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Stata Resources

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Stata is an extremely user-friendly software program for data analysis. Much of its functionality is available through point-and-click commands, which can be a convenient way to teach yourself about the actual code (which, in the long run, will be faster to use). It is a great skill to have on your resume and I recommend you take the time to learn it well.

JHU students can access Stata for free through their mycloud account[1]. Full instructions for setting this up are available here. If you have trouble, please reach out first to the Helpdesk support following the instructions on that page. They will be best equipped to address your problem.

Users should access stata in a remote session on the desktop application, rather than in a browser tab. If you select "Stata" from MyCloud and it begins a session in a browser tab, you should navigate to the cog in the upper right hand corner of the page,; click on "Account Settings", and select "Activate Citrix Workspace app." Verify that it is downloaded, and again try to open Stata. If Stata still opens in a browser tab, return to account settings and select "Change Citrix Workspace app" and select "already installed." If Stata is still opening in a browser tab, contact the help desk. The reason for needing to open Stata in a desktop app is that in the web browser you may not be able to access files from your local machine or save your results to your own folder.

There are a number of free guides and introductions to Stata available online. Stata provides a list of helpful resources; I in particular will recommend Germán Rodríguez' Stata tutorial. Some might prefer following along with a video tutorial, and many excellent ones are available; you could do a short intro such as this one, or a longer one like this. If you follow along with the longer video (*do all the steps they do as they are doing them*), you will have an excellent foundation for our uses of Stata.

Spending 30-45 minutes going through some of these resources will make the problem sets exponentially easier and I highly recommend making the investment. The upfront cost is more than worth it in terms of time that you will save on the problem sets.

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[1]Hyperlinks are not active if you view this document in GitHub. Please either clone the repository or download a copy of the PDF to access locally.