

Description

`fmtwidth(f)` returns the width of the *%fmt* contained in *f*.

Syntax

real matrix `fmtwidth(string matrix f)`

Remarks and examples

`fmtwidth("%9.2f")` returns 9.

`fmtwidth("%20s")` returns 20.

`fmtwidth("%tc")` returns 18.

`fmtwidth("%tcDay_Mon_DD_hh:mm:ss_!C!D!T_CCYY")` returns 28.

`fmtwidth("not a format")` returns . (missing).

Conformability

`fmtwidth(f)`:
f: $r \times c$
result: $r \times c$

Diagnostics

`fmtwidth(f)` returns . (missing) when *f* does not contain a valid Stata format.

Also see

[M-5] [strlen\(\)](#) — Length of string in bytes

[M-4] [String](#) — String manipulation functions

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