

set scheme — Set default scheme

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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

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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
```

Reference

Jann, B. 2018. [Customizing Stata graphs made easy \(part 1\)](#). *Stata Journal* 18: 491–502.

Also see

[G-4] [schemes intro](#) — Introduction to schemes

[G-3] [scheme_option](#) — Option for specifying scheme