



User's Guide for Stata

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1.0 Introduction

StatTag is user-friendly software that integrates statistical code with document preparation in Microsoft Word. StatTag facilitates reproducible research by connecting Word documents, such as a manuscript, to associated statistical code. Word documents prepared with StatTag are reproducible dynamic documents: statistical results in the document can be automatically updated if either statistical code or data change. In addition, StatTag allows statistical code to be edited directly from Microsoft Word.

StatTag is provided as a free Word plug-in written in C#. Once installed, StatTag is accessible from the Word toolbar. This user's guide covers use of StatTag within a Windows environment for Microsoft Word partnered with Stata statistical software (StataCorp. 2015. Stata Statistical Software: Release 14. College Station, TX: StataCorp LP). Future versions of StatTag will allow use of statistical code written for other programming software (R, SAS) as well as use within a Mac operating system.

2.0 Setup

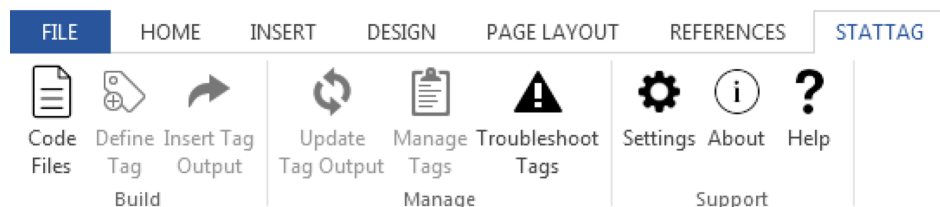
To use StatTag with Stata: (1) the StatTag plug-in must be installed, and (2) the Stata Automation API (Application Program Interface) must be enabled¹. The Stata Automation API allows StatTag and Stata to exchange information. StatTag sends 'calls' to Stata to execute statistical code, and Stata in turn sends back the results of the code to be inserted in the Word document.



Note: You must install the StatTag plug-in first, before installing the Stata Automation API. Both installation of the StatTag plug-in and enabling the Stata Automation API require administrator access on your computer.


Installing the StatTag Plug-In:

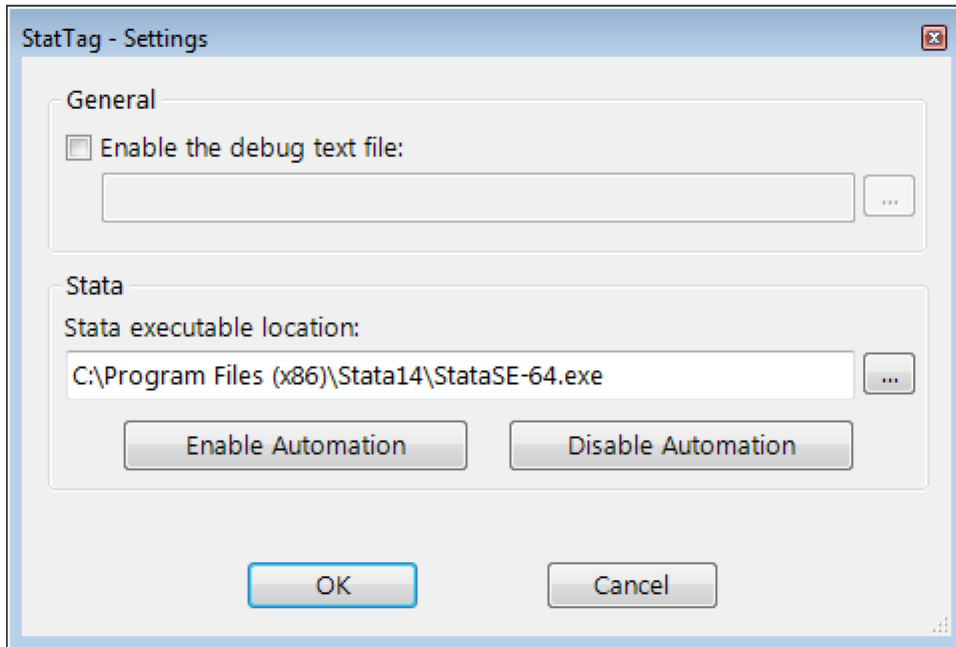
1. Download the StatTag setup.exe file.
2. When prompted, click "Run" and follow the InstallShield Wizard.
3. Open Microsoft Word. If StatTag has installed successfully, your Word toolbar will include an "StatTag" tab that will look like this:



¹ <http://www.stata.com/automation/>

Enabling the Stata Automation API:

4. Select the "StatTag" tab on the top tool bar.
5. Select the "Settings" icon 
6. Under "Stata executable location," enter the file path for Stata on your computer. This may be something like C:\Program Files (x86)\Stata14\StataSE-64.exe.



Tip: To locate the file path of your Stata program, open Stata, and type 'sysdir' in the command line. This returns the installation pathway. Open the folder in Windows Explorer to verify the pathway and identify the name of your Stata executable (.exe) file.

7. After the file path has been set, click 'Enable Automation' to allow StatTag and Stata to communicate via the Stata Automation API. **You must click 'Enable Automation' in order for StatTag to work.**
8. Click 'OK' to return to the main screen.



Note: You only have to do this step on initial installation of StatTag. Updates to StatTag will not require re-enabling Stata Automation.

3.0 Basics of StatTag

The StatTag program will link any Stata “.do” (do) file with your Word document, will run the code file from Word, and will insert any tagged results. We recommend that you begin with a do file that already contains your working statistical code and generates the results of interest. With StatTag, it is possible to write your statistical code directly from Word, but not as convenient as writing your do files in Stata’s editor.

There are three main steps to using StatTag:

1. Connect a Word document to files containing statistical code (i.e. do file).
2. Annotate the code files to tag results, tables, or figures that are of interest.
3. Instruct StatTag where to insert those results within the Word document itself.



Note: This guide uses an example .do file to explain the use of StatTag. The example do file can be found in Appendix B. The example do file uses the built in Stata dataset, bpwide, which is available to all Stata users, containing blood pressure data on 120 individuals. To follow along with the User Guide, copy the Stata example code in Appendix B into a do file on your own computer.

3.1 Build

The three steps above are accomplished using the first three icons listed on the StatTag toolbar: Code Files, Define Tag, and Insert Tag Output. These three icons comprise the *Build* section of the StatTag toolbar. They allow the user to: (1) link statistical code to the Word document; (2) tag results, tables, and figures within the statistical code; and (3) identify where those tagged results should be inserted in to the Word document.

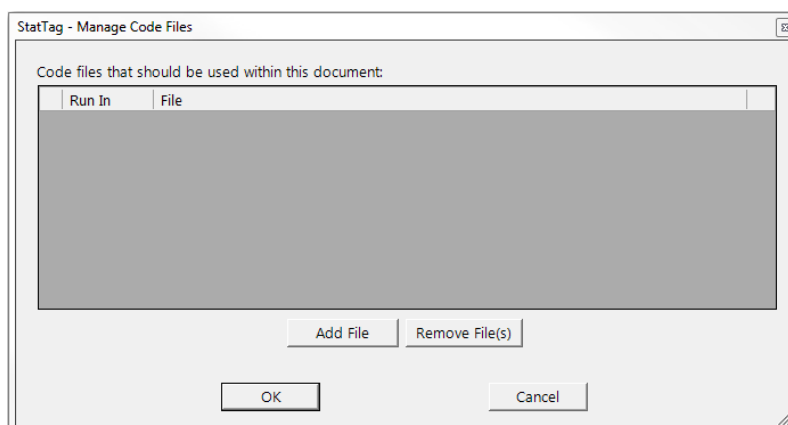
Code File

The *Build* toolbar enables linking one or more Stata do files with your Word document. The first step to using StatTag is to connect your Word document with your statistical code. Note that it is possible to connect multiple code files to one Word document. To link a code file:

1. Click on “Code Files”



2. A new dialog box will open. Select ‘Add File.’ A Windows Explorer box will open through which you should navigate to find the appropriate code file. For the current version, this must be a Stata do file. Future versions of StatTag will allow SAS and R files.



3. Locate the statistical code file and click “Open.” For illustration, we will use the example do file included in full in [Appendix B](#).
4. After clicking “Open”, the file will appear in the selection window, and Stata will be chosen as the program to run the code in.
5. Click “OK”.



Note: You can connect multiple Stata source code files to a single Word document. The current version of StatTag will recognize only “do” files, however, future versions will connect to SAS and R.

Define Tag

After a code file has been linked, the options to define and insert tag output become available and are no longer grayed out. Once you have connected your statistical code file to your Word document, you are ready to define tags.

Tags in your code file(s) identify numbers, tables, or figures that you would like to embed in your Word document. Tags can be inserted through StatTag, using the following instructions, or for the more advanced user, can be directly written into Stata code using a text editor of the user's choice. Tags are specifically formatted text that Stata interprets as comments, but allows StatTag to pull results into Word.

In the following example, we create a tag for a single value. [Section 4](#) covers additional information on creating tags for tables and figures, and the corresponding commands that must be present in your statistical code.

To create a tag through StatTag:

1. Click "Define Tag"



2. The linked statistical code will open in a new dialog box.

StatTag - Tag

1 Code file: S:\NUCATS\NUCATS_Shared\BERDShared\Analysis Manager\Data and Programs\Stata\Exam

2 When should this code run: Always

3 Tag name:

4 How should these results be accessible from the document:

Value ☒ Default (exact output from statistical package) The following Stata commands may be used for Value output: display

Figure ☐ Numeric

Table ☐ Date/Time

Percentage ☐ Percentage

5 Click in the margin to define tags:

```

1
2 * start a log file
3 log using "S:\NUCATS\NUCATS_Shared\BERDShared\Analysis Manager\Data and Programs\Stata\Examples"
4
5 * pull up the "bpwide" dataset that comes with Stata
6 sysuse bpwide
7
8 *installation of estout package
9 ssc install estout, replace
10
11 *generating additional variable, "intervention", through binomial distribution random sampling w
12 set seed 20151103
13 gen intervention=rbinomial(1,0.5)
14 label variable intervention "1=intervention 0=control"
15
16 *generate the difference in bp
17 gen bp_diff=bp_after-bp_before
18 label variable bp_diff "Difference in BP"
19
20 *Total N
21 count if bp_before != . & bp_after != .
22 local ntotal = r(N)
23 global totn = r(N)
24
25 *Intervention and Control N

```

Save Save and Insert in Word Cancel

3. The dialog box has the following components:

(1) Code File

- i. If you have only 1 code file linked to your Word document, this will be automatically selected in the drop down menu
- ii. If you have 2 or more code files linked to your document, use the drop down menu to select the code file you are using to make the new tags.

(2) When should this code run

- i. "Always" is the default selection. The results within the Word document will be updated automatically by StatTag every time the statistical code runs. The statistical code is run whenever a tag is added, removed, or updated, and when the Word file is opened.
- ii. "On Demand" may also be selected. The results within the Word document will be updated only when you instruct StatTag to update them (using "Update Tag Output" icon, see [section 3.2](#)). This is particularly useful for code that takes a long time to run.

(3) Tag name

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- i. The tag name is the unique name of the tag, and should only be used once within each code file to identify a result.
- ii. The tag name can contain any string of characters including special characters and spaces.

(4) Selection pane

- i. This section informs StatTag if the tag will be a value, figure, or table, and how the data should be managed.
- ii. More information on tags for tables and figures is provided in [section 4](#).

(5) Text editor showing the statistical code

- i. The statistical code may be edited directly through StatTag. Any changes you make are made to the file itself and saved immediately.

4. Enter a tag name for your new tag. For this example, we will create a new tag called "Total N", which will insert the total number of participants in the example study.
5. Use the text editor window to locate the statistical result of interest.



Note: There are currently three Stata commands StatTag can use to identify results of interest and create tags: `display` (for numeric values); `matrix list` (for tables); and `graph export` (for figures). Use of these commands is discussed in detail in [section 4](#) and [Appendices C-E](#). For this first example we will use a numeric value identified using the `display` command.

6. Highlight the line of code containing the `display` command. To highlight, click between the line number and the start of the line of code. Clicking in this margin will highlight the line of code in purple.



Tip: You can select multiple lines, but as best practice, select only the line(s) containing the result of interest.

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StatTag - Tag

Code file: S:\NUCATS\NUCATS_Shared\BERDShared\Analysis Manager\Data and Programs\Stata\Exam

When should this code run: Always

Tag name: Total N

How should these results be accessible from the document:

Value ☒ Default (exact output from statistical package) The following Stata commands may be used for Value output: display

Figure ☐ Numeric

Table ☐ Date/Time

☐ Percentage

Click in the margin to define tags:

```
95 regress bp_diff intervention
96 estimates store model3
97
98 xi: regress bp_diff sex i.agegrp intervention
99 estimates store model4
100
101 estimates table model1 model2 model3 model4
102 matrix define A = r(coef)
103
104 estout model1 model2 model3 model4, cells("b p")
105 matrix define B = r(coefs)
106
107 *All of our Numeric Data
108 display `ntotal'
109 display `nintervention'
110 display `ncontrol'
111
112 *All of our Tables
113 matrix list Table1
114 matrix list A
115 matrix list B
116
117 *All of our Graphs
118 graph box bp_diff, over(intervention) title("Change in Blood Pressure by Group")
119 graph export "S:\NUCATS\NUCATS_Shared\BERDShared\Analysis Manager\Data and Programs\Stata\Exam"
```

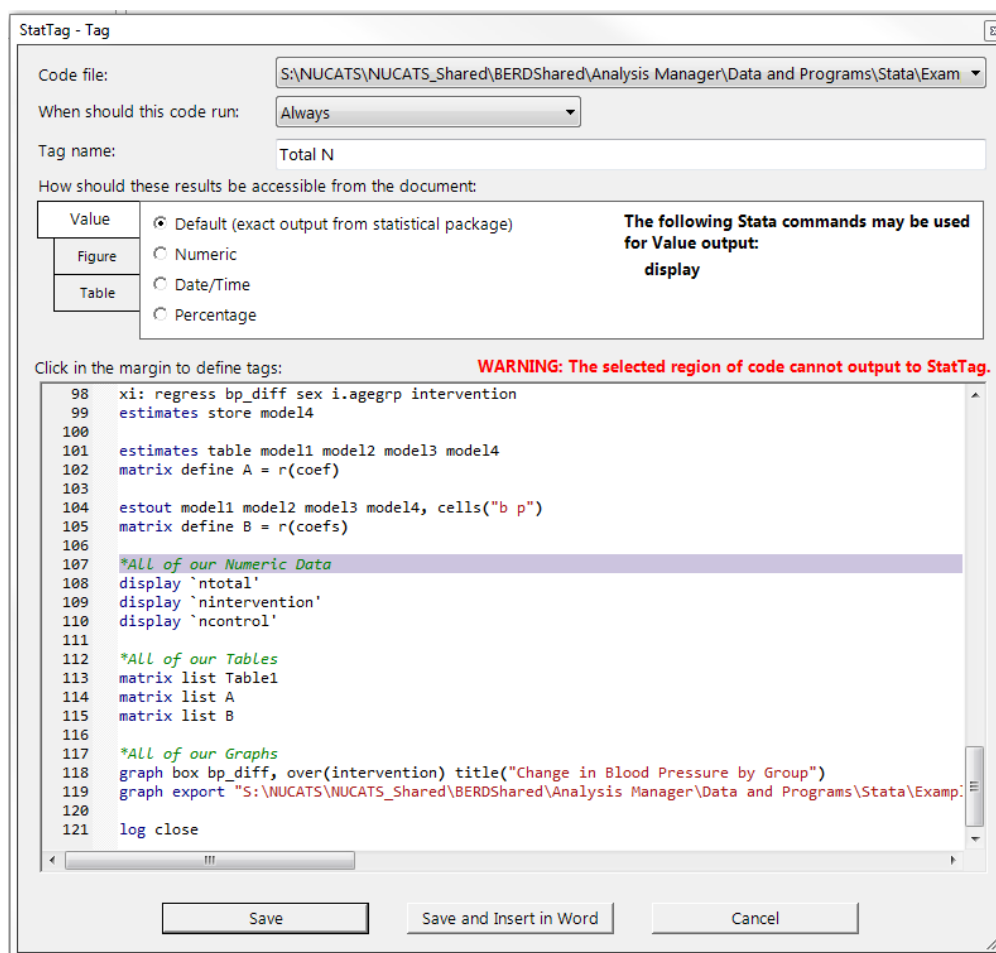
Save Save and Insert in Word Cancel

7. If your selection of code does not include a `display` command, StatTag will print an error in the top right of the text editor (see next page).



Tip: If you get a warning that the section of code you have highlighted cannot output to StatTag, double check the instructions in the selection pane. These will tell you what commands you should highlight.

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8. Use the formatting window to make any changes to the way in which the result is displayed. By default, the result will be displayed as it is in Stata. For example, our selection to `display `ntotal'` will insert number 120 to the Word document.
9. Click either "Save" or "Save and Insert in Word". If "Save" is chosen, the tag will be saved, as will any edits to the statistical code. If "Save and Insert in Word" is selected, the tag will be saved, the Stata code will run, and the result will be inserted at the location of the cursor in your Word document.
10. Use the "Define Tag" icon as often as needed to create tags for all of your statistical results. (In the next section, we have also defined "Intervention N" and "Control N," following the steps above).

Insert Tag Output


Tags can be inserted at the point of the cursor when they are defined, using the "Save and Insert in Word" option. They can also be inserted after they are created through the "Insert Tag

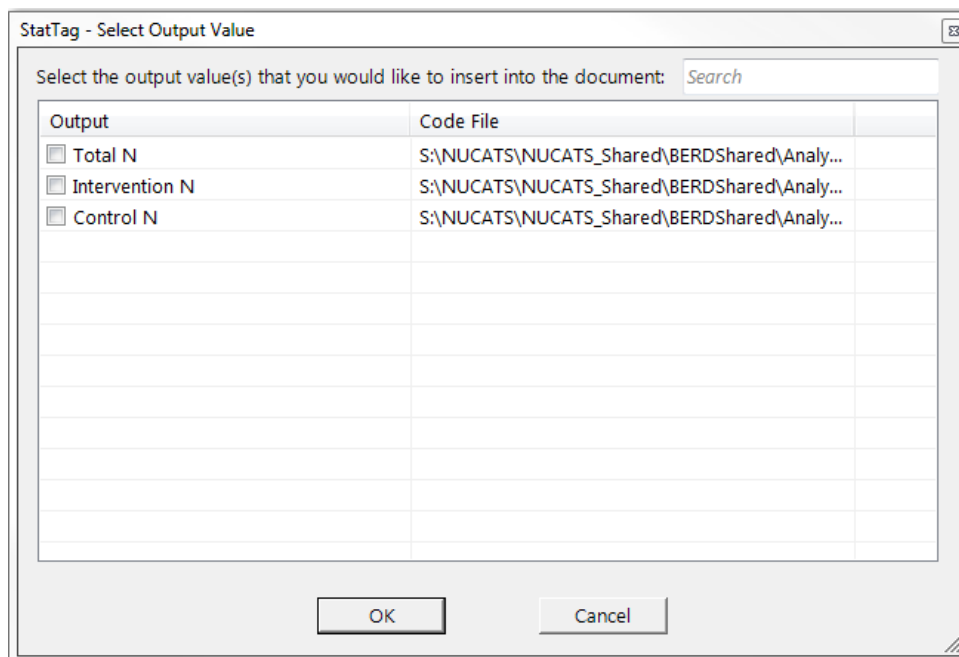
Output” icon. Tags can be inserted more than once, and the results will be updated collectively throughout the text. Tags are always inserted at the location of the cursor, although they can be copied and pasted elsewhere once inserted.



Tip: Once a tag is inserted into a Word document, double clicking on the tag will open the tag window, from which you can modify the characteristics of the tag (name, when to run) or the associated Stata code

To insert a saved tag:

1. Click “Insert Tag Output” 
2. All saved tags will be shown in a new window by their tag name and the code file in which they have been saved. Select one or more tags by clicking on the checkbox next to the tag name.



3. Click “OK” to insert the output. Upon clicking “OK” the Stata code will run and the result will be inserted in to the document.


3.2 Manage

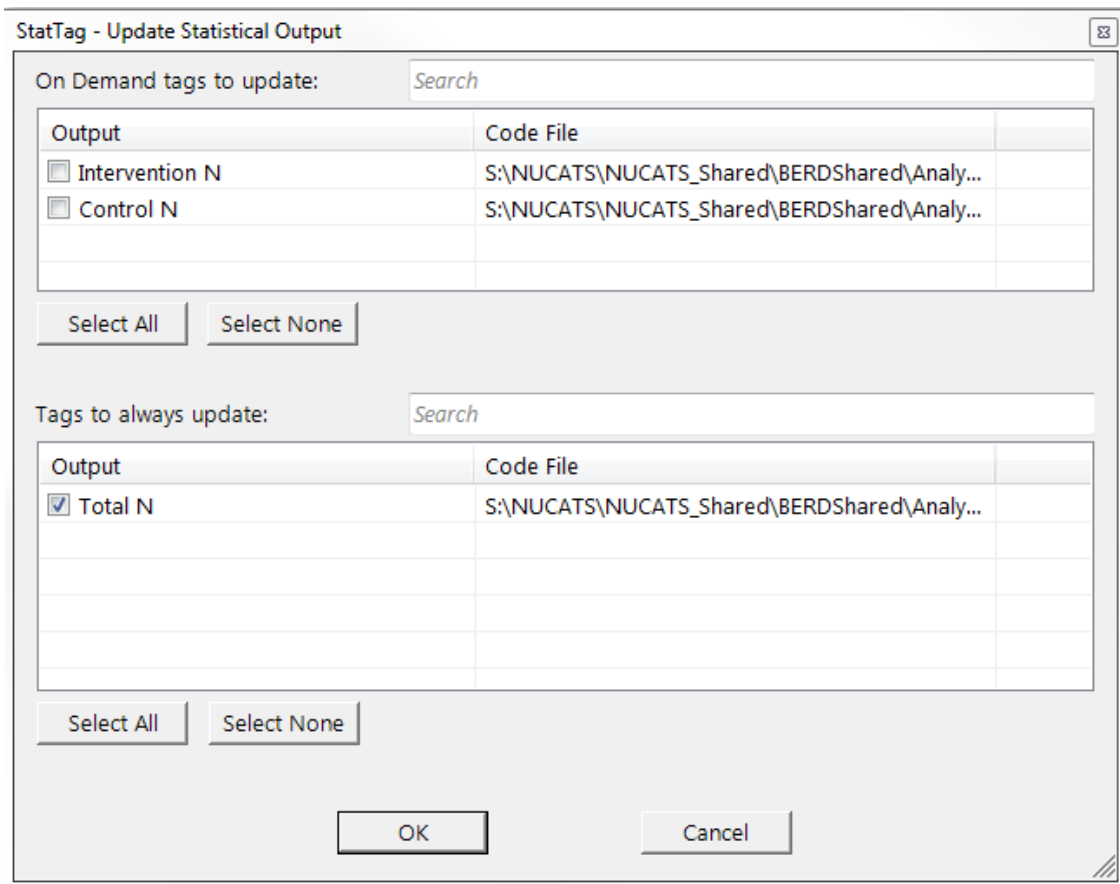
The second portion of the StatTag toolbar consists of the *Manage* icons. These icons allow the user to manage tags after they have been created and inserted using the *Build* icons. The *Manage* icons include Update Tag Output, Manage Tags, and Troubleshoot Tags. These icons

allow the user to manually update results, add, edit or delete saved tags, and troubleshoot any issues with inserted tags.

Update Tag Output

Tags are either updated “Always” when the Stata code is run (when new tags are defined, removed, or modified, and when the document is opened), or “On Demand” when the user instructs StatTag to update the results. To change how tags are updated, or to update the tags “On Demand”:

1. Click on “Update Tag Output ” 
2. A new dialog box is opened. Tags are shown in either the “On Demand” window or the “Always” window, depending on how they have been defined in the statistical code.



The dialog box titled "StatTag - Update Statistical Output" contains two sections for managing tags. The top section, "On Demand tags to update:", features a search bar and a table with columns "Output" and "Code File". It lists "Intervention N" and "Control N" with checkboxes next to them. Below the table are "Select All" and "Select None" buttons. The bottom section, "Tags to always update:", also has a search bar and a table with the same columns. It lists "Total N" with a checked checkbox. It also includes "Select All" and "Select None" buttons. At the bottom of the dialog are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

Output	Code File
<input type="checkbox"/> Intervention N	S:\NUCATS\NUCATS_Shared\BERDShared\Analy...
<input type="checkbox"/> Control N	S:\NUCATS\NUCATS_Shared\BERDShared\Analy...

Output	Code File
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total N	S:\NUCATS\NUCATS_Shared\BERDShared\Analy...

3. To update the inserted results from any tags that have been defined as “On Demand,” select the tags by checking the box next to the tag name.

4. To update the inserted results from any tags that have been defined as “Always,” select the tags by checking the box next to the tag name. By default, all of these tags will be selected.
5. Click “OK” to run the Stata code, and update the selected results.

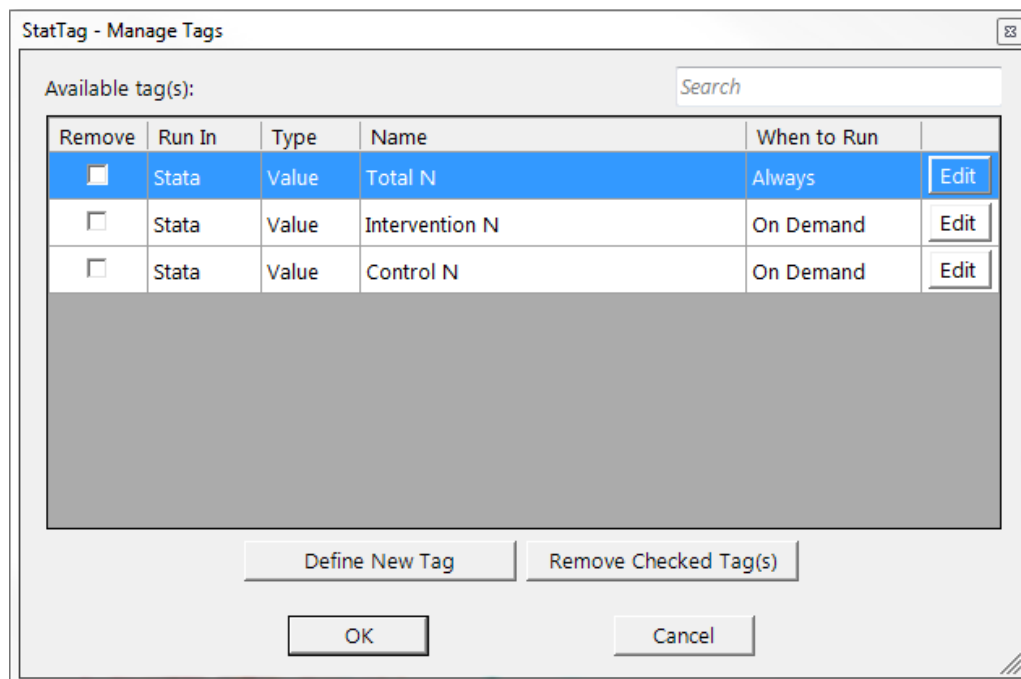
Manage Tags

Once saved, all tags will be listed in the Manage Tags dialog box. From this dialog box, the user can change how tags are formatted, updated, or remove them entirely. To manage tags:

1. Click “Manage Tags”



2. All saved tags will be shown in a dialog box by their tag name with information about how they have been defined. From this dialog box, new tags can be defined, tags can be removed, and tags can be edited.



3. To define a new tag, click the “Define New Tag” button at the bottom of the dialog box. This will open the statistical code, and tags are defined identically as in the [“Define Tag”](#) process. Defining new tags will insert new tag notation in your statistical code.
4. To edit a tag, click the “Edit” button on the right of the window. This opens the statistical code, showing the highlighted tag. The options for this tag can be edited through the dialog box.

5. To remove a tag, check the boxes next to each tag you wish to remove. Then click "Remove Checked Tag(s)".




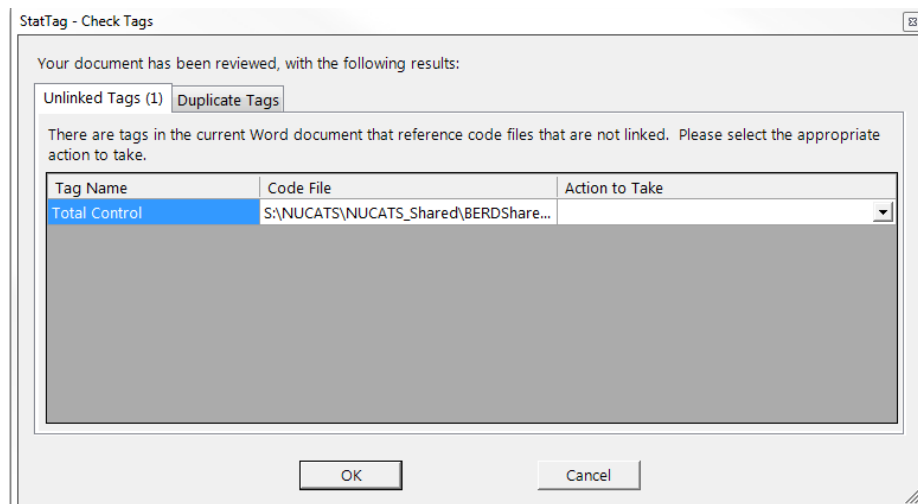
Note: Removing tags will delete the tag notation in your statistical code. Removing tags will not delete inserted text, tables or figures from your Word document. However, those results will no longer be tagged. They will not be updated when code is rerun or the document is open.

6. Click "OK" to permanently save any changes you have made within your statistical code.

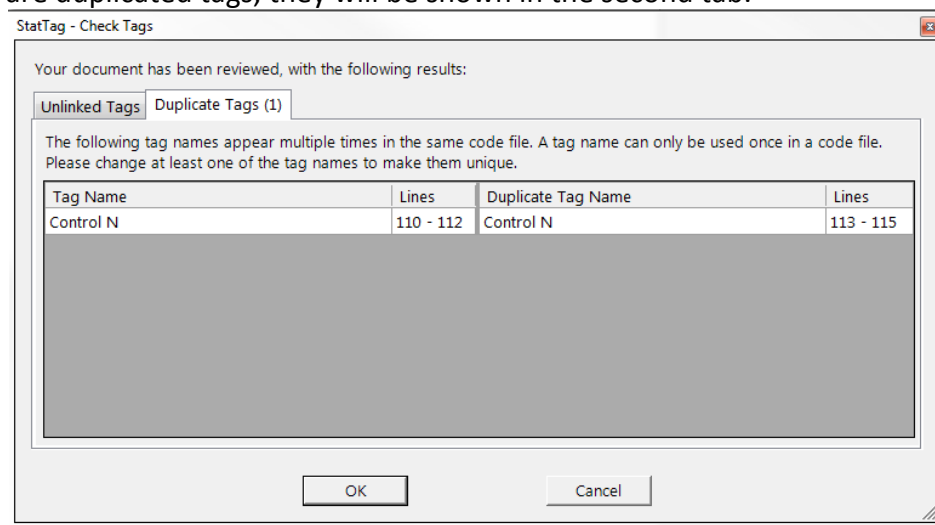
Troubleshoot Tags

There are two troubleshoot options provided: (1) linking unlinked tags, and (2) removing duplicate tags. Tags can become unlinked if the statistical code is unlinked from the Word document, or if the statistical code is edited outside of StatTag and the notations are modified. For example, code could become unlinked if the do file is moved to new location without changing the code file path in StatTag. Tag names can be duplicated within statistical code if the code is edited outside of StatTag and a tag name is inadvertently duplicated. To troubleshoot either issue:

1. Click "Troubleshoot Tags" 
2. A new window will open showing any unlinked tags and any duplicated tags in separate tabs.
3. If there are unlinked tags, they will be shown in the first tab.



4. The drop down menu “Action to Take” shows three options for each tag:
 - (1) Link the tag to a code file currently linked to the Word document
 - (2) Remove the tag from the document
 - (3) Link the missing code file
5. If there are duplicated tags, they will be shown in the second tab.



6. The dialog box shows the duplicated tags and the lines in the statistical code in which they occur. Use the “Manage Tags” icon to resolve any duplicates – for example, by removing or renaming a duplicate tag. If duplicates are not resolved, the tag output in the Word document will reflect output corresponding to the latest occurrence of the tag in the statistical code.

3.3 Support

Settings

The Settings window includes information about the StatTag version installed, the location of a debug file (if enabled) and maps the location of your Stata executable file. The debug file can be used to capture information about the StatTag plug in. If you encounter errors and would like to request assistance: (1) enable the debug file, which will write a plain text file to your computer; (2) run your program to generate the errors, and; (3) send the debug file to StatTag@northwestern.edu.

About

The About icon will open a window containing the version number of StatTag that you are using, and information regarding usage and licenses related to StatTag.

Help ?

The Help icon will open the User Guide from within Word. If you need additional help or support, email StatTag@northwestern.edu or visit the StatTag website at <http://sites.northwestern.edu/stattag/> to interact with the user community.

4.0 Tag Structure and Syntax

Three Stata commands identify results of interest and create tags.

1. `display`
2. `matrix list`
3. `graph export`

In order to return results from your statistical analysis to Word, your results must be displayed to your Stata results window through one of the above commands, and encapsulated in a tag. Other lines in your Stata code should not be encapsulated by tags, as they may cause errors.

4.1 Values

Values are returned to StatTag and then inserted into Word with the `display` command. The `display` command is used in Stata code to print strings or scalar values to the results window. It will not return data in any other format, such as a matrix, and it cannot be used to `display` a component of a matrix.

The `display` command is typically used with the `return` command to retrieve stored results, or with local or global macro variables. Examples of the `display` command are shown in [Appendix C](#).

4.2 Matrix

Tables are returned to Word with the `matrix list` command. The `matrix list` command is used in Stata code to print a matrix to the results window. The `matrix list` command is typically used after creation of a matrix with the `mkmat`, `matrix define`, `estout`, or `estimates table` commands. Examples of the `matrix list` command are shown in [Appendix D](#).

4.3 Figure

Figures are returned to Word with the `graph export` command. The `graph export` command saves a graph or figure to file outside of Stata, the location of which is specified by the user. StatTag will retrieve the file to insert into Word. The graph export command expects a pathway and file name to be specified along with the file format, and the `replace` option to overwrite an existing file as required. The command will export the last graph rendered in Stata. Examples of the `graph export` command are shown in [Appendix E](#).

4.4 Syntax

A tag always starts with `**>>>ST:Value(Label=" ", Frequency="",...)` and may contain additional information based on the type of tag (number, table, or figure) it identifies. The tag always ends with `**<<<`. Examples of tags for a numeric value, a table, and a figure are listed below.

```
**>>>ST:Value(Label=" ", Frequency="", Type="")
display r(N)
**<<<
```

```
**>>>ST:Table(Label="", Frequency="", ColumnNames=True, RowNames=True, Type="",
AllowInvalid=True, Decimals=0, Thousands=False)
matrix list matrixname
**<<<
```

```
**>>>ST:Figure(Label="", Frequency="")
graph export "S:\Pathway\File.pdf", as(pdf) replace
**<<<
```

If tags are made through StatTag, the text (`"**>>> ... **<<<"`) will be written into your statistical code by the plug-in. The Label, Frequency, Type and Table parameters are inserted with the opening and closing tags by StatTag. For the more advanced user, you can also directly write tags into your statistical code. If written by hand in the Stata code, you must write both the opening and closing tags, and provide a tag name for each tag.



Note: Tags cannot be nested within each other. A tag should encapsulate exactly one `display`, `matrix list` or `graph export` command.

5.0 Formatting tags

When a tag is created, its format should be accordingly specified. Options may be selected for either Values or Tables. There are no formatting options for Figures.

5.1 Values

Values can be formatted by default (per the exact Stata output), as a number with a specific number of decimal places, as a date/time combination, or as a percentage with a specific number of decimal places.

How should these results be accessible from the document:

Value	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Default (exact output from statistical package)	The following Stata commands may be used for Value output: display
Figure	<input type="radio"/> Numeric	
Table	<input type="radio"/> Date/Time <input type="radio"/> Percentage	

5.2 Tables

Matrices from Stata can be inserted to Word with or without their row and column names, and with a specific number of decimal places. Currently, formatting is applied to the entire table. Where data are blank or missing, a “.” is returned in the particular cell. Once inserted to Word, the dimensions of a table should not be modified, as this will cause errors when updating the results. If you change the dimensions of a table, you should delete the table from Word and insert the table again.



Tip: Data from individual cells in an inserted table can be copied to the text, and will retain their linkage to the original data. For example, if you wished to include a p-value in the text, copy the result from the table and paste into the text. When the table is updated, the value in the text will be updated as well.

How should these results be accessible from the document:

Value	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Include column names	Decimal places: <input type="text" value="2"/>	The following Stata commands may be used for Table output: matrix list
Figure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Include row names	<input type="checkbox"/> Use 1000 separator (.)	
Table			

5.3 Formatting after insertion

Once inserted, values and tables can be formatted using Word text formatting options, such as changing fonts, bolding, or italicizing. Updating the tags will not affect the applied formatting in Word.

Tags can also be copy and pasted, or cut and pasted to other parts of the text, and will retain their linkage to the statistical code. If your tag is copied or inserted in multiple locations, updates within your statistical code will update every instance of the tag within your text.

Tags can be deleted from the text. Deleting the tag from the text will not delete the tag syntax within your statistical code. To delete the syntax, use the “Remove tags” option in the Manage Tags dialog box.

6.0 Troubleshooting

Error	Solution
[NO RESULT]	StatTag returns this value when the plug-in does not capture any information from Stata. If your tag returns this result, check to ensure the tag encapsulates a <code>display</code> , <code>matrix list</code> or <code>graph export</code> command. If it does, check to ensure the Stata code is running

correctly, and that your expected output is generated in Stata.

My document takes a long time to update

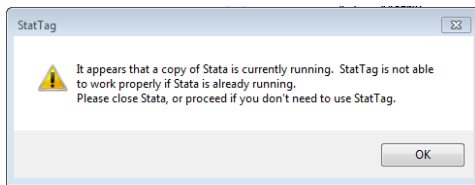
Inserting and updating tables can take a long time. The default update option is “Always”, in which case the statistical code is run each time a tag is inserted, removed, modified, and when the document is opened. Depending on the number and type of tags you have inserted, this process may be very long. Consider using the “On Demand” update option for your tables to reduce the amount of time the update takes.

Could not communicate with Stata

The Stata API must be enabled to insert and update tags. Check the Settings icon to ensure that (1) the correct pathway has been specified to your Stata.exe file, and (2) that the API has been enabled.

Warning is displayed when a tag is defined

If a red warning notice is given, you have not highlighted a `display`, `matrix list` or `graph export` command in your code. Check to ensure you have selected the right option of Value, Table, or Figure, and you have highlighted a section of code containing the corresponding command.



Close the open session of Stata.

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StatTag was inspired in part by the Stata Automation Report project:

Lo Magno, G.L. (2013). Sar: Automatic generation of statistical reports using Stata and Microsoft Word for Windows. *The Stata Journal*, 13(1); 39-64.

StatTag makes use of the following open source projects (licenses in [Appendix F](#)):

- Scintilla - <http://www.scintilla.org/>
- ScintillaNET - <https://github.com/jacobslusser/ScintillaNET>
- Json.NET - <http://www.newtonsoft.com/json>

Use of these projects does not imply endorsement of StatTag by the respective project owners, or endorsement of the use of these projects by Northwestern University.



7.1 Citing StatTag

In any publication where StatTag has assisted in the manuscript preparation, please reference the project as:

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Appendix A. Example Word Document

Instructions:

1. After installation of StatTag, copy and paste the Stata code in [Appendix B](#) into a Stata do file, "Example Do.do".
2. Link a new Word document with the "Example Do.do" file.
3. Create a tag for the number of participants in the trial (Row 17)

The returned values should be: 120

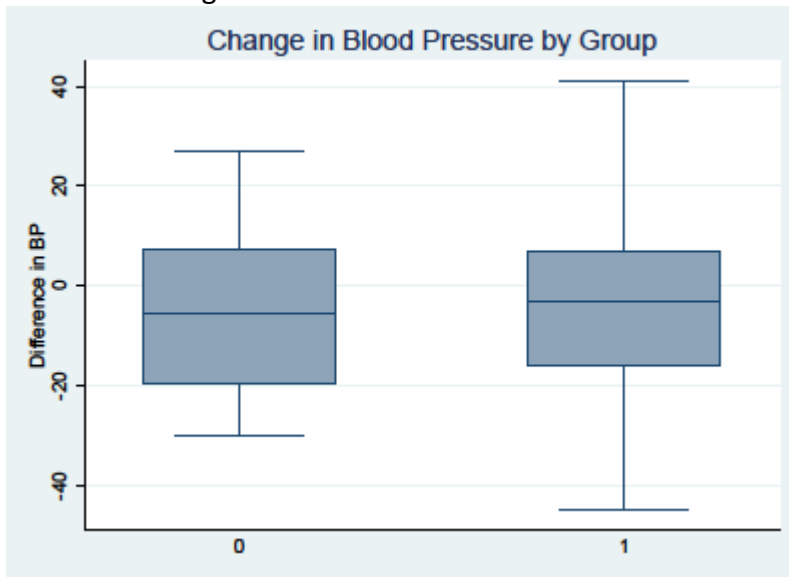
4. Create a tag for Table 1 (Row 80)

The returned table should look like:

	control1	control2	int1	int2	pval
sex_=_0	29.00	0.24	31.00	0.26	0.71
sex_=_1	27.00	0.22	33.00	0.28	.
agegrp_=_1	23.00	0.19	17.00	0.14	0.13
agegrp_=_2	19.00	0.16	21.00	0.17	.
agegrp_=_3	14.00	0.12	26.00	0.22	.
bp_before	155.09	10.65	157.64	11.96	0.22
bp_after	149.80	13.78	152.72	14.48	0.26
bp_diff	-5.29	15.51	-4.92	17.82	0.91

5. Update the graph export location on row 83 to a folder on your computer.
6. Create a tag for the box plot of blood pressure differences by intervention (Row 83)

The returned figure should look like:



Appendix B. Example Stata do file

```

* code to generate a Value, Matrix and Graph

* pull up the "bpwide" dataset that comes with Stata
sysuse bpwide

*generating additional variable,"intervention", through binomial distribution
random sampling with probability of ~0.5 to be assigned to intervention group
set seed 20151103
gen intervention=rbinomial(1,0.5)
label variable intervention "1=intervention 0=control"

*generate the difference in bp
gen bp_diff=bp_after-bp_before
label variable bp_diff "Difference in BP"

* get the number of observations on which we have no missing bp_before and
bp_after data
count if bp_before != . & bp_after != .
display r(N)

* variables to hold results
gen str12 rowname = ""
gen controll1 = .
gen control2 = .
gen int1 = .
gen int2 = .
gen pval = .

* list of variables (one for categorical, one for continuous)
local catlist sex agegrp
local conlist bp_before bp_after bp_diff

* gen row counter
gen nn = _n
local rowct 1

* get total n
count if bp_before != . & bp_after != .
local totn = r(N)

* cycle through and fill out table 1
* note this is hard coded for intervention with 2 levels
* coded as 0 for control and 1 for intervention
foreach var of local catlist {

    qui tabulate `var' intervention, chi2
    replace pval = r(p) if nn == `rowct'

    levelsof `var', local(varlevs)
    foreach lev of local varlevs {

        replace rowname = "`var' = `lev'" if nn == `rowct'
        qui count if `var' == `lev' & intervention == 0
        replace controll1 = r(N) if nn == `rowct'
    }
}

```

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```
replace control2 = r(N)/`totn' if nn == `rowct'

qui count if `var'== `lev' & intervention == 1
replace int1 = r(N) if nn == `rowct'
replace int2 = r(N)/`totn' if nn == `rowct'

local rowct = `rowct' + 1
}
}

foreach var of local conlist {
    replace rowname = "`var'" if nn == `rowct'
    qui summarize `var' if intervention == 0
    replace control1 = r(mean) if nn == `rowct'
    replace control2 = r(sd) if nn == `rowct'

    qui summarize `var' if intervention == 1
    replace int1 = r(mean) if nn == `rowct'
    replace int2 = r(sd) if nn == `rowct'

    qui ttest `var', by(intervention)
    replace pval = r(p) if nn == `rowct'

    local rowct = `rowct' + 1
}

mkmat control1 - pval if nn < `rowct', matrix(tab1) rownames(rowname)
matrix list tab1
*comparing the change in bp by intervention group
graph box bp_diff, over(intervention) title("Change in Blood Pressure by
Group")
graph export "C:\Stata\BPDiff_BY_Intervention.pdf", as(pdf) replace
```

Appendix C. The `display` command

The `display` command can be used with return functions to show results. In brief, “return” and “ereturn” allow the user to view what Stata stores after it executes a command (e.g. summarize, logistic). Additional references to relevant Stata documentation are shown below.

Depending on the Stata command, you can use either `return list` or `ereturn list` after executing the command to show the elements that can be displayed. Elements can be displayed using the `display` command and their stored name. The `display` command can also be used to show a local or global macro variable.

1. Return a count

```
count if bp_before != . & bp_after != .
return list
display r(N)
```

```
. return list

scalars:

               r(N) =   120

.
. display r(N)
120
```

2. Return a p-value from a 2-way frequency table

```
tabulate agegrp intervention, chi2
return list
display r(p)
```

```
. return list

scalars:

               r(N) =   120
               r(r) =    3
               r(c) =    2
             r(chi2) = 4.084821428571428
               r(p) = .129715626337871

.
. display r(p)
.12971563
```


3. Return Estimates

```
regress bp_diff sex
ereturn list
display e(N)
```

```
scalars:
           e(N) = 120
       e(df_m) = 1
       e(df_r) = 118
           e(F) = .7717857505126204
       e(r2) = .0064980562987729
       e(rmse) = 16.72965076411536
       e(mss) = 216.00833333333387
       e(rss) = 33025.983333333334
       e(r2_a) = -.0019214516986952
       e(ll) = -507.3261136798324
       e(ll_0) = -507.7172693142865
       e(rank) = 2

macros:
       e(cmdline) : "regress bp_diff sex"
       e(title) : "Linear regression"
       e(marginsok) : "XB default"
       e(vce) : "ols"
       e(depvar) : "bp_diff"
       e(cmd) : "regress"
       e(properties) : "b V"
       e(predict) : "regres_p"
       e(estat_cmd) : "regress_estat"

matrices:
           e(b) : 1 x 2
           e(V) : 2 x 2

functions:
           e(sample)

.
. display e(N)
120
```

4. Display a local or global variable

```
tabulate agegrp intervention, matcell(x)  
local group1control = x[1,1]  
display `group1control'
```

```
. local group1control = x[1,1]  
  
. display `group1control'  
23
```

For additional information on any of these commands:

display function

<http://www.stata.com/manuals13/pdisplay.pdf>

return function

<http://www.stata.com/manuals13/preturn.pdf>

ereturn function

<http://www.stata.com/manuals13/pereturn.pdf>

Appendix D. The matrix list command

The `matrix list` command is used to print the content of a stored matrix. The command can be used in conjunction with a matrix `define`, `mkmat`, `estimates table`, or `estout` command, along with others.

1. Simple matrix of tabulated results

```
tabulate agegrp intervention, matcell(A)
matrix list A
```

```
. matrix list A

A[3,2]
      c1  c2
r1    23  17
r2    19  21
r3    14  26
```

2. Using the `mkmat` command

```
mkmat control1 - pval if nn < $rowct, matrix(B) rownames(rowname)
matrix list B
```

```
. matrix list B

B[8,5]
      control1  control2  int1  int2  pval
sex_=_0      29  .24166666  31  .25833333  .71439302
sex_=_1      27  .22499999  33  .27500001  .
agegrp_=_1    23  .19166666  17  .14166667  .12971562
agegrp_=_2    19  .15833333  21  .175      .
agegrp_=_3    14  .11666667  26  .21666667  .
bp_before    155.08928  10.645147  157.64063  11.959412  .22235107
bp_after     149.80357  13.783283  152.71875  14.484221  .26288676
bp_diff      -5.2857141  15.513882  -4.921875  17.817688  .90589285
```

3. Using the `estimates table` command

```
regress bp_diff sex
estimates store model1
```

```
xi: regress bp_diff i.agegrp
estimates store model2
```

```
estimates table model1 model2
matrix list r(coef)
```

```
. matrix list r(coef)
```

	model1:		model2:	
	b	var	b	var
sex	-2.6833333	9.3293738	.z	.z
_Iagegrp_2	.z	.z	3.025	14.070716
_Iagegrp_3	.z	.z	3.75	14.070716
_cons	-3.75	4.6646869	-7.35	7.0353579

4. Using the `estout` command

```
regress bp_diff sex
estimates store model1
```

```
xi: regress bp_diff i.agegrp
estimates store model2
```

```
estout model1 model2, cells("b p")
matrix list r(coefs)
```

```
. matrix list r(coefs)
```

	model1:	model2:
	b	b
sex	-2.6833333	.z
_Iagegrp_2	.z	3.025
_Iagegrp_3	.z	3.75
_cons	-3.75	-7.35

For additional information on any of these commands:

mkmat function

<http://www.stata.com/manuals13/pmatrixmkmat.pdf>

matrix function

<http://www.stata.com/manuals13/pmatrix.pdf>

estimates function

<http://www.stata.com/manuals13/restimates.pdf>

Appendix E. The `graph export` command

The `graph export` command is used to export the most recent graph to an external file location. The graph must be created and displayed within Stata before it can be exported. Any graph can be exported. StatTag supports all file extensions of the `graph export` command.

1. File extensions

```
graph export "PathToFile\FileName.pdf", as(pdf) replace
graph export "PathToFile\FileName.eps", as(eps) replace
graph export "PathToFile\FileName.wmf", as(wmf) replace
graph export "PathToFile\FileName.emf", as(emf) replace
graph export "PathToFile\FileName.png", as(png) replace
graph export "PathToFile\FileName.tif", as(tif) replace
```

For additional information on this command:

graph export function

<http://www.stata.com/manuals13/g-2graphexport.pdf>

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