What is a Datalink?

A **Datalink** is an advanced method of bringing **Forecast Data** into **Castaway**. It's a live, dynamic link between a **data line** in **Castaway** and an external spreadsheet source or another **Castaway** file.

Create a Datalink

1. **Click** the **Manage Datalinks** Tab

2. **Click** the **Select File** button to choose your **Excel** file

3. Select the **Element** you want to link to.

4. Select the **Excel** cell range.

5. **Click** on the ⊕ symbol next to the corresponding variable to insert the link. The ⊖ symbol will remove a link

Note: The same method is used for **Forecast Datalinks**. Just **Click** on the **Data Sources** Dropdown arrow to switch to **Forecast Datalinks**.

Launch source file

Refreshes the source view

Data Sources
- Excel Datalinks
- Forecast Datalinks

Select File
- ⊕ New File....
- Samplers Wine Company Profit & Loss.xls

Best practice

- ✅ Save your **Data-linked** file and your **Castaway** file in the same folder
- ✅ Allocate a tab in your **Excel** spreadsheet just for **Datalinks**
- ❌ Avoid renaming your **Data-linked** file