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Subject: Re: Too long command in Stata?  
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Thank you Tom. I knew I must have been doing something (or possibly many things) wrong.

So what I'm trying to do is figure out the total number of children each woman has. DHS (Nigeria) 2013 does not have this as a variable in the dataset, so what I decided to do was to combine 4 different variables (v202, v203, v204 and v205, i.e., sons at home, daughters at home, sons elsewhere and daughters elsewhere) to get total number of children per woman.

With regard to applying parentheses, (using just one line as an example) what it would look like is this:

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replace achild=9 if (v202==9 & v203==0 & v204==0 & v205==0)| (v202==8 & v203==1 & v204==0  
& v205==0)|
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Thank you once again for your help and continued patience with me. It is much appreciated.

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