

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**.

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