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Subject: Re: Merging three different files  
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Thank you!

My next question is about the syntax. I used this syntax in Stata 13 to merge the household recode file to the child recode file:

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** Using Household recode as base  
use "F:\Data\2011 UDHS Household Recode\2011 UDHS Household Sorted by HV001  
HV002.dta"
```

```
** Merging Household Dataset to Child Dataset  
merge 1:m hv001 hv002 using "F:\Data\2011 UDHS Childrens Recode\2011 UDHS Childrens  
Recode sorted by HV001 HV002.dta"
```

Does it make sense to merge using a 1:many merge for these purposes? Does it make sense which file you use as your base?

Thanks!

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