



IT Notes

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1 Purpose

This document is a guide for the installation of the application *SST Dashboard* and the R package *sstCalculation*.

2 Notes regarding the application *SST Dashboard*

This chapter is only relevant for the current users of the application *SST Dashboard*. The users of the R package *sstCalculation* can ignore this chapter.

Due to license changes from packages used by the application *SST Dashboard*, the latest version of these packages cannot be integrated in the application. This limitation may cause unexpected compatibility issues in the future, therefore FINMA publishes *SST Dashboard* a last time for SST 2022. After SST 2022, this application will no longer be officially supported and maintained.

FINMA introduces two measures to mitigate the impact of this limitation on *SST Dashboard* users.

First, we can provide a user guide on request which explains the steps that are necessary in order to install the software programs (R, RStudio, Rtools) and the packages required to run the package *sstCalculation*. Subsequently, the dashboard can be launched as described in chapter 4.

Second, we integrated a feature allowing the users to update the *SST Dashboard* with future versions of the R package *sstCalculation*. Several companies have already used this approach successfully. We can provide a general user guide for this feature on request as well. Note that this approach does not solve the limitations described above, and is therefore neither officially supported nor maintained by FINMA.

Also note that the application *SST Dashboard* and the previous application *SST-Tool* may be misidentified as a threat by some antivirus programs. Therefore it is recommended to use the equivalent R package *sstCalculation*, see chapter 4 for details.

3 Application *SST Dashboard*

The *SST Dashboard* is a standalone application that allows computing the SST ratio using an executable Windows program. It contains the following programs:

1. The R package *sstCalculation*,
2. The R programs and packages necessary for the R package *sstCalculation*,
3. A portable Chromium webbrowser,
4. A program for the automatic installation on a Windows computer.

3.1 System requirements

An Intel-compatible machine, with at least 4GB RAM. However, 8GB are recommended.

The executable setup is distributed in two different versions:

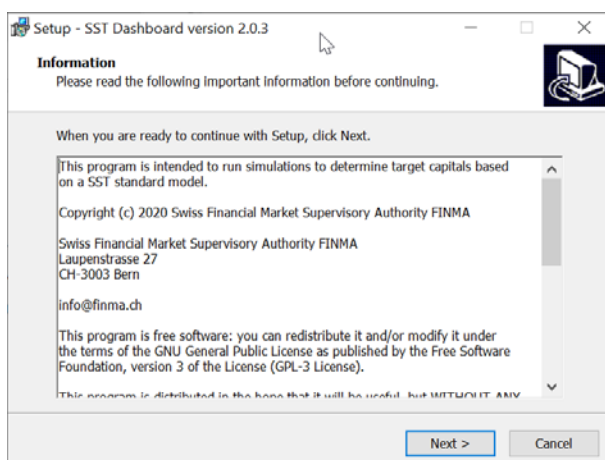
File	Windows Versions
SST_Dashboard_setup_x86.exe	32 bit
SST_Dashboard_setup_x64.exe	64 bit

Both versions do not require any external libraries or programs to run properly, with the exception of the Windows system libraries. They are compatible and have been tested with Windows 7, Windows 8.1 and Windows 10. The executable version may also run on other versions of Windows. However, it has been tested only for the listed versions.

3.2 Installation

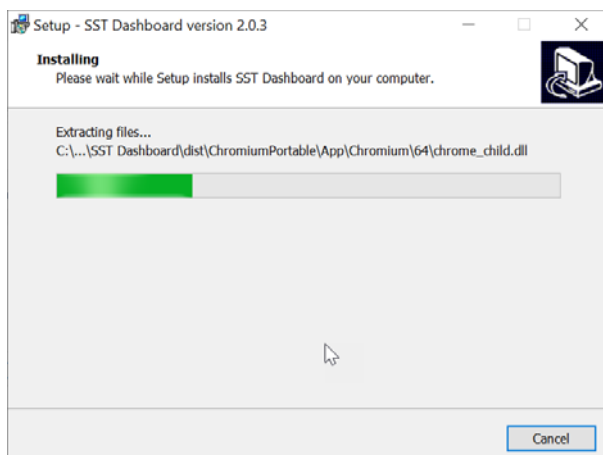
Step 1

Download the fitting executable version from the SST website and open it. Read the legal notices and then click *Next*.



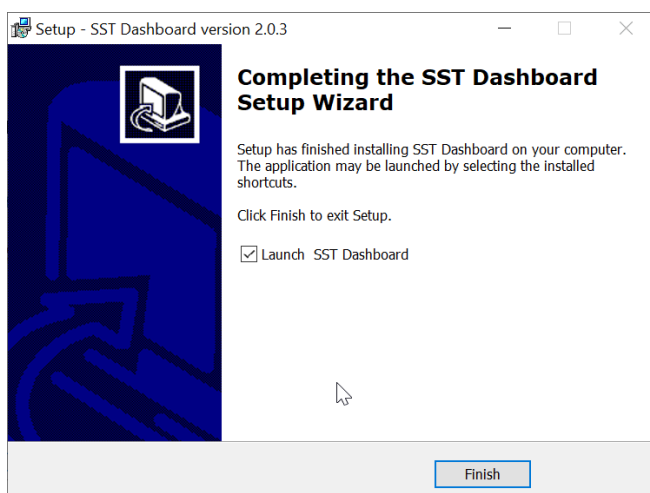
Step 2

Wait for the installation to be completed. This will take approximately 5 minutes.



Step 3

Click on *Finish* to finalize the installation.



Step 4

After the installation, you will find a *shortcut* of the SST Dashboard on the desktop. Double-click on this *shortcut* to start the dashboard.



4 R package *sstCalculation*

The R package *sstCalculation* for the calculation of the SST Ratio consists of the following programs:

1. the standalone R package *sstCalculation* itself
2. a GUI *Dashboard* started by a web browser.

The R package *sstCalculation* requires the programs R, RTools and RStudio as well as other R packages.

4.1 System requirements

An Intel-compatible machine, with at least 4GB RAM. However, 8GB are recommended.

The *sstCalculation* R package is compatible and has been tested with Windows 7, Windows 8.1 and Windows 10. The *sstCalculation* R-package can also run on other Unix based operating systems supported by R. However, it has been designed only for the listed Windows versions.

4.1.1 Required software programs

The following software programs need to be pre-installed on the user's machine.

Software name	Minimum version
R	3.3.0
Rtools	3.4
RStudio	1.0.136

Remark: RStudio is necessary for launching the GUI.

4.1.2 Required R packages

The *sstCalculation* R package requires the following R packages to be installed in the user's R package library. Package names in italic are pre-installed within R.

Package name	Minimum version
data.table	1.10.4-3
readxl	1.0.0
openxlsx	4.0.17
MASS	None
shiny	1.0.5
shinydashboard	0.6.1
cellranger	None
Rcpp	0.11.6
tibble	1.1
httpuv	1.3.5
mime	0.3
jsonlite	0.9.16
xtable	None
digest	None
htmltools	0.3.5
R6	2.0
sourcetools	None
rematch	None
cli	None
crayon	None
pillar	None
rlang	None
assertthat	None
utf8	1.1.3
<i>stats</i>	-
<i>utils</i>	-
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<i>methods</i>	-
<i>grDevices</i>	-
<i>graphics</i>	-

4.2 Installation

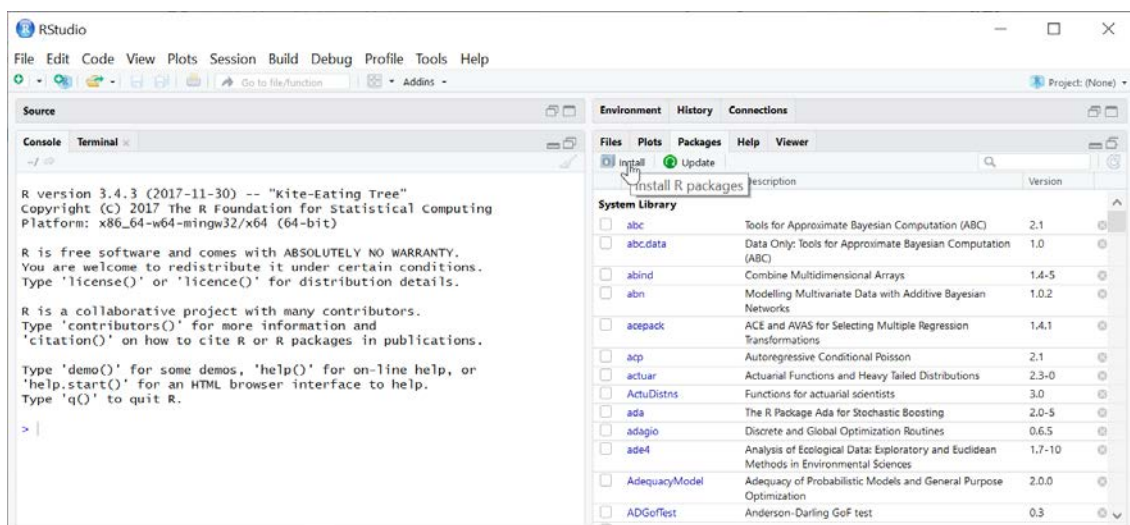
Above software programs and R packages have to be installed before the installation of the R package *sstCalculation*.

Step 1

Store the R package *sstCalculation_2.4.0.tar.gz* on the local drive.

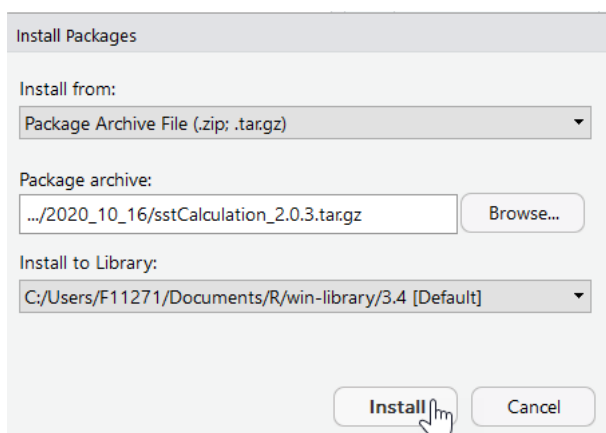
Step 2

Start RStudio. Select the tab *Packages* on the right and click on *Install*. A dialog box opens.



Step 3

Click on *Browse*, search for the R package *sstCalculation_2.4.0.tar.gz* and click *Install* in the dialog box.



Step 4

Wait a moment. This feedback is displayed in the console down left.

```
> install.packages("~/Marktrisiko_BVG_Implementierung/neues SST Tool/2020_10_16/sstCalculation_2.0.3.tar.gz", repos = NULL, type = "source")
Installing package into 'C:/Users/F11271/Documents/R/win-library/3.4'
(as 'lib' is unspecified)
* installing *source* package 'sstCalculation' ...
** R
** inst
** preparing package for lazy loading
** help
*** installing help indices
    converting help for package 'sstCalculation'
      finding HTML links ... fertig
      excelToModelSST                html
      sstCalculation-package         html
      sstCalculation                 html
      sstDashboard                   html
      sstIntroduction                 html
      sstNews                        html
** building package indices
** installing vignettes
** testing if installed package can be loaded
* DONE (sstCalculation)
In R CMD INSTALL
> |
```

The installation is completed successfully, when everything is displayed in black. Otherwise, for system requirements please refer to above chapter.

Step 5

Enter the command `library(sstCalculation)` into the console to load the package. The GUI is started via the command `sstDashboard()`.

```
> library(sstCalculation)
sstCalculation 2.0.3

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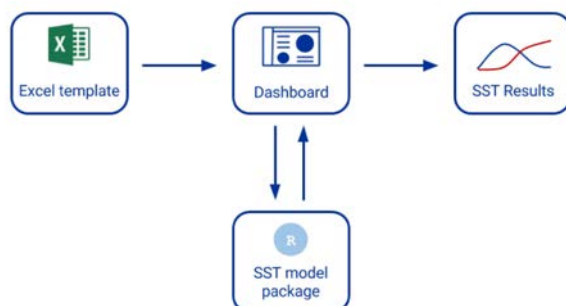
Type sstDashboard() and go to the 'Legal Notices' Tab for more details about the license.
Type sstIntroduction() to open an introduction to the sstCalculation package.
Type sstNews() to open an overview of the changes to the sstCalculation package.

> sstDashboard()
The results will be exported to the following directory: C:\Users\F11271\Documents
Loading required package: shiny
|
```

The results are exported to the folder *Documents* by default. A different folder can be defined, see `?sstDashboard`.

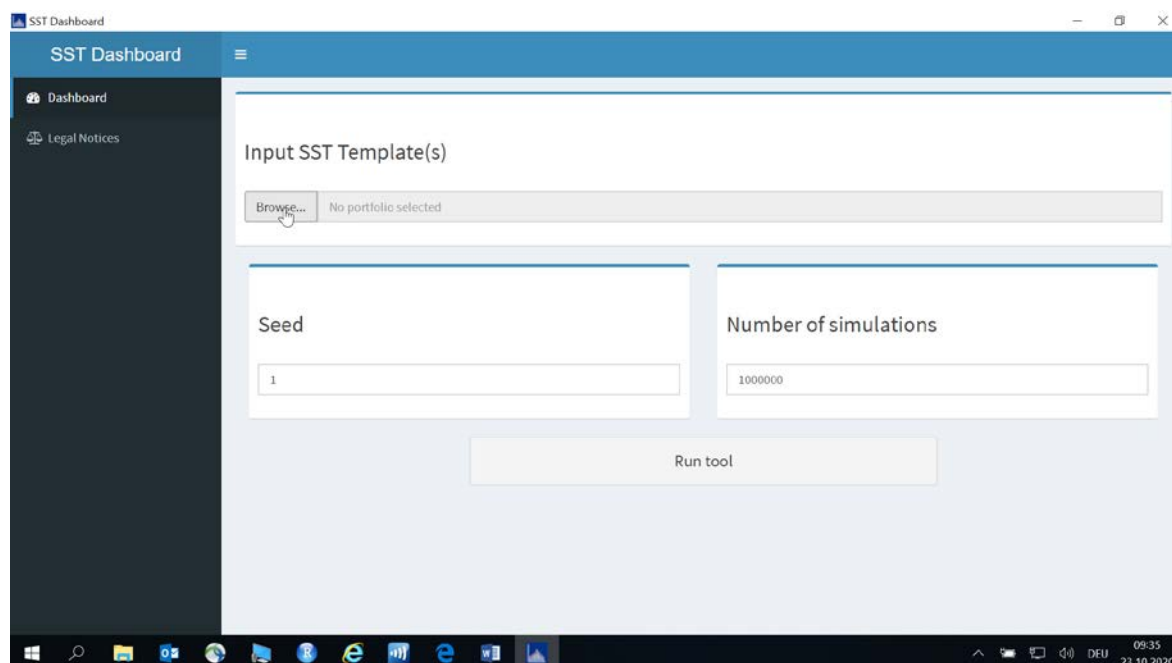
5 Run the Dashboard

The following picture shows the exchange between excel template, dashboard and R package.



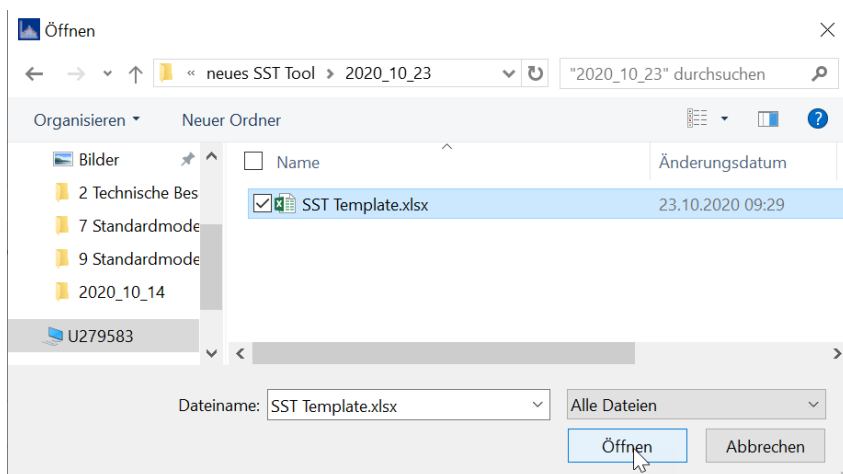
Step 1

The SST Dashboard is started and a browser opens with the dashboard. Click on Legal Notices for the legal notices related to the use and transfer of the package.



Step 2

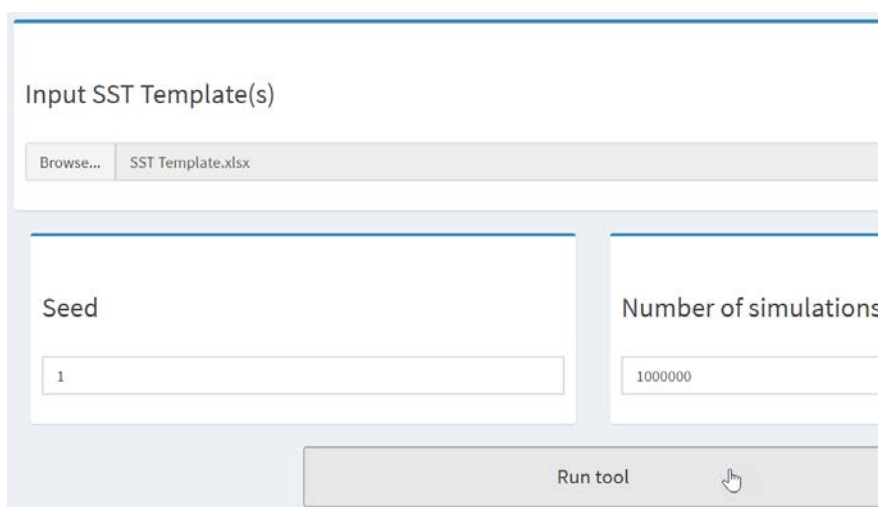
Upload the filled *SST Template*.



Users of the standard model for participations select all needed *SST Templates_CR*.

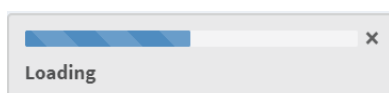
Step 3

Seed and number of simulations are loaded from the *SST Template*. Number of simulations for solvency calculation purposes should be 1 million usually. Click on *Run tool* to start the SST calculation.



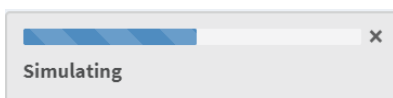
Step 4

The *SST Template_CR* is parsed. Specific error messages are displayed in case any inputs are incomplete or incorrect.



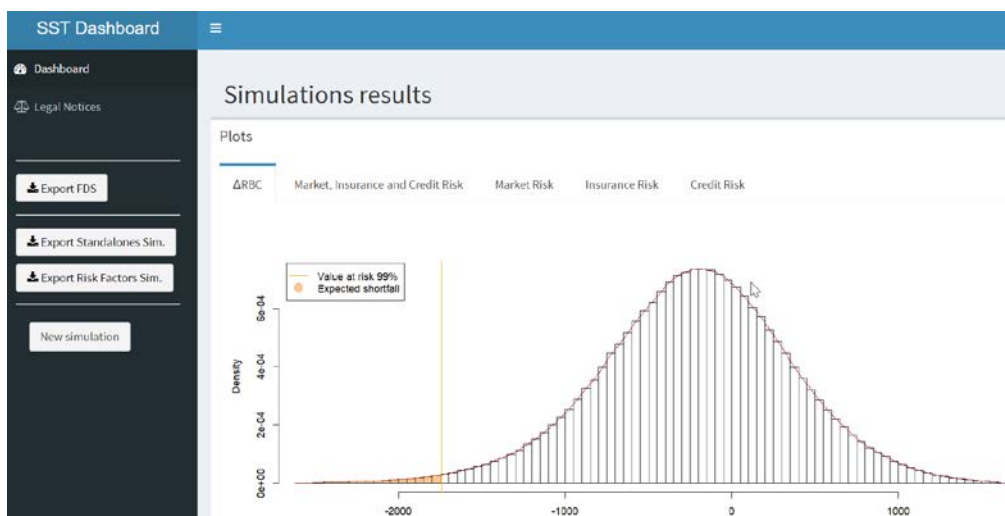
Step 5

The simulations for the calculation of the SST ratio are generated. This step can take a few minutes.



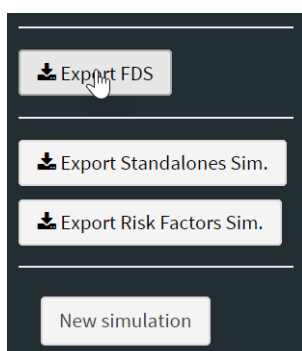
Step 6

Once the simulations are generated and the results for the *Fundamental Data Sheet* are calculated, a graphic is displayed on the screen showing the most important results and marginal distribution functions.



Step 7

Click on the box *Export FDS* to download the results for the *Fundamental Data Sheet*.



Step 8

An excel file *Fundamental_Data.xlsx* containing the results is downloaded.