SPSS Best Practice for Diacritics

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| Recommendations:   * THAT SPSS’s Locale’s writing system is activated in order to support diacritics, (re: the creation of SPSS labels with diacritics, or for importing SPSS label diacritics into Nesstar); * THAT SPSS’s Locale’s writing system is activated for French – Canada, for French datasets with commas as decimal points, and for English, for datasets with dots as decimal points.   December 12, 2014, OCUL MarkIt! group S.M., uOttawa, A.L., Scholars Portal |

Problem: As of 2013, IBM SPSS no longer supports diacritics in the default setting  
Character Encoding for Data and Syntax setting (i.e., Unicode), requiring a manual setting, either at install or afterwards. Some French DLI datasets also comprise data with commas as decimal points.

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| Instructions for changing character encoding after SPSS is installed | |
| 1. Select pull-down menu **Edit** 2. Select **Options** 3. Click on tab **Language** 4. Under **Character Encoding for Data and Syntax**, select **Locale’s writing system** 5. Set Locale = **English** is satisfactory for dots as decimal points OR 6. Set Locale = **French – Canada** for commas as decimal points   Both of the above settings, English and French-Canada will support diacritics.   1. Select **Apply** 2. Click **OK** |  |