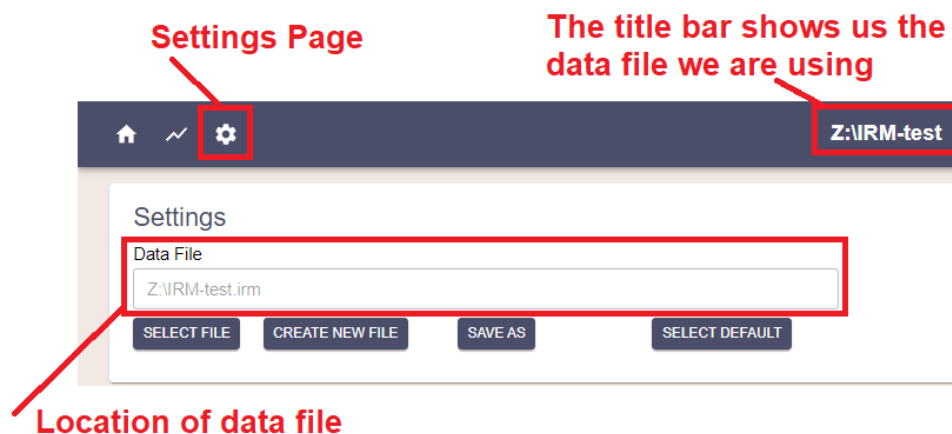# Inspection Result Monitor Guides

1 - Creating and using a shared data file

IRM is designed to be used across multiple workstations and users.

To correctly analyse defect rates we need to collect data from all workstations. Multiple instances of IRM can share the same data file. This file acts as a single source for all inspection results.

To simplify operation and getting started IRM saves data locally by default. To have a shared source me must change this.

To share a data file

1. Navigate to the settings page
2. Set location of data file to a shared location accessible by all instances
   a. If you already have results that you want in the data file – use **Save As** to create a new (or overwrite and existing file) with the results already entered. **Note** – If this file already exists all data will be overwritten.
   b. Want to start a new empty data file – use **Create New File** and choose the location
   c. Want to connect to a previously created data file – use **Select File** and select the shared file.
   d. Want to go back to storing locally (default) – use **Select Default**
3. Data files have a .irm suffix.
4. IRM will remember the location of the last data file set. So when you restart IRM you will using the last data file

To Backup data

JetSoft recommends regularly backing up the data file (.irm).

Because data is stored in a single simple file this is easy. Set up a regular copying procedure to a backup location. Or alternatively store the shared data file in a location that gets automatically backed up.