

## Importing Data for Analysis

You've learned about collecting data on your important process characteristics. Data collection is also guided by how you plan to use the data and the methods that you will apply. Throughout the remainder of this course, you learn a range of statistical tools for solving problems. To apply these tools, you need statistical software.

Throughout this course, we use JMP Pro to explore and illustrate concepts, and to provide you with an opportunity to practice what you have learned. To do this, we use data sets that are stored in JMP data tables. These data tables consist of columns, which contain the names of the characteristics, and rows, which contain the values for each characteristic.

You learn more about JMP data tables and how to structure data for analysis, in the next module. To learn how to import data into JMP, visit the JMP Learning Library at [www.jmp.com/learn](http://www.jmp.com/learn). The Learning Library provides short guides and videos about how to perform basic functions in JMP. For additional information about importing data into JMP, see the Read About It for this module.

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