

Description

`viewsource` searches for *filename* along the ado-path and displays the file in the Viewer. No default file extension is provided; if you want to see, for example, `kappa.ado`, type `viewsource kappa.ado`.

Syntax

```
viewsource filename
```

Remarks and examples

Say that you wish to look at the source for `m1` (documented in [\[R\] m1](#)). You know that `m1` is an ado-file, and therefore the filename is `m1.ado`. You type

```
. viewsource m1.ado
```

`program` (documented in [\[P\] program](#)) is not implemented as an ado-file:

```
. viewsource program.ado
file "program.ado" not found
r(601);
```

By the way, you can find out where the file is stored by typing

```
. findfile m1.ado
C:\Program Files\Stata19\ado\base/m/m1.ado
```

See [\[P\] findfile](#).

`viewsource` is not limited to displaying ado-files. If you wish to see, for example, `panelsetup.mata`, type

```
. viewsource panelsetup.mata
```

Also see

[\[P\] findfile](#) — Find file in path

[\[R\] view](#) — View files and logs

[\[R\] which](#) — Display location of an ado-file

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