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Description

The *Stata Journal* (SJ) is a quarterly journal containing articles about statistics, data analysis, teaching methods, and effective use of Stata's language. The SJ publishes reviewed papers together with shorter notes and comments, regular columns, tips, book reviews, and other material of interest to researchers applying statistics in a variety of disciplines. You can read all about the *Stata Journal* at <http://www.stata-journal.com>.

The *Stata Journal* is a printed and electronic journal with corresponding software. If you want the journal, you must subscribe, but the software is available for no charge from our website at <http://www.stata-journal.com>. PDF copies of SJ articles that are older than three years are available for download for no charge at <http://www.stata-journal.com/archives.html>. More recent articles may be individually purchased.

The predecessor to the *Stata Journal* was the *Stata Technical Bulletin* (STB). The STB was also a printed and electronic journal with corresponding software. PDF copies of all STB journals are available for download for no charge at <http://www.stata-press.com/journals/stbj.html>. The STB software is available for no charge from our website at <http://www.stata.com>.

Below are instructions for installing the *Stata Journal* and the *Stata Technical Bulletin* software from our website.

Remarks and examples

Remarks are presented under the following headings:

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Installing the Stata Journal software

Each issue of the *Stata Journal* is labeled Volume #, Number #. Volume 1 refers to the first year of publication, Volume 2 to the second, and so on. Issues are numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4 within each year. The first issue of the *Journal* was published in the fourth quarter of 2001, and that issue is numbered Volume 1, Number 1. For installation purposes, we refer to this issue as `sj1-1`.

The articles, columns, notes, and comments that make up the *Stata Journal* are assigned a letter-and-number code, called an insert tag, such as `st0001`, `an0034`, or `ds0011`. The letters represent a category: `st` is the statistics category, `an` is the announcements category, etc. The numbers are assigned sequentially, so `st0001` is the first article in the statistics category.

Sometimes inserts are subsequently updated, either to fix bugs or to add new features. A number such as `st0001_1` indicates that this article, column, note, or comment is an update to the original `st0001` article. Updates are complete; that is, installing `st0001_1` provides all the features of the original article and more.

The *Stata Journal* software may be obtained by pointing and clicking or by using command mode.

The sections below detail how to install an insert. In all cases, pretend that you wish to install insert `st0274` from `sj12-4`.

Obtaining from the Internet by pointing and clicking

1. Select **Help > SJ and community-contributed commands**.
2. Click on *Stata Journal*.
3. Click on *sj12-4*.
4. Click on *st0274*.
5. Click on (*click here to install*).

Obtaining from the Internet via command mode

Type the following:

```
. net from http://www.stata-journal.com/software
. net cd sj12-4
. net describe st0274
. net install st0274
```

The above could be shortened to

```
. net from http://www.stata-journal.com/software/sj12-4
. net describe st0274
. net install st0274
```

Alternatively, you could type

```
. net sj 12-4
. net describe st0274
. net install st0274
```

but going about it the long way is more entertaining, at least the first time.

Installing the STB software

Each issue of the STB is numbered. STB-1 refers to the first issue (published May 1991), STB-2 refers to the second (published July 1991), and so on.

An issue of the STB consists of inserts—articles—and these are assigned letter-and-number combinations, such as `sg84`, `dm80`, `sbe26.1`, etc. The letters represent a category; for example, `sg` is the general statistics category and `dm` the data management category. The numbers are assigned sequentially, so `sbe39` is the 39th insert in the biostatistics and epidemiology series.

Insert `sbe39`, it turns out, provides a method of accounting for publication bias in meta-analysis; it adds a new command called `metatrim` to Stata. If you installed `sbe39`, you would have that command and its help file. Insert `sbe39` was published in STB-57 (September 2000). Obtaining `metatrim` simply requires going to STB-57 and getting `sbe39`.

Sometimes inserts were subsequently updated, either to fix bugs or to add new features. `sbe39` was updated: the first update is `sbe39.1` and the second is `sbe39.2`. You could install insert `sbe39.2`, and it would not matter whether you had previously installed `sbe39.1`. Updates are complete: installing `sbe39.2` provides all the features of the original insert and more.

For computer naming purposes, insert sbe39.2 is referred to as sbe39_2. When referred to in normal text, however, the insert is still called sbe39.2 because that looks nicer.

Inserts are easily available from the Internet. Inserts may be obtained by pointing and clicking or by using command mode.

The sections below detail how to install an insert. In all cases, pretend that you wish to install insert sbe39.2 from STB-61.

Obtaining from the Internet by pointing and clicking

1. Select **Help > SJ and community-contributed commands**.
2. Click on *STB*.
3. Click on *stb61*.
4. Click on *sbe39_2*.
5. Click on (*click here to install*).

Obtaining from the Internet via command mode

Type the following:

```
. net from http://www.stata.com
. net cd stb
. net cd stb61
. net describe sbe39_2
. net install sbe39_2
```

The above could be shortened to

```
. net from http://www.stata.com/stb/stb61
. net describe sbe39_2
. net install sbe39_2
```

but going about it the long way is more entertaining, at least the first time.

Also see

- [R] [search](#) — Search Stata documentation and other resources
- [R] [net](#) — Install and manage community-contributed additions from the Internet
- [R] [net search](#) — Search the Internet for installable packages
- [R] [update](#) — Check for official updates
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