Quick Start

About the SAS Viya Programming Documentation

This collection of documents provides task-based programming examples, syntax, and concepts for the products on the SAS Viya platform, such as:

- SAS Visual Analytics 8.1 programming
- SAS Visual Statistics 8.1 programming
- SAS Visual Data Mining and Machine Learning 8.1 programming

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Orientation

This software supports analytical data preparation, variable transformations, exploratory analysis, analytical modeling, integrated model comparison, and scoring. Here are the main components:

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<th>The platform for the third generation of high-performance in-memory analytics.</th>
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<td>SAS Studio</td>
<td>The integrated programming environment.</td>
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SAS Cloud Analytic Services (CAS) | The analytic engine. CAS uses high-performance, multithreaded analytic code to rapidly process requests against data of any size.

SAS Visual Analytics | Programming tools that provide baseline functionality, including reporting and basic analytics, such as:
- analytical data preparation
- variable transformations
- exploratory analysis
- descriptive statistics

SAS Visual Statistics | An additional set of advanced analytic functionality that builds on SAS Visual Analytics, such as:
- building predictive models
- integrated model comparison

SAS Visual Data Mining and Machine Learning | An additional set of advanced analytic functionality that builds on SAS Visual Statistics, such as:
- tune machine learning algorithm hyperparameters
- advanced statistical operations
- analyzing complex data

CAS-based procedures run against data that is in CAS. For example, before you can use CAS to work with a SAS data set, you must load that data set into CAS. The following instructions demonstrate basic mechanics.

**TIP** If you cannot securely sign in and start a CAS session, contact your administrator or see the troubleshooting topic in *SAS Viya Administration: Identity Management.*

### Demonstration: Load Personal Data

1. **Sign in to SAS Studio.**
   - Open SAS Studio from a URL that is provided by your SAS administrator. For example, you might enter: `https://webserver-host-name/SASStudio`.
   - Enter the credentials for your operating system account.

2. **Start a CAS session.**
   - In the navigation pane, open the **Snippets** section.
   - Select **Snippets ⇒ Cloud Analytic Services**.
   - Right-click **New CAS Session** and select **Open**. The snippet opens in the code editor.
   - In the toolbar, click **run** to run the **New CAS Session** code.

3. **Load a table.**
   - In the navigation pane, right-click **Load data to Caslib** and select **Open**.
   - In the code editor, edit the SAS data set section so that it looks like this:

```sas
PROC CASUTIL;
  LOAD DATA='sashelp.cars' OUTCASLIB='CASUSER';
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CASOUT="demoTable" PROMOTE;
RUN;

**TIP** CASUSER is your personal caslib. It is available across your sessions, but it is always and intrinsically private to you. You cannot enable other users to access it.

c Select the preceding code. In the toolbar, click run only the four lines of selected code.

4 Verify that you can access the loaded data.
   a In the navigation pane, right-click **Generate SAS librefs for Caslibs** and select **Open**.
   b In the toolbar, click to run the code.
   c In the navigation pane, open the **Libraries** section.
   d Select **My Libraries CASUSER**.
   e Double-click **demoTable** to open it.

**Demonstration: Provide Shared Data**

1 Sign in to SAS Studio and start a CAS session, if you have not already done so.

2 Create a container for shared CAS data.
   a In the navigation pane, open the **Snippets** section.
   b Select **Snippets Cloud Analytic Services**.
   c Right-click **New Caslib for Path** and select **Open**.
   d In the code editor, edit the snippet so that it looks like this:

   ```sas
   CASLIB demoCas PATH="/filePath/" DATASOURCE=(SRCTYPE="path") GLOBAL;
   ```

   **Note:** Enter a path that is relative to and accessible from your CAS server. You can reference an empty directory.
   e Click to run the code.

   **Note:** If an error indicates that you do not have permission to create global caslibs, see "Adjust Caslib Management Privileges" in SAS Viya Administration: SAS Cloud Analytic Services. Initially, only administrators can add global caslibs. An administrator can enable non-administrators to add global caslibs.

3 Give all users Read access to the new caslib.
   a In the banner, click , and select **CAS Administration**.
   b In the sign-in window, enter your operating system credentials.
   c In CAS Server Monitor, beneath the **SAS Cloud Analytic Services** banner, click .
   d On the **Configuration** page, select **Access Controls**.
   e In the **Caslibs** list, select the caslib.
f In the upper right, click **Edit**.

g In the **Edit Access Controls** window, adjust settings as follows:
- In the **Read Info** row for Authenticated Users, select the **Grant** radio button.
- Click **Add Row**. In the new row at the end of the page, select **Authenticated Users**, the **Grant** radio button, and the **Select** activity.

h Click **OK** to save your changes.

i Under **Access Controls**, review the results of your changes.

j At the right edge of the banner, click your user name, and select **Sign Out**.

4 Load data to the new caslib.

a In the navigation pane in SAS Studio, right-click the snippet **Load data to Caslib** and select **Open**.

b In the code editor, edit the SAS data set section so that it looks like this:

```sas
PROC CASUTIL;
  LOAD DATA=sashelp.cars OUTCASLIB="demoCas"
     CASOUT="demoTable" PROMOTE;
RUN;
```

c Select the preceding code. In the toolbar, click to run only the four lines of selected code.

5 Verify that other users can see the data. For example, ask them to complete these steps:

a Sign in to SAS Studio, start a CAS session, and run the **Generate SAS librefs for Caslibs** snippet.

b In the navigation pane, open the **Libraries** section.

c Select **My Libraries → demoCas**.

d Double-click **demoTable** to open it.

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**Tip: Automatically Connect and Generate Librefs**

For convenience, you can configure SAS Studio to perform the following tasks each time you sign in:

- Start a CAS session.
- Generate SAS librefs for existing caslibs that have names that are no more than eight characters long.

Complete the following steps:

1 In the SAS Studio banner, click , and select **Edit Autoexec File**.

2 On the **Autoexec.sas** tab of the Edit Autoexec File window, paste the following code:

```sas
   cas casauto;
   caslib _all_ assign;
```

3 Run the code.

4 Save the code.
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