

# Accessing Sample Data for SAS for Dummies

The chapters within *SAS for Dummies* make use of lots of sample data files, many of which you probably already have! The candy-themed data sets (mmmm, candy....) ship as part of SAS Enterprise Guide 4.1. If you have SAS Enterprise Guide installed, you can find the sample data files in a folder like "C:\Program Files\SAS\Enterprise Guide\4\Sample\Data". (The exact folder might be a little different on your machine, depending on where you usually install software.)

We have also provided a SAS program and a sample SAS Enterprise Guide project to help you recreate this data, in case you want an easy way to get the data in your own SAS environment.

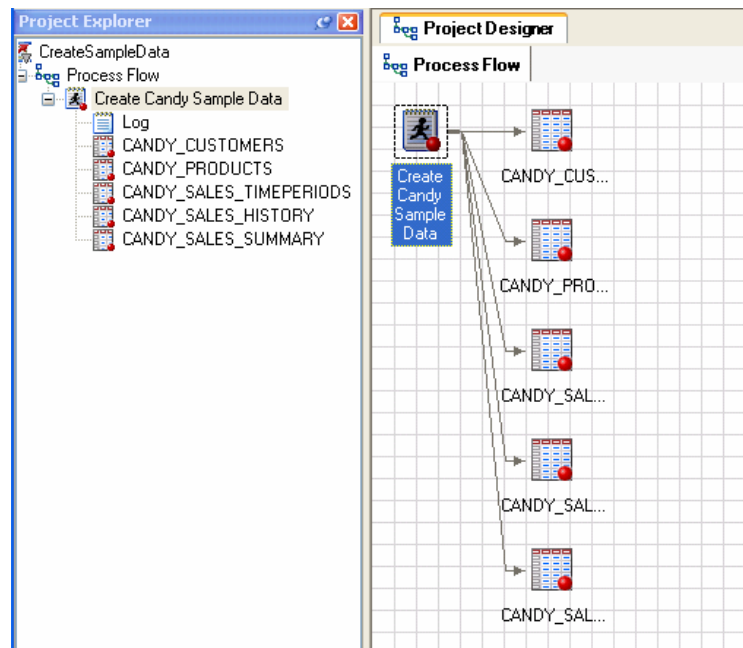
Along with this document, you'll find two files:

- \* CreateSampleCandyData.sas, a SAS program that, when run, will create all of the candy data sets within your SAS session.
- \* CreateSampleData.egp, a SAS Enterprise Guide project that contains the same SAS program, ready to run in your environment.

## To use the sample project file:

1. In SAS Enterprise Guide, choose File->Open->Project. Select Local Computer as the location.
2. Navigate to the folder that contains the CreateSampleData.egp file included with this document. Select this file and choose Open.

The project looks something like this:



3. Right-click on the program, labeled "Create Candy Sample Data". Choose Select Server and make sure that the server selected is correct for your environment. If it is incorrect, choose the server that is correct for you.

The project file uses "Local" by default, which usually works fine if you have SAS installed on your local machine.

4. Right-click on the program again and choose "Run Create Candy Sample Data".

The program should take several seconds to run, and the results will be the five sample data sets created in your WORK library (the temporary "scratch" area for your SAS session).

With the sample data created in your SAS session, you are now able to use the data to practice with most of the examples shown in *SAS for Dummies*.