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This issue of WORLD CULTURES contains five stand alone articles and an important research tool for holocultural research contributed by James Dow. Dow's contribution is the entire sccs data base in a data frame that can be loaded into R. In his two articles in this issue Douglas White illustrates how SPSS with the *.sav data files provided by WORLD CULTURES can be used to teach cross-cultural research (check White's web site for the current versions of these chapters and for other materials). As Dow notes, R offers several advantages as an alternative or complement to SPSS. A major advantage is that it is free. It is much easier to program than SPSS and its user community has developed hundreds of free packages. A major barrier to its wider use is that it has a steeper learning curve than SPSS and the materials available for learning R are somewhat limited. If you want to explore Dow's contribution, or R in general, I highly recommend Peter Dalgaard's book *Introductory Statistics with R* (Springer, 2002). If you have developed R programs that might be of use in cross-cultural research, I encourage you to submit them to the journal.

---J. Patrick Gray