**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**

```
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
```
and if you wanted to make \texttt{economist} your default, even in subsequent sessions, you could type
\begin{verbatim}
.set scheme economist, permanently
\end{verbatim}

\section*{References}

\section*{Also see}
\begin{itemize}
  \item [G-3] \texttt{scheme_option} — Option for specifying scheme
  \item [G-4] \texttt{Schemes intro} — Introduction to schemes
\end{itemize}