

strtrim() — Remove blanks

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Syntax

string matrix `stritrim(string matrix s)`

string matrix `strltrim(string matrix s)`

string matrix `strrtrim(string matrix s)`

string matrix `strtrim(string matrix s)`

Description

`stritrim(s)` returns *s* with all consecutive, internal blanks collapsed to one blank.

`strltrim(s)` returns *s* with leading blanks removed.

`strrtrim(s)` returns *s* with trailing blanks removed.

`strtrim(s)` returns *s* with leading and trailing blanks removed.

When *s* is not a scalar, these functions return element-by-element results.

Remarks and examples

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Stata understands `stritrim()`, `strltrim()`, `strrtrim()`, and `strtrim()`, as synonyms for its own `itrim()`, `ltrim()`, `rtrim()`, and `trim()` functions, so you can use the `str*()` names in both your Stata and Mata code.

Conformability

`stritrim(s)`, `strltrim(s)`, `strrtrim(s)`, `strtrim(s)`:

<i>s</i> :	$r \times c$
<i>result</i> :	$r \times c$

Diagnostics

None.

Also see

[M-4] [string](#) — String manipulation functions