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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. creturn list
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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