Handout #2

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Introduction to STATA

STATA is a powerful statistical computing software and is commonly used by academics. It can run in "Interactive" or "Batch" mode depends on preference. We'll learn some basics about its use today. Two Do files will be used today; 367_HD01.do & 367_HD02.do.

Five Windows
a) Command
b) Results
c) Review
d) Variables
e) Properties

Find and Change Working Directory

Try the "pwd" command by typing each of them into the Stata command window

Use "cd" to change working directory by proving the path
e.g., cd "C:\CHIU_DOCUMENT\Stata Working"

Input data into Stata

Method 1: use "data editor".
Method 2: use "insheet", "infile", … etc commands.

Data Types in Stata

a) String
b) Numeric