



# DataForge

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# The <Meta>Data Dance



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# DataForge

- Tools to facilitate statistical/scientific data management
  - Complement existing tools (not replace)
  - Facilitate adoption of standards and promote best practices
  - Alleviate the need to master complexities of metadata standards, technologies
- Vision: web based services (cloud users), stand alone desktop / server products (agencies/enclaves), libraries (developers)
- Broad Target audience: Data Producers / Manager / Researchers / Users
- DataForge Today (lean model):
  - Simple desktop based tools
  - **SledgeHammer** - Data/metadata transformation
    - LavaCore - Java library
  - **Caelum** - Reporting / Publication
  - **Asmurex**: ASCII Multi-Record Extraction tool
- DataForge Tomorrow:
  - DataForge Online, Web Services, Desktop w/UI, Java Library



# DataForge



# Sledgehammer

- Data Liberation
  - Unlock from proprietary formats, turn into open data
  - Produce metadata + convert data into standard ASCII formats
- Open <Meta>Data Integration
  - Generating scripts for loading into stats packages, databases, big data engines, cloud
  - Use with open systems / environments

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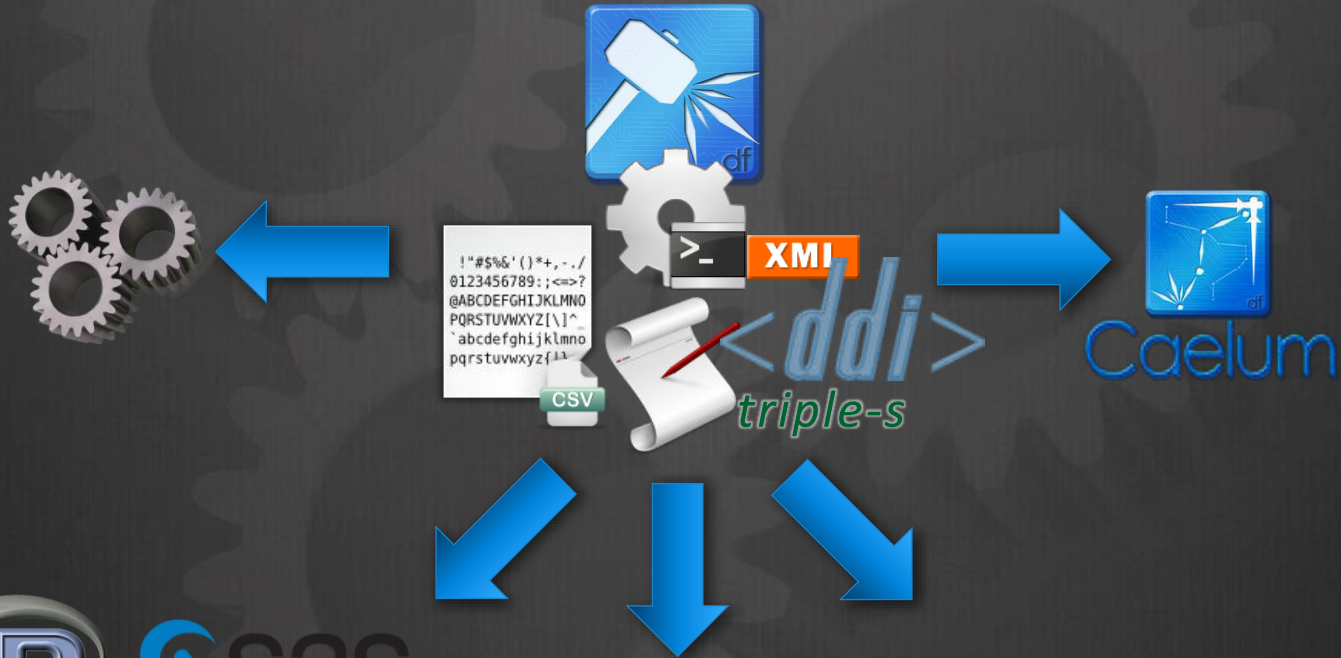
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Microsoft SQL Server

HyperSQL

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- Challenges
  - Read proprietary formats
  - Data integrity
  - ASCII optimization
  - Cross package formatting issues
  - SQL Database limits (columns, indexes, views)
  - Performance (Timings, size, memory usage)
  - ...



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## ➤ Key Features

- Input: SPSS, Stata, SAS/Syntax+ASCII, ASCII+DDI-C / DDI-L, ASCII+SSS 1.1/2.0, ASCII+StatTransfer
- Data Out: Fixed w/optimization, CSV, Delimited
- Metadata Out: DDI-C 1.2.2/Nesstar/2.1/2.5, DDI-L 3.1-RP/3.1-SU/Colectica, DDI-L 3.2-RP, DDI-L 3.2 SU, Triple-S 1.1/2.0
- Summary Stats: Min / Max /Valid/Invalid /Mean, StdDev /Variance / Frequencies, *Weighted \**, *Save in CSV\**.
- Scripts Generators: SAS, SPSS, Stata, R, Mysql, *Oracle\**, *MS-SQL\**, *HSQL\**, *Google BigQuery\**, *HP/Vertica\** + *dimension/lookup tables*, *indexes/foreign keys\**
- *Command line interface*
- See User's Guide at <http://goo.gl/9xukB>

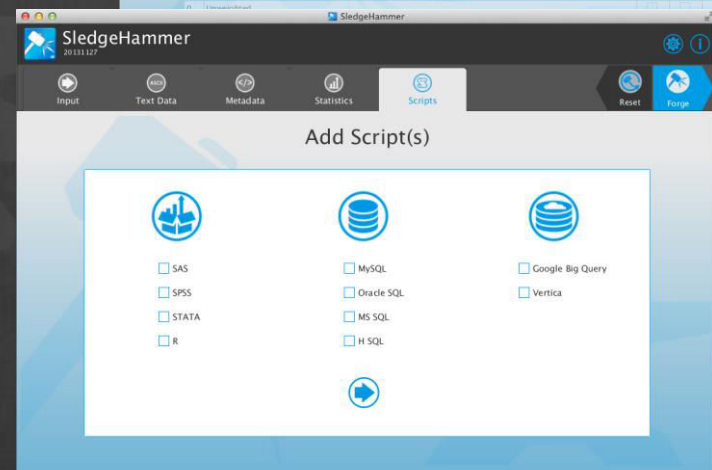
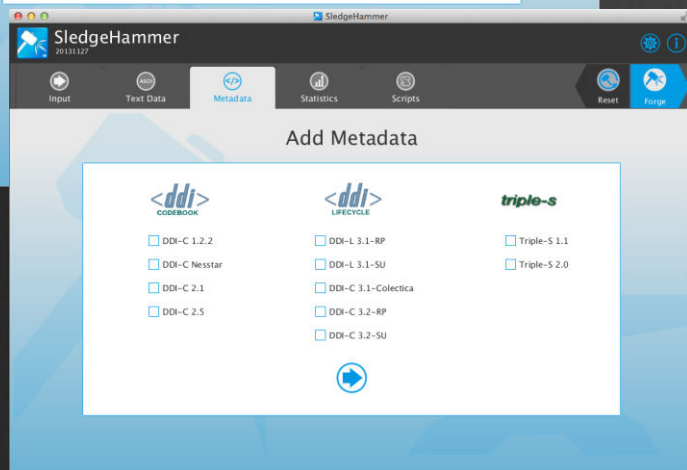
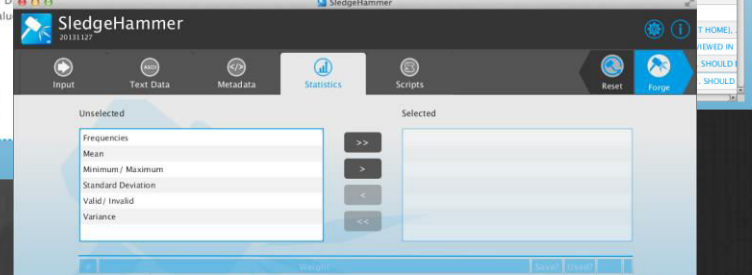
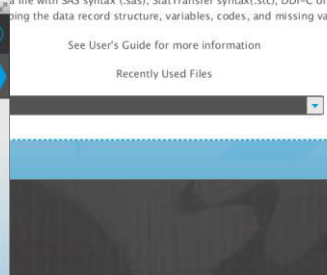
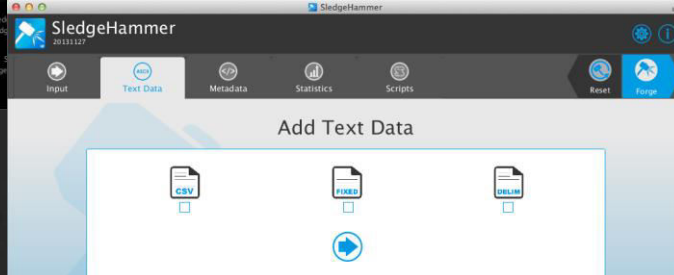
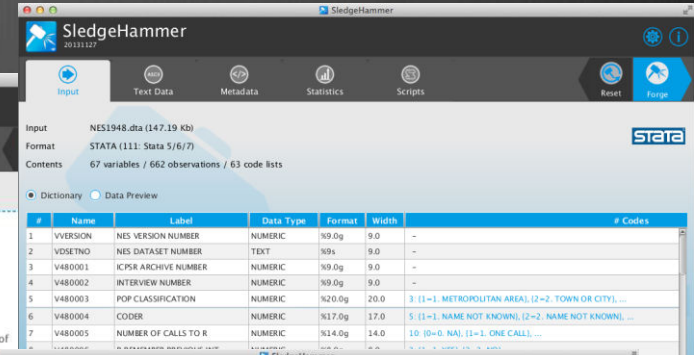
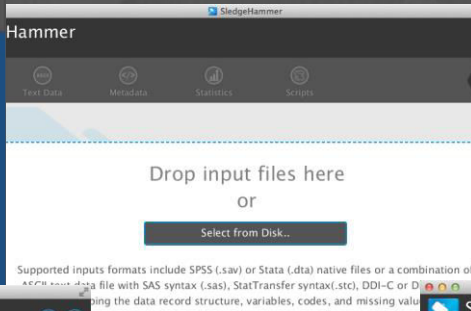
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- Key changes since IASSIST 2013
  - **Desktop User Interface**
  - SAS (Win+DSRead), handling of missing values, DDI 3.2, lots of tweaks
- Editions
  - Freeware
    - Community: 100 variables / 1,000 obs.
    - Registered (free): 500 variables / 5,000 obs. (or contact us)
    - Available today (Candidate Release)
  - Pro/Enterprise (1Q2014)
    - No data size limits
    - Weighted stats, save stats, classification auto-harmonizer, batch mode, add database formats & star schema
    - Subscription: \$29/3-month or \$99/year , Perpetual: \$279
  - LavaCore:
    - Currently internal only, planning for OEM

# DataForge SledgeHammer

- Future Features (demand driven)
  - Support additional input/output formats
  - Additional ID generators
- DataWeaver (data transformation)
  - Produce data subset
  - Synthetic data generators
  - Disclosure control
- DataForge Online (2014)
  - Free and pay as you go services
- DataForge Services (available today)
  - Community support in Google groups
  - MTNA: pay as you go / annual support, custom developments
  - IDMS: data/metadata management / processing

# DataForge SledgeHammer





# Products



SledgeHammer  
Data/metadata  
Management  
(free/paid)



Caelum  
Documentation  
XML Transform  
(free)



DataWeaver  
Data subsets,  
derivation, transforms  
(internal/project)



Asmurex  
ASCII multi record  
Extraction  
(free)



SledgeHammer--BI  
Integration with Business  
Intelligence  
(internal/projects)



Survey Manager  
DDI 3.1 Editor for  
simple projects or  
training  
(OSS)



DMP Editor  
Simple editor for  
Data Management  
Plan  
(OSS)



CMS  
Classification  
Management System  
(2014Q3 / paid )

# Services



## Expertise

### Expert Advisory and Technical Assistance

- Establishment of corporate data management strategies
- Adoption of metadata standards and related best practices
- Development of technical specifications for data management infrastructure
- Statistical and scientific data management technologies



## Development

### Application Development

- Statistical and Scientific data management solutions
- Solutions include production, archiving, dissemination, analysis
- Web-based data delivery solutions (web services, portals, secure environments)
- Standards-based data management tools/utilities



## Training

### Training in and Support for:

- Data Documentation Initiative (DDI)
- Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX)
- Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM)
- Generic Statistical Information Model (GSIM)
- General data and metadata management support



## Technologies

### Leverage New Technologies

- Help introduce new state-of-the-art technologies to the community and customers
- Deployment, hosting, and management of cloud-based infrastructures



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