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Subject: import data file to R

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I am conducting research on sexual violence. I am interested in utilizing the household and woman interviews. Let's take the example of the folder "ETHR70FL"

I gave 2 questions:

(1) I manage to download the files but I cannot import the data into R. How to do this?

I read the response of Trevor to message #11707 saying that I should do this:

```
dta <- read.dta("PKBR21FL.dta", convert.factors = FALSE)
```

but I do not have a .dta file in my folder (I only have a .DAT .DCF .DCT .SAS and .SPS) and when I do `read.dta("ETHR70FL.DAT", convert.factors = FALSE)` it does not work: "Error in xx : not a Stata version 5-12 .dta file"

(2) where are the headers of the columns?

I actually manage to open the .DAT file with `read.table` in R but I wonder where the column labels are? There is no header in the .DAT file. In the associated .DCF file, there is a list of [Item] which I suppose are the corresponding columns' names but the number of columns in the .DAT file and the number of different [Item] in the .DCF do not correspond.

Many thanks for your help.