rename –	– Rename variable		

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rename changes the name of an existing variable *old_varname* to *new_varname*; the contents of the variable are unchanged. Also see [D] **rename group** for renaming groups of variables.

Quick start

Change the name of v1 to var1 rename v1 var1

Also change the name of v2 to var2 rename v2 var2

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Quick start

Syntax

<u>ren</u>ame *old_varname new_varname*

collect is allowed; see [U] 11.1.10 Prefix commands.

Remarks and examples

Example 1

rename allows you to change variable names. Say that we have labor market data for siblings.

```
. use https://www.stata-press.com/data/r19/renamexmpl
. describe
Contains data from https://www.stata-press.com/data/r19/renamexmpl.dta
Observations:
                          277
    Variables:
                            6
                                                9 Jan 2024 11:57
Variable
                         Display
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              Storage
                          format
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edu
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                         %9.0g
exp
                float
                float
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promo
sex
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                         %9.0g
                                     sex
inc
                float
                         %9.0g
```

Sorted by: famid

We decide to rename the exp and inc variables.

```
. rename exp experience
. rename inc income
. describe
Contains data from https://www.stata-press.com/data/r19/renamexmpl.dta
Observations:
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    Variables:
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Variable
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income
```

```
Sorted by: famid
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Note: Dataset has changed since last saved.

The exp variable is now called experience, and the inc variable is now called income.

Also see

- [D] rename group Rename groups of variables
- [D] generate Create or change contents of variable
- [D] varmanage Manage variable labels, formats, and other properties

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