

Reads a new data set either flat file or a panel and merge both files by the dates column according the following options (A is the current data set and B is the new (merged) one):

A - Merges the new data by the current dates, only.

B - Merges the new data by its own dates, only.

A and B - Merges the new data with the existing one only if dates of both A and B are the same.

A or B - Merges the new data with the existing one by either A dates or B dates.

Suffix - Merges the new data set (B) with the existing one (A) only if both series names share the same suffix. This is useful for panels in which you want to merge part of a large data set according the names of the existing data set (A).

Once you see the pop-up message regarding the new merged data info (number of series imported (columns), their length (rows), and data basic frequency), you can work with the merged data set. For panels there are more info items: How many numeric/categorical/binary variables created from the panel and how many series are not uploaded due to NAs or Zeros, only (see Figure 1 below).

It is highly recommended that high frequency data e.g., 'daily' will uploaded first (A) and lower frequency data e.g., monthly will be merged later (B). Finally, if you mix panel and flat files, upload the panel first (A) and merge the flat file next (B).

After the completion of the file merging, the app automatically selects the 'Single Graph' entry of the 'Visualization' menu and move you there.

Figure 1.

