Subject: Re: CSPro and Select Utility tools

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The purpose of the SELECT program is to use the SPSS (.SPS) or Stata (.DCT) data definition produced by CSPro, with a user defined list of variables, to create a new (subset) SPSS or Stata data definition. To run SELECT, you will need to download the "Flat Data", which will include the following files: \*.DAT/\*.SPS/\*.DO/\*.DCT.

Select does not work with the system data files (.SAV or .DTA). Following are some quick steps on using SELECT:

- 1. Open SELECT.
- 2. On the menu, click on "File", and then open the data definition file: .DCT or .SPS
- 3. Wait while the program checks the data definition file for duplicates
- 4. Select/highlight the variables of interest on the left panel
- 5. Click on the "right" pointing arrow in the menu toolbar to transfer your variables of interest to the right panel
- 6. Click on the "red" GO button in the menu toolbar, to create the new data definition file(s)
- 7. Select the path and name for the new data definition file(s)
- 8. Exit the SELECT program. You may save your list of variables in a parameters file, for future use with other surveys.
- 9. Now run your new data definition on the .DAT file.

I hope this helps.

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