



version 1.8.6 for Mac OS X

*GNU Regression, Econometrics and Time-series Library
This is free software under the GNU General Public License.*

Installation

Gretl is distributed either as a plain disk-image file (with extension `.dmg`) or a gzipped disk-image (`.dmg.gz`). If it is gzipped, double-click to unzip it first. Once you have a `.dmg` file, double-click to mount the image, and open the image in the Finder. Then drag Gretl to somewhere suitable on your system (preferably your Applications folder). Once that is done, you can eject the disk image and delete the `.dmg` file (and the `.dmg.gz` file, if applicable).

To run gretl, double-click on the gretl program icon. You can drag this icon onto the dock if you want a quick launcher.

System requirements

This gretl package was tested on Mac OS X v10.4.11 (“Tiger”). Hopefully it will work on later releases of OS X but it will probably not work on earlier releases.

The package requires Apple’s version of the X11 window system, which is available as an optional install from the OS X distribution DVD. It also requires the GTK+ Framework, which can be found at either of the following locations:

<http://r.research.att.com/gtk2-framework.dmg>

<http://ricardo.ecn.wfu.edu/pub/gretl/gtk2-framework.dmg>

Trouble-shooting

If double-clicking on the gretl icon doesn’t work for you, try starting X11, opening an xterm, navigating into the bin folder inside Gretl.app, and executing gretl manually. That is, do something like:

```
cd /Applications/Gretl.app/Contents/Resources/bin
./gretl
```

Hopefully this will give you an informative error message.

If you are updating from a previous installation of gretl, it is possible that your recorded user preferences may be out of sync with current gretl. The fix for that is to delete your old preferences file. In an xterm window, do:

```
rm -f ~/.gretl2rc
```

Documentation

When you start gretl, please consult the program's Help menu for documentation in various formats.

Allin Cottrell
Wake Forest University
cottrell@wfu.edu
November, 2009