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## DISCUSSION PAPER/ donald f. harrison

### On Work in Progress: Directory of Directories

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The US Action Group on Process Produced Data Files, in its mandate to prepare a "Directory of Directories", (IASSIST Newsletter Vol. I, No. 3, May 1977), has prepared the following initial entries and desires feedback from the membership. With two exceptions, entries describe only social science data files, printed and available in the United States. Because of the nature of where files are created, plus the specialized knowledge of the list makers, this list is heavy on Federal directories.

The committee seeks information on: 1) additional directories not listed and available for description; and, 2) additional or different information that may be desirable in the entry format. Please send any suggestions to:

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Association of Public Data Users. (APDU). Data File Directory. August 1977. 644 pp. typescript. Contains APDU individual and organizational membership directory as well as descriptions of contributing organizations. Lists of selected data files available from each contributing organization with file name and keyword indices. Available to membership only. For membership information, write: APDU, Box 9287 Rosslyn Station, Arlington, VA 22209.

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research. (ICPSR). Guide to Resources and Services. (annual publication). Contains data files available for purchase, technical configurations, prices. Write: ICPSR, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Library of Congress. Machine-Readable Cataloging (MARC); Price Announcements and Subscription Rates. Washington, DC, undated, 7 pp. typescript. Describes 17 subscription service data bases in MARC II. Available from L/C. Prices, available technical configurations. Write: Library of Congress, Processing Department, Cataloging Distribution Service, Washington, DC 20540.

Sessions, Vivian S. (ed.) Directory of Data Bases in the Social and Behavioral Sciences. New York: Social Associates/International Inc. 1974. hb 300 pp. Badly out of date. Describes files and other data configurations at 685 institutions/public and private, US and foreign. Describes at the file level, availability, etc.

Texas Christian University, Drug Abuse Epidemiology Data Center (DAEDAC) Newsletter. Describes files available from DAEDAC, including the "Original Data File Catalog". For further information, write: Associate Director, Dr. LaVerne Knezek, DAEDAC, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX 76129.

U.S. Bureau of the Census. Catalog. (issued quarterly). Contains social and economic data compiled by the Bureau on a quarterly basis. Write: Users' Service Staff, Data User Services Office, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.

U.S. Department of Commerce. National Technical Information Service. Directory of Computerized Data Files and Related Software. (published periodically). Contains data files available from NTIS or from Federal agencies. Technical configurations, prices. Write: NTIS, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.

U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Office of Education. Directory of Federal Agency Education Data Tapes. By Barbara A. Feller. (Pub. NCES 76-206). Washington: GPO 1976. 177 pp. apps. describes educational data bases available to the general public from Federal agencies. Prices, technical configurations. Available GPO.

U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Public Health Service. Directory of Automatic Data Processing Systems in the Public Health Service. (Published annually). 510 pp. typescript with indices. Describes approx. 500 files in PHS. Directory not yet available to public.

U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Social Security Administration. Some Statistical Research Resources Available at the Social Security Administration. A description of the available lifetime overall earnings data files from the several-purpose research files making up the continuous Work History Sample (CWSHS).



U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Standardized Micro-Data Tape Transcripts. (DHEW Pub. No. 76-1213). Washington: GPO 1976. 30 pp. Describes data bases for health statistics available from the Federal government. Prices, technical configurations. Available from GPO.

U.S. Department of Labor. Bureau of Labor Statistics. BLS Data Bank Files and Statistical Routines. (draft brochure). Describes 30 data files available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Describes publications. Write: Commissioner, BLS, Dept. of Labor, Washington, DC 20212.

U.S. General Accounting Office. 1976 Congressional Sourcebook Series (OPA 76-23) Federal Information Sources and Systems; A Directory for the Congress. Washington, DC: GPO 1976. 456 pp. paperback. An indexed reference guide to over 1,000 Federal sources and information systems in 63 Federal agencies, which contain budgetary, fiscal and program-related data. Available from GPO.

U.S. National Archives and Records Service. Catalog of Machine-Readable Records in the National Archives of the United States. Washington: GPO, 1977. 37 pp. Describes 99 files created by Federal agencies and retained in the National Archives. Prices, available technical configurations. Write: National Archives (NNR), Washington, DC 20408.

University of Waterloo. Leisure Studies Data Bank. April, 1977. 23 pp. Lists 24 files created by private and Federal Canadian agencies. In French and English. Write: Dept. of Recreation, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. N2L 3G1.

## DISCUSSION PAPER / gary m. grandon

### Using SPSS MULT RESPONSE to Generate Filtered Marginals

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With the release of SPSS's Version 7.0 this year, several additions have been added to its already extensive battery of analysis programs. MULT RESPONSE is one of these programs. It generates frequency counts and bivariate tables for "dummy" coded multiple response questions. These multiple response variables are a real nuisance to the analyst and the program at face value provides a means for their interpretation. Considerations for the analysis of multiple response data are not the subject of this paper though, but rather the use of this program for quite another purpose; the generation of "filtered marginals."

Filtered marginals are typically basic frequency counts and percentages for specified variables for each of a number of subpopulations within a study. SPSS has in the past provided \*SELECT IF statements to facilitate the processing of subpopulations. Each such statement followed by FREQUENCIES procedure statements will generate filtered marginals. The inherent problem with this type of coding