

**PREPARATION OF MORTALITY STUDIES DATA  
USING dBASE III PLUS**

**THE PROCEDURES**

1 From the dBASE III PLUS Screen -

- a) Highlight - CREATE
- DATABASE FILE - Enter
- B: - Enter
- Name of File - Enter file Name

Note: File Name is AABBCDD, as defined for  
1.2.3 LOTUS

b) Enter Field Details -

AGE	Numeric	3
INFO	Character	48

Press ENTER to Complete setting up the Fields.

c) Now Enter the Data as -

AGE	Enter Age, eg: 23 - Enter
INFO	Enter six numbers, each preceded by a comma;

press ENTER, eg: 12,14,16,18,19,98

Notes: (i) Age is 9 to 98, omitting blank  
data lines. TOTAL line is 99.

(ii) Omit blank lines. Final line is  
always: 99,T1,T2,T3,T4,T5,T6

2 Save the File on disc in Drive B.

3 Retrieve File

- Highlight - Retrieve
- List - Enter
- Execute Command - Enter
- To Printer - No

## 4 Insert Two Columns - On the dBASE III PLUS Screen -

- a) Highlight        -    Modify  
                          -    Report                    - Enter  
                          -    Data Base File       - Enter  
                          -    B:                               - Enter
- b) Highlight        -    Age  
                          -    Press Control N, for blank entry line before Age  
                          -    Enter DATA                    Character 6       - Enter
- c) Highlight        -    DATA  
                          -    Press Control N, for blank entry line before DATA  
                          -    Enter LINENO                    Numeric 6       - Enter

5 QUIT - to save File on Disc B.

6 ESC (twice)

7 Complete DATA Column  
 Enter at .(Dot) -  
 REPLACE DATA WITH 'DATA' FOR DATA = "8 Complete LINENO Column  
 Enter at .(Dot) -  
 REPLACE LINENO WITH Number FOR LINENO = 0 (Zero)

Notes: (i) Number equals:(Company Code+10) x 1000+AGE

(ii) If Company is: 03,  
 Number is : (03+10)\*1000 + AGE  
 I.E. 13000 + AGE, and is entered in this form.(iii) For this example, the entry after the  
 .(Dot) is -  
 REPLACE LINENO WITH 13000+AGE FOR LINENO = 0(iv) The entry for DATA is in quotes (ie 'DATA' or "). The entry for  
 LINENO has no quotes.

9 QUIT - to save file on Disc B.

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LINENO DATA AGE INFO
11009 DATA 9 ,1,1,1,1,1,1
11010 DATA 10 ,2,2,2,2,2,2
11011 DATA 11 ,3,3,3,3,3,3
11012 DATA 12 ,4,4,4,4,4,4
11013 DATA 13 ,5,5,5,5,5,5
11014 DATA 14 ,6,6,6,6,6,6
11015 DATA 15 ,7,7,7,7,7,7
11016 DATA 16 ,8,8,8,8,8,8
11017 DATA 17 ,9,9,9,9,9,9
11018 DATA 18 ,11,11,11,11,11,11
11099 DATA 99 ,56,56,56,56,56,56

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