set — Overview of system parameters

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Description

This entry provides a reference to Stata's `set` commands. For many entries, more thorough information is provided elsewhere; see the Reference field in each entry below for the location of this information.

To reset system parameters to factory defaults, see [R] **set_defaults**.

Syntax

`set` [*setcommand* ...]

`set` typed without arguments is equivalent to `query` typed without arguments.

Remarks and examples

`set adosize`
Syntax: `set adosize` # [, `permanently`]
Default: 1,000
Description: sets the maximum amount of memory that automatically loaded do-files may consume. `10` $\leq$ # $\leq$ `10000`.
Reference: [P] **sysdir**

`set autotabgraphs` (Windows only)
Syntax: `set autotabgraphs` {`on` | `off`} [, `permanently`]
Default: `off`
Description: determines whether graphs are created as tabs within one window or as separate windows.
Reference: `help autotabgraphs`

`set cformat`
Syntax: `set cformat` [*fmt*] [, `permanently`]
Description: specifies the output format of coefficients, standard errors, and confidence limits in coefficient tables. *fmt* is a numerical format; see [D] **format**.
Reference: [R] **set cformat**

`set clevel`
Syntax: `set clevel` # [, `permanently`]
Default: `95`
Description: sets the default credible level for credible intervals for all commands that report credible intervals. `10.00` $\leq$ # $\leq$ `99.99`, and # can have at most two digits after the decimal point.
Reference: [BAYES] **set clevel**

set coeftabresults
Syntax: set coeftabresults {on | off}
Default: on
Description: determines whether coefficient table results are stored in r().
There is no permanently option because permanently is implied.
Reference: help coeftabresults

set collect_double
Syntax: set collect_double {on | off} [, permanently]
Default: on
Description: controls the storage type for numeric values that are saved in collections when using collect save.
Reference: [TABLES] **set collect_double**

set collect_label
Syntax: set collect_label {default | *label*} [, permanently]
Default: default
Description: controls the default labels used in tables created by collect.
Reference: [TABLES] **set collect_label**

set collect_style
Syntax: set collect_style {default | *style*} [, permanently]
Default: default
Description: controls the default styles used in tables created by collect.
Reference: [TABLES] **set collect_style**

set collect_warn
Syntax: set collect_warn {on | off} [, permanently]
Default: on
Description: controls whether collect shows notes warning about unrecognized tags.
Reference: [TABLES] **set collect_warn**

set conren (Unix console only)
Syntax 1: set conren
Syntax 2: set conren clear
Syntax 3: set conren [sf | bf | it] {result | [txt | text] | input | error | link | hilite} [char[char...]]
Syntax 4: set conren {ulon | uloff} [char [char ...]]
Syntax 5: set conren reset [char [char ...]]
Description: can possibly make the output on your screen appear prettier.
set conren displays a list of the currently defined display codes.
set conren clear clears all codes.
set conren followed by a font type (bf, sf, or it) and display context (result, error, link, or hilite) and then followed by a series of space-separated characters sets the code for the specified font type and display context. If the font type is omitted, the code is set to the same specified code for all three font types.
set conren ulon and set conren uloff set the codes for turning on and off underlining.
set conren reset sets the code that will turn off all display and underlining codes.
Reference: [GSU] **conren**

set copycolor (Mac and Windows only)
Syntax: set copycolor {automatic | asis | gs1 | gs2 | gs3} [, permanently]
Default: automatic
Description: determines how colors are handled when graphs are copied to the Clipboard.
Reference: [G-2] **set printcolor**

set dockable (Windows only)
Syntax: set dockable {on | off} [, permanently]
Default: on
Description: determines whether to enable the use of dockable window characteristics, including the ability to dock or tab a window into another window.
Reference: help dockable

set docx_hardbreak
Syntax: set docx_hardbreak {on | off}
Default: off
Description: determines whether spaces are added after hard line breaks within text blocks.
Reference: [RPT] **set docx**

set docx_maxtable
Syntax: set docx_maxtable # [, permanently]
Default: 500
Description: sets the maximum number of tables allowed in putdocx.
Reference: [RPT] **putdocx table**

set docx_paramode
Syntax: set docx_paramode {on | off}
Default: off
Description: determines whether empty lines in a text block signal the beginning of a new paragraph.
Reference: [RPT] **set docx**

set doeditbackup
Syntax: set doeditbackup {on | off}
Default: on
Description: determines whether to enable automatic backups of documents in the Do-file Editor.
Reference: help doeditbackup

set dots
Syntax: set dots {on | off} [, permanently]
Default: on
Description: enables or disables commands that support the dots() option from reporting a dot each time statistics are computed from a sample or resample of the dataset.
Reference: help dots

set doublebuffer (Windows only)
Syntax: set doublebuffer {on | off} [, permanently]
Default: on
Description: enables or disables double buffering of the Results, Viewer, and Data Editor windows. Double buffering prevents the windows from flickering when redrawn or resized. Users who encounter performance problems such as the Results window outputting very slowly should disable double buffering.
Reference: help doublebuffer

set dp
Syntax: set dp {comma | period} [, permanently]
Default: period
Description: determines whether a period or a comma is to be used as the decimal point.
Reference: [D] **format**

set dtable_style
Syntax: set dtable_style {dtable | *style*} [, permanently]
Default: dtable
Description: controls the default styles used in tables created by dtable.
Reference: [TABLES] **set dtable_style**

set dtascomplevel
Syntax: set dtascomplevel #
Default: 1
Description: sets the compression level for frames save, where # can be any integer between 0 and 9.
Reference: help dtascomplevel

set emptycells
Syntax: set emptycells {keep | drop} [, permanently]
Default: keep
Description: sets what to do with empty cells in interactions.
Reference: [R] **set emptycells**

set etable_style
Syntax: set etable_style {etable | *style*} [, permanently]
Default: etable
Description: controls the default styles used in tables created by etable.
Reference: [TABLES] **set etable_style**

set fastscroll (Unix and Windows only)
Syntax: set fastscroll {on | off} [, permanently]
Default: on
Description: sets the scrolling method for new output in the Results window. Setting fastscroll to on is faster but can be jumpy. Setting fastscroll to off is slower but smoother.
Reference: help fastscroll

set floatwindows (Windows only)
Syntax: set floatwindows {on | off}
Default: off
Description: determines whether to enable floating window behavior for dialog boxes and dockable window. The term "float" in this context means that a window will always float over the main Stata window; these windows cannot be placed behind the main Stata window. There is no permanently option because permanently is implied.
Reference: help floatwindows

set fredkey
Syntax: set fredkey *key* [, permanently]
Description: sets the API key for importing data from the Federal Reserve Economic Data.
Reference: [D] **import fred**

set fvbase
Syntax: set fvbase{ on | off }
Description: specifies whether to automatically determine the default base level for factor variables.
Reference: help fvbase

set fvlabel
Syntax: set fvlabel { on | off } [, permanently]
Description: specifies whether to display factor-variable value labels in coefficient tables.
Reference: [R] **set showbaselevels**

set fvtrack
Syntax: set fvtrack { term | factor } [, permanently]
Description: allows you to control how Stata keeps track of factor levels when you use factor-variables notation.
Reference: help fvtrack

set fvwrap
Syntax: set fvwrap # [, permanently]
Description: specifies that long value labels wrap # lines in coefficient tables.
Reference: [R] **set showbaselevels**

set fvwrapon
Syntax: set fvwrapon { word | width } [, permanently]
Description: specifies whether value labels that wrap will break at word boundaries or break based on available space.
Reference: [R] **set showbaselevels**

set graphics
Syntax: set graphics {on | off}
Default: on; default is off for console Stata
Description: determines whether graphs are displayed on your monitor.
Reference: [G-2] **set graphics**

set haverdir
Syntax: set haverdir "*path*" [, permanently]
Description: specifies the directory where the Haver databases are stored.
Reference: [D] **import haver**

set httpproxy
Syntax: set httpproxy {on | off} [, init]
Default: off
Description: turns on/off the use of a proxy server. There is no permanently option because permanently is implied.
Reference: [R] **netio**

set httpproxyauth
Syntax: set httpproxyauth {on | off}
Default: off
Description: determines whether authorization is required for the proxy server.
There is no permanently option because permanently is implied.
Reference: [R] **netio**

set httpproxyhost
Syntax: set httpproxyhost ["]name["]
Description: sets the name of a host to be used as a proxy server. There is no permanently option because permanently is implied.
Reference: [R] netio

set httpproxyport
Syntax: set httpproxyport #
Default: 8080 if Stata cannot autodetect the proper setting for your computer.
Description: sets the port number for a proxy server. There is no permanently option because permanently is implied.
Reference: [R] netio

set httpproxypw
Syntax: set httpproxypw ["]password["]
Description: sets the appropriate password. There is no permanently option because permanently is implied.
Reference: [R] netio

set httpproxyuser
Syntax: set httpproxyuser ["]name["]
Description: sets the appropriate user ID. There is no permanently option because permanently is implied.
Reference: [R] netio

set include_bitmap (Mac only)
Syntax: set include_bitmap {on | off} [, permanently]
Default: on
Description: sets the output behavior when copying an image to the Clipboard.
Reference: help include_bitmap

set iterlog
Syntax: set iterlog { on | off } [, permanently]
Description: specifies whether to display an iteration log.
Reference: [R] *set iter*

set java_heapmax
Syntax: set java_heapmax { default | #[m | g] }
Description: sets the maximum amount of heap memory allocated for the Java Virtual Machine.
Reference: set java_heapmax is a synonym for java set heapmax; see [P] Java utilities

set java_home
Syntax: set java_home { default | "path_to_java_home_dir" }
Description: sets the path to the Java Runtime Environment.
Reference: set java_home is a synonym for java set home; see [P] Java utilities

set kmp_blocktime
Syntax: set kmp_blocktime # [, permanently]
Default: -1
Description: controls the behavior of the OpenMP runtime library regarding the suspension of threads in Stata when they are idle. This can be changed only in Stata/MP.
Reference: help kmp_blocktime

set lapack_mkl
Syntax: set lapack_mkl { on | off } [, permanently]
Default: on
Description: specifies whether to use Intel MKL LAPACK routines.
Reference: [M-1] **LAPACK**

set lapack_mkl_cnr
Syntax: set lapack_mkl_cnr { default | auto | compatible | off }
Default: on
Description: sets the conditional numerical reproducibility mode for Intel MKL LAPACK routines.
Reference: [M-1] **LAPACK**

set lapack_openblas
Syntax: set lapack_openblas { on | off } [, permanently]
Default: on
Description: sets whether to use the LAPACK library from OpenBLAS.
Reference: [M-1] **LAPACK**

set level
Syntax: set level # [, permanently]
Default: 95
Description: sets the default confidence level for confidence intervals for all commands that report confidence intervals. 10.00 $\leq$ # $\leq$ 99.99, and # can have at most two digits after the decimal point.
Reference: [R] **level**

set linegap
Syntax: set linegap #
Default: 1
Description: sets the space between lines, in pixels, in the Results window. There is no permanently option because permanently is implied.
Reference: help linegap

set linesize
Syntax: set linesize #
Default: 1 less than the full width of the screen
Description: sets the line width, in characters, for both the screen and the log file.
Reference: [R] **log**

set locale_functions
Syntax: set locale_functions *locale*
Default: en_US
Description: sets the locale to be used by functions that take *locale* as an optional argument.
Reference: [P] **set locale_functions**

set locale_ui
Syntax: set locale_ui *locale*
Default: en_US
Description: sets the locale that Stata uses for the user interface.
Reference: [P] **set locale_ui**

set locksplitters (Windows only)
Syntax: set locksplitters {on | off} [, permanently]
Default: off
Description: determines whether splitters should be locked so that docked windows cannot be resized.
Reference: help locksplitters

set logmsg
Syntax: set logmsg {on | off}
Default: on
Description: specifies whether the default message is displayed at the top and bottom of log files.
Reference: [R] **log**

set logtype
Syntax: set logtype {text | smcl} [, permanently]
Default: smcl
Description: sets the default log filetype.
Reference: [R] **log**

set lstretch
Syntax: set lstretch [on | off] [, permanently]
Default: on
Description: specifies whether to automatically widen the coefficient table up to the width of the Results window to accommodate longer variable names.
Reference: help lstretch

set matacache, set matafavor, set matalibs, set matalnum, set matamofirst, set mataoptimize, set matasolvetol, and set matastrict; see [M-3] **mata set**.

set maxbezierpath (Mac only)
Syntax: set maxbezierpath # [, permanently]
Default: 0
Description: sets the maximum number of lines that can be added to a Bézier path when rendering a Stata graph to the screen.
Reference: help maxbezierpath

set maxdb
Syntax: set maxdb # [, permanently]
Default: 50
Description: sets the maximum number of dialog boxes whose contents are remembered from one invocation to the next during a session. 5 ≤ # ≤ 1000
Reference: [R] **db**

set maxiter
Syntax: set maxiter # [, permanently]
Default: 300
Description: sets the default maximum number of iterations for estimation commands. 0 ≤ # ≤ 16000
Reference: [R] ***set iter***

set max_memory
Syntax: set max_memory #[b|k|m|g] [, permanently]
Default: . (all the memory the operating system will supply)
Description: specifies the maximum amount of memory Stata can use to store your data. 2 × segmentsize ≤ # ≤ .
Reference: [D] **memory**

set max_preservemem
Syntax: set max_preservemem #[b|k|m|g] [, permanently]
Default: 1g (1 gigabyte)
Description: controls the maximum amount of memory preserve will use to store preserved datasets in memory.
Reference: [P] **preserve**

set maxvar
Syntax: set maxvar # [, permanently]
Default: 5000 for Stata/MP and Stata/SE and 2048 for Stata/BE
Description: sets the maximum number of variables. This can be changed only in Stata/MP and Stata/SE. 2048 ≤ # ≤ 32767
Reference: [D] **memory**

set min_memory
Syntax: set min_memory #[b|k|m|g] [, permanently]
Default: 0
Description: specifies an amount of memory Stata will not fall below. This setting affects efficiency, not the size of datasets you can analyze. 0 ≤ # ≤ max_memory
Reference: [D] **memory**

set more
Syntax: set more {on|off} [, permanently]
Default: off
Description: pauses when —more— is displayed, continuing only when the user presses a key.
Reference: [R] **more**

set niceness
Syntax: set niceness # [, permanently]
Default: 5
Description: affects how soon Stata gives back unused segments to the operating system. 0 ≤ # ≤ 10
Reference: [D] **memory**

set notifyuser (Mac only)
Syntax: set notifyuser {on|off} [, permanently]
Default: on
Description: sets the default Notification Manager behavior in Stata.
Reference: help notifyuser

set obs
Syntax: set obs #
Default: current number of observations
Description: changes the number of observations in the current dataset. # must be at least as large as the current number of observations. If there are variables in memory, the values of all new observations are set to *missing*.
Reference: [D] **obs**

set odbcdriver
Syntax: set odbcdriver {unicode|ansi} [, permanently]
Default: unicode
Description: determines whether Unicode or ANSI is your ODBC driver.
Reference: [D] **odbc**

set odbcmgr (Mac and Unix only)
Syntax: set odbcmgr {iodbc|unixodbc} [, permanently]
Default: iodbc
Description: determines whether iODBC or unixODBC is your ODBC driver manager.
Reference: [D] **odbc**

set output
Syntax: set output {proc | inform | error}
Default: proc
Description: specifies the output to be displayed. proc means display all output; inform suppresses procedure output but displays informative messages and error messages; error suppresses all output except error messages. set output is seldom used.
Reference: [P] quietly

set pagesize
Syntax: set pagesize #
Default: 2 less than the physical number of lines on the screen
Description: sets the number of lines between —more— messages.
Reference: [R] more

set pdf_maxtable
Syntax: set pdf_maxtable # [, permanently]
Default: 500
Description: sets the maximum number of tables allowed in putpdf.
Reference: [RPT] putpdf table

set pformat
Syntax: set pformat [*fmt*] [, permanently]
Description: specifies the output format of *p*-values in coefficient tables.
fmt is a numerical format; see [D] format.
Reference: [R] set cformat

set pinnable (Windows only)
Syntax: set pinnable {on | off} [, permanently]
Default: on
Description: determines whether to enable the use of pinnable window characteristics for certain windows in Stata.
Reference: help pinnable

set playsnd (Mac only)
Syntax: set playsnd {on | off} [, permanently]
Default: on
Description: sets the sound behavior for the Notification Manager behavior in Stata.
Reference: help playsnd

set printcolor
Syntax: set printcolor {automatic | asis | gs1 | gs2 | gs3} [, permanently]
Default: automatic
Description: determines how colors are handled when graphs are printed.
Reference: [G-2] set printcolor

set processors
Syntax: set processors #
Description: sets the number of processors or cores that Stata/MP will use. The default is the number of processors available on the computer, or the number of processors allowed by Stata/MP's license, whichever is less.
Reference: help processors

set python_exec
Syntax: set python_exec *pyexecutable* [, permanently]
Description: sets which version of Python to use.
Reference: set python_exec is a synonym for python set exec;
see [P] **PyStata integration**

set python_userpath
Syntax: set python_userpath *path* [*path* ...] [, permanently prepend]
Description: sets the user's own module search paths in addition to the system search paths.
Reference: set python_userpath is a synonym for python set userpath;
see [P] **PyStata integration**

set reshape_favor
Syntax: set reshape_favor {default | memory | speed} [, permanently]
Description: sets the default method for reshaping data.
Reference: [D] **reshape**

set reventries
Syntax: set reventries # [, permanently]
Default: 5000
Description: sets the number of scrollback lines available in the History window. $5 \leq \# \leq 32000$.
Reference: help reventries

set revkeyboard (Mac only)
Syntax: set revkeyboard {on | off} [, permanently]
Default: on
Description: sets the keyboard navigation behavior for the History window. on indicates that you can use the keyboard to navigate and enter items from the History window into the Command window. off indicates that all keyboard input be directed at the Command window; items can be entered from the History window only by using the mouse.
Reference: help revkeyboard

set rmsg
Syntax: set rmsg {on | off} [, permanently]
Default: off
Description: indicates whether a return message telling the execution time is to be displayed at the completion of each command.
Reference: [P] rmsg

set rng
Syntax: set rng {default | mt64 | mt64s | kiss32}
Default: default
Description: determines which random-number generator Stata's random-number functions and commands will use.
Reference: [R] set rng

set rngstate
Syntax: set rngstate *statecode*
Description: resets the state of the random-number generator to the value specified.
Reference: [R] set seed

set rngstream
Syntax: set rngstream #
Description: specifies the stream from which Stata's stream random-number generator should draw random numbers.
Reference: [R] set rngstream

set scheme
Syntax: set scheme *schemename* [, permanently]
Default: s2color
Description: determines the overall look for graphs.
Reference: [G-2] set scheme

set scrollbufsize
Syntax: set scrollbufsize #
Default: 200000
Description: sets the scrollback buffer size, in bytes, for the Results window; may be set between 10,000 and 2,000,000.
Reference: help scrollbufsize

set searchdefault
Syntax: set searchdefault {local | net | all} [, permanently]
Default: local
Description: sets the default behavior of the search command. set searchdefault local restricts search to use only Stata's keyword database. set searchdefault net restricts search to searching only the internet. set searchdefault all indicates that both the keyword database and the internet are to be searched.
Reference: [R] search

set seed
Syntax: set seed #
Default: 123456789
Description: specifies initial value of the random-number seed used by the random-number functions, such as runiform() and rnormal().
Reference: [R] set seed

set segmentsize
Syntax: set segmentsize #[b | k | m | g] [, permanently]
Default: 32m for 64-bit machines
Description: Stata allocates memory for data in units of segmentsize. This setting changes the amount of memory in a single segment.
1m ≤ # ≤ 32g for 64-bit machines
Reference: [D] memory

set sformat
Syntax: set sformat [*fmt*] [, permanently]
Description: specifies the output format of test statistics in coefficient tables.
fmt is a numerical format; see [D] format.
Reference: [R] set cformat

set showbaselevels
Syntax: set showbaselevels { on | off | all } [, permanently]
Description: specifies whether to display base levels of factor variables and their interactions in coefficient tables.
Reference: [R] set showbaselevels

set showemptycells
Syntax: set showemptycells { on | off } [, permanently]
Description: specifies whether to display empty cells in coefficient tables.
Reference: [R] set showbaselevels

set showomitted
Syntax: set showomitted { on | off } [, permanently]
Description: specifies whether to display omitted coefficients in coefficient tables.
Reference: [R] set showbaselevels

set smoothfonts (Mac only)
Syntax: set smoothfonts {on | off}
Default: on
Description: determines whether to use font smoothing (antialiased text) in the Results, Viewer, and Data Editor windows.
Reference: help smoothfonts

set sortmethod
Syntax: set sortmethod {default | fsort | qsort}
Default: default
Description: determines which sorting method will be used by sort, gsort, and any other commands that use sorting as part of their computation.
Reference: [P] **set sortmethod**

set sortrngstate
Syntax: set sortrngstate #
Default: 1001XZA112210f4b16c1cb10507a1f38cb440c40003c9a83566fa1201b69...
Description: specifies the initial value of the state used for the random-number generator that randomizes data before they are sorted. This value is used by sort, gsort, and any other commands that use sorting as part of their computation.
Reference: [P] **set sortrngstate**

set svy_tab_comps
Syntax: set svy_tab_comps *style* [, permanently]
Default: svy_tabulate_composites
Description: controls the default styles containing the composite results defined for two-way tests of independence reported by svy: tabulate
Reference: [TABLES] **set tabulate_style**

set table_style
Syntax: set table_style *style* [, permanently]
Default: table
Description: controls the default styles used in tables created by table.
Reference: [TABLES] **set table_style**

set tabulate_comps
Syntax: set tabulate_comps *style* [, permanently]
Default: tabulate_composites
Description: controls the default styles containing the composite results defined for two-way measures of association reported by tabulate, tab2, and tabi
Reference: [TABLES] **set tabulate_style**

set tabulate_style
Syntax: set tabulate_style *style* [, permanently]
Default: tabulate
Description: controls the default styles used in tables created by tabulate, tab1, tab2, tabi, and svy: tabulate.
Reference: [TABLES] **set tabulate_style**

set taskbargroups (Windows only)
Syntax: set taskbargroups {on | off}
Default: on
Description: determines whether to enable taskbar grouping of windows in Stata.
Reference: help taskbargroups

set trace
Syntax: set trace {on | off}
Default: off
Description: determines whether to trace the execution of programs for debugging.
Reference: [P] **trace**

set tracedepth
Syntax: set tracedepth #
Default: 32000 (equivalent to ∞)
Description: if trace is set on, traces execution of programs and nested programs up to tracedepth. For example, if tracedepth is 2, the current program and any subroutine called would be traced, but subroutines of subroutines would not be traced.
Reference: [P] **trace**

set traceexpand
Syntax: set traceexpand {on | off} [, permanently]
Default: on
Description: if trace is set on, shows lines both before and after macro expansion. If traceexpand is set off, only the line before macro expansion is shown.
Reference: [P] **trace**

set tracehilite
Syntax: set tracehilite "*pattern*" [, word]
Default: ""
Description: highlights *pattern* in the trace output.
Reference: [P] **trace**

set traceindent
Syntax: set traceindent {on | off} [, permanently]
Default: on
Description: if trace is set on, indents displayed lines according to their nesting level. The lines of the main program are not indented. Two spaces of indentation are used for each level of nested subroutine.
Reference: [P] **trace**

set tracenumber
Syntax: set tracenumber {on | off} [, permanently]
Default: off
Description: if trace is set on, shows the nesting level numerically in front of the line. Lines of the main program are preceded by 01, lines of subroutines called by the main program are preceded by 02, etc.
Reference: [P] **trace**

set tracesep
Syntax: set tracesep {on | off} [, permanently]
Default: on
Description: if trace is set on, displays a horizontal separator line that displays the name of the subroutine whenever a subroutine is called or exits.
Reference: [P] **trace**

set type
Syntax: set type {float | double} [, permanently]
Default: float
Description: specifies the default storage type assigned to new variables.
Reference: [D] **generate**

set update_interval (Mac and Windows only)
Syntax: set update_interval #
Default: 7
Description: sets the number of days to elapse before performing the next automatic update query.
Reference: [R] **update**

set update_prompt (Mac and Windows only)
Syntax: set update_prompt {on | off}
Default: on
Description: determines whether a dialog is to be displayed before performing an automatic update query. There is no permanently option because permanently is implied.
Reference: [R] **update**

set update_query (Mac and Windows only)
Syntax: set update_query {on | off}
Default: on
Description: determines whether update query is to be automatically performed when Stata is launched. There is no permanently option because permanently is implied.
Reference: [R] update

set varabbrev
Syntax: set varabbrev {on | off} [, permanently]
Default: on
Description: indicates whether Stata should allow variable abbreviations.
Reference: [P] varabbrev

set varkeyboard (Mac only)
Syntax: set varkeyboard {on | off} [, permanently]
Default: on
Description: sets the keyboard navigation behavior for the Variables window. on indicates that you can use the keyboard to navigate and enter items from the Variables window into the Command window. off indicates that all keyboard input be directed at the Command window; items can be entered from the Variables window only by using the mouse.
Reference: help varkeyboard

Also see

[R] query — Display system parameters

[R] set_defaults — Reset system parameters to original Stata defaults

[M-3] mata set — Set and display Mata system parameters

[P] creturn — Return c-class values