

From Principles to Practice: Responsible Innovation

Pre-Conference Faculty Workshop

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TRAINING

- e-Learning
- How-to videos
- Onsite & virtual training



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

- Teaching materials
- Curriculum consulting
- Academic specializations
- SAS Educator Portal
- SAS Skill Builder for Students





Agenda







SAS Viya for Learners



Ethical Data Analysis





Responsible and Ethical Data Use







Our vision is a world where data empowers people to thrive. We pursue that vision through trustworthy and responsible innovation.

Reggie Townsend, Vice President of the Data Ethics Practice, SAS









Responsible Innovation in Academia



RESPONSIBLE

- data scientists
- citizens



CAREER READY

- future of industry
- implications of solutions



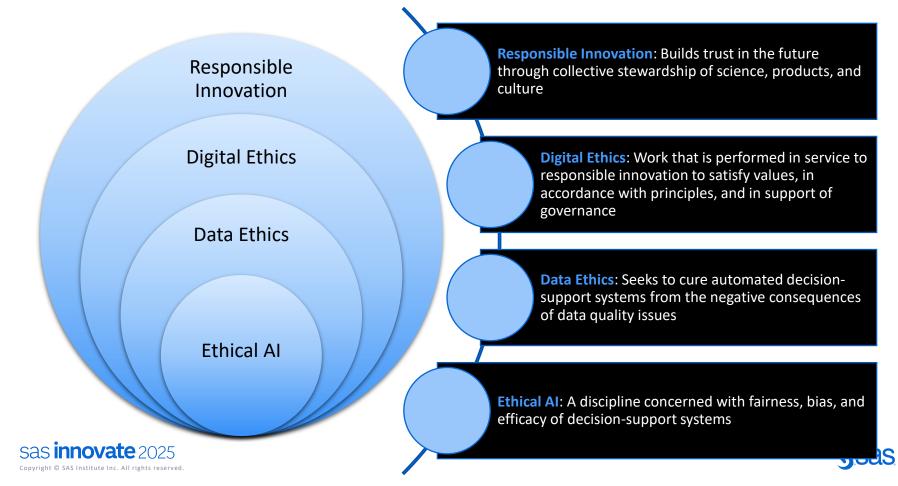
THOUGHT-LEADERS

- critical thinking
- ignite curiosity

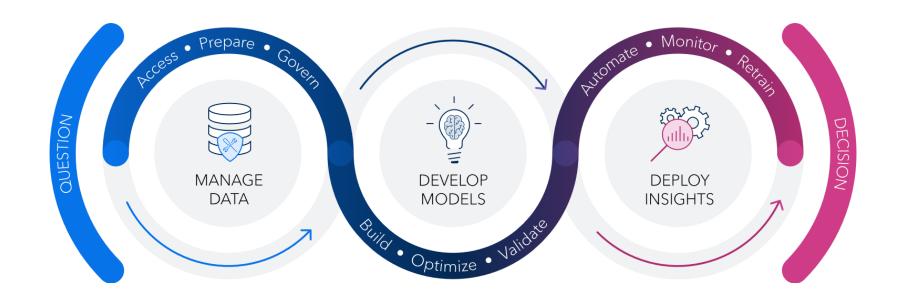




The Responsible Innovation Journey



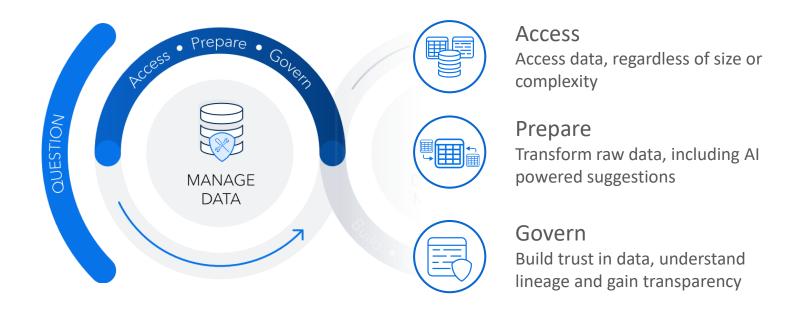
Al and Analytics Life Cycle







Manage Data







Develop Models





Build

Build models with multiple AI techniques to solve real world problems



Optimize

Embed models into operational systems and monitor them



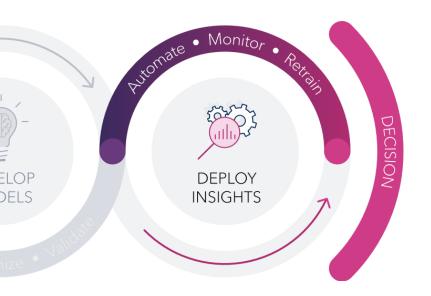
Validate

Ensure model's input and output variables align with business' expectations





Deploy Insights





Automate

Automate manual tasks for feature engineering and model tuning



Monitor

Monitor model's inputs, output and performance over time, leveraging built-in alerts

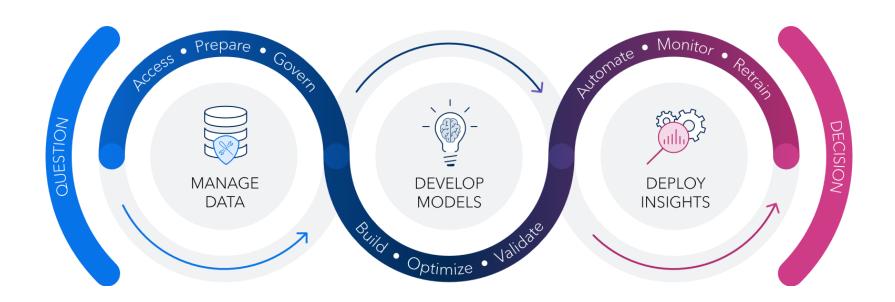


Retrain

Revise, retrain or replace models leveraging built-in pipelines to ensure optimal performance



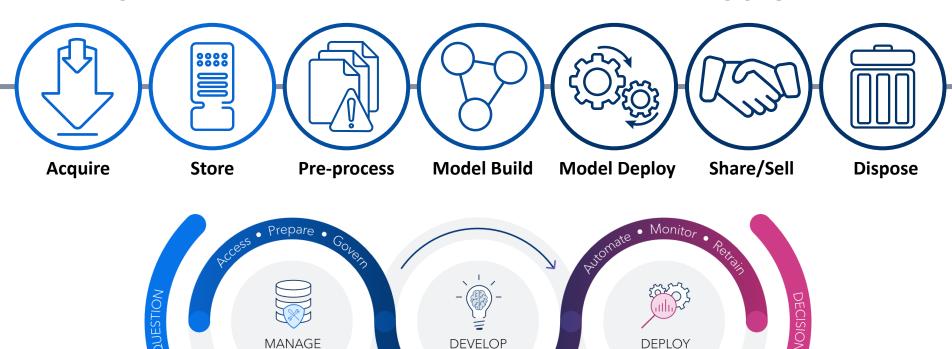








Responsible Innovation Across the Data Supply Chain



MODELS

Optimize Validate

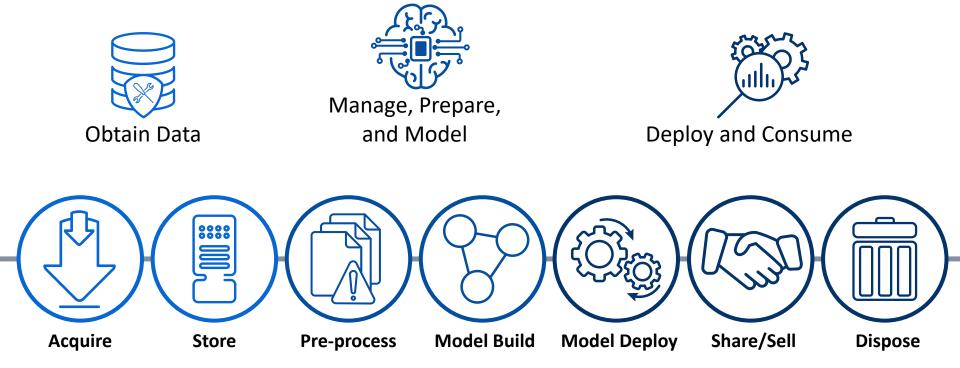
INSIGHTS

DATA

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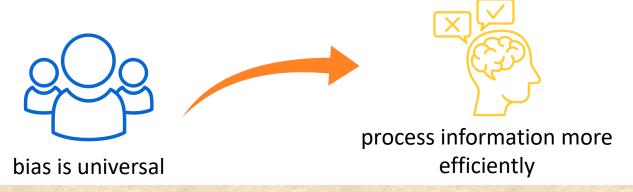


Responsible Innovation Across the Data Supply Chain









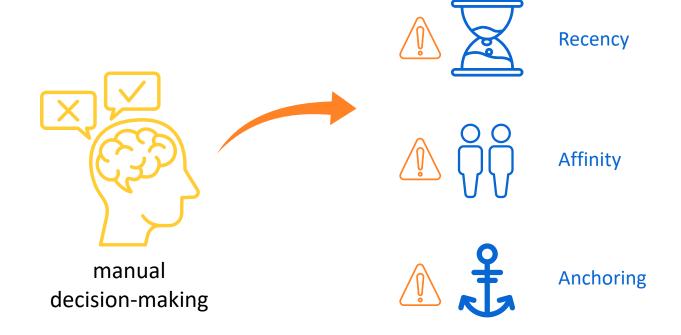
Bias (noun)

- : prejudice in favor of or against one thing, person, or group compared with another, usually in a way considered to be unfair
- : *(statistics)* a systematic distortion of a statistical result due to a factor not allowed for in its derivation
- : (machine learning) a systematic error that occurs in the machine learning model itself due to incorrect assumptions in the machine learning process



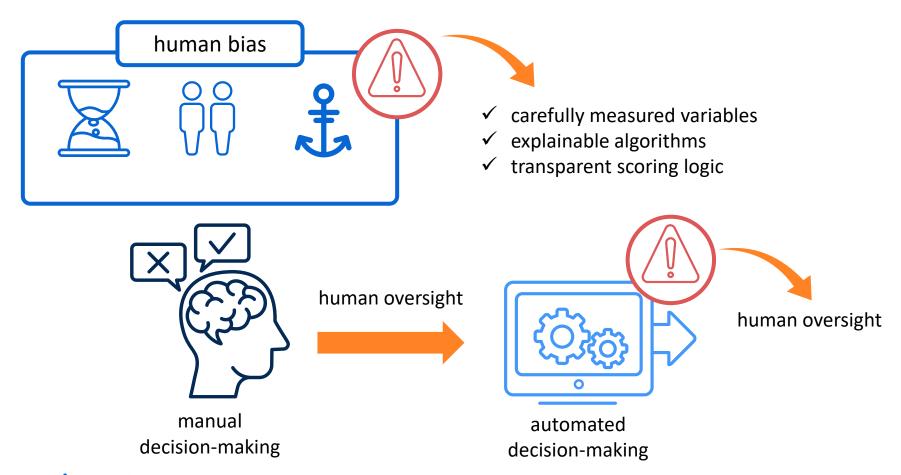


Human Bias



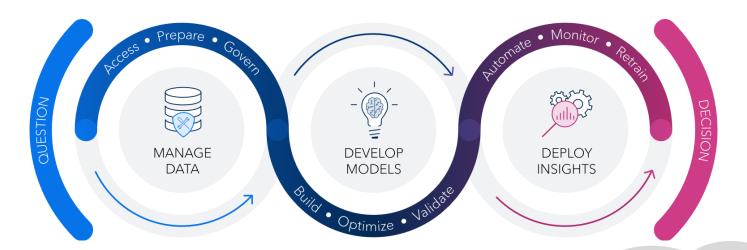












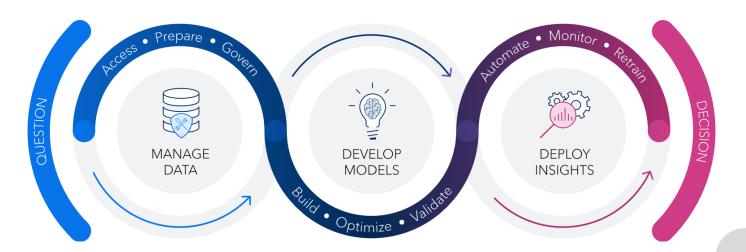


I can reduce bias against vulnerable groups by excluding information about group membership in my model.









proxies discrimination

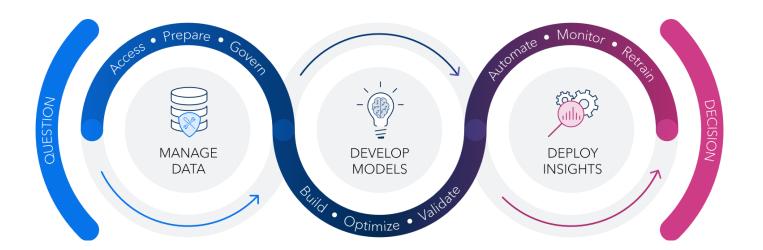


Mitigating bias is an active and intentional part of data analysis.

It is not sufficient to identify and remove sensitive variables from models.







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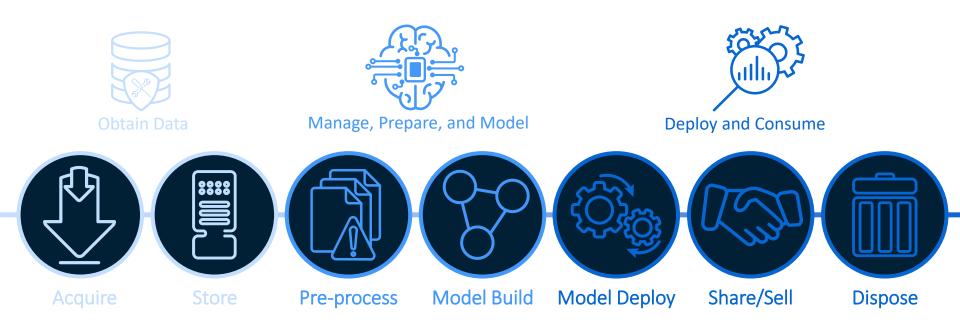
It's important to understand the types of bias that lead to discrimination

Lack of awareness about bias is worse.





The Data Supply Chain, or the Data Chain of Custody







Bias Across The Data Supply Chain







Deploy and Consume

- **Availability Bias**
- **Confirmation Bias**
- **Recall Bias**
- **Selection Bias**







Model Deploy

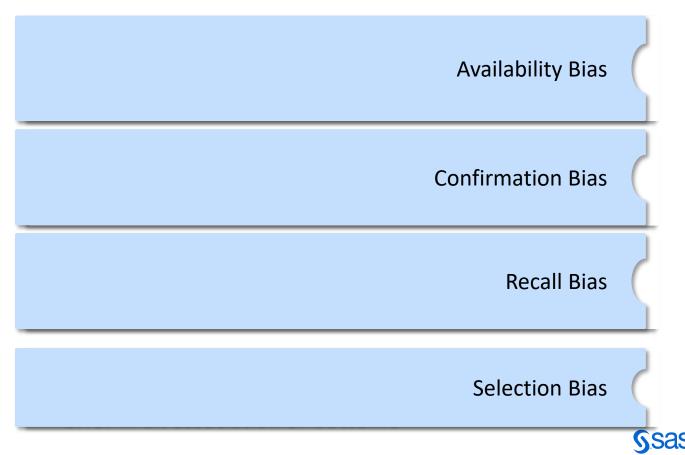
Share/Sell

Dispose





Unwanted Bias in Obtaining Data





Bias Across The Data Supply Chain



Obtain Data

- Aggregation Bias
- Attrition Bias
- Cause/Effect Bias
- Confounding Bias
- Exclusion Bias



Manage, Prepare, and Model







Model Build



Deploy and Consume

- Hindsight Bias
- Historical Bias
- Performance Bias
- Prediction Bias
- Proxy Bias
- Survivorship Bias
- Time-Interval Bias



Dispose





Unwanted Biases in Manage, Prepare, and Model







Unwanted Biases in Manage, Prepare, and Model





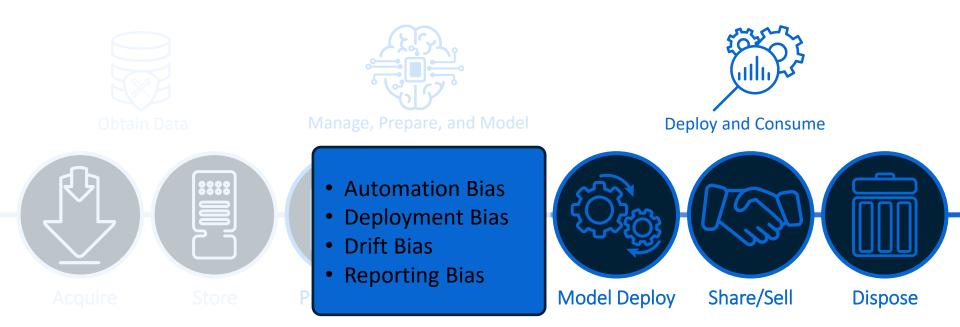


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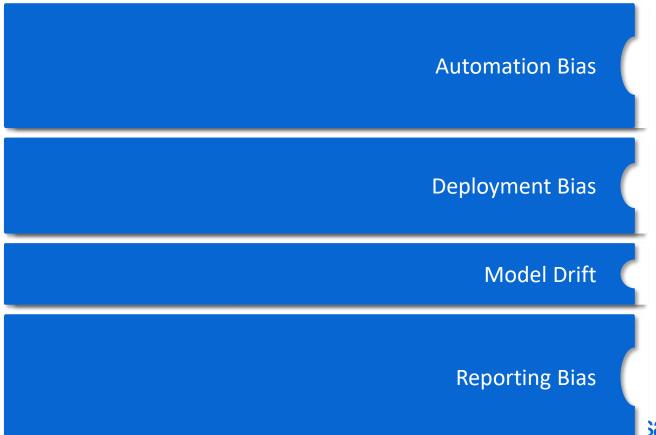
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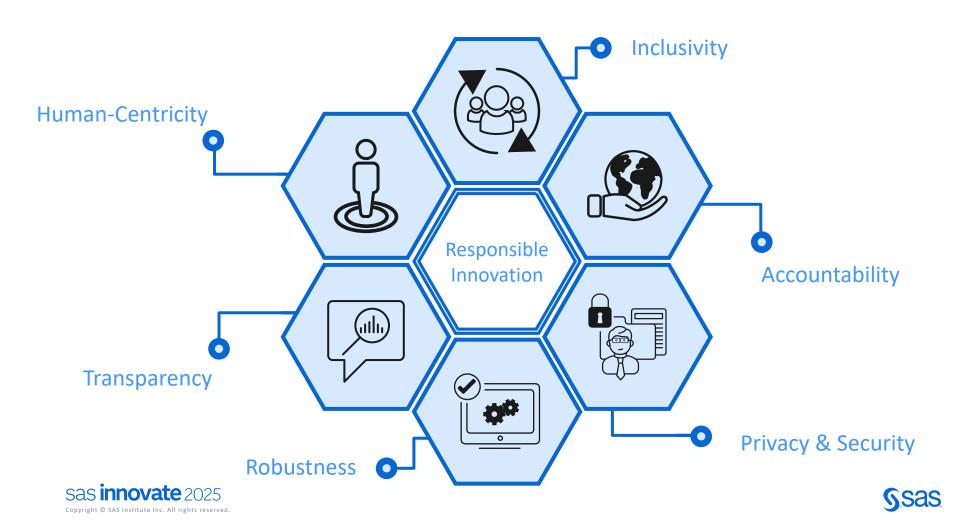




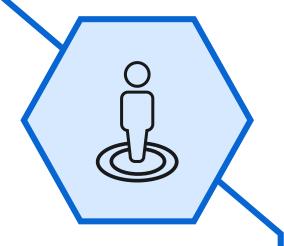
Principles of Responsible Innovation







Human-Centricity

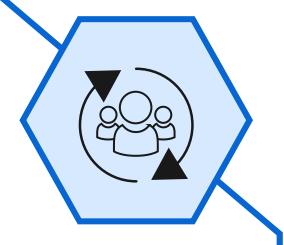


Promote human well-being, human agency, and equity.





Inclusivity

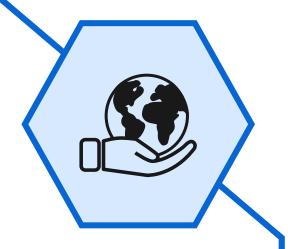


Ensure accessibility and include diverse perspectives and experiences.





Accountability

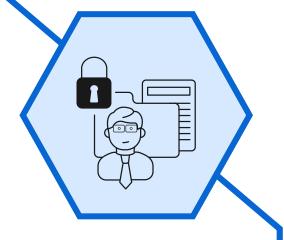


Proactively identify and mitigate adverse impacts.





Privacy & Security

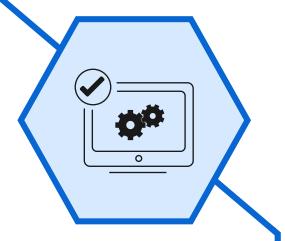


Respect the privacy of data subjects and the security of data products.





Robustness

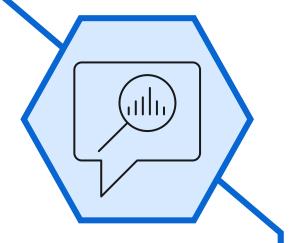


Operate **reliably** and **safely** while enabling mechanisms that assess and manage potential risks throughout a system's life cycle.





Transparency



Explain and **instruct** on usage openly, including at minimum potential risks and how decisions are made.





Striving for Excellence across the AI and Analytics Life Cycle



We want AI to improve the world.



Responsible innovation is intentional.



Ethical and legal are not the same.



We aim to protect vulnerable groups.

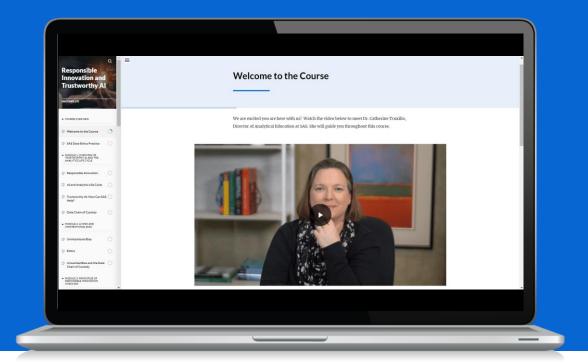


Al practitioners seek to do no harm and to address injustice.





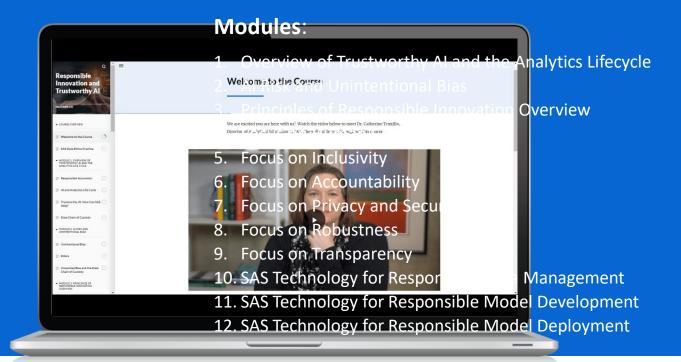
Responsible Innovation and Trustworthy Al







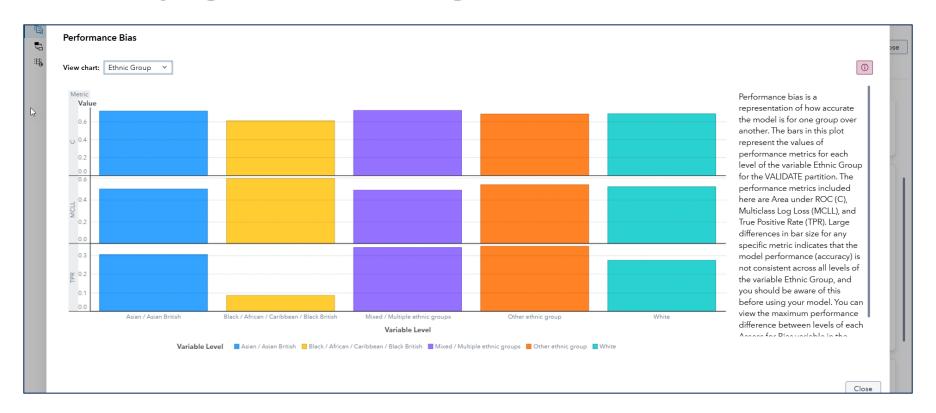
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Identifying and Addressing Bias in SAS





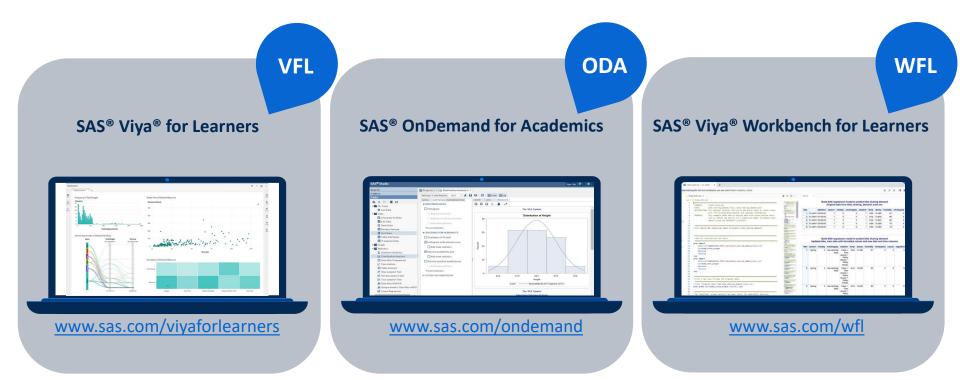


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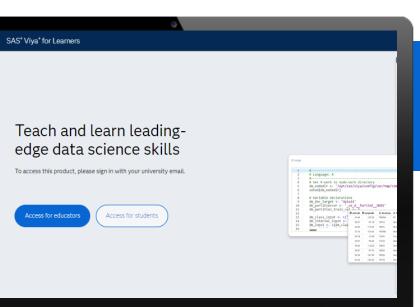


Software for Teaching and Learning

Free Academic Software







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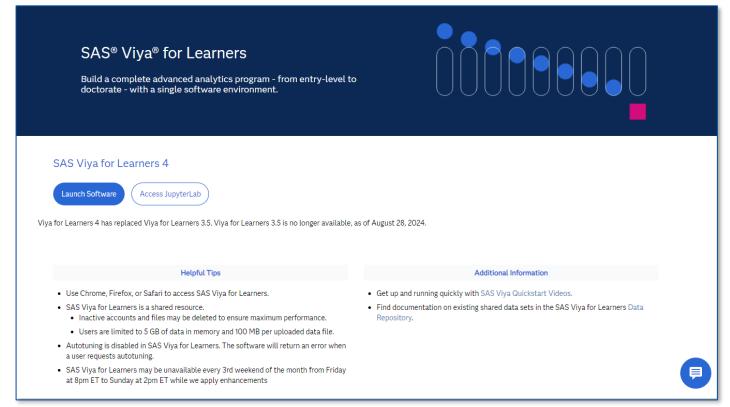
Free Software

- Free to students and faculty
- Cloud environment
- Use .edu email when registering
- Works best with Chrome browser
- Programming, visualization, modeling, and more!

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Ethical Data Analysis

Your turn!



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In Part 2, you'll discover the Fairness and Bias assessment tools, which allow us to evaluate whether a model should be used and ensure the admissions process is as fair as possible.



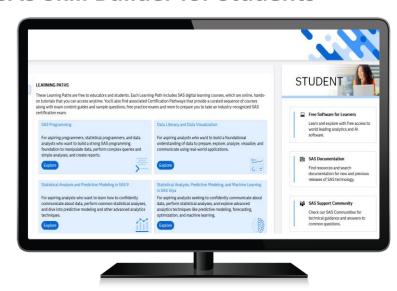
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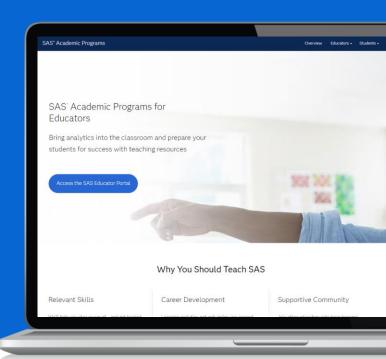




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- Teaching materials
- Educator focused workshops & training
- Discounts & promotions

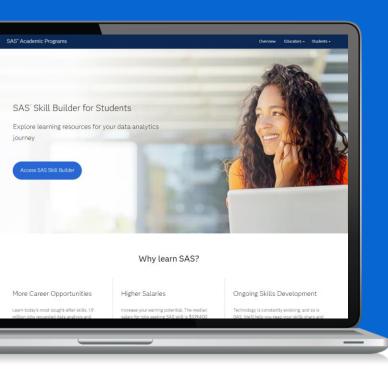






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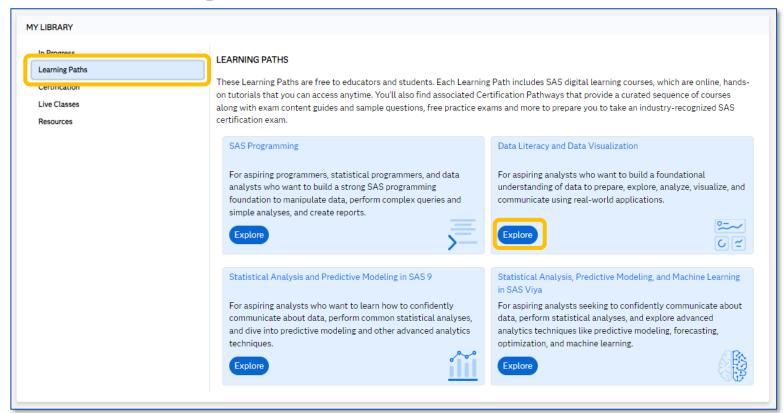
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- ...And much more!

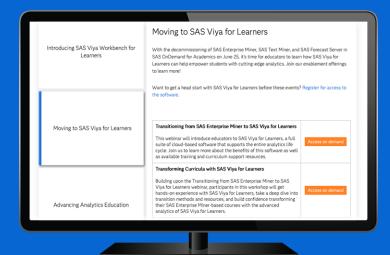


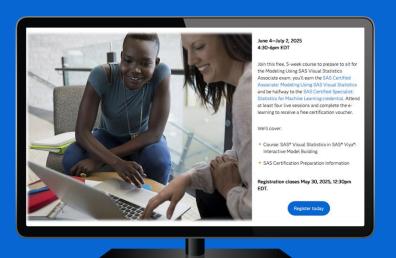


More Resources



Free Academic Workshops

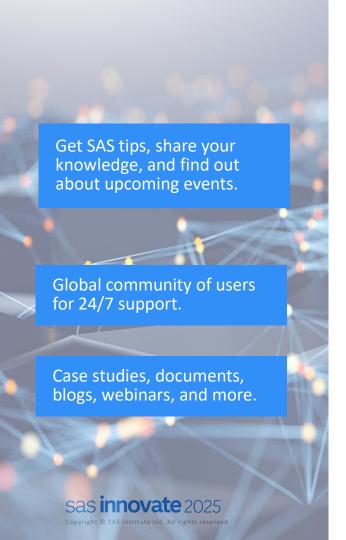




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