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Subject: Re: Too long command in Stata?

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

Did you read the error statement? As it says, this "line" has too many characters and too many components. Beyond that, it is very ambiguous because you do not have parentheses. However, even if it were shorter, it would not execute. Can't you see that something like "if A & B | C & D" is ambiguous? Such a statement could be interpreted as "if (A & B) | (C & D)" or as "if A & (B | C) & D" or a few other variations. What is it that you want to do? You certainly do not need to run through all possible combinations of v202, v203, v204, and v205, which is what you seem to be doing. If you will insert left and right parentheses to remove the ambiguity, I will then suggest how you could reduce the length of the line.