
Subject: Re: Too long command in Stata?

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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

The way to deal with long lines is with #delimit. (Enter "help delimit".) Here's an example of how you change to a long line with a semicolon as the delimiter and then back to regular lines in a program:

```
#delimit ;  
Enter your long line here  
;  
#delimit cr
```

You can have multiple lines between the two "#delimit" statements, but there must be a semicolon at the end of, or after, each such line.

The normal delimiter is an end of line mark, which is not visible in a text file, but is referred to as "cr" for "carriage return", harking back to the days of typewriters.