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## Description

This entry provides a quick reference to each of the individual commands and functions related to data frames.

If you are new to data frames in Stata, please start by reading [\[D\] frames intro](#).

Data frames are discussed in detail in [\[D\] frames intro](#).

There is also a set of Mata functions to work with frames. See [\[M-5\] st\\_frame\\*\(\)](#).

## Menu

Data > Frames Manager

## Syntax

`frame` and `frames` are synonyms. Below, we will use one or the other depending on which one is more natural given the context.

*Display name of current (working) frame*

`frame pwf` (see [\[D\] frame pwf](#))  
`frame`  
`pwf`

*Display names of all frames in memory*

`frames dir` (see [\[D\] frames dir](#))

*Create new, empty frame*

`frame create newfilename` (see [\[D\] frame create](#))

*Create new frame with specified variables for use with `frame post`*

`frame create newfilename newvarlist` (see [\[P\] frame post](#))

*Change identity of current (working) frame*

`frame change filename` (see [\[D\] frame change](#))  
`cwf filename`

Execute command on data in specified frame

`frame framename: stata_command` (see [D] **frame prefix**)

`frame framename {`  
    *commands to execute in context of framename*  
`}`

Make a copy of a frame

`frame copy frame_from frame_to [ , replace ]` (see [D] **frame copy**)

Copy subset of variables or observations to a new frame

`frame put` (see [D] **frame put**)

Add new observation to frame

`frame post framename (exp) (exp) ... (exp)` (see [P] **frame post**)

Drop (eliminate) frames that are not the current frame

`frame drop framename [framename [...]]` (see [D] **frame drop**)

Rename existing frame (which can be the current frame)

`frame rename oldframename newframename` (see [D] **frame rename**)

Reestablish initial state of having a single, empty frame named `default`

`frames reset` (see [D] **frames reset**)

Link frames

`frlink` (see [D] **frlink**)

Get variables from linked frame

`frget` (see [D] **frget**)

Add aliases to variables from linked frame

`fralias add` (see [D] **fralias**)

Describe alias variables in current frame

`fralias describe` (see [D] **fralias**)

Recast alias variables into copies in the current frame

`frunalias` (see [D] **frunalias**)

Functions to access variables in another frame

`frval(linkvar, varname)` (see `frval()`)

`_frval(framename, varname, i)`

*Saving, loading, and describing a set of frames*

<code>frames save</code>	(see [D] <a href="#">frames save</a> )
<code>frames use</code>	(see [D] <a href="#">frames use</a> )
<code>frames describe</code>	(see [D] <a href="#">frames describe</a> )

**Also see**

[D] [frames intro](#) — Introduction to frames

[M-5] [st\\_frame\\*\(\)](#) — Data frame manipulation

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