
[done] Cannot open SPSS Syntax file as a data file

Posted by adewaal - 2008/05/29 04:00

I exported my data to SPPSS as an .sps file (there are no other options for SPSS) but when I try to open it I get the error: "Cannot open SPSS Syntax File as a data file". SPSS only recognises .sav and some other extensions, but not .sps. Why does LS do this? What am I missing here?
I am using version 1.70+

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HowTo open LimeSurvey .sps files in SPSS

Posted by EIMatador69 - 2008/05/29 07:34

Hi,

1. Open SPSS (==> SPSS Data Editor window gets opened)
 2. Choose: File - Open - Syntax
 3. Choose your file
 4. if you have SPSS 16, select the Encoding type ==> Unicode (UTF-8)
 5. your files gets opened in the SPSS Syntax Editor window
 6. Choose: Run - All
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Re:HowTo open LimeSurvey .sps files in SPSS

Posted by andyar33 - 2008/06/04 19:26

I also have problems with opening .sps files.

In the header of SPSS syntax file I can see two lines:

Warning: array_values() : The argument should be an array in /home/andyar33/ftp/limesurvey/admin/spss.php on line 205

What I am supposed to do?

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Re:HowTo open LimeSurvey .sps files in SPSS

Posted by EIMatador69 - 2008/06/04 19:59

Which version (and which build) of LimeSurvey do you use?

If not 1.71 ==> Upgrade!

If 1.71 ==> Report the issue in the bugtracker!

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Re:HowTo open LimeSurvey .sps files in SPSS

Posted by pirulo_s - 2008/06/04 20:01

You are using limesurvey build 4927 ?

Please upgrade to the new version 1.71 or check this post:

http://www.limesurvey.org/component/option,com_fireboard/Itemid,105/func,view/id,14077/catid,15/lang,en/

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Re:HowTo open LimeSurvey .sps files in SPSS

Posted by andyar33 - 2008/06/04 20:10

Thx

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Re:HowTo open LimeSurvey .sps files in SPSS

Posted by adewaal - 2008/06/07 03:48

Thanks a lot, it worked!

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Re:HowTo open LimeSurvey .sps files in SPSS

Posted by Mazi - 2008/06/09 12:43

You're welcome! If our hints have been helpful and you enjoy LimeSurvey please consider a donation to the team. We do all this in our free time.

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Re:[done] Cannot run SPSS Syntax file

Posted by Mademoiselle - 2008/06/09 19:47

Hello,

I can open syntax file, but when I try to run it, I got some error. What should I do to obtain a syntax file that I will be able to execute ? You may see what I got below.

NEW FILE.

FILE TYPE NESTED RECORD=1(A).

- RECORD TYPE 'A'.

- DATA LIST LIST / i0(A1) (8) (11) (34) (2) (19) (2) (15) (2) (1) (1) (1) (10) (1) (3) (1) (2) (1) (1) (1) (1).

>Error # 4111 in column 27. Text: (

>Unrecognized text appears on the DATA LIST command where only a slash (/)

>or a variable list was permitted.

>This command not executed.

Thanks.

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Re:[done] Cannot run SPSS Syntax file

Posted by Mazi - 2008/06/10 09:52

Which version and build of LimeSurvey do you use?

If not the latest one please upgrade to the latest release. A lot of errors have been fixed meanwhile.

More information:

- Download latest release

- Upgrade instructions

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Re:[done] Cannot run SPSS Syntax file

Posted by Mademoiselle - 2008/06/10 19:50

Hi,

I use the latest version of LimeSurvey. Do you know an other solution ?

Thanks.

Re:[done] Cannot run SPSS Syntax file

Posted by ElMatador69 - 2008/06/10 19:53

As I posted some posts before:

If you have errors on the latest build/version, report them in the bugtracker (attach your survey structure and your spss output file)!

Re:[done] Cannot run SPSS Syntax file

Posted by Mazi - 2008/06/11 10:17

Mademoiselle wrote:

Hi,

I use the latest version of LimeSurvey. Do you know an other solution ?

Thanks.

Which SPSS version are you using? I think there are differences.

Re:[done] Cannot run SPSS Syntax file

Posted by mdekker - 2008/06/11 11:08

I have the same problem and have upgraded to latest svn a few minutes ago (#5041). I use SPSS 15. This is (part of) my SPSS file:

NEW FILE.

FILE TYPE NESTED RECORD=1(A).

- RECORD TYPE 'A'.

- DATA LIST LIST / i0(A1) fname(A40) lname(A40) email(A100) attr1(A100) attr2(A100) d6(DATETIME20.0) d7(A19) d8(A2) d9(A15) d10(A19) d11(A19) d12(A4) d13(A2) d14(N1) d15(A27) d16(N1) (44) (38) (1) (27).

- RECORD TYPE 'B'.

- DATA LIST LIST / i1(A1) (1).

END FILE TYPE.

So the last variables get no variable name and data type. When I name them d17, d18 etc and given then A datatype it seems to work so probably somewhere in a loop it stops a little bit too early.... Also noticed something strange near the first date type. I already filed some SPSS bugs but I think they can be closed since a lot has changed since then (01926 and 02028). I am willing to file a new bug report and send in my survey structure, data and spss output but the info is confidential so I think emailing it would be the best option if it is needed??

Re:[done] Cannot run SPSS Syntax file

Posted by Mazi - 2008/06/16 13:36

Please fill out another ticket at the bugtrackr and add your survey. You can mark your ticket "private" so that only the developers will be able to take a look at it.

Re:HowTo open LimeSurvey .sps files in SPSS

Posted by Gill - 2008/06/17 16:28

Hi,
I have done as you suggest here with my SPSS export from Limesurvey 1.7 (I have SPSS 16.0 - which does NOT allow the patch for large files to be installed because I have an academic licence - agh!) and I gt this message:

I'm really not sure what this refers to. I get the same message if I try to open the sps file in WordPad as one of the others in this forum suggested.

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Re:HowTo open LimeSurvey .sps files in SPSS

Posted by Mazi - 2008/06/18 14:26

Hi, please upgrade to the latest release. If the error isn't fixed, please fill out another ticket at the bugtracker and add your survey. You can mark your ticket "private" so that only the developers will be able to take a look at it.

Re:[done] Cannot open SPSS Syntax file as a data f

Posted by Gill - 2008/06/18 14:48

Thanks!

I will upgrade to 1.71 this afternoon and report back as you suggest. G

Re:[done] Cannot open SPSS Syntax file as a data f

Posted by Mazi - 2008/06/23 11:50

Any progress?

Have you been able to solve your problem? If so, how did you solve it? Any kind of feedback is always appreciated so we know which solution helps best to solve common problems.

Re:[done] Cannot open SPSS Syntax file as a data f

Posted by Gill - 2008/06/23 13:52

Hi ,
Sorry - we decided to wait until Tuesday (tomorrow) to install the upgrade as I'd just sent out a reminder to participate and didn't want the site down (the last upgrade took longer than we thought and I got some annoyed responses!). Will definitely report back once we've done it.

Re:[done] Cannot open SPSS Syntax file as a data f

Posted by Mazi - 2008/06/23 16:07

Thanks for your feedback.

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Re:[done] Cannot open SPSS Syntax file as a data f

Posted by Gill - 2008/06/25 18:02

OK, so we've installed the upgrades and my large survey file is still NOT exporting SPSS headers. The files are still completely empty. Smaller test files are exporting with content, but not the larger one. We will have another go, but not sure why its a problem.

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Posted by Mazi - 2008/06/25 18:23

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Re:[done] Cannot open SPSS Syntax file as a data f

Posted by Gill - 2008/06/25 18:31

OK we'll do that if we have no further success.

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