

**exit** — Exit Stata[Description](#)[Syntax](#)[Option](#)[Remarks and examples](#)[Also see](#)

## Description

Typing `exit` causes Stata to stop processing and return control to the operating system. If the dataset in memory has changed since the last `save` command, you must specify the `clear` option before Stata will let you exit.

If you wish to use `exit` in do-files or programs to set return codes or terminate programs, see [\[P\] exit](#).

Stata for Windows users may also exit Stata by clicking on the **Close** button or by pressing *Alt+F4*.

Stata for Mac users may also exit Stata by pressing *Command+Q*.

Stata for Unix(GUI) users may also exit Stata by clicking on the **Close** button.

## Syntax

```
exit [ , clear ]
```

## Option

`clear` permits you to `exit`, even if the current dataset has not been saved.

## Remarks and examples

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Type `exit` to leave Stata and return to the operating system. If the dataset in memory has changed since the last time it was saved, however, Stata will refuse. At that point, you can either `save` the dataset and then type `exit`, or type `exit, clear`:

```
. exit
no; dataset in memory has changed since last saved
r(4);
. exit, clear
```

## Also see

[\[P\] exit](#) — Exit from a program or do-file

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