Reading a .sas7bdat SAS Data File

 My student had a laptop with a faulty installation of SAS. It would not let him import an SPSS .sav data file. He tried exporting the data from SPSS to a SAS .sas7bdat file, but then he could not figure out how to get SAS to read it. I rarely use SAS data files, so I had to Google to find [instructions](https://communities.sas.com/t5/SAS-Programming/Importing-sas7bdat-file/td-p/167889). It turns out to be rather easy. My previous experience was that one had to mess with SAS “libraries,” but it turns out one can simply point directly to the location of the data file on your computer. Here is an example:

**data** smitty;

set 'F:\6430\HW-30\PDS\PDS\_2017\Nethercutt\nethercutt\_bullshit.sas7bdat';

**proc** **means**; **run**;

 Yes, it really is that easy.

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