



AHELP for CIAO 3.4

## load\_dataset

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## Synopsis

Module function to load data into Sherpa

## Syntax

```
Integer_Type load_dataset([Integer_Type], {String_Type | Struct_Type |
Array_Type}, [,Array_Type, ...])

Success/Error Return Values: 1/0

Arguments:

(1) Data set number (default 1)

(2) File name, or

(2) S-Lang variable of Struct_Type (e.g., type of variable returned by
VARMM readfile()), or

(2) S-Lang variable of Array_Type

(3) More S-Lang variables of Array_Type
```

## Description

This function acts as a wrapper around the filetype-specific load functions (e.g., load\_ascii, load\_pha, etc.). If a file name is provided, then the data are read in via the VARMM library readfile() function. If a S-Lang variable of Struct\_Type is provided, then the data are loaded from the fields of that variable. If one or more S-Lang variables of Array\_Type are provided, then the data are passed to the functions set\_axes() and set\_data(). A maximum of 8 arrays, for data of up to 7 dimensions, can be passed as arguments of Array\_Type.

See the related Sherpa command READ for more information.

## Example 1

```
sherpa> () = load_dataset("example.dat")
sherpa> () = load_dataset(1,"example.pha")
```

These two commands are equivalent; both load data from file into data set 1. In the first case, data are loaded from an ASCII file, and in the second, data are loaded from a PHA file; load\_dataset() calls the appropriate function to read from ASCII and FITS files respectively.

## Example 2

```
sherpa> foo = readfile("example.pha")
sherpa> () = load_dataset(1,foo)
sherpa> () = load_dataset(1,foo.channels, foo.counts)
```

Here the data are loaded into a S-Lang variable of Struct\_Type. In the first call to load\_dataset(), this S-Lang variable is passed to the function. In the second call, two arrays are passed to load\_dataset(). The data in ``foo.channels" and ``foo.counts" are used as the x and y arrays respectively; but the other fields of the variable ``foo" are not used. This means the second call to load\_dataset() is not quite the equivalent of the first.

## Bugs

See the [Sherpa bug pages](#) online for an up-to-date listing of known bugs.

## See Also

*chandra*

[guide](#)

*sherpa*

[autoest](#), [back](#), [berrors](#), [bsyserrors](#), [coord](#), [data](#), [dataspace](#), [fakeit](#), [feffile](#), [group](#), [guess](#), [is\\_subtracted](#), [load](#), [load\\_arf](#), [load\\_ascii](#), [load\\_back\\_from](#), [load\\_backset](#), [load\\_fitsbin](#), [load\\_image](#), [load\\_inst](#), [load\\_inst\\_from](#), [load\\_pha](#), [load\\_pha2](#), [load\\_rmf](#), [read](#), [set\\_analysis](#), [set\\_axes](#), [set\\_backscale](#), [set\\_coord](#), [set\\_data](#), [set\\_exptime](#), [set\\_subtract](#), [set\\_weights](#), [setback](#), [setdata](#), [subtract](#), [ungroup](#), [unsubtract](#), [use](#)

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