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Subject: Merge a country level variable

Posted by [zurbaeva](#) on Wed, 15 Jan 2014 04:09:09 GMT

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Hello, I would like to include a country-level indicator in my analysis. Specifically, I would like to include a human development index from UNDP in my analysis. Is there a way to include it in STATA? Thank you,

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Subject: Re: Merge a country level variable

Posted by [Reduced-For\(u\)m](#) on Wed, 15 Jan 2014 18:41:37 GMT

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Here is how I do it. Make a dataset with just name of country (variable called "country") and the variable you want to add - making sure that name of country is spelled the same way in both your DHS set and your add-on set (you could generate a country ID code instead - what I tend to do is, when appending all my various countries' DHS data together, I add in a country name variable to the DHS data that adds the new country's name each time it appends - then save that as something like "DHSdata.dta").

Then you just open the data with the new information, and use:

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merge 1:m country using "DHSdata.dta"
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... that should do it. If not, check out the Stata help file on "merge", or ask back here. But it should be really simple once you get a variable for country in both datasets.

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