Recitation 3: Help files and command syntax

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Key Ideas:

- Help files

Help Files:

- We used several complicated commands today with options and if statements.

- You do not have to memorize these commands.

- Every command has a help page to tell you how to use it.

  help count

- Overview of help page, including `Also See`

- Explain syntax elements relevant to count command:

  - **bold** - type as is
  - *italics* - replace with your own variables or expression
  - [brackets] - optional
  - underline - shortest abbreviation
  - blue - hyperlinks

- Use `Also See` to go to help page for tabulate oneway

- Explain new syntax elements: varname, options (skip `weights`)

- For more in depth description and examples, go to manual entry with `Also See`

- Look at another help page: tabstat

     help tabstat

- Explain varname vs. varlist

- Go through examples on tabstat help page

- Most help pages are easy to find by guessing the command name and `See Also`

- But there are a few that are worth remembering:

1. help contents_should_know
2. help language
3. help operators

- If you forget these, they can all be found within a few clicks using menus:
Help Contents Basics . . .