

An Introduction to Stata – Section 2.4

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Now that we have created and stored our dataset, then next step is to learn how to load it into Stata in order to use it whenever we want. If I list the contents of my current working folder, I will see that there are two *.dta* files. To load mydata1, I should execute the following command:

use mydata1

Looking at the right-hand side I can see that there are four variables in this dataset. To get more information, I can execute the **describe** command:

describe

We can see that the dataset contains only three observations. We can view these observations using the data editor. However, there is another option, and that is it tell Stata to list the observations for us. This is accomplished using the **list** command:

list

The output shows a table that contains the variables names and the entries in each column. Notice that the missing observations for the numeric values are displayed as a dot, something that we have already talked about. To unload the dataset, or to clear the memory, we execute the following command:

clear all