This entry describes this manual and what has changed since Stata 12.

Following this entry, \texttt{XT \texttt{xt}} provides an overview of the \texttt{xt} commands. The other parts of this manual are arranged alphabetically. If you are new to Stata’s \texttt{xt} commands, we recommend that you read the following sections first:

\begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{XT \texttt{xt}} Introduction to \texttt{xt} commands
  \item \texttt{XT \texttt{xtset}} Declare a dataset to be panel data
  \item \texttt{XT \texttt{xtreg}} Fixed-, between-, and random-effects, and population-averaged linear models
\end{itemize}

Stata is continually being updated, and Stata users are always writing new commands. To find out about the latest cross-sectional time-series features, type \texttt{search panel data} after installing the latest official updates; see \texttt{R update}.

For a complete list of all the new features in Stata 13, see \texttt{U 1.3 What’s new}.

Also see

\begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{U 1.3 What’s new}
  \item \texttt{R intro} — Introduction to base reference manual
\end{itemize}