



Lab: SPSS Modeler in DSX

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Overview

In this lab you will learn how to implement analytics in the **SPSS Modeler** interface of Data Science Experience.

While knowledge of SPSS Modeler is not required to complete this lab, we don't explain the basics of working in Modeler UI. Please see SPSS Modeler documentation for detailed information:

https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SS3RA7_18.1.1/modeler.kc.doc/clementine/knowledge_center/product_landing.html

If you're completely new to analytics, this article provides a brief explanation of model types:

https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SS3RA7_18.1.1/modeler_main_help_client_ddita/clementine/getstart_mod_tech.html#getstart_mod_tech

Required software, access, and files






- To complete this lab, you will need access to a DSX Local cluster.
- You will also need to download and unzip this GitHub repository:
https://github.com/SidneyPhoon/DSX_Local_Workshop

Part 1: Create a DSX Project and Load Data

1. Log in to a **DSX Local cluster**.
2. Create a project. You can provide any name. In DSX Local project names must be unique within in a cluster. For example, add initials to the name of your project.
 - If you already loaded *DSX_Local_Workshop* project, then you can add a Modeler Stream to it.
3. Switch to the **Assets** tab. Scroll to **Data Sets** and click on **add data set**.

4. Click **Browse**. Navigate to the *SPSS Modeler/data* folder of the unzipped GitHub repository and import files.
 - If you already imported the *DSX_Local_Project*, then all files with the exception of *NBA_Input_Customer.csv* and *NBA_Input_Offers.csv* are already loaded. You can just load these files.
 - If you accidentally overwrite other files, that's not an issue – we use the same data for notebooks and Modeler streams.

Data Sets [view all \(6\)](#)

NAME	TYPE	SIZE
 customer_churn	CSV	281.07 KB
 customer	CSV	272.99 KB
 NBA_Input_Customer	CSV	49.23 KB
 new_customer_churn_data	CSV	26.95 KB
 NBA_Input_Offers	CSV	28.7 KB

Part 2: Import an existing SPSS Modeler Stream

In this section we will upload a stream that was previously created in SPSS Modeler desktop.

1. In the project scroll down to **SPSS Modeler** and click **add stream**.
2. Enter a unique Stream name (for example, add your initials):
NextBestOffer_el.
3. Select **From file** and browse to the *SPSS Modeler/streams* folder of the unzipped file that you downloaded from GitHub.

4. Select *NextBestOfferAssociationAndPredictive.str* and click **Create**.

New From file From example

Name*

NextBestOffer

37

Description

Type description here.

500

Stream file*

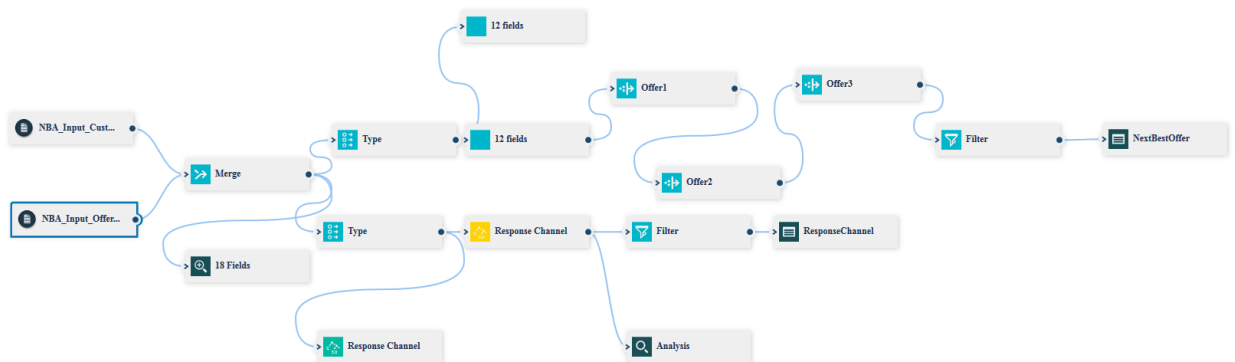
Browse... NextBestOfferAssociationAndPredictive.str

Import a SPSS Modeler Stream file (.str) from your local device.

5. The imported stream will look similar to the following screenshot.

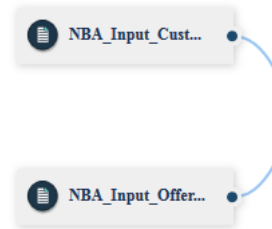
This stream implements 2 use cases:

- Recommend the top 3 offers (association model) for each customer
- Recommend the best channel for contacting the customer (decision tree model)

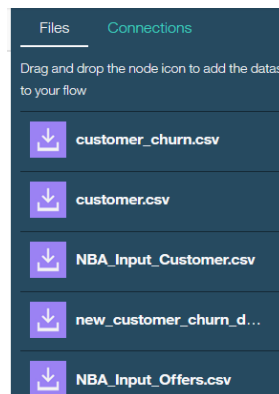


Note: No picture on the icon means that the node is not yet supported in the DSX/Modeler UI. However, the Modeler Stream will still run and execute this node. For example, in the stream we are using the association model is not yet implemented in the UI, but we can still run the stream.

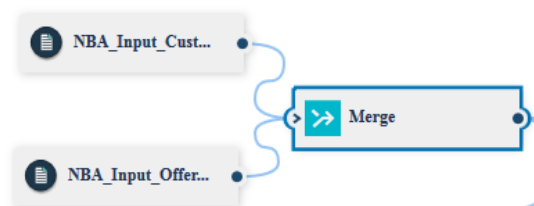
- Before we can run this stream, we need to change the *Source* (input data) nodes. Delete the two *NBA_Input...* source nodes. In the imported stream the source nodes point to local file system.



- Click on the **Data** icon and from the **Files** tab drag the two *NBA...* files onto the canvas.



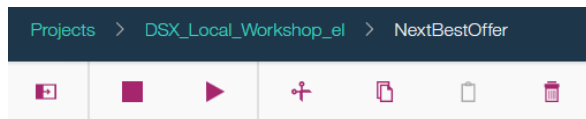
- Connect the input files to the **Merge** node.



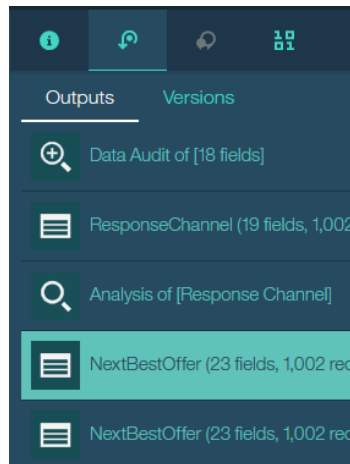
9. We are now ready to run the stream. You can run each individual branch of the stream by selecting the terminal (end) node and clicking the **Run** (arrow) icon.
- For example, click on the Next Best Offer output field at the end of the main branch (on the right)



- Or, you can run the entire stream, which will create output from all branches, by selecting the run icon (arrow) on the menu bar.



- Output can be viewed by selecting the **Outputs** tab and double clicking on the output you'd like to view.



NextBestOffer and *ResponseChannel* outputs show the scoring results.

Double click on *NextBestOffer* to review recommendations for each customer.

CUSTOMER ID	WOMENSWEATER S	OFFER1	OFFER2	OFFER3
10150	F	Womens Sweater S	Loyalty Program Mei	Default offer
10236	F	Home Closeout	Home Closeout & L	Home Closeout & St
10360	T	Loyalty Program Mei	Anastasia Beverly Hi	Default offer
10451	F	Free shipping on ord	Loyalty Program Mei	Default offer
10609	T	Default offer	Default offer	Default offer
10614	F	Loyalty Program Mei	Default offer	Default offer
10645	F	Womens Sweater S	Default offer	Default offer
10717	T	Loyalty Program Mei	Default offer	Default offer
10979	T	Loyalty Program Mei	Anastasia Beverly Hi	Default offer

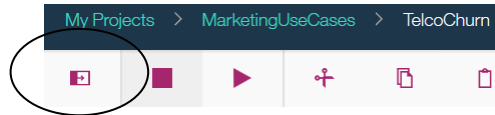
Double click on *ResponseChannel* to view recommendations for a marketing channel.

CUSTOMER ID	RESPONSE CHANNEL	CONFIDENCE
10150	Mobile	0.435933147632312
10236	Email	0.204861111111111
10360	Direct Mail	0.312751677852349
10451	Email	0.3810185185185185
10609	Mobile	0.435933147632312
10614	Email	0.281690140845070

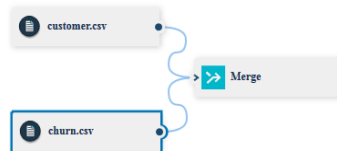
Note: At this time SPSS stream deployment capabilities are not yet available in DSX Local. When deployment capabilities are available, you will be able to deploy the Modeler stream for batch and online scoring.

After you’re done reviewing the stream, navigate back to the project.

5. Click on the **Palette** icon and expand **Record Operations**.



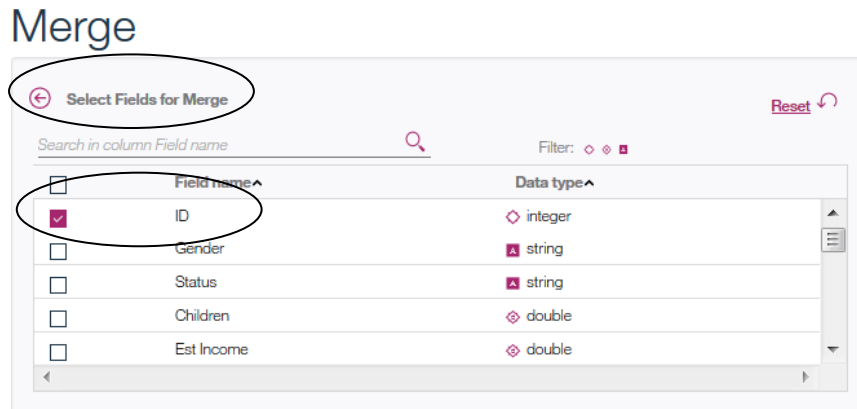
6. Add the **Merge** node then connect the *customer* and the churn data sources to it.



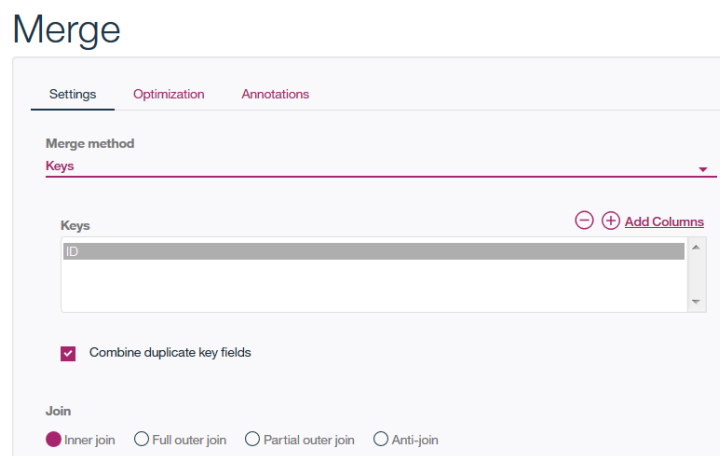
7. Double click on the **Merge** node. Select *Keys* as the **Merge method**.



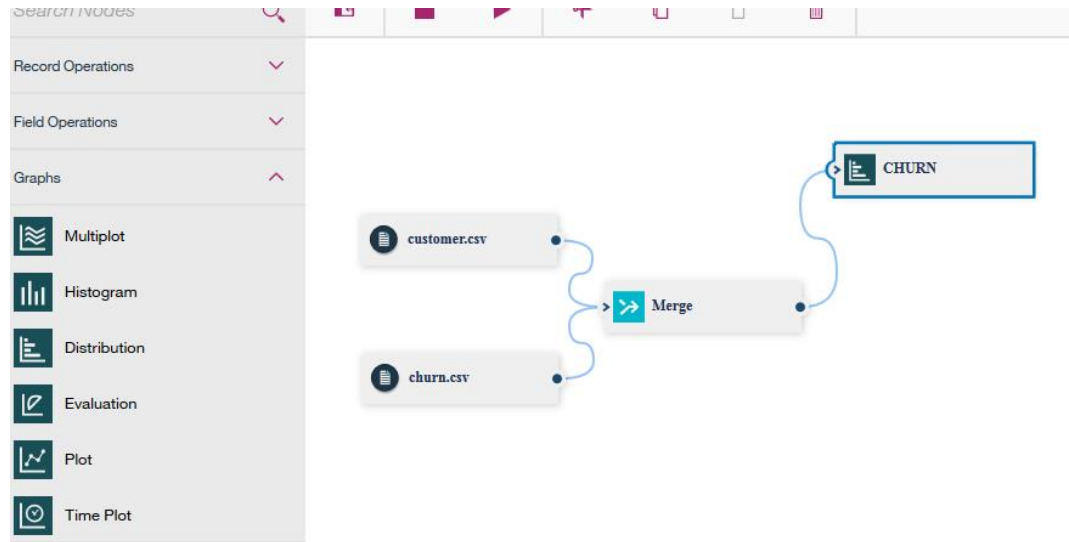
- Click **Add Columns** and select the ID field. Click **Select Fields for Merge** to return to the previous screen.



- Now the Merge screen looks like the following screenshot. Click **OK**.



- Next, you can connect the merged data to different types of graphs to get a better understanding of data. For example, you can add a **Distribution** graph and display *churn* by *gender*.



- Double click on the **Distribution** node to edit it. Then right click and select **Run**.

CHURN

Plot

Appearance

Annotations

Plot

☒ Specified
 ☐ All flags (true values)

Field (discrete)

CHURN

Color (discrete)

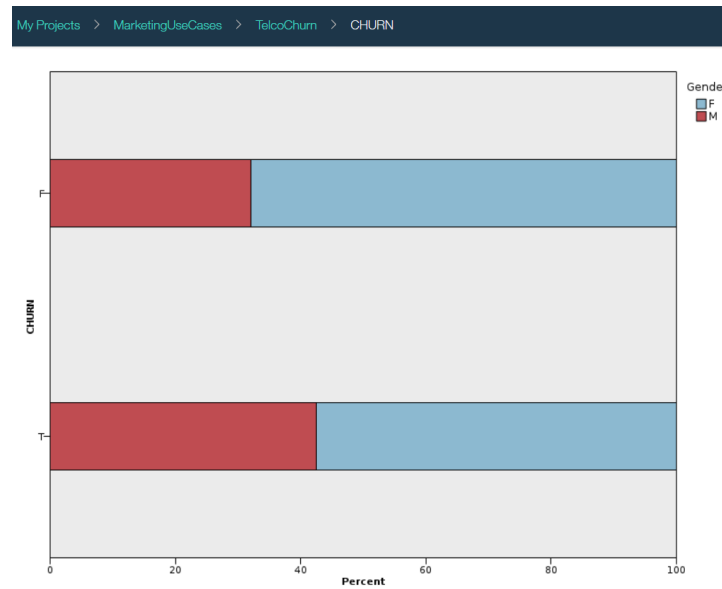
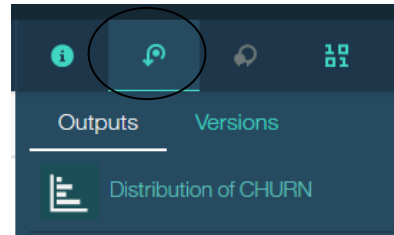
Gender

☒ Normalize by color
 ☐ Use proportional scale

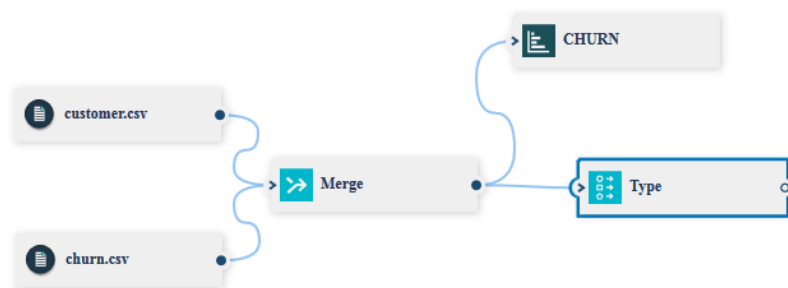
OK

Cancel

12. Output is shown in the **Outputs** panel. Double click to display it.



13. Next, we are going to build a model for predicting churn. Add a **Type** node from the **Field operations** and connect it to the **Merge** node.



14. Double click on the **Type** node and click **Add Columns**. On this screen we are selecting the fields that will be used for modeling.

15. Select all fields with the exception of **ID** (because ID is not a predictor for customer churn). Return back to the main screen and change **Role** of **CHURN**

field to *Target* and **Measure** to *Flag* because that’s the value we would like to predict.

Click **OK**.

Type

SettingsAnnotations

Default mode

☒ Read metadata ☐ Pass (do not scan)

Types

Field^Measure^Role^Value mode^Values^Check^

type

UsageDefaultInputReadNone...

RatePlanDefaultInputReadNone...

CHURNDefaultTargetReadNone...

−+Add Columns

16. From the **Field Operations** add the **Partition** node and set the **Training Partition** to *70* and the **Testing Partition** to *30*.



Partition

SETTINGSAnnotations

Derived Field Name

Partition119

Training Partition

70

Testing Partition

30

☐ Create validation partition

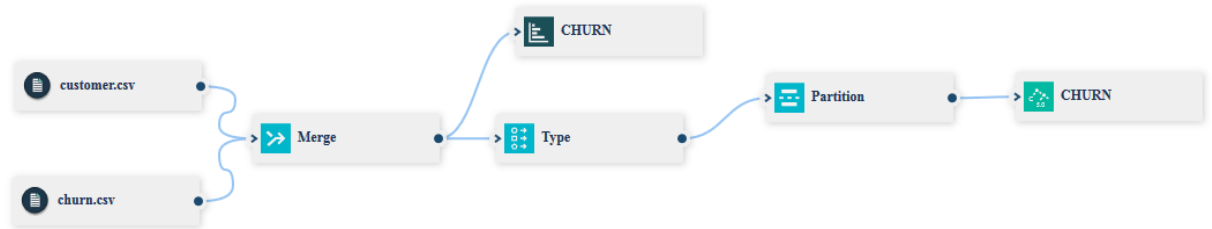
☒ Repeatable partition assignment

Seed [Generate](#)

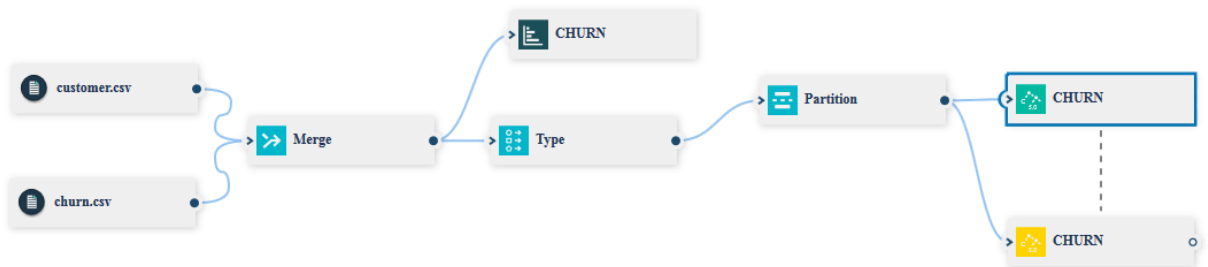
1234567

☐ Use unique field to assign partitions

17. Add the **C5** node from the **Modeling** tab. The C5 is a popular decision tree algorithm.



18. Right click on the **C5** node on the canvas (*CHURN*) and select **Run**.
19. Model building will take a few minutes. When model building is done, you'll see a model node on the canvas.



20. Right click on the model nugget and select **View Model**. Explore the model. For example, **Top Decision Rules** tab shows the combination of predictors that result in specific customer churn value.

Projects > Flows_project_el > TelcoChurn2 > CHURN

C5 Tree Model

Model Information

Predictor Importance

Top Decision Rules

Tree Diagram

Top Decision Rules ⓘ

TARGET : CHURN

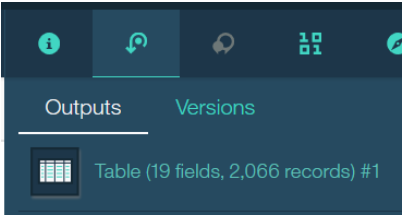
Rule ID	Rule	Mode category	Record count	Record percentage	Rule confidence
64	LongDistance <= 29.94 and Status = M and Children > 1.0 and ID <= 3668.0 and Gender = F and Dropped <= 0.0 and Paymethod is in • Auto • CC	F	223	15.7	96.9
	1 and Distance <= 29.94 and				

21. Finally, add a **Table** (from **Outputs** tab) and connect it to the model node.



22. You can run the entire stream by clicking the **Run** icon (arrow) in the menu bar. When the stream runs, it scores the data and writes the output to the **Table**.

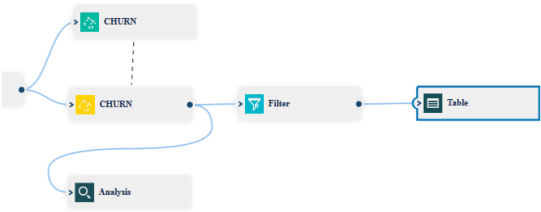
Table output can be viewed by clicking on the **Table** in the **Outputs** view.



23. Scroll all the way to the right and you'll see two values generated by the model – the predicted value (\$C-CHURN) and the confidence in the prediction (\$CC-CHURN)

RATEPLAN	\$C-CHURN	\$CC-CHURN
3	T	0.99404761
2	F	0.99305555
3	F	0.95454545

24. Optionally, you can add the **Analysis (Output tab)** the **Filter node (Field Operations tab)**.
- Connect the Analysis node to the model node. It shows the accuracy of the model (Run the stream and review the output)
 - Connect the Filter node to the model node before the Table. You can use it to filter out all fields with the exception of ID and the two fields generated by the model - (\$C-CHURN) and (\$CC-CHURN)



Analysis node output

Projects > Flows_project_el > TelcoChurn2 > Analysis of [CHURN]				
Results for output field CHURN				
Comparing \$C-CHURN with CHURN				
'Partition'	1_Training		2_Testing	
Correct	1,398	98.59%	604	93.21%
Wrong	20	1.41%	44	6.79%
Total	1,418		648	

Filtered table output

ID	\$C-CHURN	\$CC-CHURN
1	T	0.99159663865546
6	F	0.9888888888888888
8	F	0.875

You have finished developing a model to predict customer churn.

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