st_local() — Obtain strings from and put strings into Stata macros

Description

st_local(name) returns the contents of the specified local macro.

st_local(name, contents) sets or resets the contents of the specified local macro. If the macro did not previously exist, a new macro is created. If it did previously exist, the new contents replace the old. To remove a local macro from Mata, type st_local(name, "").

Syntax

    string scalar   st_local(string scalar name)
    void            st_local(string scalar name, string scalar contents)

Remarks and examples


Conformability

st_local(name):
    name: 1 × 1
    result: 1 × 1

st_local(name, contents):
    name: 1 × 1
    contents: 1 × 1
    result: void

Diagnostics

st_local(name) returns "" if the name contained in name is not defined. st_local(name) aborts with error if the name is malformed.

st_local(name, contents) aborts with error if the name contained in name is malformed.

Reference

Also see

[M-4] Stata — Stata interface functions