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bystyle — Choices for look of by-graphs

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bystyles specify the overall look of by-graphs.

Syntax

| bystyle | Description |
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| default | determined by scheme |
| compact | a more compact version of default |
| stata7 | like that provided by Stata 7 |
| altleg | place the legend at the 6 o'clock position and use two columns |

Other bystyles may be available; type

. graph query bystyle

to obtain the complete list of bystyles installed on your computer.

Remarks and examples

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Remarks are presented under the following headings:

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What is a by-graph?

A by-graph is one graph (image, really) containing an array of separate graphs, each of the same type, and each reflecting a different subset of the data. For instance, a by-graph might contain graphs of miles per gallon versus weight, one for domestic cars and the other for foreign.

By-graphs are produced when you specify the by() option; see [G-3] by_option.

What is a bystyle?

A bystyle determines the overall look of the combined graphs, including

- 1. whether the individual graphs have their own axes and labels or if instead the axes and labels are shared across graphs arrayed in the same row and/or in the same column;
- 2. whether the scales of axes are in common or allowed to be different for each graph; and
- 3. how close the graphs are placed to each other.

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There are options that let you control each of the above attributes—see [G-3] by_option—but the bystyle specifies the starting point.

You need not specify a *bystyle* just because there is something you want to change. You specify a *bystyle* when another style exists that is exactly what you desire or when another style would allow you to specify fewer changes to obtain what you want.

Also see

[G-3] by_option — Option for repeating graph command

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