

## Description

This manual describes the functions allowed by Stata. For information on Mata functions, see [\[M-4\] Intro](#).

A quick note about missing values: Stata denotes a numeric missing value by `.`, `.a`, `.b`, `...`, or `.z`. A string missing value is denoted by `"` (the empty string). Here any one of these may be referred to by *missing*. If a numeric value  $x$  is missing, then  $x \geq .$  is true. If a numeric value  $x$  is not missing, then  $x < .$  is true.

See [\[U\] 12.2.1 Missing values](#) for details.

## Reference

Cox, N. J. 2011. [Speaking Stata: Fun and fluency with functions](#). *Stata Journal* 11: 460–471.

## Also see

[\[U\] 1.3 What's new](#)

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