

**set\_defaults** — Reset system parameters to original Stata defaults

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## Syntax

```
set_defaults { category | _all } [ , permanently ]
```

where *category* is one of [memory](#) | [output](#) | [interface](#) | [graphics](#) | [efficiency](#) | [network](#) | [update](#) | [trace](#) | [mata](#) | [other](#)

## Description

`set_defaults` resets settings made by `set` to the original default settings that were shipped with Stata.

`set_defaults _all` resets all the categories, whereas `set defaults category` resets only the settings for the specified category.

## Option

`permanently` specifies that, in addition to making the change right now, the settings be remembered and become the default settings when you invoke Stata.

## Remarks and examples

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### ▷ Example 1

To assist us in debugging a new command, we modified some of the `trace` settings. To return them to their original values, we type

```
. set_defaults trace
-> set trace off
-> set tracedepth 32000
-> set traceexpand on
-> set tracesep on
-> set traceindent on
-> set tracenumber off
-> set tracehilite ""
(preferences reset)
```

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## Also see

[R] [query](#) — Display system parameters

[R] [set](#) — Overview of system parameters

[M-3] [mata set](#) — Set and display Mata system parameters