c() — Access c() value

Syntax

scalar c(string scalar name)

returned is either a real or string scalar, depending on the value of name.

Description

c(name) returns Stata’s c-class value; see [P] creturn.

Do not confuse c() with C(), which makes complex out of real arguments; see [M-5] C().

Remarks and examples

See [P] creturn or, in Stata, type

. creturn list

to see what is stored in c(). Among the especially useful c() values are

  string c("current_date")
  string c("current_time")
  string c("os")
  string c("dirsep")

Conformability

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c(name):
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  name: 1 \times 1
  result: 1 \times 1

Diagnostics

c(name) returns a string or real depending on the particular c() value requested. If name is an invalid name or contains a name for which no c() value is defined, returned is "".

Also see

[M-4] programming — Programming functions