The Evolving Nature of the Stata Technical Bulletin

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1. Purpose of STB

From an1, in STB-1, (1991), written by Joe Hilbe:

"The *Stata Technical Bulletin* is a publication for and by Stata users. It is a forum for users of all disciplines and levels of sophistication to share ado-files, methods of analysis, programming strategies, data sets, software and instructions on the more esoteric aspects of Stata, as well as questions, suggestions, and ideas. In short, the *STB* is aimed at providing the Stata user with comprehensive Stata resource center.

Submissions are expected to range from the very detailed to rather brief and straightforward. Possible submissions are:

- Ado-files that provide the user with routines or capabilities on presently in Stata.

- Enhancements, improvements or adaptations of current ado-files, either Stata-supplied or previously published in the STB.

- Programs and macros written in Stata that improve on or expand the the capabilities of the programming, graphical, printing or user interface environment.

- Programs written in other languages that are designed to be used with Stata.

- Technical discussions, both short and lengthy.

- Data sets.

- Communications and letters regarding all manner of Stata related material, including questions, comments, confirmations, suggestions, and desires.

- Announcements regarding interesting related publications, achievements, future inserts and so forth.

2. What is a Submission?

- An article ("insert") written in any word processor (published in TeX).
- If you have ado files:
  - the .ado files
  - .hlp files

  (see Stata manuals for directions on proper construction)

- A .do file producing any examples
- .dta files for any examples
- Any other useful files.

How to Submit:

Easiest way is a .zip file as an attachment to an email.

(Almost any method will work.)

3. Some History

	#of pages	#of articles	#of authors
1. Hilbe	228	99	38
2. Hilbe	242	74	30
3. Becketti	242	48	32
4. Becketti	260	60	31
5. Becketti	238	55	32
6. Newton	260	54	25
7. Newton	302	60	40
8. Newton	323	57	41
9. Newton	359	59	49

Number of STB Inserts Volumes 1-9

General Categories		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
an	announcements	16	14	11	12	5	5	2	3	3	71
stata		12	17	6	3	5	3	6		3	55
cc	communications & letters			2							2
dm	data management	6	6	4	11	14	2	11	10	13	77
dt	datasets			1	1		1				3
gr	graphics	10	2	1	4	2	6	3	7	8	43
in	instruction	1									1
ip	instruction on programming	1	2	2	2	5	4	8	3	2	29
os	oper. sys., hrdwre, interprog. com.	3	4	4	4		1			1	17
qs	questions and suggestions	4		3							7
tt	teaching	3	3					1			7
zz	not elsewhere categorized	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
Statistical Categories:											
sbe	biostat and epidemiology	4	6		1	1	2	9	3	6	32
sed	exploratory data analysis	6	1		2		1				10
sg	general statistics	6	10	8	10	16	19	11	30	24	134
smv	multivariate analysis	5	1					1			7
snp	nonparametric methods	3	1	2	1	3	2	2			14
sqc	quality control			1							1
sqv	analysis qualitative variables	2	5	1	2						10
srd	robust meth. & stat. diagnostics	12	3								15
ssa	survival analysis	2			4	2		3	1	1	13
ssi	simulation and random numbers	2	1	2	1						6
sss	social science & psychometrics			1							1
sts	time series, econometrics	1	1	5	2	1	2		1	1	14
svy	survey sampling						5	1	1		7
sxd	experimental design							1			1
szz	not classified elsewhere										0
Totals:		100	78	55	61	55	54	60	60	63	586

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4. Issues for the Future

- Quality and Nature of Papers
- Refereeing
- Relation to Statalist, Stata-IDEAS
- Expository Papers