

# haven

INTERMEDIATE IMPORTING DATA IN R



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# Statistical Software Packages

Package
SAS
STATA
SPSS

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SAS	Statistical Analysis Software
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SAS	Statistical Analysis Software	Business Analytics Biostatistics Medical Sciences
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SAS	Statistical Analysis Software	Business Analytics Biostatistics Medical Sciences	.sas7bdat .sas7bcat
STATA	STATistics and daTA	Economists	.dta
SPSS	Statistical Package for Social Sciences	Social Sciences	.sav .por

# R packages to import data

- haven
  - Hadley Wickham
  - Goal: consistent, easy, fast
- foreign
  - R Core Team
  - Support for many data formats

# haven

- SAS, STATA and SPSS
- ReadStat: C library by Evan Miller
- Extremely simple to use
- Single argument: path to file
- Result: R data frame

```
install.packages("haven")  
library(haven)
```

# SAS data

- ontime.sas7bdat
  - Delay statistics for airlines in US
- `read_sas()`

```
ontime <- read_sas("ontime.sas7bdat")
```



# SAS data

```
ontime <- read_sas("ontime.sas7bdat")  
str(ontime)
```

```
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 ..- attr(*, "label")= chr "Airline"  
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 ..- attr(*, "label")= chr "June 1999"  
 $ August_1999 : atomic  85 80.4 81 78.3 77.7 75.1 ...  
 ..- attr(*, "label")= chr "August 1999"
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4	American	72.7	65.1	78.3
5	Delta	78.7	72.2	77.7
6	Continental	79.3	68.4	75.1
7	United	78.6	69.2	71.6
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# STATA data

- STATA 13 & STATA 14
- read\_stata() , read\_dta()

# STATA data

```
ontime <- read_stata("ontime.dta")
ontime <- read_dta("ontime.dta")
ontime
```

	Airline	March_1999	June_1999	August_1999
1	8	84.4	69.4	85.0
2	7	80.3	77.0	80.4
3	6	80.8	75.1	81.0
4	2	72.7	65.1	78.3
5	5	78.7	72.2	77.7
6	4	79.3	68.4	75.1
7	9	78.6	69.2	71.6
8	10	73.6	68.9	70.1
9	1	71.9	75.4	64.4
10	3	76.5	70.3	62.5

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```
ontime <- read_stata("ontime.dta")  
ontime <- read_dta("ontime.dta")
```

```
# R version of common data structure  
class(ontime$Airline)
```

```
"labelled"
```

```
ontime$Airline
```

```
<Labelled>  
8  7  6  2  5  4  9 10  1  3  
attr("label")  
"Airline"  
Labels:  
      Alaska   American American West ... US Airways  
         1         2         3 ...         10
```



# as\_factor()

```
ontime <- read_stata("ontime.dta")  
ontime <- read_dta("ontime.dta")
```

```
as_factor(ontime$Airline)
```

```
TWA      Southwest Northwest  American ... American West  
Levels: Alaska American American West ... US Airways
```

```
as.character(as_factor(ontime$Airline))
```

```
"TWA" "Southwest" "Northwest" ... "American West"
```

# as\_factor()

```
ontime$Airline <- as.character(as_factor(ontime$Airline))  
ontime
```

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# SPSS data

- `read_spss()`
- `.por` -> `read_por()`
- `.sav` -> `read_sav()`

```
read_sav(file.path("~", "datasets", "ontime.sav"))
```

```
  Airline Mar.99 Jun.99 Aug.99
1         8  84.4  69.4  85.0
2         7  80.3  77.0  80.4
3         6  80.8  75.1  81.0
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# foreign

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# foreign

- R Core Team
- Less consistent
- Very comprehensive
- All kinds of foreign data formats
- SAS, STATA, SPSS, Systat, Weka ...

```
install.packages("foreign")  
library(foreign)
```

# SAS

- Cannot import `.sas7bdat`
- Only SAS libraries: `.xport`
- `sas7bdat` package

# STATA

- STATA 5 to 12
- `read.dta()` - `read.dta()`

```
read.dta(file,  
          convert.factors = TRUE,  
          convert.dates = TRUE,  
          missing.type = FALSE)
```



# read.dta()

```
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ontime
```

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# read.dta()

```
ontime <- read.dta("ontime.dta")
str(ontime)
```

- `convert.factors` TRUE by default

```
'data.frame':   10 obs. of  4 variables:
 $ Airline      : Factor w/ 10 levels "Alaska",...: 8 7 6 2 5 4 ...
 $ March_1999   : num  84.4 80.3 80.8 72.7 78.7 79.3 78.6 ...
 $ June_1999    : num  69.4 77 75.1 65.1 72.2 68.4 69.2 68.9 ...
 $ August_1999 : num  85 80.4 81 78.3 77.7 75.1 71.6 70.1 ...
 - attr(*, "datalabel")= chr "Written by R."
 - attr(*, "time.stamp")= chr ""
 - attr(*, "formats")= chr  "%9.0g" "%9.0g" "%9.0g" "%9.0g"
 - attr(*, "types")= int   108 100 100 100
 - attr(*, "val.labels")= chr  "Airline" "" "" ""
 - attr(*, "var.labels")= chr  "Airline" "March_1999" ...
 - attr(*, "version")= int 7
 - attr(*, "label.table")=List of 1
 ..$ Airline: Named int   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 .. ..- attr(*, "names")= chr  "Alaska" "American" ...
```

# read.dta() - convert.factors

```
ontime <- read.dta("ontime.dta", convert.factors = FALSE)
str(ontime)
```

```
'data.frame': 10 obs. of 4 variables:
 $ Airline      : int  8 7 6 2 5 4 9 10 1 3
 $ March_1999   : num  84.4 80.3 80.8 72.7 78.7 79.3 78.6 ...
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```

# read.dta() - more arguments

```
read.dta(file,  
         convert.factors = TRUE,  
         convert.dates = TRUE,  
         missing.type = FALSE)
```

`convert.factors` : convert labelled STATA values to R factors

`convert.dates` : convert STATA dates and times to Date and POSIXct

`missing.type` :

- if `FALSE` , convert all types of missing values to NA
- if `TRUE` , store how values are missing in attributes

# SPSS

- `read.spss()`

```
read.spss(file,  
          use.value.labels = TRUE,  
          to.data.frame = FALSE)
```

`use.value.labels` : convert labelled SPSS values to R factors

`to.data.frame` : return data frame instead of a list

`trim.factor.names`

`trim_values`

`use.missings`