How to Upload the Gauquelin professional groups using the Jigsaw software

Search for the page as ‘CURA – Gauquelin’ and then scroll down to group of professional birthdata that are saved as .dat files. Copy, and paste onto a text file.

Change the suffix from .txt to .dat, then it should upload into Jigsaw.

Opening the Jigsaw program, go into File/Data-options/Import and click ‘Ascii,’ then choose Edit Ascii, and make sure you have the following sequence:

Name/description

Year

Day

Month

Hour

Minute

Second

Zone Description

Zone time (numeric)

Country/State name

Longitude (numeric)

Latitude (numeric)

Those define twelve columns in the data, to be uploaded. With that sequence it should upload.

Some take the view that the columns in the data and the columns as defined in Jigsaw must be the same, must correspond (NB there are no formal instructions that come with Jigsaw for this operation. It is as if Esoteric Technologies in Australia (who made this) did not give the relevant instructions to Astrolabe in the US (who distribute it)). If you wish to take this sensible approach, then open up the text file (or .dat file) in *Libre Office* (which is preferable to Excel, as will become evident).

Thus one moves between these different kinds of file: .dat, .csv, .txt and .xls, the last being for *Libre Office.* The first are in ‘comma delimited’ format, i.e each row of data is separated by commas. The last is in column format, rows of columns as in an Excel spreadsheet. *Libre Office* is able to open up a comma-delimited text into a column format.

(You may here wish to inspect the Gauquelin professional groups on the CURA page, seing how initially they were all stored in columnar format, then below them are the identical sets of data, stored as .dat files, in a comma-delimited form.)

Once opened up in a spreadsheet format, any adjustments can be made as required: columns removed, their sequence changed, the data sorted by date, etc. You may wish to have the same above-defined columns, as for the Jigsaw program, which means deleting a few.

Jigsaw naturally requires that the text columns be in a different format from the numerical columns. There are three text columns in the above Jigsaw list: ‘Name/description,’ ‘Zone Description’ and ‘Country/State name.’ In *Libre Office,* highlight each of these columns, right-click on it, select ‘format cells’ and choose ‘text.’

We now have to save the data, in such a way that it goes back to being comma-delimited text. Do file Save as and chose ‘text CSV’ for ‘save as type.’ Click the box ‘Edit Filter Settings’ then save, and in the dialogue box choose ‘use text CSV format’ In at the next stage click the box ‘Quote all text cells.’ That will save your data was ‘.csv’ – It has now been converted into lines of data comma-separated, with no columns.

Then, open up a text program eg Notepad, and set it to ‘all files’ so that it can ‘see’ your ‘.csv’ file. Let it open that file, and you will be able to see how what were your text columns now have double inverted columns around them. That tells Jigsaw that they are not or do not count as being numbers. Save the file in Notepad as a .txt file.

Alter that suffix from .txt to .dat then import it to Jigsaw. You can do this using Files/Data Options/Import. Or, you can go in to your C-drive or where Jigsaw is located and open its user-files, and move the file into there. Then just do Jigsaw File/Open and lo, the file should be visible and hopefully will upload properly.

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Once the data is uploaded, go to Research/Tabulate and graph and select whatever you want: eg for Mars in a group, select ‘Mars,’ ‘Diurnal Arc’ and ’Gauquelin 12 sectors,’ then click ‘Start.’