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New Year— New Look— New Features!

Welcome to the new look of the SESUG Informant! You hold in your hands—or in your reader or browser, as the case may be—a new look for SESUG's information conduit to the SAS user community. Like so many organizations, we're trying to be a little bit "greener" in our day-to-day business—so we wanted to find a way to use a little less paper and save a tree or two.

Our readers were also interested in a format that would permit them to not only get more information, but the most current information. So our future issues will be brief, presenting a summary of the information we want to share with you, and hyperlink it all to the full versions on our website or those of our supporters.

If you find an article that intrigues you—just click anywhere on it, and it will automatically link you to the full article or feature on the Web.

Let us know what you think of the new format!
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SESUG Goes Back to the Beach in 2008—*Sweet!*



It's Back to the Beach - specifically, St. Pete Beach in Florida - and back to the TradeWinds Island Grand Resort, the site of the very first SESUG conference waaaaay back in 1993! Come join us as we celebrate SESUG's Sweet 16th conference! <http://www.sesug.org/SESUG2008/index.htm>

Tips, Tricks, and Techniques!



Using PROC SQL With the _METHOD Option

Long-time contributor Kirk Paul Lafler is always ready to share a technique with the SESUG community. This quarter, he expands on a previous theme, the _METHOD option, and explores three ways to join tables using it! <http://www.sesug.org/SESUGOrganization/newsletters/spring2008/Lafler-tips.pdf>

Book Review— In the Know... SAS® Tips and Techniques From Around the Globe

One of the best parts of going to a conference is the opportunity to learn new techniques. Invariably, there's that serendipitous moment where you learn some obscure option, some previously-unheard-of parameter, or some tricky tip that makes a SAS problem just—go away! Phil Mason has assembled a whole book of these little gems; and our own Andy Kuligowski tells you about them! <http://www.sesug.org/SESUGOrganization/newsletters/spring2008/Kuligowski-book-review.pdf>



SESUG's Speaker Sharing Service

Have you ever wondered how you could get a speaker on SAS topics for your local or in-house user group? You might be surprised to find that it's only a click or two away—and it's FREE! Come take a look at how our Speaker Sharing program can help your organization! <http://www.sesug.org/SESUGOrganization/SpeakerSharingProgram.htm>



SAS and SESUG Team for Scholarship Program!

Are you a student, currently studying SAS as part of your degree or field of interest? If so, we'd like to help you expand your knowledge of SAS—by inviting you to participate in our fall conference, as part of our scholarship program! Get more information and apply at <http://www.sesug.org/SESUG2008/ScholarshipInfo.html>. But hurry—**deadline is March 24th!**



We Appreciate Our Sponsors!

We want to take this opportunity to again thank our commercial supporters for all their help in 2007, and the contributions they made to the success of the 2007 conference on Hilton Head Island, SC! If you'd care to be a part of it in 2008 — we would welcome the chance to work with you! Take a look at our new-and-improved Vendor and Sponsorship package! <http://www.sesug.org/SESUG2008/SponsorProgram.html>



A good number of familiar faces from the SESUG community will be presenting at the 2008 SAS Global Forum! Here are just some of the familiar faces you'll see. The names in bold are active members of the SESUG Executive Council (EC); feel free to ask them about participating in SESUG, or you can visit the SAS Demo Room and say hello at the Regional User Group table! <http://support.sas.com/events/sasglobalforum/2008/presents.html>

DelGobbo, Vince	Tips and Tricks for Creating Multi-Sheet Microsoft Excel Workbooks the Easy Way with SAS®	Hands-on Workshops
Dhillon, Rupinder	A "SAS® Programmer's" Guide to the SAS® Enterprise Guide®	Hands-on Workshops
Dhillon, Rupinder	An Added Dimension: Exploring SAS® OLAP Cubes with SAS® Enterprise Guide®	Beyond the Basics
Dilorio, Frank	Managing the Change and Growth of a Metadata-based System	Data Integration
Dorfman, Paul	Hash Crash and Beyond	Beyond the Basics
Droogendyk, Harry	Joining Data: DATA Step Merge or SQL?	Foundations and Fundamentals
Eberhardt, Peter	Separating the Interface from the Engine: Creating Custom Add-in Tasks for SAS Enterprise Guide® 4.1	Pre-Conference Seminars
Eberhardt, Peter	Crossing the Border: Steps to Writing SAS® Stored Processes	Beyond the Basics
Fecht, Marje	A "SAS® Programmer's" Guide to the SAS® Enterprise Guide®	Hands-on Workshops
Fecht, Marje	Are Your SAS Programs Running You?	Foundations and Fundamentals
Fehd, Ronald	SmryEachVar: A Data-Review Routine for All Data Sets in a Libref	Applications Development
Heaton, Edward	Using the SAS® DATA Step and PROC SQL to Create Macro Arrays	Coders' Corner
Heaton, Edward	Many-to-Many Merges in the DATA Step	Coders' Corner
Kuligowski, Andrew	Using SAS® to Parse External Data	Hands-on Workshops
Lafler, Kirk P.	Collaborate with SAS® Users around the World with sasCommunity.org	Planning, Development and Support
Lafler, Kirk P.	Exploring the Undocumented PROC SQL _METHOD Option	Coders' Corner
Lafler, Kirk P.	PROC SQL Programming: Beyond the Basics	Pre-Conference Seminars
Lafler, Kirk P.	Understanding WHERE-Clause Processing and Indexes	Beyond the Basics
Langston, Rick	Experiences in Testing Host-Dependent Software in a Portable Fashion	Coders' Corner
Langston, Rick	Introducing the SAS® Code Analyzer	Applications Development
Larsen, Erik S.	Creating a Stored Macro Facility in Ten Minutes	Coders' Corner
Martell, Carol	SAS® XML Mapper to the Rescue	Coders' Corner
Martell, Carol	ColdFusion and SAS®: No Pain Meds Required	Reporting and Information Visualization
Milum, Jenine	Six Cool Things You Can Do in Display Manager	Coders' Corner
Nelson, Gregory	Building OLAP Cubes with SAS® 9: A Hands-on Workshop	Hands-on Workshops
Nelson, Gregory	Exploiting OLAP Cubes with SAS® 9: A Hands on Workshop	Hands-on Workshops
Nelson, Gregory	ETL and Data Quality: Which Comes First?	Beyond the Basics
Okerson, Barbara	Using SAS® Graphics to Explore Behavioral Health Cost Risk	Posters
Rafiee, Dana	New Architecture and Speed with a Netezza Data Warehouse Appliance	Systems Architecture
Stuelpner, Janet	Hidden Tools You Didn't Know You Had: Code-Generating Windows	Foundations and Fundamentals
Stuelpner, Janet	CDISC: Pains and Pitfalls of Data Set Creation	Pharma, Life Sciences and Healthcare
Tabladillo, Mark	Return of the Codes: SAS®, Windows®, and Yours	Applications Development
Whitlock, Ian	The Art of Debugging	Foundations and Fundamentals

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