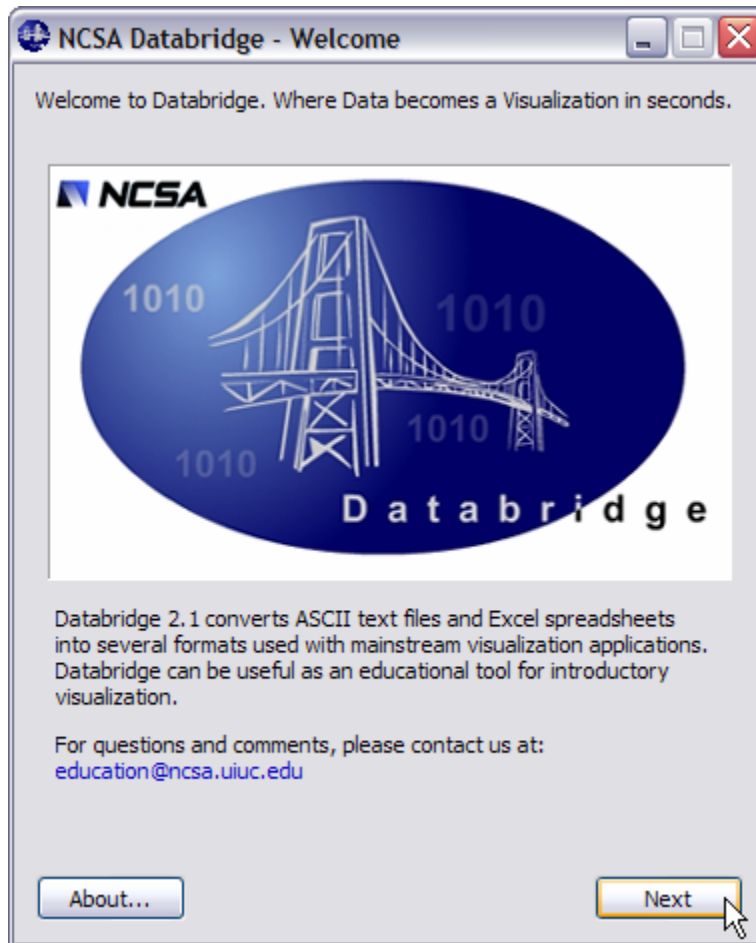


# Databridge 2.1 Tutorials – MRI Brainscan

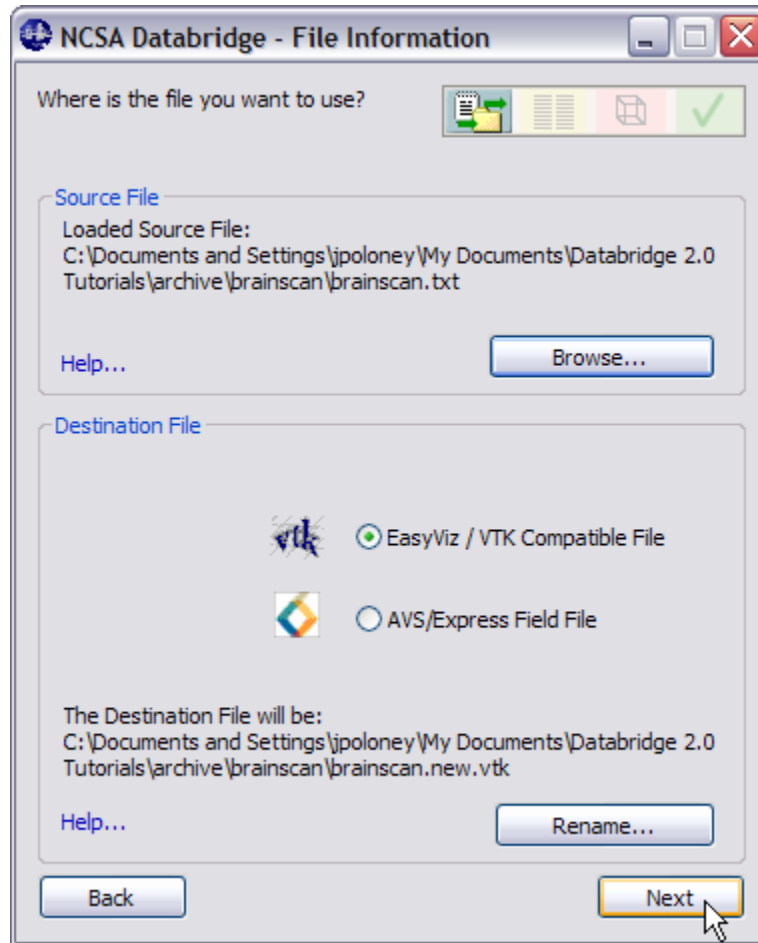
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1. Load Databridge and you will be presented with this screen:



2. Click the Next button to continue.

3. On this screen, click Browse... and load the brainscan.txt file that came with this tutorial.



4. Choose a Destination File type. It will place the file in the same folder as the Source File. If you wish to change this, click the Rename button, and you can move it wherever you would like. For this tutorial, we will be using the EasyViz File format. Click the Next button to continue.

5. For this particular dataset, you will need to select the following options:
  - a. Spaces, Tabs, and/or Linebreaks
  - b. No
  - c. Yes

Make sure Databridge is the same as below.

NCSA Databridge - Data Organization

How is your data organized?

What separator does the data use?

Spaces, Tabs, and/or Linebreaks

Other

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Does the data have a header line?

Yes

No

Help...

Is your data in block format?

Yes

No

Help...

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6. Click the Next button to continue.

- Under Data Value, select All Data. If it isn't already, enter 0.000000 for the Null Value. Make sure Databridge is the same as below.

NCSA Databridge - Column Setup

Choose the columns of data that you want visualized.

What is the data's column format?

X Value    Y Value    Z Value    Data Value

           All Data

Please choose which data column you want as your block data. If all of your data is block data, choose the default "All Data" option. Refer to the links below for extra help.

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What Null Value will you assign?

Data Bridge will fill in missing data value(s) with this number:

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- Click the Next button to continue.

9. Make sure the 3-D Uniform button is selected. In the text boxes to the right of it, make sure they read:
- a. Num. X: 30
  - b. Num. Y: 64
  - c. Num. Z: 64
  - d. Step X: 1
  - e. Step Y: 1
  - f. Step Z: 1

Make sure Databridge is the same as below.

NCSA Databridge - Data Type

What type of data are you dealing with?

**Scatter Data**

2-D Scatter  Interpolate

3-D Scatter  Interpolate

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**Uniform Data**

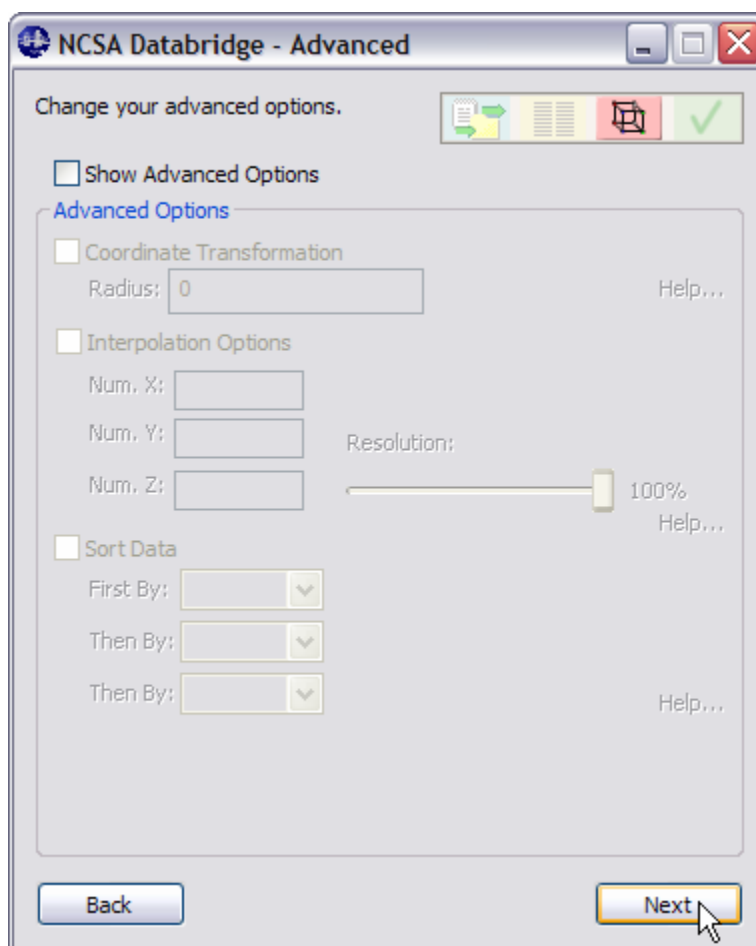
2-D Uniform Num. X: 720 Step X: 0.5  
Num. Y: 360 Step Y: 0.5

3-D Uniform Num. X: 30 Step X: 1  
Num. Y: 64 Step Y: 1  
Num. Z: 64 Step Z: 1

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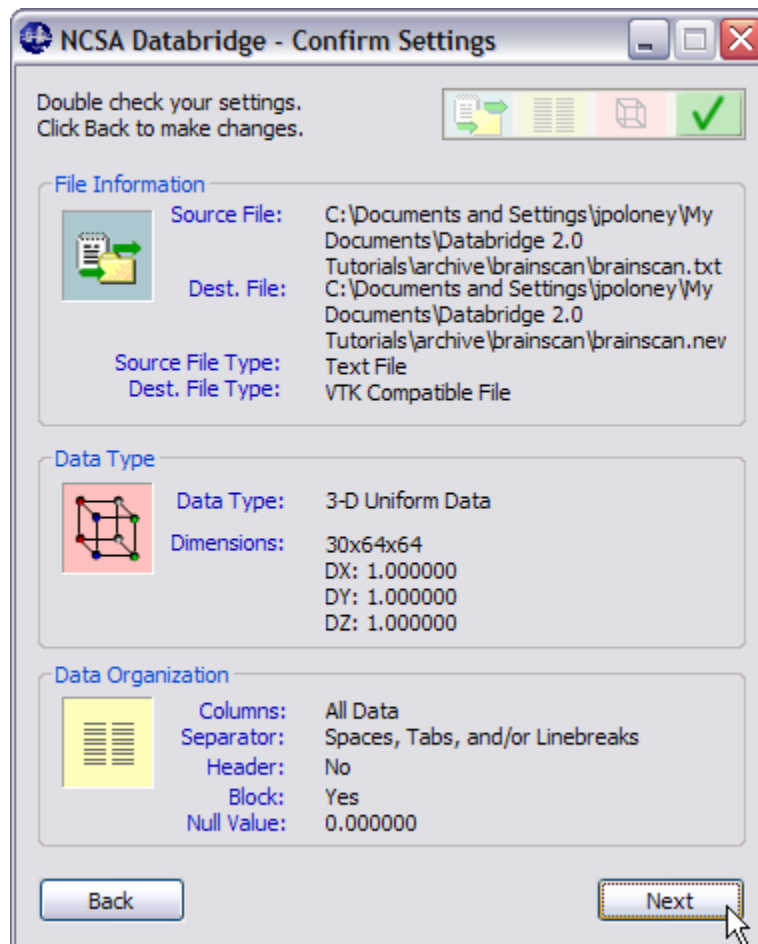
10. Click the Next button to continue.

11. Leave the Show Advanced Options checkbox unchecked.



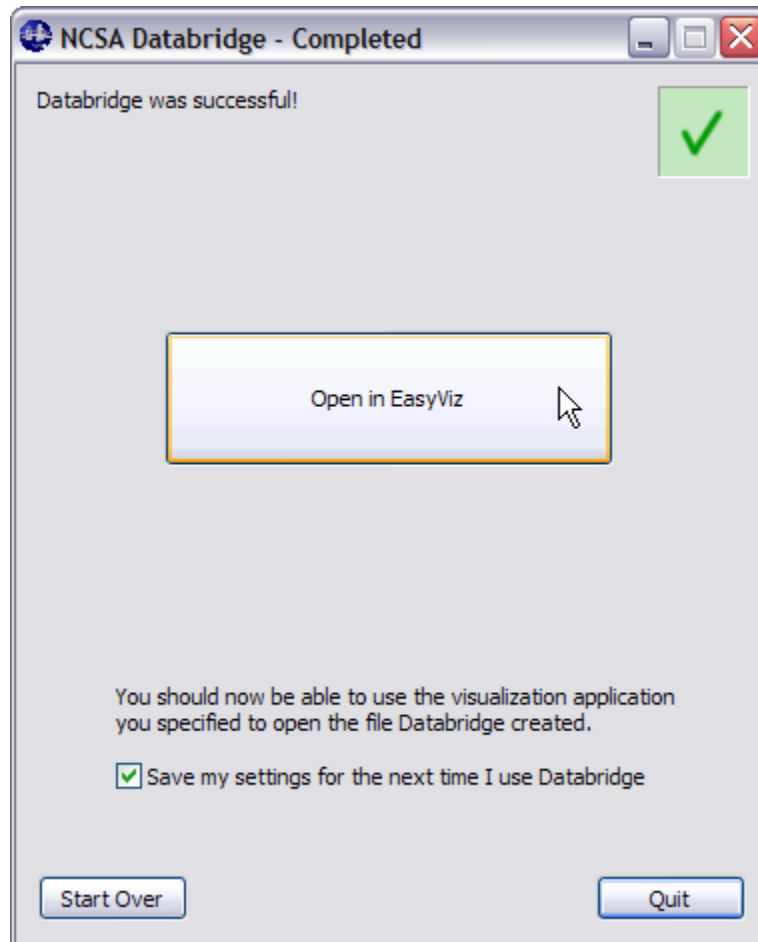
12. Click the Next button to continue.

13. This is a summary page of the settings that you have inputted.



14. Click the Next button to continue.

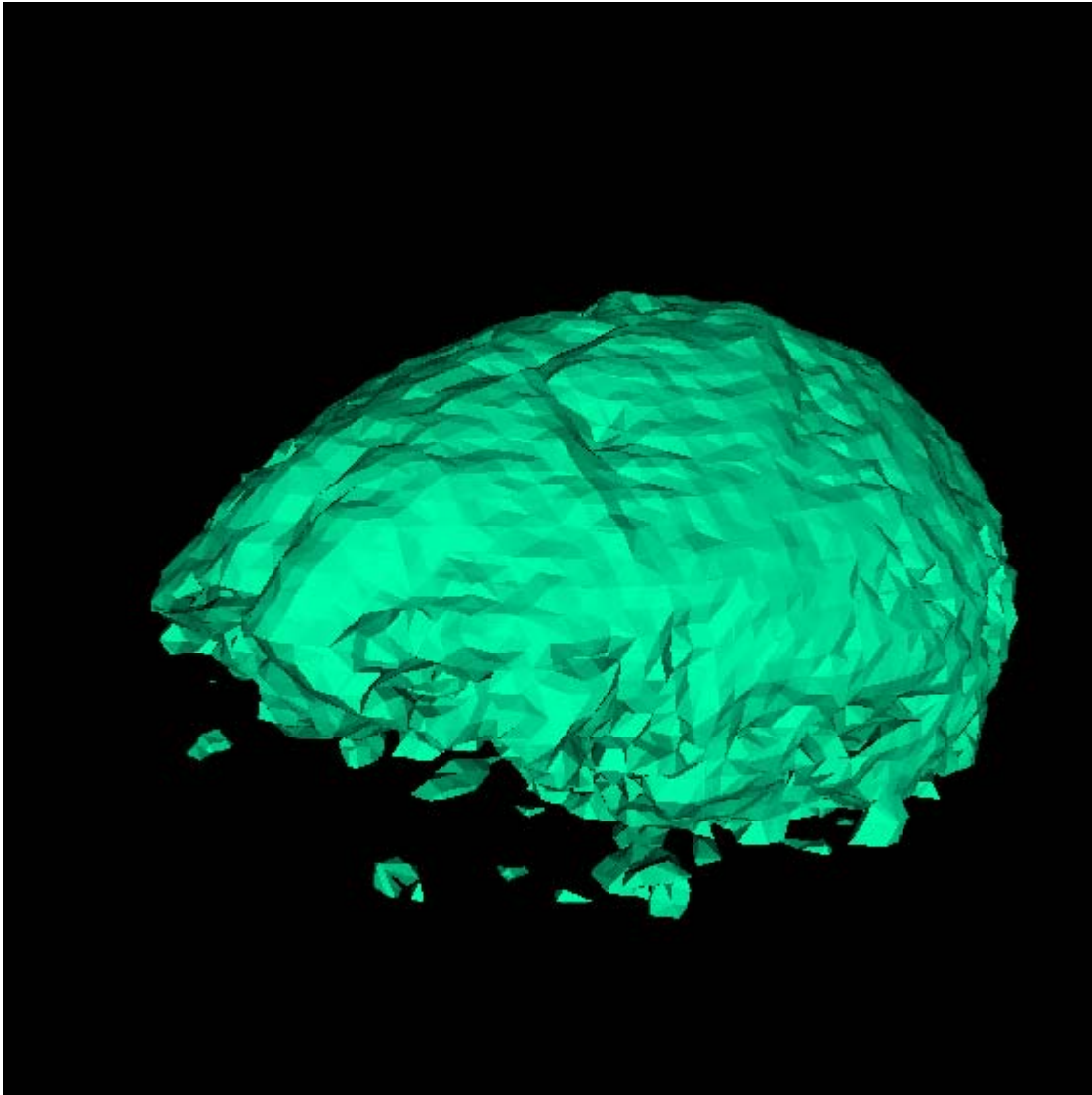
15. You can choose to save the settings for the next time you use Databridge or not.



16. Click the Open in EasyViz button to continue. This will close Databridge and open the file in EasyViz for you.

## So what exactly are you looking at??

Once loaded into EasyViz, you will notice that it looks like a large blue box. If you select Tools -> 3-D Tools -> Contour Plot, you can set up EasyViz to view certain sections. Change the value of the Single Surface to 100 and click Apply. You can also play with Multiple Surfaces as well. This is a great example to see how the brain looks as you move each plane from one end to the other, effectively looking at the “inside” of the brain.



This dataset is taken from a MRI Brainscan of a former NCSA Student Employee. This is just your traditional, run of the mill, MRI Brainscan. It shows what a healthy brain looks like.