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About This Book

Audience

This book is designed for all users of SAS Studio. SAS Studio was initially released with the first maintenance release for SAS 9.4. SAS Studio 3.6 is the latest release.
What’s New in SAS Studio 3.6

Overview

SAS Studio 3.6 includes these new features and enhancements:

- ability to create a SAS program from a process flow. For more information, see “Creating a SAS Program from a Process Flow” on page vii.
- new code snippets that help you connect to SAS Viya. For more information, see “New Code Snippets” on page viii.
- enhancements to the background submit feature. For more information, see “New Background Submit Features” on page viii.
- new preferences that enable you to control whether items in the navigation pane are automatically refreshed. For more information, see “Preferences for Refreshing the Navigation Pane” on page viii.
- new Start Up preferences that determine whether SAS Studio opens in the state that you closed it. For more information, see “New Start Up Preferences” on page viii.
- ability to generate HTML graphs in the SVG format. For more information, see “New HTML Graph Format” on page viii.
- ability to match parentheses, square brackets, and braces. For more information, see “New Parentheses Matching Feature” on page viii.
- many new tasks for power and sample size analysis, cluster analysis, and network optimization. New Viya Machine Learning tasks enable you to run SAS code in a SAS Viya environment. For more information, see “SAS Studio Tasks” on page ix.

Creating a SAS Program from a Process Flow

You can generate a SAS program from the nodes in a process flow. The code is listed in the program in the order in which it runs in the process flow. For more information, see “Generating Code from a Process Flow” on page 71.
New Code Snippets

There is a new category of Viya Cloud Analytic Services code snippets to help you connect to SAS Viya and work with CAS tables. For more information, see “Why Use Code Snippets?” on page 31.

New Background Submit Features

You can now specify the location of the log and output files. You can also specify what action to take if an output or log file already exists. For more information, see “Setting Preferences for Background Job Submissions” on page 112.

Preferences for Refreshing the Navigation Pane

You can now specify whether SAS Studio automatically refreshes the libraries and the files and folders after you run a program, task, or query. For more information, see “Setting General Preferences” on page 105.

New Start Up Preferences

You can specify whether SAS Studio attempts to restore the tabs that were open in your prior session or open with a new program or process flow tab. For more information, see “Setting the Start Up Preferences” on page 107.

New HTML Graph Format

You can choose to generate HTML graphs in the SVG format instead of the PNG format. For more information, see “Setting the Result Preferences” on page 110.

New Parentheses Matching Feature

You can match nested parentheses, square brackets, and braces within a program. For more information, see “Matching Parentheses” on page 24.
SAS Studio Tasks

New Tasks

The tasks that are shipped with SAS Studio are documented in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide*. All of the tasks that are available with SAS Studio are documented. However, the tasks that are available at your site depend on whether you license and install other SAS products.

- **Power and Sample Size**
  - The One-Way ANOVA task calculates power and sample size analyses for one degree of freedom contrasts and the overall $F$ test. For more information, see “One-Way ANOVA” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide*.
  - The Logistic Regression task calculates power and sample size analyses for the likelihood ratio chi-square test of a single predictor in binary logistic regression, possibly in the presence of one or more covariates that might be correlated with the tested predictor. For more information, see “Logistic Regression” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide*.
  - The Survival Rank Test task calculates power, sample size, or number of events for two-sample survival rank tests. For more information, see “Survival Rank Test” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide*.
  - The Wilcoxon Test task calculates power and sample size analyses for the Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney test for two independent groups. This test is also called the Wilcoxon rank-sum test, Mann-Whitney-Wilcoxon test, and Mann-Whitney U test. For more information, see “Wilcoxon Test” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide*.

- **Cluster Analysis**
  - The Compute Similarities and Distances task computes various measures of distance, dissimilarity, or similarity between observations in an input SAS data set. For more information, see “Compute Similarities and Distances” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide*.
  - The Cluster Variables task finds clusters of variables to use in additional clustering or to select non-redundant variables in further clustering. For more information, see “Cluster Variables” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide*.
  - The K-Means Clustering task enables you to cluster interval or ratio data using the $k$-means algorithm. This task is a good starting point for cluster analysis. For more information, see “K-Means Clustering” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide*.
  - The Cluster Observations task enables you to perform hierarchical or $k$-means cluster analysis. The Cluster Observations task can be used either with coordinate data or distance data. The distance data can be created using the Compute Similarities and Distances task. For more information, see “Cluster Observations” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide*.
  - The Estimate Cluster Covariances task uses the Art, Gnanadesikan, and Kettenring method to estimate within-cluster covariances. This approach might
result in more spherical clusters when the resulting canonical variables are clustered. For more information, see “Estimate Within-Cluster Covariances” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide.*

- **Network Optimization**
  - The Biconnected Components task finds all biconnected components. For more information, see “Biconnected Components” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide.*
  - The Connected Components task finds all connected components of a graph. For more information, see “Connected Components” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide.*
  - The Cycle Detection task finds the elementary cycles of an input graph. An elementary cycle is a path in which the start node and the end node are the same and no node appears more than once in the sequence. For more information, see “Cycle Detection” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide.*
  - The Linear Assignment task assigns any abstract object from one group to some abstract object from a second group at minimal costs. For more information, see “Linear Assignment” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide.*
  - The Maximal Cliques task finds the maximal cliques of a graph. A clique is an induced subgraph such that every node in that subgraph is connected to every other node. A maximal clique is a clique that is not a subset of the nodes of any larger clique. For more information, see “Maximal Cliques” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide.*
  - The Minimum Cut task finds a minimum cut of an undirected graph that has the smallest link metric. A cut is a partition of the nodes of a graph into two disjoint subsets. For more information, see “Minimum Cut” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide.*
  - The Minimum Spanning Tree task finds the spanning tree, among all possible spanning trees, that has the minimum link cost. For more information, see “Minimum Spanning Tree” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide.*
  - The Minimum Cost Network Flow task sends flow over a network at minimal cost. For more information, see “Minimum Cost Network Flow” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide.*
  - The Shortest Path task calculates paths between sets of nodes on the input graph with the lowest total link weight. For more information, see “Shortest Path” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide.*
  - The Transitive Closure task calculates the transitive closure of a graph. For more information, see “Transitive Closure” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide.*
  - The Traveling Salesman Problem task finds a minimum cost tour in a graph. A tour of a graph is a sequence of nodes where the start node and the end node are the same. Every node in the graph is visited once. In solving this problem, the goal is to find a tour that minimizes the sum of the costs of the links in the tour. For more information, see “Traveling Salesman Problem” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide.*

- **Viya Machine Learning**
  - The Connect to Viya task enables you to connect your SAS Studio session to a SAS Viya environment. For more information, see “Connect to Viya” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide.*
Enhancements to the Common Task Model

Here are the enhancements to the Common Task Model for SAS Studio 3.6:

• The new `passwordtext` control enables you to prompt for a password in your custom tasks.

• For the predefined $CTMUtil variable, the new `doublequotestring` method encloses a string in double quotation marks.

• For the datasource object in Velocity, the new `getDistinctValues` function returns an array of the distinct values for a given column name for the current data source.

• To use the `getWhereClause` method, you must specify `where = "true"` in the `DataSource` element. Any filter that is added to a data source can affect any distinct controls (such as the `getDistinctCount` and `getDistinctValues` methods) that are associated with the same data source.

For more information about the common task model and writing your own custom tasks for SAS Studio, see *SAS Studio 3.6 Developer's Guide for Writing Custom Tasks*. 

• The Factorization Machine task combines the advantages of smart machine vision (SMV) with factorization models. For more information, see “Factorization Machine” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide*.

• The Forest task produces an ensemble of tree-based statistical models called decision trees for interval or nominal targets. It uses the Random Forest approach. For more information, see “Forest” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide*.

• The Gradient Boosting task produces an ensemble of tree-based statistical models called decision trees for interval or nominal targets. It uses the gradient boosting approach. For more information, see “Gradient Boosting” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide*.

• The Neural Network task uses a large set of adaptive weights to accurately approximate complex and nonlinear relationships between inputs and targets. For more information, see “Neural Network” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide*.

• The Support Vector Machine task performs classification analysis for binary targets by using a support vector machine, which is a supervised machine learning method. For more information, see “Support Vector Machine” in *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide*. 

Enhancements to the Common Task Model
Chapter 1
Introduction to SAS Studio

About SAS Studio

SAS Studio is a development application for SAS that you access through your web browser. With SAS Studio, you can access your data files, libraries, and existing programs, and you can write new programs. You can also use the predefined tasks in SAS Studio to generate SAS code. When you run a program or task, SAS Studio connects to a SAS server to process the SAS code. The SAS server can be a hosted server in a cloud environment, a server in your local environment, or a copy of SAS on your local machine. After the code is processed, the results are returned to SAS Studio in your browser.
SAS Studio supports multiple web browsers, such as Microsoft Internet Explorer, Apple Safari, Mozilla Firefox, and Google Chrome.

In addition to writing and running your own SAS programs, you can use the predefined tasks that are included with SAS Studio to analyze your data. The tasks are based on SAS System procedures and provide access to some of the most commonly used graph and analytical procedures. You can also use the default task template to write your own tasks.

SAS Studio includes two different perspectives: the SAS Programmer perspective and the Visual Programmer perspective. A *perspective* is a predetermined set of features that is customized to meet the needs of a specific user type. By selecting a specific perspective, you can narrow the choices that are available in the interface and focus on the features that you need to use regularly. By default, when you open SAS Studio, the SAS Programmer perspective is selected. After you open SAS Studio, you can change the perspective by using the perspectives menu on the toolbar. For more information, see “Understanding Perspectives” on page 13.

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**Using SAS Studio**

**About Using SAS Studio**

When you sign on to SAS Studio, the main SAS Studio window appears with a blank program window so that you can start programming immediately. You also have access to all five sections of the navigation pane.

*Note:* To sign out of SAS Studio, click **Sign Out** on the toolbar. Do not use the Back button on your web browser.
The main window of SAS Studio consists of a navigation pane on the left and a work area on the right. The navigation pane provides access to your server files and folder shortcuts, your tasks and snippets, the libraries that you have access to, and your file shortcuts. The **Server Files and Folders** section is displayed by default.

The work area is used to display your data, code, tasks, logs, and results. As you open these items, they are added to the work area as windows in a tabbed interface.

**Using the Navigation Pane**

**About Using the Navigation Pane**
You can expand the sections of the navigation pane by clicking the section that you want to view.

**Working with Server Files and Folders**
The **Server Files and Folders** section of the navigation pane enables you to access files and folders from the following locations:

- your SAS server
- any remote FTP server on which you have an account

*Note:* SAS Studio supports only FTP servers that use a directory listing similar to UNIX.

The contents of the **Server Files and Folders** section depend on the type of SAS Studio deployment. The default folder shortcuts and root directories can be configured by your SAS administrator. For more information, see *SAS Studio: Administrator’s Guide*.

You can open files that are saved on the SAS server or the FTP server, such as SAS program files or program package files. You can also create a folder shortcut to access your z/OS files, and you can open SAS tables that are saved on the SAS server.

*Note:* You cannot open SAS tables from a remote FTP server.

You can use the **Server Files and Folders** section to create folders and folder shortcuts, download and upload files, and create a new SAS program. From the folders tree, you can expand and collapse folders, copy and move items, and open items in folders by
double-clicking them or dragging them to the work area. In addition, you can open files from your folders and folder shortcuts by clicking on the SAS Studio toolbar. You can also view items in a folder as text.

**Note:** Files and folders that are located on an FTP server and are accessible by using an FTP shortcut cannot contain double-byte characters or any of the following characters in their names:

? / \ * " | : ; < >

SAS Studio cannot access, move, rename, or delete files and folders on an FTP server whose names contain invalid characters. In addition, you cannot rename or delete any global folder shortcuts.

To create a new folder shortcut:

1. Click **Server Files and Folders** in the navigation pane. Then click and select **Folder Shortcut**. The New Folder Shortcut window appears.

2. In the **Name** box, enter the name of the folder.

3. From the **Folder Type** drop-down list, specify whether the shortcut refers to a SAS server folder or an FTP folder.

4. If you are creating a shortcut to a SAS server folder, enter the physical path for the directory in the **Directory** box or click **Browse** to select a directory. To create a new folder when you are selecting a directory, click .

   If you are creating a shortcut to an FTP folder, enter the network address of the FTP host in the **Host Name** box as well as your user name and password. By default, the directory is the home directory of the FTP user. You can use the **Directory** box to specify another directory that is relative to the home directory. For example, if the home directory of the FTP user is `c:\homedir`, and you specify `data` in the **Directory** box, then the root directory of the shortcut is `c:\homedir\data` on the FTP server. You can validate your connection to the FTP server by clicking **Test**.

   **Note:** If your mid-tier and FTP servers are running different operating systems, you must fully qualify the name of the FTP host in the **Host Name** box. If this name is not fully qualified, then the connection might fail.
5. Click `Save` to create the folder shortcut. The new shortcut is added to the list of folder shortcuts.

To create a new folder, select the folder in the Server Files and Folders section in which you want to create the new folder. Click `Folder` and select `Folder`. The New Folder window appears. Enter the name of the new folder. The new folder is added to the list of folders.

To create a new XML file, Click `XML` and select `XML`. The new file opens in the XML editor in the work area.

To download a file, select the file that you want to download and click ``. You are prompted to open the file in the default application or save it to your local computer.

To upload one or more files from your local computer, select the folder to which you want to upload the files and click ``. The Upload Files window appears. Click `Choose Files` to browse for the files that you want to upload.

**Working with Tasks**

The Tasks and Utilities section of the navigation pane enables you to access tasks in SAS Studio. Tasks are based on SAS procedures and generate SAS code and formatted results for you. SAS Studio is shipped with several predefined tasks that you can run. You can also edit a copy of these predefined tasks, and you can create your own new tasks.

To create a new task, click `New Task` and select `New Task`. SAS Studio creates a template in the work area that you can use to create custom tasks for your site. Custom tasks can be
accessed from the My Tasks folder or from the Server Files and Folders section of the
navigation pane. For more information, see Chapter 7, “Understanding Tasks in SAS
Studio,” on page 99.

To edit a task that you have created, select the task from the My Tasks folder and click
. The XML code that is used to create the task is opened in the work area. If you
want to edit a predefined task, you must first right-click the task and select Add to My
Tasks or Add to Folders. For more information, see “Edit a Predefined Task” on page
102.

**Working with Snippets**

The Snippets section of the navigation pane enables you to access your code snippets.
Code snippets are samples of commonly used SAS code that you can insert into your
SAS program. SAS Studio is shipped with several predefined code snippets that you can
use. You can also edit a copy of these snippets and create your own custom snippets.
Your custom snippets can be accessed from the My Snippets folder. For more
information, see Chapter 2, “Working with Programs,” on page 17.

To edit a snippet that you have created, select the snippet from the My Snippets folder
and click . If you want to edit a predefined snippet, you must first right-click the
snippet and select Add to My Snippets.

*Note:* You can edit only the snippets that are in the My Snippets folder.

**Working with Libraries**

The Libraries section of the navigation pane enables you to access your SAS libraries.
SAS tables are stored in SAS libraries. From the Libraries section, you can open SAS
tables and add them to your programs. You can use the Libraries section to expand a
table and view the columns in that table. The icon in front of the column name indicates
the type.

Here are examples of common icons for the column types.

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<td>Datetime</td>
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You can drag tables and columns from the Libraries section to a program, and SAS
Studio adds code for the dragged items to your program. For more information, see
“Opening and Creating Programs” on page 18.

*Note:* The Sasuser library is read only, as in any SAS server environment. You cannot
save content to this library.

You can also create new libraries and assign existing libraries.
To create a new library:

1. Click **Libraries** in the navigation pane and then click 📁. The New Library window appears.

![New Library Window]

2. In the **Name** box, enter the libref for the library. The libref must be eight characters or fewer.

3. In the **Path** box, enter the physical path where the library resides or click **Browse** to select a location. To create a new folder when you are selecting a location, click 📌.

4. In the **Options** box, specify any configuration options that you need. For the appropriate options, see the documentation for your operating environment.

5. If you want to access this library each time you use SAS Studio, select **Re-create this library at start-up**.

6. Click **OK** to create the library. The new library is added to the list of libraries in the navigation pane.

In the SAS Studio Mid-Tier (the enterprise edition) deployment, you can assign unassigned metadata libraries by clicking 📁. The libraries that you can assign must already be defined in your metadata. If you want to access the selected libraries each time you use SAS Studio, select **Assign selected libraries at start-up**. If a library is unassigned, then you cannot access the tables in that library.

### Using File Shortcuts

File shortcuts enable you to quickly access files that you specify. You can create a file shortcut to a file on your SAS server, via a URL, or on your FTP server.

**Note:** You can create a file shortcut to a file on an FTP server only if you have created a folder shortcut to an FTP folder. FTP folders are not available by clicking **Browse** and using the Select File window, however. You must enter the pathname.

To create a new file shortcut, click 📁. You can define the shortcut by specifying a complete path and filename or by specifying a URL. If you want this shortcut to be
available the next time you use SAS Studio, select **Re-create this file shortcut at start-up**.

You can open a file from a file shortcut by double-clicking it or dragging it to the work area.

**Customizing the Navigation Pane**

By default, all five sections of the navigation pane are displayed when you open SAS Studio in the SAS Programmer perspective. To customize which sections are displayed, click and select **View**. Select or clear any sections that you want to add or remove. The navigation pane is updated immediately.

*Note:* The **File Shortcuts** section is not displayed by default in the Visual Programmer perspective.

**Using the Work Area**

**About Using the Work Area**

The work area is the main portion of the SAS Studio application for accessing programs and tasks and for viewing data. The work area is always displayed and cannot be minimized. When you open a program, task, or table, the windows open as new tabs in the work area. The code, log, and results that are associated with programs and tasks are grouped together under the main tab for the program or task.
Customizing the Work Area

By default, the work area is displayed beside the navigation pane, but you can maximize the work area and hide the navigation pane. You can also close all of the tabs in the work area at once.

To maximize the work area, click on the toolbar.

*Note*: To reopen the navigation pane, click again.

To close all tabs that are open in the work area, click and select Close All Tabs. You are prompted to save any unsaved programs or tasks.

Rearranging the Tabs in the Work Area

In the work area, you can rearrange the tabs by using a drag-and-drop operation to move them to the left or right. You can also dock a tab on the right side or bottom of the work area to view more than one tab at a time.

To rearrange a tab:

1. Select the tab that you want to move.
2. Move the tab icon to the location where you want to view this content. The icon indicates a valid location.
Note: The Results tab in Program 2 has also been moved to the right side of the program tab.

Searching in SAS Studio

You can use the Search feature to search all of the sections of the navigation pane. The types of items that you can search for depend on what is selected in the navigation pane. For example, if a folder or folder shortcut in the Server Files and Folders section is selected, you can search for folders and files, and you can choose whether to include subfolders in the search. If a task category in the Tasks and Utilities section is selected, you can search for task names, associated SAS procedures, and task descriptions.

To access the Search feature, click . The search box appears so that you can enter the text that you want to search for.

You can limit the scope of your search by selecting or clearing any of the Narrow by options. These options vary depending on what is selected in the navigation pane. By default, the search is case sensitive. To search for both uppercase and lowercase text, clear the Match case check box.

The following example shows a search for “class” in the Sashelp library. The search includes all tables and columns in the Sashelp library, and it is not case sensitive.
You can open an item from your results by double-clicking it. To return to your search results list, click again.

To clear the search results, click .

**Using the Messages Window**

The Messages window displays information about the programs, tasks, queries, and process flows that you run in SAS Studio. To open the Messages window, click **Messages** in the lower right corner of your SAS Studio browser window. You can subset the messages that are displayed by clicking the **Filter by** drop-down list and selecting the type of message that you want to view.

If you have run a SAS program in batch mode, you can click **View** to open the Batch Submission Status window. For more information, see “Running a Program as a Background Job” on page 19. If you have lost your connection to a repository, a message is displayed along with a **Test** button that you can use to test the connection.
Note: If you have selected the **Capture all log events** option, then you can also choose to display debug notifications in the Messages window. For more information, see “Setting General Preferences” on page 105.

**Understanding Perspectives**

Because SAS Studio can be used by a variety of people and groups within an organization, you can choose to view a specific subset of features, or perspective, that meets your needs best. Perspectives are sets of functionality that are customized to meet the needs of different types of users. SAS Studio includes two perspectives: the SAS Programmer perspective and the Visual Programmer perspective.

The SAS Programmer perspective is for users who intend to use SAS Studio mainly for writing and editing SAS programs. By default, the SAS Programmer perspective opens with a new program window and includes all five sections of the navigation pane so that you can easily manage all of your program files and code snippets.

The Visual Programmer perspective is designed for users who want to work with process flows in a project-based environment. You can use process flows in the Visual Programmer perspective to combine individual processes into one repeatable process flow that you can save, reuse, and share with other users. By default, the Visual Programmer perspective opens with a new process flow window and includes four sections in the navigation pane: Folders, Tasks, Snippets, and Libraries.

Note: If you open a process flow while you are using the SAS Programmer perspective, you are prompted to switch to the Visual Programmer perspective.

In both perspectives, you can run the predefined tasks that are shipped with SAS Studio, and you can create and edit tasks. You can also use both perspectives to create and run SAS programs and queries.

The differences between the perspectives can be viewed in the following table:
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<td>• Server Files and Folders</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>• Tasks and Utilities</td>
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<td>• Snippets</td>
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<td>• Libraries</td>
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<td>• File Shortcuts</td>
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<td>SAS Programs</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Queries</td>
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<td>Process Flows</td>
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</table>

After you have started SAS Studio and selected a perspective, you can change the perspective that you are using by clicking the perspectives menu on the toolbar and selecting the perspective that you want to use.

You can specify which sections of the navigation pane are displayed in SAS Studio by clicking and selecting View.

**Editing the Autoexec File**

The autoexec.sas file includes SAS statements that run each time you start SAS Studio and connect to your SAS server. For example, you can use the autoexec.sas file to assign libraries that you want to be available every time you use SAS Studio in both interactive and noninteractive modes.

*Note:* If you create a new library by using the New Library window, you can select the **Re-create this library at start-up** option to automatically add the LIBNAME statement to the autoexec.sas file. For more information, see “Working with Libraries” on page 6.

To edit the autoexec.sas file:

1. Click and select **Edit Autoexec File**.

2. Enter the code that you want to include in the autoexec.sas file.

3. To validate your syntax, click **Run**. The **Log** tab opens so that you can view the log.

4. Click **Save** to save and close the autoexec file.
Changing Your SAS Workspace Server

If you have access to more than one SAS workspace server, you can change the server that SAS Studio connects to. To change the server, click and select Change SAS Workspace Server. Select the server that you want to use. When you change servers, any libraries and file shortcuts that you created are deleted. For more information, see SAS Studio: Administrator’s Guide.
Chapter 2
Working with Programs

About the Code Editor

SAS Studio includes a color-coded, syntax-checking editor for editing new or existing SAS programs. You can also edit SOURCE entries in SAS catalogs. The editor includes a wide variety of features such as autocompletion, automatic formatting, and pop-up syntax help. With the code editor, you can write, run, and save SAS programs. You can also modify and save the code that is automatically generated when you run a task.

SAS Studio also includes several sample code snippets that you can use to make programming common tasks easier.
Opening and Creating Programs

Opening a Program

You can open SAS programs from the Server Files and Folders section of the navigation pane. To open a program, expand the appropriate folder and double-click the program that you want to open, or drag it into the work area. The program opens in a new tab in the work area.

Creating a Program

You can create a SAS program from the Server Files and Folders section of the navigation pane. To create a program, click and select SAS Program. A program window opens in a new tab in the work area.

Note: You can also click on the main application toolbar and select New SAS Program.

After you save your program, you can use the Enable autosave option to automatically create a copy of your new program as well as each previously saved program file that you are editing. You can use the auto-saved copies to recover the files if you lose your network connection or your browser closes unexpectedly. For more information, see “Setting the Editor Preferences” on page 108.

Note: The Enable autosave option is available only for programs that you have saved at least once.

Running a Program

After you have written your program, you can run the entire program or you can select specific lines of code to run. To run the entire program, click . To run a portion of the program, select the lines of code that you want to run and then click .

If there are no errors, the results open automatically. If there are errors, the Log tab opens by default. You can expand the Errors, Warnings, and Notes sections to view the messages. When you click on a message, SAS Studio highlights it for you in the log so that you can see exactly where the message occurs in the log.
Using the Background Submit Feature

About the Background Submit Feature
You can run a saved SAS program as a background job, which means that the program can run while you continue to use SAS Studio. You can view the status of programs that have been submitted as background jobs, and you can cancel programs that are currently running in the background.

Running a Program as a Background Job
To run a program as a background job, right-click the program in the navigation pane and select Background Submit. Before the program is run, the background process changes the current working directory to the directory in which the program is located.

Note: You cannot run a program as a background job if the program is saved on an FTP server or on a SAS server running on the native z/OS file system. Programs that are saved on a z/OS SAS server running the HFS file system can be run as background jobs.

By default, a notification message is displayed when the program is submitted and again when the program has finished running. If you log off of SAS Studio while the program is running, the program continues to run, but the notification message that indicates when the program is finished is not displayed.
Note: Because a background job uses a separate workspace server, any libraries that are created by your program do not appear in the Libraries section of the navigation pane in SAS Studio.

To view the status of your background jobs, click and select Background Job Status.

You can use the Background Job Status window to perform the following tasks:

- Display the background job properties, including file pathnames, start time, end time, and status.
- Open the program log in the SAS Studio work area.
- Open the program results in a separate window or download the results file.
- Cancel a running background job. Any output that has been created by the job is not deleted.

After the background job completes, you must refresh the Server Files and Folders pane to view any output and log files.

Customizing Your Background Job Submissions
The Preferences window enables you to customize how to handle background job submissions.

To change whether existing log and output files are deleted or overwritten when you rerun a background job, click and select Preferences. Click Background Jobs.

For more information about each option, see “Setting Preferences for Background Job Submissions” on page 112.
Using the Autocomplete Feature

About the Autocomplete Feature
The autocomplete, or code completion, feature in the code editor can predict the next word that you want to enter before you actually enter it completely. The autocomplete feature can complete keywords that are associated with SAS procedures, statements, macros, functions, CALL routines, formats, informats, macro variables, SAS colors, style elements, style attributes, and statistics keywords, and various SAS statement and procedure options. The autocomplete feature can also complete librefs and table names.

Note: The autocomplete feature is available only for editing SAS programs.

This example shows the keywords and help that appear when you enter proc a in the code editor.

![Autocomplete feature example](image_url)
In this example, you select `APPEND` from the list of procedures, so that `proc append` appears in the code editor. When you enter a space, the code editor displays a list of options for the APPEND procedure.

How to Use the Autocomplete Feature

To use the autocomplete feature:

1. How you open the autocomplete list depends on the keyword that you want to add.
   - If you want to add a global statement, DATA step statement, CALL routine, procedure, macro statement, or automatic macro variable, enter the first one or more letters of the keyword that you want to use.
     
     A window opens with a list of suggested keywords that begin with those letters.

   - If you want to specify colors, formats, informats, macro functions, SAS functions, statistics keywords, style elements, or style attributes, position your mouse pointer in a comment and press Ctrl+spacebar. To navigate through the list of options backward, press Ctrl+Shift+spacebar or use the arrow keys at the top of the pop-up window.
Note: These shortcuts work even if you have deselected the **Enable autocomplete** option in the Preferences window. For more information, see “Customizing the Code Editor” on page 38.

2. You can navigate to the keyword that you want to use in several ways:
   - Continue to type until the correct keyword is selected (because the matching improves as you type).
   - Scroll through the list by using the up and down arrow keys, the Page Up and Page Down keys, or your mouse.

3. You can add the keyword to your program by double-clicking the selected keyword or by pressing the Enter key.

### Using the Syntax Help

The code editor displays brief SAS syntax documentation as you write and edit your programs. You can display the Help in the following ways:

- Right-click a keyword in your program and select **Syntax Help**.
- Start entering a valid SAS keyword, and then click a suggested keyword in the autocomplete window.
- Position the mouse pointer over a valid SAS keyword in your program. This works only if you have selected the **Enable hint** option in the Editor preferences. For more information, see “Customizing the Code Editor” on page 38.

The SAS Product Documentation provides more comprehensive usage information about the SAS language, but the syntax help in the code editor can get you started with a hint about the syntax or a brief description of the keyword. You can get additional help by clicking links in the syntax help window as follows:

- Click the keyword link at the top of the window to search the support.sas.com website for the keyword.
Matching Parentheses

You can use the parenthesis matching feature to track nested parentheses within a program. The code editor highlights both the open and close parentheses. If only one parenthesis is highlighted, then you know that you are missing a parenthesis. This feature can be used to match parentheses, square brackets, and braces.

```sas
do y = -5 to 5 by .5;
   z = sin(sqrt(y*y + x*x));
end;
```
To match parentheses, position the cursor in front of the open parenthesis or just after the close parenthesis that you want to match. The parenthesis and its match are highlighted. If the parenthesis does not have a match, then it is not highlighted.

**Selecting Columns of Text to Edit**

You do not have to select entire horizontal lines of text. You can select columns or vertical blocks of text.

To select a column or vertical block of text:
- In Window environments, press the ALT key while you select the text with the left mouse button.
- In Mac OS X environments, press the Option key while you select the text with the left mouse button.

**Adding Table Names and Column Names**

From the Libraries section of the navigation pane, you can use a drag-and-drop operation to move table names and column names into the SAS code. For example, you can move the Sashelp.Cars table into the DATA option for the PRINT procedure. When you release the mouse, the fully qualified name for the table appears in your code.
Editing the Code from a Task

You can edit the code that is generated automatically when you run a task and then run it with your modifications. When you edit the code, SAS Studio opens it in a separate program window. The code is no longer associated with the original task.

To edit a program generated by a task:

1. On the appropriate task tab in the work area, click **Code** to display the code that is associated with the task.

   **Note:** In order to edit the code that is associated with a task, you must first display the code with the task. If the task code is not displayed, click and select **Preferences.** Click **Tasks,** and then select **Show Task Code.**

2. On the toolbar, click **Edit.** The code is opened in a new program window.

Creating a SAS Program Package

A SAS Program Package is a file that contains a snapshot of a SAS program along with its log and HTML results. You can create a program package from code that you have written as well as code that is automatically generated when you run a task. When you open a program package in SAS Studio, you can access the code, log, and results without running the program again. If you make changes to the code and rerun it, the package is not automatically updated. You must save the package again to keep the changes.
Note:

- The program package does not include PDF or RTF results.
- You cannot create a program package if you are running your program in interactive mode.

To create a program package file, open the code that you want to use and click . Specify the file location and name, and then select SAS Program Package as the Save as type option.

Note: If you open a program package file and want to save the program or log individually or download the results as an HTML, PDF, or RTF file, you must resubmit the program after you open the program package file.

Creating a Program Summary

You can create a summary page for code that you have written as well as code that is automatically generated when you run a task. The Program Summary page is an HTML file that opens in a separate browser tab and includes information about the program execution, the complete SAS source code, the complete SAS log, and the results. To view the Program Summary page for a program, click .

Note: The Program Summary is available only after you have run the program.

You can also save a Program Summary file to a folder that you specify by clicking and selecting SAS Program Summary as the Save as type option. The Program Summary is saved as an HTML file.

Using Macro Variables

Macro variables can be used to add information that is obtained when a program or task is run, such as the name and version number of the application. You can reference these items within code, titles, or footnotes by preceding them with "&".

For example, you can use macros in a footnote like the following:

Generated with &_CLIENTAPP &_CLIENTAPPVERSION

Note: In addition to the following macro variables, you can run this code to see other user-generated and automatic macro variables that are available:

%PUT _ALL_;

For information about SAS macro functions and variables, see SAS Macro Language Reference.

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<td>_CLIENTAPP</td>
<td>name of the application.</td>
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<td>_CLIENTAPPVERSION</td>
<td>application version number.</td>
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Macro Variable | Description
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_SASPROGRAMFILE | the full path and filename of the SAS program that is currently being run. This macro variable is available only for SAS program files that are saved on the same server on which your SAS Studio code is running.
SYSPROCESSNAME | name of the current SAS process.
SYSPROCESSMODE | current SAS session run mode or server type name.
SYSVLONG4 | SAS software release number, maintenance level, and four-digit year.

Note: If you specify _put _all_ or _put _global_ in your SAS program, the output does not include any special characters. For example, slashes are not included in directory paths. To view the output with these special characters, you must specify the individual macro variable by name, such as _put &_sasprogramfile;.

Using Your Submission History

SAS Studio maintains a log with entries for each time you run a program or task. You can use this log, or submission history, to access prior versions of your submitted code. To view your submission history, click the Code tab in your program or task window.

On the toolbar, click and select the version that you want to open. The prior version of the program opens in a new window from which you can copy and paste the code as needed.

Note: The submission history is cleared when you sign off from SAS Studio.

Automatically Formatting Your SAS Code

You can use the code editor to make your programs easier to read by automatically formatting your code. When you automatically format your code, line breaks are added, and each line is correctly indented according to its nesting level. To format the code in the code editor, click .

For example, the following code is difficult to read because it lacks indentation and logical line breaks:

```sas
data topn;
length rank 8; label rank="Rank";
set topn; by &category descending &measure;
if first.&category then rank=0; rank+1;
if rank le &n then output;
run;
```

After you use the automatic code-formatting feature, the program looks like this:

```sas
data topn;
    length rank 8;
    label rank="Rank";
```
set topn;
by &category descending &measure;

if first.&category then
    rank=0;
    rank+1;

    if rank le &n then
        output;
run;

**Working in Interactive Mode**

**What Is Interactive Mode?**
Some SAS procedures are interactive, which means they remain active until you submit a QUIT statement, or until you submit a new PROC or DATA step. In SAS Studio, you can use the code editor to run these procedures, as well as other SAS procedures, in interactive mode.

By using interactive mode, you can run selected lines of code from your SAS program and use the results to determine your next steps. For example, the OPTMODEL procedure in SAS/OR enables you to model and solve mathematical programming models. By running this procedure interactively, you can quickly check results for parts of the program and determine whether you need to make any modifications without running the entire program.

*Note:* Interactive mode is available only if you are running the first maintenance release for SAS 9.4 or later releases.

**Running a Program in Interactive Mode**
To run a program in interactive mode, click on the toolbar. To turn off interactive mode, click again. If you change modes while a program is open, the log and results for that program are cleared. You can also clear the log and results manually by clicking on the appropriate toolbar.

When you run a program in interactive mode, SAS Studio does not add any automatically generated code, such as ODS and %LET statements, to your program. In addition, results are generated only in HTML. In interactive mode, the log and results are appended to the existing log and results. Previously submitted code remains active until you terminate it.

For example, suppose you have the following program:

```
proc sql;
    select * from sashelp.cars;

    select * from sashelp.class;
quit;
```

In noninteractive mode, if you select the first two lines of code and submit them, the code runs successfully. If you then select the last two lines of code and submit them, the code fails because the PROC SQL statement is missing.

If you switch to interactive mode and follow the same steps, the last two lines of code run successfully because the PROC SQL statement is still active.
Note: For documentation about specific procedures, see the SAS Programmer’s Bookshelf on support.sas.com.

About Libraries in Interactive Mode
When you use interactive mode, you are creating a new workspace server session with its own list of libraries that are available only in that session. If you assign a new library when you are in interactive mode, the library might not be available when you turn off interactive mode. In order to share data in a library between interactive mode and noninteractive mode, the library must be included in your autoexec.sas file so that it is assigned every time you use SAS Studio. For more information, see “Editing the Autoexec File” on page 14.

Webwork is the default output library in interactive mode. If you refer to a table without specifying both the libref and the table name, SAS Studio assumes it is stored in the Webwork library. The Webwork library is shared between interactive mode and noninteractive mode. Any data that you create in the Webwork library in one mode can be accessed in the other mode.

Note: If you run a program that creates output data in interactive mode and this data is saved in a library that is available in both interactive and noninteractive mode (such as the Webwork library), you must refresh the Libraries section of the navigation pane to view the new data from the user interface.

The Work library is not shared between interactive mode and noninteractive mode. Each workspace server session has its own separate Work library, and data cannot be shared between them. Any data that you save to the Work library in interactive mode cannot be accessed from the Work library in noninteractive mode. In addition, you cannot view data in the Work library from the Libraries section of the navigation pane if the data was created in interactive mode. However, you can access that data programmatically in interactive mode.

Special Considerations When Using Interactive Mode
The following list summarizes some of the special considerations for using interactive mode:

• If you run a program that creates output data in interactive mode, you must refresh the Libraries section of the navigation pane to view the new data.

• You cannot view any data that you create in the Work library in interactive mode in the Libraries section of the navigation pane. However, you can access that data programmatically.

• Because each program that is opened in interactive mode creates a new workspace server session, any options, macros and macro variables, and other data that is specific to your workspace server session cannot be shared with other programs in either interactive or noninteractive mode. Programs that are opened in noninteractive mode use the same workspace server session and can therefore share options, macros and macro variables, and other data.

• When you run a program in interactive mode, results are generated only in HTML.

• You can turn interactive mode on and off for an individual program tab by clicking . When interactive mode is turned on, the button appears to be highlighted on the toolbar. If you want to use interactive mode for all program tabs, click and select Preferences. Click General, and then select Start new programs in interactive mode. If you do not select this option, you must turn interactive mode on each time you want to use it.
Working with Code Snippets

Why Use Code Snippets?

Code snippets enable you to quickly insert SAS code into your program and customize it to meet your needs. SAS Studio is shipped with several code snippets. You can also create your own snippets and add snippets to your list of favorites.

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<td>enables you to specify the content for the SOURCE entry type in a catalog. The SOURCE entry can contain the same code as SAS programs.</td>
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<td>lists the contents of a specified type in a specified catalog. By default, the snippet shows how to list all types as well as only the CLASS type in the catalog Sashelp.FSP.</td>
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<td>List Catalogs</td>
<td>creates and displays a SAS table listing all of the categories in a specified library. By default, the table is saved as Work.catalogs.</td>
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<td>Note: These snippets are available only if your site licenses SAS/CONNECT. To run these snippets, you must establish a connection to a SAS Viya environment.</td>
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<td>establishes a connection to SAS Viya and defines macros for importing SAS ODS results from SAS Viya.</td>
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<td>Create CAS Engine Libref</td>
<td>creates a CAS library for the specified hostname and port.</td>
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<td><strong>DS2 Package</strong> provides a template for a DS2 package. A package is similar to a DS2 program. The package body consists of a set of global declarations and a list of methods. The main syntactical differences are the PACKAGE and ENDPACKAGE statements. These statements define a block with global scope. For more information, see <em>SAS DS2 Language Reference</em>.</td>
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*Note:* For more information about the SGPLOT, SGPANEL, and SGSCATTER procedures, see *SAS ODS Graphics: Procedures Guide*.

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<td>uses the VBOX statement in the SGPANEL procedure and enables you to create multiple box plots.</td>
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<td>uses the COMPARE statement in the SGSCATTER procedure. This code snippet creates a comparative panel of scatter plots with shared axes.</td>
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<td>uses the DOT statement in the SGPLOT procedure. Dot plots summarize horizontally the values of a category variable. By default, each dot represents the frequency for each value of the category variable.</td>
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<td>uses the VBOX statement in the SGPLOT procedure. A box plot summarizes the data and indicates the median, upper and lower quartiles, and minimum and maximum values. The plot provides a quick visual summary that easily shows center, spread, range, and any outliers. The SGPLOT and the SGPANEL procedures have separate statements for creating horizontal and vertical box plots.</td>
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<td>enables you to find the roots of a function of one variable. Finding the root (or zero) of a function enables you to solve nonlinear equations.</td>
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<td>uses maximum likelihood estimation to estimate parameters for the normal density estimate.</td>
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<td>provides a basic template for working with SAS macros. Macros enable you to perform many tasks, including substituting text in a program. A SAS program can contain any number of macros, and you can invoke a macro multiple times in a single program. For more information, see SAS Macro Language: Reference.</td>
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<td>provides examples of how to create user-defined global and local macro variables. Macro variables are tools that enable you to dynamically modify the text in a SAS program through symbolic substitution. You can assign large or small amounts of text to macro variables. Then you can use that text by simply referencing the variable that contains the text. Macro variables that are defined by the macro programmer are called user-defined macro variables. Macro variables that are defined by the macro processor are called automatic macro variables. You can define and use macro variables anywhere in SAS programs, except within data lines.</td>
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<td>SAS Macro Do Statement</td>
<td>designates the beginning of a section of a macro definition that is treated as a unit until a matching %END statement is encountered. This macro section is called a %DO group. A simple %DO statement often appears in conjunction with %IF-%THEN-%ELSE statements to designate a section of the macro to be processed depending on whether the %IF condition is true or false. Note: SAS also provides a %DO iterative statement, which is different from the code that is generated by this snippet. For more information, see SAS Macro Language: Reference.</td>
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<td>names one or more local macro variables whose values you specify when you invoke the macro. There are two types of macro variables: positional and keyword. Parameters are local to the macro that defines them. You must supply each parameter name. You cannot use a text expression to generate it. A parameter list can contain any number of macro parameters separated by commas. The macro variables in the parameter list are usually referenced in the macro.</td>
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<td>• The %STR function masks special characters and mnemonic operators in constant text at macro compilation. This function masks these special characters and mnemonic operators: $^-*/&lt;&gt; =$ ^` ; , # blank AND OR NOT EQ NE LE LT GE GT IN.</td>
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<td>This function also masks these characters when they occur in pairs and when they are not matched and are marked by a preceding %.' &quot; ()</td>
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<td>• The %NRSTR function masks special characters and mnemonic operators in constant text at macro compilation. This function masks all of the special characters and mnemonic operators listed for the %STR function. In addition, the %NRSTR function masks these characters: &amp; %</td>
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<td>• The %QUSTR function produces a substring and masks special characters and mnemonic operators.</td>
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<td>• The %QUPCASE function converts a value to uppercase and returns a result that masks special characters and mnemonic operators.</td>
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<td>• The %UNQUOTE function unmasks a value during macro execution so that any special characters and mnemonic operators are interpreted as macro language elements instead of text.</td>
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For more information about macro compilation and macro execution, see *SAS Macro Language: Reference*. 
SAS Macro Char Functions provides several examples of these SAS macros that work with character values:

- The %EVAL function evaluates arithmetic and logical expressions by using integer arithmetic. This function operates by converting its argument from a character value to a numeric or logical expression. After the expression is evaluated, the result is converted back to a character value.
  
  This function is useful because the SAS Macro Facility is basically a text generator. As a result, an arithmetic expression is first converted to a numeric expression. After this numeric expression is evaluated, it is converted back to an arithmetic expression.

- The %INDEX function returns the position of the first character of a string.

- The %LENGTH function returns the length of a string.

- The %SCAN function searches for a word that is specified by its position in a string.

- The %SUBSTR function produces a substring of a character string.

- The %UPCASE function converts values to uppercase.

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**Create a Code Snippet**

To create your own snippet:

1. Open your .sas file in SAS Studio and select the code that you want to save as a snippet.
2. On the **Code** tab, click **Add to My Snippets**. The Add to My Snippets dialog box appears.

   **Note:** You can also create a snippet by right-clicking the selected code and selecting **Add to My Snippets**.
3. Enter a name for the snippet and click **Save**.

This snippet is now available from the **My Snippets** folder.

**How to Insert a Code Snippet**

To include a code snippet in your program:

1. Click the location in your program where you want to insert the snippet.
2. In the navigation pane, open the **Snippets** section.
3. You can add the snippet to your program in these ways:
   - use a drag-and-drop operation to move the snippet.
   - double-click the name of the snippet.
   - right-click the name of the snippet and select **Insert**. To select multiple snippets, use the Ctrl key. Then right-click and select **Insert**.
The following example shows the Import XLSX File snippet inserted into a program.

```
proc print data=SASHelp.CARS;
run;
/** Import an XLSX file. **/
PROC IMPORT DATAFILE="<Your XLSX File>"
OUT=WORK.MYEXCEL
DBMS=XLXS
REPLACE;
RUN;
/** Print the results. **/
PROC PRINT DATA=WORK.MYEXCEL; RUN;
```

**Customizing the Code Editor**

The Preferences window enables you to change several options that affect the features in the code editor, including autocompletion and color coding.

To access the editor options, click and select Preferences. Click Editor.

For more information, see “Setting the Editor Preferences” on page 108.
Chapter 3
Working with Queries

What Is a Query?

A query enables you to extract data from one or more tables according to criteria that you specify. You can create a query that is based on only one table, or you can join tables together. When you create a query, SAS Studio generates Structured Query Language (SQL) code, which you can view. You can create queries in both the SAS Programmer and the Visual Programmer perspectives.
Creating a Query

Creating a New Query

On the main SAS Studio toolbar, click and select New Query. A query window opens on a new tab in the work area.

Adding Tables to a Query

On the Tables tab in the query window, click + and select Table. From the Choose a Table window, expand the appropriate library and select the table that you want to use. The table is added to the query.

Note: You can also add tables to the query by using the Libraries of the navigation pane. Click Libraries and expand the appropriate library. Drag the table that you want to use to the Tables tab of the query window.
Understanding Joins

Joining Tables

When you create a query, you can join multiple tables together. SAS Studio can automatically join the tables together for you, or you can manually create the join. SAS Studio attempts to join tables by columns that have the same name and type. If no matches for column name and type are found, then you can specify the join criteria.

Note: If you have more than one table in your query and you do not specify join criteria, then your output data includes the Cartesian product, or every possible combination, of the data values.

Creating a Join

To add a table and automatically create a join:

From the Libraries of the navigation pane, drag the table that you want to add to the query to the Tables tab. Next, drop that table on top of the first table in the query to join the two.

The Join window displays the join criteria. In the following example, the Classfit table is automatically joined to the Class table by using the Name column in both tables.
If a join cannot be created automatically, you can specify the join condition manually.

To manually create a join:

1. On the **Tables** tab of the query window, make sure that you can view the tables that you want to join.
2. Click \(\text{Join}\) on the toolbar and select **Join**. The New Join window opens.

3. From the **Left table** drop-down list, select the table for the left side of the join.
4. From the **Join type** drop-down list, select the type of join that you want to use. The default join type is Inner join.
5. From the **Right table** drop-down list, select the table for the right side of the join.
6. Click **Save**. A join is created between the tables. If the tables include columns with matching names and data types, then a join condition is automatically created. If the tables do not include columns with matching names and data types, then you can select the columns for the join condition from the column drop-down lists.
7. To add another join condition to the join, click and select the columns that you want to use from the column drop-down lists.

**Understanding the Types of Joins**

SAS Studio supports four different types of joins. You can select the type of join you want by modifying an existing join.

You can select the join option that you want to use in the Join window.

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<td>Inner Join</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Inner Join Icon" /></td>
<td>The output rows include those for which the column in the first table matches the joining criterion of the column in the second table. Joins are inner joins by default.</td>
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<td>Left Join</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Left Join Icon" /></td>
<td>The output rows include all rows from the first table and the rows from the second table in which the joining criterion is met.</td>
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SAS Studio Join Type | Join Icon | Description
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Right Join | ![Right Join Icon](image) | The output rows include all rows from the second table and the rows from the first table in which the joining criterion is met.

Full Join | ![Full Join Icon](image) | The output rows include all matching and nonmatching rows from both tables.

**Modifying an Existing Join**

You can modify an existing join by selecting a different type of join or by changing the columns that are used in the join condition. You can also add and remove join conditions or remove the entire join.

To modify a join:
1. On the **Tables** tab of the query window, click the join indicator that you want to modify. The join is displayed in the **Join** area.
2. To change the type of join, select a new type from the **Join type** drop-down list.
3. To add a new join condition, click ![Add Condition](image) and specify the columns to use in the join. To remove a join condition, click ![Remove Condition](image) next to the appropriate condition.

To delete the entire join, right-click the join indicator and select **Delete**.

**Selecting Data**

**Specifying Columns in the Output**

By default, no columns are included in the output. You must specify the columns that you want to appear in the output table. You can also specify an alias to use in place of the column name in the output table.

The order in which the columns are listed on the **Select** is the order in which they appear in the output table.

To select columns for the output table:
1. In the query window, click the **Columns** tab to view the list of columns from the tables in the query.
2. You can add one or more columns to the output data by dragging them from the columns list to the **Select** tab. You can also click ![Add Column](image) on the **Select** tab toolbar and select one or more columns from the Choose Column window.
To specify an alias for a column:

- On the Select tab, enter the alias that you want to use for each column. The alias is used as the column heading for the output data.
You can perform summary functions on any of the columns in your query. To perform a summary function, select the column on which you want to perform a summary function. Use the drop-down list in the Summary column to select the function that you want to use. By default, the query generates an output data set. The following example shows you how to find the average age of all the students:
```sql
PROC SQL;
CREATE TABLE WORK.QUERY AS
SELECT AVG(CLASS.Age) AS Age
FROM SASHELP.CLASS CLASS
INNER JOIN SASHELP.CLASSFIT CLASSFIT
```
By default, the query displays the results in the **Output Data** tab and generates an output table in the Work library:

By default, when you summarize a column, your output is grouped by all of the columns without summaries. For more information, see “Grouping Your Output” on page 52.

### Filtering Data

#### Creating a Filter

When you query data, you might want to retrieve only rows that meet certain criteria, based on values of columns in the data. The process of telling SAS Studio which rows to retrieve is called setting a filter and is done on the **Filter** tab. This corresponds to using a WHERE clause in an SQL query.

1. In the query window, click the **Columns** tab to view the list of columns from the tables in the query.

2. You can add one or more columns to the filter by dragging them from the columns list to the **Filter** tab. You can also click ⌁ on the **Filter** tab toolbar and select one or more columns from the Choose Column window.
3. Select a comparison operator from the **Operator** drop-down list. The default value is **Equals**.

4. If the operator that you have selected requires a value, click \( \text{ } \) to enter or select a value in the Select Value window. To choose from a list of values, click \( \text{ } \) to expand the **Value** list. Select the values that you want to use and click **Add**.

**Note:** If you are selecting values for a character column, and you want the values to be enclosed in single quotation marks, select the **Enclose values in quotes** option. This option is selected by default. If you are using a macro variable or other value that is evaluated when the filter is run, you should clear this option.

If you want to choose from a list of columns, click \( \text{ } \) to expand the **Column** list. Select the column that you want to use.
5. Click **OK** to add the values to the filter.

**Changing the Relationship between Filters**

You can use only one column in a filter, or you can use multiple columns to create several comparison expressions. If you create more than one comparison expression in your filter, then the default relationship between these filter elements is AND. You can change the relationship between filter elements from AND to OR.

To change the relationship between filters:

- On the Filter tab, click the relationship value and select a new value.
Managing Output

Sorting Your Output

You can sort the output from your query by one or more columns from the tables that are used in the query.

*Note:* It is possible to sort the output table by columns that are not selected for the output.

To sort your output:

1. In the query window, click the **Sort** tab.
2. You can add one or more columns to the **Sort** tab by dragging them from the columns list to the **Sort** tab. You can also click **+** on the **Sort** tab toolbar and select one or more columns from the Choose Column window.
3. Click the **Sort** box for the column on which you want to sort the data. From the drop-down list, select **Ascending** or **Descending**. The default sort direction is **Ascending**.
4. If you are sorting by multiple columns, the output table is sorted first by the column that is listed first. Within each level of the first column, the rows are sorted by the second column in the list, and so on. You can change the sort order by selecting a column and clicking † and ‡ to move the column up and down the list.

Eliminating Duplicate Rows in Output

Some types of queries output multiple, identical rows. Because these duplicate rows are generally not useful, SAS Studio enables you to keep only one of the identical rows and eliminate the duplicates.

To eliminate duplicate rows, click the Select tab and select the Select distinct rows only check box.

Grouping Your Output

If you have created a summarized column, you can choose to classify your data into groups based on the values in a column. This is equivalent to using the GROUP BY clause in an SQL query. For example, if you are calculating the average height of a group of students, you might want to group the results by age so that you can see the average height for each age group.

By default, the Automatically select groups option is selected on the Group tab. When this option is selected and you have performed a summary function on a column, your
query is automatically grouped by all columns without summary functions. You can choose to edit the list of columns that the query is grouped by.

To group your output:

1. In the query window, click the Group tab.

2. You can add one or more columns to the Group tab by dragging them from the columns list to the Group tab. You can also click on the Group tab toolbar and select one or more columns from the Choose Column window.

   Note: To remove all of the automatically selected columns from the Group tab, clear the Automatically select groups option.

3. To change the order in which the columns are used to group the data, select the column that you want to move and click ↑ and ↓.

The following example shows you how to find the average weight of students in each age group. First, add the Age and Weight columns to the Select tab, and then select the AVG summary function for the Weight column:
To see the average weight of students by age, the query is grouped by the Age column. The results show the average weight for each age group:
Note: By default, the query generates a table of the result. To generate a report of the results (which is displayed in Results tab), you must specify report as the output type for the query. For more information, see “Saving Your Results” on page 55.

Saving Your Results

You can choose to generate your results in any one of three formats: data table, data view, or report.

If you save your results as a data table or data view, you can specify the library and filename that you want to use. If you don’t specify the library and filename, the results are saved in the Work library.

To specify the results format:

1. In the query window, click the Settings tab.

2. Click the Properties tab. In the Results area, select the format that you want to use from the Output type drop-down list.

Report

saves the query results as a report that you can download as an HTML, PDF, or RTF file. Query results in this format are not updated until you rerun the query. You cannot run SAS tasks against query results in this format.
Table
   saves the query results as a static data table against which you can run SAS tasks. Query results in this format are not updated until you rerun the query. By default, the data table is stored in the Work library.

View
   saves the query results as a dynamic data view against which you can run SAS tasks. Each time you open query results in the data view format, the results are updated with any changes to the data that is used in the query. By default, the data view is stored in the Work library.

To save your results to a specific location:
1. In the query window, click the **Settings** tab.
2. Click the **Properties** tab. In the Results area, enter the name of the library in which you want to save your results in the **Output location** box.
3. To specify a name for the results, enter the name that you want to use in the **Output name** box.

**Running a Query**

After you specify all the criteria for your query, you can generate your results by clicking on the query window toolbar. The output data opens in the workspace on a separate tab.
Chapter 4
Working with Process Flows

Understanding Process Flows

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Understanding Process Flows

What Is a Process Flow?

You must be working in the Visual Programming perspective to work with process flows. For more information about the Visual Programming perspective, see “Understanding Perspectives” on page 13.
A process flow consists of one or more objects. Each object is represented by a node in the process flow. The process flow shows the relationship between two or more objects, such as a SAS program, a task, a query, and so on.

This sample process flow contains three branches.

- In the first branch, a query is created for the Sashelp.Classfit data set. As a result of this query, only observations where Sex=M are included in the output data set (called Work.Query). The Rank Data task ranks the Height and Weight values by Age.

- In the second branch, you write a SAS program that generates an output data set. After this program runs, a subflow that contains more program and task nodes runs. Then, the Bar Chart node runs.

- In the third branch, the SAS program generates an error. The information for the List Table Attributes node is incomplete. SAS Studio cannot run the process flow until you provide the required data.

Creating Process Flows

In SAS Studio, you can have multiple process flows. These process flows run independently of each other. To create a new process flow, click and select New Process Flow. A new Process Flow tab appears in the interface.

What Are Ports?

In a process flow, you can have two types of ports:

- control ports

In the process flow, these types of ports appear as . You use these ports to specify the order in which nodes run in the process flow. For more information, see “Linking Nodes in a Process Flow” on page 71.
data ports

In the process flow, these types of ports appear as 🕒.

When you run a task, you must specify an input data source. You specify the input data source in the task interface. From the process flow, you can determine the name of the input data source by positioning your mouse pointer over the input data port. To view the data source on a separate tab, double-click 🕒.

In this example, the input data source for the Rank Data task is Work.Query.

Some nodes, such as queries, might have an output data source. You can use the output data port to determine the name of the output data source. To view the data source, double-click 🕒.

In this example, the output data source for the query node is Work.Query.

By default, ports are displayed in the process flow. To turn off the ports, click Show Ports.

**Understanding the Status of Each Node**

When you run a process flow, some nodes might run successfully, and others might not. To see the status of each node, how long it took to run the node, and whether any output data was created, click the Results tab.
Here are the contents of the **Results** tab for the previous process flow.

You can use these icons to determine the status of each node in the process flow:

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<th>Description</th>
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<td><img src="image" alt="Icon" /></td>
<td>specifies that more information is needed before SAS Studio can run the node. For example, if you see this icon on a task node, you must specify values for the required options in the task. This icon can also appear on an empty subflow node after SAS Studio tries to run it.</td>
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<td><img src="image" alt="Icon" /></td>
<td>specifies that the node is in the queue to run.</td>
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<td>specifies that the code for the node was submitted successfully. No warnings or errors were returned.</td>
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<td>specifies that the code for the node generated a warning. Review the log for that node for more information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Icon" /></td>
<td>specifies that the code for the node generated an error. Review the log for that node for more information.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
**Customizing a Process Flow**

You can customize your process flow in these ways.

- To specify a color for a node or a group of nodes, select the nodes and click **Color**. From the drop-down list, select the color that you want to use.

- By default, you can arrange objects in the process flow any way you like. However, your process flow might become confusing if it contains many objects. Click **Arrange** for SAS Studio to arrange the objects in your process flow. When arranging the nodes, SAS Studio considers any dependencies and the order in which the nodes were added to the process flow.

**Viewing the Properties of a Process Flow**

To view the properties of the current process flow, click the **Properties** tab. From the properties, you can specify the priority of execution of the nodes. The process flow runs the nodes in the order in which the nodes are added to the process flow. If node 1 is dependent on another node 2, node 2 must run completely before node 1 will run. You can also run the nodes in parallel, which means that multiple workspace servers are used to run the nodes. As a result, the nodes might not share a common Work library.

**Add Data to the Process Flow**

To add data to a process flow from an existing library:

1. In the navigation pane, click the **Libraries** section.
2. Expand the library that contains the data set that you want to add. Select the data set and drag it to the process flow.
In this example, the Sashelp.Air data set is now available from the process flow. You can now use this data set as the input data for a task.

### Adding a SAS Program to the Process Flow

#### Create a New SAS Program

To add a new SAS program to a process flow:

1. Click and select **SAS program**. A node for the SAS program is added to the process flow.

2. Select the node and click 😊. (You can also select the node and press Enter.) The code editor appears.

3. Enter the code for your program.
4. To name the program, to provide a brief description for the program, and to include any notes, click the Node tab.

The SAS program node in the process flow now contains the name and description that you specified on the Node tab.
Add an Existing SAS Program

You might have already written a SAS program that you want to include in the process flow. To add this program:

1. In the navigation pane, click the Server Files and Folders section.
2. Expand the folders in the Server Files and Folders section until you find the program that you want to add.
3. Select the program that you want to add, and then drag it to the process flow. (A green check mark indicates that you can add this file to the process flow.)

Add a Snippet

You can use snippets as the starting point for your SAS programs.

To add a snippet to a process flow:

1. In the navigation pane, select Snippets.
2. In the Snippets section, select the snippet that you want to add, and then drag it to the process flow.
In this example, the Import XLSX file snippet is added to the process flow.

3. To view the code for the snippet, select the snippet node and click (You can also select the node and press Enter.) Edit the code to meet your needs.

Here is the code for the Import XLSX file snippet. In this example, specify in the code the location of the XLSX file that you want to import.

```sas
/* Import an XLSX file. */
PROC IMPORT DATAFILE="<Your XLSX File>"
   OUT=WORK.MYEXCEL
   DBMS=XLSX
   REPLACE;
RUN;
/* Print the results. */
PROC PRINT DATA=WORK.MYEXCEL; RUN;
```
4. To name the program that you created, to provide a brief description for the program, and to include any notes, click the **Node** tab.

The **Import XLSX File** node in the process flow now includes the description that you provided.
Adding a Query to a Process Flow

**Create a New Query**

To create a new query:

1. Click and select Query. A node for the query is added to the process flow.
2. Select the node and click . The Query Builder appears.
3. Use the Query Builder to define your query. For more information, see “Creating a New Query” on page 40.
4. To define the type of results for the query, use the Properties tab. For more information, see “Saving Your Results” on page 55.
5. To name the query node, to provide a brief description for the query, and to include any notes, click the Node tab.

To return to the view of the process flow, select the name of the process flow in the breadcrumbs. The query node in the process flow now contains the name and description that you specified on the Node tab.

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**Add an Existing Query to a Process Flow**

You might have already written a query that you want to include in the process flow. To add this query:

1. In the navigation pane, click the Server Files and Folders section.
2. Expand the folders in the Server Files and Folders section until you find the query that you want to add.
3. Select the query that you want to add, and then drag it to the process flow. (A green check mark indicates that you can add this file to the process flow.)

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**Add a Task to a Process Flow**

You can add custom tasks and tasks that shipped with SAS Studio to your process flow.

1. In the navigation pane, click the **Tasks and Utilities** section.

2. Select the task that you want to add, and then drag it to the process flow.

Here is an example of a process flow that contains the Sort Data task.

3. Select the task node and click \( \square \). To run the task, you must specify values for any required options.
Here is the user interface for the Sort Data task.

When you run the task, SAS Studio uses the values that you specified for the task options.

Understanding Subflows

What Is a Subflow?

Within a process flow, you could have subflows. These subflows contain one or more objects. The advantage to creating a subflow is that you can easily run the nodes within a subflow without running the entire process flow. If the subflow links to another node in the entire process flow, the subflow must run to completion before SAS Studio runs the subsequent node.

In this example, there are three nodes: a node for a subflow, a query node, and a programming node. All of the nodes in the subflow node must run before the query node can run. By default, the node for a subflow is white.
Create a New Subflow

To add a subflow to a process flow:

1. Click and select Sub-Flow. A node for the subflow appears in the process flow.

2. Select the subflow node and click . Use the breadcrumbs to verify that you are working in the subflow.

3. Add the content for the subflow. A subflow can contain other subflows.

4. To name the subflow node, to provide a brief description for the subflow, and to include any notes, click the Node tab.

   After you enter this information, the subflow node in the process flow contains the name and description that you specified on the Node tab.
Add a Subflow to an Existing Process Flow

You might want to add an existing process flow as a subflow to another process flow. Process flow files have a CPF extension.

To add an existing process flow as a subflow:

1. In the navigation pane, click the Server Files and Folders section.
2. Expand the folders in the Server Files and Folders section until you find the program that you want to add.
3. Select the subflow that you want to add, and then drag it to the process flow. (A green check mark indicates that you can add this file to the process flow.)

Linking Nodes in a Process Flow

In a process flow, you can specify the order in which each node runs. Generally, each node has an input port and an output port. To view the ports for the nodes in your process flow, click Show Ports.

To link nodes in the process flow:

1. Select the node that you want to link from.
2. Click and select Link. The Add Link window appears.
3. Select the nodes that you want to link to and click OK.

If a link is allowed between the two nodes, the two nodes are connected by a dotted line in the process flow.

Generating Code from a Process Flow

You can create a SAS program from the nodes in a process flow. The code is listed in the program in the order in which it runs in the process flow.

To create a SAS program from a process flow, click Generate Code on the process flow toolbar. The code is added to a new program tab in the work area.

Running a Process Flow

To run all the nodes in the process flow, click Run.

To run a select group of nodes, use the mouse to draw a box around the nodes that you want to run. Right-click your selection. From the pop-up menu, select Run Selected.
Save a Process Flow

To save the current process flow, click . The process flow is saved as a CPF file.
Chapter 5
Working with Data

About the Table Viewer

When you open a table in SAS Studio, you use the table viewer.
Note: The table viewer displays the first 100 rows of the table. If the structure or data values of the table change while the table is open, you must refresh the table viewer to see the changes. If the structure of the table changes and you do not refresh the table, the columns that are listed in the Libraries section of the navigation pane might be different from the columns that are displayed in the table viewer.

You can view the properties of the table and its columns by clicking on the toolbar.
The extended attributes tabs enable you to associate additional user-defined characteristics with the table and columns in the table. For example, you could create extended attributes that contain a URL with information about your table or the formula that is used to create a column. For more information about creating extended attributes, see *Base SAS 9.4 Procedures Guide*.

**Note:** You can add extended attributes only to SAS tables that were created on a SAS 9.4 (or later) server.

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### Opening and Viewing Data

You can open files in SAS Studio in several ways:

- You can double-click a file in the **Server Files and Folders** and **Libraries** sections.
- You can drag a file from the **Server Files and Folders** and **Libraries** sections to the work area.
- You can search for a file and open it from the search results. You can open the file by double-clicking it or by dragging it to the work area.
• You can open a file by using a file shortcut in the File Shortcuts section. You can open the file by double-clicking it or by dragging it to the work area.

**Note:** SAS Studio provides native file support for z/OS. For more information about SAS in z/OS environments, see SAS Companion for z/OS.

When you open a table, all of the columns in the table are displayed. You can use the Columns area to specify which columns you want to include in the table viewer. By default, the column names are displayed, but you can choose to display the column labels by selecting **Column labels** from the View drop-down list.

![Table Viewer](Image)

**Note:** By default, the table viewer displays the total number of rows in the table and the total number of filtered rows, if you have filtered the data. However, if SAS Studio is unable to determine the row counts without affecting performance, then the row counts are listed as “Unavailable.”

You can automatically resize the column widths to fit the current size of the column content. To resize the column widths, right-click any column heading and select **Size grid columns to content**. To set the columns back to their default widths, right-click any column heading and select **Restore original column widths**. You can choose to always resize the column widths when you open data by selecting **Size grid columns to content** in the General preferences. For more information, see “Setting General Preferences” on page 105.

**Note:** The column widths might need to be recalculated when the column content changes due to filtering, sorting, or paging through the data and can affect performance.

You can change the order of the columns in the table viewer by dragging a column to a new position in the table viewer or in the Columns area.
Viewing the Code That Is Used to Create a Table

While you select options and customize the table to look the way you want it to, SAS Studio is generating SAS code that you can use. To view the code, click on the toolbar. A new program window appears with the code that was used to create the view of the table in the table viewer. The program is a copy of the code and is no longer associated with the original code. Editing the code does not affect the data that is displayed in the table viewer, and modifying the table viewer does not affect the contents of the code.
Filtering and Sorting Data

In the table viewer, you can right-click a column heading to filter and sort the data by that column. You can sort the data in ascending or descending alphabetical order or display the columns in the order in which they appear in the data table.

You can also filter the data in order to display only rows that meet certain criteria, based on values in the data. The filter options vary depending on the type of column that you have selected and the number of distinct values that a column has.

The Add Filter window for a numeric column enables you to specify one or two filter criteria for each column. To add a second filter criterion, click +.
The Add Filter window for a character column is case sensitive and searches for values that contain the text that you enter.

When a numeric column has 10 or fewer distinct values or a character column has 30 or fewer distinct values, the Add Filter window displays a list of values to choose from. The list of values includes both the unformatted and formatted values. If no format has been applied to the data, then the unformatted and formatted values are the same.
Note: SAS Studio always uses the unformatted values in the filter expression.

When you create a filter on a numeric column by selecting values from a list, SAS Studio filters the data differently depending on whether any of the values in the column have a fractional component.

If the values are all integers, then SAS Studio creates the filter by using the equality operator. For example, suppose your data includes integer values between 12 and 17, and you want to create a filter for all values equal to 15. SAS Studio creates the following filter expression:

```
column-name = 15
```

If any of the values include a fractional component, then SAS Studio creates the filter by using a range of values to ensure that there are no rounding errors that might exclude the selected value. For example, suppose your data includes a value of 123.45678. If you select that value to use in a filter, SAS Studio creates the following filter expression:

```
(column-name >= 123.456775 and column-name < 123.456785)
```
Note: Generating a list of values for a filter can take a long time for large tables and Hadoop tables and can affect performance. If you are creating a filter on a very large table or on a Hadoop table, you cannot select the filter values. You must enter them in the value box. By default, if a table has more than 50,000 rows or the total number of rows is unknown, then you must enter filter values for it. The default value is controlled by a setting in the config.properties file. For more information, see SAS Studio: Administrator’s Guide.

The Add Filter window for a date column enables you to select a date value from a pop-up calendar.

When you create a filter on your data, the filter criteria are displayed at the top of the workspace. You can click to edit the filter and to delete the filter. SAS Studio remembers any filters that you create each time you open the data.

### Importing Data

#### About Importing Data to SAS Studio

You can import these types of data files into SAS Studio:

- Microsoft Access database files.
- delimited files, such as files with comma-separated values.
- dBASE 5.0, IV, III+, and III.
- Stata files.
- Microsoft Excel files. To import XLSB and XLSM files, you must use the SAS LIBNAME statement.
- JMP files.
- Paradox DB files.
- SPSS files.
Lotus 1-2-3 files from Releases 2, 3, 4, or 5.

If you are using the SAS Studio Enterprise Edition or the SAS Studio Basic Edition, your data file might be saved to your local computer. In this case, you must upload the file to SAS Studio before you can import it.

Whether data from another locale imports correctly depends on whether the SAS server supports the locale of the data that is being imported. If you are importing data that contains characters that are different from the current locale, use a Unicode (UTF–8) server to import your data. If you do not use a UTF–8 server and the locale of the data is not supported, unsupported values might appear as questions marks (?) in your imported data. For more information about how to set the Default text encoding option, see “Setting General Preferences” on page 105.

Note: You cannot import remote files (files that are available through FTP file shortcuts).

Import an Excel Worksheet

To import an Excel worksheet:

1. Click Server Files and Folders in the navigation pane and browse to find the file that you want to import.

2. Right-click the file that you want to import and select Import Data. The top of the Import Data tab shows the name and location of this Excel file. It also shows several options that you can customize.
This example shows importing the as_products.xls file.

3. To import the data from a specific worksheet, enter the name of that worksheet in the **Worksheet name** box. By default, SAS Studio imports the data from the first worksheet.

4. To specify the location to save the output data set, click **Change**. By default, the output data set is saved to the Work library, which is a temporary location. The contents in this library are deleted when you exit SAS Studio.

5. To generate SAS variable names from the data values in the first row of the worksheet, select **Generate SAS variable names**. If a data value in the first row in the input file is read and it contains special characters that are not valid in a SAS name, such as a blank, then SAS converts the character to an underscore.
6. To import the Excel worksheet, click  

The Results tab shows the attributes of the new SAS data set.

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The **Output Data** tab shows the contents of the new data set. If this data set is in the Work library (as shown in this example), you might want to save it to a more permanent location. Data in the Work library is temporary and is deleted when you exit SAS Studio.

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**Import a Delimited File**

*Note:* For some delimited files (such as files with a .dat extension), the Import Tool might not be available. To import these delimited files, save the file as a text file. Then you can use the Import Tool. To import a tab-delimited file, the filename must have a TAB extension.

To import a delimited file:

1. Click **Server Files and Folders** in the navigation pane and browse to find the file that you want to import.

2. To determine the delimiter for the file, right-click the filename and select **View File as Text**. The contents of the file open in a text editor. Note the delimiter that is used between values and whether the first row of the data includes headings.

3. After determining the delimiter of this file, click and select **New Import Data**. The **Import Data** tab opens in the SAS Studio workspace.
4. Drag the selected text file from Server Files and Folders in the navigation pane to the Import Data tab. The top of the Import Data tab now shows the properties of the file (such as the filename and location of the saved file), the name of the imported data source, and any options that you can specify. The bottom of the Import Data tab shows the SAS code that has been generated.

This example shows importing a text file called CommaSep.txt.

5. To specify the location to save the output data set, click Change. By default, the output data set is saved to the Work library, which is a temporary location. The contents in this library are deleted when you exit SAS Studio.

6. To generate SAS variable names from the data values in the first row in the text file, select Generate SAS variable names. If a data value in the first row in the input file is read and it contains special characters that are not valid in a SAS name (such as a blank), SAS converts the character to an underscore.

7. In the Delimiter box, enter the delimiter for the values in the file. The default delimiter is a space.

   Note: If you use a hexadecimal value to specify the delimiter, you do not need to select the Quote delimiter check box.
8. (Optional) To start reading data from a specified row in the delimited text file, enter the starting row in the **Start reading data at row** box. You might want to use this option if you have comments at the top of the text file or the first row of the file is column headings.

9. (Optional) For SAS Studio to determine the appropriate data type and length of the variables, enter a value in the **Guessing rows** box. The task scans the input data file from row 1 to the number that you specified. By default, the first 20 rows are scanned.

10. To import the data, click 🎯.

Click the **Results** tab to see the attributes of the imported data set.
Click the **Output Data** tab to view the new SAS data set. If this data set is in the Work library (as shown in this example), you might want to save it to a more permanent location. Data in the Work library is temporary and is deleted when you exit SAS Studio.

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**Import a DBMS File**

When you import a file from a database management system (DBMS), the available options depend on the file type. For a list of the supported file types, see “About Importing Data to SAS Studio” on page 81.

1. Click **Server Files and Folders** in the navigation pane and browse to find the file that you want to import.

2. Right-click the file that you want to import and select **Import Data**. The **Import Data** tab opens. The options that are available on this tab depend on the file type.

3. To specify the location to save the output data set, click **Change**. By default, the output data set is saved to the Work library, which is a temporary location. The contents in this library are deleted when you exit SAS Studio.

4. (Optional) To generate SAS variable names from the data values in the first row of the worksheet, select **Generate SAS variable names**. If a data value in the first row in the input file is read and it contains special characters that are not valid in a SAS name, such as a blank, then SAS converts the character to an underscore.

5. To import the file, click ⬤.
**Importing Data in a Process Flow**

If you are using the SAS Visual Programmer perspective, you can also import data by using the process flow. You might want to add an import node if the file that you want to import is updated frequently.

To create the import node, drag the filename that you want to import into the process flow.

Here is an example of an import node (called Import as_products.xls) in a process flow. The imported data is then used in the Summary Statistics task.

![Import node example](image)

**Save the Import Task**

You might want to save an instance of the Import Data tool so that you can share these settings for importing a specific file with others at your site. SAS Studio saves these instances as a CTL file. CTL files must be run in the same operating environment where they were created. For example, if you create a CTL file using Windows, this CTL file must be run in Windows.

To save the import task:

1. Click ![Save button](image).

2. In the Save As window, specify the name and location, and then click **Save**. The file is saved with a CTL extension.
Exporting Data

You can use SAS Studio to export your data as another file type to a folder that you specify.

Note: You cannot export your data to an FTP folder.

To export your data:

1. Click Libraries in the navigation pane and browse to find the file that you want to export.
2. Right-click the file that you want to export and select Export. The Export Table window opens.
3. Select the folder in which you want to save the exported file.
4. In the Filename box, enter the name of the exported file.
5. From the File format drop-down list, select the format of the exported file.
6. Click Export to export the file.
Chapter 6
Working with Results

Viewing Results

When you run a task or a program in SAS Studio, the results are displayed in the work area. Here are ways that you can manage your results:

• Generate HTML5, PDF, and RTF output by default, and view the HTML5 output on the Results tab.

• Download your generated output. There is a download button for each of the three default output types.

• Change the default output style for each destination by using the Preferences window.

• Send results to another user.

Default SAS Studio Output

Viewing Default Results

In SAS Studio, by default, output is generated in the HTML5, PDF, and RTF formats.
If you want to change the default output, you can use the Preferences window to disable results in PDF or RTF format. You can also change the default style for your output to any of the ODS styles that are available. For more information, see “Setting the Result Preferences” on page 110.

By default, the HTML5 results are the only results that are displayed on the Results tab.

The PDF and RTF output is generated but is not displayed.

When you view your results, you can use the table of contents to navigate through the different sections. Click Table of Contents at the top of your results, and then click the section that you want to navigate to.
Downloading Default HTML5, PDF, and RTF Results from SAS Studio

If you want to save results from SAS Studio, you can download your results in the HTML5, PDF, or RTF output formats and save them or open them in the default application for that format:

- HTML5 file
- PDF file
- RTF file

Downloading Generated Data

You can download results that were generated as other types of data, such as a .cvs, .pptx, or .xml file, by clicking 

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Sending Your Results to Another User

You can send a copy of your results and the associated code and log files to another user through electronic mail. Files that you can send include results in HTML5, RTF, and PDF formats as well as the code and log files that are associated with the results. You can also send a Program Summary file, which includes information about the program execution, the complete SAS source code, the complete SAS log, and the results. The code is sent as a SAS program file, and the log and program summary files are sent as HTML5 files. To send files through email, you need access to an SMTP server. For more information, contact your site administrator.

Note: If your SAS Studio email messages are being marked as junk mail, see SAS Studio: Administrator’s Guide for information about your configuration file.

To send results by email:

1. On the toolbar for your results, click . The Send Email window appears.

2. Select the items that you want to include as attachments to your email. By default, the HTML results are selected.

3. In the To box, enter the email addresses to which you want to send the files. Separate addresses with a semicolon.

4. If you want to send a copy of the email to another address, enter the address in the Cc box.

5. In the Subject box, enter a subject for the email. You can also add a message to include in the body of the email.

6. Click Send to send the message and attachments.
About the SAS Output Delivery System

The SAS Output Delivery System (ODS) gives you greater flexibility in generating, storing, and reproducing SAS procedure and DATA step output along with a wide range of formatting options. ODS provides formatting functionality that is not available when using individual procedures or the DATA step without ODS.

SAS Studio uses very specific ODS options and the GOPTIONS statements so that the output is displayed properly in the web environment. To view all of the ODS options in your code, click and select Preferences. In the Preferences window, click General and select the Show generated code in the SAS log option.

Note: To ensure that your output is displayed properly, do not change the settings of the ODS options or GOPTIONS statements in the generated code.

About SAS ODS Statistical Graphics

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SAS ODS Statistical Graphics, more commonly referred to as SAS ODS Graphics, is an extension of the SAS Output Delivery System (ODS). ODS manages all output that is created by procedures and enables you to display the output in a variety of forms, including HTML and PDF.

Many SAS analytical procedures use ODS Graphics functionality to produce graphs. ODS Graphics uses the Graph Template Language (GTL) syntax, which provides the power and flexibility to create many complex graphs. The GTL is a comprehensive language for defining statistical graphics.

In SAS Studio, you can use the ODS Graphics Designer to define these statistical graphics without knowing the GTL. After a graph definition is created, you can use that graph definition to create an ODS statistical graph in SAS Studio.

SAS ODS Graphics Designer

What Is the SAS ODS Graphics Designer?

The SAS ODS Graphics Designer is an interactive graphical application that you can use to create and design custom graphs. The designer creates graphs that are based on the Graph Template Language (GTL), which is the same language that is used by SAS analytical procedures and SAS ODS Graphics procedures. The ODS Graphics Designer provides a graphical user interface so that you can design graphs easily without knowing the details of templates and the GTL.

Using point-and-click interaction, you can create simple or complex graphical views of data for analysis. The ODS Graphics Designer enables you to design sophisticated graphs by using a wide array of plot types. You can design multi-cell graphs, classification panels, and scatter plot matrices. Your graphs can have titles, footnotes, legends, and other graphics elements. You can save the results as an image for inclusion in a report or as an ODS Graphics Designer file (SGD) that you can later edit.
For more information, see SAS ODS Graphics Designer: User’s Guide, which is available from support.sas.com.

**How to Install the SAS ODS Graphics Designer**

If you have SAS Foundation installed on your machine, the SAS ODS Graphics Designer is already available. For example, if you are using the single-user edition of SAS Studio, the SAS ODS Graphics Designer is already installed because you are running SAS Foundation and SAS Studio on the same machine.

*Note:* Only the Windows version of the SAS ODS Graphics Designer is supported when you are running SAS Studio. The SAS ODS Graphics Designer must be installed on the same machine as the browser that you are using to access SAS Studio. (SAS Studio might be installed on a different machine.) If multiple users are accessing SAS Studio and these users are on different machines, SAS ODS Graphics Designer must be installed on each user’s machine.

To install the SAS ODS Graphics Designer:

3. From the table, click the link in the Request download column for your operating environment and follow the subsequent installation steps.

**Open the SAS ODS Graphics Designer**

After the SAS ODS Graphics Designer is installed, you can open it by using a menu option in SAS Studio. To open SAS ODS Graphics Designer, click . Then select Tools ⇧ ODS Graphics Designer.
What Is the SAS ODS Graphics Editor?
The ODS Graphics Editor enables you to edit the various elements in the output graph while keeping the underlying data unchanged. In addition, you can annotate a graph by inserting text, lines, arrows, images, and other items in a layer above the graph. You can save the results of your customization as an ODS Graphics Editor (SGE) file and make incremental changes to the file. You can also save the results as a Portable Network Graphics (PNG) image file for inclusion in other documents.

For more information about the SAS ODS Graphics Editor, see SAS ODS Graphics Editor: User’s Guide, which is available from support.sas.com.

How to Install the SAS ODS Graphics Editor
Note: If you are running the single-user edition of SAS Studio, then the SAS ODS Graphics Editor is already installed.

To install the SAS ODS Graphics Editor:
1. Click . Then select Tools ⇒ Install ODS Graphics Editor. The software page for SAS Studio opens.
2. In the right navigation pane under the Software Downloads heading, click SAS ODS Graphics Editor. The downloads page for SAS ODS Graphics Editor opens.
3. From the table, click the link in the Request download column for your operating environment and follow the subsequent installation steps.

**How to Edit Your Graphics Output**

1. Include this statement in your SAS code so that you can edit your graphics output:

   ```sas
   ods listing sge=on gpath="directory-path";
   ```

   When you run this program, the graphical output is saved as an SGE file in the directory specified by the GPATH= option.

2. In the **Server Files and Folders** section of the navigation pane, double-click the filename (with SGE extension) to open the graph in the SAS ODS Graphics Editor.

For example, here is the SGPANEL1.sge file in the SAS ODS Graphics Editor.
What Is a Task?

A task is an XML and Apache Velocity code file that generates SAS code and formats results for you. Tasks include SAS procedures from simple data listings to complex analytical procedures. SAS Studio is shipped with several predefined tasks. The tasks are organized into categories. Some categories and their tasks might not be available at your site because you do not have the required SAS product.

The tasks in the Data, Graph, and Combinatorics and Probability categories are always available. This table lists the task categories and their product dependencies.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Task Category in SAS Studio</th>
<th>Required SAS Product</th>
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<tr>
<td>Statistics</td>
<td>SAS/STAT</td>
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<tr>
<td>High-Performance Statistics</td>
<td>SAS/STAT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Power and Sample Size</td>
<td>SAS/STAT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Multivariate</td>
<td>SAS/STAT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cluster Analysis</td>
<td>SAS/STAT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Econometrics</td>
<td>SAS/ETS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Forecasting</td>
<td>SAS/ETS</td>
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### Task Category in SAS Studio

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<td>Statistical Process Control</td>
<td>SAS/QC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Data Mining</td>
<td>SAS Enterprise Miner</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Network Optimization</td>
<td>SAS/QC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Viya Machine Learning</td>
<td>SAS Viya, SAS/CONNECT</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For more information about each of these tasks, see *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide*.

You can edit a copy of these predefined tasks in order to customize the tasks for your site. You can also build your own tasks.

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### How to Run a Task

To run a predefined task:

1. In the navigation pane, click the **Tasks and Utilities** section.
2. Expand the folder that contains the task.
3. Right-click the task name and select **Open**. Alternatively, you can double-click the task to open it.

   The task opens to the right of the work area.

4. If the **Data** tab is available, specify an input data source and select columns for the roles in the data source. A role is a description of a variable’s purpose in the task. To add a column to a role, click the button. A list of available columns for that role appears. If only one column can be assigned to the role, you select a column and the list...
disappears. If multiple columns can be assigned, you can press Ctrl or Shift to select multiple columns from the list and click OK.

5. On the remaining tabs, specify any other required options, which are denoted with a red asterisk. As you assign values to the task, the relevant SAS code is generated. For more information about the options available for each task, see *SAS Studio: Task Reference Guide*.

6. To run the task, click

   ![Task Execution](image)

If the task generates output data, the table opens in the **Output Data** tab.

If the task generates results, the output appears on the **Results** tab.
Save a Task and Its Option Settings

If you use a task frequently, you might want to save the task after you specify the input data source and the option settings. In SAS Studio, you can save a task as a CTK file on the server or in your My Tasks folder. The next time you need to run the task, double-click the task in the navigation pane, and the task appears with all of your previous settings.

**Note:** Before you can save a task, you must specify an input data set and all the options that are required to run the task.

To save a task:

1. Click \(\text{Save As}\). The Save As window appears.

2. Select the location where you want to save the task file. You can save this file in the Server Files and Folders section or in your My Tasks folder. Specify a name for this file. For the file type, select CTK Files (*.CTK). Click Save.

**Note:** When you save a task as a CTK file, the task is no longer attached to a corresponding task in the Tasks and Utilities section. For example, if you run the Bar Chart task that is available in the Tasks and Utilities section, no changes are made to the Bar Chart.ctk file in the Server Files and Folders section.

Edit a Predefined Task

To customize the predefined tasks for your site, you can edit the XML code that is used to create the task.
To edit a predefined task:

1. In the navigation pane, open the Tasks and Utilities section.
2. Expand the folder that contains the task.
3. Right-click the name of the task that you want to edit and select Add to My Tasks. The Add to My Tasks window appears.
4. Specify a name and description for the task. By default, the name and description from the predefined task is used. Using the Category drop-down list, you can also specify where to save a copy of this task in the My Tasks folder. If you select (none), the task is added directly to the My Tasks folder.
   
   Click Add.
5. Open the My Tasks folder and select the copied task.
6. Click . The XML file for the task appears.
7. Edit the XML file and save your changes. To preview your changes, click .

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**Create a New Task**

SAS Studio provides a template that you can use to create custom tasks for your site. For help with writing your first custom task, see *SAS Studio: Writing Your First Custom Task*.

To create a custom task:

1. In the navigation pane, open the Tasks and Utilities section.
2. Click and select New Task. A blank task template opens.
3. Edit the code in the task template to create your task. To view the user interface for the task template, click ![User interface icon]. In the user interface for the task template, you can see examples of radio buttons, check boxes, combination boxes, and other types of options. For more information about this file, see *SAS Studio: Developer’s Guide to Writing Custom Tasks*.

4. Click ![Add task icon].

   **Note:** The name of the task cannot include these special characters:

```
[ ] {} ? / \ * # " % + | < > : 
```

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**Customizing the Task Code and the Task Layout in the Workspace**

The Preferences window enables you to change several options that affect what and how the task code is displayed.

To access these options, click ![Preferences icon] and select **Preferences**. Click **Tasks**.

For more information, see “Setting Task Preferences” on page 111.
Appendix 1
Customizing SAS Studio

About Setting Your Preferences

The Preferences window enables you to customize several options in SAS Studio.

To change your preferences, click and select Preferences.

Setting General Preferences

From the General page, you can set these options.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Show generated code in the SAS log</td>
<td>displays the ODS statements, %LET statements, and any other code that is automatically generated by SAS in the log file. This option applies to both SAS tasks and SAS program files.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Include a Show Details button in error</td>
<td>adds a Show Details button to any error messages that SAS Studio generates.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>messages</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Option</td>
<td>Description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------------------------------------------</td>
<td>-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Size grid columns to content</td>
<td>automatically adjusts the width of the columns in the table viewer to fit the size of the column content.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Start new programs in interactive mode</td>
<td>opens new programs with the interactive mode on. This option is available only if you are running the first maintenance release for SAS 9.4 or later. For more information, see “Working in Interactive Mode” on page 29.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Automatically refresh libraries after each submission</td>
<td>refreshes the Libraries section of the navigation pane after you submit a program, task, or query so that any changes to the libraries are displayed immediately. However, selecting this option can cause you to lose your place in the list of libraries and affect performance. This option is selected by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Automatically refresh files and folders after each submission</td>
<td>refreshes the Server Files and Folders section of the navigation pane after you submit a program, task, or query so that any changes to the files and folders are displayed immediately. However, selecting this option can cause you to lose your place in the list of files and folders and affect performance. This option is selected by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SAS variable name policy</td>
<td>enables you to specify one of the following sets of rules to apply to SAS variable names.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• ANY specifies that the variable names can begin with or contain any characters, including blanks, must contain at least one character, and cannot contain any null bytes. Variable names can contain mixed-case letters as well as special and multi-byte characters. Names can be up to 32 bytes in length. This option is selected by default. Leading blanks are preserved, but trailing blanks are ignored.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• V7 specifies that the variable names must begin with a letter of the Latin alphabet (A-Z, a-z) or the underscore character. They cannot contain blanks or special characters except for the underscore and cannot be assigned the names of special SAS automatic variables or variable list names. Variable names can contain mixed-case letters and can be up to 32 bytes in length.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Option</td>
<td>Description</td>
</tr>
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<td>---------------------------------------</td>
<td>-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default text encoding</td>
<td>specifies the character-set encoding that is used when text files are read or written. The default value is UTF-8. This option is not available for SAS servers running on z/OS. For a list of some of the encoding options and the languages that they are associated with, see Appendix 2, “Text Encoding Options and Language Mappings,” on page 115.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Note:</td>
<td>You can also specify the text encoding when you open a single file by right-clicking the file and selecting Open with text encoding. The Choose Text Encoding window appears and you can select the encoding. This option applies to SAS program files (*.SAS).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Display a message on arrival</td>
<td>Displays a message generated by SAS Studio, such as when background jobs are started and when they are complete or when your SAS Studio session is reset. SAS Studio application errors or warnings are displayed as messages, but SAS program errors and warnings continue to be displayed in SAS log files. You can adjust the number of seconds that the message is displayed. The range of time that a message can be displayed is between 3 seconds and 30 seconds. The default value is 5 seconds.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Capture all log events</td>
<td>Records all diagnostic messages each time you run a program, task, or query. You can view the diagnostic messages by clicking Messages in the lower right corner of your SAS Studio browser window. In the Messages window, click the Filter by drop-down list and select Debug. The debug messages are available in the Messages window only when you have selected this option.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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### Setting the Start Up Preferences

From the Start Up page, you can specify these options for starting SAS Studio.
On startup specifies the tabs to be displayed when you start the SAS Studio application. You can choose from these options:

- **Open a new program/process flow tab** opens a new program tab in the SAS Programmer perspective and a new process flow tab in the Visual Programmer perspective.
- **Continue where you left off** restores the tabs that were open in your prior session of SAS Studio. This option is selected by default.

**Time-out interval** specifies the amount of time in hours that SAS Studio allows you to be logged on without any activity. The default value is one hour.

*Note:* For information about how these options affect the auto-save feature, see “Setting the Editor Preferences” on page 108.

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### Setting the Editor Preferences

From the *Editor* page, you can specify these options for the code editor.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Enable autocomplete</strong></td>
<td>turns on the autocomplete feature of the code editor. This feature can predict the next keyword that you want to type before you actually type it completely. For more information, see “Using the Autocomplete Feature” on page 21.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Enable hint</strong></td>
<td>displays the syntax help window when you position the mouse pointer over a valid SAS keyword in your program. If this option is not selected, then you can view the syntax help by right-clicking a keyword and selecting <em>Syntax Help</em>. This option is not selected by default.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| **Tab width**           | displays the number of spaces that are inserted into your text when you insert a tab character. The default value is four spaces for each tab character.  
  *Note:* In Microsoft Internet Explorer and Apple Safari, spaces are used instead of Tab characters. If you are using those browsers, you must select the *Substitute spaces for tabs* check box in order for the value of the tab width to be used. |
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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Substitute spaces for tabs</td>
<td>inserts the number of spaces listed in the <strong>Tab width</strong> box instead of a single tab character. This option applies to both text that you type in the code editor and text that you paste into the code editor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enable color coding</td>
<td>displays the text in the code editor in different colors to help you identify different elements in the syntax.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show line numbers</td>
<td>displays line numbers in the leftmost column of the program and log windows.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Font size</td>
<td>specifies the font size of the text in the code editor and log window.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enable autosave</td>
<td>automatically creates auto-saved copies of each previously saved program file that you are editing so that you can recover the files if you lose your network connection or your browser closes unexpectedly. Note: New program files are not auto-saved until you save them first. The files are saved at the interval specified in the <strong>Autosave Interval</strong> option. The default interval is 30 seconds. Note: The auto-saved file is deleted if you sign out of SAS Studio and click <strong>Yes</strong> when you are prompted about losing unsaved changes. • If you lose your network connection or your browser closes unexpectedly and you have selected the <strong>Open a new program/process flow tab</strong> option in the Start Up preferences, the auto-saved file is saved as <code>filename.sas~</code>. You can open the auto-saved file in the code editor and save it. • If you lose your network connection or your browser closes unexpectedly and you have selected the <strong>Continue where you left off</strong> option in the Start Up preferences, you are prompted to open the auto-saved file when you sign back on to SAS Studio. For more information, see “Setting the Start Up Preferences” on page 107.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## Setting the Result Preferences

From the **Results** page, you can specify these options.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>HTML output style</strong></td>
<td>displays the style that is applied to results in HTML. To change the style that is applied to the results, select another style from the drop-down list.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Generate HTML graphs as SVG</strong></td>
<td>creates SVG Graphs instead of PNG Graphs in HTML output. SVG Graphs maintain clarity when you zoom in and out.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Display warning if results are larger than $n$ MB</strong></td>
<td>displays a warning message when you attempt to open a results file that is larger than $n$ megabytes (MB). The default value is 4 MB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Enable accessible graph option (Pre-production)</strong></td>
<td>adds accessibility metadata to graphs that are created by ODS Graphics. Users with disabilities will access the accessibility metadata using a companion product to ODS Graphics that will be released in the near future. This option is available only if you are using Google Chrome as your web browser. For more information, see the ODS HTML5 Statement in SAS Output Delivery System: User’s Guide. This option is preproduction for SAS Studio 3.6.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Produce PDF output</strong></td>
<td>generates results in PDF format. This option is selected by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>PDF output style</strong></td>
<td>displays the style that is applied to results in PDF. To change the style that is applied to the results, select another style from the drop-down list.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Generate the default table of contents</strong></td>
<td>creates a table of contents in the PDF file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Produce RTF output</strong></td>
<td>generates results in RTF format. This option is selected by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>RTF output style</strong></td>
<td>displays the style that is applied to results in RTF. To change the style that is applied to the results, select another style from the drop-down list.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Automatically open generated output data</strong></td>
<td>displays the output data that is created when you run a task or submit code.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Setting Task Preferences

From the **Tasks** page, you can set the options for the generated SAS code and the task layout in the SAS Studio workspace.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Trim all leading and trailing spaces in generated code</td>
<td>removes any blank spaces that appear before or after the generated code.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Generate header comments for task code</td>
<td>adds comments before the generated code for a SAS task.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Automatically format generated code</td>
<td>automatically formats any code that is generated by a task and displayed in the code editor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>View</td>
<td>specifies how to lay out the task options, task code, and task results in your workspace. You can choose from these options:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Split</strong> displays the task settings, the code, and the results for the task.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Settings</strong> displays only the options for the task in the workspace.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Code/Results</strong> displays the SAS code, the log, and any results in the workspace.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show task code</td>
<td>specifies whether to display the SAS code for the task when you select the <strong>Split</strong> view or the <strong>Code/Results</strong> view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show task log</td>
<td>specifies whether to display the log that is generated when you run the task. This option is available only if you select the <strong>Split</strong> view or the <strong>Code/Results</strong> view.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Display task settings on right</td>
<td>displays the task option to the right of the SAS Studio workspace. By default, the task options are displayed to the left.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Note:* If you want to use a custom style, you must customize the SAS Studio output environment. For more information, see Appendix 3, “Customized Output Environment,” on page 117.
Access Repositories in SAS Studio

Administrators can create global repositories. These repositories are available to everyone at your site. Global repositories are automatically available from the Tasks and Utilities and Snippets sections when you first open SAS Studio.

If your administrator allows it, you can also set your preferences to access additional repositories. For more information about repositories, see SAS Studio: Developer’s Guide to Repositories.

Setting Preferences for Background Job Submissions

From the Background Jobs page, you can set preferences for background job submissions.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>If the background job log or output file already exists</th>
<th>specifies how to handle the background job submission if a log and output file already exist. You can choose from these options:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>• Delete existing log and output</td>
<td>deletes the existing log and output files and replaces them with new files when you resubmit the program as a background job.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Fail background job submission</td>
<td>cancels the background job submission. You must delete the existing log and output files and resubmit the program.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Prompt for fail or overwrite</td>
<td>displays a message window to confirm that you want to delete or rename the existing log and output files before submitting the background job. If you select No, the background job submission is canceled. This is the default value.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| • Number log/output | saves all log and output files by creating a unique filename for each file. The log and output files are saved as `program-name(userid-YYYY-MM-DD HHMMSS)`.
### Output and log destination

specifies where to save the output and log files. You can choose from these options:

- **Same folder as .sas file** saves the log and output files to the same folder as the .sas code file.

- **Use folder** enables you to specify a location in which to save the log and output files. Click **Browse** to search for a folder.

- **Prompt for output and log file names** prompts you to specify a location in which to save the log and output files. By default, the log and output are saved in the same location as the .sas code file. Click **Browse** to search for a folder and specify a filename.

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You can change the length of time that the background job notification messages are displayed by using the **Display a message on arrival** option on the **General** page of the Preferences window. For more information, see “Setting General Preferences” on page 105.
About the Text Encoding to Language Mappings

The following table lists some of the text encoding options and the languages they are associated with. For more information about specifying a text encoding option, see “Setting General Preferences” on page 105.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Text Encoding Option</th>
<th>Language</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Windows-1250</td>
<td>(Central European languages): Polish, Czech, Slovak, Hungarian, Slovenian, Serbian Latin, Croatian, Bosnian, Romanian, Albanian</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Windows-1251</td>
<td>(Cyrillic languages): Russian, Byelorussian, Bulgarian, Serbian Cyrillic, Macedonian, Ukrainian</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Windows-1252</td>
<td>(Western European languages): Afrikaans, Basque, Catalan, Valencian, Welsh, Danish, German, English, Spanish, Basque, Finnish, Faroese, French, Western Frisian, Irish, Galician, Indonesian, Icelandic, Italian, Inuktitut, Luxembourgish, Malay, Norwegian Bokmål, Dutch, Norwegian Nynorsk, Portuguese, Quechua, Romansh, Northern Sami, Swedish, Swahili, Tswana, Xhosa, Zulu</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Windows-1253</td>
<td>Greek</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Windows-1254</td>
<td>Turkish</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text Encoding Option</td>
<td>Language</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Windows-1255</td>
<td>Hebrew</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Windows-1256</td>
<td>Arabic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Windows-1257</td>
<td>(Baltic languages): Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Windows-1258</td>
<td>Vietnamese</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Appendix 3
Customized Output Environment

Overview

You must customize the SAS Studio output environment to perform any of these tasks:

- generate output for other output destinations
- send your results to another location
- use a custom style for your output
- use an image format other than the default
- create a drill-down graph
- create an animated GIF or SVG image

To customize the SAS Studio output environment, first disable the default output environment in order to conserve system resources. Next, establish your own output environment, and then execute the SAS statements that are required to generate your output. Use ODS statements, ODS procedures, or ODS options in your SAS program to define the environment that you need.

As a best practice, if your SAS program requires a customized output environment in SAS Studio, your program should always perform these steps:

1. Create a file reference for your ODS output. You can use the &SASWS_ macro variable that is defined in SAS Studio to reference your home directory as shown in the following statement:

```sas
filename odsout "&_SASWS_/charts";
```
If you want to store your image files in a separate directory, create a second file reference for your image files as shown in the following statement:

```
filename ods1out "&_SASWS_/charts/images";
```

*Note:* The directories that you specify must already exist, and you must have Write access to the directories.

2. To conserve system resources, disable the default output environment by using the following statement:

```
ods _all_ close;
```

3. Open the desired ODS destination. Use the PATH= option to specify the file reference that you created for your ODS output. If you created a separate file reference for your image files, use the GPATH= option to specify the image output file reference. Here is an example:

```
ods html path=odsout gpath=ods1out file="saleschart.html";
```

4. Execute the SAS statements that are required to generate your output.

5. Close your ODS destination.

When you disable the default SAS Studio output environment, results are no longer displayed on the Results tab for the duration of your program. The results are generated only by the ODS destination that you open.

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### Generate Output for Other Output Destinations

If you need to generate output other than the default HTML5, PDF, or RTF output, you must open your own ODS destination. Examples of output destinations include HTML, PowerPoint, and LISTING. After you disable the default output environment, use an ODS statement to open your own output destination. Here is an example:

```
filename odsout "&_SASWS_/charts";
ods _all_ close;
ods powerpoint path=odsout file="filename";
```

To access the dictionary of ODS statements, see *SAS Output Delivery System: User's Guide*.

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### Send Your Results to Another Location

When you execute a program in SAS Studio, you can download the output from the Results tab to your local machine. If you want to send your output directly to another location, you must open your own ODS destination. By default, output files that are generated by the ODS destinations that you open are written to your home directory.

In SAS Studio Single-User deployments, the output is written to your home directory on your local machine.

In SAS Studio Basic and in SAS Studio Mid-Tier deployments, the output is written to your home directory on the remote SAS server. Your home directory appears in the navigation pane under Files and Folders or Server Files and Folders.
If you want to send the results to a specific location, use a FILENAME statement to define a file reference to the desired location. You can use the &_SASWS_ macro variable to reference your home directory. After you create the file reference, use the PATH=filename option in your ODS statement. Here is an example:

```sas
filename odsout "&_SASWS_/charts";
ods _all_ close;
ods html path=odsout file="sales.htm";
```

In this case, file sales.htm and any image files that are generated are written to subdirectory charts in your home directory.

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**Use a Custom Style for Your Output**

When you need to use a custom ODS style such as a corporate style for your results in SAS Studio, you must open your own ODS destination. You cannot specify a custom style for the default results. Use the STYLE= option in your ODS statement to specify your custom style. Here is an example:

```sas
filename odsout =&_SASWS_/charts;
ods _all_ close;
ods html path=odsout file="filename.htm" style=style-name;
```

To create a custom style, use the ODS TEMPLATE procedure, CSSStyles, or the STYLE= option. For more information, see *SAS Output Delivery System: User’s Guide*.

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**Use an Image Format Other Than the Default**

When you need to use an image format other than the default, you must specify the desired output format, and then open your own ODS destination. To specify the image format:

- If you are using SAS/GRAPH to create your graphs, specify the DEVICE= option in an OPTIONS or GOPTIONS statement. For more information, see *SAS/GRAPH: Reference*.
- If you are using ODS Graphics to create your graphs, specify the OUTPUTFMT= option in an ODS GRAPHICS statement. For more information, see *SAS Output Delivery System: User’s Guide*.

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**Create a Drill-down Graph**

When you need to create a drill-down graph in SAS Studio, you must open your own ODS destination. Drill-down graphs provide a convenient means for users to explore complex data. In a drill-down graph, certain elements of the graph contain active links. When a user clicks a linked element, the linked resource appears in a new browser window by default.

For more information, see the following documents:
- If you are using SAS/GRAPH to create the graph, see *SAS/GRAPH: Reference*. 
• If you are using the Graph Template Language to create the graph, see *SAS Graph Template Language: User’s Guide*.

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**Create an Animated GIF or SVG Image**

When you need to create an animated graph in SAS Studio, you must open your own ODS destination. An animated graph displays a series of charts automatically when the graph is viewed in a web browser or other viewer that supports animation. The animation plays as a sequence of graphs in a slide-show fashion with a delay between each graph. The sequence can play only one time, loop a fixed number of times and then stop, or loop indefinitely.

For more information, see the following documents:

• If you are using SAS/GRAPH to create the graph, see *SAS/GRAPH: Reference*.

• If you are using the Graph Template Language to create the graph, see *SAS Graph Template Language: User’s Guide*. 
## Keyboard Shortcuts in SAS Studio Workspace

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<td>Zoom in.</td>
<td>Ctrl+plus sign</td>
<td>Cmd+plus sign</td>
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<td><em>Note:</em> When you zoom into SAS Studio, no scroll bars are displayed for the browser window.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Zoom out.</td>
<td>Ctrl+minus sign</td>
<td>Cmd+minus sign</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reset the zoom state.</td>
<td>Ctrl+0</td>
<td>Cmd+0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maximize the view of the currently displayed tab or exit the maximized view.</td>
<td>Alt+F11</td>
<td>Fn+Shift+F11</td>
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<tr>
<td>Open a pop-up menu in the navigation pane.</td>
<td>Select an item, and press Shift+F10.</td>
<td>Select an item, and press Fn+Shift+F10.</td>
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<td><em>Note:</em> If you use Shift+F10 to display the pop-up menu, then it is always displayed in the top left corner of the user interface control that you are using.</td>
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<td>Create a new SAS program.</td>
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<td>Save the SAS program.</td>
<td>Ensure that the <strong>Code</strong> tab for a SAS program is displayed, and press <strong>Ctrl+S</strong>.</td>
<td>Ensure that the <strong>Code</strong> tab for a SAS program is displayed, and press <strong>Cmd+S</strong>.</td>
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<td><em>Note:</em> This shortcut does not work for the <strong>Code</strong> tab that displays a task's XML code.</td>
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<td>Run the code.</td>
<td>Ensure that a <strong>Code</strong> tab is displayed, and press <strong>F3</strong>.</td>
<td>Ensure that a <strong>Code</strong> tab is displayed, and press <strong>Fn+F3</strong>.</td>
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<td><em>Note:</em> In JAWS, <strong>F3</strong> is the keyboard shortcut for the find functionality. Therefore to run SAS code, you first must press <strong>Insert+3</strong> and then press <strong>F3</strong>. Alternatively, turn off the JAWS virtual PC cursor by pressing <strong>Insert+Z</strong>.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reset the SAS session.</td>
<td><strong>F9</strong></td>
<td><strong>Fn+F9</strong></td>
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<td><em>Note:</em> When you reset the SAS session, all libraries and file shortcuts that you created during the current session are deleted.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Download the log or results as an HTML file.</td>
<td>Ensure that the <strong>Log</strong> or <strong>Results</strong> tab is displayed, and press <strong>Ctrl+S</strong>.</td>
<td>Ensure that the <strong>Log</strong> or <strong>Results</strong> tab is displayed, and press <strong>Cmd+S</strong>.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Print the SAS program, log, or results.</td>
<td><strong>Ctrl+P</strong></td>
<td><strong>Cmd+P</strong> to open the content in a new tab. Then press <strong>Cmd+P</strong> again to print the content.</td>
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<td><em>Note:</em> This shortcut does not work for the <strong>Log</strong> and <strong>Results</strong> tabs when you use Internet Explorer. This shortcut requires Internet Explorer 10 or later.</td>
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<td>Close the selected primary tab.</td>
<td>Ensure that the focus is on the tab label (press <strong>Alt+3</strong> if necessary), and then press Delete.</td>
<td>Ensure that the focus is on the tab label (press <strong>Option+3</strong> if necessary), and then press Delete.</td>
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<td><em>Note:</em> You cannot close the <strong>Code</strong>, <strong>Log</strong>, and <strong>Results</strong> tabs.</td>
<td><em>Note:</em> If your keyboard does not contain a key for deleting forward, then press <strong>Fn+Delete</strong>.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Move the focus to the <strong>Server Files and Folders</strong> section label.</td>
<td><strong>Alt+1</strong></td>
<td><strong>Option+1</strong></td>
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<td><em>Note:</em> This shortcut requires Internet Explorer 10 or later.</td>
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Keyboard Shortcuts for the Code Editor

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<td>Open a pop-up menu in the code editor.</td>
<td>Shift+F10</td>
<td>Fn+Shift+F10</td>
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<tr>
<td>Create a new snippet from SAS code.</td>
<td>In the code editor, select the code and press Shift+Alt+A.</td>
<td>In the code editor, select the code and press Cmd+ Option +A.</td>
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<td>Note: The snippet is saved to your My Snippets folder.</td>
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<td>Insert an existing snippet.</td>
<td>Alt+I</td>
<td>Cmd+Option+I</td>
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<td>Note: Only snippets saved to your My Snippets folder are available.</td>
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<td>Add or remove comment tags for SAS code in the code editor.</td>
<td>Ctrl+/</td>
<td>Cmd+/</td>
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<td>Note: This shortcut might not work if your keyboard does not have the forward slash (/) character on the same key as the question mark (?) character. Use Ctrl+Shift+C instead.</td>
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<tr>
<td>In the code editor, display the currently applicable list of SAS keywords (autocomplete feature).</td>
<td>Ctrl+Spacebar (This shortcut also navigates to the next list if more than one is available.) Ctrl+Shift+Spacebar (This shortcut also navigates to the previous list if more than one is available.)</td>
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<td>Note: These shortcuts do not work when JAWS is on.</td>
<td>Note: If you use Ctrl + Spacebar to switch the input method editor (IME) in Windows, complete these steps to use a different shortcut for switching the IME:</td>
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<td>• First, in the region and language options of the Control Panel, select the option for changing your keyboard or input method.</td>
<td>• Next, select the option or button for changing your keyboard.</td>
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<td>• Then, in the advanced key settings section, select the row that contains the Ctrl + Spacebar key sequence and change it to use a different shortcut.</td>
<td>• Finally, restart any application that needs to use the new shortcut. (You might need to also restart your computer.)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Navigate between an autocomplete list and its associated Help pop-up window in the code editor.</td>
<td>Tab, Shift+Tab</td>
<td>Tab, Shift+Tab</td>
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<tr>
<td>Select all text in the code editor.</td>
<td>Ctrl+A</td>
<td>Cmd+A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Copy text in the code editor.</td>
<td>Ctrl+C</td>
<td>Cmd+C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cut text in the code editor.</td>
<td>Ctrl+X</td>
<td>Cmd+X</td>
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<tr>
<td>Paste text in the code editor.</td>
<td>Ctrl+V</td>
<td>Cmd+V</td>
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<tr>
<td>Undo an action in the code editor.</td>
<td>Ctrl+Z</td>
<td>Cmd+Z</td>
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<tr>
<td>Redo an action in the code editor.</td>
<td>Ctrl+Y</td>
<td>Cmd+Shift+Z</td>
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<tr>
<td>Find and replace text in the code editor.</td>
<td>Ensure that the focus is in the body of the code editor, and then press Ctrl+F.</td>
<td>Ensure that the focus is in the body of the code editor, and then press Cmd+F.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Move the cursor to the beginning of the word on the left of the cursor.</td>
<td>Ctrl+left arrow</td>
<td>Option+left arrow</td>
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<tr>
<td>Move the cursor to the beginning of the word on the right of the cursor.</td>
<td>Ctrl+right arrow</td>
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<tr>
<td>Move the cursor to the end of the word on the right of the cursor.</td>
<td>Option+right arrow</td>
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<tr>
<td>Move the cursor to the beginning of the previous paragraph.</td>
<td>Option+up arrow</td>
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<tr>
<td>Move the cursor to the beginning of the next paragraph.</td>
<td>Option+down arrow</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Scrolls the editor (the cursor does not move).</td>
<td>Ctrl+down arrow, Ctrl+up arrow</td>
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<tr>
<td>Scrolls a page down or up (moves cursor).</td>
<td>Page Down, Page Up</td>
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*Note:* If you are not using the full extension keyboard, use Fn+down and Fn+up to page down and page up.
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<td>Move the cursor to the end of the line.</td>
<td>End</td>
<td>Cmd+right arrow</td>
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<td>Move the cursor to the beginning of the line.</td>
<td>Home</td>
<td>Cmd+left arrow</td>
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<tr>
<td>Move to the bottom of the currently displayed section of the navigation pane.</td>
<td>End</td>
<td>Fn+right arrow</td>
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<td>Move to the top of the currently displayed section of the navigation pane.</td>
<td>Home</td>
<td>Fn+left arrow</td>
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<tr>
<td>Move the cursor to the top of the document.</td>
<td>Ctrl+Home</td>
<td>Cmd+up arrow</td>
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<tr>
<td>Move the cursor to the bottom of the document.</td>
<td>Ctrl+End</td>
<td>Cmd+down arrow</td>
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<tr>
<td>Select (highlight) text to the left of the cursor character-by-character.</td>
<td>Shift+left arrow</td>
<td>Shift+left arrow</td>
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<tr>
<td>Select (highlight) text to the right of the cursor character-by-character.</td>
<td>Shift+right arrow</td>
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<tr>
<td>Select (highlight) text from the cursor to the same location on the previous line.</td>
<td>Shift+up arrow</td>
<td>Shift+up arrow</td>
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<td>Select (highlight) text from the cursor to same location on the next line.</td>
<td>Shift+down arrow</td>
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<tr>
<td>Delete the word on the left of the cursor.</td>
<td>Ctrl+Backspace</td>
<td>Option+Delete (backward)</td>
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<td>Note: If your keyboard does not contain a key for deleting backward, then press Fn +Delete.</td>
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<td>Delete the word on the right of the cursor.</td>
<td>Ctrl+Delete</td>
<td>Option+Delete (forward)</td>
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<td>Select (highlight) the word on the left of the cursor.</td>
<td>Ctrl+Shift+left arrow</td>
<td>Option+Shift+left arrow</td>
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<td>Select (highlight) the word on the right of the cursor.</td>
<td>Ctrl+Shift+right arrow</td>
<td>Option+Shift+right arrow</td>
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<td>Select (highlight) text from the cursor to the beginning of the document.</td>
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<td>Select (highlight) text from the cursor to the end of the document.</td>
<td>Ctrl+Shift+down arrow</td>
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<tr>
<td>Select a column or vertical block of text.</td>
<td>Alt+left mouse button. Then drag the mouse pointer to select the text.</td>
<td>Option+left mouse button. Then drag the mouse pointer to select the text.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Change case of selected text.</td>
<td>Ctrl+Shift+U cycles among initial capital, uppercase, and lowercase.</td>
<td>Cmd+Shift+U cycles among initial capital, uppercase, and lowercase.</td>
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<td>Ctrl+U converts the selected text to uppercase.</td>
<td>Cmd+U converts the selected text to uppercase.</td>
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<td>Ctrl+L converts the selected text to lowercase.</td>
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Recommended Reading

- *Getting Started with Programming in SAS Studio*
- *The Little SAS Book: A Primer* (Buy)
- *SAS Statistics by Example* (Buy)
- *Elementary Statistics Using SAS* (Buy)

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