

## Description

`frame change` makes the named frame current. This means that any commands you issue after `frame change` will run on the data in that frame.

`cwf` (change working frame) is a synonym for `frame change`.

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## Syntax

```
frame change framename
```

```
cwf framename
```

## Remarks and examples

`frame change` makes the named frame current, or active. After you change to a frame, any commands you execute work with the data in that frame.

Another way to work with the data in another frame is the `frame prefix` command. See [\[D\] frame prefix](#).

### ▷ Example 1

Let's assume we have several frames in memory, including our current frame named `default`. We see this by typing `frames dir`:

```
. frames dir
cars      74 x 12; 1978 automobile data
default   50 x 13; 1980 Census data by state
work      28534 x 21; National Longitudinal Survey of Young Women, 14-24
           years old in 1968
```

Our next project uses the 1978 automobile data in the `cars` frame. To change to this frame, we type

```
. frame change cars
```

We can now work with the data in this frame. For instance, we can [describe](#) the data by typing

```
. describe
Contains data from https://www.stata-press.com/data/r19/auto.dta
Observations:      74      1978 automobile data
Variables:         12      13 Apr 2024 17:45
                        (_dta has notes)
```

Variable name	Storage type	Display format	Value label	Variable label
make	str18	%-18s		Make and model
price	int	%8.0gc		Price
mpg	int	%8.0g		Mileage (mpg)
rep78	int	%8.0g		Repair record 1978
headroom	float	%6.1f		Headroom (in.)
trunk	int	%8.0g		Trunk space (cu. ft.)
weight	int	%8.0gc		Weight (lbs.)
length	int	%8.0g		Length (in.)
turn	int	%8.0g		Turn circle (ft.)
displacement	int	%8.0g		Displacement (cu. in.)
gear_ratio	float	%6.2f		Gear ratio
foreign	byte	%8.0g	origin	Car origin

Sorted by: foreign

At any time, we can change back to the default frame by typing

```
. frame change default
```

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## Also see

[D] [frames intro](#) — Introduction to frames

[D] [frame prefix](#) — The frame prefix command

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