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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

See [M-5] [st_global\(\)](#) and [M-5] [st_rclear\(\)](#).

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

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

Also see

[M-4] [Stata](#) — Stata interface functions

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