

Robert,

As for "how to pool" - use the "append" command. It is really easy:

```
use DataSet1.dta
append using DataSet2.dta
etc....
```

As for creating new variables, there are lots of ways. One way would be to add a "round" ID when appending, and then use a simple, if ad hoc, method like this:

```
use DataSet1.dta
  gen round =1
append using DataSet2.dta
  replace round=2 if round==.
etc....
```

Then you can do something like this:

```
gen strata = round*1000 + strata
```

You can do something very similar for cluster, you just need to multiply the "round" variable by a number with as many 0's as there are digits in the strata/cluster/whatever variable you want to make unique.

If you have multiple countries, you can do something similar by generating a country ID number (in the appending process) and then multiplying that by a number with an extra 0 or two (so that your final ID would be "country number" "round number" "strata number" concatenated together.

That make sense?
