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## Description

`estimates describe` describes the current (active) estimates. Reported are the command line that produced the estimates, any title that was set by `estimates title` (see [R] [estimates title](#)), and any notes that were added by `estimates notes` (see [R] [estimates notes](#)).

`estimates describe name` does the same but reports results for estimates stored by `estimates store` (see [R] [estimates store](#)).

`estimates describe using filename` does the same but reports results for estimates saved by `estimates save` (see [R] [estimates save](#)). If *filename* contains multiple sets of estimates (saved in it by `estimates save, append`), the number of sets of estimates is also reported. If *filename* is specified without an extension, `.ster` is assumed.

## Quick start

Describe current estimation results

```
estimates describe
```

Describe estimation results stored in `m1`

```
estimates describe m1
```

Describe estimates from first model saved in `mymodels.ster`

```
estimates describe using mymodels
```

Same as above

```
estimates describe using mymodels, number(1)
```

Describe estimates from third model saved in `mymodels.ster`

```
estimates describe using mymodels, number(3)
```

## Menu

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## Syntax

```
estimates describe
```

```
estimates describe name
```

```
estimates describe using filename [ , number(#) ]
```

collect is allowed; see [U] 11.1.10 Prefix commands.

## Option

number(#) specifies that the #th set of estimation results from *filename* be described. This assumes that multiple sets of estimation results have been saved in *filename* by estimates save, append. The default is number(1).

## Remarks and examples

estimates describe can be used to describe the estimation results currently in memory,

```
. estimates describe
Estimation results produced by
. regress mpg weight displ if foreign
```

or to describe results saved by estimates save in a .ster file:

```
. estimates describe using final
Estimation results "Final results" saved on 12apr2024 14:20, produced by
. logistic myopic age sex drug1 drug2 if complete==1
```

Notes:

1. Used file patient.dta
2. "datasignature myopic age sex drug1 drug2 if complete==1" reports 148:5(58763):2252897466:3722318443
3. must be reviewed by rgg

## ▷ Example 1

```

. use https://www.stata-press.com/data/r19/auto
(1978 automobile data)
. regress mpg weight displ if foreign
(output omitted)
. estimates notes: file 'c(filename)'
. datasignature
74:12(71728):3831085005:1395876116
. estimates notes: datasignature report 'r(datasignature)'
. estimates save foreign
file foreign.ster saved
. regress mpg weight displ if !foreign
(output omitted)
. estimates describe using foreign
Estimation results saved on 27mar2025 19:02, produced by
. regress mpg weight displ if foreign
Notes:
1. file https://www.stata-press.com/data/r19/auto.dta
2. datasignature report 74:12(71728):3831085005:1395876116

```



## Stored results

`estimates describe` and `estimates describe name` store the following in `r()`:

## Macros

<code>r(title)</code>	title
<code>r(cmdline)</code>	original command line

`estimates describe using filename` stores the above and the following in `r()`:

## Scalars

<code>r(datetime)</code>	%tc value of date/time file saved
<code>r(nestresults)</code>	number of sets of estimation results in file

## Also see

[R] [estimates](#) — Save and manipulate estimation results

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