

## Description

`mata stata stata_command` passes *stata\_command* to Stata for execution.

## Syntax

```
: mata stata stata_command
```

This command is for use in Mata mode following Mata's colon prompt.

## Remarks and examples

`mata stata` is a convenience tool to keep you from having to exit Mata:

```
: st_view(V=., 1\5, ("mpg", "weight"))
      st_view(): 3598 Stata returned error
      <istmt>:    - function returned error
r(3598);
: mata stata sysuse auto
(1978 automobile data)
: st_view(V=., 1\5, ("mpg", "weight"))
```

`mata stata` is for interactive use. If you wish to execute a Stata command from a function, see [\[M-5\] stata\(\)](#).

## Also see

[\[M-5\] stata\(\)](#) — Execute Stata command

[\[M-3\] Intro](#) — Commands for controlling Mata

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