Different ways to create macro variable:

MACROS

Macro: These are the tools for doing automation. It makes the work faster by automating the task that requires writing same lines of code every time.

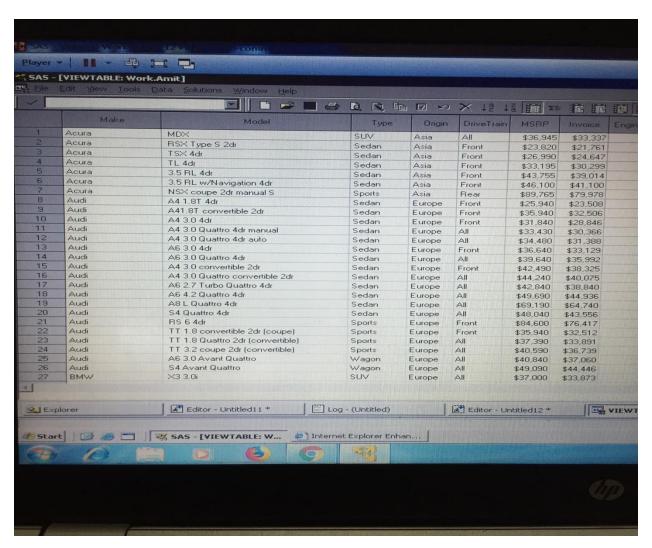
Macro variable: The variables of type macros that stores the data as **TEXT** only. Macro variables are referenced by using ampersand (&) followed by macro variable name.

1.%LET: The syntax of the %LET statement
%let macro-variable-name=value;
<mark>%let a=amit;</mark>

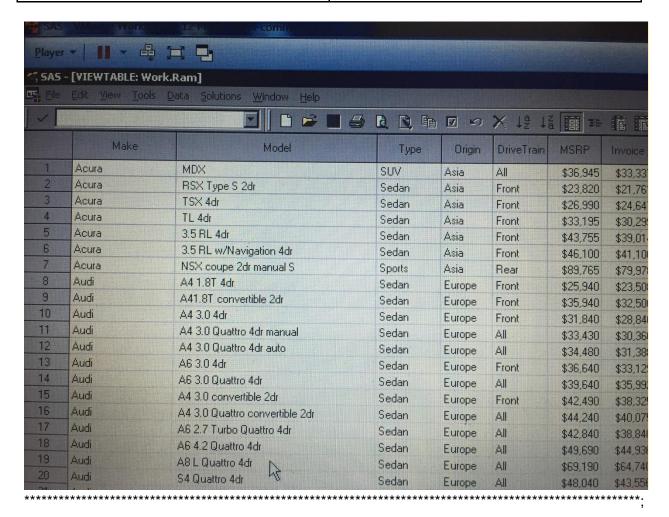
Code:
%let a=amit;
Data &a
Set sashelp.cars;
Run;
Proc print data=&a
Run:

%let a=amit;	// a= macro variable , value = amit //
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Data &a Set sashelp.cars; Run;	// Suppose amit is to be used many times in the code, so instead of amit you can write "&a"
	& is a trigger(call) to the macro variable a. It is text substitution (find and replace). Dataset amit will be created. Same way we can change the value amit by any other name and can create different data sets.//
Proc print data=&a Run;	



%let a=ram; %let l=sashelp.cars;	I = library
Data &a Set &l Run;	If we are using Sashelp.cars many times in the code, so instead of that we can write &I. "&I" will find and replace sashelp.cars everywhere used in the code.
Proc print data=&a Run;	



2.Macro Parameters: Second way of creating macro variables is passing parameters to macro.

%macro yo;

// Base SAS Proc SQL SQL //

% mend yo;

%yo; (call to macro)

%macro a(d=);	%macro a = is the start of macro where "a" is the name of the macro. (d=) : d is the parameter will value null. (macro will take the input "parameter d ")
data &d set sashelp.cars; run; %mend a;	Writing &d will make "d" a macro variable. %mend a = end of macro a . Till this point macro "a" will compile and a catalogue will form(sasmacr) where definition of macro is stored.
%a(d=kaka); %a(d=nana);	%a is the call(trigger) to the macro and the value given to the macro is kaka. Here, macro "a" is called and the parameter passed is" kaka". It will go to the catalogue, will pick the macro "a" and in place of "&d" will put the value "kaka". Now the code will be: data &kaka set sashelp.cars; Run;

	The same way we can change the value from "kaka" to "nana" and can make another dataset.
Note:" & " is the trigger to the made	cro variable and " % " is the trigger
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In case we want to make a permar	ment dataset.
%macro a(d=);	
data &d set sashelp.cars; run;	
%mend a;	
%a(d=sasuser.admit); // this will replace &	d by sasuser.admit //
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Passing value while creating a macro:

%macro a(d=ram); // this will become hard-cored. Everytime dataset ram will form and the purpose of creating dynamic shell will not be fulfilled. //

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data &d;
set sashelp.cars;
Run;

mend a;

%a(d=kaka);
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Creating macro with SQL.

%macro a(d=);

Proc sql;
Create table &d as select * from sashelp.cars;
quit;

%mend a;

%a(d=kaka);
%a(d=baba);
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Note: It is necessary to give the table name in SQL, otherwise will show error whereas in Base SAS if no dataset name is given, it will by default take the name as "Data1".

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Passing two parameters ( what to make and from where to make )

%macro a(d=,l=); // Two parameters are passed "d" and "l" //
Data &d; // Two macro variables are formed "&d" and "l" //
Set &l;
run;

%mend a;

%a(d=kaka , l=sashelp.cars); // Running this will make the dataset kaka which will be the
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exact copy of sashelp.cars.//
%a(d=route, l=sasuser.cargorev); // Similarly this will make the dataset route which will be the exact copy of sasuser.cargorev.//
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(No need to write the code from scratch)

Note: We cannot pass two different values for single parameter like (d=kaka, d=kaka1). This will show error.

Creating above example of macro with SQL. %macro a(d=,l=); Proc sql; Create table &d as select * from &l; quit; %mend a; %a(d=kaka , l=sashelp.cars);

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Another example ( Text substitution )

%let v=Cylinders; // hard-corded value //

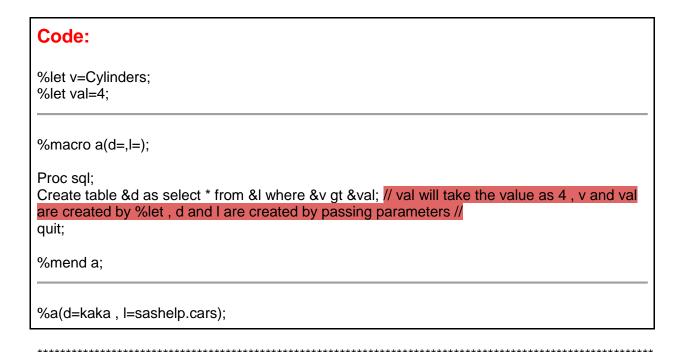
%macro a(d=,l=,);

Proc sql;
Create table &d as select * from &l where &v gt 4; // Text substitution ( &d=kaka, &l=sashelp.cars, &v=cylinders) // quit;

%mend a;

%a(d=kaka , l=sashelp.cars);
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MSRP	Invoice			
\$39,640		EngineSize	Culling	/ ← ← Ro
	\$35,992	3	Cylinders	Horsepo
\$42,490	\$38,325	3	6	
\$44,240	\$40,075		6	
\$42,840	\$38,840	3	6	
\$49,690	\$44,936	2.7	6	
\$69,190	\$64,740	4.2	8	3
\$48,040	\$43,556	4.2	8	3
\$84,600		4.2	8	34
\$40,590	\$76,417	4.2	8	45
	\$36,739	3.2	6	25
\$40,840	\$37,060	3	6	220
\$49,090	\$44,446	4.2	8	340
\$37,000	\$33,873	3	6	225
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Create "kaka" from sashelp.cars sorted by EngineSize:

%macro sortany(d=, l=, v=); // Three parameters are passed= d, l, v //

Proc sort data = &I out=d;

By &v;

Run;

%mend sortany;

%sortany(d=kaka, l=sashelp.cars, v=EngineSize);

// Kaka will be created from sashelp.cars sorted by enginesize //

%sortany(d=kaka , l=sashelp.cars, v=Origin); // The same way we can sort by Origin and Type) //

%sortany(d=kaka, l=sashelp.cars, v=Type);

gin	DriveTrain	MSRP	Invoice	EngineSize	Cv
а	Rear	\$25,700	\$23,794	1.3	
9	Rear	\$27,200	\$25,179	1.3	
9	Front	\$20,140	\$18,451	1.4	
а	Front	\$12,965	\$12,340	1.5	
a-	Front	\$14,165	\$13,480	1.5	
а	Front	\$20,510	\$18,926	1.5	
а	Front	\$10,760	\$10,144	1.5	
а	Front	\$11,560	\$10,896	1.5	
3	Front	\$11,290	\$10,642	1.5	
A	Front	\$11,690	\$10,965	1.6	
4	Front	\$12,585	\$11,802	1.6	
a	Front	\$10,539	\$10,107	1.6	
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Creating above example of macro with SQL.

%macro sortany(d=,l=,v=);

Proc sql;

Create table &d as select * from &l order by &v quit;
%mend sortany;
%a(d=kaka , l=sashelp.cars);