

## Activity: View Table Properties and Column Attributes

1. In SAS Studio, open the **EPG194/data** folder.
2. Double-click the **storm\_summary** SAS table to view it.

Notice that a blank is stored for a missing character value (for example, **Name** in row 1) and a period is stored for a numeric missing value (for example, **MaxWindMPH** in row

3. Click the **Table Properties** tool above the **storm\_summary** table to view the table and column attributes. Examine the length of the **Basin** column.

From what you have learned about column properties, could *East Pacific* be properly stored as a data value in the **Basin** column?

No. **Basin** has a length of 2 bytes, so *East Pacific* would be truncated, and the value would be *Ea*.