c() — Access c() value

Description

c(name) returns Stata’s c-class value; see [P] creturn.

Do not confuse c() with C(), which makes complex out of real arguments; see [M-5] C().

Syntax

```
scalar c(string scalar name)
```

returned is either a real or string scalar, depending on the value of name.

Remarks and examples

See [P] creturn or, in Stata, type

```
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```

to see what is stored in c(). Among the especially useful c() values are

```
string c("current_date")
string c("current_time")
string c("os")
string c("dirsep")
```

Conformability

```
c(name):
   name:  1 × 1
   result:  1 × 1
```

Diagnostics

c(name) returns a string or real depending on the particular c() value requested. If name is an invalid name or contains a name for which no c() value is defined, returned is "".

Also see

[M-4] Programming — Programming functions