

**unabcmd** — Unabbreviate command name

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## Description

`unabcmd` verifies that *commandname\_or\_abbreviation* is a Stata command name or an abbreviation of a Stata command name. `unabcmd` makes this determination by looking at both built-in commands and ado-files. If *commandname\_or\_abbreviation* is a valid command, `unabcmd` returns in local `r(cmd)` the unabbreviated name. If it is not a valid command, `unabcmd` displays an appropriate error message.

## Syntax

```
unabcmd commandname_or_abbreviation
```

## Remarks and examples

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Stata's built-in commands can be abbreviated. For instance, the user can type `gen` for `generate` or `an` for `anova`. Commands implemented as ado-files cannot be abbreviated.

Given a command name *c*, `unabcmd` applies the same lookup rules that Stata applies internally. If it is found, the full command name is returned in `r(cmd)`.

### ▶ Example 1

```
. unabcmd gen
. return list
macros:
      r(cmd) : "generate"

. unabcmd kappa          // kappa is an ado-file
. return list
macros:
      r(cmd) : "kappa"

. unabcmd ka
command ka not found as either built-in or ado-file
r(111);
```

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`unabcmd` is included just in case you, as a programmer, want the command name spelled out. There is no reason why you should.

## Also see

[P] [findfile](#) — Find file in path

[R] [which](#) — Display location of an ado-file

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