st_local() — Obtain strings from and put strings into Stata macros

Syntax

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string scalar st_local(string scalar name)
void st_local(string scalar name, string scalar contents)
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Note: st_local(name, "") deletes.

Description

st_local(name) returns the contents of the specified local macro.

st_local(name, contents) sets or resets the contents of the specified local macro. If the macro
did not previously exist, a new macro is created. If it did previously exist, the new contents replace
the old.

Remarks and examples


Conformability

st_local(name):
   name: 1 × 1
   result: 1 × 1

st_local(name, contents):
   name: 1 × 1
   contents: 1 × 1
   result: void

Diagnostics

st_local(name) returns "" if the name contained in name is not defined. st_local(name) aborts
with error if the name is malformed.

st_local(name, contents) aborts with error if the name contained in name is malformed.
Reference


Also see

[M-4] stata — Stata interface functions