

AGENDA

- Comparison of DATA Step and PROC SQL capabilities
- Joining SAS data using the DATA Step and PROC SQL



COMPARISON OF DATA STEP AND PROC SQL CAPABILITIES



DATA STEP VS. PROC SQL

CAPABILITIES COMPARISON

- DATA Step is typically sequential processing
 - Rows of data are processed in the same order they started in
 - Row 1, row 2, row 3, etc.
 - · Output for most joins will have a consistent order
 - Can do random access using POINT= or KEY= options on SET statement
- PROC SQL uses an optimizer dissimilar results
 - SQL has no concept of row order does not process sequentially
 - Rows can be, and often are, returned in a random order unless an ORDER BY clause is used
 - GROUP BY does not include ORDER BY

SQL Optimizer explained: http://support.sas.com/techsup/technote/ts553.html



DATA STEP VS. PROC SQL

DATA Step

 No issues as most processing for single tables as well as joins is sequential

PROC SQL

- Lags in performance without help
- Always sort large tables before joining in SQL
- NOT indexed!
- Many times a series of 2-table joins will out-perform a multi-table (3+) join in PROC SQL



DATA STEP WHAT CAN I DO WITH IT?

- Creating SAS data sets (SAS data files or SAS views)
- Creating SAS data sets from input files that contain raw data (external files)
- Creating new SAS data sets from existing ones by subsetting, merging, modifying, and updating existing SAS data sets
- · Analyzing, manipulating, or presenting your data
- Computing the values for new variables
- Report writing, or writing files to disk or tape
- Retrieving information
- File management



PROC SQL

- ANSI standard SQL is the base
- SAS-isms added (functions, formats, labels, etc.)

```
PROC SQL;
   SELECT <* | col1<, col2<..., coln>>>
   FROM <input-table-name> << as > alias-name>
QUIT;
```



PROC SQL WHAT CAN I DO WITH IT?

- Retrieve and manipulate data that is stored in tables or views.
- Create tables, views, and indexes on columns in tables.
- Create SAS macro variables that contain values from rows in a query's result.
- Add or modify the data values in a table's columns or insert and delete rows. You can also modify the table itself by adding, modifying, or dropping columns.
- Send DBMS-specific SQL statements to a database management system (DBMS) and retrieve DBMS data.



Capability	DATA Step	PROC SQL
Creating SAS data sets (SAS data files or SAS views)	Х	Х
Create Indexes on tables		Х
Creating SAS data sets from input files that contain raw data (external files)	X	
Analyzing, manipulating, or presenting your data	Х	X (listing reports)
Writing external files to disk or tape	X	
Computing the values for new variables	X	Х
Retrieving system information	X	
File management	Х	
Create SAS macro variables that contain values from rows in a query's result	X	Х
Send DBMS-specific SQL statements to a database management system (DBMS) and retrieve DBMS data		Х
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Capability	DATA Step	PROC SQL
Use DO loops	Х	
Use Arrays	Χ	
IF THEN ELSE processing	Χ	Χ
Use Object Oriented programming with JAVA or Hash objects	Χ	
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PROCESSING COMPARISONS

CONDITIONAL PROCESSING

- CASE expression in SQL
- IF THEN statement in the DATA step
 - Very flexible



```
PROC SQL conditional processing: case expression

proc sql;
select name, case
when continent = 'North America' then 'US'
when continent = 'Oceania' then 'Pacific

Islands'
else
'None'
end
as region
from states;
```

```
DATA STEP
data new;
    set states;
if continent = 'North America'
    then region = 'US';
    else if continent = 'Oceania'
        then region = 'Pacific Islands';
    else region='None';
run;
```

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INDEXES PROC SQL

```
proc sql;
   drop index providerId from health.test;
   create unique index ProviderID on
 health.provider(providerID);
```

PROC SQL can be used to create and administer indexes.

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CREATING MACRO PROC SQL **VARIABLES**

```
proc sql noprint;
  select distinct style
    into :style01 - :style04
    from work.houses;
%put There were &sqlobs distinct values.;
PARTI AL LOG:
%put There were &sqlobs distinct values.;
There were 4 distinct values.
```

Obs	Style	SqFeet
1	CONDO	900
2	CONDO	1000
3	RANCH	1200
4	RANCH	1400
5	SPLIT	1600
6	SPLIT	1800
7	TWOSTORY	2100
8	TWOSTORY	3000
9	TWOSTORY	1940
10	TWOSTORY	1860

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DATA STEP CREATING MACRO VARIABLES

```
data _null_;
   call symputx(' items ', ' text to assign');
   call symputx(' x ', 123.456);
run;
```

Both the DATA step and SQL can create macro variables at execution time. The DATA step might be considered more flexible.



DATA STEP RETRIEVING SYSTEM INFORMATION

System information can be retrieved by using DOPEN, DINFO and other related functions within the DATA step.



DATA STEP RETRIEVING SYSTEM INFORMATION

DOPEN opens a directory, and returns a directory identifier value.

```
data diropts;
  length foption $ 12 charval $ 40;
  keep foption charval;
  rc=filename("mydir", "physical-name");
  did = dopen("mydir");
  numopts=doptnum(did);
  do i=1 to numopts;
    foption=doptname(did,i);
    charval=dinfo(did,foption);
    output;
  end;
run;
```



DATA STEP RETRIEVING SYSTEM INFORMATION

DOPTNUM returns the number of informational items that are available for a directory.

```
data diropts;
  length foption $ 12 charval $ 40;
  keep foption charval;
  rc = filename("mydir", "physical-name");
  did = dopen("mydir");
  numopts = doptnum(did);
  do i = 1 to numopts;
    foption = doptname(did,i);
    charval = dinfo(did,foption);
    output;
  end;
run;
```



DATA STEP RETRIEVING SYSTEM INFORMATION

DOPTNAME returns directory attribute information.

```
data diropts;
  length foption $ 12 charval $ 40;
  keep foption charval;
  rc = filename("mydir", "physical-name");
  did = dopen("mydir");
  numopts=doptnum(did);
  do i = 1 to numopts;
    foption = doptname(did,i);
    charval = dinfo(did,foption);
    output;
  end;
run;
```



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DATA STEP RETRIEVING SYSTEM INFORMATION DINFO returns information about a directory. data diropts; length foption \$ 12 charval \$ 40; keep foption charval; rc = filename("mydir", "physical-name"); did = dopen("mydir"); numopts=doptnum(did); do i = 1 to numopts; foption = doptname(did,i); charval = dinfo(did,foption); output;

end;

run;

DATA STEP RETRIEVING SYSTEM INFORMATION **DCLOSE** closes the open resource. data diropts; length foption \$ 12 charval \$ 40; keep foption charval; rc = filename("mydir", "physical-name"); did = dopen("mydir"); numopts=doptnum(did); do i = 1 to numopts; foption = doptname(did,i); charval = dinfo(did,foption); output; end; rc = dclose(did); run; Sas H

DATA STEP RETRIEVING SYSTEM INFORMATION

There are similar functions for dealing with files and members. For more information, see SAS(R) 9.4 Functions and CALL Routines: Reference,

Third Edition

- FEXIST
- FOPEN
- FCLOSE
- MOPEN
- Etc.

http://support.sas.com/documentation/cdl/en/lefunctionsref/67398/HTML/default/viewer.htm#titlepage.htm



LOOPING IN THE DATA STEP

The DATA step allows the following capabilities for iterative processing:

- DO WHILE
- DO UNTIL
- Iterative DO



LOOPING IN THE DATA STEP

DO WHILE

DO WHILE

The condition is evaluated at the <u>top</u> of the loop. Looping is terminated based on a condition.

```
data test;
  do while(J lt 3);
     put J=;
     J+ +1;
  end;
  put 'do J: ' J=;
run;
```

Partial SAS Log:

J=0 J=1 J=2 do J: J=3

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LOOPING IN THE DATA STEP

DO UNTIL

DO UNTIL

The UNTIL test is evaluated at the <u>bottom</u> of the loop. Looping is terminated based on a condition.

```
data test;
  do until(K ge 3);
     put K=;
     K+ +1;
  end;
  put 'do K: ' K=;
run;
```

Partial SAS Log:

K=0 K=1 K=2 do K: K=3

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LOOPING IN THE DATA STEP

Iterative DO

The iterative DO processes statements a specified number of times.

```
data test;
   L = 0;
do L = 1 to 2;
   put L=;
   end;
   put 'do L: ' L=;
run;
```

Partial SAS Log:

L=1 L=2 do L: L=3

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LOOPING IN THE DATA STEP

Do Which? Loop, Until or While? A Review Of Data Step And Macro Algorithms Ronald J. Fehd, Centers for Disease Control, and Prevention, Atlanta, GA, USA http://www2.sas.com/proceedings/forum2007/067-2007.pdf



PROC SQL PRESENTING YOUR DATA

PROC SQL has the capability to produce basic line-oriented reports, while the DATA step provides maximum flexibility for creating highly customized reports.

Example SQL Output

PatientID	Sex	Height	Weight	Cholesterol
124	Female	62	124	347
125	Female	64.25	150	238
126	Female	65.75	123	199



DATA STEP PRESENTING YOUR DATA

The DATA step provides maximum flexibility for creating highly customized reports. Consider the following sample report:

	Patient	Information	
Patient ID:	124	Gender: Height: Weight: Cholesterol:	Female 62.25 132 250
Patient ID:	125	Gender: Height: Weight: Cholesterol:	Female 65.75 158 242
Patient ID:	126	Gender: Height: Weight: Cholesterol:	



DATA STEP PRESENTING YOUR DATA

The DATA step code below produced the block-oriented report seen previously.

```
data _null_;
    set heartsorted;
    file print notitles header=head;
    put @10 'Patient ID: ' pat_id
        @30 'Gender: ' sex /
        @30 'Height: ' height/
        @30 'Weight: ' weight/
        @30 'Cholesterol: ' cholesterol //;
    return;
head:
    put @22 'Patient Information' //;
return;
run;
```



JOINING SAS DATA USING THE DATA STEP AND PROC SQL



TYPES OF JOINS

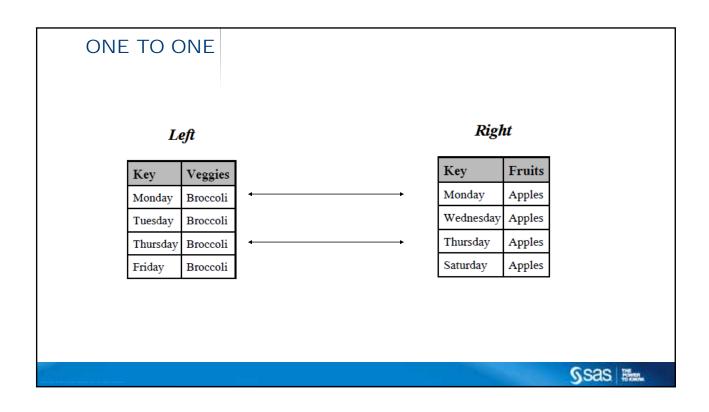
- Natural
 - Uses no 'keys' typically termed a Cartesian product
- Inner
- Outer Joins
 - Left
 - Right
 - Full

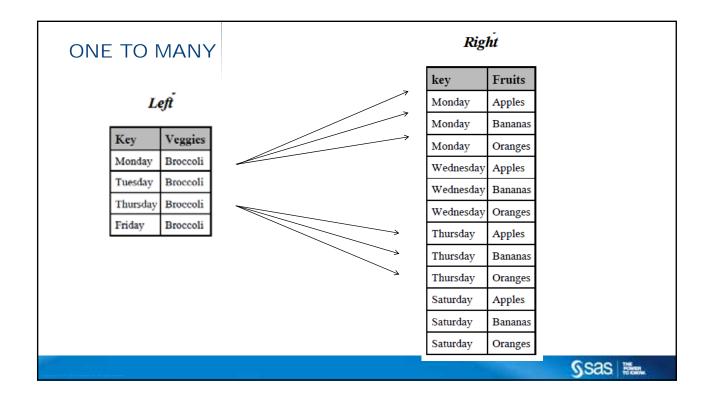


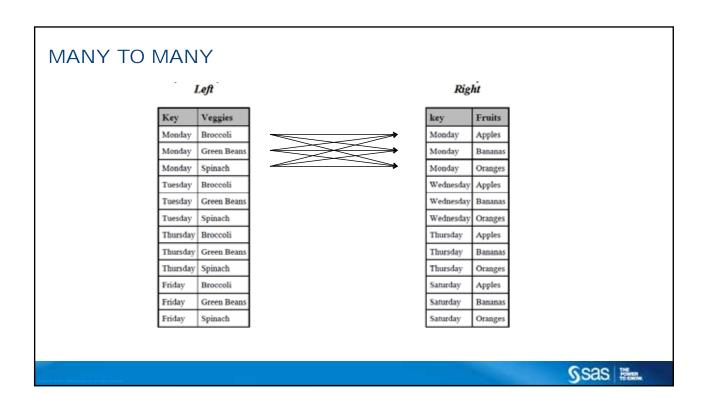
JOINING DATA

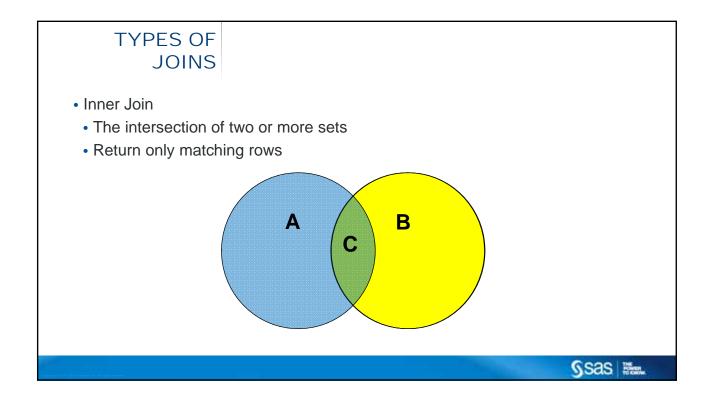
- One to One
- One to Many
- Many to One
- Many to Many











SAMPLE DATA

Left

Key	Veggies
Monday	Broccoli
Tuesday	Broccoli
Thursday	Broccoli
Friday	Broccoli

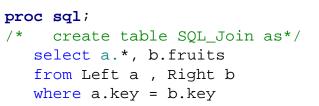
Right

Key	Fruits
Monday	Apples
Wednesday	Apples
Thursday	Apples
Saturday	Apples

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DEFAULT INNER JOIN

ONE TO ONE



quit;



One to One Joins SQL_Join

Key	Veggies	Fruits
Monday	Broccoli	Apples
Thursday	Broccoli	Apples

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DEFAULT JOIN ONE TO ONE



One to One Joins Data_Merge

data Data_Merge;				
r	ner	ge	Left	Right;
k	οу	key	<i>r</i> ;	
run	;			

Key	Veggies	Fruits
Monday	Broccoli	Apples
Tuesday	Broccoli	
Wednesday		Apples
Thursday	Broccoli	Apples
Friday	Broccoli	
Saturday		Apples

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INNER JOIN ONE TO ONE



```
data Data_Inner;
   merge Left(in=left)
        Right(in=right);
   by key;
   if left and right;
run;
```

One to One Joins Data_Inner

Key	Veggies	Fruits
Monday	Broccoli	Apples
Thursday	Broccoli	Apples

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INNER JOIN ONE TO ONE



```
proc sql;
    select a.*, b.fruits
    from Left a inner join Right b
        on a.key = b.key
;
quit;
```

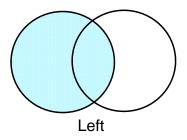
One to One Joins SQL_Inner

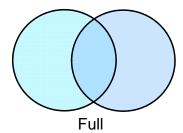
Key	Veggies	Fruits
Monday	Broccoli	Apples
Thursday	Broccoli	Apples

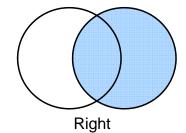


OUTER JOINS

- Return all matching rows, plus nonmatching rows from one or both tables
- Can be performed on only two tables or views at a time.



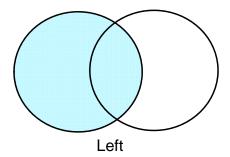






OUTER JOINS

- Left Join
 - Retrieve the matching rows as well as the non-matches from the left table



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SAMPLE DATA

Left

Key	Veggies
Monday	Broccoli
Tuesday	Broccoli
Thursday	Broccoli
Friday	Broccoli

Right

Key	Fruits
Monday	Apples
Wednesday	Apples
Thursday	Apples
Saturday	Apples

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LEFT JOIN ONE TO ONE



```
proc sql;
    select a.*, b.fruits
    from Left a
        Left join
        Right b
        on a.key = b.key
;
quit;
```

One to One Joins SQL_Left

Key	Veggies	Fruits
Monday	Broccoli	Apples
Tuesday	Broccoli	
Thursday	Broccoli	Apples
Friday	Broccoli	

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LEFT JOIN ONE TO ONE



One to One Joins Data_Left

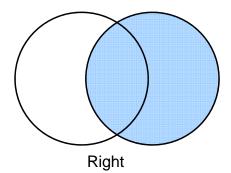
<pre>data Data_Left;</pre>
<pre>merge Left(in=left)</pre>
Right(<mark>in=right</mark>);
by key;
<pre>if left;</pre>
run;

Key	Veggies	Fruits
Monday	Broccoli	Apples
Tuesday	Broccoli	
Thursday	Broccoli	Apples
Friday	Broccoli	

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OUTER JOINS

- Right Join
 - Retrieve the matching rows as well as the non-matches from the right table



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SAMPLE DATA

Left

Key	Veggies
Monday	Broccoli
Tuesday	Broccoli
Thursday	Broccoli
Friday	Broccoli

Right

Key	Fruits
Monday	Apples
Wednesday	Apples
Thursday	Apples
Saturday	Apples



RIGHT JOIN ONE TO ONE



SQL_Right

Key	Veggies	Fruits
Monday	Broccoli	Apples
Wednesday		Apples
Thursday	Broccoli	Apples
Saturday		Apples

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RIGHT JOIN ONE TO ONE



Data_Right data_Data_Right; | Vergies |

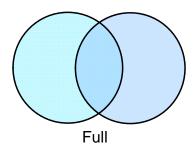
data Data_Right;
<pre>merge Left(in=left)</pre>
Right(<mark>in=right</mark>);
by key;
<pre>if right;</pre>
run;

Key	Veggies	Fruits
Monday	Broccoli	Apples
Wednesday		Apples
Thursday	Broccoli	Apples
Saturday		Apples

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OUTER JOINS

- Full Join
 - Retrieve the matching rows as well as the non-matches from the left table and the non-matches from the right table.



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SAMPLE DATA

Left

Key	Veggies
Monday	Broccoli
Tuesday	Broccoli
Thursday	Broccoli
Friday	Broccoli

Right

Key	Fruits
Monday	Apples
Wednesday	Apples
Thursday	Apples
Saturday	Apples



FULL (OUTER) JOIN

The SAS System			
Key	veggies	fruits	
Friday	Broccoli		
Monday	Broccoli	Apples	
		Apples	
Thursday	Broccoli	Apples	
Tuesday	Broccoli		
		Apples	

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THE COALESCE FUNCTION

The COALESCE function returns the value of the first non-missing argument. General form of the COALESCE function:

COALESCE(argument-1,argument-2<, ...argument-n)



FULL (OUTER) JOIN ONE TO ONE



SQL_Outer

<pre>proc sql;</pre>
<pre>/* create table SQL_Outer as*/</pre>
<pre>select coalesce(a.key,b.key) as</pre>
Key
, a.Veggies
, b.Fruits
from Left a
Full join
Right b
on a.key = b.key
;
quit;

Key	Veggies	Fruits
Monday	Broccoli	Apples
Tuesday	Broccoli	
Wednesday		Apples
Thursday	Broccoli	Apples
Friday	Broccoli	
Saturday		Apples

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FULL (OUTER) ONE TO ONE JOIN



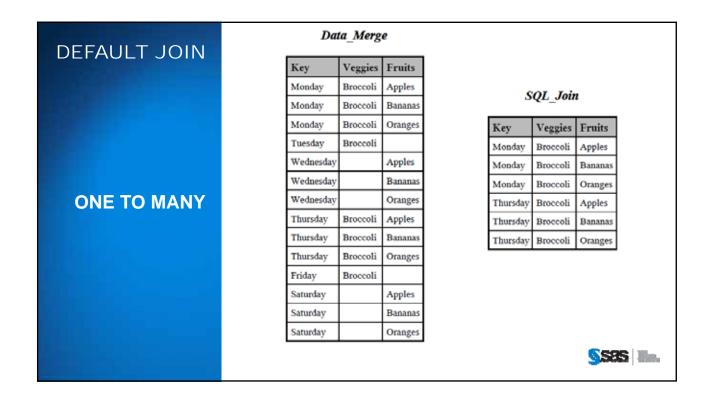
data Data_Outer;
<pre>merge Left(in=left)</pre>
Right(in=right);
by key;
run;

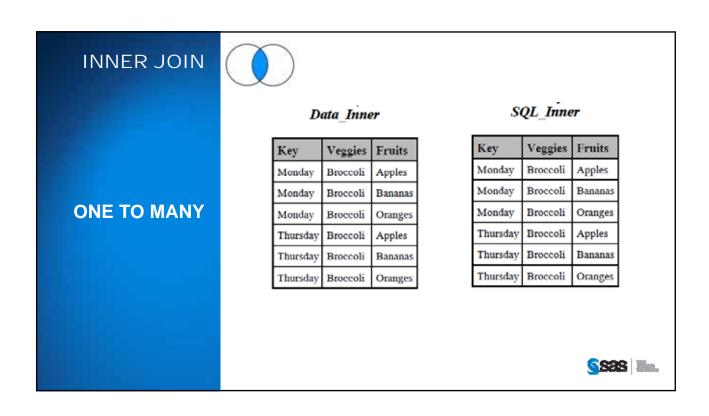
Data_Outer

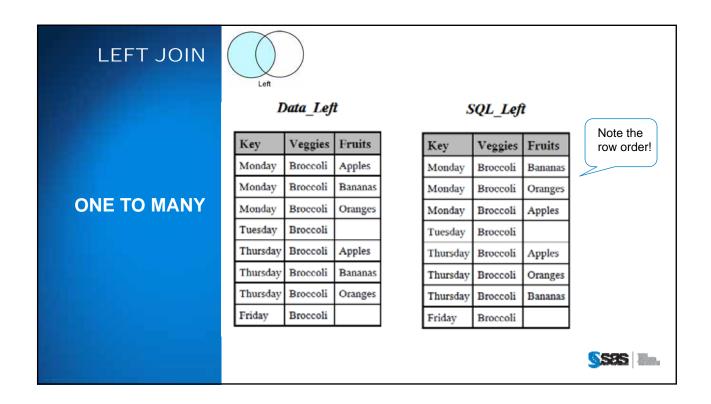
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Monday	Broccoli	Apples
Tuesday	Broccoli	
Wednesday		Apples
Thursday	Broccoli	Apples
Friday	Broccoli	
Saturday		Apples

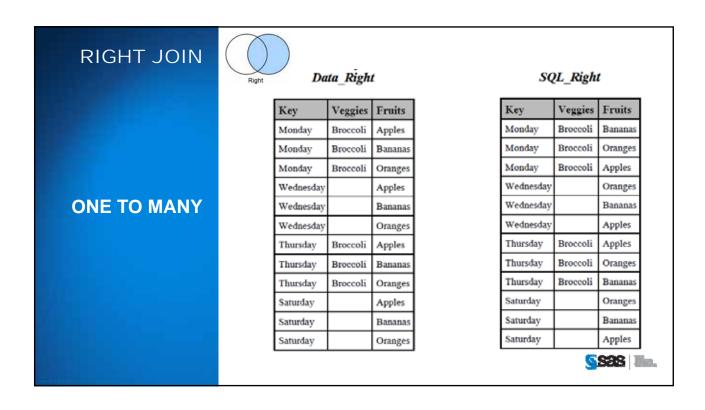
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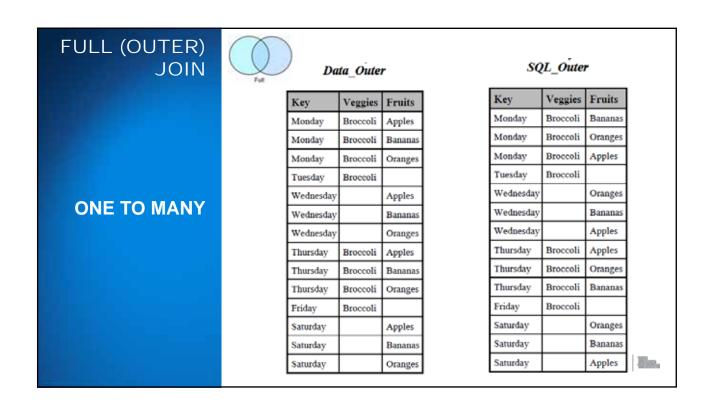
Left Right SAMPLE DATA Key Veggies Key **Fruits** Monday Apples Monday Broccoli Monday Bananas Broccoli Tuesday Monday Oranges Thursday Broccoli Wednesday Apples Friday Broccoli Wednesday Bananas **ONE TO MANY** Wednesday Oranges Thursday Apples Thursday Bananas Thursday Oranges Saturday Apples Bananas Saturday * Code is the same, only the data SSS III. have changed. Saturday Oranges

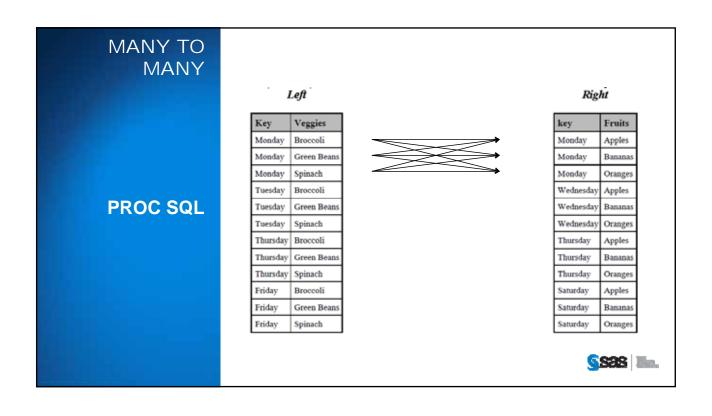


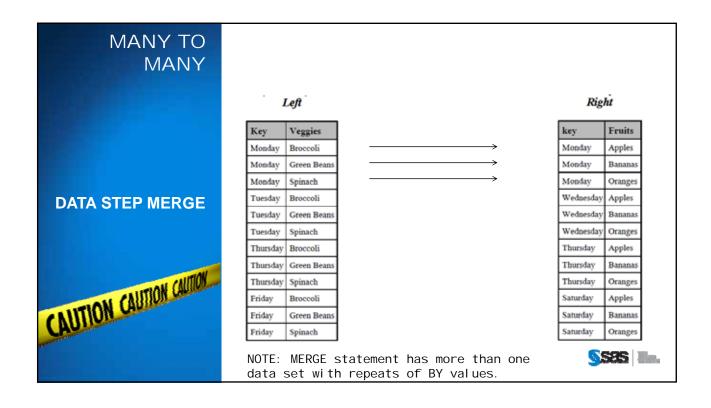


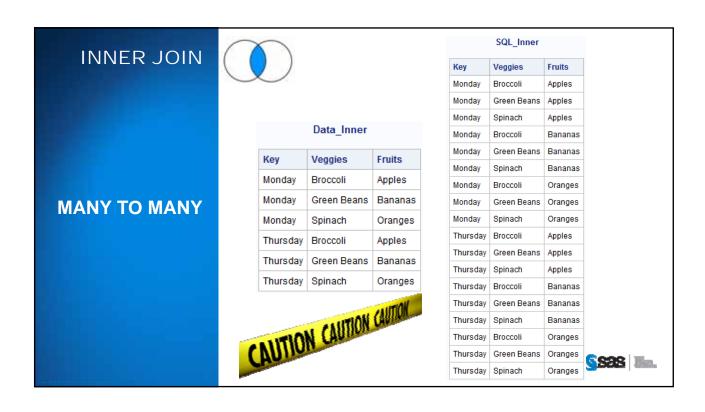






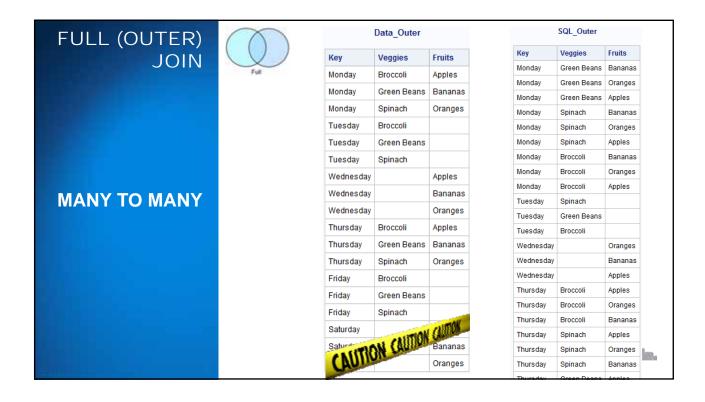












JOINING DATA SUMMARY

- SQL joins and DATA step merges may produce the similar output, *other than row order*, for the following joins:
 - · One to one
 - One to many
- SQL joins process many to many data correctly.
- The DATA step MERGE statement will not correctly perform a many to many join. This requires additional coding within the DATA step. A paper that shows an example: http://www.lexjansen.com/nesug/nesug08/ff/ff03.pdf



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- Base SAS Documentation
 - http://support.sas.com/documentation/onlinedoc/base/index.html
- SAS 9.4 Companion for:
 - Unix Environments

http://support.sas.com/documentation/cdl/en/hostunx/67132/PDF/default/hostunx.pdf

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http://support.sas.com/documentation/cdl/en/hostwin/67279/PDF/default/hostwin.pdf

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http://support.sas.com/documentation/cdl/en/hosto390/67131/PDF/default/hosto390.pdf



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http://support.sas.com/documentation/cdl/en/sqlproc/65065/PDF/default/sqlproc.pdf

Base SAS Procedure Documentation (including PROC SQL)

http://support.sas.com/documentation/cdl/en/proc/66663/PDF/default/proc.pdf



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- Usage Note 20783: Helpful resources about the SQL procedure
 - http://support.sas.com/kb/20/783.html
- Inside PROC SQL's Query Optimizer
 - https://support.sas.com/techsup/technote/ts320.html#
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 - http://support.sas.com/resources/papers/sgf09/336-2009.pdf



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