**set scheme — Set default scheme**

**Description**

query graphics shows the graphics settings, which includes the graphics scheme.

set scheme allows you to set the graphics scheme to be used. The default setting is s2color.

**Quick start**

Show graphics settings

query graphics

Set the default graph scheme for the session to that used by the Stata Journal

set scheme sj

As above, and set sj as the default scheme in future sessions

set scheme sj, permanently

**Syntax**

```plaintext
query graphics

set scheme schemename [, permanently]
```

For a list of available schemenames, see [G-4] Schemes intro.

**Option**

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

**Remarks and examples**

The graphics scheme specifies the overall look for the graph. You can specify the scheme to be used for an individual graph by specifying the scheme() option on the graph command, or you can specify the scheme once and for all by using set scheme.

See [G-4] Schemes intro for a description of schemes and a list of available schemenames.

One of the available schemenames is economist, which roughly corresponds to the style used by The Economist magazine. If you wanted to make the economist scheme the default for the rest of this session, you could type

```
. set scheme economist
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and if you wanted to make economist your default, even in subsequent sessions, you could type

.set scheme economist, permanently

References


Also see

[G-3] *scheme_option* — Option for specifying scheme
[G-4] *Schemes intro* — Introduction to schemes