

Quick Start Guide

This guide is intended to get you started with IBM SPSS Statistics Desktop 20.



Translated versions: To obtain the Quick Start Guide in other languages, access the PDF files on the Quick Start CD or DVD.

Product overview

Whether you are a beginner or an experienced analyst or statistician, IBM® SPSS® Statistics puts the power of advanced statistical analysis in your hands. In today's data-driven landscape, the ability to analyze information to drive decision-making and solve problems is fundamental for success. IBM SPSS Statistics offers the full scope of statistical and analytical capabilities that organizations require. It's an easy-to-use, comprehensive software solution that:

- Addresses the entire analytical process from planning and data preparation to analysis, reporting and deployment
- Provides tailored functionality and custom interfaces for different skill levels and functional responsibilities of business users, analysts and statisticians
- Provides faster performance and more accurate results, compared to non-statistical, spreadsheet-type software
- Works with all common data types, external programming languages, operating systems and file types
- Offers a broad range of specialized techniques to speed productivity and increase effectiveness

1 Step 1: Access your software



If you are installing with the DVD provided with the product, proceed to the next step. If you are downloading your product from Passport Advantage®, follow the instructions in the download document available on the web at:

<http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg24029274>

2 Step 2: Access installation instructions



Detailed installation documents (PDF) are available on the installation DVD in the */Documentation/<language>/InstallationDocuments* directory. These documents can also be downloaded from the web at:

<http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg24029274>

3 Step 3: Evaluate your hardware and system configuration



Detailed system requirements are provided within the IBM SPSS Statistics installation documents, available on the product DVD. The documents can also be downloaded from the web at:

<http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg24029274>

Ensure that the target computers meet the minimum hardware and software requirements.

4 Step 4: Access your documentation



Access the IBM SPSS Statistics 20 Information Center on the web at:

<http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/SPSSStat/v20r0m0/>

The information center includes most of the documentation provided with IBM SPSS Statistics 20; however, the installation documents are provided separately (as described above).

Once the product is installed, an information center is also available locally by pressing F1 or choosing **Topics** from the Help menu.

5 Step 5: Install IBM SPSS Statistics



To install the product, please refer to the following documents, which you can find in the */Documentation/<language>/InstallationDocuments* directory on the DVD. As previously mentioned, the installation documents can also be accessed from the web at:

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If you have a single user license, refer to:

- *Single User License Installation Instructions.pdf*

If you have a site license, refer to:

- *Site License Administrators Guide.pdf*. Read this document first. It contains information about distributing the software to the users.
- *Site License Installation Instructions.pdf*. Read this document for information about installing the product on the end users' computers. You can also distribute this document to the end users. You also have the option of distributing an abbreviated version of these instructions (*Site License Installation Instructions (Abbreviated).pdf*).

If you have a network (concurrent) license, refer to:

- *Network License Administrators Guide.pdf*. Read this document first. It contains information about setting up the network license manager and distributing the software to the users.
- *Network License Installation Instructions.pdf*. Read this document for information about installing the product on the end users' computers. You can also distribute this document to the end users. You also have the option of distributing an abbreviated version of these instructions (*Network License Installation Instructions (Abbreviated).pdf*).

More information



For more information, see the following resources on [ibm.com](http://www.ibm.com):

- IBM SPSS software solutions at <http://www.ibm.com/software/analytics/spss/>
- IBM developerWorks® at <http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/spssdevcentral/>
- IBM product support at: <http://www.ibm.com/support/>
- IBM user communities at <http://www.ibm.com/community/>

