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## Description

This entry provides a quick reference for determining which method to use for exporting Stata data from memory to other formats.

## Remarks and examples

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## Summary of the different methods

### **export excel**

- `export excel` creates Microsoft Excel worksheets in `.xls` and `.xlsx` files.
- Entire worksheets can be exported, or custom cell ranges can be overwritten.
- See [D] [import excel](#).

### **export delimited**

- `export delimited` creates comma-separated or tab-delimited files that many other programs can read.
- A custom delimiter may also be specified.
- The first line of the file can optionally contain the names of the variables.
- See [D] [import delimited](#).

### **jdbc**

- Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) is an application programming interface for the programming language Java. The `jdbc` command allows you to connect to, load data from, insert data into, and execute queries on a database using JDBC.
- See [\[D\] jdbc](#).

### **odbc**

- ODBC, an acronym for Open DataBase Connectivity, is a standard for exchanging data between programs. Stata supports the ODBC standard for exporting data via the `odbc` command and can write to any ODBC data source on your computer.
- See [\[D\] odbc](#).

### **outfile**

- `outfile` creates text-format datasets.
- The data can be written in space-separated or comma-separated format.
- Alternatively, the data can be written in fixed-column format.
- See [\[D\] outfile](#).

### **export sasxport5 and export sasxport8**

- `export sasxport5` saves SAS XPORT Version 5 Transport format files.
- `export sasxport5` can also write value-label information to a `formats.xpf` XPORT file.
- `export sasxport8` saves SAS XPORT Version 8 Transport format files.
- `export sasxport8` can also write value-label information to a SAS command (`.sas`) file.
- See [\[D\] import sasxport5](#) and [\[D\] import sasxport8](#).

### **export spss**

- `export spss` saves an IBM SPSS Statistics (`.sav`) file.
- See [\[D\] import spss](#).

### **export dbase**

- `export dbase` saves version IV dBase (`.dbf`) files.
- See [\[D\] import dbase](#).

## Also see

[D] **import** — Overview of importing data into Stata

[M-5] **\_docx\*()** — Generate Office Open XML (.docx) file

[M-5] **xl()** — Excel file I/O class

[RPT] **dyndoc** — Convert dynamic Markdown document to HTML or Word (.docx) document

[RPT] **putdocx intro** — Introduction to generating Office Open XML (.docx) files

[RPT] **putexcel** — Export results to an Excel file

[RPT] **putpdf intro** — Introduction to generating PDF files