# data formats and conversion

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- go to `drive.google.com`

- first upload the file, then right-click on it and select "Share...", go to "Advanced" at the bottom-right of the window and then click "Change..." and check "On - Public on the Web" and hit "Save" button and "Done" button

- then right-click the file again and "Get shareable link", and paste link into dofile; it should look like `https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B5Y56f52-YHrMEpQX2ZwVDV0QVE` and then copy the FILE_ID from it, ie everything that follows "id="

- and then paste that FILE_ID into `https://docs.google.com/uc?id=FILE_ID&export=download`

- so it would be `https://docs.google.com/uc?id=0B5Y56f52-YHrMEpQX2ZwVDV0QVE&export=download`

- in this example it's a .dta file so to load it, you'd say **use "https://docs.google.com/uc?id=0B5Y56f52-YHrMEpQX2ZwVDV0QVE&e**