

Using NoteTab Light to handle Stata output

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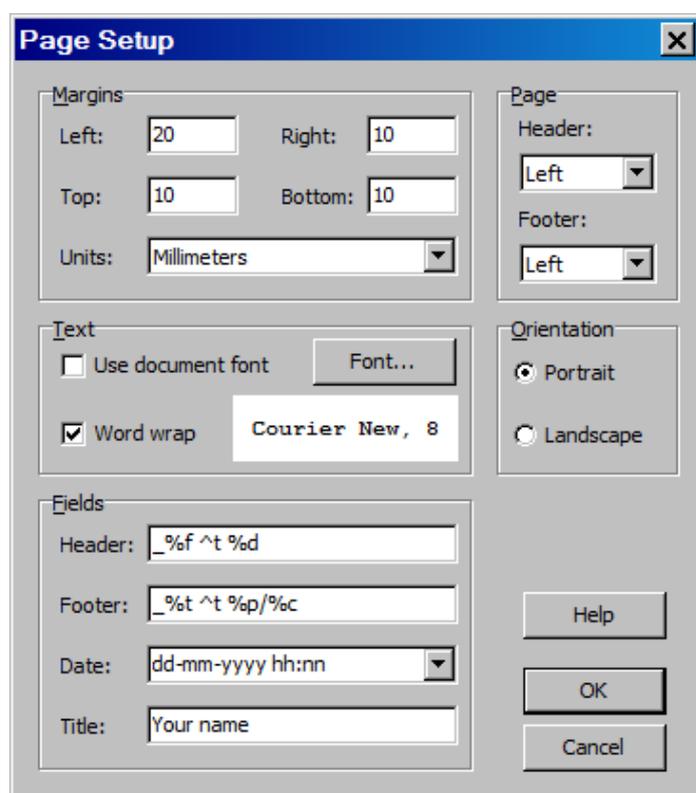
Stata's Results and Viewer windows have limitations in the ability to handle output, and you will benefit from a good text editor. I use NoteTab Light, available for free from <http://www.notetab.com>. It is a good general-purpose text editor, too, and it may be used for HTML-editing.

Customizing NoteTab Light

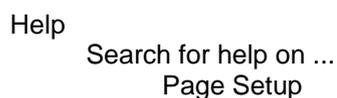
I recommend setting the following option to prevent NoteTab from adding a `.txt` extension to every file when saving it:



I also recommend setting the printing options; here is a suggestion:



Find an explanation of the symbols used to format the header and footer by:



When opening NoteTab for the first time you will see a bar with buttons below the main window (the Libraries bar). Right-click it to hide it; you probably don't need it. You also see a window to the left side of the main window; you will probably prefer to hide it as well (right-click it).

Making NoteTab work with Stata

In *An Introduction to Stata for Health Researchers* (Juul 2006, 2008, section 17.5), I show how to make Stata and NoteTab play together. The do-file `profile.do` and the programs `nlog` and `newlog` may be downloaded together with the corresponding Stata help-files from the book's website <http://www.stata-press.com/books/ishr2.html>. The files may need modifications to work right on your computer. Follow the instructions at the website to download them.

`profile.do` automatically opens the output log `c:\stata.log` at session start; it is in text (not SMCL) format. `profile.do` must be downloaded to an `adopath` folder, preferably `c:\ado\personal`.

The `nlog` command opens the output log in NoteTab for inspection, modification, and printing. After installation, see `help nlog`.

The `newlog` command closes the current output log (if any) and opens a new output log, possibly with a new name. After installation, see `help newlog`.

If you want to print a selected part of the text, press the *Shift* button while clicking the *Print* icon and select Selection.

References

- Juul, S. *An Introduction to Stata for Health Researchers*. College Station, TX. Stata Press, 2006.
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