



# Preparing Data Files for Preservation with Colectica Datasets







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TOT 2 MINUTEN  
IN LEERLAUFDREHZAHL  
STABILISIEREN**



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LOADMETER

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THIS HELICOPTER MUST BE  
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
LIMITATIONS SPECIFIED IN FA  
ROTORCRAFT FLIGHT MANUAL  
COCKPIT WEIGHT 200 LBS. IN  
RANGE EXTENDER FUEL C



# Context Matters



Metadata provides context for Data

# Data

\*M3P1-annotated.sav [DataSet1] — PSPPIRE Data Editor

File Edit View Data Transform Analyze Utilities Windows Help

Open... Save Go To Variable... Go To Case... Find... Insert Cases Insert Variable Split File... Weight Cases... Value Labels

Case	M2ID	M2FAMNUM	SAMPLMAJ	C1STATUS	C1PRAGE	C1PBYEAR	C1PRSE	C1PIDATE_MO	C1PIDATE_YR	
1	10001	110498	2	4	69	1943	1	7	2013	
2	10002	100001	1	1	78	1935	1	6	2013	
3	10011	110475	2	4	61	1952	2	6	2013	
4	10015	120805	3	4	63	1950	2	11	2013	
5	10019	100009	1	4	60	1952	1	6	2013	
6	10020	100010	1	1	65	1948	2	3	2014	
7	10024	100013	1	4	60	1953	1	8	2013	
8	10030	120243	3	4	66	1947	2	7	2013	
9	10036	120944	3	4	64	1949	1	12	2013	
10	10037	110065	2	4	51	1962	1	6	2013	
11	10038	120049	3	4	66	1946	2	7	2013	
12	10040	100018	1	4	58	1955	1	6	2013	
13	10046	120728	3	4	53	1960	2	10	2013	
14	10047	100022	1	4	54	1958	2	7	2013	



# Metadata

Variable	Name	Type	Width	Decimals	Label	Value Labels	Missing Values
1	M2ID	Numeric ...	5	0	MIDUS 2 ID number	None ...	None
2	M2FAMNUM	Numeric ...	6	0	MIDUS 2 Family number	None ...	None
3	SAMPLMAJ	Numeric ...	8	0	Major sample identification	{1, MAIN RDD}... ...	None
4	C1STATUS	Numeric ...	1	0	Completion status of M3 re	{1, COMPLETED M3 CATI ONL\	None
5	C1PRAGE	Numeric ...	2	0	Respondent's age	None ...	None
6	C1PBYEAR	Numeric ...	4	0	Respondent's year of birth	None ...	None
7	C1PRSEX	Numeric ...	1	0	Respondent's sex	{1, MALE}... ...	None
8	C1PIDATE_MO	Numeric ...	8	0	Interview date - Month	None ...	None
9	C1PIDATE_YR	Numeric ...	8	0	Interview date - Year	{9997, DON'T KNOW}... ...	None
10	C1PAA1	Numeric ...	1	0	Recession began with spec	{1, YES}... ...	7, 8
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

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# Statistical Tools have Limited Metadata



- ❑ Data Types
- ❑ Variable Labels
- ❑ Value Labels

# No Metadata ☹️

Open...		Save		Go To Variable...		Insert Variable		Split File...		Weight Cases...		Value Labels	
Variable	Name	Type	Width	Decimal	Label	Value Labels	Missing Values	Co					
1	NEWID	String	...	8		None	...	8					
2	DIRACC	String	...	1		None	...	1					
3	DIRACC_	String	...	1		None	...	1					
4	AGE_REF	Numeric	...	8	0	None	...	8					
5	AGE_REF_	String	...	1		None	...	1					
6	AGE2	Numeric	...	8	0	None	...	8					
7	AGE2_	String	...	1		None	...	1					
8	AS_COMP1	Numeric	...	8	0	None	...	8					
9	AS_C_MP1	String	...	1		None	...	1					
10	AS_COMP2	Numeric	...	8	0	None	...	8					
11	AS_C_MP2	String	...	1		None	...	1					
12	AS_COMP3	Numeric	...	8	0	None	...	8					
13	AS_C_MP3	String	...	1		None	...	1					
14	AS_COMP4	Numeric	...	8	0	None	...	8					

# The Metadata Problem



- Metadata is needed to understand data
- Statistical tools have limited metadata capabilities

# The Goal



- Make a simpler way to add rich metadata to statistical files

# Existing Metadata Tools

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- Not quite early enough and easy enough

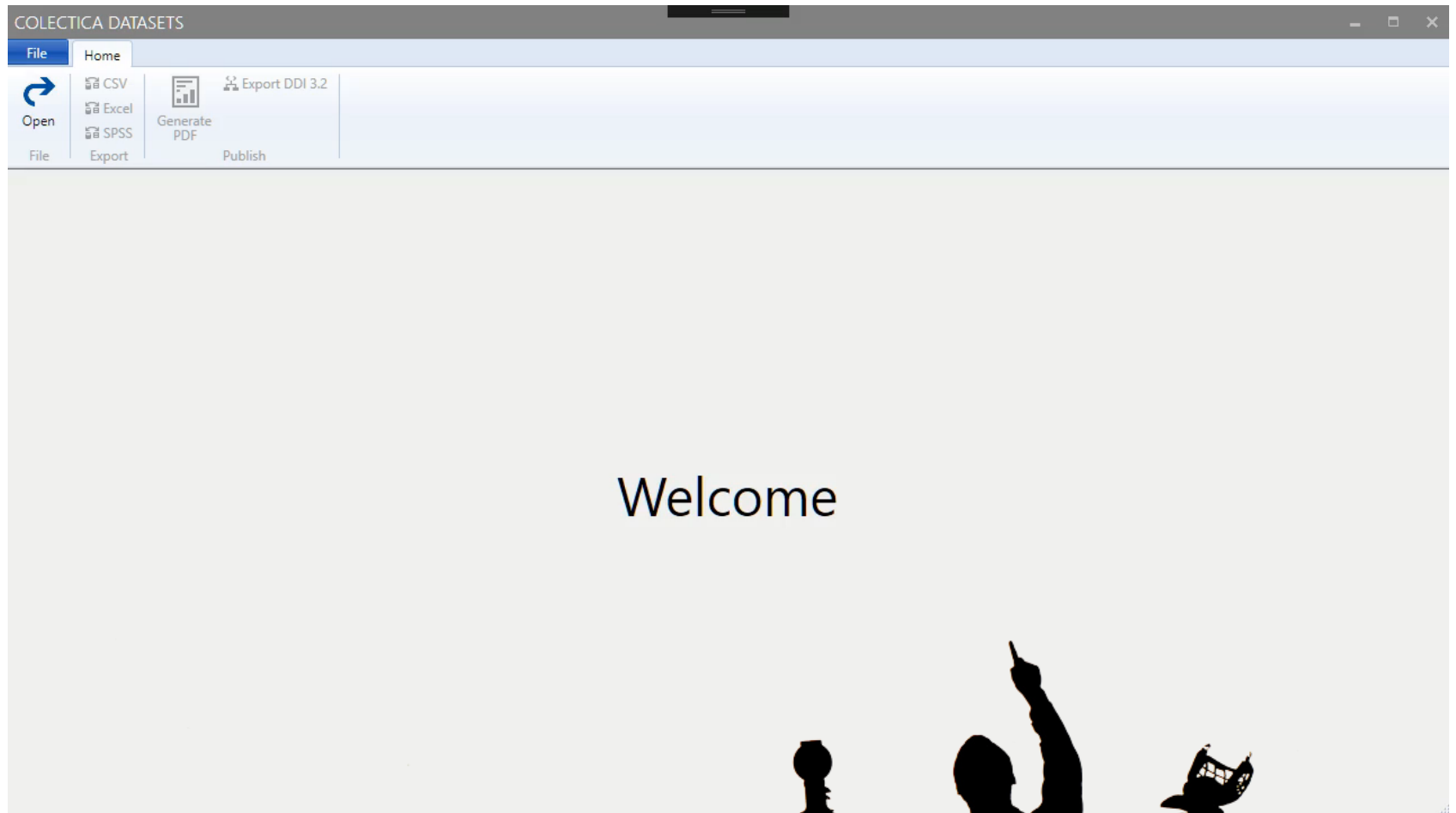


# Colectica Datasets

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- View
- Improve
- Publish

# Explore



# View Data

M3\_P1\_AGGREGATE\_N3294\_20161117 TEMP - COLECTICA DATASETS

File Home

Open CSV Excel SPSS Export DDI 3.2 Generate PDF Publish

Variables (2,575) Data (3,294) Properties

Name	Label	
M2ID	MIDUS 2 ID number	1
M2FAMNUM	MIDUS 2 Family number	2
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C1PRAGE	Respondent's age	5
C1PBYEAR	Respondent's year of birth	6
C1PRSEX	Respondent's sex	7
C1PIDATE_MO	Interview date - Month	8
C1PIDATE_YR	Interview date - Year	9
C1PAA1	Recession began with specific event	10
C1PAA2A	Recession experience - Lost a job?	11
C1PAA2B	Recession experience - Started new job you di	12
C1PAA2C	Recession experience - Started new job you lik	13
C1PAA2D	Recession experience - Taken job below educa	14
C1PAA2E	Recession experience - Taken additional job?	15
C1PAA2F	Recession experience - Missed mortgage or re	16
C1PAA2G	Recession experience - Threatened with forecl	17
C1PAA2H	Recession experience - Bought a home?	18
C1PAA2I	Recession experience - Sold a home for more	19
C1PAA2I1	Recession experience - Sold a home for how n	20
C1PAA2J	Recession experience - Sold a home for less th	21
C1PAA2J1	Recession experience - Sold a home for how n	22
C1PAA2K	Recession experience - Lost a home to foreclo	23
C1PAA2K1	Recession experience - Lost a home to foreclo	24

Visualize Metadata

Name C1PAA2E

Label Recession experience - Taken additional job?

qstLit Since the recession began in 2008 have you - Taken on an additional job?

mode Phone

section AA

Topic Recession Experience

# Soon: Metadata Quality Checks

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- Data quality report card
  - ▣ Missing metadata
  - ▣ Spell checking
  - ▣ Extensible validations
  - ▣ Easily fix issues directly in the app

# Publish

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Select a variable from the list.

# Data Dictionary

M2 and MKE are not directly comparable with M1, MR, MKER: M2 and MKE responses were coded as one single variable, while other waves broke out month and year separately.

Valid	Invalid	Minimum	Maximum
3294	0	2013	2014

## C1PAA1

### Label

Recession began with specific event

### Role

input

### qstnLit

Think back to 2008 when the recession first began. Was there a specific event that made you aware that the recession of 2008 had begun?

### Comparability Class

New Item - Difference exists among waves because some new items were introduced only in particular waves.

### Comparability Notes

Recession item introduced since MR and MKER.

Value	Label	Frequency	%
1	YES	1,970	59.8%
2	NO	1,308	39.7%
7	DON'T KNOW	15	0.5%
8	REFUSED	1	0.0%

# Publish

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- Publish to more locations
  - BagIt
  - Figshare
  - Zenodo



# Availability

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- 2017
- For Windows and macOS

# Technical Previews



- Get in touch if you'd like to help test and give feedback



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