

Macro Facility Intro Article

Before you start watching the videos in this section, what is the Macro Facility?

A macro facility is a *tool for extending and customizing SAS and for reducing the amount of text (code) that you must enter in order to perform common tasks.*

One example of its utility is if your *SAS programs tend to be lengthy*. Imagine having to scan 700 lines of code and having to change code at multiple places. This process takes a lot of time and is tedious, but it is also easy to overlook a reference that needs to be updated (this can cause errors or surprising results).

Macro variables can be defined and referenced anywhere in a SAS program ***except within the data lines of a DATALINES statement.***

I hope you enjoy the videos!

