

A3 - IMPORT DATA

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FIRST THINGS TO DO

Don't try to kiss your data on the first date; rather, you just want to get to know the data:

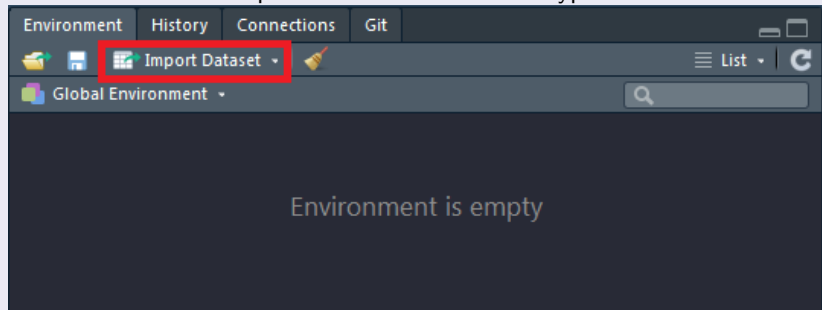
- 1 **Import the data**
- 2 Review the codebook
- 3 Learn about the data
- 4 Quick visual understanding of the data



IMPORT DATA WITH RSTUDIO

RSTUDIO FUNCTIONALITY TO IMPORT DATA

- Environment - Import Dataset - choose file type



WHERE TO FIND DATA

BROWSE BUTTON IN RSTUDIO

Import Excel Data

File/Url:

Browse...

Data Preview:

CODE PREVIEW IN RSTUDIO

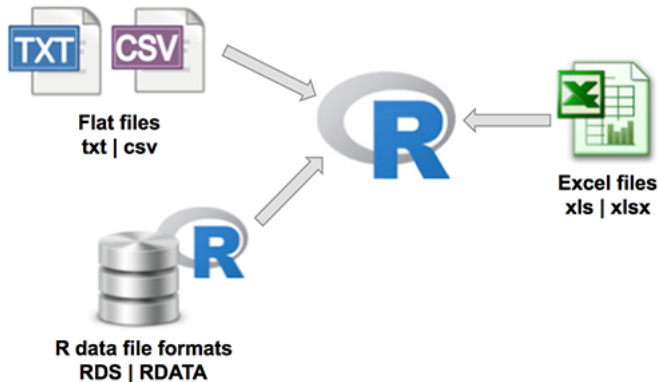
Code Preview:

```
library(readxl)
ee_recode_questionnaire_coded <- read_excel("data/ee_recode_questionnaire_coded.xls")
View(ee_recode_questionnaire_coded)
```

Import

Cancel

Importing Data Into R



IMPORT OF CSV DATA

- `read.csv` is a command available in base package
- Excel data can be saved as `.csv` in Excel
- Then `read.csv()` can be used to read in the data.
- For German data, you may need `read.csv2()` because of the comma separation.

```
dat <- read.csv("../data/ZA5666_v1-0-0.csv")
```

If it's German data:

```
datd <- read.csv2("../data/ZA5666_v1-0-0.csv")
```

```
dat <- read.csv("../data/datahub_refugee.csv")
```

THE RESULT - A DATA.FRAME

- the following data.frame is a small excerpt from the data:

```
head(dat)
```

##	Country.Name	Country.Code	Year	Value
## 1	Arab World	ARB	1990	4235545
## 2	Arab World	ARB	1991	3811595
## 3	Arab World	ARB	1992	4000509
## 4	Arab World	ARB	1993	4189545
## 5	Arab World	ARB	1994	4352945
## 6	Arab World	ARB	1995	4337009

THE PACKAGE READXL

```
install.packages("readxl")
```

- **readxl has no external dependencies**
- readxl supports both the legacy .xls format and the modern xml-based .xlsx format.

```
library(readxl)  
ab <- read_excel("../data/datahub_names_sa.xlsx")  
head(ab)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 3  
##   ...1  X1          X2  
##   <chr> <chr>      <chr>  
## 1 1      0.0036749995 JOHN  
## 2 2      0.0036418888 JOHANNES  
## 3 3      0.0031182974 DAVID  
## 4 4      0.0030492798 MICHAEL  
## 5 5      0.0029608373 JACOBUS  
## 6 6      0.0027139047 MARIA
```

IMPORT SPSS FILES

IMPORT GESIS PANEL DATA

- library haven - import and export 'SPSS', 'Stata' and 'SAS' files
- the result of this import command is a tibble

```
library(haven)
```

```
dataset <- read_sav("../data/datahub_government_africa.sav")
```

```
> dataset
```

```
# A tibble: 53 x 5
```

	Country <dbl+lbl>	Government <dbl+lbl>	Name <dbl+lbl>	since <dbl+lbl>	Term <dbl>
1 16	[Equatorial ~	3 [Presiden~	51 [Teodoro Obiang Ng~	31 [3 August ~	39
2 8	[Cameroon]	3 [Presiden~	45 [Paul Biya]	44 [6 Novembe~	36
3 51	[Uganda]	3 [Presiden~	53 [Yoweri Museveni]	29 [29 Januar~	32
4 47	[Sudan]	3 [Presiden~	42 [Omar al-Bashir]	33 [30 June 1~	29
5 10	[Chad]	3 [Presiden~	24 [Idriss DÃ©by]	10 [2 Decembe~	28
6 17	[Eritrea]	3 [Presiden~	25 [Isaias Afwerki]	18 [24 May 19~	25
7 12	[Congo]	3 [Presiden~	12 [Denis Sassou Ngue~	23 [25 Octobe~	21

IMPORT DATA FROM THE WEB

AUSTRIAN MICROCENSUS

Files can also be imported directly from the Internet:

```
library(foreign)
link <- "http://www.statistik.at/web_de/static/
mz_2013_sds_-_datensatz_080469.sav"

?read.spss
Dat <- read.spss(link,to.data.frame=T)
```

IMPORT STATA FILES

IMPORT NEWER .DTA FILES

- With `read.dta13` stata files from version 13 (and higher) can be imported

```
library(readstata13)
dat_stata <- read.dta13("../data/example_gp.dta")
```

IMPORT STATA FILES - OLDER VERSIONS

```
library(foreign)
dat_stata12 <- read.dta("../data/example_gp_stata12.dta")
```

readstata13 {readstata13}

R Documentation

Import Stata Data Files

Description

Function to read the Stata file format into a `data.frame`.

Note

If you catch a bug, please do not sue us, we do not have any money.

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See Also

[read.dta](#) and [memisc](#) for dta files from Stata Versions < 13

IMPORT - GESIS PANEL DATA

CONVERT.FACTORS ARGUMENT

```
library(readstata13)

datf <- read.dta13("../data/example_gp.dta",
                  convert.factors = F)
head(datf$bbzc007a)

## NULL
```

FOR COMPARISON - IMPORT WITHOUT THIS ARGUMENT

```
dat <- read.dta13("../data/example_gp.dta")
head(dat$bbzc007a)

## NULL
```

THE ARGUMENT `CONVERT.FACTORS = F`

MORE INFORMATION ON `.DTA IMPORT`

`?read.dta13`

- `convert.factors` - logical. If TRUE, factors from Stata value labels are created.
- It might be useful to import the dataset twice - with and without value labels...
- `nonint.factors`- logical. If TRUE, factors labels will be assigned to variables of type float and double.
- The import must be controlled, because otherwise errors can easily happen.

GET AN INITIAL OVERVIEW OF THE DATA

View(datf)

	z000001z Personen ID - Campus File	z000002z Studiennummer des Archivs	z000003z Versionskennung und -datum des Archivs	z000005z doi	a11c019a Zufriedenheit Leben in Wohnort	a11c020a Zufriedenheit
1	198431880	ZA5666	1-0-0 2017-06-20	10.4232/1.12749		1
2	436122330	ZA5666	1-0-0 2017-06-20	10.4232/1.12749		1
3	856844220	ZA5666	1-0-0 2017-06-20	10.4232/1.12749		2
4	117346660	ZA5666	1-0-0 2017-06-20	10.4232/1.12749		1
5	943433330	ZA5666	1-0-0 2017-06-20	10.4232/1.12749		1

- You can get the same in RStudio if you click on the dataset icon in the environment menu

The library rio

```
install.packages("rio")
```

```
library("rio")  
x <- import("../data/ZA5666_v1-0-0.csv")  
y <- import("../data/ZA5666_v1-0-0_Stata12.dta")  
z <- import("../data/ZA5666_v1-0-0_Stata14.dta")
```

- **rio: A Swiss-Army Knife for Data I/O**

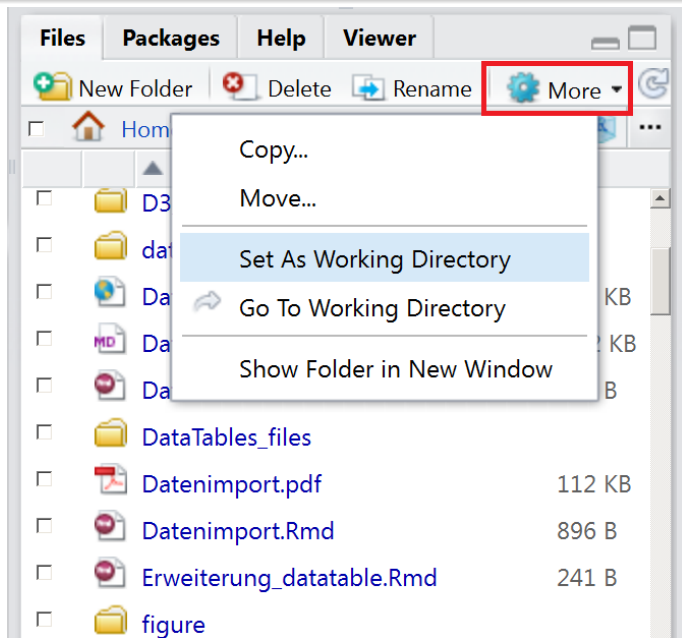
For SPSS and SAS I would recommend the Hmisc package for ease and functionality.

```
library(Hmisc)
mydata <- spss.get("c:/mydata.por", use.value.labels=TRUE)
# last option converts value labels to R factors
```

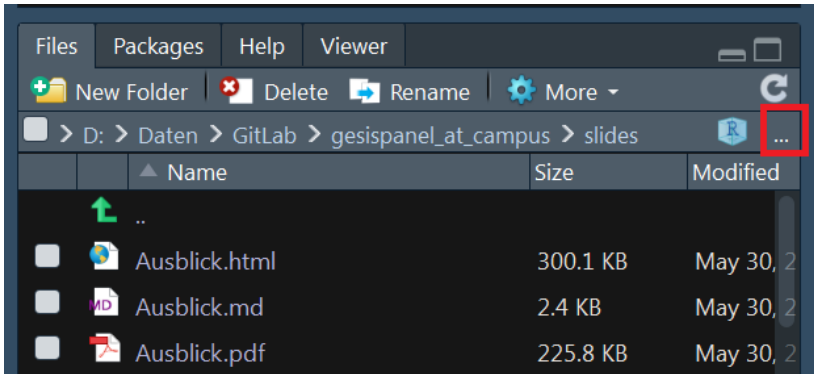
IMPORT SAS DATA

```
mydata <- sasxport.get("c:/mydata.xpt")
# character variables are converted to R factors
```

THE WORKING DIRECTORY



- If the data is on a different drive in Windows



THE WORKING DIRECTORY II

This way you can find out which directory you are currently in

```
getwd()
```

So you can change the working directory:

You create an object in which you save the path:

```
main.path <- "C:/" # Example for Windows  
main.path <- "/users/Name/" # Example for Mac  
main.path <- "/home/user/" # Example for Linux
```

And then change the path with `setwd()`

```
setwd(main.path)
```

On Windows it is important to use slashes instead of backslashes.

- You can also use the tab key to get the autocompletion.

```
getwd()
```

```
## [1] "E:/github/intror2020/slides"
```

```
setwd("../")
```

```
getwd()
```

```
## [1] "E:/github/intror2020"
```

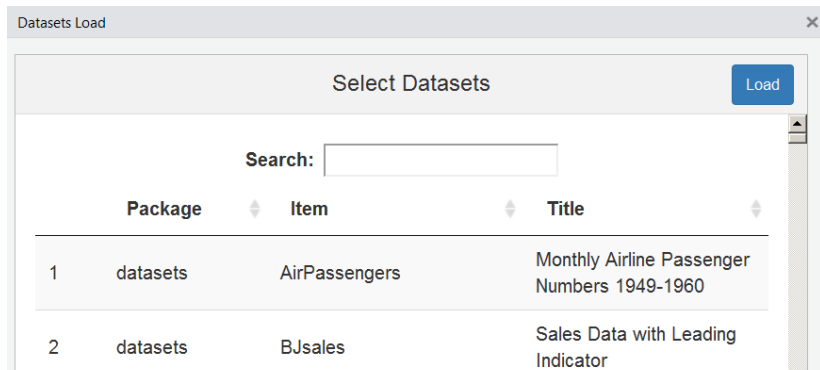
BUILT-IN DATASETS

- Often an example dataset is provided to show the functionality of a package
- These datasets can be loaded with the command `data`

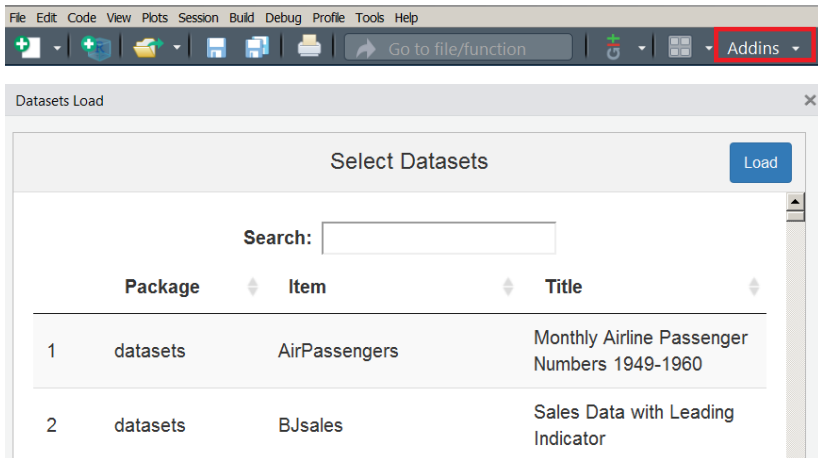
```
data(iris)
```

- There is also an **RStudio add-in** that helps to find a dataset

```
install.packages("datasets.load")
```



- In the upper right corner there is a button Addins



The screenshot shows the RStudio interface. In the top right corner of the toolbar, the 'Addins' button is highlighted with a red rectangle. Below the toolbar, the 'Datasets Load' window is open, displaying a 'Select Datasets' dialog. The dialog includes a search bar and a table of datasets. The table has columns for 'Package', 'Item', and 'Title'. Two datasets are listed: 'AirPassengers' from the 'datasets' package and 'BJsales' from the 'datasets' package.

	Package	Item	Title
1	datasets	AirPassengers	Monthly Airline Passenger Numbers 1949-1960
2	datasets	BJsales	Sales Data with Leading Indicator

EXERCISE: LOAD BUILT-IN DATA

LOAD THE THE BUILT-IN DATASET MTCARS

- 1) How many observations and variables are available?
- 2) What is the object structure of the variables?

INTERACTIVE DATA TABLE

- 3) Create an interactive data table

Inserting data

- RStudio addin for inserting data

```
devtools::install_github("lbusett/insert_table")
```

Insert Table Add-In

Cancel

Select output format and edit the Table if you wish so

Done

Select Table Name

Select Output Format

my_tbl

None

Edit Table or cut and paste from spreadsheet

* The first row will be used as column names.

* Right click to add more lines or columns

☒ Use first row as column names. (If unchecked, 'Col_1', 'Col_2', etc. are used)

1	a	v		c
2				
3				
4				

THE FILE.CHOOSE OPTION

- You can browse through the directory with `file.choose`:

```
dat <- read.csv(file.choose())
```

- If you run the command line above a window is opened and you can browse in the file system.
- That also works with other import functions

OVERVIEW IMPORT FUNCTIONS

Package	Function	.CSV	.TSV	.TXT	FIXED WIDTH	SPECIAL SEPARATOR
utils (Base R)	read.csv	x				
	read.delim		x			
	read.table			x		x
readr	read_csv	x				
	read_tsv		x			
	read_table			x	x	
	read_fwf				x	
	read_delim					x
data.table	fread	x	x	x	x	x

- Introduction to import with R (**is.R**)
- Statistical tools for high-throughput data analysis (STHDA) - **Importing Data Into R**
- Karlijn Willems - **This R Data Import Tutorial Is Everything You Need**
- **R for data science book**
- The **R-package** labelled to work with labelled data imported from SPSS or stata