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## Description

A Stata frameset file, or `.dtas` file, stores a set of frames. A `.dtas` file is essentially a collection of Stata datasets (`.dta`) with some additional bookkeeping information. A `.dtas` file is saved by `frames save`, which internally calls Stata's `zipfile` command to compress files for all frames being saved. For up-to-date documentation on the Stata `.dtas` file format, type `help dtas`. The system help file contains all the details a programmer needs to write code to read and write `.dtas` files.

## Also see

- [P] [File formats .dta](#) — Description of `.dta` file format
- [D] [frames describe](#) — Describe frames in memory or in a file
- [D] [frames save](#) — Save a set of frames on disk
- [D] [frames use](#) — Load a set of frames from disk

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