

What is the FAQ section about?

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The FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) section is a part of a website or document that provides answers to commonly asked questions about a particular topic. It is designed to address the most common queries and concerns that users may have, and to provide quick and easy access to information. The purpose of the FAQ section is to save time and effort for both the user and the company/organization by providing a comprehensive list of answers to frequently asked questions in one convenient location. This section is particularly useful for new users who may have questions or doubts about the product, service, or company. Overall, the FAQ section serves as a helpful resource for users to find quick and reliable answers to their inquiries.

search FAQ

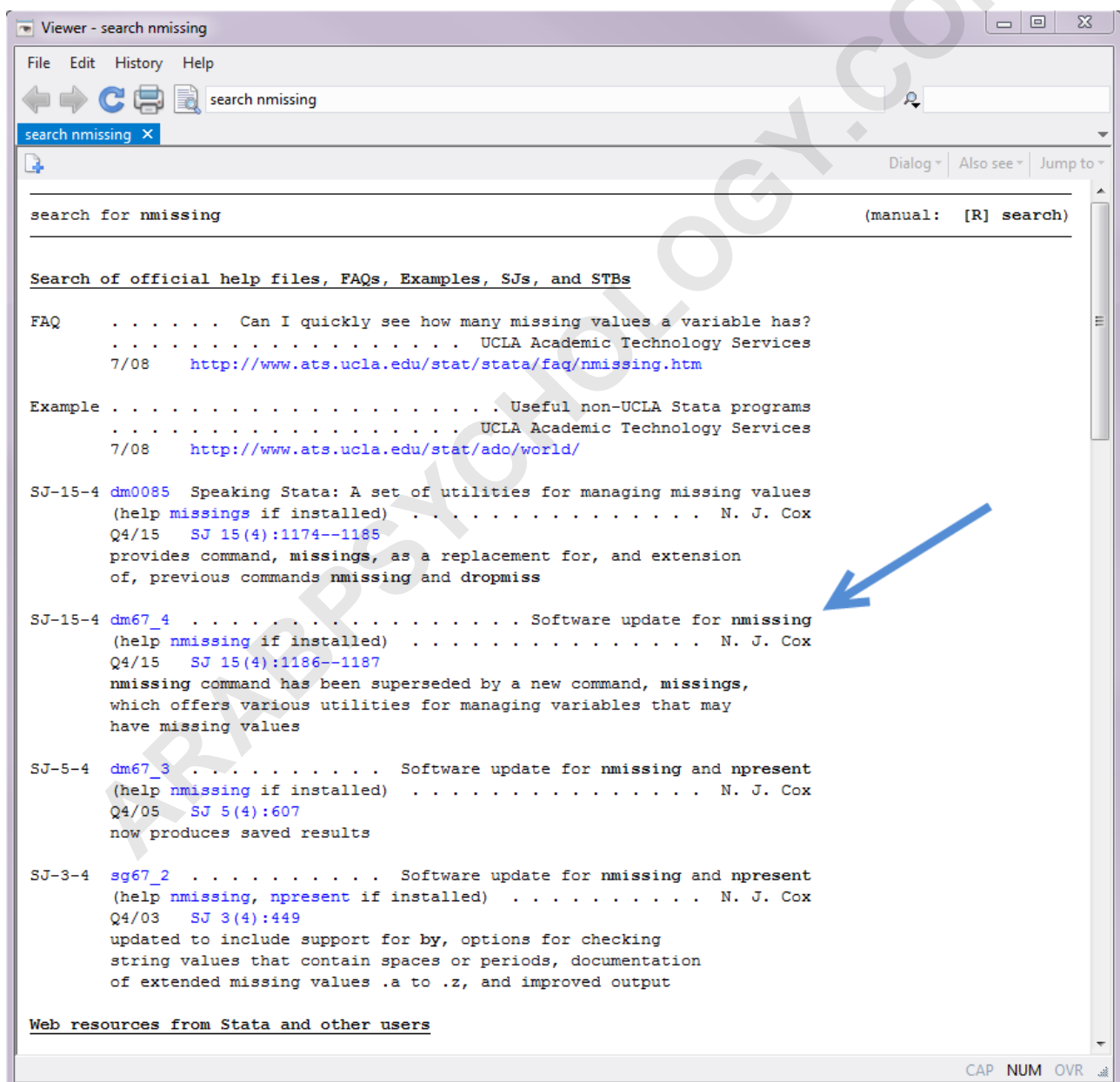
The search command can be used to search the Stata site and other sites for Stata related information, including additional programs (.ado files), Stata FAQs, and other helpful web pages. Its use is illustrated below.

Say that you read a web page or someone told you about a great program called nmissing that is not built into Stata, but can be downloaded over the internet. You can search for this program from within Stata by typing

search nmissing

The Stata Viewer window appears, and we are shown a number of resources related to this keyword. In the screen below, we see a partial listing starting with a

FAQ and an example, and then SJ-15-4 (Stata Journal, Volume 15, Number 4) which has a recent version of this program you can download, and other Stata Journal articles which have an older versions of this program.

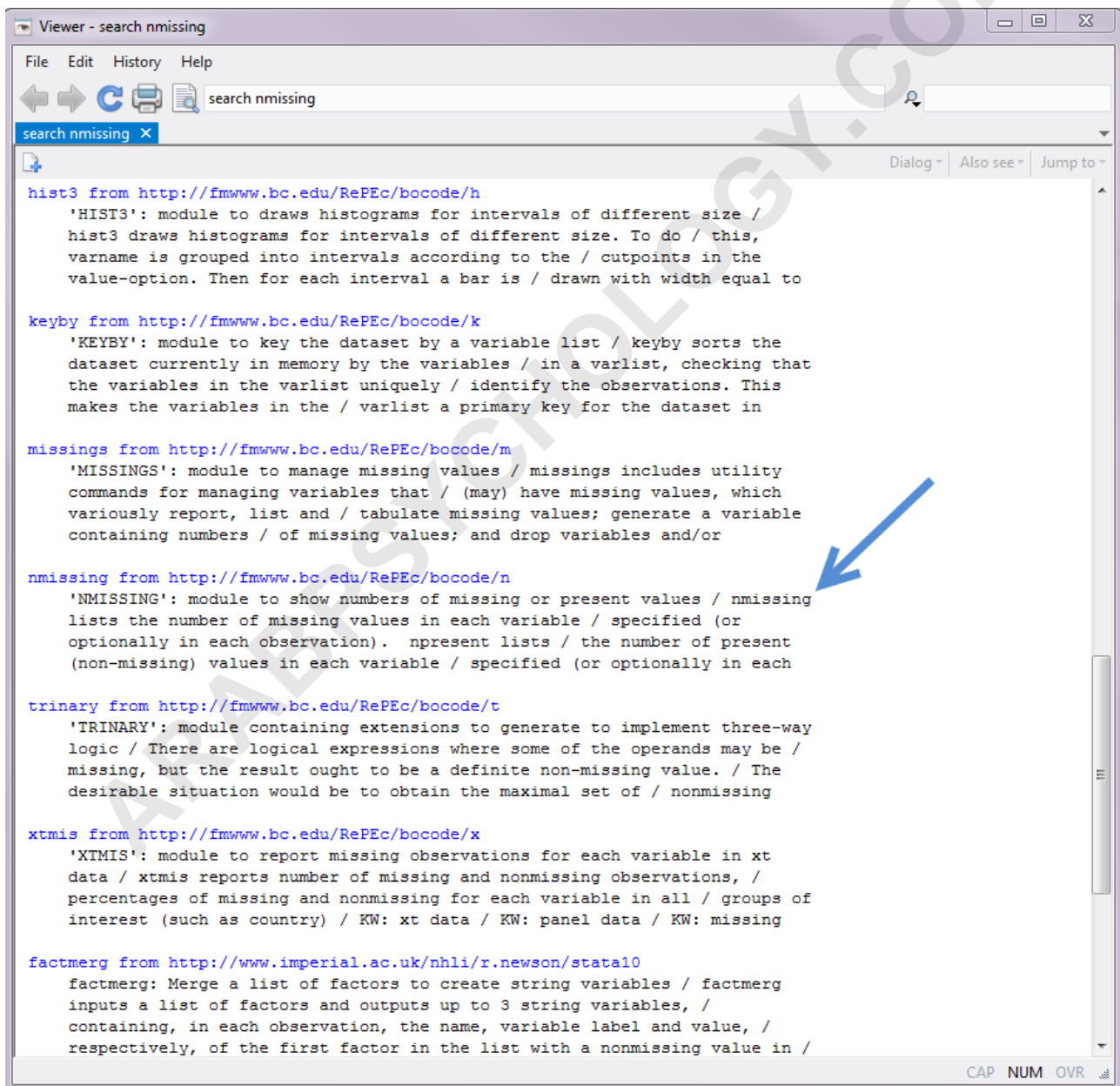


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Viewer - search nmissing
File Edit History Help
search nmissing
search nmissing x
Dialog Also see Jump to
search for nmissing (manual: [R] search)
Search of official help files, FAQs, Examples, SJs, and STBs
FAQ . . . . . Can I quickly see how many missing values a variable has?
. . . . . UCLA Academic Technology Services
7/08 http://www.ats.ucla.edu/stat/stata/faq/nmissing.htm
Example . . . . . Useful non-UCLA Stata programs
. . . . . UCLA Academic Technology Services
7/08 http://www.ats.ucla.edu/stat/ado/world/
SJ-15-4 dm0085 Speaking Stata: A set of utilities for managing missing values
(help missings if installed) . . . . . N. J. Cox
Q4/15 SJ 15\(4\):1174--1185
provides command, missings, as a replacement for, and extension
of, previous commands nmissing and dropmiss
SJ-15-4 dm67_4 . . . . . Software update for nmissing
(help nmissing if installed) . . . . . N. J. Cox
Q4/15 SJ 15\(4\):1186--1187
nmissing command has been superseded by a new command, missings,
which offers various utilities for managing variables that may
have missing values
SJ-5-4 dm67_3 . . . . . Software update for nmissing and npresent
(help nmissing if installed) . . . . . N. J. Cox
Q4/05 SJ 5\(4\):607
now produces saved results
SJ-3-4 sg67_2 . . . . . Software update for nmissing and npresent
(help nmissing, npresent if installed) . . . . . N. J. Cox
Q4/03 SJ 3\(4\):449
updated to include support for by, options for checking
string values that contain spaces or periods, documentation
of extended missing values .a to .z, and improved output
Web resources from Stata and other users
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If we scroll down even further, we see another version from fmwww.bc.edu. This is the Statistical Software Components site, which is the premier Stata download site for user-written Stata .ado files and often has the most up-to-date versions of .ado files.



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Viewer - search nmissing". The address bar contains "search nmissing". The main content area displays search results for Stata modules. A blue arrow points to the "nmissing" module description.

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hist3 from http://fmwww.bc.edu/RePEc/bocode/h
'HIST3': module to draws histograms for intervals of different size /
hist3 draws histograms for intervals of different size. To do / this,
varname is grouped into intervals according to the / outpoints in the
value-option. Then for each interval a bar is / drawn with width equal to

keyby from http://fmwww.bc.edu/RePEc/bocode/k
'KEYBY': module to key the dataset by a variable list / keyby sorts the
dataset currently in memory by the variables / in a varlist, checking that
the variables in the varlist uniquely / identify the observations. This
makes the variables in the / varlist a primary key for the dataset in

missings from http://fmwww.bc.edu/RePEc/bocode/m
'MISSINGS': module to manage missing values / missings includes utility
commands for managing variables that / (may) have missing values, which
variously report, list and / tabulate missing values; generate a variable
containing numbers / of missing values; and drop variables and/or

nmissing from http://fmwww.bc.edu/RePEc/bocode/n
'NMISSING': module to show numbers of missing or present values / nmissing
lists the number of missing values in each variable / specified (or
optionally in each observation). npresent lists / the number of present
(non-missing) values in each variable / specified (or optionally in each

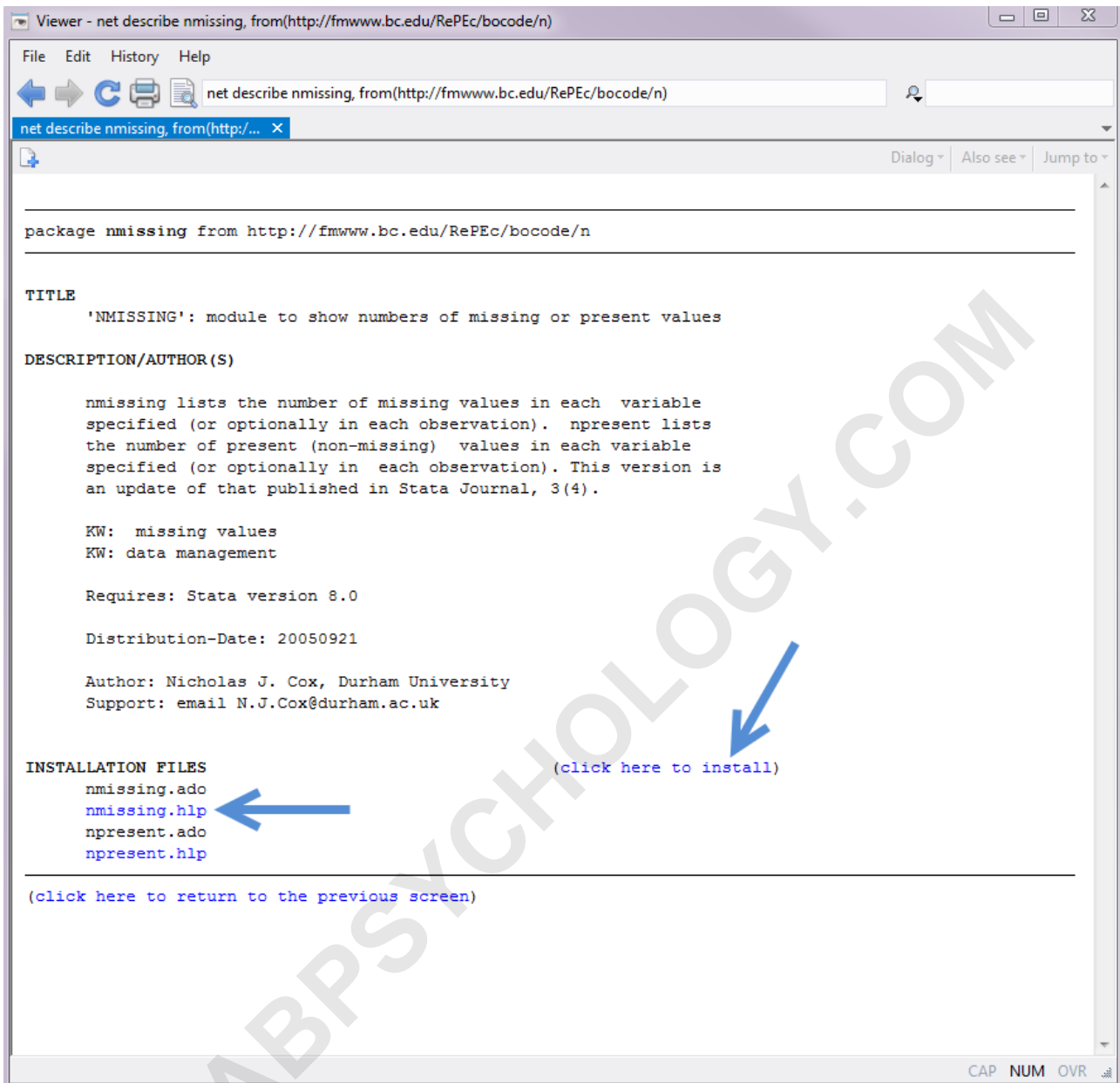
trinary from http://fmwww.bc.edu/RePEc/bocode/t
'TRINARY': module containing extensions to generate to implement three-way
logic / There are logical expressions where some of the operands may be /
missing, but the result ought to be a definite non-missing value. / The
desirable situation would be to obtain the maximal set of / nonmissing

xtmis from http://fmwww.bc.edu/RePEc/bocode/x
'XTMIS': module to report missing observations for each variable in xt
data / xtmis reports number of missing and nonmissing observations, /
percentages of missing and nonmissing for each variable in all / groups of
interest (such as country) / KW: xt data / KW: panel data / KW: missing

factmerg from http://www.imperial.ac.uk/nhli/r.newson/stata10
factmerg: Merge a list of factors to create string variables / factmerg
inputs a list of factors and outputs up to 3 string variables, /
containing, in each observation, the name, variable label and value, /
respectively, of the first factor in the list with a nonmissing value in /
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If we click on that link, we get a window that shows us information about the program and a link that allows us to download the program. We can also see that a help file comes with the program. It is in blue, which means that you can click on it to read the help file. For some programs, you may want to do this before you download the program.

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Viewer - net describe nmissing, from(http://fmwww.bc.edu/RePEc/bocode/n)
File Edit History Help
net describe nmissing, from(http://fmwww.bc.edu/RePEc/bocode/n)
net describe nmissing, from(http://... x
Dialog Also see Jump to
package nmissing from http://fmwww.bc.edu/RePEc/bocode/n
TITLE
'NMISSING': module to show numbers of missing or present values
DESCRIPTION/AUTHOR(S)
nmissing lists the number of missing values in each variable
specified (or optionally in each observation). npresent lists
the number of present (non-missing) values in each variable
specified (or optionally in each observation). This version is
an update of that published in Stata Journal, 3(4).
KW: missing values
KW: data management
Requires: Stata version 8.0
Distribution-Date: 20050921
Author: Nicholas J. Cox, Durham University
Support: email N.J.Cox@durham.ac.uk
INSTALLATION FILES (click here to install)
nmissing.ado
nmissing.hlp
npresent.ado
npresent.hlp
(click here to return to the previous screen)
CAP NUM OVR
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If you happen to have an earlier version of the program, you will be asked if you want to abandon the download or if you want to continue and force the installation, overwriting your existing version of the program.

Once you have downloaded the program, it is part of

Stata and you can use it like any other command. In this case, we could then type `help nmissing` to learn more about how to use it.

For more information on similar commands, see the help or reference manual about the search command

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