# 28 Commands everyone should know

Putting aside the statistical commands that might particularly interest you, here is a list of commands that everyone should know:

Getting help
     `help`, `net search`, `search`    [U] **4 Stata's help and search facilities**

Keeping Stata up to date
     `ado`, `net`, `update`    [U] **29 Using the Internet to keep up to date**
     `ado update`    [R] **ado update**

Operating system interface
     `pwd`, `cd`    [D] **cd**

Using and saving data from disk
     `save`    [D] **save**
     `use`    [D] **use**
     `compress`    [D] **compress**

Inputting data into Stata
     `import`    [U] **22 Entering and importing data**
     `edit`    [D] **import**
                   [D] **edit**

Basic data reporting
     `describe`    [D] **describe**
     `codebook`    [D] **codebook**
     `list`    [D] **list**
     `browse`    [D] **edit**
     `count`    [D] **count**
     `inspect`    [D] **inspect**
     `table`    [R] **table**
     `tabulate`    [R] **tabulate oneway** and [R] **tabulate twoway**
     `summarize`    [R] **summarize**

Data manipulation
                   [U] **13 Functions and expressions**
     `append`, `merge`    [U] **23 Combining datasets**
     `generate`, `replace`    [D] **generate**
     `egen`    [D] **egen**
     `rename`    [D] **rename**, [D] **rename group**
     `clear`    [D] **clear**
     `drop`, `keep`    [D] **drop**
     `sort`    [D] **sort**
     `encode`, `decode`    [D] **encode**
     `order`    [D] **order**
     `by`    [U] **11.5 by varlist: construct**
     `reshape`    [D] **reshape**
     `frames`    [D] **frames**

Graphing data
    graph                      *Stata Graphics Reference Manual*

Keeping track of your work
    log                        [U] **15 Saving and printing output—log files**
    notes                    [D] **notes**
    *various*                *Stata Reporting Reference Manual* and
                              *Stata Customizable Tables and Collected*
                                 *Reference Manual*

Convenience
    display                 [R] **display**