Structural files with PxEdit and PxJob
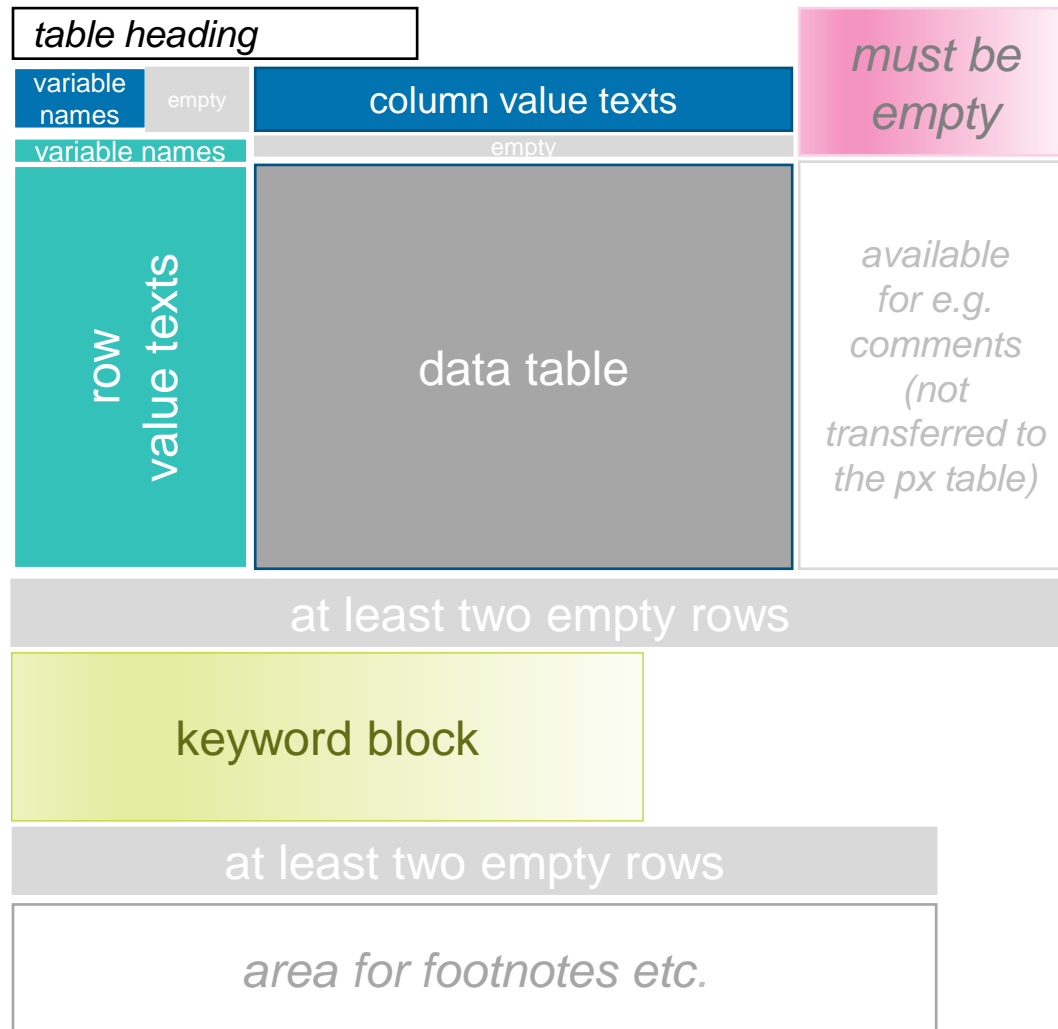
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Structural table

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Basic layout

- **Empty areas** make it possible to deduct the table layout

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Monolingual tables

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Row variables only

Random order and missing values

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Value texts need not be repeated

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Row and column variables

Value codes

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Poor metadata

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Keyword block

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Table-specific keywords are simple

The block may also be pivoted

Variable-specific keywords

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	*Nordic population*	en							
2	Sex			M			W		
3	Sex			Men			Women		
4	Year			2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
5	Country	Country	Age group						
6	DK	Denmark	0-49 years	1796142	1797549	1796712	1734580	1734489	1734196
7			50- years	1041745	1062629	1079761	1134784	1154102	1170521
8	FI	Finland	0-49 years	1662827	1661692	1657123	1587107	1581760	1574903
9			50- years	1038663	1050635	1062008	..	1529408	1219096
10	IS	Iceland	0-49 years	115158	117546	122579	110587	111463	113784
11			50- years	52112	53487	55021	54672	55853	57066
12	NO	Norway	0-49 years	1750142	1755291	1755803	1655932	1660434	1662487
13			50- years	874969	893839	912568	932942	948753	964761
14	SE	Sweden	0-49 years	3137016	3188062	3227842	2983468	3019710	3051633
15			50- years	1793950	1825285	1854820	1936583	1962096	1985947
16									
17									
18	variablename		Age group	Year					
19	MATRIX	CITI01							
20	SUBJECT-CODE	VRM							
21	SUBJECT-AREA	Population							
22	COPYRIGHT	YES							
23	CONTACT	nordicstatistics@statisticon.org							
24	SOURCE	National statistical institutes.							
25	NOTE	Population as of 1 January							
26	TIMEVAL			A					
27	NOTE		Halfway grouped						

[1] Nordic population by Country, Age group, Sex and Year

Variable: Country   en

Keywords | Meta part | View | Select | Sort | Edit | Add | Anonymise

```
CHARSET="ANSI";

AXIS-VERSION="2010";

LANGUAGE="en";

DECIMALS=0;

MATRIX="CITI01";

SUBJECT-CODE="VRM";

SUBJECT-AREA="Population";

COPYRIGHT=YES;

TITLE="Nordic population by Country, Age group, Sex and Year";

CONTENTS="Nordic population";

STUB="Country","Age group";

HEADING="Sex","Year";

VALUES("Country")="Denmark","Finland","Iceland","Norway","Sweden";

VALUES("Age group")="0-49 years","50- years";

VALUES("Sex")="Men","Women";

VALUES("Year")="2016","2017","2018";

TIMEVAL("Year")=TLIST(A1),"2016","2017","2018";
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Value-specific keywords

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Variable order may be changed if needed

Multilingual tables

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Multilingual table with table-specific keywords

Multilingual table with rich metadata

Miscellaneous

Structural files

- The same structural format works for files as well
  - there has to be a consistent field separator character: either semicolon, tabulator or comma

- The files can be arbitrarily large

- There are special options for rare occasions
  - adding cell-specific information
  - handling legacy sequential files
    - fixed record lengths without variable names (mainframe era)

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PxJob specialities

- PxJob uses control files for metadata injection

- Control files are plain `csv` files which have the same syntax as keyword blocks

- There are a couple of extra controls for metadata handling
  - `filename` for file- or directory tree filtering (wildcards `?*` accepted)
  - `replacetext` for metadata changes (wildcards `?*` accepted)
  - setting ~ (tilde) for the new value for a keyword will remove it

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Tips

- If the Excel connection is not working
    - the table can be copied via clipboard (without cell comments, though)
    - the table can be saved as a `csv` file and then read to PxEdit
    - these approaches work with other spreadsheet applications (e.g. *LibreOffice*)

- Opening a px file and saving it as a structural table helps when studying the format details
    - see *Settings|Structural table* and *File|Save to|PxJob-CSV*

- It is possible to include cell-specific keywords and/or hierarchy information in the structural table, too

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