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.

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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**
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