

Preferred file formats

Type of file	Examples of common proprietary formats (avoid these)	Examples of open Standards alternatives (use these)	Comments
Word processor files, such as protocols, letters, debriefings etc	Microsoft Word's native file format: .docx, .doc	OpenDocument format, available in Microsoft Word, LibreOffice and OpenOffice: .odt	You could also use .pdf: this is widely readable, but usually not editable, and therefore discouraged.
Data files	SPSS' native format: .sav R's native format: .rda	Comma Separated Files (.csv)	Note that .rda is advised against because it's not easy to import for SPSS users, not because it's not open.
Analysis scripts		SPSS Syntax files (.sps) R script files (.R, .Rmd)	Most script file formats are plain-text, and so can easily be opened by anybody.
Output files	SPSS' native output format: .spv	Portable Document Format: .pdf Text files: .txt Images: e.g. .png	
Questionnaires	Qualtrics native format: .qsf	LimeSurvey Survey file: .lss Portable Document format: .pdf (for readability/inspection by authors/reviewers) Qualtrics simple survey file: .txt	If your questionnaire software does not allow exporting to an open format, export the questionnaire as .pdf file.
Computer tasks	Native files from e.g. Inquisit, ePrime, etc	OpenSesame files: .osexp	Also see the note below this table.