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Editorial Review

Review

Art Carpenter has been hard at work since his first edition was published in 1998. He has added enough new material to double the size of his original work. Many more complex ideas of macro usage are illustrated here, with diverse topics brought together and discussed as whole concepts. I would recommend this book to beginners as well as advanced programmers who wish to be proficient in their usage of the simple yet powerful SAS macro language. --Ronald Fehd, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Art has once again written a fantastic SAS book. It is very complete in its coverage of the macro language, covering everything from the basics to advanced topics. It makes an excellent reference book with its clear layout. I would highly recommend it particularly to experienced SAS programmers who want a complete macro reference which extends to cover advanced topics. I wrote the "Advanced Macro Programming" course for SAS UK, and this would make a perfect companion to that course. In short, it's a fantastic book and contains plenty of new material compared to his first. It will surely pay for itself in no time. --Philip Mason, Wood Street Consultants

Having used SAS for 25 plus years, I can honestly say I am always amazed at what I learn from reading SAS Press titles and the little things I may have overlooked or forgotten. Art did an excellent job writing this book with plenty of good examples and well-documented bullets and callouts of each step within his examples. He has also included a number of good macros that could be used by any SAS developer and incorporate them into their library of tools. This is a must-have book for the serious SAS developer who wishes to use and learn the SAS macro language. --Charles Patridge, The Hartford Financial Service

About the Author

Art Carpenter, an independent consultant and statistician, has been a SAS user since 1977. His impressive list of publications includes Carpenter's Guide to Innovative SAS Techniques; Carpenter's Complete Guide to the SAS REPORT Procedure; Carpenter's Complete Guide to the SAS Macro Language, Third Edition; Annotate: Simply the Basics; his co-authored Quick Results with SAS/GRAPH Software; and two chapters in Reporting from the Field. He also has served as the general editor of Art Carpenter's SAS Software Series. As an Advanced SAS Certified Professional, Art has presented more than a hundred papers, posters, and workshops at SAS Global Forum, SAS Users Group International (SUGI) conferences, and various SAS regional conferences. Art has received several best-contributed-paper awards, and he has served in a variety of leadership roles for local, regional, national, and international users groups, including conference chair and executive board member of the SAS Global Users Group.

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