

# help — Obtaining help in Stata

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## Description

Help for Mata is available in Stata. This entry describes how to access it.

## Syntax

```
help m# entryname
```

```
help mata functionname()
```

The `help` command may be issued at either Stata's dot prompt or Mata's colon prompt.

## Remarks and examples

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To see this entry in Stata, type

```
. help m1 help
```

at Stata's dot prompt or Mata's colon prompt. You type that because this entry is [\[M-1\] help](#).

To see the entry for function `max()`, for example, type

```
. help mata max()
```

`max()` is documented in [\[M-5\] minmax\(\)](#), but that will not matter; Stata will find the appropriate entry.

To enter the Mata help system from the top, from whence you can click your way to any section or function, type

```
. help mata
```

To access Mata's PDF manual, click on the title.

## Also see

[\[M-3\] mata help](#) — Obtain help in Stata

[\[R\] help](#) — Display help in Stata

[\[M-1\] Intro](#) — Introduction and advice

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