

`mi erase` — Erase mi datasets

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Description

`mi erase` erases mi `.dta` datasets.

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Syntax

```
mi erase name [ , clear ]
```

Option

`clear` specifies that it is okay to erase the files even if one of the files is currently in memory. If `clear` is specified, the data are dropped from memory and the files are erased.

Remarks and examples

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Stata's ordinary `erase` (see [\[D\] erase](#)) is not sufficient for erasing mi datasets because an mi dataset might be flongsep, in which case the single name would refer to a collection of files, one containing $m = 0$, another containing $m = 1$, and so on. `mi erase` deletes all the files associated with mi dataset `name.dta`, which is to say, it erases `name.dta`, `_1_name.dta`, `_2_name.dta`, and so on:

```
. mi erase mysep
(files mysep.dta _1_mysep.dta _2_mysep.dta _3_mysep.dta erased)
```

Also see

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