

STATA Merge Command Examples:

Dataset 1 (in memory)

Dataset2 (being merged on)

Final Data, and the STATA command that creates it...

1. Below is a **"one to one"** merge: the same observations in both datasets get "matched"

demographics.dta				height_and_weight.dta		
PersonID	Name	Age	Gender	PersonID	height	weight
1	Steve-o	23	Male	1	69"	208
2	Xania	33	Female	2	62"	108
3	Barney	99	Male	3	67"	155
4	Zuleikha	28	Female	4	69"	148
5	Xavier	44	Male	5	69"	158
8	Eulily	75	Female	6	60"	190

merge 1:1 PersonID using height_and_weight.dta

PersonID	Name	Age	Gender	height	weight	_merge
1	Steve-o	23	Male	69"	208	3
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4	Zuleikha	28	Female	69"	148	3
5	Xavier	44	Male	69"	158	3
6	.	.	.	60"	190	2
8	Eulily	75	Female	.	.	1

2. Below is a **"many to one"** merge: multiple observations in the first dataset get "matched" to the second dataset.

merge m:1 family using networth.dta

person.dta				networth.dta		
Family	Person	First	Last	Family	Net Worth	Assets
1	1	Steve	King	1	50 Million	Literary
2	1	Donald	Trump	2	2 Billion	Real Estate
2	2	Eric	Trump	3	12 Dollars	Toys
2	3	Melania	Trump	4	100,000	Real Estate
3	1	Harper	Lewis			
3	2	Scarlett	Lewis			

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2	3	Melania	Trump	2 Billion	Real Estate	3
3	1	Harper	Lewis	12 Dollars	Toys	3
3	2	Scarlett	Lewis	12 Dollars	Toys	3
4	.	.	.	100,000	Real Estate	2

3. Can you guess what a **"one to many"** merge looks like?

merge 1:m TaxID1 TaxID2 using branch.dta

company.dta			branch.dta		
TaxID1	TaxID2	Company	TaxID1	TaxID2	Branch
88-	16688398	Dunder Mifflin	88-	16688398	Scranton
56-	12348585	Salt Hill Pub	88-	16688398	White Plains
23-	44589020	Ramunto's	56-	12348585	Hanover
			56-	12348585	Lebanon
			56-	12348585	Newberry
			23-	44589020	Hanover
			23-	44589020	Claremont

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56-	12348585	Salt Hill Pub	Lebanon	3
56-	12348585	Salt Hill Pub	Newberry	3
23-	44589020	Ramunto's	Hanover	3
23-	44589020	Ramunto's	Claremont	3