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Running SAS in Batch Mode

Introduction to Batch Mode

To run SAS in batch mode, you specify your SAS program name in the SAS invocation command. You can run batch mode in the foreground, in the background by specifying an ampersand at the end of the SAS command, or submit your application to the batch queue by using the `batch`, `at`, `nohup`, or `cron` Linux commands. (For more information, see the Linux man pages for the `batch`, `at`, `nohup`, or `cron` commands.) If you start your application with one of these Linux commands and you log off from your system, then your application completes execution.

SAS Command

Ask your system administrator for the command that invokes SAS in batch mode at your site. At many sites, the command to invoke SAS is `sas`, but a different command might have been defined during the SAS installation process at your site. This documentation assumes that SAS is invoked by the `sas` command.

Note: Before you start your SAS session, review the different techniques for interrupting and terminating your SAS session. For more information, see “Exiting or Interrupting Your SAS Session in Linux Environments” on page 18. Also, if you cannot stop your SAS session, contact your system administrator.

Invoking SAS in Batch Mode

To invoke SAS in batch mode, you must specify a filename in the SAS command. For example, if `weekly.sas` is the file that contains the SAS statements to be executed, and you want to specify the NODATE and LINESIZE system options, you would enter the following command:

```
sas weekly.sas -nodate -linesize 90
```

The command runs the program in the foreground. If you want to run the program in the background, add an ampersand to the end of the command:

```
sas weekly.sas -nodate -linesize 90 &
```

For more information, see “Running SAS in a Foreground or Background Process” on page 6.

SAS creates a `.log` file and a `.lst` file in the current directory that contains the log and procedure output.
**Syntax of the SAS Command**

The general form of the SAS command is as follows:

```
sas < -option1…-option-n > <filename>
sas –sysin filename
```

You can use these arguments with the SAS command:

- `-option1` ... `-option-n` specifies SAS system options to configure your session. For more information, see *SAS Viya System Options: Reference*. If you omit any options, the SAS (or site-specific) default options are in effect.

- `filename` specifies the name of the file containing the SAS program to be executed. Specifying a filename on the SAS command invokes a batch SAS session. If the file is not in the current directory, specify its full pathname. A .sas extension is inferred if the full pathname is not given.

*Note:* This command can fail in cases where an option does not recognize `filename`. In this case, `-sysin filename` is required.

**Submitting a Program to the Batch Queue**

To submit your program to the batch queue, you can use the `batch`, `at`, `nohup`, or `cron` commands. For example, you could submit `weekly.sas` from your shell prompt as follows:

```
$ at 2am
sas weekly.sas
<control-D>
```

warning: commands will be executed using /usr/bin/sh

job 8400.a at Wed Mar 16 02:00:00 2011

$

If you create a file that contains the SAS command (for example, `cmdfile.sh`) that is necessary to run your program, then you can enter the following command at your shell prompt:

```
at 2am < cmdfile.sh
```

SAS sends the output to a file that has the same name as the program. The output file has an extension of .lst. The log file writes to a file with an extension of .log. Both of these files are written to your current directory. See the Linux man pages for these commands for more information about submitting jobs to the batch queue. For more information about routing output, see *SAS Viya Universal Printing*.

If you submit a file in batch mode, then a line that is greater than 256 bytes is truncated. An explicit message about this truncation is written to the SAS log.

**Writing Data from an External File Using Pipes**

You can use a Linux pipe to write data from an external file to a SAS program. For example, suppose that your data resides in the external file `mydata`, and your SAS program `myprog.sas` includes this statement:

```
infile stdin;
```
Issue this command to have `myprog.sas` read data from the external file `mydata`:

```
cat mydata | sas myprog.sas
```

---

### Running SAS in a Foreground or Background Process

Linux is a multiprocessing operating system, so you can run multiple processes at the same time. For example, you can have one process running in the foreground and three in the background.

A foreground process executes while you wait for the prompt. That is, you cannot execute additional commands while the current command is being executed. After you enter a command, the shell starts a process to execute the command. After the system executes the command, the shell displays the prompt and you can enter additional commands. Here is an example of SAS executing as a foreground process:

```
sas
```

Running in the foreground enables you to access standard input and output.

A background process executes independently of the shell. After you enter a command, the shell starts a process to execute the command, and then issues the system prompt. You can enter other commands or start other background processes without waiting for your initial command to execute. Here is an example of the command that is used to execute a background process:

```
sas&
```

*Note:* Both the C shell and the Korn shell include commands that enable you to move jobs among three possible states: running in the foreground, running in the background, and suspended.

You can run SAS in batch mode as either a foreground process or a background process. To run in interactive line mode, you must start SAS as a foreground process.

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### Interactive Line Mode in Linux Environments

#### Introduction to Interactive Line Mode

In interactive line mode, you enter SAS statements line by line in response to prompts issued by SAS. SAS reads the source statements from the terminal as you enter them. DATA and PROC steps execute when one of the following occurs:

- a RUN, QUIT, or DATALINES statement is entered
- another DATA or PROC statement is entered
- the ENDSAS statement is entered

Invoke interactive line mode from the command line by specifying the SAS command without supplying a SAS program name.

To use interactive line mode, you must run SAS as a foreground process. When the session begins, SAS initializes and provides a session prompt, similar to the following screen:
To start an interactive line mode session, invoke SAS without specifying a filename from the installation location or the `!SASROOT` directory. Here is the typical SAS command:

```
sas
```

By default, SAS log and procedure output (if any) appear on your display as each step executes.

You can also invoke SAS in interactive line mode and pass parameters to it:

```
sas -sysparm 'A B C'
```

The value `A B C` is assigned to the SYSPARM macro variable.

After you invoke SAS, the `1?` prompt appears, and you can begin entering SAS statements. After you enter each statement, a line number prompt appears.

**Exiting SAS in Interactive Line Mode**

You can end the session by pressing the EOF key—which is usually Ctrl-D (see “Using Control Keys” on page 19)—or by issuing the ENDSAS statement:

```
endsas;
```

The session ends after all SAS statements have executed.

**Example: Invoke an Interactive SAS Session**

To invoke an interactive SAS session without specifying any SAS system options enter

```
sas
```

To specify the WORK and MEMSIZE system options when you invoke SAS, you can enter this command:

```
sas -work /saswork -memsize 4G
```
Executing Operating System Commands from Your SAS Session

Deciding Whether to Run an Asynchronous or Synchronous Task

You can execute Linux commands from your SAS session either asynchronously or synchronously. When you run a command as an asynchronous task, the command executes independently of all other tasks that are currently running. To run a command asynchronously, you must use the SYSTASK statement. See “SYSTASK Statement” in SAS Viya Statements: Reference for information about executing commands asynchronously.

When you execute one or more Linux commands synchronously, you must wait for those commands to finish executing before you can continue working in your SAS session. You can use the CALL SYSTEM routine, %SYSEXEC macro program statement, and X statement to execute Linux commands synchronously. The CALL SYSTEM routine can be executed with a DATA step. The %SYSEXEC macro statement can be used inside macro definitions, and the X statement can be used outside of DATA steps and macro definitions. For more information, see “CALL SYSTEM Routine” in SAS Viya Functions and CALL Routines: Reference and “%SYSEXEC Statement” in SAS Viya Macro Language: Reference.

Executing a Single Linux Command

Single Commands

To execute only one Linux command, you can enter the X statement, CALL SYSTEM routine, or %SYSEXEC macro statement as follows:

X \texttt{command};
CALL SYSTEM (\texttt{command});
%SYSEXEC \texttt{command};

Note: When you use the %SYSEXEC macro statement, if the Linux command that you specify includes a semicolon, you must enclose the Linux command in a macro quoting function. For more information about quoting functions, see SAS Viya Macro Language: Reference.

Example 1: Executing a Linux Command By Using the X Statement

You can use the X statement to execute the \texttt{ls} Linux command (in a child shell) as follows:

\texttt{x \texttt{ls}} \texttt{-l};

Example 2: Executing a Linux Command By Using the CALL SYSTEM Routine

Inside a DATA step, you can use the CALL SYSTEM routine to execute a \texttt{cd} command, which changes the current directory of your SAS session:

data _null_
   call system ("cd /users/smith/report");
run;
The search for any relative (partial) filenames during the SAS session now begins in the `/users/smith/report` directory. When you end the session, your current directory is the directory in which you started your SAS session.

For more information about the CALL SYSTEM routine, see “CALL SYSTEM Routine” in *SAS Viya Functions and CALL Routines: Reference*.

### How SAS Processes a Single Linux Command

When you specify only one command, SAS checks to see whether the command is `cd`, `pwd`, `setenv`, or `umask`, and, if so, executes the SAS equivalent of these commands. The SAS `cd` and `pwd` commands are equivalent to their Bourne shell counterparts. The SAS `setenv` command is equivalent to its C shell namesake. The SAS `umask` command is equivalent to the numeric mode of the `umask` command supported by the Bourne, Korn, and C shells. These four commands are built into SAS because they affect the environment of the current SAS session. When executed by SAS software, they affect only the SAS environment and the environment of any shell programs started by the SAS session. They do not affect the environment of the shell program that began your SAS session.

If the command is not `cd`, `pwd`, or `setenv`, SAS starts a shell in which it executes the command that you specified. The shell that is used depends on the SHELL environment variable. If the command is `umask`, but you do not specify a mask, then SAS passes the command to the shell in which the current SAS session was started. For more information about the `umask` command, see “Changing the File Permissions for Your SAS Session” on page 10.

### Executing Several Linux Commands

**Executing Linux Commands**

You can also use the X statement, CALL SYSTEM routine, and `%SYSEXEC` macro statement to execute several Linux commands:

- `X 'command-1;...command-n';`
- `CALL SYSTEM ('command-1;...command-n');`
- `%SYSEXEC quoting-function(command-1;...command-n);`

Separate each Linux command with a semicolon (;).

**Note:** When you use the `%SYSEXEC` macro statement to execute several Linux commands, because the list of commands uses semicolons as separators, you must enclose the string of Linux commands in a macro quoting function. For more information about quoting functions, see *SAS Viya Macro Language: Reference*.

**Example: Executing Several Commands Using the `%SYSEXEC` Macro**

The following code defines and executes a macro called `pwdls` that executes the `pwd` and `ls -l` Linux commands:

```
%macro pwdls;
   %sysexec %str(pwd;ls -l);
%mend pwdls;
%pwdls;
```

This example uses `%str` as the macro quoting function.
**How SAS Processes Several Linux Commands**

When you specify more than one Linux command (that is, a list of commands separated by semicolons), SAS passes the entire list to the shell and does not check for the `cd`, `pwd`, `setenv`, or `umask` commands as it does when a command is specified by itself (without a semicolon).

For more information about how SAS processes the `cd`, `pwd`, `setenv`, or `umask` commands, see “How SAS Processes a Single Linux Command” on page 9.

**Changing the File Permissions for Your SAS Session**

At invocation, a SAS session inherits the file permissions from the parent shell. Any file that you create inherits these permissions. If you want to change or remove file permissions from within SAS, issue the following command in the X statement: `umask`. The `umask` command applies a new "mask" to a file. That is, it sets new file permissions for any new file that you create. In this way, the `umask` command can provide file security by restricting access to new files and directories for the current process.

The default value for `umask` varies. Some systems, like Secure Linux, use mandatory access control, and the `umask` default is the same with or without Secure Linux enabled. Other systems use 022 as the default. System administrators can set their own default values, and you can check your default and change it in your own .kshrc, .cshrc, or .profile files. These values affect all child processes that are executed in the shell. Any subsequent file that you create during the current SAS session inherits the permissions that you specified. The permissions of a file created under a given mask are calculated in octal representation.

*Note:* The value of a mask can be either numeric or symbolic. For more information about this command, see the Linux man page for `umask`.

In addition, you can use the `PERMISSION=` option in the `FILE` or `FILENAME` statement to control the permissions for individual output files. For more information, see “FILE Statement” in *SAS Viya Statements: Reference*.

**Executing X Statements in Batch Mode**

If you run your SAS program in batch mode and if your operating system supports job control, the program is suspended when an X statement within the program needs input from the terminal.

If you run your SAS program from the batch queue by submitting it with the `at` or `batch` command, SAS processes any X statements as follows:

- If the X statement does not specify a command, SAS ignores the statement.
- If any Linux command in the X statement attempts to get input, it receives an EOF (standard input is set to `/dev/null`).
- If any Linux command in the X statement writes to standard output or standard error, the output is mailed to you unless it was previously redirected.
Specify SAS System Options

You can use SAS system options to customize your SAS environment. SAS options can be specified in one or more ways:

- in a configuration file.
- in the SASV9_OPTIONS environment variable.
- in the SAS command.
- in an OPTIONS statement (either in a SAS program or an autoexec file). An autoexec file contains SAS statements that are executed automatically when SAS is invoked. The autoexec file can be used to specify some SAS system options, as well as to assign librefs and filerefs to data sources that are used frequently.

Any options that do not affect the initialization of SAS, such as CENTER and NOCENTER, can be specified and changed at any time.

Some options can be specified only in a configuration file, in the SASV9_OPTIONS variable, or in the SAS command. These options determine how SAS initializes its interfaces with the operating system and the hardware; they are often called configuration options. After you start a SAS session, these options cannot be changed. Usually, configuration files specify options that you would not change very often. When you need to change an option just for one job, specify the change in the SAS command.

Overriding the Default Value for a System Option

The default values for SAS system options will be appropriate for many of your SAS programs. However, you can override a default setting using one or more of the following methods:

configuration file

Modify your current configuration file (see “Order of Precedence for Processing SAS Configuration Files” on page 16 ) or create a new configuration file. Specify SAS system options in the file by preceding each with a hyphen. For the ON or OFF option, just list the keyword corresponding to the appropriate setting. For options that accept values, list the keyword identifying the option followed by the option value. All SAS system options can appear in a configuration file.

For example, a configuration file might contain these option specifications:

- nocenter
- verbose
- linesize 64

SASV9_OPTIONS environment variable

Specify SAS system options in the SASV9_OPTIONS environment variable before you invoke SAS. See “Defining Environment Variables in Linux Environments” on page 67.
Settings that you specify in the SASV9_OPTIONS environment variable affect SAS sessions that are started when the variable is defined.

For example, in the Korn shell, you would use the following:

```bash
export SASV9_OPTIONS='-fullstimer -nodate'
```

**SAS command**

Specify SAS system options in the SAS command. Precede each option with a hyphen:

```bash
sas -option1 -option2...
```

For the ON or OFF option, list the keyword corresponding to the appropriate setting. For options that accept values, list the keyword that identifies the option, followed by the option value. Here is an example:

```bash
sas -nodate -work mywork
```

Settings that you specify in the SAS command last for the duration of the SAS session. Or, for those options that can be changed within the session, they last until you change them. All options can be specified in the SAS command.

**OPTIONS statement within a SAS session**

Specify SAS system options in an OPTIONS statement at any point in a SAS session. The options are set for the duration of the SAS session or until you change them. When you specify an option in the OPTIONS statement, do not precede its name with a hyphen (-). If the option has an argument, use = after the option name. Here is an example:

```sas
options nodate linesize=72;
```

For more information about the OPTIONS statement, see “OPTIONS Statement” in *SAS Viya Statements: Reference*. Not all options can be specified in the OPTIONS statement.

**OPTIONS statement in an autoexec file**

Specify SAS system options in an OPTIONS statement in an autoexec file. An autoexec file contains SAS statements that are executed automatically when SAS is invoked. The autoexec file can be used to specify some SAS system options, as well as to assign librefs and filerefs to data sources that are used frequently. For example, your autoexec file could contain the following statements:

```sas
options nodate pagesize=80;
filename rpt '/users/myid/data/report';
```

In general, use quotation marks to enclose filenames and pathnames specified in the OPTIONS statement or in the System Options window. Do not use quotation marks otherwise. Any exceptions are discussed under the individual option. To shorten filenames and pathnames that you specify, you can use the abbreviations listed in Table 3.1 on page 38.

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**When the Value of a System Option Includes a Space**

If the value of a system option includes a space, you must enclose the value in quotation marks on the command line or in a config file. The following examples show the correct syntax:

```bash
-bufsize '3 k';
-bottommargin '2 in';
```
If the value of a system option does not include a space, you do not need to enclose the value in quotation marks:

- bufsize 3k;
- bottommargin 2in;

How SAS Processes System Options That Are Set More Than Once

If the same system option is set more than once in the SAS command, in a configuration file, or in the SASV9_OPTIONS environment variable, only the most recent specification is the value that SAS uses. The other specifications are ignored. For example, the NOFULLSTIMER option is ignored in the following SAS command:

```sas
sas -nofullstimer -fullstimer
```

The NOFULLSTIMER option is ignored in the following configuration file:

```sas
-nofullstimer
-linewidth 80
-fullstimer
```

By default, if you specify the HELPLOC, MAPS, MSG, SAMPLOC, SASAUTOS, or SASHELP system option more than once, the most recent specification is the value that SAS uses. If you want to add additional pathnames to the pathnames already specified by one of these options, you must use the APPEND or INSERT system option. For more information, see the “APPEND= System Option” in SAS Viya System Options: Reference and “INSERT= System Option” in SAS Viya System Options: Reference.

How SAS Processes System Options That Are Set in Multiple Places

System Options Set in Multiple Places

If the same system option is set in more than one place, only the most recent specification is the value that SAS uses. The following places are listed in order of precedence. For example, a setting made in the OPTIONS statement overrides any other setting. However, if you set a system option using the SASV9_OPTIONS environment variable, this setting overrides only the setting for the same system option in your configuration file.

Order of Precedence When System Options Are Processed

The order of precedence when system options are processed is as follows:

1. OPTIONS statement (from a SAS session or job).
2. An autexec file that contains an OPTIONS statement (after SAS initializes). (An autexec file contains SAS statements that are executed automatically when SAS is invoked. The autexec file can be used to specify some SAS system options, as well as to assign librefs and filerefs to data sources that are used frequently.)
3. SAS command.
4. SASV9_OPTIONS environment variable.
5. Configuration files (before SAS initializes). For more information, see “Order of Precedence for Processing SAS Configuration Files” on page 16.

For example, if a configuration file specifies NOFULLSTIMER, you can override the setting in the SAS command by specifying the FULLSTIMER system option.
By default, if you specify the HELPLOC, MAPS, MSG, SAMPLC, SASAUTOS, or SASHELP system option more than one time, the most recent value that is specified is the value that SAS uses. If you want to add additional pathnames to the pathnames already specified by one of these options, you must use the APPEND or INSERT system options to add the new pathname. For more information, see the “APPEND= System Option” in SAS Viya System Options: Reference and “INSERT= System Option” in SAS Viya System Options: Reference.

Customizing Your SAS Session By Using Configuration and Autoexec Files

Introduction to Configuration and Autoexec Files

Defining Configuration and Autoexec Files
You can customize your SAS session by defining configuration and autoexec files. You can use these files to specify system options and to execute SAS statements automatically whenever you start a SAS session. SAS system options control many aspects of your SAS session, including output destinations, the efficiency of program execution, and the attributes of SAS files and libraries. For a complete description of SAS system options, see SAS Viya System Options: Reference.

For SAS Viya, the configuration file is typically named sasv9.cfg and the autoexec file is named autoexec.sas. These files reside in the directory where SAS was installed. By default, this directory is the $SASROOT directory. For more information, see Chapter 9, “The SASROOT Directory,” on page 73.

Note: You generally have configuration files on multiple SAS servers. The options that are specified pertain to the server on which a configuration file is stored. For example, if the WORK option is defined in a configuration file on the Workspace server, then the assigned Work directory must be valid on that Workspace server.

You can have customized configuration and autoexec files in your user home directory. If you do, then SAS uses the customizations specified in these files when you start a SAS session. For more information about the order of precedence SAS uses when processing configuration files, see “Order of Precedence for Processing SAS Configuration Files” on page 16.

SAS system options can be restricted by a Linux system administrator so that once they are set by the administrator, they cannot be changed by a user. A system option can be restricted globally, by group, and by user. For more information, see the configuration guide for the Linux environment on the Technical Support Web site, and see “Restricted Options” in SAS Viya System Options: Reference.

Using the AUTOEXEC System Option
The AUTOEXEC system option specifies the autoexec file. The autoexec file contains SAS statements that are executed automatically when you invoke SAS or when you start another SAS process. The autoexec file can contain any SAS statements. For example, your autoexec file can contain LIBNAME statements for SAS libraries that you access routinely in SAS sessions.

SAS looks for the AUTOEXEC system option in the following places. It uses the first AUTOEXEC system option that it finds.
- in the command line
• in the SASV9_OPTIONS environment variable
• in the configuration file

If neither the AUTOEXEC nor NOAUTOEXEC system option is found, SAS looks for the autoexec file in three directories in the following order:
1. your current directory
2. your home directory
3. the $SASROOT directory (for more information, see Chapter 9, “The SASROOT Directory,” on page 73)

SAS uses the first autoexec file that it finds to initialize the SAS session. If you want to see the contents of the autoexec file for your session, use the ECHOAUTO system option when you invoke SAS.

**Inserting and Appending Autoexec Files**

You can concatenate files in your autoexec file by using the following system options with the AUTOEXEC system option: “INSERT= System Option” in SAS Viya System Options: Reference and “APPEND= System Option” in SAS Viya System Options: Reference. The autoexec file is always a text file. If your filename contains embedded blanks or special characters, you must enclose the filename in quotation marks. Otherwise, quotation marks are optional when one or more filenames are specified.

You can use the following syntax to concatenate autoexec files:

```-autoexec "(/path1/autoexec.sas /path2/autoexec.sas /path3/autoexec.sas)"
```

You can use the following syntax with the INSERT system option:

```-insert autoexec "a.sas" -insert autoexec "b.sas"
```

You can use the following syntax with the APPEND system option:

```-append autoexec "a.sas" -append autoexec "b.sas"
```

If any file in a concatenated autoexec list does not exist or cannot be opened (for example, if you are not authorized for Read access), SAS issues error messages to the log. SAS terminates without executing any of the files in the list. The final SAS exit code is 103, which indicates system start-up failure.

**Differences between Configuration and Autoexec Files**

The differences between configuration files and autoexec files are as follows:

• Configuration files can contain only SAS system option settings. Autoexec files can contain any valid SAS statement. For example, you might want to create an autoexec file that includes an OPTIONS statement to change the default values of various system options and LIBNAME and FILENAME statements for the SAS libraries and external files that you use most often.
• Configuration files are processed before SAS initializes, and autoexec files are processed immediately after SAS initializes, but before it processes any source statements. An OPTIONS statement in an autoexec file is equivalent to submitting an OPTIONS statement as the first statement of your SAS session.

**Creating a Configuration File**

To create a configuration file, follow these steps:
1. Use a text editor to write the SAS system options in a Linux file. Save the file as either sasv9.cfg or .sasv9.cfg.

2. Specify one or more system options on each line. Use the same syntax that you would use for specifying system options with the SAS command, but do not include the SAS command itself. For example, a configuration file might contain the following lines:

   -nocenter
   -verbose
   -linesize 64
   -work /users/myid/tmp

3. Save and close the configuration file.

Order of Precedence for Processing SAS Configuration Files

SAS is shipped with a default configuration file in the $SASROOT directory. Your on-site SAS personnel can edit this configuration file so that it contains options that are appropriate for your site.

You can also create one or more of your own configuration files. SAS reads option settings from each of these files in the following order:

1. sasv9.cfg in $SASROOT directory. (See Chapter 9, “The SASROOT Directory,” on page 73.)

2. sasv9_local.cfg in $SASROOT directory. (See Chapter 9, “The SASROOT Directory,” on page 73.)

3. .sasv9.cfg in your home directory. (Notice the leading period.)

4. sasv9.cfg in your home directory.

   Note: If you create a configuration file in your home directory and the NOUSERCONFIG system option is set, then the configuration file in your home directory is skipped.

5. sasv9.cfg in your current directory.

6. Any restricted configuration files. Restricted configuration files contain system options that are set by the site administrator and cannot be changed by the user. Options can be restricted globally, by group, or by user. For more information about restricted configuration files, see the configuration guide for the Linux environment.

For each system option, SAS uses the last setting that it encounters. Any other settings are ignored. For example, if the WORKPERMS system option is specified in sasv9.cfg in the $SASROOT directory and in sasv9.cfg in your current directory, SAS uses the value specified in sasv9.cfg in your current directory.

Specifying a Configuration File for SAS to Use

When you specify a configuration file for SAS to use, you bypass the search of the configuration files listed in “Order of Precedence for Processing SAS Configuration Files” on page 16.

Note: SAS still processes any restricted configuration files that exist. The settings in these files take precedence over the settings in the configuration file that you specify.
If you set both SASV9_OPTIONS and SASV9_CONFIG, SAS always uses SASV9_OPTIONS. SASV9_CONFIG is used only if you do not use –CONFIG in the command line.

To specify a configuration file, complete one of the following steps:

- Specify a configuration file with the CONFIG system option in the SAS command:
  ```
  sas -config filename
  ```

- Specify a configuration file in the SASV9_OPTIONS environment variable. See “Defining Environment Variables in Linux Environments” on page 67. For example, in the Korn shell, you would use the following:
  ```
  export SASV9_OPTIONS='--config filename'
  ```

- Define the environment variable SASV9_CONFIG. See “Defining Environment Variables in Linux Environments” on page 67. For example, in the Korn shell, you would use the following:
  ```
  export SASV9_CONFIG=filename
  ```

`filename` is the name of a file that contains SAS system options.

If you have specified a configuration file in the SASV9_OPTIONS or SASV9_CONFIG environment variables, you can prevent SAS from using that file by specifying NOCONFIG in the SAS command.

If SAS cannot find SASV9_OPTIONS, the following message is written to the SAS log:

```
ERROR: Cannot open [/fullpath/filename]: No such file or directory.
```
### Exiting or Interrupting Your SAS Session in Linux Environments

**Methods for Exiting SAS in Interactive Line Mode**

Use one of the following methods to exit a SAS session in interactive line mode:

- Use `endsas;`.
- Use Ctrl+D if this control key sequence is your EOF command.

**Methods for Interrupting or Terminating SAS**

**Interrupting or Terminating SAS**

In addition to the methods for exiting SAS, SAS provides methods for interrupting or terminating a SAS session. SAS does not recommend that you use these methods until you have tried to exit SAS by one of the methods listed in “Methods for Exiting SAS in Interactive Line Mode” on page 18. Typically, you interrupt or terminate a SAS session in batch mode or interactive line mode if you have a process that is not ending as expected (such as for an infinite loop).

You can interrupt or terminate SAS in the following ways:

- Press the interrupt or quit control key. Interrupt displays a dialog box and quit forces a shutdown. Using the quit control key is not recommended.
- Enter the Linux `kill` command. Use this command when all other methods of exiting SAS have failed. By default, the kill command is `kill -15` (SIGTERM).

Using the Linux `kill -9` command on a SAS process that is running might corrupt data sets that are open for Write or Update access.
Interrupting a SAS Process
If you are running SAS in interactive line mode or in batch mode in the foreground, then you can use either of the following methods to interrupt SAS:

- Press the control key sequence that is set to interrupt in the shell that invoked SAS. In most cases, this control key sequence is Ctrl+C. See the man page for the stty command to determine the appropriate control key sequence for your environment.

- Use the -SIGINT option in the kill command. For more information, see “Using the Linux kill Command” on page 19.

The interrupt signal sends a request to the supervisor to handle an interrupt. The interrupt signal is not handled until a safe point in the code is reached. A safe point is one that allows the interrupt handler to be run safely. The supervisor responds as soon as possible with a prompt that requests what type of interrupt action you want to take. During this time, normal processing of a DATA step or PROC step is suspended.

Using Control Keys
Control keys enable you to interrupt or terminate your session by pressing the interrupt or quit key sequence. However, control keys can be used only when your SAS program is running in interactive line mode or in batch mode in the foreground. You cannot use control keys to stop a background job.

Note: You cannot use control keys to stop a batch job that has been submitted with the batch, at, nohup, or cron command.

Because control keys vary from system to system, issue the stty command to determine which key sends which signal. The stty command varies considerably among Linux operating environments, so check the Linux man page for stty on your system before using the command. Usually, one of these forms of the command prints all of the current terminal settings:

- stty
- stty -a
- stty everything

The output should contain lines similar to these:

intr = ^C; quit = ^\; erase = ^H;
kill = ^U; eof = ^D; eol = ^@

The caret (^) represents the Ctrl key. In this example, Ctrl+C is the interrupt key and Ctrl +\ is the quit key. Quit is a more forceful termination and might result in data corruption.

Using the Linux kill Command
Note: Use the kill command only after you have tried all other methods to exit your SAS session.

The kill command sends an interrupt or terminate signal to SAS, depending on which signal you specify. You can use the kill command to interrupt or terminate a SAS session running in any mode. The kill command cannot be issued from within a SAS session. You must issue it from another terminal or from another window (if your terminal permits it).

The format of the kill command is:

kill <-signal-name> pid

To send the interrupt signal, specify -SIGINT. To send the terminate signal, specify -SIGTERM. Use the ps command and its options to determine the process identification number (pid) of the SAS session that you want to interrupt or terminate.
The results of the `ps` command differ based on operating environment. See the Linux man page for your operating environment for specific information about the `ps` command and its options. Adding options helps determine which process you want to kill if you have more than one process running. Also, servers leave a process identification number (PID) in their start-up directories. You can use this number with the `kill` command to identify the process that you want to kill.

The following table lists some of the important `kill` signals:

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<td>SIGNULL</td>
<td>Checks access to process identifier.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>SIGHUP</td>
<td>Causes SAS to terminate.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>SIGINT</td>
<td>Causes SAS to interrupt the session. SIGINT is very similar to SIGQUIT.</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>SIGQUIT</td>
<td>Causes a more forceful shutdown than SIGTERM. It does not cause a core dump.</td>
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<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>SIGKILL</td>
<td>Brings down SAS. Use this option only after all attempts to exit SAS have failed. Using SIGKILL can cause data corruption.</td>
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<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>SIGTERM</td>
<td>Causes SAS to terminate.</td>
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For more information, see the Linux man pages for the `ps` and `kill` commands.

**Messages in the Console Log (STDOUT)**

If SAS encounters an error or warning condition when the SAS log is not available, then any messages that SAS issues are written to the console log. Normally, the SAS log is unavailable only early in SAS initialization and late in SAS termination.

If you are using the `-STDIO` option, the log is displayed in stderr and the listing is displayed in stdout.

**Checkpoint Mode and Restart Mode**

**Overview of Checkpoint Mode and Restart Mode**

When used together, checkpoint mode and restart mode create an environment where batch programs that terminate before completing can be resubmitted without rerunning steps or rerunning labeled code sections that have already completed. Execution resumes
with either the DATA or PROC step or the labeled code section that was executing when the failure occurred.

A labeled code section is the SAS code that begins with label: outside of a DATA or PROC step and ends with the RUN statement that precedes the next label: that is outside of a DATA or PROC step. Labels must be unique. Consider using labeled code sections when you want to group DATA or PROC steps that might need to be grouped together because the data for one is dependent on the other.

The following example program has two labeled code sections. The first labeled code section begins with the label readSortData: and ends with the run; statement for proc sort data=mylib.mydata; The second labeled code section starts with the label report: and ends with the run; statements for proc report
data=mylib.mydata;.

readSortData:
data mylib.mydata;
...more sas code...
nrun;

proc sort data=mylib.mydata;
...more sas code...
run;

report:
proc report data=mylib.mydata;
...more sas code...;
nrun;
endReadSortReport:

Note: The use of label: in checkpoint mode and restart mode is valid only outside of a DATA or PROC statement. Checkpoint mode and restart mode for labeled code sections are not valid for labels within a DATA step or in macros.

Checkpoint mode and restart mode can be enabled for either DATA and PROC steps or for labeled code sections, but not both simultaneously. To use checkpoint mode and restart mode on a step-by-step basis, use the step checkpoint mode and the step restart mode. To use checkpoint mode and restart mode based on groups of code sections, use the label checkpoint mode and the label restart mode. Each group of code is identified by a unique label. If you use labels, all steps in a SAS program must belong to a labeled code section.

When checkpoint mode is enabled, SAS records information about DATA and PROC steps or labeled code sections in a checkpoint library. When a batch program terminates prematurely, you can resubmit the program in restart mode to complete execution. In restart mode, global statements are re-executed, macro definitions are recompiled, and macros are re-executed. SAS reads the data in the checkpoint library to determine which steps or labeled code sections completed. Program execution resumes with the step or the label that was executing when the failure occurred.

The checkpoint-restart data contains information only about the DATA and PROC steps or the labeled code sections that completed and the step or labeled code sections that did not complete. The checkpoint-restart data does not contain the following information:

- information about macro variables and macro definitions
- information about SAS data sets
- information that might have been processed in the step or labeled code section that did not complete
As a best practice, if you use labeled code sections, add a label at the end of your program. When the program completes successfully, the label is recorded in the checkpoint-restart data. If the program is submitted again in restart mode, SAS knows that the program has already completed successfully.

If a DATA or PROC step must be re-executed, you can add the global statement CHECKPOINT EXECUTE_ALWAYS immediately before the step. This statement tells SAS to always execute the following step without considering the checkpoint-restart data. It is applicable only to the step that follows the statement. For more information, see “CHECKPOINT EXECUTE_ALWAYS Statement” in SAS Viya Statements: Reference.

You enable checkpoint mode and restart mode for DATA and PROC steps by using system options when you start the batch program in SAS:

- The STEPCHKPT system option enables checkpoint mode, which indicates to SAS to record checkpoint-restart data.
- The STEPCHKPTLIB system option identifies a user-specified checkpoint-restart library.
- The STEPRESTART system option enables restart mode, ensuring that execution resumes with the DATA or PROC step indicated by the checkpoint-restart library.

You enable checkpoint mode and the restart mode for labeled code sections by using these system options when you start the batch program in SAS:

- The LABELCHKPT system option enables checkpoint mode for labeled code sections, which indicates to SAS to record checkpoint-restart data.
- The LABELCHKPTLIB system option identifies a user-specified checkpoint-restart library.
- The LABELRESTART system option enables restart mode, ensuring that execution resumes with the labeled code section indicated by the checkpoint-restart library.

If you use the Work library as your checkpoint-restart library, you can use the CHKPTCLEAN system option to have the files in the Work library erased after a successful execution of your batch program.

For information, see the following system options in SAS Viya System Options: Reference:

- “STEPCHKPT System Option” in SAS Viya System Options: Reference
- “STEPCHKPTLIB= System Option” in SAS Viya System Options: Reference
- “STEPRESTART System Option” in SAS Viya System Options: Reference
- “LABELCHKPT System Option” in SAS Viya System Options: Reference
- “LABELCHKPTLIB= System Option” in SAS Viya System Options: Reference
- “LABELRESTART System Option” in SAS Viya System Options: Reference
- “CHKPTCLEAN System Option” in SAS Viya System Options: Reference

**Requirements for Using Checkpoint Mode and Restart Mode**

For checkpoint mode and restart mode to work successfully, the number and order of the DATA and PROC steps or labeled code sections in the batch program must not change between SAS invocations. By specifying the ERRORABEND and ERRORCHECK system options when SAS starts, SAS terminates for most error conditions in order to maintain valid checkpoint-restart data.
The checkpoint-restart library can be a user-specified library or, if no library is specified, the checkpoint-restart data is saved to the Work library. Always start SAS with the NOWORKTERM and NOWORKINIT system options, regardless of whether the checkpoint-restart data is saved to a user-specified library or to the Work library. SAS writes the name of the Work library to the SAS log.

The labels for labeled code sections must be unique. If SAS enters restart mode for a label that is a duplicate label, SAS starts at the first label. The code between the duplicate labels might rerun needlessly.

**Setting Up and Executing Checkpoint Mode and Restart Mode**

To set up checkpoint mode and restart mode, make the following modifications to your batch program:

- Add the CHECKPOINT EXECUTE_ALW AYS statement before any DATA and PROC steps that you want to execute each time the batch program is submitted.

- If your checkpoint-restart library is a user-defined library, you must add the LIBNAME statement that defines the checkpoint-restart libref as the first statement in the batch program. If you use the Work library as your checkpoint library, no LIBNAME statement is necessary.

Once the batch program has been modified, you start the program using the appropriate system options:

- For checkpoint-restart data that is saved in the Work library, start a batch SAS session that specifies these system options:
  - SYSIN, if required in your operating environment, names the batch program.
  - STEPCHKPT or LABELCHKPT enables checkpoint mode.
  - NOWORKTERM saves the Work library when SAS ends.
  - NOWORKINIT does not initialize the Work library when SAS starts.
  - ERRORCHECK STRICT puts SAS in syntax-check mode when an error occurs in the LIBNAME, FILENAME, %INCLUDE, and LOCK statements.
  - ERRORABEND specifies whether SAS terminates for most errors.
  - CHKPTCLEAN specifies whether to erase files in the Work library and delete the Work library if the batch program runs successfully.

In the Windows operating environment, the following SAS command starts a batch program in checkpoint mode using the Work library as the checkpoint-restart library:

```
sas -sysin 'c:\mysas\myprogram.sas'-stepchkpt -noworkterm -noworkinit -errorcheck strict -errorabend -chkptclean
```

- For checkpoint-restart data that is saved in a user-specified library, start a batch SAS session that includes these system options:
  - SYSIN, if required in your operating environment, names the batch program.
  - STEPCHKPT or LABELCHKPT enables checkpoint mode.
  - STEPCHKPTLIB or LABELCHKPTLIB specifies the libref of the library where SAS saves the checkpoint-restart data.
  - NOWORKTERM saves the Work library when SAS ends.
  - NOWORKINIT does not initialize the Work library when SAS starts.
• ERRORCHECK STRICT puts SAS in syntax-check mode when an error occurs in the LIBNAME, FILENAME, %INCLUDE, and LOCK statements.

• ERRORABEND specifies whether SAS terminates for most errors.

In the Windows operating environment, the following SAS command starts a batch program in checkpoint mode using a user-specified checkpoint-restart library:

```
sas -sysin 'c:\mysas\myprogram.sas' -labelchkpt -labelchkptlib mylibref -noworkterm -noworkinit -errorcheck strict -errorabbend
```

In this case, the first statement in MyProgram.sas is the LIBNAME statement that defines the **MyLibref** libref.

**Restarting Batch Programs**

To resubmit a batch SAS session using the checkpoint-restart data that is saved in the Work library, include these system options when SAS starts:

• SYSIN, if required in your operating environment, names the batch program.

• STEPCHECKPT or LABELCHECKPT continues checkpoint mode.

• STEPRESTART or LABELRESTART enables restart mode, indicating to SAS to use the checkpoint-restart data.

• NOWORKINIT starts SAS using the Work library from the previous SAS session.

• NOWORKTERM saves the Work library when SAS ends.

• ERRORCHECK STRICT puts SAS in syntax-check mode when an error occurs in the LIBNAME, FILENAME, %INCLUDE, and LOCK statements.

• ERRORABEND specifies whether SAS terminates for most errors.

• CHKPTCLEAN specifies whether to erase files in the Work library if the batch program runs successfully.

In the Windows operating environment, the following SAS command resubmits a batch program whose checkpoint-restart data was saved to the Work library:

```
sas -sysin 'c:\mysas\mysasprogram.sas' -stepchkpt -steprestart -noworkinit -noworkterm -errorcheck strict -errorabend -chkptclean
```

By specifying the NOWORKTERM system options and either the STEPCHECKPT or LABELCHECKPT system option, checkpoint mode continues to be enabled once the batch program restarts.

To resubmit a batch SAS session using the checkpoint-restart data that is saved in a user-specified library, include these system options when SAS starts:

• SYSIN, if required in your operating environment, names the batch program.

• STEPCHECKPT or LABELCHECKPT continues checkpoint mode.

• STEPRESTART or LABELRESTART enables restart mode, indicating to SAS to use the checkpoint-restart data.

• STEPCHECKPTLIB or LABELCHECKPTLIB specifies the libref of the checkpoint-restart library.

• NOWORKTERM saves the Work library when SAS ends.

• NOWORKINIT does not initialize the Work library when SAS starts.
• ERRORCHECK STRICT puts SAS in syntax-check mode when an error occurs in the LIBNAME, FILENAME, %INCLUDE, and LOCK statements.
• ERRORABEND specifies whether SAS terminates for most errors.

In the Windows operating environment, the following SAS command resubmits a batch program whose checkpoint-restart data was saved to a user-specified library:

```
sas -sysin 'c:\mysas\mysasprogram.sas' -labelchkpt -labelrestart -labelchklib
    -noworkterm -noworkinit mylibref -errorcheck strict -errorabend
```

### Ending a Process That Is Running as a SAS Server

If you are using another SAS server, use the Linux scripts that shipped with the servers to stop the process. You can also use these scripts to start (or restart) a server, as well as determine whether the server is already running. For more information about these scripts, contact your site administrator.

**Note:** If the server does not respond to the Linux script, then you can use the `kill` command to end the server process. For more information, see “Using the Linux kill Command” on page 19.

### Interrupting a SAS Process and the Underlying DBMS Process

**CAUTION:**

Interrupting a SAS process and the underlying DBMS process might kill all jobs that are running on your DBMS. Interrupting a SAS or DBMS process should be an exception. Use care when you construct your queries. For example, if SAS sends SQL to a DBMS, there is no way to interrupt the SQL statements because SAS no longer has control of them. The statements are running in the DBMS.

When you interrupt a SAS process, you might terminate the current query. If you are using the current query to create a new data set, then the data set is still created even if the query is terminated. If you are using the current query to overwrite a data set, then the data set is not overwritten if the query is terminated. In most cases, you do not receive a warning that the query did not complete.

**Note:** In this section, a SAS process refers to a series of events. It is not the process on the operating system. When you interrupt or terminate a SAS process, the process on the operating system might still be running.

In many cases (such as using Oracle in Linux environments), when you interrupt or terminate a query on a server, the following processes stop:

• Processing of current extractions. For example, if you forgot to include a WHERE clause in your SQL query and are now extracting one billion rows into SAS, issuing an interrupt stops the SAS process and the extract step in the DBMS.

• Processing of queries that are in progress on the server. For example, you might have a very complex extract query that executes for a long time before producing a result.
Issuing an interrupt stops the SAS and DBMS processes. As a result, the complex extract query running on your DBMS server is interrupted and terminated.

- Processing an update, delete, or insert. For example, you are updating, deleting, or inserting many rows in your DBMS. An interrupt stops the SAS and DBMS processes.
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Connecting to SAS Cloud Analytic Services from the Command Line

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How to Connect to SAS Cloud Analytic Services

Requirements to Connect to SAS Cloud Analytic Services
Before you can submit a program that connects to the SAS Cloud Analytic Services (CAS) server, you must have permission to access the CAS server. Your system administrator typically manages users and permissions.

In addition, the CAS server must be running before your program can connect to it. Your system administrator typically manages the servers that are used by SAS. For more information, see SAS Viya Administration: SAS Cloud Analytic Services.

To submit a program that connects to the CAS server from the command line:

• Create an Authinfo file. You must have an Authinfo file that provides your user ID and password for connecting to the CAS server. For more information, see “Create an Authinfo File” in SAS Viya Administration: Authentication.

  Note: The actual filename of the Authinfo file is .authinfo in a Linux environment.

• Specify the CAS server. You can provide this value with the CASHOST= option in the OPTIONS statement.

  Note: In SAS Studio, the CAS server is set automatically and does not need to be specified.

• Specify the server port value. The default value for the server port is 5570. You can provide this value with the CASPORT= option in the OPTIONS statement.

  Note: In SAS Studio, the CAS server port value is set automatically and does not need to be specified.

• Specify a CAS statement in your program to start your CAS session.

• As a best practice, at the end of the program, specify the TERMINATE option in a CAS statement. For example, this statement ends the CAS session called mysess:
When you submit a program from the command line, such as when you submit a program at a scheduled time overnight, be certain to specify the CAS server value and CAS server port value. Otherwise, your program does not connect to the CAS server.

**Example Program that Connects to SAS Cloud Analytic Services**

The following code connects to the CAS server:

```sas
/* These options must be included to connect to the CAS server in batch mode */
options cashost='host-name' casport=xxxxx;

cas casauto;
caslib _all_ assign;

proc cas;
  session casauto;

  /* Load source data (Cars) into a table in CAS */
  table.loadTable result=r /
    caslib="hps"
    path="carssashelp.sashdat"
    casOut={name="cars",replace=true};

  /* View variable information */
  table.columnInfo / table="cars";

  /* View table. The TO= parameter is similar to OBS=. */
  table.fetch /
    format=true
    sortby={
      {name="make",order="descending"},
      {name="model",order="descending"}
    }
    table="cars.sashdat"
    to=10;
  run;
quit;

cas casauto terminate;
```

**See Also**

CAS statement

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**Comparison of Batch Modes and Interactive Modes**

There are two methods of running a program in batch mode. One method is to submit a program from the command line without viewing it in an interface. The other is to submit the program from SAS Studio as a background submission. To do this, right-click on the program and submit it without first opening it in the code editor.
### Table 2.1  Comparison of Batch Mode from the Command Line or in SAS Studio

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<td>Invoke the SAS command, and specify the program to submit. To submit the program mySASprog.sas from the command line, issue this command: <code>sas mySASprog</code>&lt;br&gt;You can specify options in the invocation command:&lt;br&gt;<code>sas -errors 10 mySASprog</code>&lt;br&gt;The log and results are in separate files that begin with the name of the program that you are submitting. For example, if you submit the program mySASprog.sas, then the log and results are in the files mySASprog.log and mySASprog.lst, respectively.</td>
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<td>In SAS Studio (as a background submission)</td>
<td>Right-click on the program in the navigation pane, and submit it to run in the background. This runs the program in SAS Studio without first opening it in the code editor.&lt;br&gt;The log and results appear in SAS Studio.&lt;br&gt;For more information, see <a href="#">Write a Program in SAS Studio: User’s Guide</a>.</td>
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Introduction to SAS Files, Libraries, and Engines in Linux Environments

SAS Files

What Is a SAS File?
Your data can reside in different types of files, including SAS files and files that are formatted by other software products, such as database management systems. Under Linux, a SAS file is a specially structured Linux file. Although the Linux operating environment manages the file for SAS by storing it, the operating system cannot process it because of the structure built into the file by SAS. For example, you can list the filename with the `ls` command, but you cannot use the `vi` editor to edit the file. A SAS file can be permanent or temporary.

Case Sensitivity in Data Set Names
In Linux operating environments, SAS data set names are written in all lowercase characters. Because of this requirement, SAS reads only data set names that are written in all lowercase characters.

If you use the Linux utilities `mv` or `cp` to rename SAS data set names with uppercase or mixed-case characters, SAS can no longer read the data set names.

SAS Libraries and Librefs

SAS files are stored in SAS libraries. A SAS library is a collection of SAS files within a Linux directory. Any Linux directory can be used as a SAS library. SAS stores temporary SAS files in a Work library, which is automatically defined for you. You must specify a library for each permanent SAS file. For more information, see “Work Library” on page 42.

SAS libraries can be identified with librefs. A libref is a name by which you reference the directory in your application. For more information about how to assign a libref, see “Referring to SAS Files By Using Librefs in Linux” on page 35.

Engines

SAS files and SAS libraries are accessed through engines. An engine is a set of routines that SAS must use to access the files in the library. SAS can read from and, in some cases, write to the file by using the engine that is appropriate for that file type. For some file types, you need to tell SAS which engine to use. For others, SAS automatically chooses the appropriate engine. The engine that is used to create a SAS data set determines the format of the file.
Common Types of SAS Files in Linux Environments

SAS Data Sets

SAS Data Files (Member Type DATA)
The SAS data file is probably the most frequently used type of SAS file. These files have the extension .sas7bdat. SAS data files are created in the DATA step and by some SAS procedures.

Native SAS data files store data values and file metadata in files formatted by SAS. Native SAS data files that are created by the default engine can be indexed. An index is an auxiliary file created in addition to the data file it indexes. The index provides fast access to observations within a SAS data file by a variable or key. Under Linux, indexes are stored as separate files, but are treated as integral parts of the SAS data file by SAS.

CAUTION:
Do not remove index files using Linux commands. Removing the index file can damage your SAS data set. Also, do not change its name or move it to a different directory. Use the DATASETS procedure to manage indexes. An index file ends with the extension .sas7bndx.

SAS Views (Member Type VIEW)
A SAS view contains only the information needed to derive the data values and the descriptor information. Depending on how the SAS view is created, the actual data can be located in other SAS data sets or in other vendors’ files.

Views can be of two kinds:
• Native SAS views contain information about data in one or more SAS data files or SAS views. This type of view is created with the SQL procedure or DATA step.
• Interface SAS views contain information about data formatted by other software products such as a database management system.

For more information, see “Creating and Using PROC SQL Views” in SAS Viya SQL Procedure User’s Guide.

Sharing SAS Files in Linux

Sharing SAS Files

If more than one SAS process has Write access to a SAS file and both processes attempt to update the file at the same time, then the file is likely to be corrupted. For this reason, SAS locks the file to prevent more than one user from having Write access to it. When one SAS process opens a file with Write access, other processes are blocked from Write access until the first process closes the file. SAS provides statement and system options to override this file protection. However, in almost all cases, you should leave file protection turned on.
Be aware that SAS uses the cooperative file locking mechanism that is provided by the operating system. This means that you can place a Write lock on a file in a SAS session, but an external user can still modify or delete the file via a command in the operating system if the command does not honor cooperative locking.

**Options to Use for File Locking: SAS Files**

You can turn off file locking for SAS files in the following ways:

- Use the `FILELOCKS` option in the `LIBNAME` statement.
- Use the `FILELOCKS` system option.

**File Locking for SAS Files: The `FILELOCKS` Statement Option**

By default, SAS restricts Write access to one user. The `FILELOCKS` option in the `LIBNAME` statement overrides the default and allows multiple users to have Write access to a file. SAS files that are opened under the libref in the `LIBNAME` statement are the files that are locked. Multiple users have Read access to files.

**CAUTION:**

Setting `FILELOCKS=NONE` in a `LIBNAME` statement can result in data corruption. If multiple users have Write access to a file, then simultaneous updates to the file can generate unpredictable results.

The `FILELOCKS` statement option applies to most (but not all) of the SAS I/O files (for example, data sets and catalogs) that are opened under the libref in the `LIBNAME` statement.

For more information, see “`LIBNAME` Statement” in *SAS Viya Statements: Reference*.

**File Locking for SAS Files: The `FILELOCKS` System Option**

By default, SAS restricts Write access to one user. The `FILELOCKS` system option overrides this default for both SAS files and external files and allows multiple users to have Write access to a file. The `FILELOCKS` system option enables you to apply a behavior globally to individual files that are opened.

**CAUTION:**

Setting `FILELOCKS=NONE` can result in data corruption. If multiple users have Write access to a file, then simultaneous updates to the file can generate unpredictable results.

You can use the `FILELOCKS` system option in the `OPTIONS` statement or on the command line. You can specify multiple instances of the `FILELOCKS` system option. Each instance is added to an internal table of paths and settings. The `FILELOCKS` system option applies to most (but not all) of the SAS I/O files (for example, data sets and catalogs) that are opened under the libref in the `LIBNAME` statement. For more information, see “`FILELOCKS` System Option” in *SAS Viya System Options: Reference* and “`LIBNAME` Statement” in *SAS Viya Statements: Reference*.

**Waiting to Use a Locked File**

If you want to use a SAS file that is locked by another process, you can use the `FILELOCKWAIT` option in the `LIBNAME` statement to specify how long SAS waits for the locked file to become available to another process. The `FILELOCKWAIT` statement
option affects only those files that are opened under the libref in a LIBNAME statement. For more information, see “LIBNAME Statement” in SAS Viya Statements: Reference.

**When FILELOCKS=CONTINUE**

By default, SAS restricts Write access to one user. When you use the FILELOCKS=CONTINUE option, SAS fails to open a file if that file is locked by another user, and SAS writes an error message to the log. However, if SAS returns a message that identifies some other error, then SAS disregards the lock on the file, opens the file, and continues to execute the job.

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**Referring to SAS Files By Using Librefs in Linux**

**What Is a Libref?**

A libref is an alias that you can use to refer to a library during a SAS session or job. You will probably want to use a libref when one of the following is true:

- The data file pathname is long and must be specified several times within a program.
- The pathname might change. If the pathname changes, you need to change only the statement assigning the libref, not every reference to the file.
- Your application will be used on other platforms. Using librefs makes it easier to port an application to other operating environments.
- You need to concatenate libraries. For more information, see “Assigning a Libref to Several Directories (Concatenating Directories) in Linux” on page 38.

**Assigning Librefs**

**Methods for Assigning Librefs**

You can use the following methods to assign a SAS libref:

- LIBNAME statement
- LIBNAME function

A libref assignment remains in effect for the duration of the SAS job, session, or process unless you clear the libref or use the same libref in another LIBNAME statement or LIBNAME function.

If you assign a libref from a SAS process, that libref is valid only within that SAS process. If you clear a libref from within a SAS process, that libref is not cleared from other SAS processes.

**Using the LIBNAME Statement**

The LIBNAME statement identifies a SAS library to SAS, associates an engine with the library, enables you to specify options for the library, and assigns a libref to it. For information, see “LIBNAME Statement” in SAS Viya Statements: Reference.
Using the LIBNAME Function

The LIBNAME function takes the same arguments and options as the LIBNAME statement. For more information, see “LIBNAME Function” in *SAS Viya Functions and CALL Routines: Reference.*

Permanently Assigning a Libref

You might want to save a libref so that it is valid between SAS sessions. You can assign a libref permanently by using one of the following methods:

- Specify the LIBNAME statement or LIBNAME function in an autoexec file. For more information, see “LIBNAME Statement” in *SAS Viya Statements: Reference* or “LIBNAME Function” in *SAS Viya Functions and CALL Routines: Reference.*
- Use environment variables as librefs. Include these environment variables in your start-up files so that these variables are set when SAS is invoked.

Accessing a Permanent SAS Library By Using a Libref

After you have defined a libref, you can use the libref in one of two ways to access a permanent SAS library:

- as the first level of a two-level SAS filename:
  
  libref.member-name

  where *libref* is the first-level name referring to the directory where the file is stored, and *member-name* is the name of the file being read or created.

- as the value of the USER= option. For more information, see “Using One-Level Names to Access Permanent Files (User Library)” on page 42.

For example, these SAS statements access the Final data set in the Sales library that is stored in the /users/myid/mydir directory:

```
libname sales '/users/myid/mydir';
data sales.final;
```

Restricting Access to Files in Designated Paths

You can restrict access to files that are within a subset of librefs or paths. You specify the librefs or paths that are available while a server is in the locked-down state by using the LOCKDOWN statement and defining a list of available librefs or paths. Specify the LOCKDOWN statement in the AUTOEXEC file or with the INITSTMT= system option.

After you define the librefs or paths that are available, you can lock down a SAS session in batch mode by specifying the LOCKDOWN system option in the SAS command. Alternatively, you can specify the LOCKDOWN system option in the configuration file or in the SASV9_OPTIONS environment variable.

*Note:* The LOCKDOWN system option is not functional when you are running SAS in interactive line mode.

While a SAS session is in a locked-down state, only files within designated librefs or paths are available to users. In addition, there is limited access to SAS language features and functions.
Specifying Pathnames in Linux

Rules for Specifying Directory and Pathnames

Whether you specify a data filename directly in the various SAS statements or you specify the library name in a LIBNAME statement and then refer to the libref, the same rules apply for specifying Linux directory and file pathnames.

Specify directory and file pathnames in quotation marks. The level of specification depends on your current directory.

Example 1: Access a File That Is Not in the Current Directory

If `/u/2011/budgets` is not your current directory, then to access the data file named May, you must specify the entire pathname:

```sas
data '/u/2011/budgets/may';
```

If you want to use a libref, you specify:

```sas
libname budgets '/u/2011/budgets';
data budgets.may;
```

Example 2: Access a File in the Current Directory

If `/u/2011/budgets` is your current directory, you can specify only the filenames:

```sas
data 'quarter1';
    merge 'jan' 'feb' 'mar';
run;
```

Note: If you omit the quotation marks, then SAS assumes that these data sets are stored in the Work directory.

If you want to use a libref, you specify:

```sas
libname budgets './';
data budgets.quarter1;
    merge budgets.jan budgets.feb budgets.mar;
run;
```
Valid Character Substitutions in Pathnames

You can use the character substitutions in the following table to specify pathnames:

Table 3.1  Character Substitutions in Pathnames

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<td></td>
<td>Can be used only at the beginning of a pathname.</td>
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<tr>
<td>~/name/</td>
<td>Name's home directory (taken from the file /etc/passwd). Can be used only at the beginning of a pathname.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>!sasroot</td>
<td>Name of the sasroot directory (See Chapter 9, “The SASROOT Directory,” on page 73.) Specified only at the beginning of a pathname.</td>
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<td>.</td>
<td>Current working directory</td>
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<tr>
<td>..</td>
<td>Parent of current working directory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$VARIABLE</td>
<td>Environment variable VARIABLE</td>
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Assigning a Libref to Several Directories (Concatenating Directories) in Linux

Introduction to Concatenating Directories

You can use the LIBNAME statement to assign librefs and engines to one or more directories, including the Work directory.

If you have SAS data sets located in multiple directories, you can treat these directories as a single SAS library by specifying a single libref and concatenating the directory locations, as in the following example:

libname income ('/u/2011/revenue', '/u/2011/costs');

This statement indicates that the two directories, /u/2011/revenue and /u/2011/costs, are to be treated as a single SAS library.

If you have already assigned librefs to your SAS libraries, you can use these librefs to indicate that you want to concatenate the libraries, as in this example:

libname income ('/u/2011/corpsale', '/u/2011/retail');
libname costs ('/u/2011/salaries', '/u/2011/expenses');
libname profits (income, costs, '/u/2011/capgain');

This statement indicates that the five directories, /u/2011/corpsale, /u/2011/retail, /u/2011/salaries,
/u/2011/expenses, and /u/2011/capgain, are to be treated as a single SAS library called profits.

**How SAS Accesses Concatenated Libraries**

When you concatenate SAS libraries, SAS uses a protocol for accessing the libraries, which depends on whether you are accessing the libraries for read, write, or update.

SAS uses the protocol in the following sections to determine which directory is accessed. The protocol illustrated by these examples applies to all SAS statements and procedures that access SAS files, such as the DATA, UPDATE, and MODIFY statements in the DATA step, and the SQL and APPEND procedures.

### Accessing Files for Input and Update

When a SAS data set is accessed for input or update, the first SAS data set that is found by that name is the one that is accessed. For example, if you submit the following statements, and the data set old.species exists in both directories, the one in the mysasdir directory is the one that is printed:

```
libname old ('mysasdir','saslib');
proc print data=old.species;
run;
```

### Accessing Files for Output

If the data set is accessed for output, it is always written to the first directory, provided that the directory exists. If the directory does not exist, an error message is displayed. For example, if you submit the following statements, SAS writes the old.species data set to the first directory (mysasdir), and replaces any existing data set with the same name:

```
libname old ('mysasdir','saslib');
data old.species;
x=1;
y=2;
run;
```

If a copy of the old.species data set exists in the second directory, it is not replaced.

### Accessing Data Sets with the Same Name

If you use the DATA and SET statements to access data sets with the same name, the DATA statement uses the output rules and the SET statement uses the input rules. When you execute the following statements, assume that test.species originally exists only in the second directory, mysasdir. Execute the following statements:

```
libname test ('sas','mysasdir');
data test.species;
  set test.species;
  if value1='y' then
    value2=3;
run;
```

The DATA statement opens test.species for output according to the output rules. That is, SAS opens a data set in the first of the concatenated libraries (sas). The SET
statement opens the existing test.species data set in the second directory (mysasdir), according to the input rules. Therefore, the original test.species data set is not updated. After the DATA step executes, two test.species data sets exist, one in each directory.

Using Environment Variables as Librefs in Linux Environments

An environment variable can be used as a libref. The variable name must be in all uppercase characters, and the variable value must be the full pathname of the directory. That is, the name of the directory must begin with a slash.

Note: SAS on Linux does not support the assignment of the User libref using the USER environment variable.

Suppose that you want to use the library in /users/mydir/educ, and you want to refer to it with the EDUC environment variable. You can define the variable at the following times:

• Before you invoke SAS. See “Defining Environment Variables in Linux Environments” on page 67. For example, in the Korn shell, you use:
  
  export EDUC=/users/mydir/educ

• After you invoke SAS. You can use the X statement (see “Executing Operating System Commands from Your SAS Session” on page 8) and the SAS setenv command:
  
  x setenv EDUC /users/mydir/educ;

After the libref is defined, you can use it to access data sets stored in the library:

  proc print data=educ.class;
  run;

Note: If a variable and a libref have the same name, but they refer to different libraries, SAS uses the libref.

Librefs Assigned by SAS in Linux Environments

SAS automatically defines three librefs:

Sashelp
  contains a group of catalogs that contain information that is used to control various aspects of your SAS session. The Sashelp library is in the $SASROOT directory. For more information, see Chapter 9, “The SASROOT Directory,” on page 73.

Sasuser
  contains SAS catalogs that enable you to customize features of SAS for your needs. If the defaults in the Sashelp library are not suitable for your applications, you can modify them and store your personalized defaults in your Sasuser library.

Work
  is the temporary or scratch library automatically defined by SAS at the beginning of each SAS session or job. The Work library stores two types of temporary files: those
files that you create and those files that are created internally by SAS as part of normal processing.

These librefs and the library libref are reserved librefs. Sasuser and Work have operating system dependencies.

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**Sasuser Library**

**What Is the Sasuser Library?**

The Sasuser library contains the customizations that you specified for your SAS session. When you invoke SAS, it looks for the Sasuser directory to find these customizations. If this directory does not exist, SAS uses the SASUSER system option to create it. The default directory is set in the system configuration file (sasv9.cfg). The directory is usually set to the following:

```
-sasuser ~/sasuser.viya
```

This specification tells SAS to create a directory for the Sasuser library in your home directory. To determine the value of this directory for your system, use PROC OPTIONS or libname sasuser LIST.

You can permit Read-Only access to the Sasuser library by using the RSASUSER system option. For more information, see “SASUSER= System Option” in SAS Viya System Options: Reference and “RSASUSER System Option” in SAS Viya System Options: Reference.

After the Sasuser library has been created, SAS automatically assigns the same Sasuser libref to it each time you start a SAS session. It cannot be cleared or reassigned during a SAS session. If you delete the library, SAS re-creates it the next time you start a session. Because SAS assigns the libref for you, you do not need to use a LIBNAME statement before referencing this library.

**Sasuser.Registry Catalog**

**Overview of the Sasuser.Registry Catalog**

The Sasuser.Registry catalog is the regstry.sas7bitm file in your Sasuser library. If you change any Universal Printing entries or libref assignments during a SAS session, then SAS saves the changes in the Sasuser.Registry catalog.

**How SAS Accesses the Sasuser.Registry Catalog**

At invocation, SAS looks in the Sasuser directory to see whether it can write to the Sasuser.Registry catalog. If SAS cannot write to this catalog, then the following warning appears in the SAS log:

```
WARNING: Unable to open SASUSER.REGISTRY. WORK.REGISTRY will be used instead.
NOTE: All registry changes will be lost at the end of the session.
```

If SAS can read the Sasuser.Registry catalog, then SAS copies the Sasuser.Registry catalog to create a Work.Registry catalog (in the Work library). This Work.Registry catalog is used for the duration of the SAS session. Because the contents of the Work library are temporary, then any customizations that you save to the Work.Registry
catalog are lost at the end of the SAS session. However, the customizations saved in the Sasuser.Registry catalog still exist.

If SAS cannot read the Sasuser.Registry catalog, then SAS creates the Work.Registry catalog using the default settings for a SAS session. In this case, SAS issues an additional warning to the SAS log:

```
WARNING: Unable to copy SASUSER.REGISTRY to WORK.REGISTRY.
```

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**Work Library**

The Work library is the temporary library that is automatically defined by SAS at the beginning of each SAS session or job. The Work library stores temporary SAS files that you create, as well as files created internally by SAS.

To access files in the Work library, specify a one-level name for the file. The libref Work is automatically assigned to these files unless you have assigned the User libref.

When you invoke SAS, it assigns the Work libref to a subdirectory of the directory specified in the WORK system option described in “WORK System Option” in *SAS Viya System Options: Reference*. This subdirectory is usually named `SAS_workcode_nodename` and has the following characteristics:

- **workcode**
  - is a 12-character code. The first four characters are randomly generated numbers.
  - The next eight characters are based on the hexadecimal process identification number of the SAS session.

- **nodename**
  - is the name of the Linux computer where the SAS process is running.

This libref cannot be cleared or reassigned during a SAS session.

The WORKINIT and WORKTERM system options control the creation and deletion of the Work library. For more information, see “WORKINIT System Option” in *SAS Viya System Options: Reference* and “WORKTERM System Option” in *SAS Viya System Options: Reference*.

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**Using One-Level Names to Access Permanent Files (User Library)**

**Introduction to One-Level Names**

SAS data sets are referenced with a one- or two-level name. The two-level name has the form `libref.member-name`, where **libref** refers to the SAS library in which the data set resides and **member-name** refers to the particular **member** within that library. The one-level name has the form **member-name** (without a **libref**). In this case, SAS stores the files in the temporary Work library. To override this action and store files with one-level names in a permanent library, you must first assign the User libref to an existing directory. To refer to temporary SAS files while User is assigned, use a two-level name with WORK as the libref.
**Techniques for Assigning the User Libref**

You have three ways to assign the User libref:

- Assign the User libref directly using the LIBNAME statement:
  
  ```
  libname user '/users/myid/mydir';
  ```

- Specify the USER= system option before you start the SAS session. For example, you can assign the User libref when you invoke SAS:

  ```
  sas -user /users/myid/mydir
  ```

- Specify the USER= system option after you start the SAS session. First, assign a libref to the permanent library. Then, use the USER= system option in an OPTIONS statement to equate that libref to User. For example, these statements assign the libref User to the directory with libref `mine`:

  ```
  libname mine '/users/myid/mydir';
  options user=mine;
  ```

For more information, see “USER= System Option” in *SAS Viya System Options: Reference*.

*Note:* SAS on Linux does not support the assignment of the User libref using the USER environment variable.

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**Support for Links in Linux**

SAS provides limited support for hard links and symbolic links in Linux environments. You can create links that point to a SAS data set or SAS catalog. If you reference the link in a SAS program, SAS follows the link to find the data set or catalog.

For example, you can create a symbolic link in the `/tmp` directory to the `/home/user/mydata.sas7bdat` data set by entering the following command at the Linux prompt:

```
ln -s /home/user/mydata.sas7bdat /tmp/mydata.sas7bdat
```

The following SAS code uses the symbolic link in the `/tmp` directory to find the `mydata.sas7bdat` data set. This code does not change the symbolic link, but it does sort the data in the data set.

```sas
libname tmp '/tmp';

proc sort data=tmp.mydata;
  by myvariable;
run;
```

*Note:* SAS does not support links for a version data set or for a data set that has an index.
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Introduction to External Files and Devices in Linux

At times during a SAS session, you might want to use external files, that is, files that contain data or text, or files in which you want to store data or text. You can create, read, write, and delete external files from within SAS.

You can use external files in a SAS session to perform the following functions:

- hold raw data to be read with the INPUT statements
- store printed reports created by a SAS procedure
- submit a file containing SAS statements for processing
- store data written with PUT statements

For SAS, external files and devices can serve both as sources of input and as receivers of output. The input can be either raw data to be read into a DATA step or into SAS statements to be processed by SAS. The output can be one of the following:

- the SAS log, which contains notes and messages produced by the program
- the formatted output of SAS procedures
- data written with PUT statements in a DATA step

When you run SAS in batch mode or in interactive line mode, Linux enables you to use pipes to send data to and from operating system commands as if they were I/O devices.

Accessing an External File or Device in Linux Environments

Specifying a Pathname or a Fileref

To access an external file or device, you need to specify its pathname or fileref in the appropriate SAS statements:

**FILE**
specifies the current output file for PUT statements.

**%INCLUDE**
includes a file that contains SAS source statements that are executed when you submit a program.

[TIP] If you use %INCLUDE, the line limit is 6000 bytes.

**INFILE**
identifies an external file that you want to read with an INPUT statement.

In the SAS statement, refer to the file or device in one of two ways:
• Specify the pathnames for the external files. For more information, see “Specifying Pathnames in Linux Environments” on page 47.

• Assign a fileref to a device, one or more files, or a directory, and use the fileref when you want to refer to the file, directory, or device.

In most cases, you should use a fileref.

What Is a Fileref?

A fileref is a nickname that you assign to a file or device. You assign the fileref once, and then use it as needed. Filerefs are especially useful under the following conditions:

• The pathname is long and has to be specified several times within a program.

• The pathname might change. If the pathname changes, you need to change only the statement that assigns the fileref, not every reference to the file.

You can assign filerefs with the FILENAME statement, with the FILENAME function, or by defining the fileref as an environment variable.

Note: For a complete description of the FILENAME statement and the FILENAME function, see “FILENAME Statement” in SAS Viya Statements: Reference and “FILENAME Function” in SAS Viya Functions and CALL Routines: Reference.

Specifying Pathnames in Linux Environments

Rules for Specifying Pathnames

You can reference an external file directly by specifying its pathname in the FILE, INFILE, or %INCLUDE statements. You can reference the file indirectly by specifying a fileref and a pathname in the FILENAME statement, and then using the fileref in the FILE, INFILE, or %INCLUDE statements.

Whether you reference a file directly or indirectly, you need to specify its pathname in the appropriate statement. In most cases, you must enclose the name in quotation marks. For example, the following INFILE statement refers to the file /users/pat/cars:

infile '/users/pat/cars';

The following FILE statement directs output to a specified special device file:

file '/dev/ttypl';

Note: If a filename has leading blanks, then the blanks are trimmed.

The level of specification depends on your current directory. You can use the character substitutions shown in Table 3.1 on page 38 to specify the pathname. You can also use wildcards as described in “Using Wildcards in Pathnames (Input Only)” on page 49.

Omitting Quotation Marks in a Filename

You can omit the quotation marks in a filename if one of the following is true:

• There is not already a fileref defined with that pathname.

• The file has the file extension that is expected by the statement that you are using to refer to the file. If you do not enclose a filename in quotation marks, the FILE and
INFILE statements assume a file extension of .dat, and the %INCLUDE statement assumes a file extension of .sas.

• The file is located in the current directory.
• The filename is written with all lowercase characters.

For example, if the current directory is `/users/mkt/report`, and it includes file `qtr.sas`, you can reference `qtr.sas` in any of the following statements:

```sas
%include '/users/mkt/report/qtr.sas';
%include 'qtr.sas';
file 'qtr.sas';
```

If there is no `qtr` fileref already defined, you can omit the quotation marks and the file extension in the %INCLUDE statement:

```sas
%include qtr;
```

### Working with Mixed Case or Uppercase Filenames

Filenames in the Linux operating system are case sensitive. This means that a file named `PROGRAM` is not the same as a file named `program`. When you reference the name of a file that is written in mixed case or uppercase, and that filename is not enclosed in quotation marks, SAS converts the filename to lowercase. If the filename does not have a file extension, SAS adds the missing file extension.

For example, if you specify `%include code(PROGRAM);` in your program, SAS converts the filename `PROGRAM` to lowercase and adds an extension of .sas to the filename. `PROGRAM` becomes `program.sas`.

### Interpreting the Messages in the SAS Log

When you execute the following program, SAS converts `TEMP` to `temp` and adds an extension of .sas to the filename:

```sas
filename inc_code 'your-directory';
%include inc_code(TEMP);
```

SAS writes the following messages to the SAS log:

**WARNING:** Physical file does not exist, A.../your-directory/TEMP.sas.
**ERROR:** Cannot %INCLUDE member TEMP in the aggregate INC_CODE.

The warning message shows only the original filename (TEMP.sas), and not the lowercase conversion (temp.sas). This situation might cause confusion if a file named TEMP.sas does exist.

To avoid this confusion, include the file extension with the filename if the filename contains an extension. Or, enclose the mixed case or uppercase filename in quotation marks if the filename does not have an extension. For example:

```sas
%include code(TEMP.sas);
%include code("TEMP");
```

In both of these cases, SAS does not convert TEMP to lowercase.
Using Wildcards in Pathnames (Input Only)

Descriptions of Valid Wildcards
You can use the *, ?, and [ ] wildcards to specify pathnames in the FILENAME (only if the fileref is to be used for input), INFILE, and %INCLUDE statements and in the INCLUDE command.

* matches one or more characters, except for the period at the beginning of filenames.

? matches any single character.

[ ] matches any single character from the set of characters defined within the brackets. You can specify a range of characters by specifying the starting character and ending character, separated by a hyphen.

Wildcards are supported for input only. You cannot use wildcards in the FILE statement.

Example 1: Selecting Files By Including a Wildcard in a String
The following example reads input from every file in the current directory that begins with the string wild and ends with .dat:

```plaintext
filename wild 'wild*.dat';
data;
   infile wild;
   input;
run;
```

Example 2: Reading Each File in the Current Directory
The following example reads input from every file in every subdirectory of the current working directory:

```plaintext
filename subfiles '*/*';
data;
   infile subfiles;
   input;
run;
```

If new files are added to any of the subdirectories, they can be accessed with the Subfiles fileref without changing the FILENAME statement.

Example 3: Wildcards in Filenames When Using Aggregate Syntax
You can also use wildcards in filenames, but not in directory names, when you use aggregate syntax:

```plaintext
filename curdir ";.*";
data;
   infile curdir('wild*');
   input;
run;
```

In the example above, the period in the FILENAME statement refers to the current directory.
Example 4: Associating a Fileref with Multiple Files
The following statement associates the fileref MyRef with all files that begin with alphabetic characters. Files beginning with numbers or other characters, such as the period or tilde, are excluded.

filename myref '[a-zA-Z]*.dat';

The following statement associates MyRef with any file beginning with Sales (in either uppercase, lowercase, or mixed case) and a year between 2010 and 2019:

filename myref '[Ss][Aa][Ll][Ee][Ss]201[0-9].dat';

Assigning Filerefs to External Files or Devices with the FILENAME Statement

Introduction to the FILENAME Statement
The most common way to assign a fileref to an external file or device is with the FILENAME statement. There are several forms of the FILENAME statement, depending on the type of device that you want to access. For more information, see “FILENAME Statement” in SAS Viya Statements: Reference.

Accessing DISK Files
The most common use of the FILENAME statement is to access DISK files. The FILENAME syntax for a DISK file is the following:

FILENAME fileref <DISK> 'pathname'<options>;  

The following FILENAME statement associates the fileref myfile with the external file /users/mydir/myfile, which is stored on a disk device:

filename myfile disk '/users/mydir/myfile';

The following FILENAME statement assigns a fileref of prices to the file /users/pat/cars. The FILE statement then refers to the file using the fileref:

filename prices '/users/pat/cars';
data current.list;
   file prices;
   ...PUT statements...
run;

For more information about using DISK files, see “Concatenating Filenames in Linux Environments” on page 51.

Note: If a filename has leading blanks, then blanks are trimmed.

Debugging Code with DUMMY Devices
You can substitute the DUMMY device type for any of the other device types. This device type serves as a tool for debugging your SAS code without actually reading or
writing to the device. After debugging is completed, replace the DUMMY device name with the proper device type, and your program will access the specified device type.

Here is the FILENAME syntax for a DUMMY file:

```plaintext
FILENAME fileref DUMMY 'pathname' <options>;
```

Output to DUMMY devices is discarded.

**Using Temporary Files (TEMP Device Type)**

The TEMP device type associates a fileref with a temporary file stored in the same directory as the Work library. (See “Work Library” on page 42.) Using the TEMP device type enables you to create a file that lasts only as long as the SAS session.

Here is the FILENAME syntax for a TEMP file:

```plaintext
FILENAME fileref TEMP <options>;
```

For example, this FILENAME statement associates Tmp1 with a temporary file:

```plaintext
filename tmp1 temp;
```

**Assigning Filerefs to Files on Other Systems (SFTP Access Type)**

You can access files on other systems in your network by using the SFTP access method. Here are the forms of the FILENAME statement:

```plaintext
FILENAME fileref SFTP 'external-file' <sftp-options>;
```

These access methods are documented in “FILENAME Statement” in SAS Viya Statements: Reference.

### Concatenating Filenames in Linux Environments

You can concatenate filenames in the FILENAME, %INCLUDE, and INFILE statements. Concatenating filenames enables you to read those files sequentially.

```plaintext
FILENAME fileref ("pathname-1" ... "pathname-n");
%INCLUDE ("filename-1" ... "filename-n");
%INCLUDE "(filename-1' ... 'filename-n")";
INFILE ("filename-1" ... "filename-n");
INFILE "(filename-1' ... 'filename-n")";
```

You can enclose the pathnames in single or double quotation marks and separate them with commas or blank spaces. You can use the characters shown in Table 3.1 on page 38 and the wildcards described in “Using Wildcards in Pathnames (Input Only)” on page 49 to specify the pathnames.
Assigning a Fileref to a Directory (Using Aggregate Syntax)

Introduction to Aggregate Syntax

**Aggregate Syntax**
Aggregate syntax enables you to assign a fileref to a directory and then work with any file in that directory by specifying its filename in parentheses after the fileref.

```sas
FILENAME fileref directory-name;
```

Aggregate syntax is especially useful when you have to refer to several files in one directory.

**Example 1: Referring to a File Using Aggregate Syntax**
To refer to a file in the directory, specify the fileref followed by the individual filename in parentheses. For example, you can refer to the file cars.dat in the directory `/users/pat` as shown in this example:

```sas
filename prices ';/users/pat';
data current.list;
  file prices(cars);
  ...other SAS statements...
run;
```

**Example 2: Using Aggregate Syntax with Filerefs Defined by Environment Variables**
You can use aggregate syntax with filerefs that have been defined by environment variables. For more information, see “Using Environment Variables to Assign Filerefs in Linux Environments” on page 53. This example accesses the file cars.dat in the directory that is referenced by the PRICES environment variable:

```sas
x setenv PRICES /users/pat;
data current.list;
  file prices(cars);
  ...other SAS statements...
run;
```

**Assigning a Fileref to Several Directories**
In the FILENAME statement, you can concatenate directory names and use the fileref to refer to any file within those directories:

```sas
FILENAME fileref ("directory-1" ... "directory-n");
```

When you concatenate directory names, you can use aggregate syntax to refer to a file in one of the directories. For example, assume that the Report.sas file resides in the directory associated with the MYPROGS environment variable. When SAS executes the following code, it searches for Report.sas in the pathnames that are specified in the FILENAME statement, and it executes the program:

```sas
filename progs ("$MYPROGS" "/users/mkt/progs");
```
Using Environment Variables to Assign Filerefs in Linux Environments

Reading a Data File

If you want to read the data file /users/myid/educ.dat, but you want to refer to it with the INED environment variable, you can define the variable at two times:

- Before you invoke SAS, see “Defining Environment Variables in Linux Environments” on page 67. For example, in the Korn shell, you use the following:
  
  export INED=/users/myid/educ.dat

- After you invoke SAS by using the X statement (see “Executing Operating System Commands from Your SAS Session” on page 8) and the SAS setenv command:

  x setenv INED /users/myid/educ.dat;

After INED is associated with the file /users/myid/educ.dat, you can use ined as a fileref to refer to the file in the INFILE statement:

  infile ined;

Writing to an External File

The same method applies if you want to write to an external file. For example, you can define OUTFILE before you invoke SAS:

  OUTFILE=/users/myid/scores.dat
  export OUTFILE

Then, use the environment variable name as a fileref to refer to the file:

  file OUTFILE;

Filerefs Assigned by SAS in Linux Environments

Filerefs for Standard Input, Standard Output, and Standard Error

Often a command's arguments or options tell the command what to use for input and output, but in case they do not, the shell supplies you with three standard files: one for input (standard input), one for output (standard output), and one for error messages (standard error). By default, these files are all associated with your terminal: standard input with your keyboard, and both standard output and standard error with your terminal's display. When you invoke SAS, it assigns a fileref to each file that it opens,
including the three standard files. SAS assigns the filerefs Stdin, Stdout, and Stderr to standard input, standard output, and standard error, respectively.

**File Descriptors in the Bourne and Korn Shells**

Each file has an assigned internal file descriptor. By default, 0 is the file descriptor for standard input, 1 is the file descriptor for standard output, and 2 is the file descriptor for standard error. As other files are opened, they get other file descriptors. In the Bourne shell and in the Korn shell, you can specify that data be written to or be read from a file using the file descriptor.

If you are using the Bourne shell or the Korn shell, SAS assigns filerefs of the following form to files that have a file descriptor larger than 2:

```
FILDESCnumber
```

*number* is a two-digit representation of the file descriptor. You can use these filerefs in your SAS applications.

For example, if you invoke SAS with the following command, then the operating environment opens the file sales_data and assigns file descriptor 4 to it:

```
sas salespgm 4< sales_data
```

SAS assigns the fileref FILDES04 to the file and executes the application `salespgm`. When the application reads input from FILDES04, it reads the file `sales_data`. Using file descriptors as filerefs enables you to use the same application to process data from different files without changing the application to refer to each file. In the command that you use to invoke the application, you assign the appropriate file descriptor to the file to be processed.

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**Reserved Filerefs in Linux Environments**

The following filerefs are reserved:

- **DATALINES** fileref in the **INFILE** statement
  - specifies that input data immediately follow a **DATALINES** statement. You need to use **INFILE DATALINES** only when you want to specify options in the **INFILE** statement to read instream data.

- **LOG** fileref in the **FILE** statement
  - specifies that output lines produced by **PUT** statements be written to the SAS log. **LOG** is the default destination for output lines.

- **PRINT** fileref in the **FILE** statement
  - specifies that output lines produced by **PUT** statements be written to the same print file as output produced by SAS procedures.

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**Sharing External Files in a Linux Environment**

**Sharing External Files**

If more than one user has simultaneous Write access to an external file, or if a single user has Write access to the same file from different SAS sessions, the results of sharing the
file can be unpredictable. To remedy this situation, you can use a statement option or a system option to restrict Write access to one user, while allowing multiple users Read access. For more information, see “Sharing SAS Files” on page 33.

Options to Use for File Locking: External Files

File locking applies to all files that are opened. You can turn off file locking for external files in the following ways:

- Use the LOCKINTERNAL option in the FILENAME statement.
- Use the FILELOCKS system option.

File Locking for External Files: The LOCKINTERNAL Statement Option

You can control file locking for external files by using the LOCKINTERNAL option in the FILENAME statement. The AUTO option value locks a file exclusively for Write access or non-exclusively for Read access. For example, if a file is opened for update or output, then all other access from internal processes are blocked. If a file is opened for input, then other users can also open the file for input. In this case, opening the file for update and output is blocked. The SHARED option value allows for all of the behavior of the AUTO option, except that the file can be shared by one writer and multiple readers. The external file that is associated with the fileref is the file that is locked. By default, multiple users can simultaneously read an external file. For more information, see “FILENAME Statement” in SAS Viya Statements: Reference.

File Locking for External Files: The FILELOCKS System Option

You can control file locking for external files (and for SAS files) by using the FILELOCKS system option. This option enables you to apply a behavior globally to individual files or directories. Using FILELOCKS restricts Write access to one user. With file locking turned on, multiple SAS sessions are able to simultaneously read the same file. You can use FILELOCKS at start-up, in the OPTIONS statement, or on the command line. You can specify multiple instances of the FILELOCKS option. Each instance is added to an internal table of paths and settings. For more information, see “FILELOCKS System Option” in SAS Viya System Options: Reference.

Reading from and Writing to Linux Commands (PIPE)

What Are Pipes?

Pipes enable your SAS application to receive input from any Linux command that writes to standard output and to route output to any Linux command that reads from standard input. In Linux commands, the pipe is represented by a vertical bar (|). For example, to find the number of files in your directory, you could redirect the output of the `ls` command through a pipe to the `wc` (word count) command:

```
ls | wc -w
```
Syntax of the FILENAME Statement to Assign a Fileref to a Pipe

Under Linux, you can use the FILENAME statement to assign filerefs not only to external files and I/O devices, but also to a pipe. Here is the syntax of the FILENAME statement:

FILENAME fileref PIPE 'Linux-command' <options>;

fileref
is the name by which you reference the pipe from SAS.

PIPE
identifies the device type as a Linux pipe.

'Linux-command'
is the name of a Linux command, executable program, or shell script to which you want to route output or from which you want to read input. The commands must be enclosed in either double or single quotation marks.

options
control how the external file is processed. For an explanation of these options, see “FILENAME Statement” in SAS Viya Statements: Reference.

Whether you are using the command as input or output depends on whether you use the fileref in a reading or writing operation. For example, if the fileref is used in an INFILE statement, then SAS assumes that the input comes from a Linux command. If the fileref is used in a FILE statement, then SAS assumes that the output goes to a Linux command.

Using the Fileref for Reading

Specifying a Fileref for Reading

When the fileref is used for reading, the specified Linux command executes, and any output sent to its standard output or standard error is read through the fileref. In this case, the standard input of the command is connected to /dev/null.

Example 1: Sending the Output of the Process Command to a SAS DATA Step

The following SAS program uses the PIPE device type keyword to send the output of the ps (process) command to a SAS DATA step. The resulting SAS data set contains data about every process currently running SAS:

filename ps_list pipe "ps -e|grep 'sas'";
data sasjobs;
   infile ps_list;
   length process $ 80;
   input process $ char80.;
run;
proc print data=sasjobs;
run;

The ps -e command produces a listing of all active processes in the system, including the name of the command that started the task.

The operating environment uses pipes to send the output from ps to the grep command, which searches for every occurrence of the string 'sas'. The FILENAME statement connects the output of the grep command to the fileref ps_list. The DATA step then
creates a data set named `sasjobs` from the INFILE statement that points to the input source. The INPUT statement reads the first 80 characters on each input line.

**Example 2: Using the Stdin Fileref to Read Input**

In the next example, the Stdin fileref is used to read input through a pipe into the SAS command. The SAS command then executes the SAS program. By placing the pipe operation outside of the SAS program, the program becomes more general. The program in the previous example has been changed and stored in a file called `ps.sas`:

```sas
data sasjobs;
    infile stdin;
    length process $ 80;
    input process $ char80.;
run;
proc print data=sasjobs;
run;
```

To run the program, use pipes to send the output of `ps` to `grep` and from `grep` into the SAS command:

```bash
ps -e|grep 'sas'|sas ps.sas &
```

The output is stored in `ps.lst` and the log is stored in `ps.log`.

**Using the Fileref for Writing**

**Specifying a Fileref for Writing**

When the fileref is used for writing, the output from SAS is read in by the specified Linux command, which then executes.

**Example: Starting a Remote Shell and Printing Output**

Consider this FILENAME statement:

```bash
filename letterq pipe 'remsh alpha lp -dbldga3';
```

Any data sent to the `letterq` fileref is passed to the Linux command, which starts a remote shell on the computer named Alpha. Note that the form of the command that starts a remote shell varies among the various Linux operating systems. The shell then prints the `letterq` output on the printer identified by the destination BLDGA3. Any messages that are produced by the `lp` command are sent to the SAS log.

**Running External Lua Files**

You can run external scripts written in the Lua programming language from the SAS command line. You can run both uncompiled Lua scripts (*.lua files) or precompiled Lua scripts (*.luc files). Support for running external Lua files was added in the third maintenance release for SAS 9.4.

To run the files, use the -SYSIN option on the SAS command line. For example, to run the file `abc.lua`, submit this command:

```bash
sas -sysin abc.lua
```
You can also run external Lua scripts (*.lua or *.luc files) using the `%INCLUDE` statement in a SAS session. For example, to run the Lua script abc.luc, enter the following line in your SAS program:

```
%include './tmp/abc.luc';
```
Chapter 5
Data Representation

Numeric Variable Length and Precision in Linux Environments

The default length of numeric variables in SAS data sets is 8 bytes. (You can control the length of SAS numeric variables with the LENGTH or ATTRIB statements in the DATA step.)

The issue of numeric precision affects the return values of almost all SAS math functions and many numeric values returned from SAS procedures. Numeric values in SAS for Linux are represented as IEEE double-precision floating-point numbers. The decimal precision of a full 8-byte number is effectively 15 decimal digits.

The following table specifies the significant digits and largest integer that can be stored exactly in SAS numeric variables.

Table 5.1 Significant Digits and Largest Integer by Length for SAS Variables under Linux

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Length in Bytes</th>
<th>Significant Digits Retained</th>
<th>Largest Integer Represented Exactly</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>8,192</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>2,097,152</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>536,870,912</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>137,438,953,472</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>35,184,372,088,832</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
When you are specifying variable lengths, keep in mind that the length of a variable affects both the amount of disk space used and the number of I/O operations required to read and write the data set.

If you know that the value of a numeric variable will be an integer between -8192 and 8192 inclusive, you can use a length of 3 to store the number and thus save space in your data set. For example:

```sas
data mydata;
  length num 3;
  ...more SAS statements...
run;
```

Numeric dummy variables (variables whose only purpose is to hold 0 or 1) can be stored in a variable whose length is 3 bytes.

**CAUTION:**

Use the LENGTH statement to reduce length only for variables whose values are always integers. Fractional numbers lose precision if they are truncated. In addition, you must ensure that the values of your variable are always represented exactly in the number of bytes that you specify. You can do this programmatically in a DATA step with the TRUNC function. No warnings or errors are issued when the length that you specify in the LENGTH statement results in the truncation of data.

### Missing Values in Linux Environments

In SAS on Linux, missing values are represented by IEEE Not-a-Number values. An IEEE Not-a-Number value is an IEEE floating-point bit pattern that represents something other than a valid numeric value. These numbers are not computationally derivable.

### Reading and Writing Binary Data in Linux Environments

Different computers store numeric binary data in different forms. If you try to move binary data in flat files across systems that are incompatible, problems will occur. A safer way to move data is by using SAS data sets.

SAS provides several sets of informats and formats for handling binary data. Some of these informats and formats are host dependent. For example, the IBw.d, PDw.d, PIBw.d, and RBw.d informats and formats read and write data in native mode. That is, they use the byte-ordering system that is standard for the computer.

For more information about all of the informats and formats, see *SAS Viya Formats and Informats: Reference*.
Converting a Linux Datetime Value to a SAS Datetime Value

A Linux datetime value is stored as the number of seconds since January 1, 1970. A SAS datetime value is stored as the number of seconds since January 1, 1960. To convert a Linux datetime value to a SAS datetime value, you must add 10 years in seconds to the Linux datetime value.

The INTNX function converts a Linux datetime value to a SAS datetime value, as shown in the example below:

```sas
data Linux_to_SAS;
  input Linux_datetime;
  /* The INTNX function accounts for leap years. */
  SAS_datetime = intnx('DTyear',Linux_datetime,10,'s');
  format SAS_datetime datetime20.;
format Linux_datetime datetime20.;
datalines;
1285560000
1313518500
1328414200
;
proc print data=Linux_to_SAS;
run;
```

The following output displays the results.

*Figure 5.1 Conversion of a Linux Datetime Value to a SAS Datetime Value*

For more information, see “INTNX Function” in SAS Viya Functions and CALL Routines: Reference.
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Dictionary

SETENV Command: Linux
Defines an environment variable and assigns a value to it.

Syntax

```
SETENV <variable-name> <variable-value>
UNSETENV variable-name
```

Required Argument

`variable-name`
specifies a Linux environment variable that you can set. This value is required when you use the UNSETENV command.

Optional Argument

`variable-value`
specifies the value of a Linux environment variable.

Details

The SETENV command can be used to define an environment variable and assign a value to it. The value of an environment variable can be retrieved from within the SAS session using the SYSGET function during autoexec processing. The command `x setenv a /tmp;` sets `a=/tmp`. The command `x echo $a;` results in the value `/tmp`.

The UNSETENV command removes an environment variable. The memory for the entry and the environment variable is released.
**X Command: Linux**

Enables you to enter Linux commands without ending the SAS session.

---

**Syntax**

```
X command
X 'command-1; command-2....<; command-n>'
```

**Required Argument**

`command`

specifies a Linux command.

**Details**

When you enter the X command, SAS starts a shell to execute the commands that you specified. The commands that you enter are processed differently, depending on whether you enter one command or more than one command.

**See Also**

“Executing Operating System Commands from Your SAS Session” on page 8
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Environment Variables Available in Batch and Line Mode

Defining Environment Variables in Linux Environments

What Is a Linux Environment Variable?
Linux environment variables are variables that apply to both the current shell and to any subshells that it creates (for example, when you send a job to the background or execute a script). If you change the value of an environment variable, the change is passed forward to subsequent shells, but not backward to the parent shell.

In a SAS session, you can use the SASV9_OPTIONS environment variable to specify system options and the SASV9_CONFIG environment variable to specify a configuration file. Any changes that you make to an environment variable after initialization of a SAS session are not recognized.

You can also use environment variables as filerefs and librefs in various statements and commands. Filerefs and librefs consist of uppercase letters, digits, and the underscore character in environment variable names. Other characters are not recognized by SAS. For more information, see “Using Environment Variables as Librefs in Linux Environments” on page 40 or “Using Environment Variables to Assign Filerefs in Linux Environments” on page 53.

Note: A SAS/ACCESS product initializes the environment variables that it needs when loading. For more information, see the documentation for your SAS/ACCESS product.
How to Define an Environment Variable for Your Shell

Defining Environmental Variables
The way in which you define an environment variable depends on the shell that you are running. (To determine which shell you are running, type `ps` at the command prompt or `echo $SHELL` to see the current value of the SHELL environment variable.)

Bourne and Korn Shells
In the Bourne shell and in the Korn shell, use the `export` command to export one or more variables to the environment. For example, these commands make the value of the variable `scname` available to all subsequent shell scripts:

```
$ scname=phonelist
$ export scname
```

In the Korn shell, you can combine these commands into one command:

```
$ export scname=phonelist
```

If you change the value of `scname`, then the new value affects both the SHELL variable and the environment variable. If you do not export an environment variable, only the shell script that you define has access to its value.

C Shell
In the C shell (csh and tcsh), you set (define and export) environment variables with the `setenv` (set environment) command. For example, this command is equivalent to the commands shown previously:

```
% setenv scname phonelist
```

Displaying the Value of an Environment Variable
To display the values of individual environment variables, use the `echo` command and parameter substitution. An example is `echo $SHELL`, which returns the current value of the SHELL variable. Use the `env` (or `printenv`) command to display all environment variables and their current values.

Dictionary

AUTHINFO Environment Variable
Specifies the location of the file in which a user ID and password are kept for authentication, typically called the Authinfo file.

Details
Use the AUTHINFO environment variable to specify the location of the Authinfo file on your system. This variable can be set to the location of one or more files. Use a semicolon to separate multiple filenames. Set the value of the AUTHINFO environment
variable using the instructions in “How to Define an Environment Variable for Your Shell” on page 68.

The value that you specify typically includes the path and filename for the Authinfo file on your system. For example, when working in a C shell, you might specify the AUTHINFO environment variable as follows:

```
setenv authinfo '$HOME/authInfo-file'
```

If the AUTHINFO= system option is set in a program that you run in batch mode, the system option value overrides the value that is set for the AUTHINFO environment variable.

For more information, see “Create an Authinfo File” in SAS Viya Administration: Authentication.

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**PATHENCODING Environment Variable**

Specifies the encoding for external file references and directory references when the encoding is different from the SAS session encoding.

**Details**

Set the value of the PATHENCODING environment variable using the instructions in “How to Define an Environment Variable for Your Shell” on page 68.

The encoding value that you assign specifies the encoding for external file references and directory references that are accessed from within a SAS program. Specify a value for this environment variable when external file encoding and directory encoding are different from the SAS session encoding. SAS uses the default session encoding when referencing external files and directories. The PATHENCODING environment variable provides an alternative encoding for external file and directory references.

PATHENCODING is valid only for files that are located on disk. When the PATHENCODING environment variable has a valid encoding value, SAS transcodes the pathname from the SAS session encoding into the specified encoding.

For a list of common encoding values, see “Common Encoding Methods” in SAS Viya National Language Support: Reference Guide.

The pathnames that you specify within a SAS program must be entered in the SAS session encoding. Do not specify pathnames in the encoding that you specify for the PATHENCODING environment variable.

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**SASV9_CONFIG Environment Variable**

Specifies the configuration file that is referenced when you start a SAS session.

**Details**

Set the value of the SASV9_CONFIG environment variable using the instructions in “How to Define an Environment Variable for Your Shell” on page 68.

The file specification that you assign to SASV9_CONFIG specifies the path and name of the configuration file that the SAS session uses. This configuration file contains all of the SAS system options that you want to use in a SAS session. For example, in a Korn
shell, you might assign the custom.cfg file in your home directory to SASV9_CONFIG as follows:

```bash
> export sasv9_config=/u/<user_id>/custom.cfg
```

### SASV9_OPTIONS Environment Variable

Specifies the list of SAS system options that are automatically used when you start a SAS session.

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#### Details

Use the SASV9_OPTIONS environment variable to specify a list of SAS system options that are automatically used when you start a SAS session. This is useful if you typically set the same SAS system options each time you work with SAS.

Here is an example of a command to set the SASV9_OPTIONS environment variable:

```bash
export sasv9_options = '-nonotes -echo "SAS is running"
```
Chapter 8
Utilities

The Utilities Directory in Linux

The `SASROOT/utilities` directory contains the following important subdirectories:

- **man**
  - contains the online manual pages for SAS.

- **bin**
  - contains the executable files for administrative tools. “Utilities in the /utilities/bin Directory” on page 71 describes some of the tools in this directory.

- **src/auth**
  - contains source files and documentation for the Linux Authentication API. The API enables administrators to add custom authentication methods to SAS authentication in Linux. For more information, see “The Linux Authentication API” on page 71.

The Linux Authentication API

The Linux Authentication API is a set of predefined routines that provide user authentication, identification, and permissions verification for SAS when running in Linux. The source files provide the ability to add site-specific behavior to the authentication, identification, permissions, and validations processes. Administrators that need to implement custom behaviors should contact SAS Technical Support.

Utilities in the /utilities/bin Directory

The following table briefly describes some of the tools in the `/utilities/bin` directory. You can use the Linux `man` command for information about these utilities.
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<th>Description</th>
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<td>sasauth module for site-specific authentication</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>authldap.so</td>
<td>sasauth module for LDAP authentication</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>authpam.so</td>
<td>sasauth module for PAM authentication</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>elsconf</td>
<td>tool to check ELS configuration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>elssrv</td>
<td>ELS server, tool to launch subprocesses</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>jproxy</td>
<td>tool used to launch the Java facilities within SAS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>objspawn</td>
<td>object spawner</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>patchname</td>
<td>resets the name of the SASROOT directory in the specified executable file</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sasauth</td>
<td>user identification and authentication utility</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sasauth.conf</td>
<td>configuration file for sasauth; specifies authentication module used and other options</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sasperm</td>
<td>user permissions utility</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sasumgmt</td>
<td>obtains and transcodes or decodes the user name and password into Unicode, calls the SAS authorization service to authenticate the user, and then exits with an exit status that indicates the success or failure of the authentication</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>setuid</td>
<td>directory</td>
</tr>
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Chapter 9

The SASROOT Directory

Introduction to the Sasroot Directory

When SAS is installed, its entire directory structure is located in a directory in your file system. This directory is called SASHOME. The location for the SASHOME directory is /opt/sas/viya/home. The traditional sasroot directory (SAS Foundation) is automatically installed in a subdirectory that is located in the SASHOME directory. The default directory for the sasroot directory is SASHOME/SASFoundation/.

Contents of the Sasroot Directory

The sasroot directory contains the files required to use SAS. This directory includes invocation points, configuration files, sample programs, catalogs, data sets, and executable files. You do not need to know the organization of these directories to use SAS.

If all available SAS products are installed on your system, the sasroot directory contains the files and directories that are listed in the following tables:

Table 9.1  SAS Files in the Sasroot Directory

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<th>SAS File</th>
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<td>sas</td>
<td>is the default invocation point for SAS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sasv9.cfg</td>
<td>is the default system configuration file for SAS. This file should not be edited. (See sasv9_local.cfg.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sasv9_local.cfg</td>
<td>is the file where user-specified system options should be added. This file overrides the options in the default system configuration file and prevents the options from being lost when you reinstall or upgrade SAS.</td>
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**Table 9.2  SAS Subdirectories in the Sasroot Directory**

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<td>bin</td>
<td>contains the invocation scripts for each language that is listed in the NLS directory. This directory also contains the sasenv script that sets the environment variables that are required by SAS. When you customize environment variable values, modify the sasenv_local file. The sasenv_local file is the last file that SAS reads when processing environment variables.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dbcs</td>
<td>contains the sasexe subdirectory and its executables.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>install</td>
<td>contains the admin subfolder, which contains data files and subfolders that are used by sassetup. It also contains registry and sasregord subfolders, which contain data files that are used to build the SAS Registry during installation post-processing.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>misc</td>
<td>contains miscellaneous components. This directory also contains components for various SAS products, such as script files for SAS/CONNECT software. In this directory, the DEPLOYMENT directory contains template files that are required by the SAS installation program. These template files should not be altered. There is also a SASSETUP directory, which contains program scripts that are used by the sassetup utility in the sasroot directory.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>nls</td>
<td>contains the subdirectory for national language and locale support. For SAS Viya, this directory is u8 (-LOCALE en_US for UTF-8 support). This directory contains the sasv9.cfg configuration file, which makes the NLS-specific content available in SAS when SAS is invoked using the language-specific SAS invocation script. This directory also contains the sascfg subdirectory, which contains the SAS registry and data sets that are generated during installation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>samples</td>
<td>contains sample programs for different SAS products. These programs are organized by product subdirectory and might not include samples for every SAS product.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sasautos</td>
<td>contains predefined SAS macros. See “AutoCall Macros” in <em>SAS Viya Macro Language: Reference</em>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sasexe</td>
<td>contains executable files for different SAS products.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sashelp</td>
<td>is a SAS library that contains online Help files, menus, descriptions of graphics devices, and other catalogs used by SAS procedures that support windows.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sasmsh</td>
<td>contains files that contain all of the messages and notes that are used by SAS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>utilities</td>
<td>contains man pages and utility programs. For more information, see “The Utilities Directory in Linux” on page 71.</td>
</tr>
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Recommended Reading

- *SAS Viya Data Set Options: Reference*
- *SAS Viya Formats and Informats: Reference*
- *SAS Viya Functions and CALL Routines: Reference*
- *SAS Viya Macro Language: Reference*
- *SAS Viya Statements: Reference*
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