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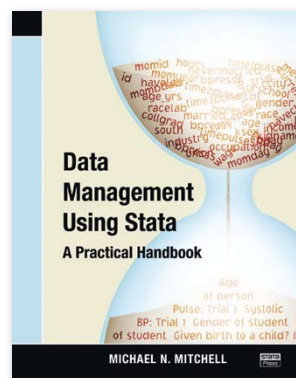
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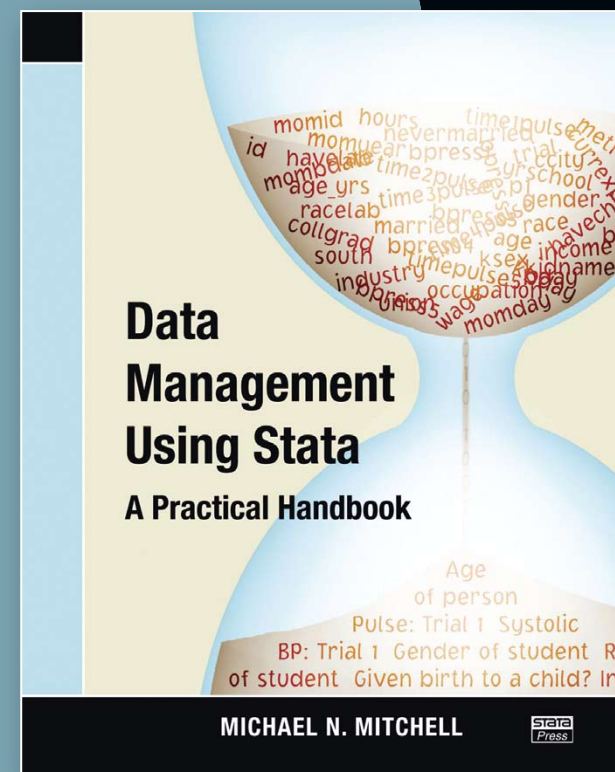
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## The book's audience

- Anyone interested in data management in Stata, including
  - ✧ new users wanting to learn about general data management
  - ✧ intermediate users wanting to learn good data-management habits
  - ✧ experienced users wanting to learn efficient techniques for uncommon situations
- Users wanting a task-based data-management reference
- Statistical consultants
- Users coming from other statistical packages and new to Stata

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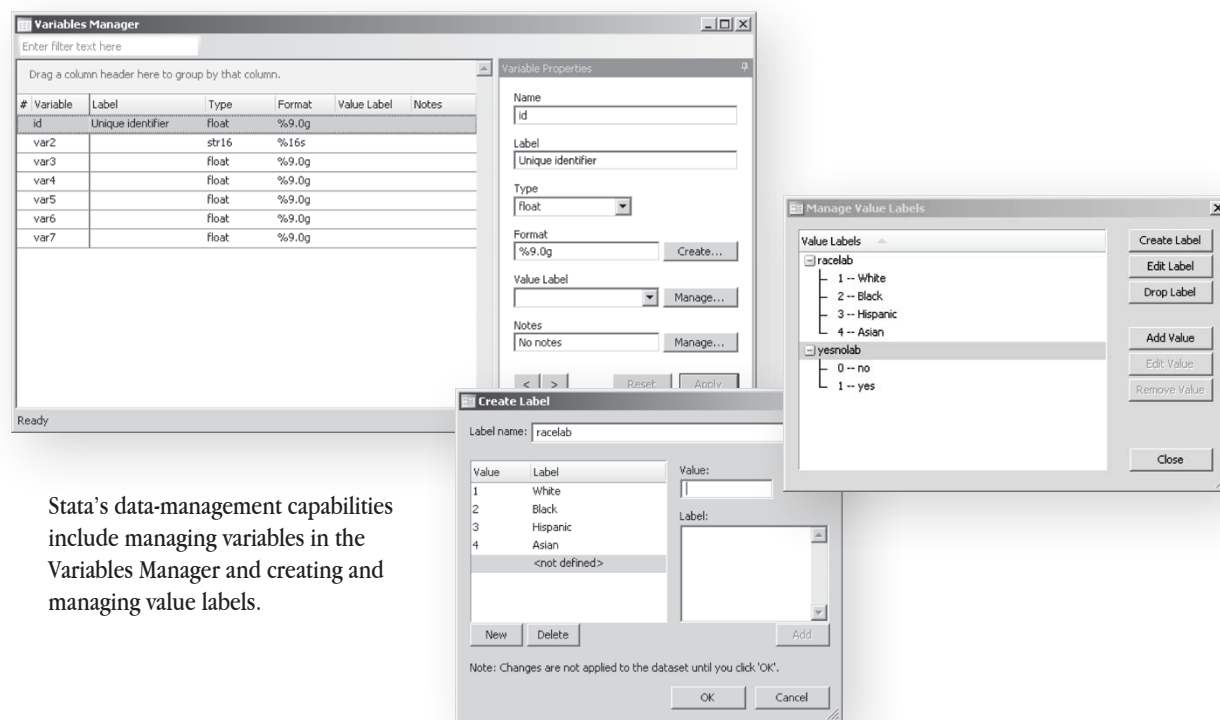
Michael N. Mitchell's *Data Management Using Stata* comprehensively covers data-management tasks, from those a beginning statistician would need to those hard-to-verbalize tasks that can confound an experienced user. Mitchell does this all in simple language with illustrative examples.

The book is modular in structure, with modules based on data-management tasks rather than on clusters of commands. This format is helpful because it allows readers to find and read just what they need to solve a problem at hand. To complement this format, the book is in a style that will teach even sporadic readers good habits in data management, even if the reader chooses to read chapters out of order.

Throughout the book, Mitchell subtly emphasizes the absolute necessity of reproducibility and an audit trail. Instead of stressing programming esoterica, Mitchell reinforces simple habits and points out the time-savings gained by being careful. Mitchell's experience in UCLA's Academic Technology Services clearly drives much of his advice.

Mitchell includes advice for those who would like to learn to write their own data-management Stata commands. Even experienced users will learn new tricks and new ways to approach data-management problems.

This is a great book—thoroughly recommended for anyone interested in data management using Stata.



Stata's data-management capabilities include managing variables in the Variables Manager and creating and managing value labels.