

Stata — Stata interface functions

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st_nvar()	st_nvar() st_nobs()	number of variables number of observations
st_data()	st_data() st_sdata()	load numeric data from Stata into matrix load string data from Stata into matrix
st_store()	st_store() st_sstore()	store numeric data in Stata dataset store string data in Stata dataset
st_view()	st_view() st_sview()	make view onto Stata dataset same; string variables
st_subview()	st_subview()	make view from view
st_viewvars()	st_viewvars() st_viewobs()	identify variables and observations corresponding to view
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 10px;">Variable names & indices</div>		
st_varindex()	st_varindex()	variable indices from variable names
st_varname()	st_varname()	variable names from variable indices

Variable characteristics

st_varrename()	st_varrename()	rename Stata variable
st_vartype()	st_vartype()	storage type of Stata variable
	st_isnumvar()	whether variable is numeric
	st_isstrvar()	whether variable is string
st_varformat()	st_varformat()	obtain/set format of Stata variable
	st_varlabel()	obtain/set variable label
	st_varvalue label()	obtain/set value label
st_vlexists()	st_vlexists()	whether value label exists
	st_vldrop()	drop value
	st_vlmap()	map values
	st_vlsearch()	map text
	st_vlload()	load value label
	st_vlmodify()	create or modify value label

Temporary variables & time-series operators

st_tempname()	st_tempname()	temporary variable name
	st_tempfilename()	temporary filename
st_tsrevar()	st_tsrevar()	create time-series op.varname
	_st_tsrevar()	same

Adding & removing variables & observations

st_addobs()	st_addobs()	add observations to Stata dataset
st_addvar()	st_addvar()	add variable to Stata dataset
st_dropvar()	st_dropvar()	drop variables
	st_dropobsin()	drop specified observations
	st_dropobsif()	drop selected observations
	st_keepvar()	keep variables
	st_keepobsin()	keep specified observations
st_keepobsif()	st_keepobsif()	keep selected observations
	st_keepobsif()	keep selected observations
st_updata()	st_updata()	query/set data-have-changed flag

 Executing Stata commands

stata()	stata()	execute Stata command
st_macroexpand()	st_macroexpand()	expand Stata macros

 Accessing e(), r(), s(), macros, matrices, etc.

st_global()	st_global()	obtain/set Stata global
	st_global_hcat()	obtain hidden/historical status
st_local()	st_local()	obtain/set local Stata macro
st_numscalar()	st_numscalar()	obtain/set Stata numeric scalar
	st_numscalar_hcat()	obtain hidden/historical status
	st_strscalar()	obtain/set Stata string scalar
st_matrix()	st_matrix()	obtain/set Stata matrix
	st_matrix_hcat()	obtain hidden/historical status
	st_matrixrowstripe()	obtain/set row labels
	st_matrixcolstripe()	obtain/set column labels
	st_replacematrix()	replace existing Stata matrix
st_dir()	st_dir()	obtain list of Stata objects
st_rclear()	st_rclear()	clear r()
	st_ecclear()	clear e()
	st_scclear()	clear s()

 Parsing & verification

st_isname()	st_isname()	whether valid Stata name
	st_islmmname()	whether valid local macro name
st_isfmt()	st_isfmt()	whether valid <i>%fmt</i>
	st_isnumfmt()	whether valid numeric <i>%fmt</i>
	st_isstrfmt()	whether valid string <i>%fmt</i>
abbrev()	abbrev()	abbreviate strings
strtoname()	strtoname()	translate strings to Stata names

Data frames

<code>st_frame*()</code>	<code>st_framecurrent()</code>	return or change current frame
	<code>st_framecreate()</code>	make new frame
	<code>st_framedrop()</code>	drop (eliminate) existing frame
	<code>st_framedropabc()</code>	drop all but current frame
	<code>st_framereaname()</code>	rename frame
	<code>st_framecopy()</code>	copy contents of one frame to another
	<code>st_framerereset()</code>	reset to empty default frame
	<code>st_frameexists()</code>	whether frame name already exists
	<code>st_framedir()</code>	obtain vector of existing frame names

Description

The above functions interface with Stata.

Remarks and examples

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The following manual entries have to do with getting data from or putting data into Stata:

[M-5] <code>st_data()</code>	Load copy of current Stata dataset
[M-5] <code>st_view()</code>	Make matrix that is a view onto current Stata dataset
[M-5] <code>st_store()</code>	Modify values stored in current Stata dataset
[M-5] <code>st_nvar()</code>	Numbers of variables and observations

In some cases, you may find yourself needing to translate variable names into variable indices and vice versa:

[M-5] <code>st_varname()</code>	Obtain variable names from variable indices
[M-5] <code>st_varindex()</code>	Obtain variable indices from variable names
[M-5] <code>st_tsrevar()</code>	Create time-series op.varname variables

The other functions mostly have to do with getting and putting Stata's scalars, matrices, and returned results:

[M-5] <code>st_local()</code>	Obtain strings from and put strings into Stata
[M-5] <code>st_global()</code>	Obtain strings from and put strings into global macros
[M-5] <code>st_numscalar()</code>	Obtain values from and put values into Stata scalars
[M-5] <code>st_matrix()</code>	Obtain and put Stata matrices

The `stata()` function, documented in

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

allows you to cause Stata to execute a command that you construct in a string.

Reference

Gould, W. W. 2008. [Mata Matters: Macros](#). *Stata Journal* 8: 401–412.

Also see

[M-4] [Intro](#) — Categorical guide to Mata functions