gretl

version 1.6.0 for Mac OS X

GNU Regression, Econometrics and Time-series Library
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Installation

After downloading the gretl disk image to your desktop, double-click it to open. Then drag Gretl_Folder to somewhere suitable on your system (such as your Applications folder or Desktop). Once it is in place you can rename the folder if you wish (*before* running the program for the first time).

To run gretl, go into Gretl_Folder and double-click on the gretl program icon. You can drag this icon onto the dock if you want a quick launcher.

Note: although you may rename the top-level gretl folder, do not move or rename any components within that folder or the program will break.

System requirements

This gretl package was built on Mac OS X v10.4.6 ("Tiger"). I'm not able to to test it on earlier versions of OS X; it may work on 10.3 but will almost certainly will not work on any Mac operating system prior to 10.3.

The package requires Apple's version of the X11 window system, which is available as an optional install from the Tiger distribution DVD.

The package does *not* depend on third-party enhancements for OS X such as Fink.

Font problems?

If gretl will not start at all, or if it starts but fonts are missing or font selection doesn't work (you should be able to select fonts under the "Preferences" item on the File menu) try this fix:

1. Open a Terminal window.

2. Type the command `sudo fc-cache`

3. Hit the Enter key, then enter the root (admin) password if prompted.

4. If you see something like `fc-cache:  not found` then X11 is not installed (properly); otherwise the X11 font cache should be created/updated.

5. Restart gretl.

Other problems?

If the AppleScript launcher for gretl doesn't work for you, try opening an xterm, going into the bin folder of the gretl package, and executing gretl.sh manually. That is, do something like:

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cd Gretl_Folder/bin
./gretl.sh
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Hopefully this will give you an informative error message.

Documentation

When you start gretl, please consult the program's Help menu for documentation in various formats.

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