

# class wrap up

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- do not overcomplicate!
  - better to have simple clean code that does the job
  - than messy complex fancy code that is wrong
- if parts of code take long time to run, say  $> 10min$ 
  - optimize it, take random sample, etc
- again, it always must start from the very raw data!
- easy to make mistake:
  - think about it AND cross check; correctness is important!

- explain what you are doing!
- interpret things!
- eg when you run descriptive stats, \*and\* find sth interesting, put a comment and say what you have found in few words
- (don't comment output of every command)

## ps6

- google things!
- before writing the code check if someone already wrote it
- and build on others work! ie copy and adapt and improve
- eg googling 'world development indicators stata'
- yields `http://www.stata-journal.com/sjpdf.html?articlenum=dm0045`
- "Using the world development indicators database for statistical analysis in Stata"
- exactly what 2 of you are doing

**get into flow with programming!**

https:  
[`//en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flow\_\(psychology\)`](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flow_(psychology))

# got songs about stata, regressions, dissertations?

- <https://vimeo.com/852637>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42odMdLwZKI>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ga6p0iiTn0Q>



## publish or perish

- coding is fun
- but don't lose the end goal from your sight
- yes, you are an amateur software engineer—it helps a lot
- it's actually necessary these days!
- but you are a professional soc sci
- your end goal is a publication
- 'keep article pipeline full'
- at any time i have at least 3 articles under review
- how about you? submit paper right now! [stata song]
- start simple, even just some des stats...but keep on submitting papers

## this is super important! remember this!!

- publishing (and maybe conferences) is
  - \*the only way\* to get in touch with people exactly in your area
- there's just a handful of them,
  - almost never at you university, sometimes at a conference
  - usually at a journal where you submit;  
(if you pick the right one almost always at a journal)
- this is \*the only way\* to take your work to next level!!
  - it does take time; start now; otherwise you may never make it

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## spread the word

- if you liked the class or have learned something useful
  - spread the word
- i'd like to teach it in the future
- and i'd like to teach more classes like this
- maybe even have certificate or degree in data science
- i need students !

## future research

- you've probably realized that i am into
  - Stata, Python, data
- and always happy to discuss them
- let's stay in touch!

# keep your inner stata alive!

- <http://stata.com>
- <http://www.stata.com/bookstore/books-on-stata/>
- <http://www.stata.com/links/resources1.html>
- <http://www.michaelnormanmitchell.com>
- <http://www.princeton.edu/~otorres/>
- <http://www.stata.com/links/>

## what next?

- make use of your data management skills...
- use it or lose it
- apply for postdocs (eg subscribe to POLMETH listserv)
- collaborate with faculty
  - faculty need your data management skills
  - they know much less about data mgmt than you!
  - and in general, just make \$!

# make \$

- industry data jobs usually require SAS, SQL, Python, Java
- but there are many Stata jobs, eg:
  - <http://www.job-search-engine.com/keyword/stata/>
- and a ton of data science jobs:
  - <http://web.ccsu.edu/datamining/jobs.htm>
  - <http://www.kforce.com>
  - <http://www.gadball.com>
  - <http://hotlinuxjobs.com/>
  - <http://www.icrunchdata.com/>
  - <http://www.cybercoders.com/>



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see again

- theory.pdf:the golden rule
- intro\_to\_course.pdf