Handle Big Data With SAS® DS2

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Agenda

Describe the DS2 programming language

Understand basic DS2 Syntax

Create Methods to reuse

Know When to use DS2

Q &A

1 Describe the DS2 Programming Language

What is Big Data

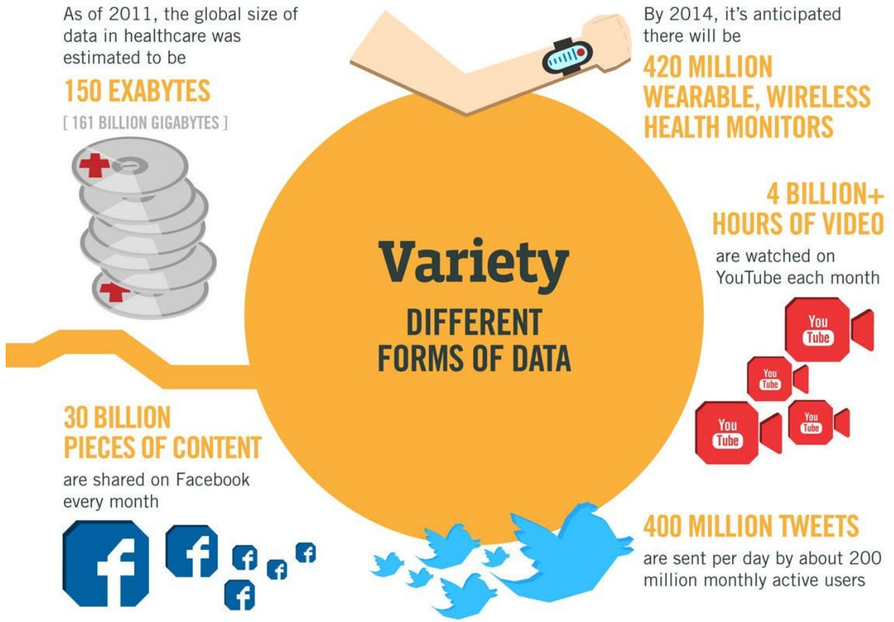
When volume, velocity and variety of data exceeds an organization's storage or compute capacity for accurate and timely decision-making

Volume Big Data

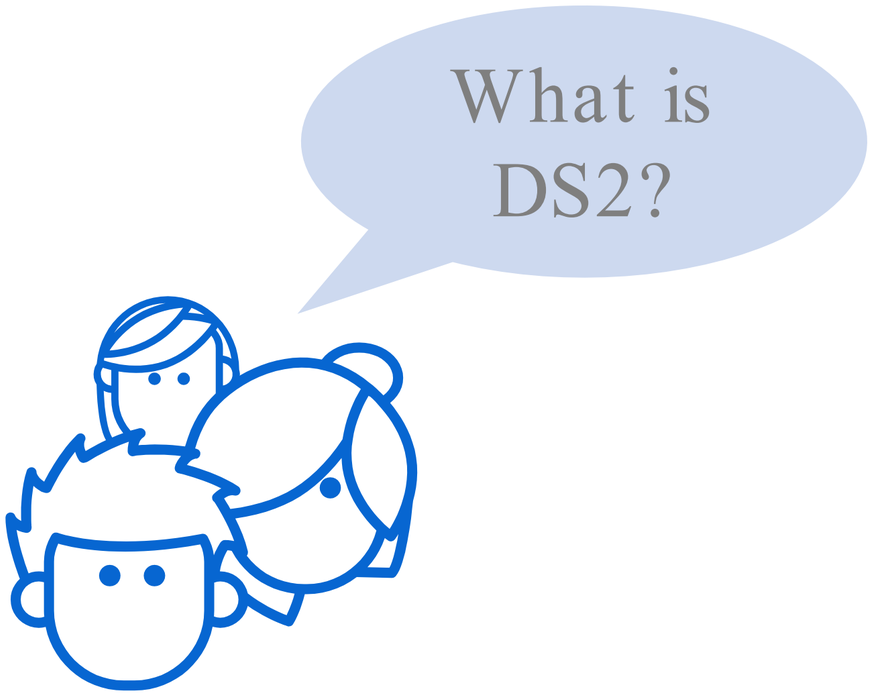
Data is no longer in megabytes or gigabytes

Have you heard of Zettabytes?

Click to edit text	Use case
Zettabytes (ZB) **1,024 EB**	Total global internet traffic, connected devices, AI/ML data for worldwide systems.
Exabytes (EB) **1,024 PB**	IoT device data, satellite imagery, telecommunications, global cloud services.
Petabytes (PB) **1,024 TB**	Large enterprises, Netflix video storage, social media archives, healthcare records.
Net Income (loss) is: **$64,000**	Large enterprises, Netflix video storage, social media archives, healthcare records.



What is DS2?



Advanced data manipulation language

DATA step-like syntax

Closely integrated with SQL

Convenient reusability

Structural Similarities and Differences – Data Step and DS2

Base SAS DATA Step

```
data _null_;
   Text='Hello, World!';
   put Text=;
run;
```

DS2 Data Block

```
data _null_;
   method init();
      Text='Hello, World!';
      put Text=;
   end;
enddata;
run;
```

OOPs–Object Oriented Programming

SAS DS2 is considered object-oriented because it introduces concepts such as methods, packages, and inheritance, which are key features of object-oriented programming (OOP).

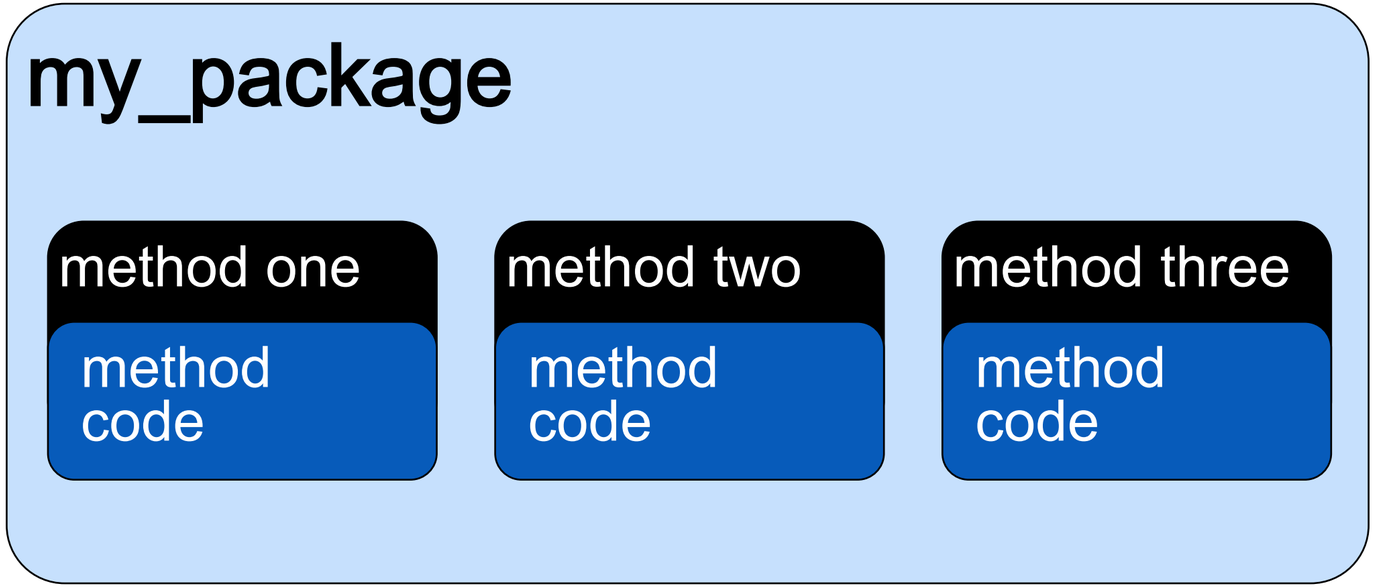
```
proc ds2;
   data bees / overwrite=yes;
      dcl package bumblebee_class bee; /* Declare an instance of the
bumblebee_class package */
      method init();
         bee = _new_ bumblebee_class("Bombus", "pensylvanicus");
      end;
      method run();
         bee.describe();
      end;
   enddata;
run;
quit;

/* Defining the bumblebee_class package */
proc ds2;
   package bumblebee_class;
      dcl char(20) species;
      dcl char(30) scientific_name;

      /* Constructor method to initialize values */
      method bumblebee_class(char(20) sp, char(30) sci_name);
         species = sp;
         scientific_name = sci_name;
      end;

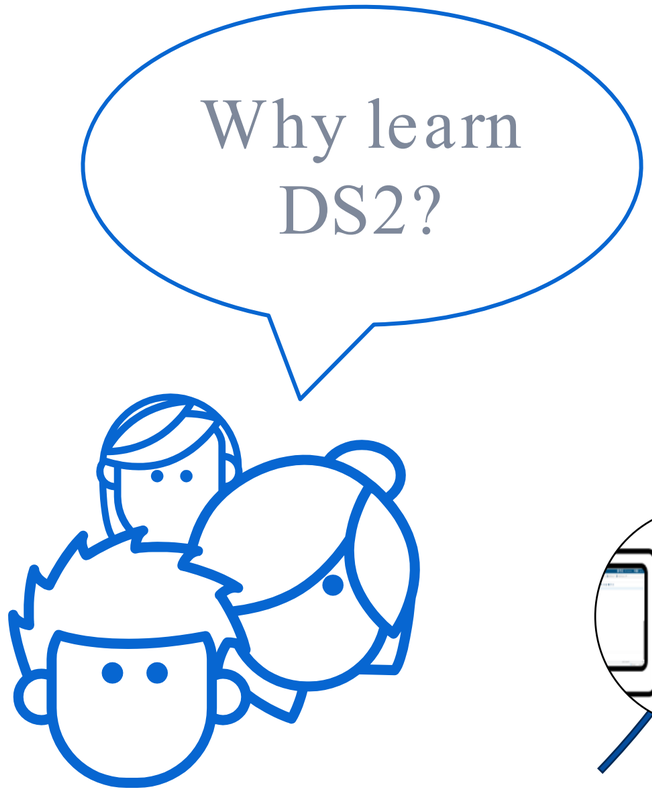
      /* Method to display bee information */
      method describe();
         put "Species: " species "Scientific Name: " scientific_name;
      end;
   endpackage;
run;
quit;
```

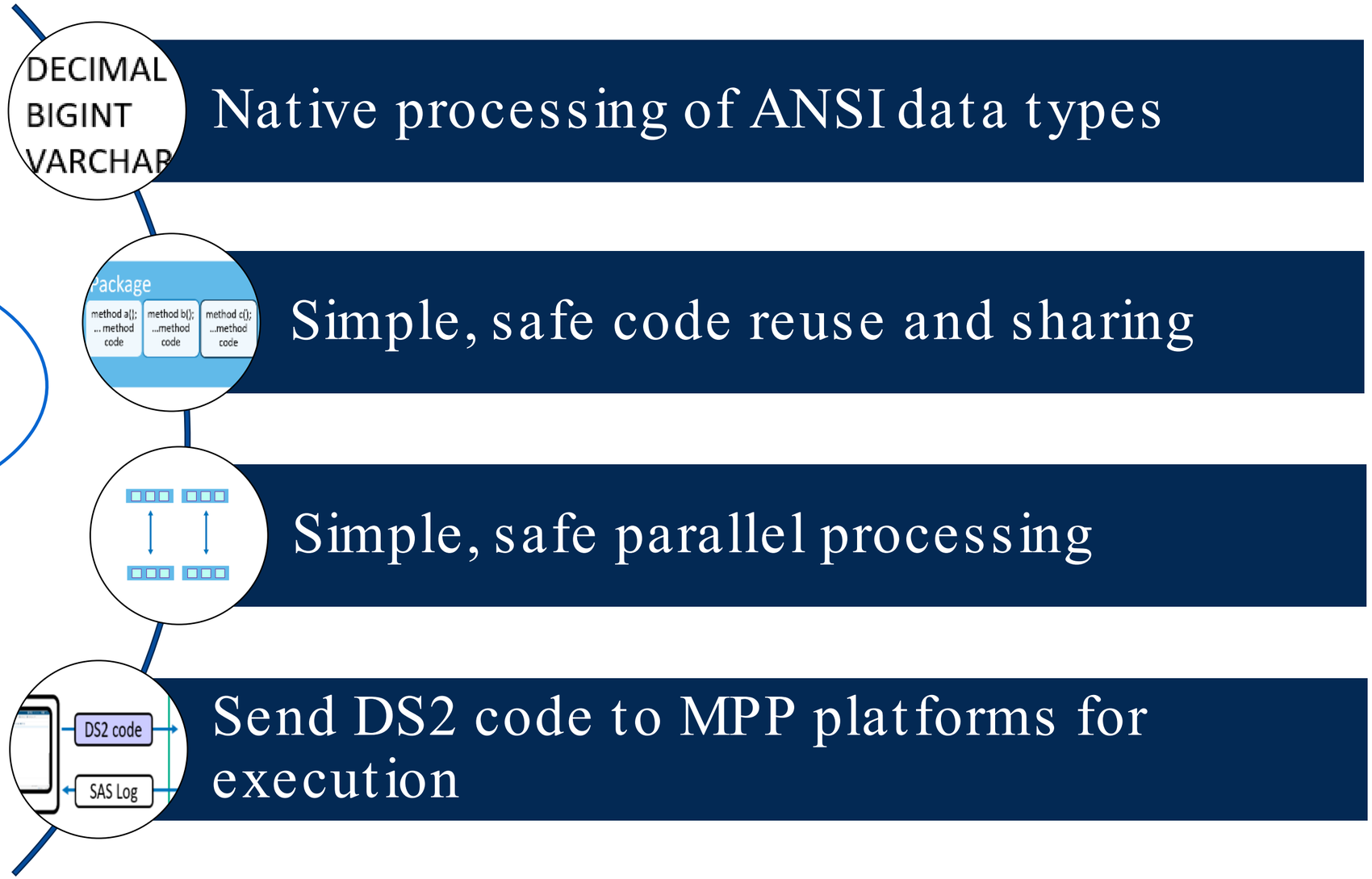
DS2- Object Oriented Programming



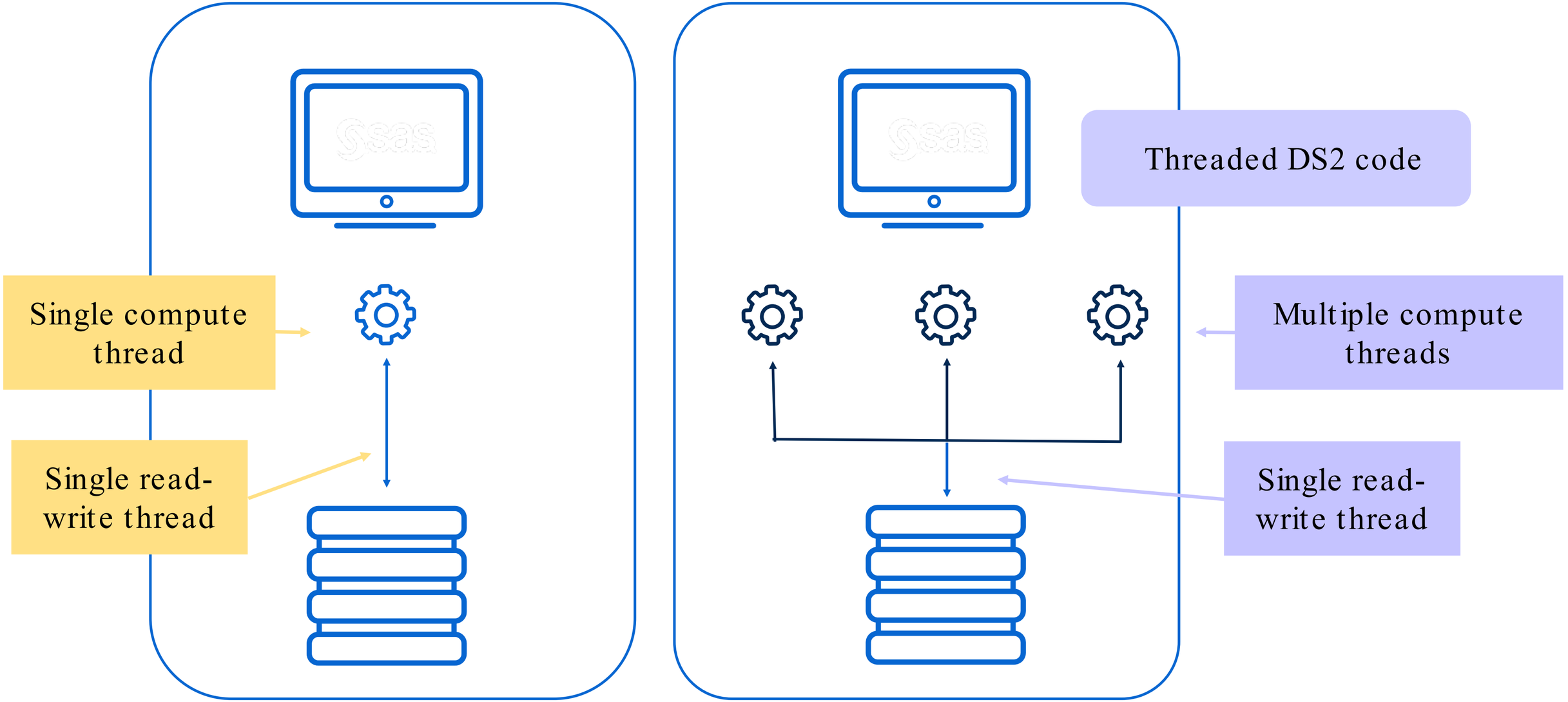

```
dcl package my_package my;
     …
A=my.two;
```

DS2 Superpowers

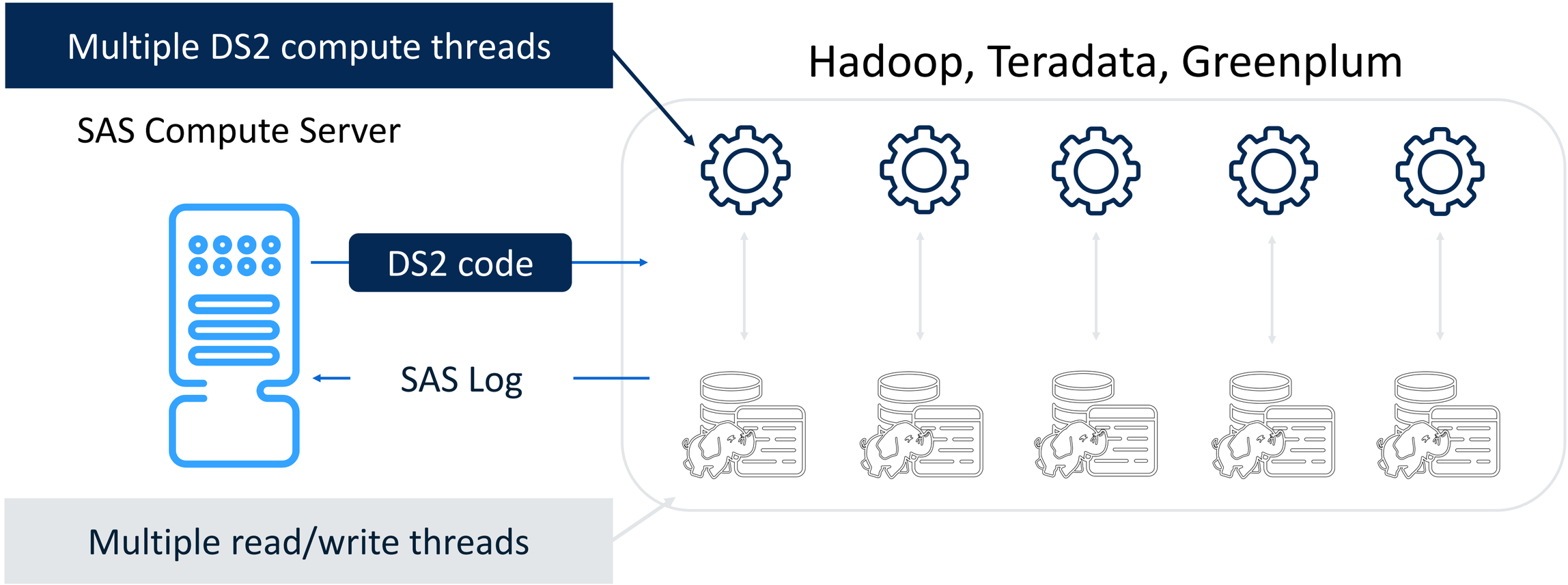




Threaded Processing – Data Step & DS2



DS2 – Massively Parallel Processing System



ANSI SQL Data Type Support - Extended Data Types

The syntax of the DS2 language intersects with the SAS DATA step but also includes additional data types, ANSI SQL types, programming structure elements, and user-defined methods and packages

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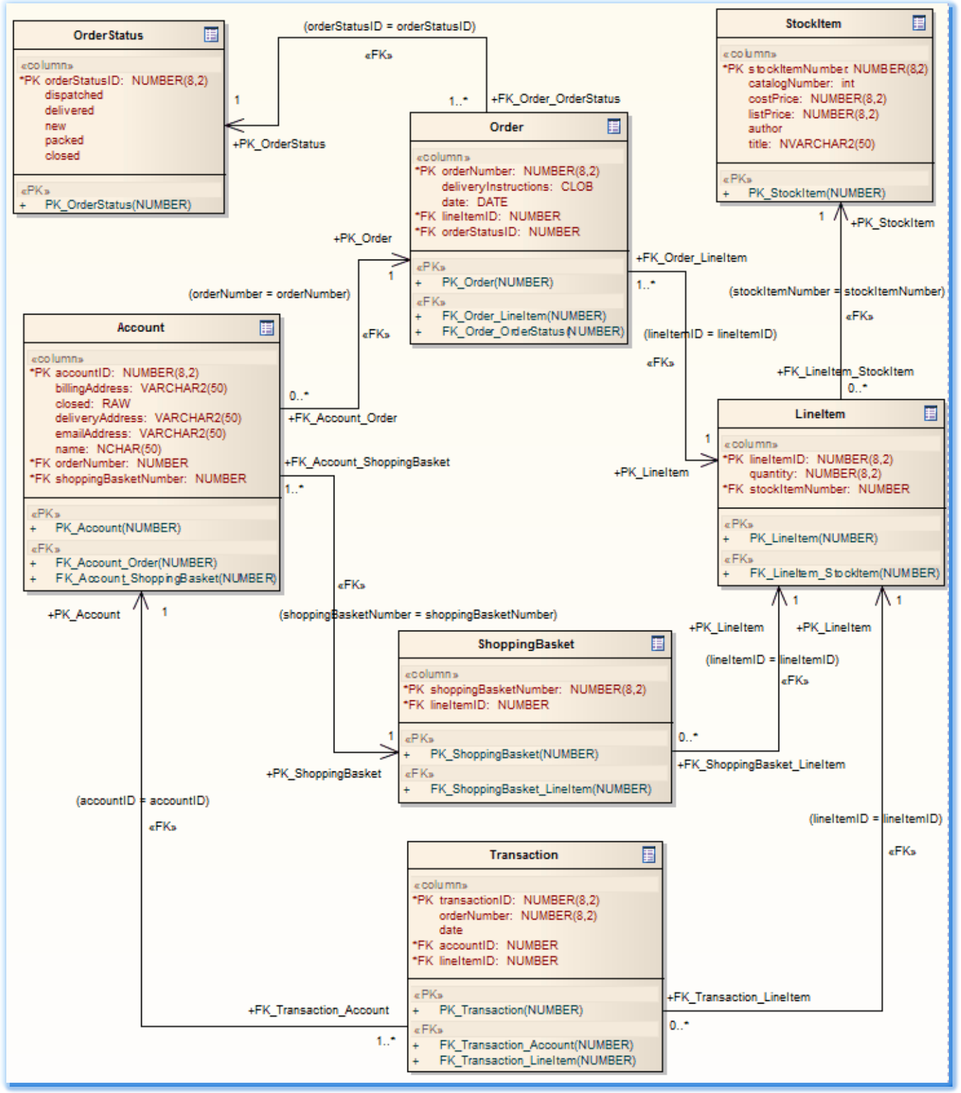
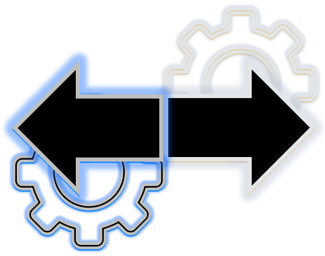
BINARY(*n*)
CHAR(*n*)
DATE
DOUBLE
FLOAT(*p*)
INTEGER
NCHAR(*n*)



NVARCHAR(*n*)
REAL
SMALLINT
TIME(*p*)
TIMESTAMP(*p*)
TINYINT
VARBINARY(*n*)
VARCHAR(*n*)

Reading Data from a Database - SAS/Access Engine Behavior

SAS Compute Server



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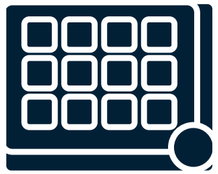

Reading Data from a Database - DS2 Behavior

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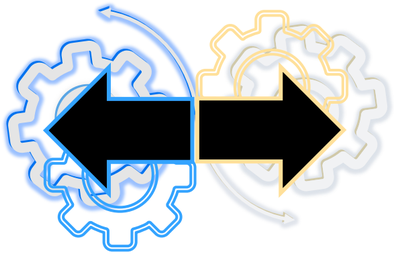

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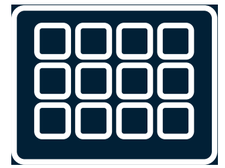

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DS2 Is Not A Data Step Replacement

- DS2 Complements the DATA Step

  DS2 has
  - DATA and SET statements
  - IF..THEN..ELSE, DO loops
  - Expressions and Functions
  - Future: Debugger

  DS2 does not have
  - INFILE and INPUT statement
  - MERGE, UPDATE
  - MODIFY / REPLACE
  - POINT=

2 Understand Basic DS2 Syntax

Hello, World

DS2 Syntax

- related to the DATA step
- but different

```
data _null_;
   Text='Hello, World!';
   put Text=;
run;
```

```
proc ds2;
data _null_;
   method init();
      Text='Hello, World!';
      put Text=;
   end;
enddata;
run;
quit;
```

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A DS2 “Hello, World” Program

This demonstration illustrates a few differences between Base SAS DATA step and DS2 DATA step programs.

Idea Exchange

SAS Code

```
proc ds2;
data Hello;
   method init();
      Text='Hello, World!';
      put Text=;
   end;
enddata;
run;
quit;
```

SAS Log

```
WARNING: No DECLARE for assigned-to variable Text;
         assuming type char.
```

- Have you seen this type of warning before?
- What caused the warning?

Object Based Syntax – User Defined Methods and Packages

```
PROC DS2;
data _null_;
   method c2f(double Tc) returns double;
   /* Celsius to Farenheit */
      return (((Tc*9)/5)+32);
   end;
   method init();
      dcl double Degc DegF;
      do DegC=0 to 30 by 15;
         DegF=c2f(DegC);
         PUT DegC= DegF=;
      end;
   end;
enddata;
run;
quit;
```

Define method

Call method

DS2 - Data Blocks

- begin with a DATA statement
- end with an ENDDATA statement
- require a RUN statement to execute.

```
data my.table;
```

```
enddata;
run;
```

DS2 - Methods

- Begin with a METHOD statement
- End with an END statement
- Contain all executable statements
- System or user-defined

```
data my.table;
    method myMethod(double x);
       put 'myMethod';
    end;
    method init();
       put 'INIT';
    end;
enddata;
run;
```

INIT Method

System Methods Control DATA block Flow

- Called when the block begins execution
- Each statement executed only once
- At END, automatically calls the RUN method

RUN Method

- Starts only when called by INIT
- At END, implicit OUTPUT and RETURN
- Loops until input data is exhausted
- When out of data, automatically calls TERM

TERM Method

Term

- Starts only when called by RUN
- Each statement executed only once
- END terminates program block execution

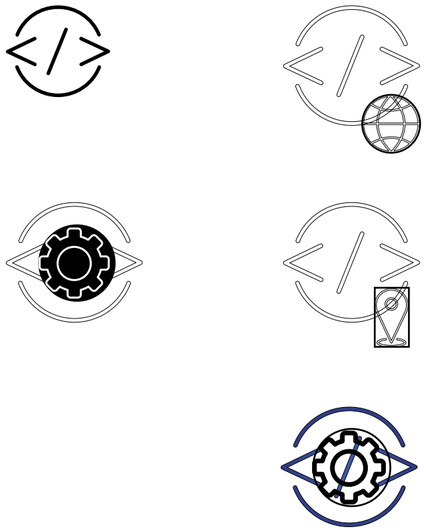
Null Method


```
data;
    method init();
    end;
    method run();
        set my.table;
    end;
    method term();
    end;
enddata;
run;
```

NULL Method

NULL Method

Declaration Statements



```
data;
    dcl double Amount;
    retain Amount 0;
    method run();
        dcl int year;
        set orion.banks;
        amount=1000;
        do year=1 to 5;
            amount=sum(amount,amount*rate);
        end;
    end;
enddata;
```

SAS Data Step Declarative Statements

Variable Declaration: Variables are automatically created in the DATA step when they are first referenced, but here's an example of declaring and initializing them explicitly	data example;
	  length name $20;
	  name = 'John Doe';
	run;

Array Declaration: Arrays group variables for easier processing.	data example;
	  array scores[3] score1-score3;
	  do i = 1 to 3;
	  scores[i] = i * 10;
	  end;
	run;

Format Declaration: The FORMAT statement defines how variables should be displayed.	data example;
	  salary = 50000;
	  format salary dollar8.;
	run;

Label Declaration: Adds descriptive labels to variables for reports or displays.	data example;
	  length id $5;
	  label id = 'Employee ID';
	  id = 'E123';
	run;

Retain Declaration: Keeps the value of variables across iterations of the DATA step.	data example;
	  retain counter 0;
	  counter + 1;
	run;

Keep/Drop Declaration: Specifies variables to include or exclude in the output dataset.	data example;
	  keep age;
	  age = 25;
	run;

Informat Declaration: Assigns input formats to read raw data into the SAS dataset correctly.	data example;
	  informat birthdate date9.;
	  input birthdate $;
	  format birthdate date9.;
	datalines;
	15JAN1990
	;
	run;

SAS DS2 Declarative Statements

Variable Declaration (length): In DS2, you explicitly declare all variables using dcl (declare) instead of relying on length or implicit declarations .	proc ds2;
	  data example;
	  dcl varchar(20) name;
	  dcl double age;
	  method run();
	  name = 'John Doe';
	  age = 30;
	  end;
	  enddata;
	run;
	quit;

Array Declaration: DS2 supports arrays, but they are defined differently. DS2 arrays are more like fixed-size collections that don't have to be declared as array explicitly.	proc ds2;
	  data example;
	  dcl double scores[3];
	  method run();
	  do i = 1 to 3;
	  scores[i] = i * 10;
	  end;
	  end;
	  enddata;
	run;
	quit;

Format Declaration: In DS2,, formatting in DS2 is applied to variables within the DECLARE statement itself, as shown below:	proc ds2;
	  data example;
	  dcl double salary format=dollar8.;
	  method run();
	  salary = 50000;
	  end;
	  enddata;
	run;
	quit;

Variable Declaration

DECLARE|DCL *data-type variable-list* <HAVING LABEL '*string*' | FORMAT | INFORMAT>
;

```
/* Declare three DOUBLE variables formatted dollar12.2*/
dcl double Var1 Var2 Var3 having format dollar12.2;

/* Declare a high-precision fixed point numeric variable */
dcl decimal(35,5) Var1;

/* Declare a fixed-width character variable labeled 'My Text'*/
dcl char(25) Var1 having label 'My Text';
```

Variable Declaration

```
data;
   dcl double Value;
   method run();
      set orion.banks;
      do Month='JAN','FEB','MAR';
         do i=1 to 3;
            Value=10**i;
            if i > x then output;
         end;
      end;
   end;
enddata;
run;
```

```
WARNING: No DECLARE for referenced variable month;
         creating it as a global variable of type char(3).
WARNING: No DECLARE for referenced variable i;
         creating it as a global variable of type double.
WARNING: No DECLARE for referenced variable x;
         creating it as a global variable of type double.
```

Variable Declaration

DATA Step

- KEEP
- DROP
- RETAIN

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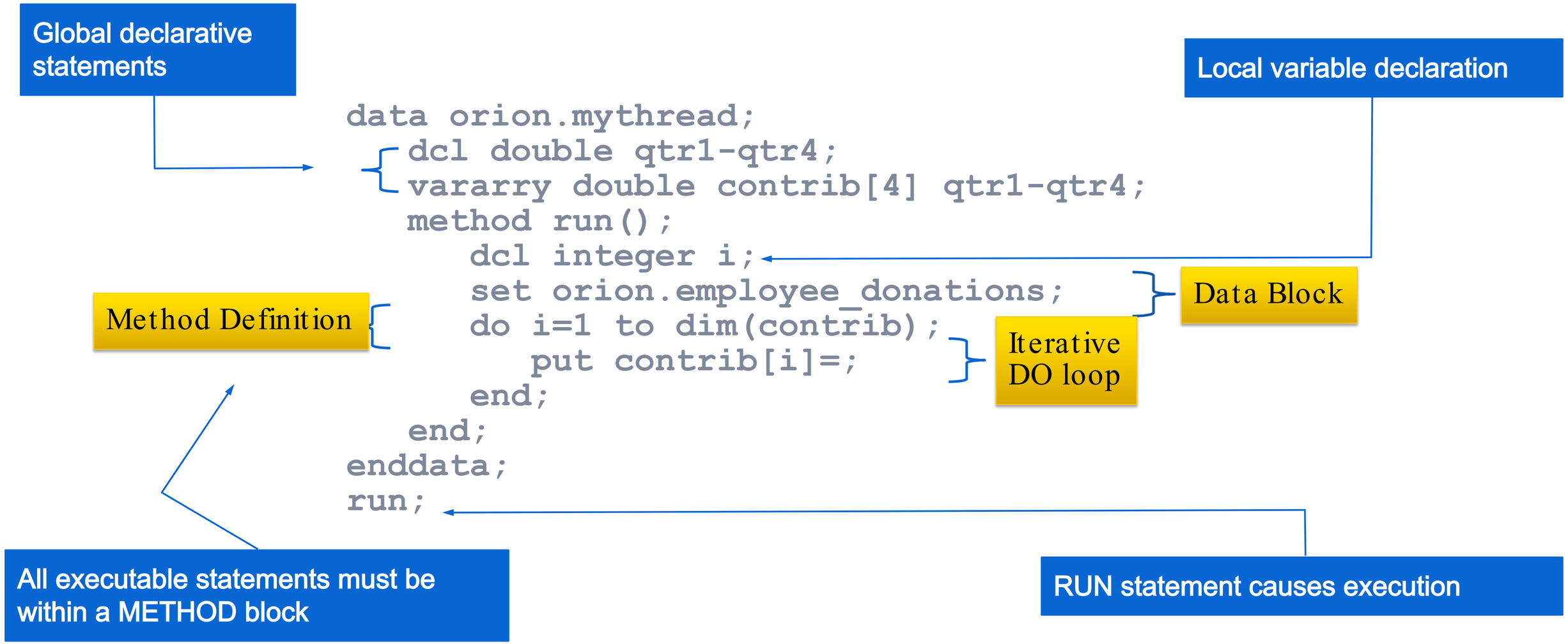
- KEEP
- DROP
- RETAIN

```
ERROR: Compilation error.
```

DS2 Data Block Structure



Convert a Base SAS DATA step program to DS2.

Convert a DATA step to DS2, and leverage the new programming structures and capabilities.

```
data _null_;
   /* Section 1 */
   if _n_ =1 then do;
      Text='**> Starting';
      put Text;
   end;

   /* Section 2 */
   set orion.banks end=last;
   put _all_;

   /* Section 3 */
   if last then do;
      Text='**> All done!';
      put Text;
   end;
run;
```

```
proc ds2;
data _null_;









enddata;
run;
quit;
```

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Quiz

Which DS2 system method should be used to execute sections 1, 2, and 3 of this DATA step?

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   end;

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   put _all_;

   /* Section 3 */
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      put Text;
   end;
run;
```

Section	System Method
	INIT
	RUN
	TERM

Quiz – Correct Answer

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   put _all_;

   /* Section 3 */
   if last then do;
      Text='**> All done!';
      put Text;
   end;
run;
```

Section	System Method
1	INIT
2	RUN
3	TERM

Converting to DS2

Converting Section 1

```
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      put Text;
   end;

   /* Section 2 */
   set orion.banks end=last;
   put _all_;

   /* Section 3 */
   if last then do;
      Text='**> All done!';
      put Text;
   end;
run;
```

```
proc ds2;
data _null_;
   method init();
      Text='**> Starting';
      put Text;
   end;









enddata;
run;
quit;
```

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Converting to DS2

Converting Section 2

```
data _null_;
   /* Section 1 */
   if _n_ =1 then do;
      Text='**> Starting';
      put Text;
   end;

   /* Section 2 */
   set orion.banks end=last;
   put _all_;

   /* Section 3 */
   if last then do;
      Text='**> All done!';
      put Text;
   end;
run;
```

```
proc ds2;
data _null_;
   method init();
      Text='**> Starting';
      put Text;
   end;

   method run();
      set orion.banks;
      put _all_;
   end;




enddata;
run;
quit;
```

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Converting to DS2

Converting Section 3

```
data _null_;
   /* Section 1 */
   if _n_ =1 then do;
      Text='**> Starting';
      put Text;
   end;

   /* Section 2 */
   set orion.banks end=last;
   put _all_;

   /* Section 3 */
   if last then do;
      Text='**> All done!';
      put Text;
   end;
run;
```

```
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data _null_;
   method init();
      Text='**> Starting';
      put Text;
   end;

   method run();
      set orion.banks;
      put _all_;
   end;

   method term();
      dcl char(11) Text;
      Text='**> All done!';
      put Text;
   end;
enddata;
run;
quit;
```

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Converting to DS2

- Partial SAS log

```
**> Starting
NAME=Carolina Bank and Trust      Text=**> Starting _N_=1 RATE=0.0318
NAME=State Savings Bank           Text=                  _N_=2 RATE=0.0321
NAME=National Savings and Trust   Text=                  _N_=3 RATE=0.0328
**> All done
WARNING: No DECLARE for assigned-to variable text; assuming type char.
NOTE: Execution succeeded. No rows affected.
```

The variable **Text** is not desired in the RUN method output.

Setup for the Poll

What is the scope of the undeclared variable **Text**?

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      put Text;
   end;

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Poll

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a. local

b. global

c. cannot be determined

Poll – Correct Answer

- What is the scope of the undeclared variable **Text**?

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  b. global

  c. cannot be determined

- **Undeclared variables have a global scope.**

Converting to DS2

Declaring the variable **Text** as local excludes it from the PDV.

```
proc ds2;
data _null_;
   method init();
      dcl char(15) Text;
      Text='**> Starting';
      put Text;
   end;
   method run();
      set orion.banks;
      put _all_;
   end;
   method term();
      dcl char(11) Text;
      Text='**> All done!';
      put Text;
   end;
run;
enddata;
quit;
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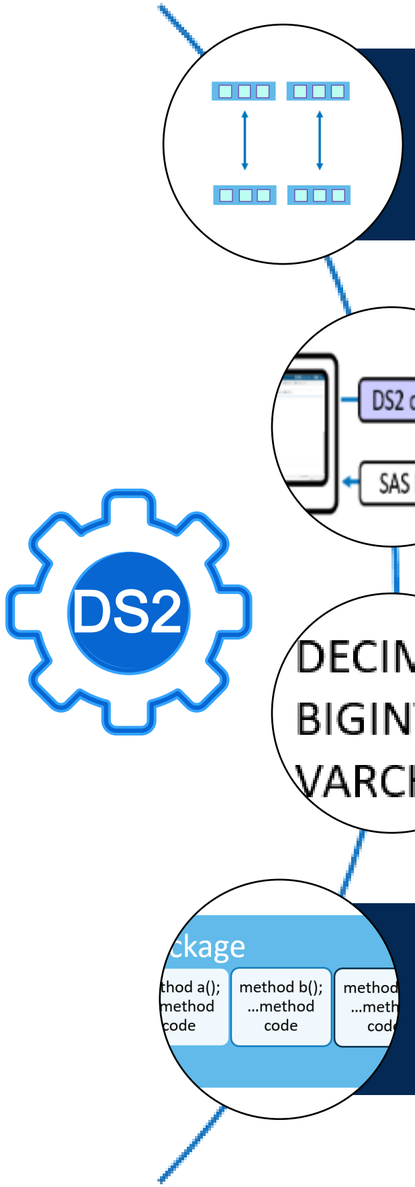
3 Know When To Use DS2

When to Use DS2



- Threaded processing improves CPU-intensive performance
- In-database or CAS processing is available
- Working with high-precision ANSI data types
- Leveraging reusable code in DS2 packages

Idea Exchange

What real-world benefit do you see resulting from converting this particular program from a Base SAS DATA step to a DS2 DATA step?

```
proc ds2;
data _null_;
   method init();
      dcl varchar(20) Text;
      Text='**> Starting';
      put Text;
   end;
   method run();
      set orion.banks;
      put _all_;
   end;
   method term();
      dcl char(11) Text;
      Text='**> All done!';
      put Text;
   end;
enddata;
run;
quit;
```

Quiz

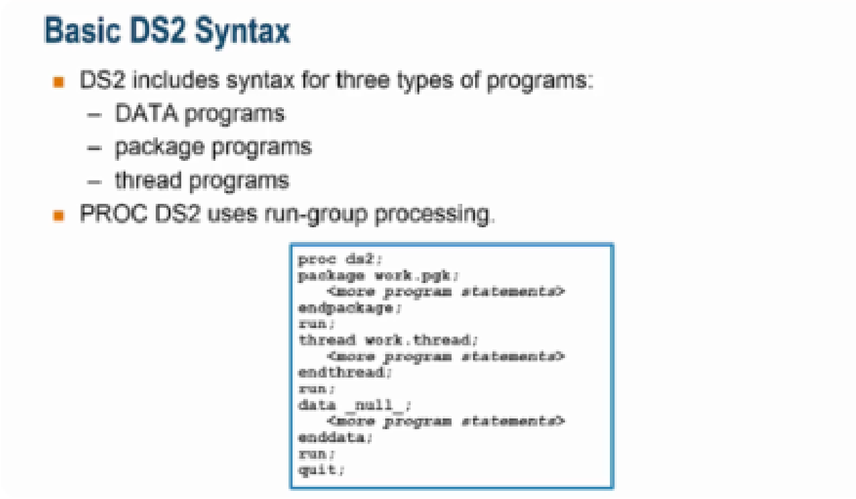
Sharpen your Pencils

Question 1

PROC DS2 creates which types of programs?

A. DATA, Package and Thread

B. DATASTEP, Package and Multi-Thread



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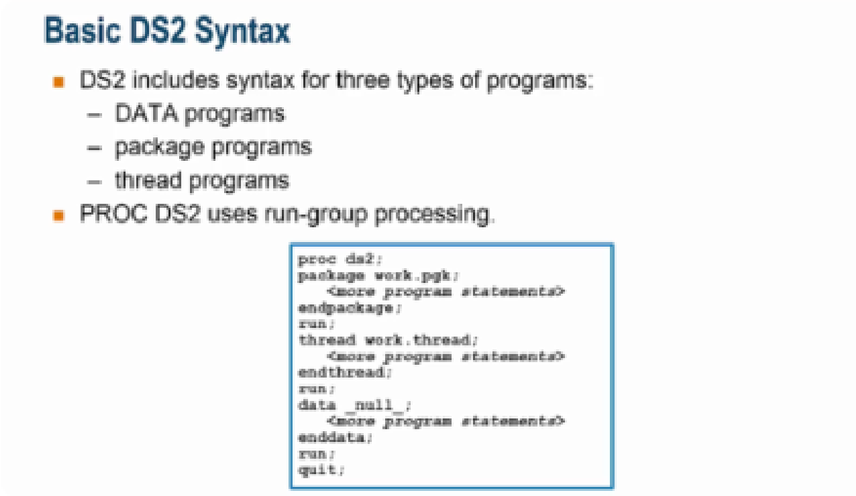

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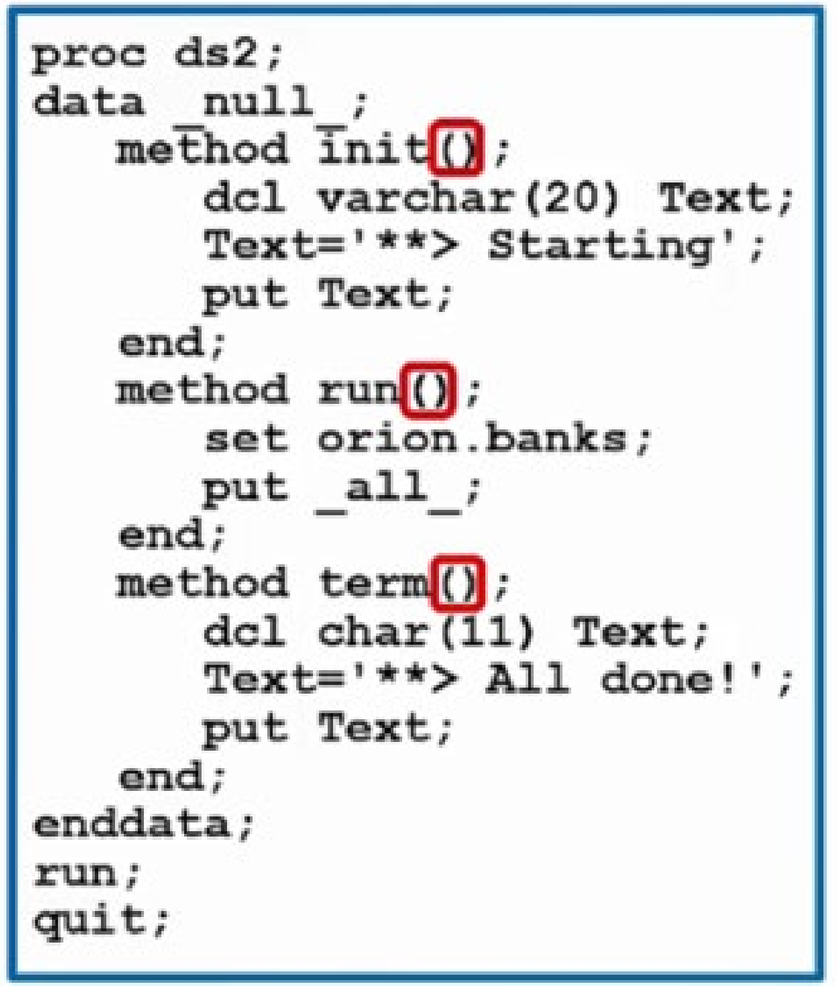
B. 3
C. 0
D. None of the above



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      put Text;
   end;
enddata;
run;
quit;
```

Question 3

What type of method is defined below in the image?

A. System

B. User Defined

```
proc ds2;
data _null_;
   method c2f(double Tc) returns double;
   /* Celsius to Fahrenheit */
      return (((Tc*9)/5)+32);
   end;
   method init();
      dcl double Degc DegF;
      do DegC=0 to 30 by 15;
         DegF=c2f(DegC);
         PUT DegC= DegF=;
      end;
   end;
enddata;
run;
quit;
```

Answer 3

What type of method is defined below in the image?

A. System

B. User Defined

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Question 4

This DS2 DATA step INIT method contains a SET statement that reads **orion.banks**. If the data set contains three observations, how many times is the method executed?

```
proc ds2;
data _null_;
   method init();
      set orion.banks;
      put _all_;
   end;
enddata;
run;
quit;
```

a. 0

b. 1

c. 3

d. cannot be determined from the information given

Answer 4

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   method init();
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   end;
enddata;
run;
quit;
```

a. 0
b. 1
c. 3
d. cannot beetermined from the information given

The INIT system method automatically executes only once, when the DS2 DATA step first begins execution.

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