

help — Obtaining help in Stata

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Syntax

```
help m# entryname
```

```
help mata functionname()
```

The `help` command may be issued at either Stata's dot prompt or Mata's colon prompt.

Description

Help for Mata is available in Stata. This entry describes how to access it.

Remarks and examples

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To see this entry in Stata, type

```
. help m1 help
```

at Stata's dot prompt or Mata's colon prompt. You type that because this entry is [\[M-1\] help](#).

To see the entry for function `max()`, for example, type

```
. help mata max()
```

`max()` is documented in [\[M-5\] minmax\(\)](#), but that will not matter; Stata will find the appropriate entry.

To enter the Mata help system from the top, from whence you can click your way to any section or function, type

```
. help mata
```

To access Mata's PDF manual, click on the title.

Also see

[\[R\] help](#) — Display help in Stata

[\[M-3\] mata help](#) — Obtain help in Stata

[\[M-1\] intro](#) — Introduction and advice