

‘.ado’ files in Stata

An ‘.ado’ file is like a ‘.do’ file, but it is automatically loaded. Typically, ‘.ado’ files contain code for new Stata commands that are not already included in the Stata package.

To install an ‘.ado’ file, you need to download and save the file in a folder where Stata can find it. You should save the corresponding help file (‘.hlp’) in the same folder.

Windows users:

Create a folder called C:\ado\personal\
and place any ‘.ado’ and ‘.hlp’ files here

Mac OS X users:

Create a folder called ~/ado/personal
and place any ‘.ado’ and ‘.hlp’ files here

To see which directories Stata looks in for ‘.ado’ files, type
`sysdir`

You should always use your ‘personal’ directory for storing these files.