The Anything Else option for data import
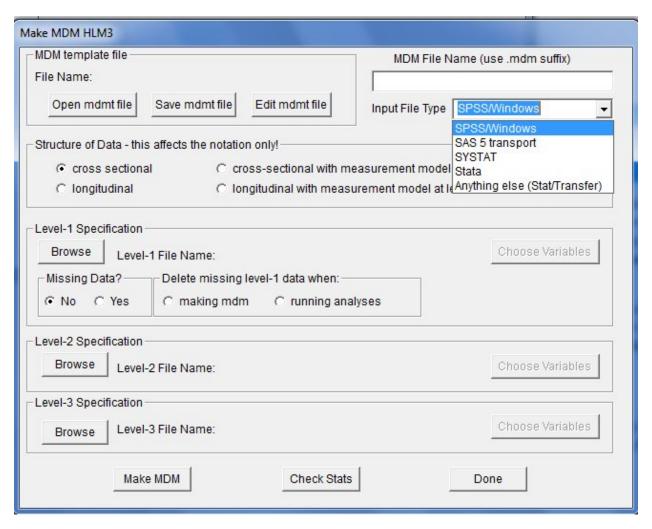
Stat package data

The MDM file can be constructed directly from different types of input files including SPSS, ASCII, SAS, SYSTAT, and STATA, or indirectly from many additional types of data file formats through the third-party software module included in the HLM program.

When importing stat package data, the **Input File Type** field on the **Make MDM** dialog box offers a number of options, as shown below. The first four options are supported by HLM code and allows the import of the most commonly used stat package data files. However, it should be noted that whenever a new version of a stat package is released, the associated option on this list may no longer work. This is usually due to changes in data file headers in the newer stat package versions. When this happens, an error message warning that the
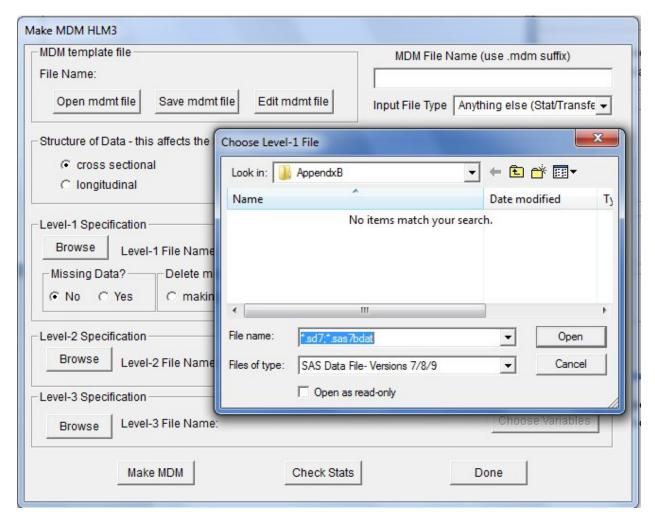
Data file is empty

will appear in the Command Prompt box when making an MDM file is attempted.

In that case, the **Anything Else** option should be used. This option is associated with a third-party software module that can be used to ready a large number of other stat package data files. We briefly illustrate the use of this option for reading an SPSS data file.

First, set the **Input File Type** to **Anything Else**. Then click Browse to select a level-1 data file in the **Level-1 Specification** field. The **Open** dialog box that appears has a default setting of SAS Data File – Versions 7/8/9.

Select SPSS Data File from the **Files of Type** field on the **Open** dialog box as shown below.

SAS Data File- Versions 7/8/9
SAS V6 Data File- HP,IBM,SGI & SUN Unix
Excel
SPSS Data File
1-2-3
Access
ASCII File - Delimited
ASCII File - Fixed Format (S/T Schema)
ASCII File - Fixed Format (All Schemas)
dBASE
Epi Info
Gauss
Gauss - Unix
HTML Table
JMP
LIMDEP for Windows
Matlab Matrix
Mineset
Minitab
ODBC Data Source
OSIRIS
Paradox
Quattro Pro
S-Plus
SAS V6 Data File - Windows/OS2
SAS V6 Data File - Dec Unix
SAS(Sun) Data File- Versions 7/8/9
SAS(Alpha) Data File- Versions 7/8/9
SAS Transport File
SAS Program & Data File
SPSS Data File - HP,IBM, & Sun Unix
SPSS Portable File
SPSS 'Syntax' & Data File
Stata
Stata/SE
Stata Program & Data File
Statistica
Systat
Fixed Format ASCII File
SigmaPlot File
Statistica
Sybase SQL Server
Microsoft SQL Server
Oracle

Choose Level-1

Look in:

Name   modified   Ty

File name:

Files of type: SAS Data File- Versions 7/8/9

Open as read-only

Open

Cancel

Now browse for the data file and click **Open** when done. Note that this third-party software module is not available in the free student edition.