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# There are five basic windows available in the SAS software – irrespective of whether its Windows SAS or Unix SAS



### The SAS programming language consists of mainly two kinds of steps



- DATA steps typically create or modify SAS datasets. They can also be used to produce custom designed reports. For example you can use DATA steps to:
  - put your data into a SAS data set
  - compute values
  - check for and correct errors in your data

produce new SAS data sets by subsetting, merging, and updating existing data sets

- PROC (procedure) steps are pre written routines that enable you to analyze and process the data in SAS data set. For example you can use PROC steps to:
  - create a report that lists the data
  - produce descriptive statistics
  - create a summary report
  - produce plots and charts



### Lets look at a sample SAS program



A normal SAS program can go up to 1000s of lines of code consisting of DATA & PROC steps



# A SAS Library is basically an address to a particular location in your hard drive

- By default all SAS datasets will get created in the WORK library
- > SAS datasets in WORK library are stored temporarily and exist only during the session



- Usually the SAS WORK library is located at "C:\Documents and Settings\<User name>\Local Settings\Temp\SAS Temporary Files"
- SAS gives you the ability to change the location of your default WORK library



# LIBNAME statement can be used to create libraries at user defined locations

- A permanent library will store datasets permanently, i.e., they will not get deleted after the SAS session is closed
- The syntax for LIBNAME is as follows:



• A valid library name must start with an alphabet and cannot have more than 8 characters



# To store datasets in the permanent library use a two – level naming convention

• To store datasets in the your permanent library the syntax is *libname.dataset\_name* 



- When the SAS session is closed, the library reference will get deleted but the SAS datasets in that location will be retained
- Other uses of LIBNAME statements are:
  - Creating ODBC connections to query databases
  - Make connections to SAS transport files
  - Use SPSS engine in SAS to read SPSS portable files

### SAS system options control the way SAS performs operations

- SAS system options differ from SAS data set options and statement options in that once you invoke a system option, it remains in effect for all subsequent DATA and PROC steps unless modified
- SAS system options can be specified in the following ways:
  - SAS default
  - The configuration file
  - The command line
  - The autoexec file
  - Options Environment Window
  - The OPTIONS statement
  - The opLoad procedure



> In this session we will cover how to set SAS system options only through the OPTIONS statement



# SAS system options... contd.

• The syntax for OPTIONS statement in SAS is as follows:

options <option1> <option2> ... ;

- Some of the most commonly specified options are
  - errors = n (stops SAS procession after it encounters the nth error)
  - compress = yes (compresses SAS datasets after they are created)
  - reuse = yes (makes efficient use of space inside compressed SAS datasets)
  - **obs** = *n* (uses only the first *n* observations from a dataset; specifying MAX resets this option)
  - center / nocenter (centers / left aligns the SAS output respectively)
  - nodate (suppresses printing of Date in the SAS output)
  - mergenoby = error (throws error in the log if the by statement is missing in a merge step)
  - msglevel = i (throws information into log when one variable in a dataset gets overwritten while merging)
  - mlogic, mprint, symbolgen (throws additional information in the log window for debugging macros)
  - fmtsearch = (libname) (uses the permanent library for storing and searching user defined formats)

How will you use SAS system options to check if the syntax of your code is correct without actually processing any observations?



#### Data processing using SAS – Concept of Program Data Vector (PDV)



#### Program Data Vector

_N_	_ERROR_	Name	ld	DOJ

> PDV, created during the compilation phase,

- is a logical area in memory where a dataset is processed one observation at a time
  - SAS creates two temporary variables
- N\_ current observation number in process
  - ERROR Binary flag to indicate data processing errors

Other variables – \_TYPE\_ , \_FREQ\_, \_STATISTICS\_ etc. get created for specific procedures

Each variable is set to missing at the start of an interaction

Understanding the PDV is crucial to writing

efficient error free SAS programs



### **Advantages of PDV**

- ▶ In a PDV, SAS is able to look at only one row at a time hence less memory intensive
- DATA step conditions which are applied before data is read into PDV reduces processing time and increases efficiency
- For more detailed explanation of PDV refer to the **PDV Concepts.pdf** document

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Day 1 – Import, Data step concepts, functions, date time

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# The first step in working with SAS is to get your data in to it!





- Following are some of the ways in which you can get data into SAS
  - Using PROC IMPORT / IMPORT wizard in SAS window
  - Using DATA INFILE statements
  - Through an ODBC connection to databases
  - Using a DDE connection to a Windows Application

#### Points to Remember While Importing

- Get the layout details of the raw files from the client before trying to read in the data
- Prepare a data dictionary of all the variables – which will include variable names, labels, formats, length etc.
- Check for errors while importing
- Print observations or open datasets from SAS and do a visual check to see if the data has been read correctly



# **Types of raw or flat files**

- Raw flat files are usually of two types
  - Fixed Width: Every variable starts from a particular column and ends at a particular column. Hence the width of every field is fixed
  - **Delimited:** Every field is separated by a delimiter. Commonly used delimiters are comma, tab, pipe



#### Delimited

0031,GOLDENBERG,DESIREE 0040,WILLIAMS,ARLENE M. 0071,PERRY,ROBERT A. 0082,MCGWIER-WATTS,CHRISTINA



Emp Id	Last Name	First Name
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#### A brief overview of informats and formats in SAS

- Informat is an instruction which tells SAS how to read data into SAS variables
- Format instructs SAS how to display a variable
- There are typically three categories of SAS **informats** and **formats**: character, numeric and data / time
- The syntax structure of **Informats** and **formats** are as follows:
  - Character informats: \$INFORMATw.
  - Numeric informats: INFORMATw.d
  - Date / Time informats: INFORMATw.
- \$ indicates a character informat. The w indicates the width and d specifies the number of decimal places. The following table gives an example of how SAS can display the same value in different ways using the inbuilt formats library

var 1	var2	var 3	var4	var5	var6
9,876	\$9,876.00	MMMMMMMMDCCCLXXVI	01/15/1987	01.15.1987	01-15-1987



### **Reading fixed width files**

To read fixed width files you would need to know the layout of the raw data completely, i.e., where does each column start and end



Example – Reading fixed width files using DATA INFILE

- > The *infile* statement instructs SAS to read from an external file
- Irecl option changes the default width of the external file to be read by SAS which is 256 columns
- *firstobs* option instructs SAS to read data from a specific row



# **Reading Delimited Files**

Reading delimited files will require the knowledge of the layout of the dataset along with the type of delimiter used in the file



Example – Reading delimited files using DATA INFILE

- **DSD** option stands for delimiter sensitive data. It has three functions
  - Instructs SAS that the file to be read is a delimited file and sets default delimiter to comma
  - Allows delimiters to be included within quotes
  - Reads two consecutive delimiters as missing
- The TRUNCOVER options prevents SAS from going to next row to read data if any observation is incomplete



# Importing data from Data Import Wizard

> SAS windows gives you the flexibility of reading delimited files using an import wizard



SAS will try to intelligently guess the format of each variable while reading and hence may <u>not</u> be perfect!

# Data can be exported from SAS either using PROC Step, Export Wizard or using a DATA step

The EXPORT procedure has the capability create all kinds of files such as delimited files, Excel sheets, Access databases, Lotus spreadsheets, etc. – provided proper license is available

Example – Exporting SAS data set to CSV file



- > The **EXPORT** wizard can export SAS datasets to any format provided the license is available
- Additional methods of exporting SAS data sets are
  - Using DATA PUT statements
  - SAS Output Delivery System (ODS)
  - Using SAS DDE connection



### Importing data with a lot of variables

- 1. Running PROC IMPORT on the file or a small subset of the file.
- 2. If possible, select the option to use the first line as variable names
- 3. Copy the SAS log to the Program Editor
- 4. Delete the non-SAS code.. line number, titles, etc.
- 5. Modify the informats, formats, lengths as required
- 6. Run the new code



#### Data steps are used to manipulate data in SAS

- Sub-setting variables from datasets
  - Keep option
  - Drop option
  - Keep statement
  - Drop statement
- creating new/modifying existing variables
  - Using functions
  - By conditionally assigning values using "if-then-else" loops
- Filtering observations in datasets
  - Where statement
  - Where option
- Example The code on the next slide assigns a path on the local machine to the library "src", creates a subset "trans" of the dataset "transaction\_master" in the library "src" with only certain variables from "transaction\_master", conditionally creates new variables in "trans" and with observation matching a set of criteria



# This code will be used as an example to explain data step concepts

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		4 set src.transaction_master (keep = brand trantype lineval lineqty invdate rename = (invdate = in_dt)	
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		15 avg item cost = 0:	
		16 amount bucket = "Free";	
		17 end;	
		18 else if lineqty >= 1 then do;	
		19 avg item_cost = lineval/lineqty;	
		20 if lineval < 68 then amount_bucket = "Low";	
		21 else if 68 <= lineval < 260 then amount_bucket = "Medium";	
		22 else if lineval >= 260 then amount_bucket = "High";	
		23 end;	
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# The basics - Data and set statements and dataset options

- In the example above, the third line is the data statement and the next two lines are the set statement:
  - The data statement tells SAS to create an output dataset "trans" in the library "src"

3 data src.trans (drop = trantype lineval lineqty in\_dt);

 The set statement tells SAS to read data from the input dataset "transanction\_master" in the library "src"

4 set src.transaction\_master (keep = brand trantype lineval lineqty invdate rename = (invdate = in\_dt)
5 where = (brand in ("Hewlett Packard","Lexmark","Canon","Brother","Fujitsu","Epson") and trantype = "IN"));

- Within brackets in each statement, dataset options are used. Three commonly used options are the drop, keep and rename options:
  - The drop option in the data statement tells SAS to not write the variables trantype, lineval, lineqty and in\_dt to the output dataset
  - The keep option in the set statement tells SAS to read only the variables brand, trantype, lineval, lineqty and invdate from the input dataset
  - The rename option in the set statement tells SAS to read the variable invdate as in\_dt from the input dataset
  - The where option in the set statement tells SAS to read only those observations where brand is either of "Hewlett Packard", Lexmark", "Canon", "Brother", "Fujitsu", "Epson" and trantype is "IN" from the input dataset



#### The drop, keep, rename and where options – usage

- Drop: When used in the data statement, it specifies which variables should not be written to the output dataset. When used in the set statement, it specifies which variables should not be read from the input dataset
- Keep: When used in the data statement, it specifies which variables should be written to the output dataset. When used in the set statement, it specifies which variables should be read from the input dataset
- Rename: When used in the data statement, it specifies which variables should be written to the output dataset with different names and what those names should be. When used in the set statement, it specifies which variable should be read from the input dataset with different names and what those names should be
- Where: When used in the data statement, it specifies which observations should be written to the output dataset. When used in the set statement it specifies which observations should be read from the input dataset
- NOTE Using keep/drop in the set statement *does not affect the input dataset in any way*. It simply specifies which variables should be read/not be read from the input dataset
- Question: What would happen if the keep option in the set statement were to be changed to:

set src.transaction\_master (keep = brand trantype lineval lineqty in\_dt rename = (invdate = in\_dt)

# Creating/modifying variables in data steps – Declaring Variables

- In the example above, the seven lines after the set statement are used to declare new variables and assign their formats
  - 6 length invdate \$7.; 7 label invdate = "Invoice Month"; 8 length amount\_bucket \$6.; 9 format amount\_bucket \$6.; 10 label amount\_bucket = "Spend Bucket"; 11 format avg\_item\_cost 9.2; 12 label avg\_item\_cost = "Average Item Cost";
- The three most widely used system defined formats are:
  - Character formats Declared as \$n. where n is the number of characters
  - Numeric formats Declared as k.n where k is the total number of characters (including decimal places) and n is the number of characters after the decimal place
  - Date formats Declared in various ways, some common date formats are:

Format	Example	
date9.	14JUL1983	
date11.	14 JUL 1983	
ddmmyy8.	14/07/83	
ddmmyy10.	14/07/1983	



### **Creating/modifying variable - Variable attributes**

- > There are many variable attributes, some important ones being:
  - Length: The length of a variable specifies what format the variable *should be stored as*. Therefore the first line below specifies that the variable invdate be stored as a character of length 7
  - Format: The format of a variable specifies what format the variable *should be displayed as*.
     Therefore the third line below specifies that the variable amount\_bucket be *stored* as a character of length 6 but the fourth line specifies that it be *displayed* as a character of length 2
  - Label: The label of a variable contains allows the user to assign a 256 length character string as a label for a variable. This is usually used in practice to store a short description/definition of the variable

```
6 length invdate $7.;
7 label invdate = "Invoice Month";
8 length amount_bucket $6.;
9 format amount_bucket $6.;
10 label amount_bucket = "Spend Bucket";
11 format avg_item_cost 9.2;
12 label avg item cost = "Average Item Cost";
```

- NOTE The informat of a variable is used to specify what format the variable should be read as when reading data, as discussed in the previous session
- NOTE –SAS stores date variables as an integer (number of days since 1 Jan, 1960). Thus, date formats cannot be used with length statements
- Question: What would happen if the format of the variable invdate were to be changed to \$2.?



### **Creating/modifying variables – assigning values**

- In the example above, the 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> lines are used to assign values to variables
  - In line 13, functions and a concatenation operator is used to assign a value to the variable invdate

```
13 invdate = put(month(in_dt), z2.) || "-"||put(year(in_dt), $4.);
```

 In lines 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, constant values are assigned to the variables avg\_item\_cost and amount\_bucket. The variable avg\_item\_cost is assigned a constant numeric value. The variable amount\_bucket is assigned a constant character value

```
15 avg_item_cost = 0;
16 amount_bucket = "Free";
20 if lineval < 68 then amount_bucket = "Low";
21 else if 68 <= lineval < 260 then amount_bucket = "Medium";
22 else if lineval >= 260 then amount_bucket = "High";
```

- In line 19, a value calculated by using the division operator is assigned to the variable avg\_item\_cost

19 avg\_item\_cost = lineval/lineqty;

 NOTE - By using conditional logic, the variable amount\_bucket is assigned *different* constant character values for observations meeting different conditions



#### Conditional logic in SAS – If-then-else, do loops

- Conditional logic can be used to tell SAS to execute statements only when certain conditions are met
- In the example above, lines 14 to 23 use conditional logic to assign values to the variables avg\_item\_cost and amount\_bucket, conditional to values of the variables lineqty and lineval

```
14
        if lineaty < 1 then do;
15
            avg item cost = 0;
16
            amount bucket = "Free";
17
        end;
18
        else if lineqty >= 1 then do;
19
            avg item cost = lineval/lineqty;
            if lineval < 68 then amount bucket = "Low";
20
            else if 68 <= lineval < 260 then amount bucket = "Medium";
21
22
           else if lineval >= 260 then amount bucket = "High";
23
        end:
```

- The general syntax for if/else if loops is if/else if <logical expression> then <executable statements>; (lines 20, 21,22)
- If multiple expressions are to be evaluated after an if/else if statement then a do is additionally used in conjunction with the if/else if statement. The general syntax for this is if/else if <logical expression> then do; <executable statements>; end; (lines14-17, 18-23)
- Therefore in the example above, if lineqty is less than 1 then avg\_item\_cost = 0 and amount\_bucket = "Free" and if lineqty is greater than 1 then avg\_item\_cost = lineval/lineqty and amount\_bucket is conditionally assigned values based upon values of lineval



#### **Logical expressions**

- Since logical expressions are essentially binary in nature (either the condition is true or it's false), not can be used in an if/else if statement to execute statement when a condition is not met. The general syntax for this is if/else if not <logical expression> then <executable statements>;
  - Therefore, the following two pieces of code are logically equivalent and will yield the same results:

14	<pre>if lineqty &lt; 1 then do;</pre>	14	<pre>if lineqty &lt; 1 then do;</pre>
18	else if lineqty >= 1 then do;	18	<pre>else if not (lineqty &lt; 1) then do;</pre>

- Since logical expressions are binary in nature, if/else if statements can also be used to execute different statements for zero and non-zero values of integer variables the zero values of the variable are evaluated as false and all other values as true. The general syntax for this is if/else if <integer variable> then <executable statements>;
  - Therefore, the following two pieces of code will yield the same results:

14	<pre>if lineqty &lt; 1 then do;</pre>	14	if lineqty then do;
18	else if not (lineqty < 1) then do;	20	<pre>if lineqty &lt; 1 then do;</pre>

- But the following two pieces are not logically equivalent and will yield different results:

14	if lineqty then do;	14	<pre>if not lineqty then do;</pre>
20	<pre>if lineqty &lt; 1 then do;</pre>	18	else if lineqty then do;

Question: Of the first two comparisons, which will be more efficient? How will the output of the two statements in the third comparison differ?



#### **Mnemonic operators**

Symbol	Mnemonic	Definition
<	Lt	Less than
<=	Le	Less than or equal to
>	Gt	Greater than
>=	Ge	Greater than or equal to
=	Eq	Equal to
~=	Ne	Not equal to
&	AND	And
	OR	Or
~	NOT	Not



# So finally, let us look back at the example and look at the expected output

- The variables brand, trantype, lineval, lineqty and invdate and observations meeting the following criteria
  - Brand is either "Hewlett Packard", Lexmark", "Canon", "Brother", "Fujitsu" or "Epson"
  - Trantype is "IN"
- are read from the dataset "src.transaction\_master"
  - The variable invdate is read as in\_dt
- Variables invdate, amount\_bucket and avg\_item\_cost are declared and some of their attributes are defined
- Invdate is assigned text values of the type "07-1983" by taking the year and month of the in\_dt variable and concatenating them
- For observations where lineqty is lesser than 1, avg\_item\_amount is set to 0 and amount\_bucket is set to "Free"
- For observations where lineqty is greater than 1, avg\_item\_amount is set to lineval/lineqty and amount\_bucket is set to either "Low", "Medium" or "High", based on values of lineval
- Variables trantype, lineval, lineqty and in\_dt are not written to the output dataset "src.trans"



#### **Multiple datasets**

- If we write multiple dataset names in the *set statement, all of those datasets are appended* 
  - They must all have the same variables
  - The variables must be in the same order on all datasets
  - Common variables in all the datasets must all have the same format
- If we write multiple dataset names in the data statement, all of those datasets are created
  - Using the following syntax, we can conditionally write observations meeting different requirements to different output datasets, as seen in the example below

If <condition> then output <dataset>;

```
1 data test1 test2 test3;
2 set src.source;
3 first_name = scan(full_name,1," ");
4 if first_name = "Mr." then output test1;
5 else if first_name = "Mrs." then output test2;
6 else if first_name = "Ms." then output test3;
7 run;
```



#### **Functions in SAS**

- > SAS has numerous types of functions. The types that are commonly used are:
  - Character functions
  - Numeric functions
  - Date/date-time functions
- In this class, we will begin by looking at some commonly used functions falling in the first two categories
- In general, SAS functions use the following syntax:
  - X = Function(argument\_1, argument\_2,..., argument\_n)
- Arguments can be:
  - Columns (example: X = max(Y,Z))
  - Expressions (example: X = max((Y-Z),(W-Z))
  - Other functions (example: X = max(sqrt(Y),sqrt(Z))
- For a list of commonly used functions refer to the Important SAS Functions.pdf document



#### Where: Statement vs. option

- The where statement allows the user some more flexibility than the where option, in that it allows for the usage of expressions and functions
- > Thus, the following two codes will filter the same observations:



Obviously, the second code is more efficient since it allows us to apply our filters without having to create the first\_name variable



### **Date and Time – Format and Informat**

Important Date and Time Formats:

Format	Input	Result	
DATEw.	7/25/1984	25Jul84	
DAYw.	7/25/1984	25	
DDMMYY10.	7/25/1984	25/07/1984	
MMDDYY10.	7/25/1984	7/25/1984	
DOWNAME.	7/25/1984	Wednesday	
MONTH.	7/25/1984	7	
MONNAME.	7/25/1984	July	
QTR.	7/25/1984	3	
TIMEw.	7/25/1984	2:29:32	
YYQRw.	7/25/1984	84QIII	
DATETIMEw.	7/25/1984	01JAN60:02:29:32	

Important Date and Time Informats:

Informat	Input	Result
DATEw.	25Jul84	8972
DDMMYY10.	25/07/1984	8972
MMDDYY10.	7/25/1984	8972
MONYYw.	Jul-84	8972
TIMEw.	2:29:32	8972
YYQw.	84Q1	8972
DATETIMEw.	01JAN60:02:29:32	8972

Note: "w" stands for the width
### Creating SAS Dataset – Date and Time – Format and Informat

#### Sample SAS Code: Date and Time Variable

#### data datetime;

%let \_EFIERR\_ = 0; /\* set the ERROR

detection macro variable \*/

retain Name;

```
informat DOB mmddyy10.;
```

```
informat DOB time datetime18.;
```

format DOB mmddyy10.;

```
format DOB time datetime18.;
```

```
input Name $8. DOB DOB time;
```

#### cards;

Pinaki 07/25/1984 25JUL1984:14:45:32 Tapan 07/04/1983 07Jul1983:14:45:32

Sourav 12/12/1982 12Dec1982:14:45:32

;

```
run;
```

Sample SAS Code: Different Date Formats

#### data pink;

#### retain Name;

format DOB date9. DOB\_1 day2. DOB\_2 ddmmyy10. DOB\_3 mmddyy10. DOB 4 DOWNAME. DOB 5 MONTH. DOB 6 MONNAME.

DOB 7 qtr. DOB 8 time7. DOB 9 yyqr6.;

/\* format DOB\_1 day2.;\*/

input Name \$8. DOB DOB\_1 DOB\_2 DOB\_3 DOB\_4 DOB\_5 DOB\_6 DOB\_7 DOB\_8 DOB\_9;

#### cards;

Allstate 14690 14690 14690 14690 14690 14690 14690 14690 14690 14690

;



### Import Date Variable from CSV Itself

### Importing Date Functions:

The date variables are stored as numeric values. Its important to import DATE variable directly from CSV file itself. This is because the START DATE in SAS is '1JAN1960', where as in CSV/ Excel, the START DATE is '1JAN1900'. Hence, the results will be different if we import the date variable as Numeric Variable and convert the Numeric variable to Date variable in SAS itself.

#### Sample SAS Code:

#### data impor;

```
infile 'C:\Temp\Desktop\Date_Time.csv' dsd
missover lrecl=1000 dlm=',' firstobs=2;
retain Name;
informat Name $6.;
informat DOB mmddyy10.;
format Name $6.;
format DOB mmddyy10.;
input Name $ DOB DOB time;
```

```
data impor;
   set impor;
   informat check best32.;
   format check mmddyy10.;
   check=DOB_time;
run;
```



## **Date and Time – Functions**

Important Date and Time Functions:

Function	Input	Result
datepart	25JUL84:14:45:32	7/25/1984
timepart	25JUL84:14:45:32	14:45:32
day	25JUL84:14:45:32	25
Today()		6/1/2009
Hour	25JUL84:14:45:32	14
minute	25JUL84:14:45:32	45
month	25JUL84:14:45:32	7
qtr	25JUL84:14:45:32	3
weekday	25JUL84:14:45:32	4
year	25JUL84:14:45:32	1984
datetime ()		01JUN09:02:06:13

#### Sample SAS Code:

data datetime;

set datetime;

```
format Date1 mmddyy10. Time1 time9. Today1 mmddyy10.
Todaytime datetime18. ;
Date1= datepart(DOB_time);
Time1=timepart(DOB_time);
Day1 = day(Date1);
Today1=Today();
Hour1= Hour(DOB_time);
Minute1=minute(DOB_time);
month1=month(Date1);
Qtr1=qtr(Date1);
Weekday = weekday(Date1);
Year1=year(Date1);
```

```
Todaytime = datetime();
```



## Date and Time – Functions (INTCK/ INTNX)

- ► INTCK function: This is a popular and powerful SAS function to determine the number of time periods between two SAS dates. The form of this function is: INTCK('interval', from, to)
  - Where: 'interval' = character constant or variable name representing the time period of interest enclosed in single quotes
  - *"from"* = SAS date, time or datetime value identifying the start of a time span
  - "to" = SAS date, time or datetime value identifying the end of a time span

```
This function will return the number of time periods which have occurred (i.e., have been crossed) between the values of the from and the to variables.
```

```
    INTNX function: This is a popular and powerful SAS function to
determine a SAS date, time or datetime value for a given number of time
intervals from a starting value.. The form of this function is:
INTNX('interval', from, to, position)
```

- Where: 'interval' = character constant or variable name representing the time period of interest enclosed in single quotes
- "from" = SAS date, time or datetime value identifying the start of a time span
- "to" = SAS date, time or datetime value identifying the end of a time span
  - "Position" = Position of the pointer

#### Sample SAS Code:

#### data intervals; set datetime; format Date1 mmddyy10. Today1 mmddyy10. ; Today1=Today(); Date1= datepart(DOB\_time); INTCK\_Cal=intck('year',date1,Today1);

```
data intervals;
    set datetime;
        format Date1 mmddyy10. Today1 mmddyy10.
        INTNX_Cal mmddyy10.;
        Today1=Today();
        Date1= datepart(DOB_time);
        INTNX_Cal=intnx('year',date1,4,'M');
run;
```



## **Filtering Date and Time Variable**

- Suppose you want to apply a "Subsetting Where" statement in a data step so that only observations with a value of the variable DOB\_time is that occurred after 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1984 will remain in the program. All you need to write is:
- Declaring a Date Constant:

#### - where date1 > '04Jul1983'd;

The letter "D" next to the text string with the day, month and year instructs the SAS System to convert the string to the appropriate SAS date value

Declaring a Time Constant:

- where time1 > '14:44:32't;

As with the date constant example given above, the letter "T" next to the text string with the hour, minutes and seconds instructs the SAS System to calculate the appropriate SAS time value (number of seconds from midnight)

#### Declaring a Date Time Constant:

#### - where DOB\_time> '04Jul1983:14:44:32'dt;

By now you've probably figured out that SAS will calculate the appropriate datetime value (number of seconds from midnight on January 1, 1960)

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### **PROC SORT**



# **Definition**: Sorts the observations in a SAS data set by the values of one or more variables



- **SORT** procedure can be used either to modify the original dataset or create a new sorted dataset
- SAS, by default, sorts the datasets in an ascending order, unless specified otherwise variables should be mentioned in the same order as sorting is required
- Using NODUPKEY option without using the OUT = statement may destroy your original dataset and duplicate records might not be available for any future analysis

### Example:



DATA work.sample; INPUT F_Name \$ L_name \$ Age Extn; CARDS; Eric Thompson 20 3324 Jack Smith 26 3421 Daniel M 22 2323	/*create dataset*/
Jack Jones 25 4124	
Jack Simpson 23 3265 ; PROC SORT DATA = work.sample;	/*sort dataset*/
BY Age;	
RUN;	

### • Q: How is the dataset sorted if you try to sort by more than one BY variable?

### 'BY' Statement Processing (In a Datastep)



- Is a method of processing observations from one or more SAS data sets that are grouped or ordered by values of one or more common variables
- > SAS creates 2 temporary variables internally: 'FIRST.<variable>' and 'LAST.<variable>'

DATA work.sample;
SET work.Sample;
BY F_Name;
RUN;

- Their values are set based on whether an observation is
  - the first or last one in a BY group
  - neither the first not the last one in a BY group
  - both first and last, as is the case when there is only one observation in a BY group

• Q: Which other automatic variable gets created by SAS when you run your code

### **MERGE Statement**



MERGE statement is used to joins observations from two or more SAS data sets into single observations

DATA <Output DSN>;

```
MERGE <DSN1> (IN=a) <DSN2> (IN=b);
```

BY variable-list;

IF a OR b;

RUN;

- Match-merging combines observations from two or more SAS data sets into a single observation in a new data set according to the values of a common variable.
- Sorting is necessary before Match Merging.

F_Name	L_Name	Age				F_Name	L_Name	Age	Salary
Bob	Simpson	23	F_Name	Salary		Bob	Simpson	23	
Daniel	M	22	Daniel	200	Merge BY	Daniel	M	22	200
Eric	Thompson	20	Eric	300	F Name	Eric	Thompson	20	300
Jack	Smith	26	Jack	250		Jack	Smith	26	250
Jack	Jones	25				Jack	Jones	25	250

Q: There can be variables with the same name (apart from the BY variable) in more than one input data set; What will be the output?

Q: How will you overcome the above situation?

### Using 'IF' statement to subset dataset while Merging:



DATA Work.Emp\_final;

MERGE Work.Emp\_Info (IN=a) Work.Emp\_Sal (IN=b);

BY F\_Name;

IF a AND b;

RUN;

F_Name	L_Name	Age			<b>N</b>	F_Name	L_Name	Age	Salary
Bob	Simpson	23	F_Name	Salary		Daniel	M	22	200
Daniel	М	22	Daniel	200	Merge BY	Eric	Thompson	20	300
Eric	Thompson	20	Eric	300	F_Name; Use IF	Jack	Smith	26	250
Jack	Smith	26	Jack	250		Jack	Jones	25	250
Jack	Jones	25	-						

#### Q: What happens if you don't use a 'BY' statement in your MERGE?

- While merging if you don't use a 'BY' statement; SAS will merge the 1<sup>st</sup> observation from dataset A and 1<sup>st</sup> observation from dataset B to form the 1<sup>st</sup> observation of the final dataset
- Do not miss out on the 'BY' statement. It might lead to useless results.



### Mappings for Merge:





### One to One Mapping



- If more than one dataset has multiple values for 'BY' variable (many to many mapping); SAS does not pick up values for the variable in a defined order
- SAS registers a note in the LOG. No error is generated
- To avoid unknown outputs; remove the duplicate values from one dataset prior to merging



Proc Sort – PDV Concepts – Many to many merge



## Before you dare to merge

- 1. Check if the key variable exists in both the datasets that are to be merged
- 2. The key variable should have the same format and length in both the datasets
- 3. Sort the files by the key variable
- 4. The key variable can repeat in only one of the datasets
- 5. If there are common variables other than the key variable in the dataset treat them appropriately
- 6. Always write a BY statement
- 7. Always write an IF statement
- 8. Subsetting variables and observations can be done while merging need not write a separate step



## **Common SAS log notes and warnings**

- NOTE: Missing values were generated as a result of performing an operation on missing values.
- NOTE: MERGE statement has more than one data set with repeats of BY values.
- WARNING: Multiple lengths were specified for the BY variable emp\_id by input data sets. This may cause unexpected results.
- > WARNING: The variable x in the DROP, KEEP, or RENAME list has never been referenced
- NOTE: Variable var1 is uninitialized.
- > NOTE: Numeric values have been converted to character values at the places given by: (Line):(Column). 52:8
- NOTE: Character values have been converted to numeric values at the places given by: (Line):(Column).55:9



### **SAS Procedures – An Introduction**

- SAS Procedure or a PROC step always starts with a the word **PROC**
- Some commonly used Base SAS procedures are listed below





# A typical SAS procedure has a few key words that are a part of the syntax

```
PROC <PROCEDURE NAME> DATA = <DSN Name> OPTIONS;
BY <Variable List>;
CLASS <Variable List>;
VAR ;
WHERE ;
RUN ;
```

- Most SAS procedures require an input dataset which is specified using the DATA= option
- VAR specifies the variables on which the procedure is applicable. If no variables are specified, then SAS will automatically apply the procedure on all the variables.
- WHERE allows usage of a particular filter criteria on the procedure.
- "Sales" is used to refer the SAS dataset to elaborate any SAS procedure going forward
- Only a few most frequently used SAS procedures are covered in the training
- Further, not all options available on the SAS procedure is covered in the training





Q: How do we return and procedure output to their default destination





The APPEND command adds observations from one dataset to another

Q: How can we delete all the datasets in a library?





Q: In the above examples, identify the variables and relate them to the syntax

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PROC FREQ	
PROC FREQ DATA-≖ SALES; WEIGHT <weight variable="">;</weight>	Option: Give different weight to the observations
TABLES <variable list=""> / MISSING NOROW NOCOL NOPERCENT ALL NOPRINT; WHERE <condition>; RUN; For two-way tables, PROC FREQ can compute tests and measures of associa</condition></variable>	Option: Missing: Treats missing values as a separate observation Norow: Removes row percentages ation Nocol: Removes column percentages Nopercent: Removes cell percentage
Q: What option would you use to gene Q: How would you output the results of Freq	erate three way tables? a procedure to a SAS dataset?
	E.g. PLOTS, NORMAL
PROC UNIVARIATE DATA = <dsn name=""> <options>; BY <variables>; CLASS <variables>;</variables></variables></options></dsn>	Information will be represented in the form of a Histogram in the output
FREQ <variables>; HISTOGRAM <variables> / <aptions>:</aptions></variables></variables>	Probability plots for the distribution specified will be displayed
FREQ <variables>; HISTOGRAM <variables> / <options>; OUTPUT OUT= <dsn name=""> <options>; PROBPLOT <variables> / <options>;</options></variables></options></dsn></options></variables></variables>	Probability plots for the distribution specified will be displayed Quantile (Q-Q) plots for the distribution specified will be displayed. It is used to compare the values with quantiles of a specified distribution

The UNIVARIATE procedure provides a variety of descriptive measures, high-resolution graphical displays, and statistical methods, which you can use to summarize, visualize, analyze, and model the statistical distributions of numeric variables.

Q: For which variables will the histogram be displayed if no variables are mentioned in the "VAR" option of the "Proc Univariate" procedure

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**PROC MEANS** 

PROC MEANS DATA = SALES; CLASS <Variable List>; VAR <Variable List>; OUTPUT OUT = <DSN Name> <Summary Procedure>; RUN;

- PROC MEANS also computes
  - Descriptive statistics based on moments and quantiles
  - Calculates confidence interval for means
  - Performs t test

Example: SUM(Variable) = New Variable 1 MEAN(Variable) = New Variable 2 MIN(Variable) = New Variable 3 MAX(Variable) = New Variable 4

Q: Which SAS dataset will contain the results without the use of "output out =" option

Q: What SAS default variables which will be created in the output SAS dataset?



### SAS and SQL terminology

SAS Data step	Proc SQL
Dataset	Table
Variable	Column
Observation/ records	Rows/ records
Append	Union
Merge	Join

### How about differences in ease of use, Efficiency?

- Depends on various factors
  - Size of dataset
  - Operation performed etc.



### Syntax of Proc SQL?

- Very straightforward and extremely structured syntax
- Highly scalable, from simple one row queries, to complicated queries with multiple sub-queries
- Possible to combine with all SAS functions (except the lag function)

### Theory

#### Proc SQL <options> ;

- Multiple SQL statements (or queries) can be put into a single Proc SQL
- You can have a series/collection of SQL queries that are your entire program
- Think of the PROC SQL/QUIT; combination as boundaries for a different coding environment

### **Practical**

### proc sql;

create table tablename as

select [distinct] column1, column2,

[\*], ...

from library.table

where expression

order by column1 etc.;

### quit;

\* = all columns



# Creating, Updating and deleting tables

### The select statement

SAS Data step	Proc SQL
Proc Print Data= First; Run;	Proc SQL; Select * From First; Quit;
Proc Print Data=First; Var Patient Age Losses; Run;	Proc SQL; Select Patient, Age, Losses From First; Quit;

### How to create dataset using select statement?

- ▶ Through use of a "Create table <u>tablename</u> as" clause, can create:
  - datasets/tables



# Creating, Updating and deleting tables

### **Creating Table**

SAS Data step	Proc SQL
Data lib.new; set lib.old;	Proc SQL; create table lib.new as
Run;	Select * From lib.old; Quit;

- "Create table <u>tablename</u> as" clause is used to create a new table called lib.new
- We have used "select \*" here, which means all variables will be selected in the resulting dataset.



# Creating, Updating and deleting tables

### **Creating new Variables**

SAS Data step	Proc SQL
Data Second; Set First; <b>new = old + 1;</b>	Proc SQL; create table second as select *, <b>old+1 as new</b>
Run;	From First; Quit;

Q: How do you update a variable name? Say renaming a variable.

Q: How do you delete a table/ dataset using proc SQL?



# SQL – Filtering, Ordering and Grouping

SELECT statement is used to retrieve data from a database

- Clauses in Select
  - Where
  - Group by
  - Having
  - Order by
- Operators
  - Logical Operators
  - Arithmetic Operators
  - Relational Operators
  - Special Operators
- Functions
  - Aggregate Functions
  - String Functions
  - Date Functions



# SQL – Clauses in select

- Where Clause
  - Subsets the output based on specified conditions
  - When a condition is met (that is, the condition resolves to true), those rows are displayed in the result table; otherwise, no rows are displayed.
  - You cannot use summary functions that specify only one column
- Group by Clause
  - Specifies how to group the data for summarizing.
- Having Clause
  - Subsets grouped data based on specified conditions
- Order By Clause
  - Specifies the order in which rows are displayed in a result table.
  - ASC in order by clause orders the data in ascending order. This is the default order; if neither ASC nor DESC is specified, the data is ordered in ascending order
  - DESC in order by clause orders the data in descending order



# SQL – Clauses in select

How clauses are used in SQL and Data steps?

Operation	SAS Data step	Proc SQL
Filtering	Data lib.new; set lib.old; Where age>30 Run;	Proc SQL; create table lib.new as select * From lib.old <b>where age&gt;30</b> ; Quit;
Ordering	Proc sort data=lib.old out=lib.new; by age descending; Run;	Proc SQL; create table lib.new as select * From lib.old <b>Order by</b> age desc; Quit;
Grouping	Proc Means Data=First ; <b>Class desig;</b> Var Wealth; Run;	Proc SQL; Select <b>desig, m</b> ean(Wealth) as Mean From First <b>Group By desig;</b> Quit;



# **SQL – Operators**

Logical | Boolean Operators

Logical operators, also called Boolean operators, are usually used in expressions to link sequences of comparisons

- AND
- OR
- NOT
- Arithmetic Operators

Arithmetic operators indicate that an arithmetic calculation is performed

- Multiplication (\*)
- Division ( / )
- Addition (+)
- Subtraction ( )
- Relational | Comparison Operators
  - Comparison operators set up a comparison, operation, or calculation with two variables, constants, or expressions. If the comparison is true, the result is 1. If the comparison is false, the result is 0.
  - Equal to (=), not equal to (<>), not equal to (!=), less than (<), greater than (>), less than or equal to (<=), greate than or equal to (>=)



## **SQL Functions**

PROC SQL;





## **SQL Functions**

- PROC SQL supports all the functions available to the SAS DATA step that can be used in a proc sql select statement
- Because of how SQL handles a dataset, these functions work over the entire dataset

#### Common Functions:

AVG

- COUNT
   NMISS
   DISTINCT
   RANGE
- MAX SUBSTR
  - MIN LENGTH
- SUM UPPER
  - LOWER

MOD

- VAR 🔹 CONCAT
- STD 🔹 ROUND
- STDERR

	Notes
1.	PROC SQL does not support LAG, DIF and SOUND functions.
2.	This is not a comprehensive list of functions. There are thousands of functions for different needs
3.	The functions can be used with Macro variables in SAS
4.	There are numerous functions for string operations – See Appendix.

Q: Subset the second name from the "name" variable in the employees table where the age is between 25 and 50. Also, create a new variable which adds 10 to their age and order by this age.

Q: How do you find the location of a particular character in a string in a variable?



PROC SQL PROC SQL; CREATE TABLE SALES AS SELECT CustNum, Brand, count(distinct EDC) as No Items, sum(LineVal) as Total Sales FROM S.Transaction Master Where TranType = "IN" and LineVal > 0 GROUP BY CustNum, Brand HAVING No Items >= 2 or Total Sales > 50 ORDER BY Custnum, Total Sales DESC; QUIT; Subseting data: PROC SQL; CREATE TABLE <TABLE NAME> AS SELECT <VARLIST> FROM <PARENT TABLE> Where <VAR USED SUBSET> in (SELECT DISTINCT <VAR USED SUBSET> FROM <TABLE W VAR USED SUBSET> ); QUIT;



### **Combining Datasets: Joins**





## Joins: Full Join

Records From Both datasets That Match + All Others

SAS Data step	Proc SQL
Proc Sort data = d1; By var; Run; Proc Sort data = d2; By var; Run;	Proc SQL; Create table d3 as Select * From d1 Full join d2 On d1.var=
Data d3; Merge Claims(in = a) members(in= b); By var; If a <b>OR</b> b; Run:	d2.var; Quit;



## Joins: Inner Join

Only Those Records From Both datasets That Match

SAS Data step	Proc SQL
Proc Sort data = d1; By var; Run; Proc Sort data = d2; By var; Run;	Proc SQL; Create table d3 as Select * From d1 Inner join d2 On d1.var= d2.var; Quit;
Data d3; Merge d1(in = a) d2(in= b); By var; If <b>a and b</b> ; Bun:	
Kun;	


## Joins: Left Join

Records From Both datasets That Match + All Remaining Records In *First* Dataset

SAS Data step	Proc SQL
Proc Sort data = d1; By var; Run; Proc Sort data = d2; By var; Run;	Proc SQL; Create table d3 as Select * From d1 Left join d2 On d1.var=
Data d3·	d2.var; Ouit:
Merge d1(in=a) d2(in= b);	
By var;	
If a;	
Run;	



## **Joins: Right Join**

Records From Both datasets That Match + All Remaining Records In Second Dataset

SAS Data step	Proc SQL
assume 2 datasets sorted	Proc SQL; Create table d3 as
Data d3; Merge d1(in=a) d2(in= b); By var; If b;	Select * From d1 <b>Right join</b> d2 <b>On</b> d1.var= d2.var:
Run;	Quit;