

Sometimes, you might need to know the path to the temporary work directory that SAS uses. There are at least two ways to do it.

First method is via point-and-click in Windows environment. Right click on the icon of work in SAS and choose “Property”.

The second method is to use SAS syntax. For example,

```
proc options option = work;  
run;
```

If you want to pass this information to a SAS program or what if we are not in Windows environment, here is how to do it via syntax. Notice that the code is not case-sensitive.

```
%put %sysfunc(getoption(work));  
  
1    %put %sysfunc(getoption(work));  
c:saswork_TD308
```

We can also create a macro variable to store the location for future use.

```
%let a = %sysfunc(getoption(work));  
%put &a;  
  
3    %let a = %sysfunc(getoption(work));  
4    %put &a;  
c:saswork_TD308
```

For more information on using sas macro function %sysfunc, visit SAS’s page on [%SYSFUNC and %QSYSFUNC Functions](http://support.sas.com/documentation/cdl/en/mcrolref/62978/HTML/default/viewer.htm#p1o13d7wb2zfcnn19s5ssl2zdxvi.htm) (<http://support.sas.com/documentation/cdl/en/mcrolref/62978/HTML/default/viewer.htm#p1o13d7wb2zfcnn19s5ssl2zdxvi.htm>)

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