

st_isalias() — Properties of alias variable

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Description

In all the functions, if *var* is specified as a name, abbreviations are not allowed.

`st_isalias(var)` returns 1 if *var* is an alias variable and 0 otherwise.

`st_aliasframe(var)` returns the name of the frame that *var* is linked to. If *var* is not an alias variable, or the linking variable cannot be found, then `st_aliasframe()` returns an empty string.

`st_aliaslinkname(var)` returns the name of the linking variable that was used to create *var*. If *var* is not an alias variable, then `st_aliaslinkname()` returns an empty string.

`st_aliasvarname(var)` returns the name of the variable that *var* is linked to. If *var* is not an alias variable, then `st_aliasvarname()` returns an empty string.

Syntax

```

real scalar    st_isalias(scalar var)
string scalar st_aliasframe(scalar var)
string scalar st_aliaslinkname(scalar var)
string scalar st_aliasvarname(scalar var)

```

where *var* contains a Stata variable name or a Stata variable index.

Conformability

```

st_isalias(var):
  var:      1 × 1
  result:   1 × 1

st_aliasframe(var):
  var:      1 × 1
  result:   1 × 1

st_aliaslinkname(var):
  var:      1 × 1
  result:   1 × 1

st_aliasvarname(var):
  var:      1 × 1
  result:   1 × 1

```

Diagnostics

All functions abort with error if *var* is not a valid Stata variable.

Also see

[M-5] [st_addalias\(\)](#) — Add alias variable to current Stata dataset

[M-4] [Stata](#) — Stata interface functions

[D] [fralias](#) — Alias variables from linked frames

[D] [frunalias](#) — Change storage type of alias variables

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