

Tidy Data: Best practice for organising data

1. Save each variable in a separate column:

A	D	X

2. Save each observation in its own row

A	D	X

Example:

Well organised data on the shapes in the picture. Each observation is data about a coloured block. Three variables are recorded for each block: shape, colour and frequency.

Shape	Colour	Frequency
Cube	Red	2
Cube	Blue	1
Cube	Green	1
Cube	Yellow	1
Cube	Purple	1
Cube	Orange	1

