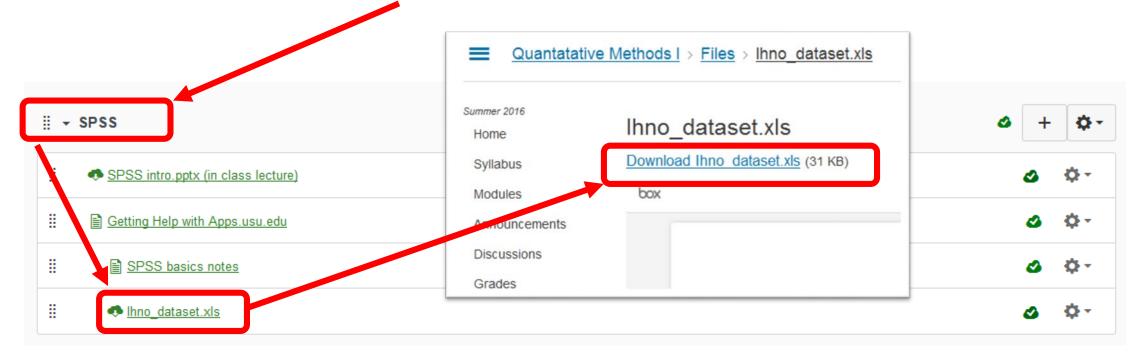


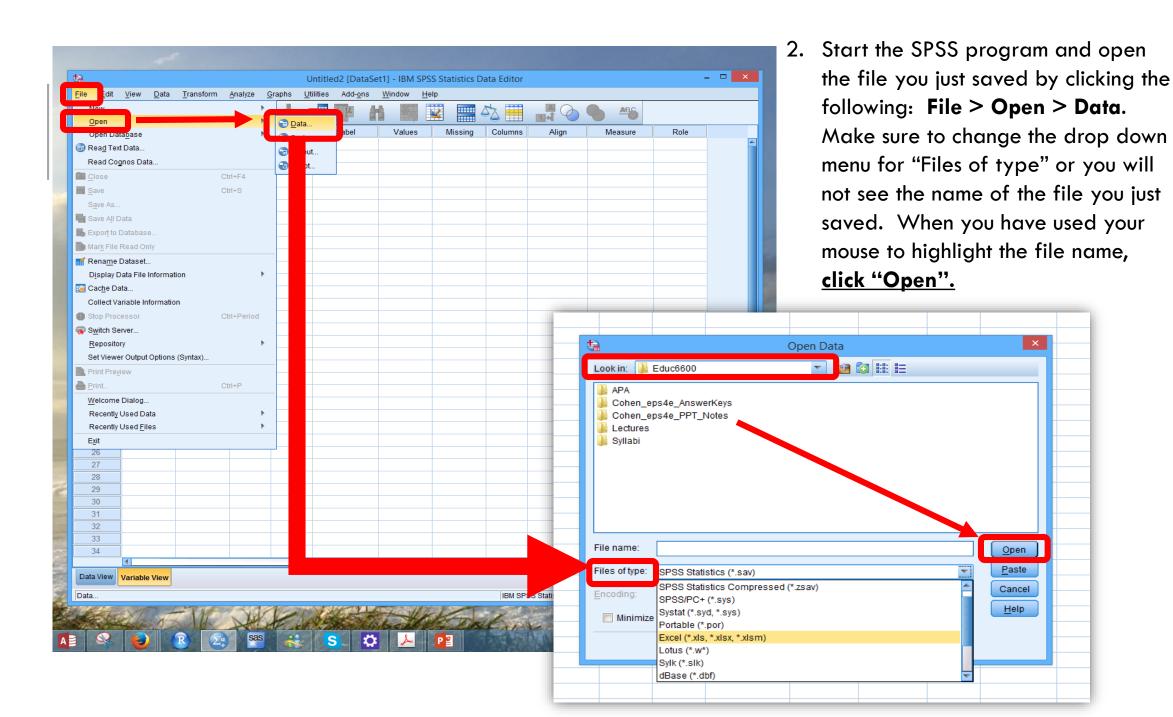
- Go to "apps.usu.edu"
- $\square$  Login w/ you're a-number & strong password
- Activate the Citrix plug-in (if asked..."allow & remember"
- ☐ First time you will need to click the down arrow by your name {upper-right corner}, click: Open "receiverconfig.cr", click: "Add", you may have to put your password in again
- ☐ In the new 'green' window, add your apps to the window by clicking on the "+"



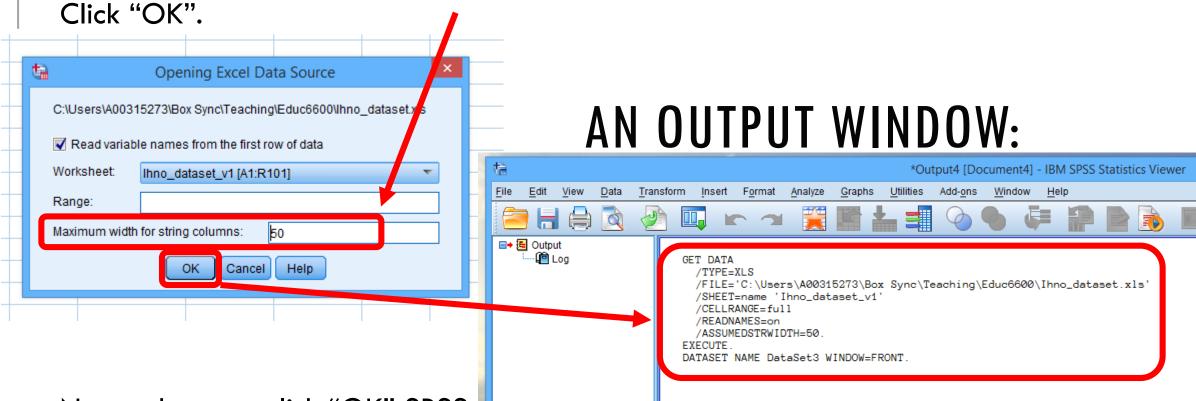
# HOW TO OPEN THE **IHNO** ("EEE-KNOW") DATASET

1. Download the dataset to the computer you will be working on by going to our <u>CANVAS</u> page, under the <u>Module</u> for <u>SPSS</u> click on the <u>Ihno dataset.xls</u>. Then you will need to click on the writing in blue that says "<u>Download Ihno dataset.xls</u>". Save the file somewhere you will remember and can find in the next step.



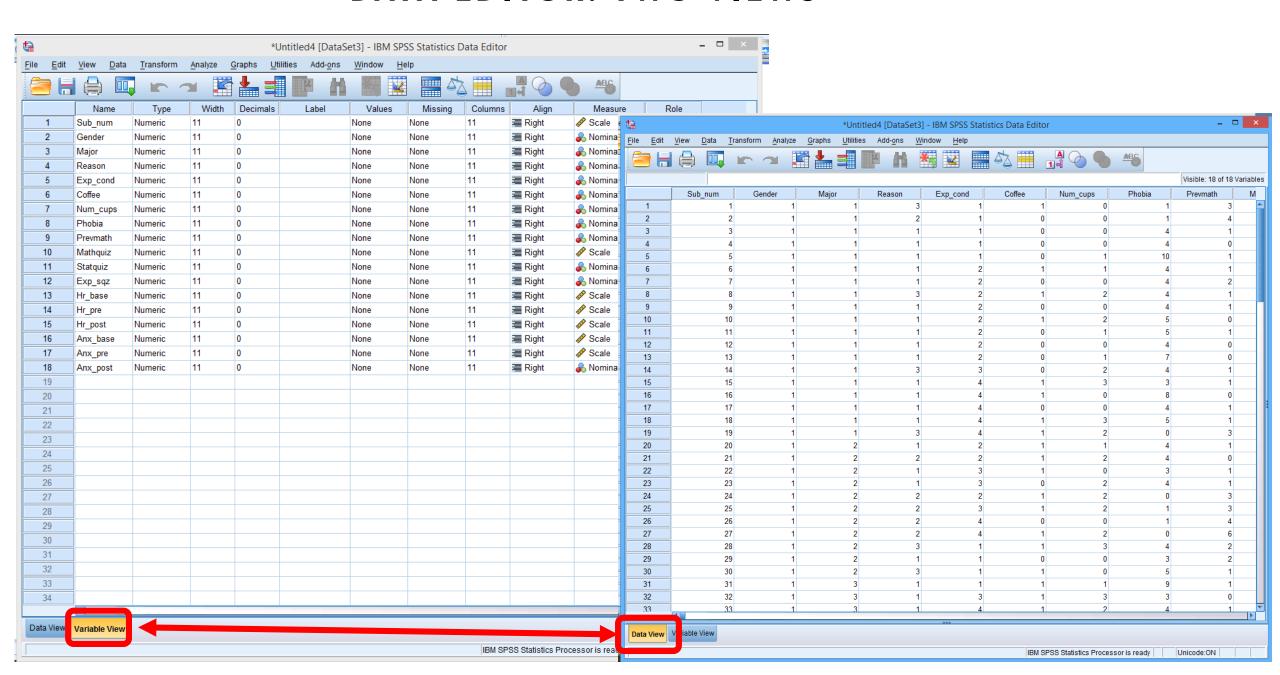


3. The "opening Excel Data Source" window will then pop up. This is where you can change the 'sheet' if there are multiple sheets in the workbook (ignore for now since our file only has one sheet in it). You will probably want to change the "Maximum width for string column" to a smaller number, like 50.



Note: when you click "OK" SPSS automatically types out the code commands that tell the computer to do all the things we just clicked on. This code appears in the OUTPUT window. The data will now appear in the DATA window.

#### DATA EDITOR: TWO VIEWS



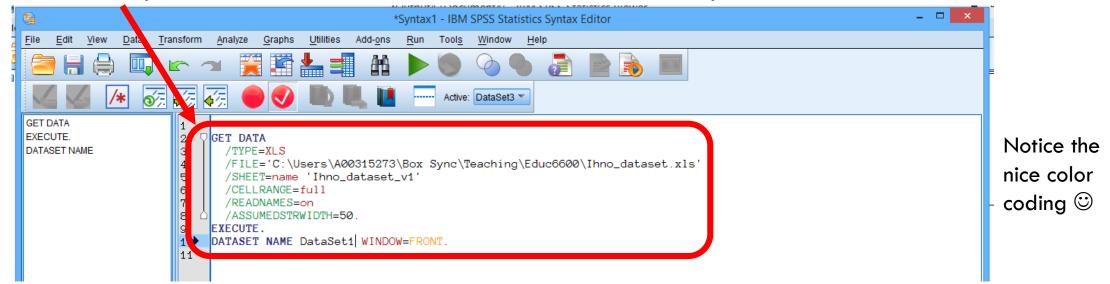
## SYNTAX FILE

The third window type is for "SYNTAX".

To start a new project (from any SPSS window), click: File > New > Syntax

There are three ways to get commands in this window:

- 1) Type them by hand, from scratch (the auto-complete is handy!)
- 2) Copy-paste from the output window, a website, or class handout
- 3) Press the 'paste' button instead of the 'OK' button on most point-and-click SPSS menus



## A CASE FOR USING SYNTAX FILES

- 1. It creates a RECORD of what files you have used and what you have done, saving you time trying to remember what you did...especially when the journal article you submitted comes back for revisions 3 months later
- 2. You can copy-paste bits and pieces of code to adjust and RE-USE, saving you time with similar steps on the current project and future
- 3. More advanced analyses have VERY complicated drop-down menus that are confusion, even if you know what you want to do. Syntax is usually more CLEAR.
- 4. Some things can ONLY be done using syntax...the analysis or option is NOT available in the drop down menus

#### MAKE LOTS OF NOTES!!!

#### All code has at least one collaborator...future you!

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