

## Description

This entry provides a quick reference to each of the individual commands and functions related to data frames.

If you are new to data frames in Stata, please start by reading [\[D\] frames intro](#).

Data frames are discussed in detail in [\[D\] frames intro](#).

There is also a set of Mata functions to work with frames. See [\[M-5\] st\\_frame\\*\(\)](#).

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## Syntax

`frame` and `frames` are synonyms. Below, we will use one or the other depending on which one is more natural given the context.

*Display name of current (working) frame*

`frame pwf`

(see [\[D\] frame pwf](#))

`frame`

`pwf`

*Display names of all frames in memory*

`frames dir`

(see [\[D\] frames dir](#))

*Create new, empty frame*

`frame create newframename`

(see [\[D\] frame create](#))

*Create new frame with specified variables for use with `frame post`*

`frame create newframename newvarlist`

(see [\[P\] frame post](#))

*Change identity of current (working) frame*

`frame change framename`

(see [\[D\] frame change](#))

`cwf framename`

Execute command on data in specified frame

```
frame framename: stata_command
```

(see [D] [frame prefix](#))

```
frame framename {  
    commands to execute in context of framename  
}
```

Make a copy of a frame

```
frame copy frame_from frame_to [ , replace ]
```

(see [D] [frame copy](#))

Copy subset of variables or observations to a new frame

```
frame put
```

(see [D] [frame put](#))

Add new observation to frame

```
frame post framename (exp) (exp) ... (exp)
```

(see [P] [frame post](#))

Drop (eliminate) frames that are not the current frame

```
frame drop framename [framename ...]
```

(see [D] [frame drop](#))

Rename existing frame (which can be the current frame)

```
frame rename oldframename newframename
```

(see [D] [frame rename](#))

Reestablish initial state of having a single, empty frame named default

```
frames reset
```

(see [D] [frames reset](#))

Link frames

```
frlink
```

(see [D] [frlink](#))

Get variables from linked frame

```
frget
```

(see [D] [frget](#))

Add aliases to variables from linked frame

```
fralias add
```

(see [D] [fralias](#))

Describe alias variables in current frame

```
fralias describe
```

(see [D] [fralias](#))

Recast alias variables into copies in the current frame

```
frunalias
```

(see [D] [frunalias](#))

Functions to access variables in another frame

```
frval(linkvar, varname)
```

(see [frval\(\)](#))

```
_frval(framename, varname, i)
```

*Saving, modifying, loading, and describing a set of frames*

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## Also see

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

[M-5] [st\\_frame\\*\(\)](#) — Data frame manipulation

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