

SSM file not of recognized type

Description

The appearance of this message is usually an indication that there are problems with the **SSM** file created for use in analysis. If, for example, missing data were incorrectly specified, a **SSM** file may be created. It may, however, be an empty file that contains no information that can be used by **HLM** in model building.

Solution

The best way to solve this problem is to remake the **SSM** file and to pay close attention to the message printed to the DOS box during **SSM** file creation. Use the **Check Stats** button in the **Make SSM** dialog box to access the descriptive statistics for the data and verify that these statistics correspond to the results of prior exploratory data analysis. Any error message concerning missing data has to be attended to before model building is attempted.