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## **What's New**

#### **Overview**

Here is an overview of the latest features in SAS ETL Studio. For details about upgrading metadata for this release, as well as for information about installing and configuring servers, libraries, users, and other resources that are required by SAS ETL Studio, administrators should see the SAS Intelligence Platform: Planning and Administration Guide.

#### **Details**

#### SAS ETL Studio 9.1.3

Features that are new in SAS ETL Studio 9.1.3 include the following:

- □ Support for the SAS Scalable Performance Data Server (SPD Server). The SAS SPD Server is a high performance, multi-user, parallel-processing data server with a comprehensive security infrastructure, backup and restore utilities, and sophisticated administrative and tuning options. The SAS SPD Server can be faster and more flexible than other storage options, including the SAS SPD Engine.
- □ Two new transformation templates provide additional support for slowly changing dimensions (SCD):
  - □ Unlike the SCD Type 2 transformation, which tracks changes to a table's descriptive attributes, the Key Effective Date transformation tracks changes in a table's keys. The Key Effective Date transformation can be used to track changes in a table that does not have descriptive attributes, such as an intersection table, which is a table that describes the relationships between two or more tables.

For example, suppose that you have a table of users, called USERS, and a table of groups, called GROUPS. An intersection table called USERS\_X\_GROUPS could describe the many-to-many relationships between USERS and GROUPS. The Key Effective Date transformation would use date

- ranges (beginning and end dates) to detect when a new key combination has been entered in USERS X GROUPS.
- □ The Surrogate Key Generator transformation enables you to create a unique identifier for records, a surrogate key. The surrogate key can be used to perform operations that would be difficult or impossible to perform on the original key. For example, a numeric surrogate key could be generated for an alphanumeric original key, to make sorting easier.
- □ The "Redeploy Jobs to Stored Process" feature rebuilds all stored processes that are associated with SAS ETL Studio jobs. Use this feature when you update a job for which a stored process has been generated. You can also use this feature when the computing environment changes, such as when a metadata repository is promoted from a test environment to a production environment, for example.
- ☐ The property window for the Mining Results transformation was updated to make it easier to select inputs and outputs.

#### **Additional Information**

For more details about the features that are new in SAS ETL Studio 9.1.3, perform the following steps:

- 1 Start SAS ETL Studio 9.1.3. as described in "Start SAS ETL Studio" on page 56.
- 2 From the menu bar, select **Help ▶ Contents**. The main Help window displays. The default Help topic is *Introduction to SAS ETL Studio*.
- **3** In the default Help topic, select *What's New for SAS ETL Studio*. The features that are new in SAS ETL Studio 9.1.3 are described in this topic.

#### SAS ETL Studio 9.1.2

Features that were new in SAS ETL Studio 9.1.2 include the following:

□ Support for slowly changing dimensions. SAS ETL Studio enables you to track changes to data that occur over time. You can then analyze those changes and forecast the impact on future business decisions. For example, a company that provides long-distance telephone service could determine the group of customers that was most likely to move to a different company. Those customers could be targeted in a marketing campaign and offered an incentive to retain their current provider.

SAS ETL Studio provides two new transformations, SCD Type 2 Loader and Fact Table Lookup, that enable you to track changes and retain historical records. With the SCD Type 2 Loader, you can load dimension tables and detect changes in source data, add change tracking information, and generate primary key values. (See "Example: Using Slowly Changing Dimensions" on page 145.) With Fact Table Lookup, you can map source columns into fact tables, make use of translation tables, and specify responses to the detection of missing values.

- Better status handling for ETL process flows. The status of a SAS ETL Studio job or a transformation within a job can be automatically sent in an e-mail, written to a file, or sent to an event broker that will pass the status code to another application. You can also use status code handling to capture job statistics, such as the number of records before and after the append of the last table loaded in a job.
- □ Easier data validation for ETL process flows. The new Data Validation transformation enables you to identify and act on duplicate values, invalid values,

- and missing values. You can also develop your own validation process that translates source values using expressions or translation tables.
- □ Export and import of SAS ETL Studio jobs. You can export jobs from SAS ETL Studio and then use SAS ETL Studio to import these jobs into the same metadata repository or into a different repository. The jobs are exported to a file in XML format.
- □ Support for stored processes. You can save SAS ETL Studio jobs to a file for the SAS Stored Process Server to execute later.
- □ Impact analysis and reverse impact analysis (data lineage). SAS ETL Studio enables you to identify the tables, columns, and transformations that would be affected by, or which have an impact on, a selected table or column. You can view a diagram and a report that show the affected jobs, transformations, tables, and columns.
- □ Support for SAS Enterprise Miner scoring models. The new Mining Results transformation enables you to read the metadata from a SAS Enterprise Miner scoring model and create an output table that applies the model to the source data.
- □ Support for table concatenation and N-to-one column mapping. The new Append transformation enables you to create a single target by appending (concatenating) two or more sources. The Append transformation supports N-to-one column mapping.
- □ Support for using a physical table to update that metadata for the table. If a change is made directly to a physical table, you can use the Update Table Metadata feature to update table metadata so that it matches the physical table.
- Support for optional macro variables in the code that SAS ETL Studio generates for a job. The variables enable SAS ETL Studio jobs to access the metadata server and retrieve relevant metadata. For example, the code that is generated for a job might access the metadata server to retrieve an event code that is defined in a repository.
- □ Source designer wizards enable you to specify the Custom tree group to which the new table metadata should belong.
- □ In the SAS ETL Studio tree view, if you select the metadata for a library, you can display its LIBNAME. If metadata has been defined for any tables in a library, you can expand the library and view its table metadata.

#### **Additional Information**

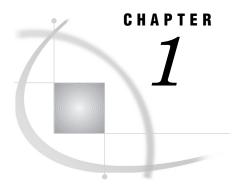
For more details about the features that were new in SAS ETL Studio 9.1.2, perform the following steps:

- 1 Start SAS ETL Studio as described in "Start SAS ETL Studio" on page 56.
- 2 From the menu bar, select **Help ▶ Contents**. The main Help window displays. The default Help topic is *Introduction to SAS ETL Studio*.
- **3** In the default Help topic, select *Understanding SAS ETL Studio*. The features that were new in SAS ETL Studio 9.1.2 are described in this topic.



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# **Using This Manual**

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## **Purpose**

This manual explains how to use SAS ETL Studio to do the following tasks:

- specify metadata for data sources, such as tables in an operational system
- □ specify metadata for data targets, such as tables in a data warehouse
- create jobs that specify how data is extracted, transformed, and loaded from sources to targets.

This manual also summarizes how to set up servers, libraries, and other resources that SAS ETL Studio requires. A data warehouse for a fictional company, Orion Star Sports & Outdoors, is used to illustrate these tasks.

## **Intended Audience**

This manual is intended for people who assume the following roles:

- □ SAS ETL Studio user—a person who uses SAS ETL Studio software to extract, transform, and load information into a data warehouse or data mart.
- □ SAS ETL Studio metadata administrator—a person who uses SAS Management Console software to maintain the metadata for servers, users, and other global resources that are required by SAS ETL Studio.

This manual is not intended for server administrators—people who install and maintain server hardware or software. However, some SAS ETL Studio tasks depend on tasks that the server administrator performs.

A common scenario for SAS ETL Studio projects is as follows:

- A server administrator installs and starts servers. For details about maintaining these servers, administrators should see the documentation that came with the servers. See also the SAS Intelligence Platform: Planning and Administration Guide.
- A metadata administrator uses SAS Management Console to define metadata for servers, users, libraries, and other global resources, as described in Chapter 5, "Setup Tasks for Administrators," on page 37. For details about maintaining

- global metadata, see the online Help for in SAS Management Console. See also the SAS Management Console: User's Guide and the SAS Intelligence Platform: Planning and Administration Guide.
- □ SAS ETL Studio users create jobs that extract, transform, and load information into a data warehouse or data mart, as described in "Main Task Flow for Users" on page 59. Users are simply told which servers, user identities, libraries, and other global resources to use.

## **Quick Start with SAS ETL Studio**

Administrators who want to begin work immediately should read Chapter 5, "Setup Tasks for Administrators," on page 37. Users who want to begin work immediately should read Chapter 6, "Task Overview for Users," on page 55.

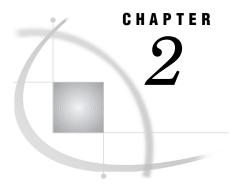
## **SAS ETL Studio Online Help**

This manual is a companion to the online Help for SAS ETL Studio. The online Help describes all of the windows in SAS ETL Studio, and it summarizes the main tasks that you can perform with the software. The help includes examples for all Source Designer wizards, all target designer wizards, and all transformation templates in the Process Library tree.

Perform the following steps to display the main Help window for SAS ETL Studio.

- 1 Start SAS ETL Studio as described in "Start SAS ETL Studio" on page 56.
- 2 From the menu bar, select **Help ▶ Contents**. The main Help window displays.

To display the help for an active window or tab, click its Help button. If the window or tab does not have a Help button, press the F1 key.



## **Introduction to SAS ETL Studio**

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## What Is SAS ETL Studio?

SAS ETL Studio is an application that enables you to manage *ETL process flows*—sequences of steps for the extraction, transformation, and loading of data. The data is loaded into a set of target data stores that are typically part of a data warehouse or a data mart. As you probably know, a data warehouse can support a business

intelligence system, such as a customer relationship management (CRM) system. A data mart can support a specialized set of users who have a finite set of queries and reports. SAS ETL Studio is not a stand-alone application. It is only one product in a SAS intelligence solution.

## The SAS Intelligence Value Chain

The following figure illustrates the SAS Intelligence Value Chain, a model for building an intelligence solution.

Figure 2.1 SAS Intelligence Value Chain



Most links in the chain are associated with a set of SAS software. SAS ETL Studio is associated with the  $ETL^{\mathbb{Q}}$  link and the Intelligent Storage link of the chain, as described in the following table.

Table 2.1 Links in the SAS Intelligence Value Chain

Link	Description	Associated Software
Plan	Work with a SAS representative to select platforms and SAS software products that are required for your solution. Identify how data will be stored; how you will query the data; and how information consumers will access data. Build data models for data warehouses and data marts.	Includes third-party data modeling software.
ETL <sup>Q</sup>	Extract data from sources such as SAS data sets, DBMS tables, and enterprise applications.  Transform the data before writing it to the target data stores. For example, you might change the structure of your data by joining the contents of several tables into one table.  Load the transformed data into the target data stores.  Ensure the Quality of the data to be loaded into the target data stores by reviewing and cleansing the data so that it is accurate, up-to-date, and consistently represented.	Includes SAS ETL Studio, SAS/ACCESS interfaces to relational databases, SAS Data Surveyors for enterprise applications, SAS Data Quality Server, dfPower Studio.

Link	Description	Associated Software
Intelligent Storage	Store data to achieve the best performance. Storage options include SAS, third-party relational databases, parallel storage, multidimensional databases. or a combination of these storage structures.	Includes Base SAS, SAS ETL Studio, SAS OLAP Server (for multi-dimensional storage), SAS SPD Server (for parallel storage), SAS/ ACCESS software for third-party relational databases and for enterprise applications.
Business Intelligence	Explore the data in a data warehouse or data mart and control the presentation of the results in business reports.	Includes SAS Information Map Studio, SAS Web Report Studio, SAS Web Report Viewer, SAS Information Delivery Portal, SAS Enterprise Guide, and SAS Add-In for Microsoft Office.
Analytic Intelligence	Predictive and descriptive modeling, forecasting, optimization, simulation, experimental design, and more.	Includes SAS Enterprise Miner and many other analytic-intelligence products for areas such as Enterprise Intelligence, Supplier Intelligence, Organizational Intelligence, Customer Intelligence, and Supply Chain Intelligence.

Note: Not all solutions require products from each link of the SAS Intelligence Value Chain .  $\vartriangle$ 

SAS ETL Studio enables you to perform all of the tasks in the ETL link of the SAS Intelligence Value Chain: the extraction of data from operational data stores, the transformation of this data, and the loading of the extracted data into your data warehouse or data mart. SAS ETL Studio extends into the Intelligent Storage link because it enables you to design the flow of data into SAS data sets, OLAP cubes, and/or third-party relational database tables.

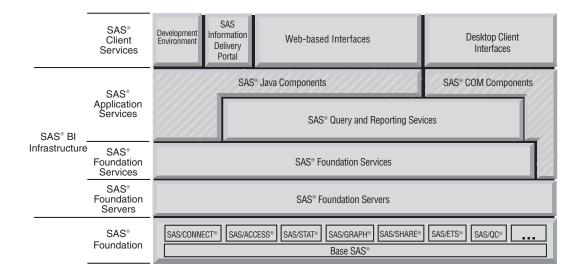
A number of products augment the capabilities of SAS ETL Studio. For example, the SAS/ACCESS interfaces to relational databases enable you to read, write, and update data regardless of its native database and platform. The SAS Data Surveyors enable you to build SAS ETL Studio jobs that help you read and write data from enterprise applications from SAP, Siebel, Oracle, and other vendors.

There are also several components that enable you to improve the quality of your data. For instance, the SAS Data Quality Server allows you to analyze, cleanse, and standardize your data. This product is often used in conjunction with products such as dfPower Studio from DataFlux Corporation, which enables you to customize the quality knowledge base that the SAS Data Quality Server uses to store its data-cleansing guidelines.

## The SAS Intelligence Platform

The following figure illustrates the SAS Intelligence Platform, a software architecture for end-to-end intelligence solutions.

Figure 2.2 Software Architecture for the SAS Intelligence Platform



SAS ETL Studio is in the SAS Client Services tier of the platform. It interacts with software in the other tiers.

#### **SAS Foundation**

The SAS Foundation layer consists of SAS products such as Base SAS, SAS/CONNECT, SAS/GRAPH, SAS/ACCESS, SAS/STAT, SAS/ETS, SAS/OR, SAS/QC, and others in the SAS product line. These products provide a broad range of core data manipulation functions, such as distributed data management, data access across multiple database sources, data visualization, data mining, and advanced analytical modeling.

SAS ETL Studio generates SAS code and submits that code to Base SAS for execution. It also uses Base SAS to access data. SAS ETL Studio often uses SAS/ACCESS to access data in formats other than SAS.

SAS ETL Studio uses SAS/CONNECT to submit generated SAS code to remote machines and to interact with remote libraries.

## **SAS Business Intelligence Infrastructure**

The SAS Business Intelligence Infrastructure (BI Infrastructure) layer provides a suite of servers and services. With the BI Infrastructure, SAS can be deployed in multi-tier environments where Web servers and application servers operate.

#### **SAS Foundation Servers**

The servers in the BI Infrastructure include the following:

- □ SAS Metadata Server
  - The SAS Metadata Server enables centralized, enterprise-wide metadata delivery and management: one metadata server provides metadata to SAS applications across the enterprise.
- □ SAS OLAP Server
  - The SAS OLAP Server delivers pre-summarized cubes of data to OLAP clients such as SAS Enterprise Guide using OLE DB for OLAP. The SAS OLAP Server is a multidimensional database server that is designed to reduce the load on traditional back-end storage systems by delivering different summarized views of data to business intelligence applications, irrespective of the amount of data underlying these summaries.
- □ SAS Stored Process Server
  - The SAS Stored Process Server executes and delivers results from SAS Stored Processes in a multi-client environment. A SAS Stored Process is a SAS program that can be called through the SAS Stored Process Server. Using the SAS Stored Process Server, clients can execute parameterized SAS programs without having to know the SAS language.
- □ SAS Workspace Server
  The SAS Workspace Server surfaces the SAS programming environment through an API to calling clients.

The example data warehouse that is described in this manual uses a SAS Metadata Server, a SAS Workspace Server, and a SAS OLAP Server. See "Enter Metadata for Servers" on page 42.

A SAS ETL Studio job can be saved as a stored process. The stored process can then be executed on a SAS Stored Process Server. In this way, people other than ETL specialists can execute SAS ETL Studio jobs, if they have the appropriate authorization. See the online Help for details. To display the relevant Help topics, perform the following steps:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio menu bar, select **Help ▶ Contents**. The online Help window displays.
- 2 In the left pane of the Help window, select Stored Processes ▶ Maintaining Stored Processes.

#### **SAS Foundation Services**

SAS ETL Studio and other applications depend on SAS Foundation Services to provide user authentication, profile management, session management, activity logging, metadata and content repository access, and connection management. Extension services for information publishing, event management, and SAS Stored Process execution are also provided.

## **SAS Application Services**

SAS Application Services provide business-oriented query and reporting services to calling clients. By using a business metadata layer and a universal report definition, SAS Query and Reporting Services provide a solid foundation for enterprise reporting and application development. Java and COM-based interfaces to SAS Application Services surface to clients the functionality provided by SAS Query and Reporting Services. SAS Application Services can also be used by application developers to provide custom business intelligence capabilities within their solutions.

#### **SAS Client Services**

SAS ETL Studio is the SAS Client Services layer. This layer provides a suite of Web-based and desktop front-end interfaces to the content and applications generated from the SAS BI Infrastructure and the SAS Foundation.

### **Features**

SAS ETL Studio supports a number of features that enable you to manage large data warehousing projects. The following table lists the basic features. For an overview of the latest features, see the following table.

Table 2.2 SAS ETL Studio Features

Feature	Related Documentation
A metadata architecture that complies with the Common Warehouse Metamodel (CWM). Enables SAS ETL Studio to share metadata with other applications.	See the SAS Open Metadata Architecture documentation on the SAS OnlineDoc CD or on the support.sas.com Web site.
Import and export of metadata in Common Warehouse Metamodel (CWM) format. Optional bridges are available for other formats. Enables SAS ETL Studio to import and export metadata about sources and targets.	See "Metadata Import and Export" on page 11.
Optional Data Surveyor wizards that provide access to the metadata in enterprise applications from SAP, Siebel, Oracle, and other vendors.	See the online Help for the Data Surveyor wizards in SAS ETL Studio, if installed.
Source control for metadata. Supports team-based development of ETL process flows.	See "Working with Change Management" on page 64.
Metadata access control by user and group.	See the SAS Intelligence Platform: Planning and Administration Guide.
Metadata backup.	See the SAS Metadata Server: Setup Guide.
Multi-tier support for processes that flow across multiple servers.	See "Multi-Tier Support" on page 11.
Optional, integrated SAS data quality software for data cleansing and data analysis.	See "Integrated SAS Data Quality Software" on page 12.
Support for OLAP data stores.	See Chapter 11, "Creating Cubes," on page 161.
Support for user-written components.	See "User-Written Components" on page 12.

Feature	Related Documentation
Job scheduling.	See "Job Scheduling" on page 12.
Multiple work environments—separate environments for development, testing, and production, for example.	See metadata promotion and metadata replication in the SAS Management Console: User's Guide.

#### **Metadata Import and Export**

SAS ETL Studio is a SAS Open Metadata Architecture application. It can easily share metadata repositories with other SAS Open Metadata Architecture applications, such as SAS Management Console, SAS Enterprise Miner, SAS Information Delivery Portal, SAS OLAP Administrator, and the metadata LIBNAME engine.

SAS ETL Studio also provides metadata import and export wizards from its **Shortcut Bar** and the **Tools** menu. These wizards enable you to perform the following tasks:

- □ exchange metadata with applications that support the Common Warehouse Metamodel (CWM)
- □ import or export metadata using one of the optional Meta Integration Model Bridges (MIMB) from Meta Integration Technology, Inc.

For example, you can use the metadata importer wizard to import a data model in CWM format or in a format for which you have the appropriate Meta Integration Model Bridge. In SAS ETL Studio, you could view the properties of each table in the model and verify that the appropriate metadata was imported. The tables could then be used in SAS ETL Studio jobs.

For details about the metadata import and export wizards, see the SAS Management Console: User's Guide.

To import or export metadata in formats other than CWM, additional software from Meta Integration Technology must be installed. Meta Integration Technology is a SAS software partner. For information about obtaining and installing their software, see www.metaintegration.net/Products/MIMB/Description.html. You can also request an evaluation license key from this location.

## **Change Management Facility**

SAS ETL Studio enables you to create metadata objects that define sources, targets, and the transformations that connect them. These objects are saved to one or more metadata repositories. In SAS ETL Studio, the change management facility enables multiple SAS ETL Studio users to work with the same metadata repository at the same time—without overwriting each other's changes. For details, see "Working with Change Management" on page 64.

## **Multi-Tier Support**

SAS ETL Studio provides N-tier support for processes that flow across multiple servers, as described in "The SAS Intelligence Platform" on page 8. SAS ETL Studio uses a combination of SAS Integration Technologies software and SAS/CONNECT software to access SAS servers.

SAS servers provide two critical services:

□ Data services—access to data using SAS software, including the SAS/ACCESS products for access to DBMS data.

□ Compute services—submission of SAS code to other machines running SAS and retrieval of the results.

SAS ETL Studio's multi-tier support includes support for *implicit* data transfers using the UPLOAD/DOWNLOAD procedures, *explicit* data transfers using a Data Transfer transformation template, or both. (A Data Transfer transformation template is one of the templates that is provided in the Process Library. For an overview of the Process Library, see "Process Library Tree" on page 107.)

Support is included for scripted signon for SAS/CONNECT. SAS ETL Studio will generate script assignments in its generated code.

#### **Integrated SAS Data Quality Software**

The Process Library in SAS ETL Studio contains two data quality transformation templates: Create Match Code and Apply Lookup Standardization. These templates enable you to increase the value of your data through *data analysis* and *data cleansing*.

The prerequisites for these templates are described in "Prerequisites for SAS Data Quality" on page 51. After the prerequisites have been met, you can drag and drop the templates into process flow diagrams.

#### **User-Written Components**

SAS ETL Studio enables you to do the following:

- □ Specify user-written code for an entire job or a transformation within a job. For a summary of this task, see "Creating Jobs That Retrieve User-Written Code" on page 116.
- □ Drag a User-Written transformation template from the Process Library and drop it into the process flow diagram for a job. You can then update the default metadata for the transformation so that it specifies the location of user-written program.
- □ Use the Transformation Generator wizard to create your own SAS code transformation templates and add them to the Process Library. After a transformation template has been added to the Process Library, you can drag and drop it into any job. For a description of this wizard, see "Transformation Generator Wizard" on page 112.

The online Help for SAS ETL Studio provides additional information about working with user-written components. To display the relevant Help topics, do the following:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio menu bar, select **Help ► Contents**. The online Help window displays.
- 2 In the left pane of the Help window, select **Task Overviews** ▶ **SAS ETL Studio Task Reference** ▶ **User-Written Components and SAS ETL Studio**.

You can also do the following:

□ Use the Java programming language to create your own plug-ins for SAS ETL Studio. You can create Java-based transformation templates, source designer wizards, target designer wizards, and new object wizards. For details about creating your own Java plug-ins, see Appendix 2, "Building Java Plug-ins for SAS ETL Studio," on page 189.

## **Job Scheduling**

After users define one or more jobs in SAS ETL Studio, they can submit the jobs for immediate execution. Administrators can also make jobs available for scheduling in

another application. For example, after a job has been deployed, an administrator can use the Schedule Manager plug-in to SAS Management Console to schedule the deployed job to run at specified date and time or when a specified event occurs. For details about deploying jobs and scheduling jobs, see "Jobs Can Be Scheduled" on page 102.

## **Windows**

The following table lists the main windows and components in SAS ETL Studio. Each component is briefly described in the sections that follow.

Table 2.3 SAS ETL Studio Interface

Component	Description
"Open a Metadata Profile Window" on page 13	Displays in front of the SAS ETL Studio desktop. Use to open or maintain metadata profiles. You use metadata profiles to connect to various metadata servers.
"Desktop" on page 14	Use to begin working with the metadata in the current repositories.
"Process Designer Window" on page 16	Use to create process flow diagrams, to generate and submit code for jobs, and to perform related tasks.
"Source Editor Window" on page 16	A general-purpose SAS code editor.
"Options Window" on page 17	Use to specify options for SAS ETL Studio.

## **Online Help for Windows**

To display the help for an active window or tab in SAS ETL Studio, click its Help button. If the window or tab does not have a Help button, press the F1 key. You can also use the table of contents to access Help topics for the main windows. To

display the relevant Help topics, do the following:

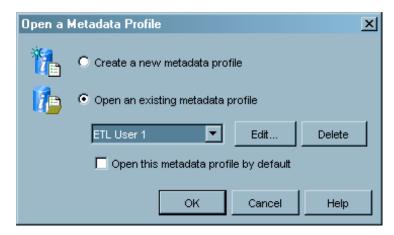
- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Help ▶ Contents** from the menu bar. The online Help window displays.
- 2 In the left pane of the Help window, select the SAS ETL Studio Desktop folder, the Other Main Windows folder, or the SAS ETL Studio Wizards folder.
- **3** In the folder, select the desired topic.

## **Open a Metadata Profile Window**

A *metadata profile* is a client-side definition of where a metadata server is located. The definition includes a host name, a port number, and a list of one or more *metadata repositories*. In addition, the metadata profile can contain a user's login information and instructions for connecting to the *metadata server* either automatically or manually.

When you start SAS ETL Studio, the Open a Metadata Profile window displays in front of the SAS ETL Studio desktop. The following display shows an example of this window.

Display 2.1 Open a Metadata Profile Window

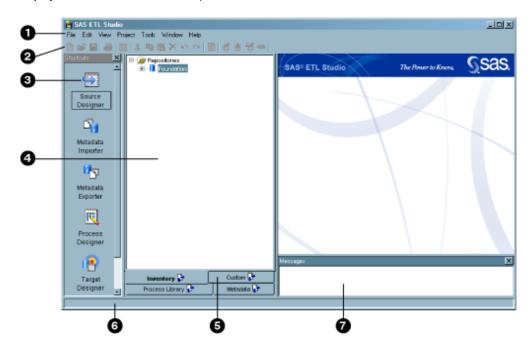


Use the Open a Metadata Profile window to open an existing metadata profile, edit an existing metadata profile, or add a new metadata profile. You must open a metadata profile before you can do any work in SAS ETL Studio. For more details, see "Create a Metadata Profile" on page 57 and "Open a Metadata Profile" on page 58.

#### **Desktop**

After you open a metadata profile, the SAS ETL Studio desktop displays, as shown in the following display.

Display 2.2 SAS ETL Studio Desktop



The SAS ETL Studio desktop consists of the following components:

- 1 Menu bar
- 2 Toolbar
- 3 Shortcut bar
- 4 Tree view
- 5 Trees
- 6 Status line
- 7 Message window

#### Menu Bar

Use the menu bar to access the drop-down menus. The list of active options varies according to the current work area and the kind of object that is selected. Inactive menu options are disabled or hidden.

#### Toolbar

The toolbar contains shortcuts for items on the menu bar. The list of active options varies according to the current work area and the kind of object that is selected. Inactive options are disabled or hidden.

#### **Shortcut Bar**

The shortcut bar displays a pane of task icons on the left side of the SAS ETL Studio desktop. To display it, select **View** ▶ **Shortcut Bar** from the menu bar. Each icon displays a commonly used window, wizard, or a selection window for wizards.

#### **Tree View**

The tree view displays the metadata that is associated with a current metadata repository. Use the tabs at the bottom of this pane, such as Inventory and Custom, to display different views or "trees" of a current repository.

#### **Trees**

Most trees display the contents of a current metadata repository in various ways. The Process Library tree can be used to drag and drop transformation templates into the process flow diagram for a job.

#### Status Line

The status line at the bottom of the SAS ETL Studio desktop displays error messages or other information.

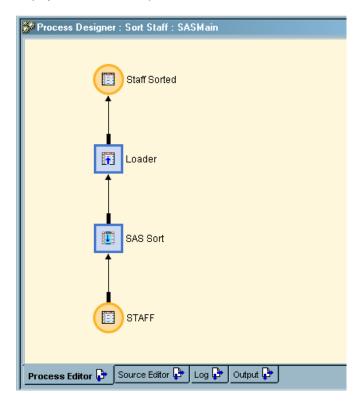
#### **Message Window**

The message window display various messages. To display it, select **View** ► **Message Window** from the menu bar.

#### **Process Designer Window**

The Process Designer window is used to create a *process flow diagram* for the selected job, to generate and submit code for the selected job, and to perform related tasks. The following display shows an example of this window and a process flow diagram.

Display 2.3 Process Designer Window



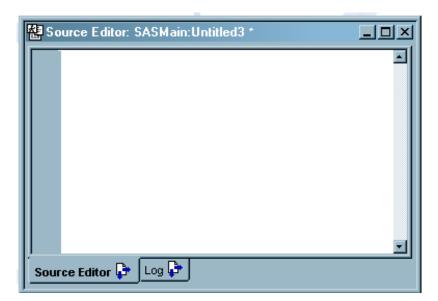
For an introduction to the main windows that are associated with jobs, see "Main Windows for Jobs" on page 102.

#### **Source Editor Window**

As shown in the following display, the Process Designer window includes a Source Editor tab. The Source Editor tab enables you to view and update the SAS code for a selected job.

SAS ETL Studio also provides a separate Source Editor window that you can use as a general-purpose SAS code editor. Display 2.4 on page 17 shows an example of this window.

Display 2.4 Source Editor Window



To display the Source Editor window, from the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Tools** ► **Source Editor**.

To submit code from the Source Editor, from the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Editor** ▶ **Submit**.

To display Help for this window, press the F1 key.

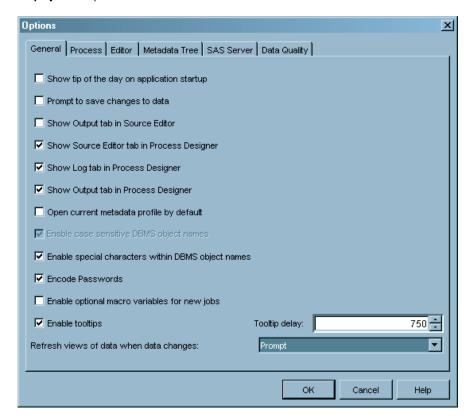
### **Options Window**

Use the Options window to specify options for SAS ETL Studio such as

- □ the default support for case and/or special characters in DBMS names
- □ the default SAS application server
- □ the default display options for the Process Designer window.

The following display shows an example of this window.

Display 2.5 Options Window



The following steps describe one way to view or update the options on the Options window:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Tools** ▶ **Options** to display the Options window.
- 2 Select the tab that contains the options that you want to view or update.

## **Wizards**

The following wizards are available from the **Shortcut Bar** or the **Tools** item on the menu bar on the SAS ETL Studio desktop.

Table 2.4 SAS ETL Studio Wizards

Wizard	Description
Cube Designer	Enables you to create a cube, which is a data store that supports online analytical processing. See Chapter 11, "Creating Cubes," on page 161.
Data Surveyors (optional)	If installed, enable you to access the metadata in enterprise applications from vendors such as PeopleSoft, SAP R/3, Siebel, and Oracle.

Wizard	Description
Export Job to File	Enables you to export a SAS ETL Studio job to an XML file.
Job Import and Merge	Enables you to import jobs that have been exported from SAS ETL Studio.
Metadata Exporter	Enables you to export metadata to other applications that support CWM format. Optional bridges are available for other formats. See "Metadata Import and Export" on page 11.
Metadata Importer	Enables you to import metadata from other applications that support CWM format.  Optional bridges are available for other formats.  See "Metadata Import and Export" on page 11.
New Job	Enables you to select one or more tables as the target(s) (outputs) for a new job. Generates metadata for the new job. See "New Job Wizard" on page 103.
Source designers	Enable you to generate metadata for tables or external files that exist in physical storage. See "Using Source Designers" on page 61.
Target designers	Enable you to create metadata for an object that will be created in the future, but does not currently exist in physical storage. An example of such an object would be a table that will be created when a SAS ETL Studio job is executed. See "Using Target Designers" on page 63.
Transformation Generator	Enables you to create a user-written, SAS code transformation and make it available in the Process Library tree. One of the easiest ways to customize SAS ETL Studio. See "Transformation Generator Wizard" on page 112.

In addition the wizards that were described in the previous table, the following wizards are available from the New Object wizard selection window. This window is displayed by selecting **File** ▶ **New Object** from the SAS ETL Studio desktop. Some of these wizards are also available from the properties windows for some objects, as described in the following table.

Table 2.5 Wizards That Are Accessible from New Object Wizard Selection Window

Wizard	Description
New Document	Enables you to define a document that you can associate with one or more objects in a metadata repository.
New Group	Enables you to add a user-defined group to the Custom tree on the SAS ETL Studio desktop.

Wizard	Description
New Library	Enables you to define a SAS library for SAS data or for other data. See "Enter Metadata for Libraries" on page 44.
New Note	Enables you to define a note that you can associate with one or more objects in a metadata repository.

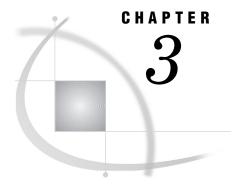
# **Usage Notes**

See Appendix 1, "Usage Notes," on page 179 for notes that apply to the current release of SAS ETL Studio.



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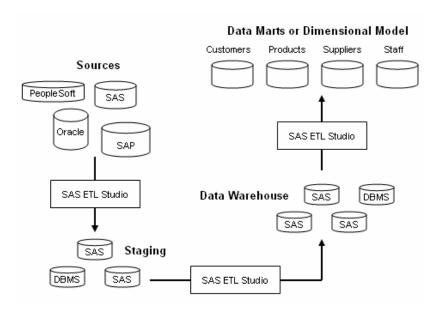
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## **Overview of Warehouse Design**

The following figure shows how SAS ETL Studio is used to flow data into and out of a central data warehouse.

Figure 3.1 Best Practice Data Warehouse



In this model, SAS ETL Studio jobs are used to perform the following tasks:

- 1 Extract enterprise data into a staging area.
- 2 Cleanse and validate data and load a central data warehouse.
- **3** Populate a data mart or dimensional model that provides collections of data from across the enterprise.

Each step of the enterprise data model is implemented by multiple jobs in SAS ETL Studio. Each job in each step can be scheduled to run at the time or event that best fits your business needs and network performance requirements.

## **Data Warehousing with SAS ETL Studio**

SAS ETL Studio helps you build dimensional data from across your enterprise in three steps:

- □ Extract source data into a staging area (see "Step 1: Extract and Denormalize Source Data" on page 24).
- □ Cleanse extracted data and populate a central data warehouse (see "Step 2: Cleanse, Validate, and Load" on page 24).
- □ Create dimensional data that reflects important business needs (see "Step 3: Create Data Marts or Dimensional Data" on page 25).

The three-step enterprise model represents best practices for large enterprises. Smaller models can be developed from the enterprise model. For example, you can easily create one job in SAS ETL Studio that extracts, transforms, and loads data for a specific purpose.

## Step 1: Extract and Denormalize Source Data

The extraction step consists of a series of SAS ETL Studio jobs that capture data from across your enterprise for storage in a staging area. SAS data access capabilities in the jobs enable you to extract data without changing your existing systems.

The extraction jobs denormalize enterprise data for central storage. Normalized data (many tables, few connections) is efficient for data collection. Denormalized data (few tables, more connections) is more efficient for a central data warehouse, where efficiency is needed for the population of data marts.

## Step 2: Cleanse, Validate, and Load

After loading the staging area, a second set of SAS ETL Studio jobs cleanse the data in the staging area, validate the data prior to loading, and load the data into the data warehouse.

Data quality jobs remove redundancies, deal with missing data, and standardize inconsistent data. They transform data as needed so that the data fits the data model. For more information on available data cleansing capabilities, see the SAS Data Quality Server: Reference.

Data validation ensures that the data meets established standards of integrity. Tests show that the data is fully denormalized and cleansed, and that primary, user, and foreign keys are correctly assigned.

When the data in the staging area is valid, SAS ETL Studio jobs load that data into the central data warehouse.

#### **Step 3: Create Data Marts or Dimensional Data**

After the data has been loaded into the data warehouse, SAS ETL Studio jobs extract data from the warehouse into smaller data marts, OLAP structures, or star schemas that are dedicated to specific business dimensions, such as products, customers, suppliers, financials, and employees. From these smaller structures, additional SAS ETL Studio jobs generate, format, and publish reports throughout the enterprise.

## **Planning a Data Warehouse**

The following steps outline one way of implementing a data warehouse.

- 1 Determine your initial needs:
  - **a** Generate a list of business questions that you would like to answer.
  - **b** Specify data collections (data marts or dimensional data) that will provide answers to your business questions.
  - c Determine how and when you would like to receive information. Information can be delivered based on events, such as supply shortages, on time, such as monthly reports, or simply on demand.
- Map the data in your enterprise:Locate existing storage locations for data that can be used to populate your data collections.
  - $\hfill\Box$  Determine storage format, data columns, and operating environments.
- 3 Create a data model for your central data warehouse:
  - □ Combine selected enterprise data sources into a denormalized database that is optimized for efficient data extraction and ad hoc queries. SAS ETL Studio resolves issues surrounding the extraction and combination of source data.
  - □ Consider a generalized collection of data that might extend beyond your initial scope, to account for unanticipated business requirements.
- 4 Estimate and order hardware and software:
  - ☐ Include storage, servers, backup systems, and disaster recovery.
  - □ Include the staging area, the central data warehouse, and the data marts or dimensional data model.
- **5** Based on the data model, develop a plan for extracting data from enterprise sources into a staging area. Then specify a series of SAS ETL Studio jobs that put the extraction plan into action:
  - □ Consider the frequency of data collection based on business needs.
  - □ Consider the times of data extraction based on system performance requirements and data entry times.
  - □ Note that all data needs to be cleansed and validated in the staging area to avoid corruption of the data warehouse.
  - □ Consider validation steps in the extraction jobs to ensure accuracy.
- 6 Plan and specify SAS ETL Studio jobs for data cleansing in the staging area:
  - □ SAS ETL Studio contains all of the data cleansing capabilities of the SAS Data Quality Server software.
  - □ Column combination and creation are readily available through the data quality functions that are available in the SAS ETL Studio's Expression Builder.

- 7 Plan and specify SAS ETL Studio jobs for data validation and load:
  - □ Ensure that the extracted data meets the data mode of the data warehouse before the data is loaded into the data warehouse.
  - □ Load data into the data warehouse at a time that is compatible with the extraction jobs that populate the data marts.
- 8 Plan and specify SAS ETL Studio jobs that populate data marts or a dimensional model out of the central data warehouse.
- **9** Plan and specify SAS ETL Studio jobs that generate reports out of the data marts or dimensional model. These jobs and all SAS ETL Studio jobs can be scheduled to run at specified times.
- 10 Install and test the hardware and software that was ordered previously.
- 11 Develop and test the backup and disaster recovery procedures.
- **12** Develop and individually test the SAS ETL Studio jobs that were previously specified.
- **13** Perform an initial load and examine the contents of the data warehouse to test the extract, cleanse, verify, and load jobs.
- **14** Perform an initial extraction from the data warehouse to the data marts or dimensional model, then examine the smaller data stores to test that set of jobs.
- **15** Generate and publish an initial set of reports to test that set of SAS ETL Studio jobs.

## **Planning Security for a Data Warehouse**

You should develop a security plan for controlling access to libraries, tables, and other resources that are associated with a data warehouse. The phases in the security planning process are as follows:

- □ Define your security goals.
- □ Make some preliminary decisions about your security architecture.
- □ Determine which user accounts you must create with your authentication providers and which user identities and logins you must establish in the metadata.
- □ Determine how you will organize your users into groups.
- □ Determine which users need which permissions to which resources, and develop a strategy for establishing those access controls.

For details about developing a security plan, see the security chapters in the SAS Intelligence Platform: Planning and Administration Guide.



# **Example Data Warehouse**

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# **Overview of Orion Star Sports & Outdoors**

Orion Star Sports & Outdoors is a fictitious international retail company that sells sports and outdoor products. The headquarters is based in the United States, and retail stores are situated in a number of other countries including Belgium, Holland, Germany, the United Kingdom, Denmark, France, Italy, Spain, and Australia. Products are sold through physical retail stores, as well as through mail-order catalogs and on the Internet. Customers who sign up as members of the Orion Star Club organization can receive favorable special offers; therefore, most customers enroll in the Orion Star Club.

*Note:* The sample data for Orion Star Sports & Outdoors is for illustration only. The reader is not expected to use sample data to create the data warehouse that is described in the manual.  $\triangle$ 

# **Asking the Right Questions**

**Product Sales Trends** 

Suppose that the executives at Orion Star Sports & Outdoors want to be proactive in regard to their products, customers, delivery, staff, suppliers, and overall profitability. They might begin by developing a list of questions that needed to be answered, such as the following:

□ What products are available in the company inventory?
□ What products are selling?
$\ \square$ What are the time and place dependencies of product sales?
□ Who is making the sales?
Slow-Moving Products
□ Which products are not selling?
□ Are these slow sales time or place dependent?
$\hfill\Box$ Which products do not contribute at least 0.05% to the revenue for a given country/year?
□ Can any of these products be discontinued?
Profitability
$\hfill \Box$ What is the profitability of products, product groups, product categories, and product line?
$\ \square$ How is the profitability related to the amount of product sold?
Discounting
□ Do discounts increase sales?
□ Does discounting yield greater profitability?

## **Initial Questions to Be Answered**

After reviewing their list of questions, Orion Star executives might select a few questions for a pilot project. The executives might choose the following two questions, for example:

	Which sales person is making the most sales?
П	What are the time and place dependencies of product sales?

The executives would then direct the data warehousing team to answer the selected questions. The examples used in this manual are derived from the selected questions.

# Which Sales Person Is Making the Most Sales?

### **Identifying Relevant Information**

To answer the question, *Which sales person is marking the most sales?*, the data warehousing team decided to design a report that listed total sales by employee. The following display shows an example of such a report.

Display 4.1 Total Sales by Employee (mockup)

	NAME	SALES	ID	TITLE	COMPANY	GROUP
1	Internet/Catalog	230,000	99999		Orion HQ	Internet/
	Sales					Catalog Sales
2	John Smith	52,000	12345	Sales Rep II	Orion HQ	Clothing
3	Jane Reynolds	125,900	33445	Sales Rep IV	Orion HQ	Equipment
5	Maria Angeles	43,780	22456	Sales Rep III	Orion Spain	Shoes
6	Jean Claude	54,020	74859	Sales Rep III	Orion France	Equipment
	Dubois			·		

The next step is to identify how such a report could be created.

## **Identifying Sources**

The data warehouse team examined existing tables to determine if they could be used to the create the report shown in the previous display. They identified a number of tables that could be used. These tables are described in the following sections.

#### **Source for Staff Information**

The STAFF table contains information about employees, such as name, ID, department, supervisor, and salary, as shown in the following display.

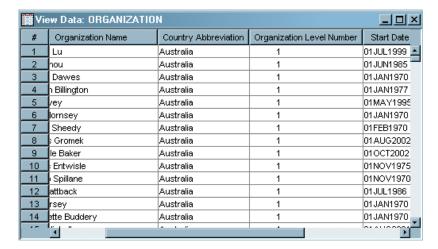
Display 4.2 The STAFF Table



### **Source for Organization Information**

The following ORGANIZATION table identifies the organization to which an employee belongs.

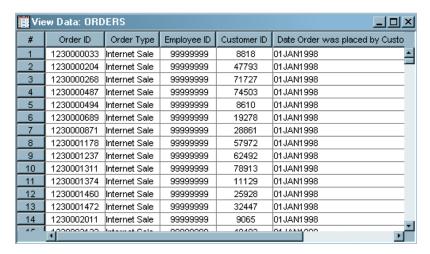
Display 4.3 The ORGANIZATION Table



#### **Source for Order Information**

The following ORDERS table contains information about orders placed with salespersons, including date, salesperson ID, type of order, and customer.

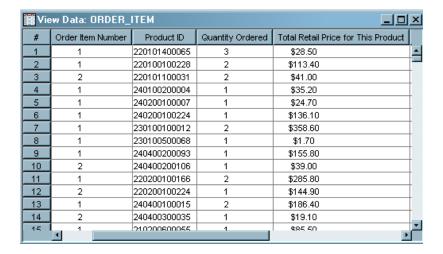
Display 4.4 The ORDERS Table



#### **Source for Order Item Information**

The following ORDER\_ITEM table contains information about orders placed with the company, and includes product ID, amount ordered, price of items, and other data.

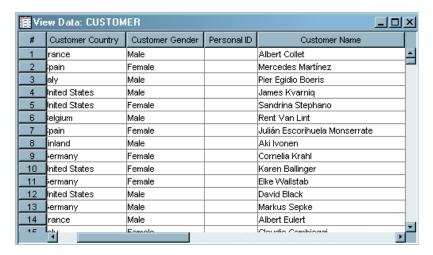
Display 4.5 The ORDER\_ITEM Table



#### **Source for Customer Information**

The following CUSTOMER table contains information about the customers who are placing orders with the company. Information includes name, address, birthdate, and other data.

Display 4.6 The CUSTOMER Table



In reviewing the previous tables, the data warehousing team identified the following issues:

- ☐ The salesperson and salesperson ID must be correlated to determine sales.
- □ The sales totals for each order must be correlated with the correct salesperson.
- □ The sales for each sales person must be totaled.
- □ Some information does not exist in current source tables. New columns and tables must be created.

The next step is to specify the new tables that must be created in order to produce the desired reports.

### **Identifying Targets**

To simplify the SAS ETL Studio job that will be used to create the desired report, the team decided to combine certain columns from existing tables into a smaller number of new tables:

- □ A new table will be created that joins the CUSTOMER, ORDERS, and ORDER\_ITEMS tables.
- □ A new table will be created that joins the STAFF and ORGANIZATION tables.
- □ In order to answer the question of who made the most sales, the two new tables will be combined to create a third new table on which the report will be based.

By combining tables, the warehouse team can easily answer the specified question, as well create a diverse range of reports to answer other business questions. Details about each new table are provided in the following sections.

#### **Target That Combines Order Information**

The ORDER\_FACT table is created by joining the CUSTOMER, ORDERS, and ORDER\_ITEMS tables. The new table will include all order data, including salesperson ID, customer, price, and quantity.

#### **Target That Combines Organization Information**

The ORGANIZATION\_DIM table is created by joining the STAFF and ORGANIZATION tables. The new table will include all employee information including name, ID, salary, department, and managers.

### **Target That Lists Total Sales by Employee**

The Total\_Sales\_by\_Employee table is created by joining the ORDER\_FACT table and ORGANIZATION\_DIM table. The new table will include employee name, total revenue, employee ID, job title, company, and department. It will be used to produce the report shown in Display 4.1 on page 29.

# What Are the Time and Place Dependencies of Product Sales?

## **Identifying Relevant Information**

To answer the question, What are the time and place dependencies of product sales?, the data warehousing team decided to design a report that reports sales across a time dimension and a geographic dimension. The following display shows an example of such a report.

Sum of Quantity Year 🔻 Month Number 2002 Total \* Grand Total Country Product Line October November December Belgium Sports Belgium Total \* Germany Sports Germany Total \* Italy Sports Italy Total \* United Kingdom Sports United Kingdom Total United States Colorado Sports Colorado Total \* Florida Sports Florida Total \* Illinois Sports Illinois Total \* Michigan Sports Michigan Total \* United States Total <sup>1</sup> Grand Total 

Display 4.7 Time and Place Dependencies for Sales

The next step is to identify how such a report could be created.

## **Identifying Sources**

Further questioning of the executive team revealed that it would be helpful to track sales across a customer dimension and an internal organization dimension as well as across the dimensions of time and geography. Questions that require multiple dimensions to be analyzed together can often be answered with online analytical processing (OLAP). Accordingly, the data warehousing team concluded that the question, What are the time and place dependencies of product sales?, could be answered most efficiently with OLAP.

The data warehouse team examined existing tables to determine whether they could be used as inputs to an OLAP data store that would produce reports similar to the one shown in Display 4.7 on page 33. They identified a number of tables that could be used. These tables are described in the following sections.

#### **Sources Related to Customers**

The following tables can contribute to the customer dimension of the OLAP data store:

- □ CUSTOMER table
- □ CUSTOMER\_TYPE table

## **Sources Related to Geography**

The following tables can contribute to the geographic dimension of the OLAP data store:

- □ CONTINENT table
- □ COUNTRY table
- □ STATE table

- □ COUNTY table
- □ CITY table
- $\Box$  STREET\_CODE table

#### **Sources Related to Organization**

The following tables can contribute to the organization dimension of the OLAP data store:

- □ STAFF table
- □ ORGANIZATION table

#### **Sources Related to Time**

The following tables can contribute to the time dimension of the OLAP data store:

- □ CONTINENT table
- □ COUNTRY table
- □ STATE table
- □ COUNTY table
- □ CITY table
- □ STREET CODE table

While the previous tables contain the appropriate information, it is not in the correct format for OLAP. To support OLAP, a number of new data stores most be created, as described in the following section.

## **Identifying Targets**

In order to support the OLAP reports such as the one shown in Display 4.7 on page 33, the data warehousing team specified the following new data stores.

- □ A SAS cube that will support OLAP reporting.
- □ A set of new tables that will form the central fact table and dimension tables for a star schema. Each new table will be created by joining two or more source tables that are related to a particular dimension, such as customers, geography, organization, and time.

The target tables are described in the following sections.

## **Target to Support OLAP**

A SAS cube named *Star* will be created to support OLAP. This cube will support reports similar to Display 4.7 on page 33.

## **Target to Provide Input for the Cube**

In this example, the ORDER\_FACT table that is described in "Target That Combines Order Information" on page 32 is the central fact table in a star schema. Its dimension tables are described in the following sections.

## **Target That Combines Customer Information**

The CUSTOMER\_DIM table will be created by joining the tables described in "Sources Related to Customers" on page 33. In this example, CUSTOMER\_DIM is one dimension of a star schema.

#### **Target That Combines Geographic Information**

The GEOGRAPHY \_DIM table will be created by joining the tables described in "Sources Related to Geography" on page 33. In this example, GEOGRAPHY\_DIM is one dimension in a star schema.

#### **Target That Combines Organization Information**

This dimension table is the same as "Target That Combines Organization Information" on page 32. In this example, ORGANIZATION\_DIM is one dimension in a star schema.

## **Target That Combines Time Information**

The TIME \_DIM table will be created by joining the tables that are described in "Sources Related to Time" on page 34. In this example, TIME\_DIM is one dimension in a star schema.

# The Next Step

After the questions, desired outputs, sources, and targets have been specified, administrators can begin setting up the servers, libraries, and other resources that SAS ETL Studio requires.



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# **Overview of Installation and Setup**

Administrators must complete a number of installation and setup tasks before users (ETL specialists) can begin work in SAS ETL Studio. This chapter describes the main installation and setup tasks, and it identifies documentation that describes these tasks in detail.

*Note:* Many of the steps that are described in this chapter can be automated if you use the SAS Software Navigator to install SAS ETL Studio and related software.  $\triangle$ 

For example, after you have created a metadata repository, the SAS Configuration Wizard in the SAS Software Navigator enables you to run scripts that will automatically add metadata for servers, users, and other resources. The SAS Software Navigator also generates setup instructions that are customized for your site.

# **Review Project Plans**

Installation and setup will be faster and easier if you proceed according to a detailed project plan. For an overview of warehouse project plans, see "Planning a Data Warehouse" on page 25 and "Planning Security for a Data Warehouse" on page 26.

## **Plan Your Change-Managed Metadata Repositories**

SAS ETL Studio enables you to create metadata objects that define sources, targets, and the transformations that connect them. These objects are saved to one or more metadata repositories. After a metadata server has been installed and started, one of the first tasks that an administrator must do is define one or more metadata repositories that are associated with the server.

Your data warehouse project plan should identify the metadata repositories that are required for your data warehouse. Typically, your metadata repositories will be under *change management*. Change management enables multiple SAS ETL Studio users to work with the same metadata repository at the same time—without overwriting each other's changes.

For the example data warehouse, the following metadata repositories must be created:

- □ A foundation repository where all metadata about the example warehouse will be stored. This repository will be under change management control. The repository will be named *Foundation*.
- □ A set of project repositories, one for each SAS ETL Studio user. Each project repository depends on (inherits metadata from) the foundation repository. Each project repository enables a user to check metadata out of the foundation repository. After changes are made to checked-out objects, or new metadata objects are added, the new or updated metadata is checked into the foundation repository. For the data warehouse example, each project repository will have a name such as *Project: etlUser1*.

For details about setting up change-managed repositories for SAS ETL Studio, metadata administrators should see the SAS ETL Studio chapter in the SAS Intelligence

Platform: Planning and Administration Guide. In general, an administrator uses SAS Management Console to define a change-managed repository (such as a foundation repository) and one or more project repositories that depend on the change-managed repository. The administrator designates a SAS ETL Studio user as the owner of each project repository. Administrators with the appropriate privilege can update a change-managed repository directly, without having to work with a project repository.

### **Install SAS ETL Studio and Related Software**

Use the SAS Software Navigator to install SAS ETL Studio and related software. For an overview of installation and setup, see the SAS ETL Studio chapter in the SAS Intelligence Platform: Planning and Administration Guide.

Your data warehouse project plan should identify the SAS software that is required for your data warehouse. For example, to answer the business questions that are described in Chapter 4, "Example Data Warehouse," on page 27, the software that is listed in the following table must be installed.

<b>Table 5.1</b> Software Required to	Create the	Example Data	Warehouse
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Software	Required in Order to Perform These Tasks
SAS Management Console	Administer SAS software.
SAS ETL Studio	Build and maintain ETL process flows.
SAS Metadata Server	Read and write metadata in a SAS Metadata Repository.
SAS Workspace Server	Access data and execute SAS code.
SAS OLAP Server	Create cubes and process queries against cubes.

*Note:* The data sources and targets for the example warehouse are assumed to be local, and all are assumed to be in Base SAS format or in comma-delimited format.  $\triangle$ 

Additional software would be required to access data that is under the control of SAS/SHARE, a SAS Scalable Performance Data (SPD) Server, a data base management system (DBMS), or an enterprise application.

# **Required Servers**

As a client, SAS ETL Studio must connect to a SAS Metadata Server to read or write metadata. It must connect to other servers to run SAS code, to connect to a third-party database management system, or to perform other tasks. Your data warehouse project plan should identify the servers that are required for your data warehouse. Table 5.1 on page 39 lists the minimum servers that must be installed to create the example data warehouse.

#### SAS/CONNECT Server

SAS ETL Studio uses a SAS/CONNECT server to submit generated SAS code to machines that are remote from the default SAS application server. A SAS/CONNECT server can also be used for interactive access to remote libraries. If your work in SAS ETL Studio requires either of these services, you should install SAS/CONNECT

software. All of the data in the example data warehouse is assumed to be local, so SAS/CONNECT is not required.

# **Start SAS Management Console**

SAS Management Console is a Java application that provides a single point of control for SAS administrative tasks. After the SAS Metadata Server has been started, administrators can connect to the server, create a metadata repository, and start entering metadata. Administrators will probably want to use SAS Management Console to enter the first metadata for a data warehouse or data mart.

Start SAS Management Console as you would any other SAS application on a given platform. For example, under Microsoft Windows, you can select **Start** ▶ **Programs** ▶ **SAS** ▶ **SAS Management Console**.

*Note:* The SAS Configuration Wizard in the SAS Software Navigator enables you to run scripts that will automatically add metadata for servers, users, and other resources. Use SAS Management Console to add metadata that is not provided by the scripts in the SAS Software Navigator.  $\triangle$ 

# **Create a Metadata Profile and a Foundation Repository**

After you start SAS Management Console, a window displays that has various options for maintaining a *metadata profile*. A metadata profile is a client-side definition of where the metadata server is located. The definition includes a machine name, a port number, and one or more metadata repositories. In addition, the metadata profile can contain login information and instructions for connecting to the metadata server automatically. You cannot do any work in SAS Management Console, in SAS ETL Studio, or in related applications until you create and open the appropriate metadata profile.

An administrator would perform the following steps to create a metadata profile and to add the change-managed foundation repository that is described in "Plan Your Change-Managed Metadata Repositories" on page 38. (Customized instructions for this task are available from the SAS Software Navigator.)

- 1 Start SAS Management Console. The Open a Metadata Profile window opens and displays various options for maintaining a metadata profile.
- 2 Select Create a new metadata profile and click OK. The Metadata Profile wizard displays.
- 3 Click Next. In the general information window, enter a name for the profile. For the example data warehouse, the name could be Metadata Admin Profile.
- 4 Click Next. In the Connection Information window, enter a machine address, port, user name, and password that will enable you to connect to the appropriate SAS Metadata Server as an administrator.
- 5 Click Next. The wizard attempts to connect to the metadata server. If the connection is successful, and no metadata repositories have yet been defined for the current server, you will be asked if you want to define a metadata repository.
- **6** Select **Yes** to define a metadata repository.
- 7 On the Select Repository Type panel, select Foundation.
- **8** Enter other information as prompted by the wizard. Verify that the check box for change-management is selected.

**9** Click Finish to exit the Metadata Profile wizard. You are returned to the Open a Metadata Profile window.

# **Enter Metadata for Users, Administrators, and Groups**

In SAS ETL Studio, the metadata for users and groups is used to support change management, connections to a remote computer with SAS/CONNECT, and connections to a DBMS with SAS/ACCESS software.

Also, SAS ETL Studio users can select the metadata for a user or group and associate it with the metadata for a table, a job, or any other kind of object that can be displayed in the Inventory tree. To the metadata for a job, for example, you could add the metadata for the person who needs to be contacted if the job fails.

Your data warehouse project plan should identify the users and groups that are required for your data warehouse. For the example data warehouse, metadata for the following persons and groups must be added to the foundation repository:

- $\ \square$  a metadata administrator with the generic name  $\it Metadata \ Admin$
- □ a number of SAS ETL Studio users with generic names such as *etlUser1* and *etlUser2*
- □ a group for SAS ETL Studio users called *ETL User Group*.

The metadata for each person or group specifies certain privileges. For example, the metadata for *Metadata Admin* specifies administrative privileges. The metadata for *ETL User Group* specifies privileges for users who work under change management, and *etlUser1*, *etlUser2*, and other users are members of that group.

The SAS Configuration Wizard in the SAS Software Navigator enables you to run a script that will automatically add metadata for some users and groups. Use SAS Management Console to add metadata that is not provided by the scripts in the SAS Software Navigator. For details about entering metadata for users and administrators in a change-management context, see the SAS ETL Studio chapter of the SAS Intelligence Platform: Planning and Administration Guide.

# **Create a Project Repository for Each User**

After metadata identities have been defined for each SAS ETL Studio user, an administrator can create a project repository for each user. Each project repository enables a user to check metadata out of the foundation repository. After changes are made to checked-out objects, or new metadata objects are added, the new or updated metadata is checked into the foundation repository.

For the data warehouse example, each project repository will have a name such as *Project: etlUser1*. For details about setting up change-managed repositories for SAS ETL Studio, metadata administrators should see the SAS ETL Studio chapter in the *SAS Intelligence Platform: Planning and Administration Guide*. In general, an administrator designates a SAS ETL Studio user as the owner of each project repository. Administrators with the appropriate privilege can update a change-managed repository directly, without having to work with a project repository.

#### **Enter Metadata for Servers**

The SAS Configuration Wizard in the SAS Software Navigator enables you to run a script that will automatically add metadata for some servers. Use SAS Management Console to add metadata that is not provided by the scripts in the SAS Software Navigator.

The following table summarizes how the servers for the example data warehouse would be made available to SAS ETL Studio users.

Table 5.2 Main Servers for the Example Data Warehouse

Software	Required in Order to Perform These Tasks	Where Metadata Is Specified
SAS Metadata Server	Read and write metadata in a SAS Metadata Repository.	Specified in the metadata profiles for administrators and users.  Administrators should see "Create a Metadata Profile and a Foundation Repository" on page 40.  Users should see "Create a Metadata Profile" on page 57.
SAS Workspace Server	Access data and execute SAS code.	Can be specified as one component of the default SAS application server for SAS ETL Studio. See "Default SAS Application Server" on page 42.
SAS OLAP Server	Create cubes and process queries against cubes.	Can be specified as one component of the default SAS application server for SAS ETL Studio.

For details about entering metadata for the SAS Data Quality Servers or job scheduling servers from Platform Computing, see the SAS ETL Studio chapter in the SAS Intelligence Platform: Planning and Administration Guide.

For details about entering metadata for a SAS/SHARE server, a SAS Scalable Performance Data (SPD) Server, a DBMS, or an enterprise application, see the Preparing Data for Use chapter in the SAS Intelligence Platform: Planning and Administration Guide.

## **Default SAS Application Server**

SAS ETL Studio enables users to select a *default SAS application server*. The default SAS application server enables SAS ETL Studio to execute SAS code, to access data, and to perform other tasks that require a SAS server—without having to specify a server each time.

When you select a default SAS application server, you are actually selecting a metadata object that can provide access to a number of servers, libraries, schemas, directories, and other resources. Typically, a metadata administrator defines the metadata for a SAS application server and tells users which object to select as the default in SAS ETL Studio.

For the example data warehouse, assume the metadata object for the default SAS application server is called *SASMain*. To support the example data warehouse, SASMain must include the following components:

- □ a SAS Workspace Server component
- □ a SAS OLAP Server component.

To enter metadata for SAS application servers, follow the instructions that are provided by the SAS Configuration Wizard that is associated with the SAS Software Navigator. See also the Servers in the SAS Intelligence Platform chapter in the SAS Intelligence Platform: Planning and Administration Guide.

## Impact of the Default SAS Application Server in SAS ETL Studio

In a client/server environment, the terms *local* and *remote* are relative. The same resource can be local in one context and remote in another.

#### **Code Generation**

When SAS ETL Studio generates code for a job, a resource is local or remote relative to the default SAS application server that is specified on the **SAS Server** tab of the Options window.

To submit a job for execution on a machine that is local to the default SAS application server, the default SAS application server must have a SAS Workspace Server component.

To submit a job to a machine that is remote from the default SAS application server, both of the following conditions must exist:

- ☐ The default SAS application server must have a SAS Workspace Server component.
- ☐ The default SAS application server must have access to a SAS/CONNECT server on the remote machine where the job is to be executed.

#### **Interactive Access to Data**

When SAS ETL Studio is used to access information interactively, the server that is used to access the resource must be able to resolve the physical path to the resource. The path can be a local path or a remote path, but the relevant server must be able to resolve the path. The relevant server is the default SAS application server unless another SAS application server is specified in the metadata for the resource.

For example, in the source designer wizard for external files, the **Host** field on the External File Selection window enables you to specify the SAS application server that is used to access the external file. This server must be able to resolve the physical path that you specify for the external file.

As another example, suppose that you use the View Data option to view the contents of a table. To display the contents of the table, the default SAS application server in SAS ETL Studio, or a SAS application server that is specified in the metadata for the table, must be able to resolve the path to the table.

For the relevant server to resolve the path to a table in a library, one of the following conditions must be met:

- □ The metadata for the library does not include an assignment to a SAS application server, and the default SAS application server can resolve the physical path that is specified for this library.
- □ The metadata for the library includes an assignment to a SAS application server that contains a SAS Workspace Server component, and the SAS Workspace Server is accessible in the current session.
- □ The metadata for the library includes an assignment to a SAS application server whose metadata contains a SAS/CONNECT server component, and the SAS/CONNECT server component is accessible to the default SAS application server.

*Note:* If you select a library that is assigned to an inactive server, you will receive the error "Cannot connect to workspace server". Check to make sure that the server assigned to the library is running and is the active server.  $\triangle$ 

#### **Enter Metadata for Libraries**

In SAS software, a library is a collection of one or more files that are recognized by SAS and that are referenced and stored as a unit. SAS ETL Studio uses a combination of server metadata and library metadata to access the sources and targets that are referenced in SAS ETL Studio jobs. Accordingly, one of the first tasks for an administrator might be to specify metadata for the libraries that contain data stores or other resources.

Both SAS Management Console and SAS ETL Studio enable you to enter metadata for libraries. A typical approach would be for administrators to use SAS Management Console to add metadata for an initial set of libraries. SAS ETL Studio users would then use source designer wizards or target designer wizards to add metadata about specific tables in a library. Later, administrators and/or users could add metadata for other libraries as needed.

*Note:* Entering metadata for a library does not, in itself, provide access to tables in the library. You must also specify metadata for all tables that you want to access in the library, as described in "Using Source Designers" on page 61 and "Using Target Designers" on page 63.  $\triangle$ 

#### Which Libraries Are Needed?

Administrators should ask questions such as these to determine which libraries are needed for a given data warehouse:

- □ In what format are the source tables and target tables? Are they SAS files, Microsoft Excel files, DBMS tables, flat files, enterprise application files, or files in which values are separated with commas or other characters?
- ☐ If the tables are in SAS format, do the tables use column formats that are defined in a SAS format library?
- ☐ If the tables are in SAS format, will SAS/SHARE software be used to provide concurrent update access to the tables?
- □ If the tables are not in SAS format, how do you plan to access these tables? With a database library (SAS/ACCESS software for relational databases)? With an ODBC library (SAS/ACCESS for ODBC)? With the external file interface? With an enterprise application library (such as a library that uses SAS/ACCESS to R/3)?

Answers to questions such as these determine the kind of library metadata that you need to enter.

### **Libraries for the Example Warehouse**

For the example data warehouse, assume that most data sources and targets are in Base SAS format, and that some of these tables use custom column formats that are stored in a SAS library. Accordingly, metadata for the following Base SAS libraries must added to the foundation repository:

- □ one or more Base SAS libraries for data sources
- □ one or more Base SAS libraries for data targets.

The general steps for entering library metadata are described in "Enter Metadata for a Library" on page 48. You do not need to enter metadata for a library that contains SAS formats, but this library must be properly set up. See "Libraries for Custom SAS Formats" on page 45.

Assume that some of the source data for the example data warehouse is in comma-delimited files, and that the external file interface will be used to access these files. See "External Files" on page 47.

#### **Base SAS Libraries**

To access tables in Base SAS format, metadata for the appropriate SAS libraries must be defined and saved to a metadata repository. To access the tables, SAS ETL Studio will use the default SAS application server or the server that is specified in the metadata for the library. The general steps for entering library metadata are described in "Enter Metadata for a Library" on page 48.

#### **SAS/SHARE Libraries**

A SAS/SHARE server enables multiple users to access a library concurrently. To access tables that are under the control of a SAS/SHARE server, metadata for the SAS/SHARE server and a SAS/SHARE library must be defined and saved to a metadata repository.

#### **SAS SPD Server Libraries**

The SAS Scalable Performance Data (SPD) Server is a high-performance, multi-user, parallel-processing data server with a comprehensive security infrastructure, backup and restore utilities, and sophisticated administrative and tuning options. The SAS SPD Server stores data in a special format that facilitates parallel processing. You can use the SAS SPD Server to access tables in SAS SPD Server format, using a special SAS library that is designed for this purpose.

To use the SAS SPD Server to access tables in SAS SPD Server format, metadata for the SAS SPD server and a SAS SPD Server library must be defined and saved to a metadata repository.

## **SAS SPD Engine Libraries**

The SAS Scalable Performance Data (SPD) Engine is included with Base SAS. It is a single-user data storage solution that shares the high performance, parallel processing, and parallel I/O capabilities of SAS SPD Server for managing large data volumes, but without the additional complexity of a full server. The SAS SPD Engine can read and write data stores in SPD Server format.

To use the SAS SPD Engine to access tables in SAS SPD Server format, metadata for a SAS SPD Engine library must be defined and saved to a metadata repository. To access the tables, SAS ETL Studio will use the default SAS application server or the server that is specified in the metadata for the library.

#### **Libraries for Custom SAS Formats**

A format is an instruction that SAS uses to write data values. You use formats to control the written appearance of data values, or, in some cases, to group data values together for analysis. Some SAS tables use custom column formats that are stored in a SAS library.

*Note:* You do not need to enter metadata for a library that contains custom SAS formats. However, if a table uses custom formats that are stored in a SAS library, the

library of formats must be available to the SAS application server that is used to display data in the table or to execute code for the table.  $\triangle$ 

For details about setting up a SAS format library, see the Post-Configuration Tasks chapter in the SAS Intelligence Platform: Planning and Administration Guide.

#### **DBMS Libraries**

To access tables in a DBMS such as Oracle or DB2, metadata for the DBMS server and the appropriate DBMS library must be defined and saved to a metadata repository. See also the following sections about ODBC libraries and OLE DB libraries.

#### **ODBC Libraries**

Open Database Connectivity (ODBC) is an application programming interface (API). ODBC provides a standard interface for SQL databases. An application that uses the ODBC interface can connect to any database that has an ODBC driver, such as Microsoft Access, Microsoft Excel, Borland dBase, or IBM DB2. Use ODBC libraries when an interface for a specific DBMS is not available, and the DBMS complies with ODBC.

To use ODBC to access tables, the following requirements must be met:

- ☐ The appropriate ODBC driver must be available on the computer where the database resides.
- Metadata for the ODBC database server must be available in a current metadata repository.

For example, assume that you want to access tables in a Microsoft Access database and the database resides on a computer with the Microsoft Windows XP Professional operating system. You could use the ODBC Data Source Administrator administrative tool to define Microsoft Access as a system data source on that computer. You might create a system data source called msdb, for example. (A system data source can be more useful than a user data source because it is available to all users and to NT services on that computer.)

After the ODBC data source has been defined, an administrator could use SAS Management Console to enter metadata for the ODBC database server. The ODBC database server is the computer where the ODBC-compliant database resides. The metadata for the ODBC database server includes the network address for that computer, as well as the relevant ODBC driver (such as the msdb data source) on that computer. For details about entering metadata for servers, see the online Help for the Server Manager plug-in to SAS Management Console.

#### **OLE Libraries**

OLE DB is a Microsoft API for access to different data sources. An OLE library uses the SAS/ACCESS interface for OLE DB providers. Use OLE libraries when an interface for a specific DBMS is not available and the DBMS complies with OLE DB.

## **Libraries for Enterprise Applications**

Optional data surveyor wizards can be installed in SAS ETL Studio that provide access to the metadata in enterprise applications such as PeopleSoft and SAP R/3. See the documentation for these wizards for details about any servers and libraries that must be defined to support the wizards.

#### **External Files**

An *external file* is a file that is maintained by the machine operating environment or by a software product other than SAS software. A flat file with comma-separated values is an example.

External files can be accessed in at least two ways.

- □ External File source designer. The External File source designer is a wizard that guides you through the steps that are required to create and execute a SAS ETL Studio job. The job extracts information from an external file and writes it to a SAS table. Typically, the SAS table is used as a source table in another SAS ETL Studio job. The current External File source designer can extract information from flat files in fixed or delimited format. Supported file types are TXT, DAT, and CSV. See "Example: Extracting Information from a Flat File" on page 78.
- ODBC library. ODBC libraries are used to read and write ODBC-compliant files as if they were SAS files. They provide interactive access to ODBC-compliant files. ODBC libraries are useful for applications that comply with ODBC, such as Microsoft Excel. The general steps for entering library metadata are described in "Enter Metadata for a Library" on page 48. In the first window of the New Library wizard, select the ODBC icon.

After an ODBC library has been created, SAS ETL Studio users can display the ODBC source designer and use it to enter metadata about the tables within the library. The general steps for using source designers are described in "Using Source Designers" on page 61.

#### **Generic Libraries**

When you display the New Library wizard from the SAS ETL Studio desktop, the first page of the wizard enables you to select the kind of library that you want to create. If you cannot find an exact match for the kind of data that you want to access, you can select a **Generic** library.

A Generic library enables you to manually specify a SAS engine and the options that are associated with that engine. Because it is general by design, the Generic library offers few hints as to what options should be specified for a particular engine. Accordingly, the Generic library might be most useful to experienced SAS users. For details about the options for a particular engine, see the SAS documentation for that engine.

Note: SAS has a number of library templates for specific data formats. The specific library templates will often give better results than the generic template, which has not been optimized for particular data formats. Use the templates for a specific format whenever possible.  $\triangle$ 

#### **Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Access Files**

See "External Files" on page 47.

#### **XML Files**

To provide access to one or more tables that are defined in an XML file, you could create a Generic library and specify options that are appropriate for the XML LIBNAME engine and the XML file. After the Generic library (with the XML options) is registered in a metadata repository, SAS ETL Studio users can use the Generic source designer to generate metadata for the tables that are defined in the XML file.

### **Enter Metadata for a Library**

The New Library wizard in SAS Management Console and SAS ETL Studio enables you to enter metadata about many different kinds of libraries. For details about entering metadata for different kinds of libraries, administrators should see the Managing Libraries chapter in the SAS Management Console: User's Guide.

The following steps summarize how to use SAS ETL Studio to enter metadata about a library. These steps are appropriate for an administrator who does not have to use the change-management facility. The steps for a user would be similar, except that the user would have to check in the metadata for the new library as a last step.

- 1 Start SAS ETL Studio as described in "Start SAS ETL Studio" on page 56.
- 2 Open the metadata profile that specifies the repository where metadata for the new library should be stored. The steps for opening a metadata profile are described in "Open a Metadata Profile" on page 58.
- 3 In SAS ETL Studio, click the **Inventory** tab to display the Inventory tree.
- 4 In the Inventory tree, expand the folders until the Libraries folder is displayed.
- 5 Select the **Libraries** folder, then select **File** ▶ **New** from the menu bar. The New Library wizard displays.
- 6 In the New Library wizard, expand the folders to view the folder for the kind of library for which you want to enter metadata. (The wizard includes folders for Database Libraries, Enterprise Application Libraries, and SAS Libraries, for example.)
- 7 Expand the folder for the kind of library for which you want to enter metadata, such as SAS Libraries.
- 8 Select the particular kind of library for which you want to enter metadata, such as SAS Base Engine Library and click Next.
- **9** Enter metadata as prompted by the wizard.

After the metadata for a library has been entered and saved, it is available for use in SAS ETL Studio. For example, most source designer wizards and target designer wizards will prompt you to select the library that contains or will contain a given source table or target table.

## **Preassigned Libraries**

It is possible to assign a SAS library to a server so that the library is assigned whenever the server is started. Such a library is said to be *preassigned*. Preassigned libraries are used whenever you want a SAS library to be available in the current session without explicitly assigning the library during the session.

For example, suppose that you wanted to use the View Data feature to display a table that contains custom SAS formats. The SAS library that contains the formats can be preassigned to the SAS application server that is used to access the table.

Some of the tasks that are associated with preassigning a SAS library must be done outside of SAS ETL Studio or SAS Management Console. For details, see the Post-Configuration Tasks chapter of the SAS Intelligence Platform: Planning and Administration Guide.

#### "Library is Preassigned" Check Box

The properties window for a library includes a **Library is Preassigned** check box. To display this check box, perform the following steps:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, in the Inventory tree, open the Libraries folder and select the library that you want to view or update.
- 2 Select **File** ▶ **Properties** from the menu bar. The properties window for the library displays.
- 3 Select the **Options** tab, then click the Advanced Options button. The Advanced Options window is displayed.
- 4 Select the Pre-Assign tab. The Library is Preassigned check box is on that tab.

Note: Selecting the **Library is Preassigned** check box does not preassign the library. The check box indicates that the library has been pre-assigned, using the methods that are described in the Post-Configuration Tasks chapter of the SAS Intelligence Platform: Planning and Administration Guide.  $\triangle$ 

#### **Additional Information about Libraries**

The online Help for SAS ETL Studio contains additional information about libraries. To display the relevant Help topics, perform the following steps:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio menu bar, select **Help ▶ Contents**. The online Help window displays.
- 2 In the left pane of the Help window, select Prerequisites ➤ Specifying Metadata for Libraries.

# Supporting Case and Special Characters in Table and Column Names

SAS ETL Studio cannot access tables or columns with case-sensitive names or with special characters in the names unless the appropriate options have been specified. For the example data warehouse, assume that all tables are in SAS format, and that all names for tables and columns follow the standard rules for SAS names.

# Case and Special Characters in SAS Table and Column Names

By default, the names for SAS tables and columns must follow the standard rules for SAS names. However, SAS ETL Studio will support case-sensitive names for tables and columns, as well as special characters in column names, if the appropriate options are specified in the metadata for the SAS table.

SAS ETL Studio users can set name options in the metadata for individual tables. For description of this task, see "Setting Name Options for Individual Tables" on page 68

As an alternative to setting name options in the metadata for individual tables, you can set default name options for all table metadata that is entered with a source designer or a target designer in SAS ETL Studio. For details, see "Setting Default Name Options for Tables and Columns" on page 51.

### Case and Special Characters in DBMS Table and Column Names

SAS ETL Studio cannot access a DBMS table with case-sensitive names or with special characters in names unless the appropriate name options are specified in the metadata for the database library that is used to access the table, and in the metadata for the table itself.

One approach would be for administrators to specify name options in the metadata for the database library, as described in this section. Administrators could then let SAS ETL Studio users know which DBMS name options to specify in the metadata for tables in that library. SAS ETL Studio users can set name options in the metadata for DBMS tables. For description of this task, see "Setting Name Options for Individual Tables" on page 68.

As an alternative to setting name options in the metadata for individual tables, you can set default name options for all table metadata that is entered with a source designer or a target designer in SAS ETL Studio. For details, see "Setting Default Name Options for Tables and Columns" on page 51.

#### **Enabling DBMS Name Options for a New Database Library**

The steps in this section describe how to enable name options when you enter the metadata for a new database library. These steps are appropriate for an administrator who does not have to use the change-management facility. The steps for a user would be similar, except that the user would have to check in the metadata for the new library as a last step.

- 1 Follow the general instructions in "Enter Metadata for a Library" on page 48. In the first window of the New Library wizard, select the appropriate kind of database library and click Next.
- **2** Enter a name for the library and click Next.
- **3** Enter a SAS LIBNAME for the library, then click Advanced Options. The Advanced Options window displays.
- 4 In the Advanced Options window, click the **Output** tab.
- 5 To preserve DBMS column names, select Yes in the Preserve column names as in the DBMS field.
- 6 Click the Input/Output tab.
- 7 To preserve DBMS table names, select Yes in the Preserve DBMS table names field
- 8 Click OK and enter the rest of the metadata as prompted by the wizard.

### **Enabling DBMS Name Options for an Existing Database Library**

The following steps describe one way to update the existing metadata for a database library in order to specify name options. These steps are appropriate for an administrator who does not have to use the change-management facility. The steps for a user would be similar, except that the user would have to check out the library, update the metadata as described in the following steps, then check in the metadata for the library as a last step.

- 1 Start SAS ETL Studio as described in "Start SAS ETL Studio" on page 56.
- 2 Open the metadata profile that specifies the repository where metadata for the library is stored. The steps for opening a metadata profile are described in "Open a Metadata Profile" on page 58.
- 3 In SAS ETL Studio, click the **Inventory** tab to display the Inventory tree.

- 4 In the Inventory tree, expand the folders until the Libraries folder is displayed.
- 5 Select the **Libraries** folder, then select the library whose metadata must be updated.
- 6 Select **File** ▶ **Properties** from the menu bar. The properties window for the library displays.
- 7 In the properties window, click the **Options** tab.
- 8 On the **Options** tab, click Advanced Options. The Advanced Options window displays.
- 9 In the Advanced Options window, click the Output tab.
- 10 To preserve DBMS column names, select Yes in the Preserve column names as in the DBMS field.
- 11 Click the Input/Output tab.
- 12 To preserve DBMS table names, select Yes in the Preserve DBMS table names field.
- 13 Click OK twice to save your changes.

### **Setting Default Name Options for Tables and Columns**

You can set default name options for all table metadata that is entered with a source designer wizard or a target designer wizard in SAS ETL Studio. These defaults apply to tables in SAS format or in DBMS format.

*Note:* For details about these defaults as they relate to SAS tables, see "Case and Special Characters in SAS Names" on page 184.  $\triangle$ 

Defaults for table and column names can make it easier for users to enter the correct metadata for tables. Administrators still have to set name options on database libraries, and users should at least verify that the appropriate name options are selected for a given table.

The following steps describe how to set default name options for all table metadata that is entered with a source designer wizard or a target designer wizard in SAS ETL Studio.

- 1 Start SAS ETL Studio.
- **2** Open the metadata profile that specifies the repository where metadata for the tables is stored.
- 3 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Tools** ▶ **Options** from the menu bar. The Options window is displayed.
- 4 In the Options window, select the General tab.
- 5 On the General tab, select Enable case-sensitive DBMS object names to have source designers and target designers support case-sensitive table and column names by default.
- 6 On the General tab, select Enable special characters within DBMS object names to have source designers and target designers support special characters in table and column names by default.
- 7 Click OK to save any changes.

# **Prerequisites for SAS Data Quality**

The Process Library in SAS ETL Studio contains two data quality transformation templates: Create Match Code and Apply Lookup Standardization. To support these

templates, an administrator must install SAS Data Quality Server software and configure a SAS application server to access a quality knowledge base. Optional prerequisites include setting options for data quality, downloading new and updated locales, and creating schemes. For details about the SAS Data Quality Server software and the metadata for that software, administrators should see the SAS ETL Studio chapter in the SAS Intelligence Platform: Planning and Administration Guide.

# **Prerequisites for Metadata Import and Export**

SAS ETL Studio and SAS Management Console include wizards that enable you to import metadata from—and to export metadata to—other applications that support the Common Warehouse Metamodel (CWM) format. For example, it is possible to import a data model for a set of sources or targets using the Metadata Importer wizard. If the model to be imported is not in CWM format, you must install optional bridge software from Meta Integration Technology, Inc. For details, see "Metadata Import and Export" on page 11.

## **Additional Information about Administrative Tasks**

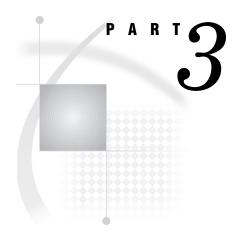
The online Help for SAS ETL Studio provides additional information about administrative tasks.

To display Help topics about installation and setup, perform the following steps:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio menu bar, select **Help ▶ Contents**. The online Help window displays.
- 2 In the left pane of the Help window, select **Prerequisites**.

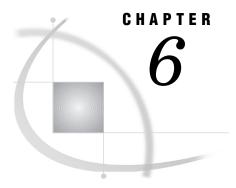
To display Help topics about all administrative tasks, perform the following steps:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio menu bar, select **Help ▶ Contents**. The online Help window displays.
- 2 In the left pane of the Help window, select **Task Overviews** ▶ **SAS ETL Studio Task Reference**.
- **3** See the section for administrative tasks.



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# **Preliminary Tasks for Users**

After administrators complete the tasks that are described in Chapter 5, "Setup Tasks for Administrators," on page 37, you must perform a number of tasks before you can begin work in SAS ETL Studio.

#### **Start SAS ETL Studio**

Start SAS ETL Studio as you would any other SAS application on a given platform. For example, under Microsoft Windows, you can select **Start** ▶ **Programs** ▶ **SAS** ▶ **SAS ETL Studio**. You can also start the application from a command line. Navigate to the SAS ETL Studio installation directory and issue the

etlstudio.exe

command.

If you do not specify any options, SAS ETL Studio uses the parameters specified in the **etlstudio.ini** file. The following sections contain information on options you can specify on the command line or add to the **etlstudio.ini** file.

## **Specifying Java Options**

To specify Java options when you start SAS ETL Studio, use the **--javaopts** option and enclose the Java options in single quotation marks. For example, the following command starts SAS ETL Studio on Windows and contains Java options that specify the locale as Japanese:

```
etlstudio ---javaopts '-Duser.language=ja -Duser.country=JP'
```

## **Specifying the Plug-in Location**

By default, SAS ETL Studio looks for plug-ins in a **plugins** directory under the directory in which the application was installed. If you are starting SAS ETL Studio from another location, you must specify the location of the plug-in directory by using the

```
--pluginsDir

option. The syntax of the option is

etlstudio --pluginsdir <plugin path>
```

## **Specifying the Error Log Location**

SAS ETL Studio writes error information to a file named **errorlog.txt** in the working directory. Because each SAS ETL Studio session overwrites this log, you might want to specify a different name or location for the log file. Use the following option to change the error logging location:

etlstudio --logfile '<filepath/filename>'

### **Specifying Message Logging**

You can specify the server status messages that are encountered in a SAS ETL Studio session by using the

```
--MessageLevel level value
```

option. Valid values for *level\_value* include the following:

ALL all messages are logged

CONFIG static configuration messages are logged

FINE basic tracing information is logged

FINER more detailed tracing information is logged

FINEST highly detailed tracing information is logged. Specify this option to

debug problems with SAS server connections.

INFO informational messages are logged

OFF no messages are logged

SEVERE messages indicating a severe failure are logged
WARNING messages indicating a potential problem are logged

#### Create a Metadata Profile

A *metadata profile* is a client-side definition of where the metadata server is located. The definition includes a machine name, a port number, and one or more metadata repositories. In addition, the metadata profile can contain login information and instructions for connecting to the metadata server automatically.

You must open a metadata profile before you can do any work in SAS ETL Studio. This section describes how a user could create a metadata profile for the example data warehouse.

## **Preparation**

After an administrator has created one or more metadata repositories, the administrator provides the SAS ETL Studio user with the following information:

- □ the network name of the metadata server
- □ the port number used by the metadata server
- $\Box$  a login ID and password for that server
- □ the name of the repository that should be selected as the default metadata repository for this profile.

# **Default Metadata Repository**

When you create a metadata profile, you specify a default metadata repository for that profile. Typically, the administrator who creates metadata repositories simply tells SAS ETL Studio users which repository to select as the default. As a user, however, you might want to be aware of the effect that the default repository has on your work in SAS ETL Studio. The effect depends on whether you are working with change-managed metadata repositories.

If you are working with change-managed repositories, the default metadata repository must be a project repository that you own. You will use the project repository to check metadata out of and into the repository that is under change management. For the example data warehouse, the main metadata repository (Foundation) is under change-management control. Each user will use his own project repository to check metadata out of and into the foundation repository.

If you are not working with change-managed repositories, you can update objects in any metadata repository that is visible in the tree view on the SAS ETL Studio desktop, but you can add new objects to the default metadata repository only. If you try to add an object to a repository other than the default repository, the new object will be added to the default repository.

#### **Task Summary**

SAS ETL Studio users perform these steps to create a metadata profile:

- 1 Start SAS ETL Studio. The Open a Metadata Profile window displays.
- 2 Select Create a new metadata profile. The Metadata Profile wizard displays.
- 3 Click Next. In the general information window, enter a name for the profile. For the example data warehouse, the name could be etluser1 Profile.
- 4 Click Next. In the Connection Information window, enter a machine address, port, user name, and password that will enable you to connect to the appropriate SAS Metadata Server.
- **5** Click Next. The wizard attempts to connect to the metadata server. If the connection is successful, the Select Repositories window displays.
- **6** In the Select Repositories window, select the appropriate repository as the default metadata repository for this profile. For the example data warehouse, the default repository for a user would be a project repository that would be used to check metadata out of and into the foundation repository.
- 7 Click Finish to exit the metadata profile wizard. You are returned to the Open a Metadata Profile window.

## **Open a Metadata Profile**

After a metadata profile has been created, you can open the profile in SAS ETL Studio. You must open a metadata profile in order to do any work in SAS ETL Studio. Perform these steps to open a metadata profile:

- 1 Start SAS ETL Studio. The Open a Metadata Profile window displays.
- 2 Select Open an existing metadata profile. The selected profile is opened in SAS ETL Studio.

Another way to open a metadata profile is to start SAS ETL Studio, then select **File ▶ Open a Metadata Profile** from the menu bar.

If you are working with change-managed metadata repositories, see "Working with Change Management" on page 64. Assume that the main metadata repository for the example data warehouse is under change-management control.

If you are not working with change-managed metadata repositories, the following statements apply:

- □ You can update objects in any metadata repository for which you have write authority in the tree view on the SAS ETL Studio desktop.
- □ You can add only new objects to the default metadata repository.

□ If you try to add an object to a repository other than the default repository, the new object is added to the default repository.

## Select a Default SAS Application Server

One of the first tasks that most users will perform in SAS ETL Studio is to select a default SAS application server. A default SAS application server lets you access data, execute SAS code, and perform other tasks that require a SAS server but without having to specify a server each time. Typically, a metadata administrator defines this metadata object and then tells the SAS ETL Studio user which object to select as the default SAS application server.

For the example data warehouse, assume the metadata object for the default SAS application server is called SASMain. For details about SASMain, see "Default SAS Application Server" on page 42.

Perform these steps to select a default SAS application server:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio menu bar, select **File ► Options** to display the Options window.
- 2 Select the SAS Server tab.
- 3 On the **SAS** Server tab, select the desired server from the Server drop-down list. The name of the selected server appears in the Server field.
- 4 Click <u>Test Connection</u> to test the connection to the SAS Workspace Server(s) that are specified in the metadata for the server. If the connection is successful, go to the next step. If the connection is not successful, contact the metadata administrator who defined the server metadata for additional help.
- 5 After you have verified the connection to the default SAS application server, click OK to save any changes. The server that specified in the **Server** field is now the default SAS application server.

You might want to be aware of the impact of selecting a default SAS application server. For details, see "Impact of the Default SAS Application Server in SAS ETL Studio" on page 43.

# **Main Task Flow for Users**

SAS ETL Studio is an application that enables you to manage ETL process flows—sequences of steps for the extraction, transformation, and loading of data. ETL process flows are saved in a *job*: a metadata object that specifies processes that create output. SAS ETL Studio uses each job to generate or retrieve SAS code that reads sources and creates targets on a file system.

The following steps summarize the task flow for creating jobs. It is assumed that all installation and setup tasks have been completed as described in Chapter 5, "Setup Tasks for Administrators," on page 37.

- 1 Identify the job that must be added or updated. This is basically a matter of identifying the sources and targets that will address a business need in your project plan, as described in Chapter 4, "Example Data Warehouse," on page 27.
- 2 Start SAS ETL Studio. For details, see "Start SAS ETL Studio" on page 56.
- **3** Create the appropriate metadata profile if one does not already exist. For details, see "Create a Metadata Profile" on page 57.

- 4 Open the appropriate metadata profile. For details, see "Open a Metadata Profile" on page 58.
- **5** Add metadata for the job's inputs (sources). For details, see "Specifying Metadata for Sources and Targets" on page 60.
- **6** Add metadata for the job's outputs (targets). For details, see "Specifying Metadata for Sources and Targets" on page 60.
- 7 Create and run the job. For details, see "General Tasks for Jobs" on page 113.

# **Specifying Metadata for Sources and Targets**

After you have completed the tasks that are described in "Preliminary Tasks for Users" on page 56, you are ready to specify metadata for sources and targets in SAS ETL Studio jobs.

A *source* is an input to an operation, and a *target* is an output of an operation. A data store can be a source, a target, or both, depending on its role in a process flow. For example, the display that follows shows the process flow diagram for a SAS ETL Studio job.

**Display 6.1** Process Flow for a SAS ETL Studio Job



In the display, each round object represents the metadata for a table, and each square object represents the metadata for a process. Moving from left to right in the display:

- □ ALL\_EMP represents the metadata for a table that is the source for a data transfer process.
- □ ALL\_EMP2 represents the metadata for a table that is the target of a load process and the source for an extract process.
- $\ \square$  All Male Emp represents the metadata for a table that is the target of a load process.

SAS ETL Studio uses a process flow diagram to generate or retrieve SAS code that reads sources and creates targets in physical storage. To create a process flow in SAS ETL Studio, you must first add metadata for the sources and targets in the flow.

*Note:* Any data store can be a source, or a target, or both. Accordingly, there is no difference in the metadata for a source and a target. The methods in the following table can be used to enter metadata for both sources and targets in SAS ETL Studio jobs.  $\triangle$ 

Table 6.1 Methods for Specifying Metadata for Data Stores

Data Store	Method for Specifying Metadata
A set of tables that are defined in a data model.	Import the data model in CWM format or in a format for which you have the appropriate Meta Integration Model Bridge. See "Metadata Import and Export" on page 11.
One or more tables that exist in physical storage.	Source designer. See "Using Source Designers" on page 61.
A comma-delimited file or a similar external file that exists in physical storage.	External File source designer. See "Example: Extracting Information from a Flat File" on page 78.
One or more tables that are defined in an XML file.	The Generic source designer can be used. See "XML Files" on page 47 and "Using Source Designers" on page 61.
A table that can be accessed with an Open Database Connectivity (ODBC) driver, such as a Microsoft Access table or a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet.	The ODBC source designer can be used. See "ODBC Libraries" on page 46 and "Using Source Designers" on page 61.
A single table that does not exist in physical storage but is created when a SAS ETL Studio job is executed.	Target Table Designer. See "Using Target Designers" on page 63.
A single table and reuse column metadata that has been saved to the current repository.	
A single complex table, such as a star schema for a data mart.	
Add and maintain a cube.	Cube Designer. See Chapter 11, "Creating Cubes," on page 161.

# **Using Source Designers**

## **Overview of Source Designers**

Source designer wizards enable you to generate metadata for tables or external files that exist in physical storage. In most cases, a source designer displays a list of tables that currently exist in a library, and it generates metadata for one or more tables that you select. The metadata is generated from the physical structure of the tables.

The ability to generate metadata for one or more existing tables makes a source designer a convenient tool for creating the metadata for a set of sources in a SAS ETL Studio job. However, a source designer wizard is not limited to generating the metadata for a source in a job. After the metadata for a data store has been added, you can use it to specify a source or a target in a job. See "Specifying Metadata for Sources and Targets" on page 60.

### **Preparation**

Before you use a source designer, the following prerequisites should be met:

- □ Administrators should have completed the tasks that are described in Chapter 5, "Setup Tasks for Administrators," on page 37.
- □ If the source will be accessed with library, metadata for the library should have been added to the appropriate metadata repository. This step is the same whether the source is in SAS format or in most other formats. At some sites, administrators might define all libraries and simply tell SAS ETL Studio users which libraries to use. See "Enter Metadata for Libraries" on page 44.
- □ It is assumed that you are working under change-management control, as described in "Working with Change Management" on page 64.

Note: You do not need to check out a library to add metadata about tables in that library.  $\triangle$ 

## **Task Summary**

Follow these steps to generate metadata for one or more tables or external files that exist in physical storage:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Tools** ▶ **Source Designer** from the menu bar. The Source Designer selection window displays.
  - The Source Designer selection window displays a number of specific data formats that have been licensed for your site. The specific format often gives better results than the generic format, which has not been optimized for particular kinds of data. Use the format that most closely matches your data whenever possible.
- **2** From the Source Designer selection window, select the kind of table for which you will generate metadata. A wizard for that kind of table displays.
- **3** Enter metadata as prompted by the wizard. For details, see the online Help for the wizard.
- 4 Review the metadata in the last window of the wizard. If the metadata is correct, click the Finish button. The metadata for the table is added to the Project tree.

For an example of how a source designer can be used, see "Example: Using a Source Designer to Enter Metadata for SAS Tables" on page 72. For details about writing your own source designer, see Appendix 2, "Building Java Plug-ins for SAS ETL Studio," on page 189.

# **Additional Information about Source Designers**

The online Help for SAS ETL Studio includes examples for all source designer wizards. To display the relevant Help topics, perform the following steps:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio menu bar, select **Help ▶ Contents**. The online Help window displays.
- 2 In the left pane of the Help window, select Examples ➤ Source Designer Examples.

## **Using Target Designers**

#### **Overview of Target Designers**

SAS ETL Studio provides at least two target designer wizards: the Target Table Designer and the Cube Designer. The Cube Designer enables you to add or update cubes. For details about that wizard, see Chapter 11, "Creating Cubes," on page 161.

The Target Table Designer enables you to enter metadata for a single table that does not exist in physical storage . For example, you could use the Target Table Designer to specify metadata for the following kinds of tables:

A table that	does not	yet exist,	but will	be create	d when	a SAS	ETL Stu	ldio job i	is
executed.									

- □ A table that reuses column metadata that has been saved to the current repository.
- □ A complex table, such as a star schema for a data mart.

The ability to specify metadata for an object that will be created in the future makes a target designer a convenient tool for specifying the metadata for a target in a SAS ETL Studio job. However, a target designer wizard is not limited to generating the metadata for a target in a job. After the metadata for a table or a cube has been added, it can be used to specify a source or a target in a job. See "Specifying Metadata for Sources and Targets" on page 60.

#### **Preparation**

Before you use a target designer, the following prerequisites should be met:

- □ Administrators should have completed the tasks that are described in Chapter 5, "Setup Tasks for Administrators," on page 37.
- □ If the table will stored in library, metadata for the library should have been added to the appropriate metadata repository. This step is the same whether the data store is in SAS format or in most other formats. At some sites, administrators might define all libraries and simply tell SAS ETL Studio users which libraries to use. See "Enter Metadata for Libraries" on page 44.
- □ It is assumed that you are working under change-management control, as described in "Working with Change Management" on page 64.

*Note:* You do not need to check out a library to add metadata about tables in that library.  $\triangle$ 

## **Task Summary**

Follow these steps to generate metadata for a single table that does not yet exist in physical storage:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Tools** ▶ **Target Designer** from the menu bar. The Target Designer selection window displays.
- 2 From the Target Designer selection window, select Target Table.
- **3** Enter metadata as prompted by the wizard. For details, see the online Help for the wizard.
- **4** Review the metadata in the last window of the wizard. If the metadata is correct, click the <u>Finish</u> button. The metadata for the table is added to the Project tree.

For an example of how a target designer can be used, see "Example: Using the Target Table Designer to Enter Metadata for a SAS Table" on page 89. For details about writing your own target designer, see Appendix 2, "Building Java Plug-ins for SAS ETL Studio," on page 189.

#### **Additional Information about Target Designers**

The online Help for SAS ETL Studio includes examples for the target designer wizards. To display the relevant Help topics, perform the following steps:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio menu bar, select **Help ▶ Contents**. The online Help window displays.
- 2 In the left pane of the Help window, select Examples ➤ Target Designer Examples.

## **Working with Change Management**

#### **Understanding Change Management**

SAS ETL Studio enables you to create metadata objects that define sources, targets, and the transformations that connect them. This metadata is saved to one or more repositories.

When administrators create the metadata repositories for a project, they usually put them under *change-management* control. Change management enables multiple SAS ETL Studio users to work with the same metadata repository at the same time without overwriting each other's changes.

Under change management, SAS ETL Studio users without administrative privilege cannot directly update any metadata in a change-managed repository. Instead, each user must check out metadata from the change-managed repository and into a project repository for that user. The user can update the metadata as needed, and when finished, they can check it back in to the change-managed repository. As long as the metadata for a resource is checked out by one person, it is locked so that it cannot be updated by another person until the metadata has been checked back in.

#### **Adding New Metadata**

#### **Preparation**

Before you can add metadata to a repository that is under change-management control, you must open an appropriate metadata profile, as described in "Open a Metadata Profile" on page 58.

*Note:* When you add a new metadata object, such as the metadata for a table, the metadata goes directly into the Project tree on the SAS ETL Studio desktop.  $\triangle$ 

#### **Task Summary**

In SAS ETL Studio, add metadata for a table, a job, or some other resource. The metadata for the new resource will be added to the Project tree on the SAS ETL Studio desktop. For details about adding metadata for tables and jobs, see the following references:

- □ Chapter 7, "Specifying the Inputs to Warehouse Data Stores," on page 71
- □ Chapter 8, "Specifying Warehouse Data Stores," on page 89
- □ Chapter 10, "Loading Warehouse Data Stores," on page 131.

#### **Next Tasks**

After you have added new metadata to the Project tree, you can update it. After you have finished any updates, you can check in the metadata to the change-managed repository. See "Checking In Metadata" on page 66.

#### **Checking Out Existing Metadata**

#### **Preparation**

Before you can check out metadata from a change-managed repository, you must open an appropriate metadata profile, as described in "Open a Metadata Profile" on page 58. Remember the following about check-out operations:

- □ You cannot update metadata in the Inventory tree or the Custom tree. You must check out the metadata to the Project tree and update it there.
- □ After the metadata for a resource has been checked out by one person, it is locked so that it cannot be updated by another person until the metadata has been checked back in.
- □ When you check out a complex object such as a job, the components of the object that you might need to update are automatically checked out also, such as the sources and targets in a job.
- ☐ If two or more tables share a common metadata object—such as the metadata for a primary key, a note, or a document—and you check out one of these tables, only you can check out the other tables that share that common object. (Other users cannot access the common metadata object that you have checked out, and the shared object is required in order to check out a table that uses that object.)

#### **Task Summary**

- 1 In SAS ETL Studio, click the **Inventory** tab or the **Custom** tab on the SAS ETL Studio desktop. The appropriate tree displays.
- 2 Open the folder for the kind of metadata that you want to check out, such as the **Tables** folder for tables in the Inventory tree.
- 3 Right-click the metadata that you want to check out and select Change-Management ► Check Out. You can also left-click the metadata that you want to check out, then go the drop-down menu and select Project ► Check Out. The metadata is checked out and displays in the Project tree.

#### **Next Tasks**

After you have checked out metadata to the Project tree, you can update it. After you have finished any updates, you can check in the metadata to the change-managed repository.

#### **Checking In Metadata**

#### **Preparation**

When you are finished working with all of the metadata that is displayed in the Project tree, use the check-in feature to store the objects in the change-managed repository.

*Note:* A check-in operation checks in all metadata objects that are in the Project tree. You cannot check in selected objects and leave other objects in the Project tree.  $\triangle$ 

Accordingly, you might find it convenient to work with small sets of related objects in the Project tree.

#### **Task Summary**

- 1 In SAS ETL Studio, click the **Project** tab on the SAS ETL Studio desktop. The Project tree displays.
- 2 Right-click the project repository icon and select Check In Repository. You can also left-click the project repository icon, open the drop-down menu and select Project ▶ Check In Repository. The Check In window displays.
- 3 Enter meaningful comments in the Name field (and perhaps the Description field) about the changes that were made to all of the objects that you are about to check in. The text entered here becomes part of the check in/check out history for all objects that you are checking in. If you do not enter meaningful comments, the check in/check out history is less useful.
- **4** When finished entering comments in the Check In window, click <u>OK</u>. All metadata objects that are in the project repository are checked into the change-managed repository.

## **Additional Information about Change Management**

The online Help for SAS ETL Studio provides more details about change-management. To display the relevant Help topics, do the following:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio menu bar, select **Help ▶ Contents**. The online Help window displays.
- 2 In the left pane of the Help window, select **Task Overviews** ▶ **SAS ETL Studio Task Reference** ▶ **Using Change Management in SAS ETL Studio**.

## **Specifying Metadata for DBMS Tables with Keys**

Tables in a database management system often have primary keys, unique keys, and foreign keys.

A primary key is one or more columns that are used to uniquely identify a row in a table. A table can have only one primary key. The column(s) in a primary key cannot contain null values.

A unique key is also one or more columns that can be used to uniquely identify a row in a table. A table can have one or more unique keys. Unlike a primary key, a unique key can contain null values.

A foreign key is one or more columns that are associated with a primary key or unique key in another table. A table might have one or more foreign keys. A foreign

key is dependent upon its associated primary or unique key. In other words, a foreign key cannot exist without that primary or unique key.

*Note:* When specifying metadata for a DBMS table with foreign keys, if you want to preserve the foreign key, you must specify metadata for all of the tables that are referenced by the foreign keys.  $\triangle$ 

For example, suppose that Table 1 had foreign keys that referenced primary keys in Table 2 and Table 3. To preserve the foreign keys in Table 1, you could use the Metadata Importer wizard or a source designer wizard to import metadata for Tables 1, 2, and 3.

## Viewing the Data in a Table

After the metadata for a table has been entered, you might want to verify that the corresponding physical table contains the data that you were expecting. Perform the following steps to view the data that corresponds to the metadata for a table:

- 1 On the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select the Inventory tree.
- 2 In the Inventory tree, open the Tables folder.
- 3 Select the table, then select **View** ▶ **View Data** from the menu bar. The View Data window displays the column headings, row numbers, and the rows of data in the table. If the column headings are ordered and named as expected, then the metadata for the table is correct.

## Viewing the Metadata for a Table

Perform the following steps to view the metadata for a table:

- 1 On the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select the Inventory tree.
- 2 In the Inventory tree, open the Tables folder.
- 3 Select the metadata for the table, then select **File** ▶ **Properties** from the menu bar. The properties window for the table is displayed.
- **4** Use the tabs in this window to view metadata for the table. Each tab has its own Help button.

## **Updating the Metadata for a Table**

Perform the following steps to update the metadata for a table that is under change management.

- 1 On the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select the Inventory tree.
- 2 In the Inventory tree, open the Tables folder or the External Tables folder.
- 3 Select the table, then select **Project** ▶ **Check Out**. The metadata for the table is checked out. A check mark is displayed next to the table in the Inventory tree. An icon indicating a checked-out table appears in the Project tree.
- 4 Display the Project tree, select the table, and select **File ▶ Properties** from the menu bar. The properties window for the table is displayed.

Note that you must display the table from the Project tree in order to update metadata. Displaying the table from the Inventory tree enables browsing only.

- 5 Use the tabs in this window to make changes to the metadata for the table. Each tab has its own Help button. Column metadata is a special case. For details, see "Updating Column and Mapping Metadata" on page 68.
- **6** When you are finished updating the metadata, you can check in your changes. In the Project tree, select the repository icon.
- 7 From the menu bar on the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Project** ▶ **Check In Repository**.

#### Impact of Updating a Table's Metadata

Keep in mind that a table can be used in multiple jobs. A table can also be used in multiple places in the same job. Accordingly, when you update the metadata for a table, make sure that the updates are appropriate in all contexts where the metadata is used. For example, if you update the columns for Table 1 in one job, the updates would also have to be appropriate for Table 1 in the context of another job.

#### **Updating Column and Mapping Metadata**

If the metadata for a source has not yet been added to a job, you can update its column metadata as previously described. If the metadata for a source has been added to a job, the job might have one or more targets and transformations that depend on the current column metadata for the source. In that case, use the steps that are described in "Updating Column and Mapping Metadata" on page 119.

## **Setting Name Options for Individual Tables**

SAS ETL Studio cannot access tables or columns with case-sensitive names or with special characters in the names unless the appropriate options have been specified in the metadata for the table.

## **Prerequisites**

For tables in DBMS format, it is assumed that the appropriate name options have already been set for the database library that is used to access the table, as described in "Supporting Case and Special Characters in Table and Column Names" on page 49. Name options do not need to be set on the library that is used to access a table in SAS format.

## **Task Summary**

The following steps describe one way to enable name options for a table whose metadata has been saved to a metadata repository. It is assumed that the metadata repository is under change management.

- 1 Start SAS ETL Studio, open the appropriate metadata profile, and check out the table(s) whose metadata must be updated.
- 2 In the Project tree, select the metadata for the table, then select **File** ▶ **Properties** from the menu bar. The properties window for the table is displayed.

- 3 In the properties window, click the Physical Storage tab.
- 4 On the Physical Storage tab, select Enable case-sensitive DBMS object names to support case-sensitive table and column names. Select Enable special characters within DBMS object names to support special characters in table and column names. For details about these options as they relate to SAS tables, see "Case and Special Characters in SAS Names" on page 184.
- **5** Click **OK** to save your changes.
- 6 Check in the changed metadata.

#### **Additional Information about User Tasks**

The online Help for SAS ETL Studio provides additional information about user tasks. To display Help topics about the main user tasks, perform the following steps:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio menu bar, select **Help ▶ Contents**. The online Help window displays.
- 2 In the left pane of the Help window, select **Task Overviews** ▶ **SAS ETL Studio Task Reference**.
- 3 See the section for user tasks.



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## **Sources: Inputs to Warehouse Data Stores**

In general, a *source* is an input to an operation. In a SAS ETL Studio job, a source is a data store from which information will be extracted, transformed, and loaded into a target—a data store in a data warehouse or data mart.

After you complete the tasks that are described in "Preliminary Tasks for Users" on page 56, you can specify the sources that will be used in a SAS ETL Studio job. Your project plan should identify the data sources that are required for a particular job. For example, the sources that are required to answer specific business questions in the Orion Star Sports & Outdoors project are listed under each business question. See the Identifying Sources section under each business question in Chapter 4, "Example Data Warehouse," on page 27.

Use the examples in this chapter, together with general methods that are described in "Specifying Metadata for Sources and Targets" on page 60, to specify metadata for the sources that will be used in a SAS ETL Studio job.

## **Example: Using a Source Designer to Enter Metadata for SAS Tables**

This example demonstrates how to use a source designer to enter metadata for several tables in SAS format. A source designer will be used because the tables already exist in physical storage. This example is based on some source tables that are needed for the example data warehouse, as described in "Which Sales Person Is Making the Most Sales?" on page 29.

#### **Preparation**

For the current example, assume that the following statements are true.

- □ The CUSTOMER table, ORDERS table, and ORDER\_ITEM table are currently existing operational tables. They contain information that is needed for a data warehousing project.
- □ All of the tables are in SAS format and are stored in a SAS library called Ordetail.
- □ Metadata for the Ordetail library has been added to the main metadata repository for the example data warehouse. For details about libraries, see "Enter Metadata for Libraries" on page 44.
- ☐ The main metadata repository is under change-management control. For details about change management, see "Working with Change Management" on page 64.
- □ You have selected a default SAS application server for SAS ETL Studio, as described in "Select a Default SAS Application Server" on page 59.

#### Start SAS ETL Studio and Open the Appropriate Metadata Profile

Perform the following steps to begin work in SAS ETL Studio:

- 1 Start SAS ETL Studio as described in "Start SAS ETL Studio" on page 56.
- 2 Open the appropriate metadata profile as described in "Open a Metadata Profile" on page 58. For this example, the appropriate metadata profile would specify the project repository that will enable you to access metadata about the Ordetail library.

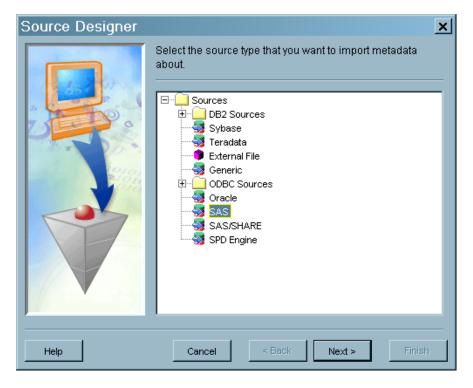
You do not need to check out a library in order to add metadata about tables in that library. Accordingly, the next task is to select the appropriate source designer.

#### **Select the Appropriate Source Designer**

To select the wizard that enables you to enter metadata for a SAS table, from the menu bar on the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Tools** ▶ **Source Designer**.

The Source Designer selection window is displayed, as shown in the following display.

**Display 7.1** Source Designer Selection Window



The list of available wizards on your machine might be somewhat different from the list shown in the previous display. Only those data formats for which source designer wizards have been installed are available. From this window, take the following actions:

- 1 Click the SAS icon.
- 2 Click Next.

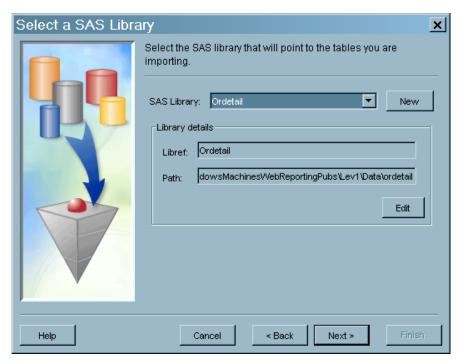
The wizard attempts to open a connection to the default SAS application server. If there is a valid connection to this server, you might be prompted for a user name and a password. After you have provide that information, you will be taken directly to the Select a SAS Library window.

The next task is to select the library that contains the tables.

#### **Select the Library That Contains the Tables**

After you have connected to a SAS application server, use the Select a SAS Library window to specify the SAS library that contains the desired table(s). For the current example, you would select the Ordetail library, as shown in the following display.

Display 7.2 Select a SAS Library Window



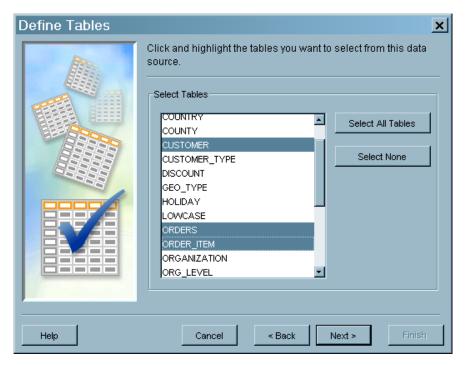
After selecting the appropriate library, click Next. The SAS application server is used to access the library, and the Define Tables window is displayed.

The next task is to select the tables.

#### **Select the Tables**

The following display shows the tables that are stored in the Ordetail library.

Display 7.3 Define Tables Window



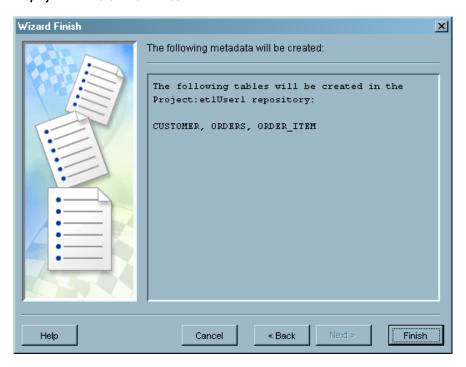
In this example, we want to create metadata objects for CUSTOMER, ORDERS, and ORDER\_ITEM. Accordingly, select these tables and click Next. The Wizard Finish window is displayed.

The next task is to review and save the metadata for the tables.

## Save the Metadata for the Table(s)

After you select the table(s), use the Wizard Finish window to review the metadata that you have entered.

Display 7.4 Wizard Finish Window



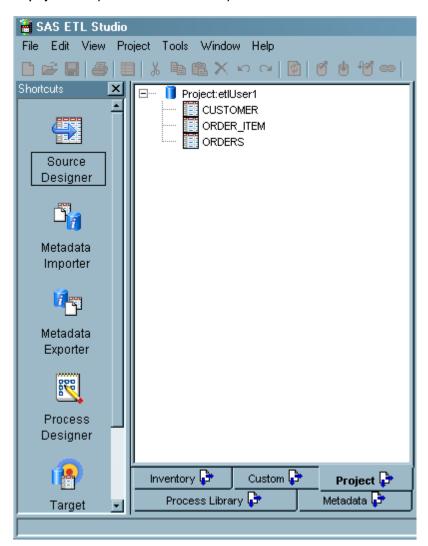
Review the text in the metadata pane on the Wizard Finish window. The text shown in the previous display means that the metadata for three tables called CUSTOMER, ORDERS, and ORDER\_ITEM will be saved to the project repository *Project: etlUser1*.

When you are satisfied that the metadata is correct, click <u>Finish</u>. The metadata for CUSTOMER, ORDERS, and ORDER\_ITEM will be saved to the project repository (visible in the Project tree on the SAS ETL Studio desktop).

The next task is to check in the metadata for tables.

## Check In the Metadata for the Table(s)

Under change management, new metadata objects are added to the Project tree on the SAS ETL Studio desktop, as shown in the following display.



Display 7.5 Project Tree with Metadata Objects for Three Tables

You must check in the new table metadata in order to save it to the change-managed repository.

- 1 In the Project tree, select the repository icon (*Project: etlUser1*).
- 2 From the menu bar on the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Project** ▶ Check In Repository.

All metadata objects in the project repository will be checked in to the change-managed repository. The new objects will be visible in the Inventory tree.

## **Example: Extracting Information from a Flat File**

This example demonstrates how to use the External File wizard to extract information from a flat file.

#### **Overview**

The External File source designer is a wizard that guides you through the steps that are required to create and execute a SAS ETL Studio job. The job extracts information from an external file and writes it to a SAS table. Typically, the SAS table is used as a source table in another SAS ETL Studio job.

The External File source designer enables you to do the following tasks:

- $\ \square$  extract information from flat files in fixed or delimited format. Supported file types are TXT, DAT, and CSV.
- □ import column-aligned data or data that is not column-aligned. Data that is not column-aligned can be imported with single or multiple delimiters separating the values.
- □ import variable length records and fixed-length records.
- □ import character, numeric and nonstandard numeric data (such as currency data or signed numbers).
- □ specify how missing values should be treated.
- □ read data in which one record is spanned over multiple lines, as well as data in which multiple records are included in a single data line.
- □ remove columns in the imported data; arrange the order of the columns, change attributes of any column, add new columns.

For column-aligned data, the External File source designer uses a sample of data from the external file, together with metadata that you enter, to estimate the length and data type of the columns. You can specify the rows used in sampling of data by specifying the start record and how many records should be included in the sample.

#### **Preparation**

For the current example, assume that the following statements are true:

- □ A data warehouse project plan specified a report that requires information from an external file. The external file is a flat file that is called **employeeFlatFile.dat**.
- □ Information will be extracted from employeeFlatFile.dat into a SAS table called EmployeeSAS.
- □ EmployeeSAS will be stored in a SAS library called Effout. Assume that metadata for Effout has been added to the main metadata repository for the example data warehouse. For details about libraries, see "Enter Metadata for Libraries" on page 44.
- □ The main metadata repository is under change-management control. For details about change management, see "Working with Change Management" on page 64.
- □ You have selected a default SAS application server for SAS ETL Studio, as described in "Select a Default SAS Application Server" on page 59.

## Start SAS ETL Studio and Open the Appropriate Metadata Profile

Perform the following steps to begin work in SAS ETL Studio:

- 1 Start SAS ETL Studio as described in "Start SAS ETL Studio" on page 56.
- 2 Open the appropriate metadata profile as described in "Open a Metadata Profile" on page 58. For this example, the appropriate metadata profile would specify the project repository that will enable you to access metadata for the Efiout library.

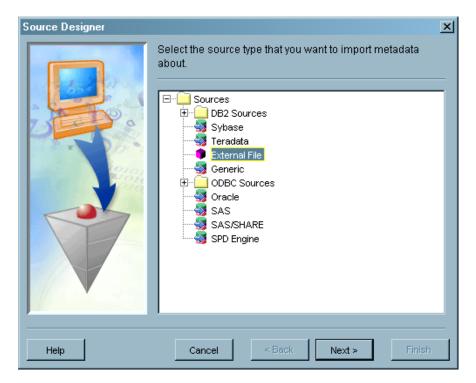
You do not need to check out a library in order to add metadata about source tables or target tables in that library. Accordingly, the next task is to display the External File source designer.

#### **Display the External File Source Designer**

To display the External File source designer, from the menu bar on the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Tools** ▶ **Source Designer**.

The Source Designer selection window is displayed, as shown in the following display.

Display 7.6 Source Designer Selection Window



From this window, take the following actions:

- 1 Click the External File icon.
- 2 Click Next.

The wizard attempts to open a connection to the default SAS application server. If there is a valid connection to this server, you might be prompted for a user name and a password. After you have provide that information, the External File Selection window is displayed.

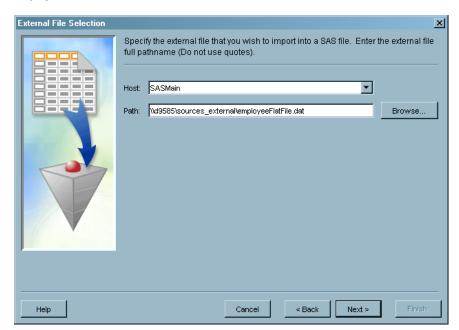
#### **Specify How the External File Will Be Accessed**

Perform the following steps to specify how the external file will be accessed:

1 In the External File Selection window, select the SAS application server that will be used to access the external file, then specify a physical path to the external file.

The external file is probably remote from the SAS application server, so you might have to enter a remote path in the **Path** field, such as \\d9585\sources\_external\employeeFlatFile.dat. The following display shows an External File Selection window with values that are appropriate for the current example.

Display 7.7 External File Selection Window



2 When the appropriate server and path and have been specified, click Next. The wizard reads the source file and tries to determine whether the source contains fixed-width data or delimited data. The Import Parameters window is displayed with some estimated parameters.

## **Specify How Information Should Be Imported**

Perform the following steps to specify how information should be imported from the external file:

1 Review the estimated parameters and sample data that are displayed in the Import Parameters window. Update as needed. The following display shows an Import Parameters window with values that are appropriate for the current example.

Import Parameters × Choose the file format that best describes your data. Delimited files contain fields separated by characters like comma, tab, etc. Fixed width files contain fields aligned in columns Delimited by ◥ Treat consecutive delimiters as single delimiter ✓ Use default text length: 0 = C Fixed width Advanced. Import column names from first line cary, 090353, Kansas, ST. Francis, father, 48 amber,071881,Texas,Austin,daughter,20 zachary,090779,Texas,Austin,son,22 jennifer,050273,SouthDakota,RapidCity,daughter,28 Next >

Display 7.8 Import Parameters Window

2 When the import parameters are correct, click Next. The wizard reads the source file and derives default metadata for columns in the target (the SAS table), based on columns in the source (the external file).

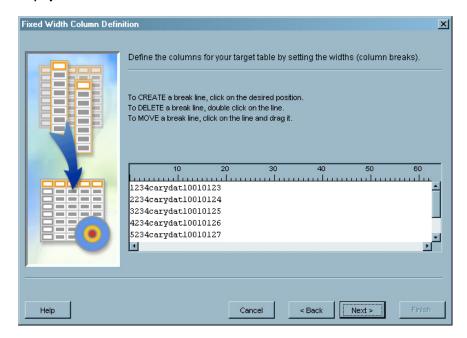
For the current example, assume that the data in **employeeFlatFile.dat** is arranged in columns, and the Set Column Definitions window is displayed. The next task is described in "Specify Column Variables for the Target" on page 82.

However, if the data in the external file is not arranged in columns, the Fixed Width Column Definition window is displayed. In this scenario, the next task is described in "Specify the Width of Columns in the Target" on page 81.

## Specify the Width of Columns in the Target

If the data in the external file is not arranged in columns, use the Fixed Width Column Definition window to view the data in the source (external file) and specify the width of the columns in the target (SAS table).

1 To specify the width of a column, study the example data, decide where the columns should be, then click the location where the column should be. An arrow is added at each column location, as shown in the following display.



Display 7.9 Fixed Width Column Definition Window

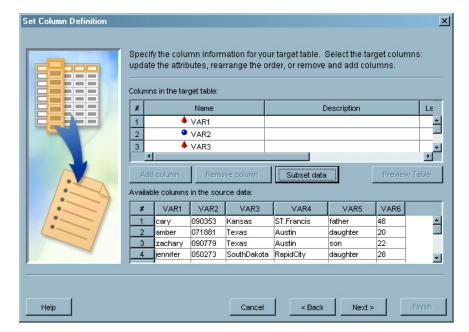
*Note:* The values and columns in the previous display do not match the data in the **employeeFlatFile.dat** file. They are taken from a different external file, one that does not arrange its data in columns.  $\triangle$ 

2 After the appropriate columns have been specified, click Next. A temporary SAS data set is created with the column widths that you have specified on the Fixed Width Column Definition window. The Set Column Definition window is displayed, showing the effect of any changes that you made on the Fixed Width Column Definition window.

## **Specify Column Variables for the Target**

1 In the Set Column Definition window, you can accept the default column variable names in the Columns in the target group box, or you can update them.

Scroll to the right to view or update the **Description**, **Length**, **Type**, **Format**, and **Informat** fields. The following display shows a Set Column Definition window with values that are appropriate for the current example.



Display 7.10 Set Column Definition Window

The <u>Subset data</u> button in this window launches the Expression Builder window. In the context of the External File source designer, the Expression Builder enables you to build a WHERE clause to subset the data that is being imported from an external file. (To see an example of how the Expression Builder can be used to build a WHERE clause, see "Configure the SQL Join Transformation" on page 137.)

2 When the column metadata is correct, click Next. The SAS Destination window is displayed.

## **Specify the Location and Format of the Target**

When the SAS Destination window is displayed, a number of fields have default values that must be updated. The following display shows the SAS Destination window before you have specified the desired library, member name (table name), and file format for the target (SAS data set or SAS data view).

**Display 7.11** SAS Destination Window

- 1 In the SAS Destination window, select the library where the target will be stored (Efiout), a member name for the target (EmployeeSAS), and the file format of the target (SAS data set). The name for the target must follow the rules for SAS names.
- **2** When the physical storage information is correct, Click Next. The General Properties window for the target is displayed.

## **Specify a Descriptive Name for the Target**

Perform the following steps to specify a descriptive name for the target:

- 1 In the General Properties window, specify a descriptive name for the target, and perhaps a brief narrative description.
  - The default descriptive name for the target is the member name that was entered in the SAS Destination window. A descriptive name does not have the same restrictions as a member name, so it can be changed to something that is easier to understand. For the current example, assume that the SAS data set name that you entered in the previous window (EmployeeSAS) is acceptable as a descriptive name.
- **2** When the general properties are correct, click Next. The Import Data Step Validation window is displayed.

## Validate the DATA Step That Will Create the Target

In the Import Data Step Validation window, click Next to generate a SAS DATA step from the metadata that you have entered. If the DATA step has no errors, the Wizard Finish window displays. If the DATA step has errors, a window displays that enables you to view the SAS log and take other corrective action.

For this example, assume that the DATA step is valid, and the Wizard Finish window is displayed.

## **Create the Target**

In the Wizard Finish window, review the metadata that you have entered. When you are satisfied that the metadata is correct, click Finish. The following actions occur:

- $\hfill \Box$  Metadata for the source (the external file) is added to a current metadata repository.
- □ Metadata for the target (the SAS table) is added to a current metadata repository.
- □ Metadata for the job that extracts information from the source and writes it to the target is added to a current metadata repository.
- $\Box$  The job is submitted for execution.
- □ If the job is successful, the target is created on the file system.

#### **Check In the Job for the Target**

Under change management, new metadata objects are added to the Project tree on the SAS ETL Studio desktop, as shown in the following display.

Designer

Options

🗑 SAS ETL Studio File Edit View Project Tools Window Help Project:etlUser1 🧽 Create EmployeeSAS employeeFlatFile.dat EmployeeSAS Source Designer Metadata Importer Metadata Exporter Process Designer Target

Inventory 🕞

Process Library 🕞

Display 7.12 Project Tree with Output from the External File Source Designer

In the previous display, Create EmployeeSAS is the metadata for the job. Jobs that are created by wizards have names in the format *Create target\_name*, where target\_name is the name of the target.

Custom 🕞

Project 📴

Metadata 🗗

employeeFlatFile.dat is the metadata for the external file. It will have the same
name as the external file.

EmployeeSAS is the metadata for the SAS table into which information was extracted from the external file. The target has the descriptive name that you specified in the External File wizard.

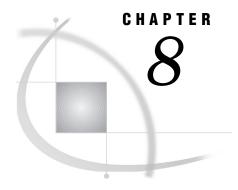
You must check in the new metadata in order to save it to the change-managed repository.

- 1 In the Project tree, select the repository icon (*Project: etlUser1*).
- 2 From the menu bar on the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Project** ▶ Check In Repository.

All metadata objects in the project repository will be checked in to the change-managed repository. The new objects will be visible in the Inventory tree.

## **Next Tasks**

After you have specified the metadata for one or more sources, you can specify the metadata for the corresponding targets—the data stores that will contain the information that will be extracted and transformed from the sources.



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## **Targets: Warehouse Data Stores**

In general, a *target* is an output of an operation. In a SAS ETL Studio job, the main targets are data stores in a data warehouse or data mart.

After you have specified the sources for a SAS ETL Studio job, you can specify the targets for that job. Your project plan should identify the targets that are required for a particular job. For example, the targets that are required to answer specific business questions in the Orion Star Sports & Outdoors project are listed under each business question. See the Identifying Targets section under each business question in Chapter 4, "Example Data Warehouse," on page 27.

Use the examples in this chapter, together with general methods that are described in "Specifying Metadata for Sources and Targets" on page 60, to specify metadata for the targets that will be used in a SAS ETL Studio job.

## Example: Using the Target Table Designer to Enter Metadata for a SAS Table

This example demonstrates how to use a target designer to enter metadata for a table in SAS format. A target designer is used for the following reasons:

- ☐ The table does not yet exist in physical storage; it will be created by a SAS ETL Studio job.
- □ The table will reuse column metadata from other tables that have already been registered in a current metadata repository.

The example is based on a target table that is needed for the example data warehouse, as described in "Which Sales Person Is Making the Most Sales?" on page 29. The table in this example will subsequently serve as the target in the SAS ETL Studio job that is described in "Example: Creating a Job That Joins Two Tables and Generates a Report" on page 132.

#### **Preparation**

For the current example, assume that the following statements are true:

- □ A project plan identified the need for a new table called *Total\_Sales\_By\_Employee*. The new table will be created by joining two other tables, ORDER\_FACT and ORGANIZATION\_DIM. The new table will include employee name, total revenue, employee ID, job title, company, and department.
- ☐ The table will be in SAS format and will be stored in a SAS library called Ordetail.
- □ Metadata for the Ordetail library has been added to the main metadata repository for the example data warehouse. For details about libraries, see "Enter Metadata for Libraries" on page 44.
- □ The main metadata repository is under change management control. For details about change management, see "Working with Change Management" on page 64.
- □ You have selected a default SAS application server for SAS ETL Studio, as described in "Select a Default SAS Application Server" on page 59.

#### Start SAS ETL Studio and Open a Metadata Profile

Perform the following steps to begin work in SAS ETL Studio:

- 1 Start SAS ETL Studio as described in "Start SAS ETL Studio" on page 56.
- **2** Open the appropriate metadata profile as described in "Open a Metadata Profile" on page 58. For this example, the appropriate metadata profile has access to metadata about the Ordetail library.

You do not need to check out a library in order to add metadata for tables in that library. Accordingly, the next task is to select the appropriate target designer.

## **Select the Target Designer**

Follow these steps to select the wizard that enables you to enter metadata for a SAS table:

1 From the menu bar on the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Tools** ▶ **Target Designer**. The Target Designer selection window is displayed as follows. Note that the list of available target designers might differ at your site.



Display 8.1 Target Designer Selection Window

2 In the Target Designer selection window, click the **Target Table** icon and click Next. The wizard attempts to open a connection to the default SAS application server. If the connection is successful, the name and description window is displayed.

## **Enter a Name and Description**

Use the first window in the Target Table Designer to enter a name and description for the metadata object that will specify the table.

*Note:* The metadata object might or might not have the same name as the corresponding physical table. You will specify a name for the physical table in a later window in this wizard.  $\triangle$ 

In this example, the name of the metadata object is Total\_Sales\_By\_Employee. The description is as follows: "Provides a total sales figure and job information for each salesperson. The table is created by joining the source tables ORDER\_FACT and ORGANIZATION\_DIM."

Display 8.2 Name and Description Window

When the text is complete, click Next to display the import columns window.

#### **Select Column Metadata from Existing Tables**

If you want the columns in the new table to be similar to the columns in tables that are already defined, use the import columns window to import metadata for the appropriate columns.

For example, as noted in "Preparation" on page 90, the tables ORGANIZATION\_DIM and ORDER\_FACT will be joined and transformed to supply data to the target Total\_Sales\_By\_Employee. Accordingly, it would be appropriate to import selected columns from ORGANIZATION\_DIM and ORDER\_FACT.

Follow these steps to import metadata for the appropriate columns:

- 1 In the import columns window, locate the Available Columns tree. In that tree, click the icon for the table ORGANIZATION\_DIM. Then click the right arrow to move all of the columns in this table into the Selected Columns list box.
- 2 In the Available Columns tree, click the icon for the table ORDER\_FACT, then click the right arrow again to move the columns of that table into the Selected Columns list box.

In this example, a pop-up message is displayed to indicate that one column in the table ORDER\_FACT is not added to the **Selected Columns** list box, because that same column was already added from the table ORGANIZATION\_DIM. Click OK to clear the pop-up message.

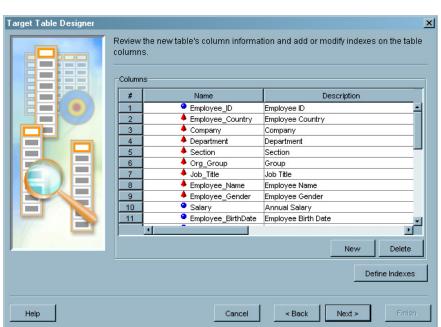
Target Table Designer × Optionally, select any existing tables and columns that you want to use to define your new table. Highlight the tables and columns you want and move them to the selected list. Expand a table to see its list of available columns. Available Columns Selected Columns • Customer ID CUSTOMER\_DQ Customer\_Country CUSTOMER TYPE CUSTOMER DISCOUNT Customer\_Gender + CUSTOMER Customer\_Name Customer FirstName GEO\_DIM\_SORTED Customer\_LastName GEO\_TYPE + Customer\_BirthDate GEOGRAPHY\_DIM\_AU Ė. Customer\_Age\_Group <u>+</u>-GEOGRAPHY\_DIM Customer\_Type ⊕ GEOGRAPHY\_DIM Customer\_Group GEOGRAPHY\_DIM GEOGRAPHY\_DIM <u>+</u>-Customer\_Age + Employee\_ID GEOGRAPHY\_DIM + Street\_ID + GEOGRAPHY\_DIM Order\_Date <u>+</u> HOLIDAY Delivery\_Date LOWCASE Order ID ± ORDER\_FACT -

Display 8.3 Import Columns Window

3 Click Next to display the target columns window.

#### **Specify Column Metadata for the New Table**

Use the target columns window to review and update any imported metadata for columns. You can also add metadata for new columns.



Display 8.4 Target Columns Window

Scroll down through the target columns to verify that you have the columns that you need. For our example, the columns are correct. When we create and run the job as described in "Example: Creating a Job That Joins Two Tables and Generates a Report" on page 132, we will modify these original column specifications.

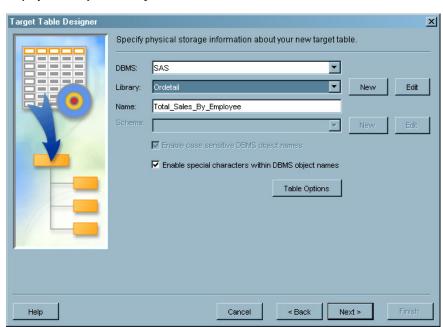
Scroll to the top, then scroll right to see the column metadata. You can change any metadata value by selecting it with the left mouse button. In our example, you could add descriptions to the columns that came from the ORDER\_FACT table.

Note that you are defining column metadata for the new table. You have not yet created the new table on a file system. The metadata in the current window indicates where the data can be found and how it is to be formatted.

When you have reviewed and updated the column metadata, click Next to display the physical storage window.

#### **Specify Physical Storage Information for the New Table**

Use the physical storage window to specify the format and location of the new table, as shown in the following display.



**Display 8.5** Physical Storage Window

For our example table, you would follow these steps:

- 1 In the **DBMS** field, select **SAS**.
- 2 In the Library field, click the down arrow. A list of existing libraries is displayed.
- 3 Scroll down through the list and choose the library Ordetail.
- 4 In the Name field, accept the default, Total\_Sales\_By\_Employee. The default is the name that you entered in the first window of the Target Table Designer wizard.
- 5 After you have specified a format, a library, and a table name, click **Next** to go to the finish window.

#### **Usage Hints for the Physical Storage Window**

Keep the following in mind as you use the physical storage window:

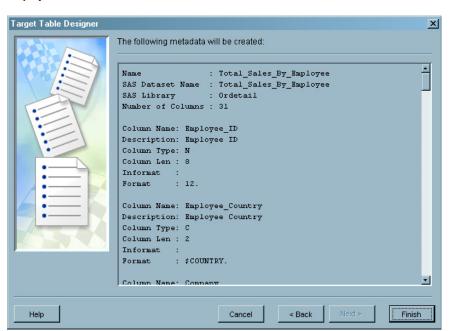
- □ The name that you specify in the **Name** field must follow the rules for table names in the format that is selected in the **DBMS** field. For example, if SAS is the selected DBMS, the name must follow the rules for SAS data sets. If you select another DBMS, the name must follow the rules for tables in that DBMS.
- □ For a SAS table or a table in a database management system, you can enable the use of mixed-case names or special characters in names. See "Setting Name Options for Individual Tables" on page 68. See also the usage note "Case and Special Characters in SAS Names" on page 184.
- □ You can specify new libraries or edit the metadata definitions of existing libraries using the New and Edit buttons.
- □ You can use the Table Option button to specify options for SAS tables and tables in a database management system.

#### **Save Metadata for the Table**

After you have specified physical storage information, you review all of the metadata that you have defined for your new table.

In the finish window, scroll down to confirm that you have the metadata that you need. If you need to change any of the metadata, click <u>Back</u> to display the wizard windows that you need to make your changes.

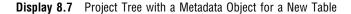
**Display 8.6** Finish Window

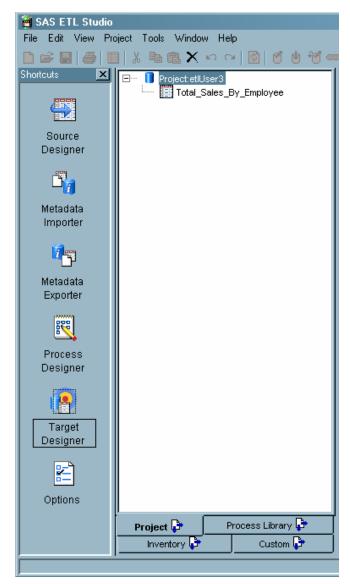


When you have confirmed that the metadata is correct, click <u>Finish</u> to store the metadata for your new table. The table is displayed in the Project tree. Next, you check in the metadata object for the table.

#### **Check In the Metadata**

Under change management, new metadata objects are added to the Project tree on the SAS ETL Studio desktop.





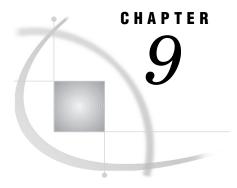
Follow these steps to check the new table into the change-managed repository:

- 1 In the Project tree, select the repository icon (*Project: etlUser1*).
- 2 From the menu bar on the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Project** ▶ Check In Repository.

The metadata object in the project repository is checked into the change-managed repository. The new object is displayed as checked-out in the Inventory and Project trees. The new table is now ready to be used in a job, as described in "Example: Creating a Job That Joins Two Tables and Generates a Report" on page 132.

## **Next Tasks**

After you have specified the metadata for one or more targets, you can specify metadata for the job that will read the appropriate sources and create the desired targets on a file system.



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## **Overview of Jobs**

After you have entered metadata for sources and targets, you are ready to load the targets in a data warehouse or data mart. This chapter gives an overview of SAS ETL Studio jobs. Use the general steps in this chapter, together with the examples that are described in the next chapter, to load targets in your data warehouse or data mart.

#### What Is a Job?

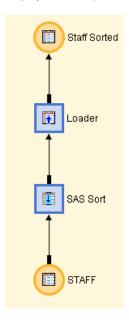
In SAS ETL Studio, a job is a metadata object that specifies processes that create output. SAS ETL Studio uses each job to generate or retrieve SAS code that reads sources and creates targets on a file system.

#### **Jobs with Generated Source Code**

If you want SAS ETL Studio to generate code for a job, you define a process flow diagram that specifies the sequence of each source, target, and process in a job. In the diagram, each source, target and process has its own metadata object.

For example, the following display shows the diagram for a job that will read data from a source table called STAFF, sort the data, then write the sorted data to a target table called Staff Sorted.

Display 9.1 Simple Process Flow Diagram



In the display, each round object represents the metadata for a table, and each square object represents the metadata for a process. Given the direction of the arrows in the previous process flow diagram, STAFF specifies metadata for the source table. SAS Sort specifies metadata for the sort process. Loader specifies metadata for a process that loads data into the target table, Staff Sorted. The Staff Sorted object specifies metadata for the Staff Sorted table.

Each process in a process flow diagram is specified by a metadata object called a transformation. In the previous display, SAS Sort and Loader are transformations. A transformation specifies how to extract data, transform data, or load data into data stores. Each transformation that you specify in a process flow diagram generates or retrieves SAS code.

#### **Jobs with User-Written Source Code**

SAS ETL Studio enables you to do the following:

- □ Specify user-written code for an entire job or a transformation within a job. For a summary of this task, see "Creating Jobs That Retrieve User-Written Code" on page 116.
- □ Drag a User-Written Code transformation template from the Process Library and drop it into the process flow diagram for a job. You can then update the default metadata for the transformation so that it specifies the location of user-written program. For an overview of the Process Library and its transformation templates, see "Process Library Tree" on page 107.
- □ Use the Transformation Generator wizard to create your own SAS code transformation templates and add them to the Process Library. After a transformation template has been added to the Process Library, you can drag and drop it into any job. For a description of this wizard, see "Transformation Generator Wizard" on page 112.

The online Help for SAS ETL Studio provides additional information about working with user-written components. To display the relevant Help topics, do the following:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio menu bar, select **Help ▶ Contents**. The online Help window displays.
- 2 In the left pane of the Help window, select SAS ETL Studio Task Reference ► Maintaining Jobs ► User-Written Components and SAS ETL Studio.

#### **Jobs Must Be Executed**

After you have defined the metadata for a job, you can submit the job for execution. Until you do that, the targets (output tables) might not exist on the file system. For a description of this task, see "Running a Job" on page 120.

#### **Jobs Can Be Scheduled**

If the appropriate software has been installed, you can deploy a SAS ETL Studio job for scheduling. After a job is deployed, an administrator can use SAS Management Console to schedule the job to run at a specified date and time or when a specified event occurs.

In SAS Management Console, administrators create and schedule groups of jobs, called *flows*. Each job within a flow can be triggered to run based on a certain time, the state of a file on the file system, or the status of another job within the flow. Platform Computing's Load Sharing Facility (LSF) is used to schedule the job.

Note: The Schedule Manager plug-in to SAS Management Console uses Platform JobScheduler to schedule deployed jobs. However, if you select and deploy these jobs to any workspace server location, they then will be written out to a SAS program file in a directory that you specify. Then you can schedule them with any scheduler. These alternative scheduling processes that do not use Platform JobScheduler are not supported by SAS Technical Support.  $\triangle$ 

The online Help for SAS ETL Studio provides details about deploying and scheduling jobs. Perform these steps to display the relevant Help topics in SAS ETL Studio:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio menu bar, select **Help ▶ Contents**. The online Help window displays.
- 2 In the left pane of the Help window, select SAS ETL Studio Task Reference ► Maintaining Jobs ► Deploying a Job for Scheduling.

For scheduling setup and installation, administrators should see the SAS ETL Studio chapter in the SAS Intelligence Platform: Planning and Administration Guide.

For details about using the Schedule Manager plug-in to SAS Management Console, see the online Help for the Schedule Manager. See also the Managing Job Schedules chapter in the SAS Management Console: User's Guide.

## **Main Windows for Jobs**

The following table lists the main windows and components that are used to maintain jobs and tables in SAS ETL Studio. Each component is briefly described in the sections that follow.

Table 9.1 Jobs Interface

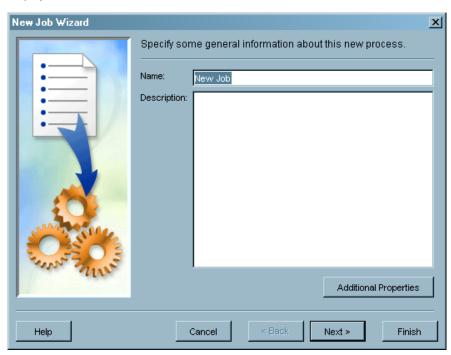
Component	Description
"New Job Wizard" on page 103	Enables you to select one or more tables as the targets (outputs) of a job. Can also be used to create an empty job into which you can drag and drop tables and transformation templates.
"Process Designer Window" on page 105	Enables you to create process flow diagrams, to generate and submit code for jobs, and to perform related tasks.
"Process Library Tree" on page 107	Enables you to drag and drop transformation templates into the process flow diagrams for jobs.
"Job Properties Window" on page 109	Enables you to view or update the basic metadata for a job (metadata other than its process flow diagram).
"Table Properties Window" on page 110	Enables you to view or update the metadata for a source table or a target table, such as metadata for its columns, indexes, keys, and other attributes.
"Transformation Property Windows" on page 111	Enables you to view or update the metadata for a transformation in the process flow diagram for a job.
"Transformation Generator Wizard" on page 112	Enables you to create a user-written, SAS code transformation and make it available in the Process Library tree. This is one of the easiest ways to customize SAS ETL Studio.

#### **New Job Wizard**

Use the New Job wizard to select one or more tables as the targets (outputs) of a job. This wizard can also be used to create an empty job into which you can drag and drop tables and transformation templates.

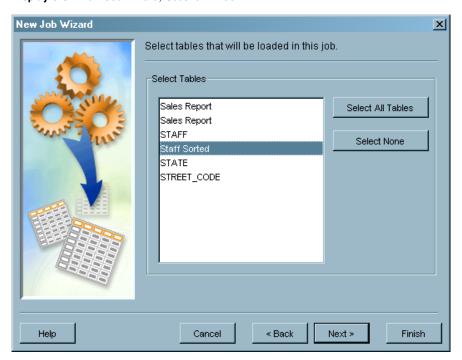
One way to display the New Job wizard is to select **Tools** ▶ **Process Designer** from the menu bar on the SAS ETL Studio desktop. The first window in the wizard is shown in the following display.

Display 9.2 New Job Wizard



The first window enables you to enter a name and description for the new job. The second window of the wizard enables you to select one or more tables as the targets (outputs) of a job, as shown in the following display.

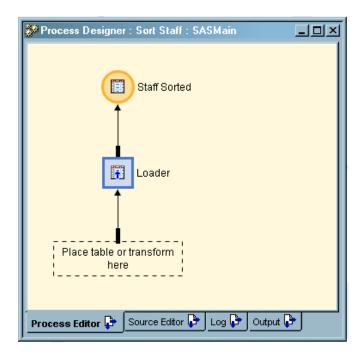
Display 9.3 New Job Wizard, Second Window



The wizard uses the selected table(s) to generate a transformation template—a process flow diagram that includes drop zones for metadata that the user must supply.

For example, if the Staff Sorted table is selected as the target, the wizard would generate the transformation template that is shown in the following display.

Display 9.4 Transformation Template for Sort Staff Job



To update a process flow diagram, drag and drop tables from the Inventory tree or from another tree in the tree view. Drag and drop transformation templates from the Process Library tree.

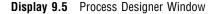
Alternatively, in the second window of the New Job wizard, you can select no targets and simply click Finish after entering a name for the job. The wizard will open an empty job in the Process Designer window. After you have an empty job, you can create a process flow diagram by dragging and dropping tables and transformations into the Process Designer window. This is the approach that is described in "Create and Populate the New Job" on page 114.

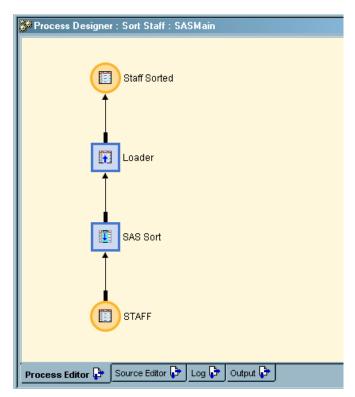
## **Process Designer Window**

Use the Process Designer window to perform these tasks:

- □ Maintain the process flow diagram for the selected job.
- □ View or update the metadata for sources, targets and transformations within the selected job.
- □ View or update the code that is generated for the entire selected job or for a transformation within that job.
- □ View a log that indicates whether code was successfully generated for the selected job or for one of its transformations (and was successfully executed, if the code was submitted for execution).
- □ View any output that the selected job or one of its transformations sends to the SAS output window.

The following display shows a typical view of this window.





In the previous display, the Process Designer window contains the process flow diagram for the Sort Staff job that is described in "Jobs with Generated Source Code" on page 100. Note that the **Process Editor** tab is shown by default. You might need to use the Options window to display the other tabs in the Process Designer window or to specify options for these tabs. For details, see "Options Window" on page 17.

The following steps describe one way to open an existing job in the Process Designer window:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, display the Inventory tree.
- 2 In the Inventory tree, expand the Jobs group.
- 3 Select the desired job, then select **View ▶ View Job** from the menu bar. The process flow diagram for the job displays in the **Process Editor** tab of the Process Designer window.

If the diagram is too large to view in the **Process Editor** tab, select **View ▶ Overview** from the menu bar. A small image of the complete process flow diagram displays in the Overview window.

To change the size or the orientation of the process flow diagram, select **Process** ► **Zoom**or **Process** ► **Layout** from the menu bar.

The tabs in the Process Designer window are described in the following sections. To display the online Help for each tab, select the tab and press the F1 key.

#### **Process Editor Tab**

Use the **Process Editor** tab to add and maintain a process flow diagram for the selected job. For a summary of how you can use the Process Editor to create a process flow diagram for a job, see "Creating and Running Jobs" on page 113.

#### **Source Editor Tab**

Use the **Source Editor** tab to view or modify SAS code for the selected job. For example, if the Sort Staff job was displayed in the **Process Editor** tab, and you selected the **Source Editor** tab, code for the entire job would be generated and displayed. The following display shows some of the code that would be generated for the Sort Staff job.

Display 9.6 Source Editor Tab

```
* Name: Sort Staff
    * Description: Code generated for Server SASMain
    * Generated: Wed Aug 27 14:29:13 EDT 2003
    * Access the data for Ordetail
   LIBNAME ordetail BASE "C:\SAS\Environments\Lev1\Data\ordetail";
   %let SYSLAST=%nrquote(ordetail.STAFF);
    /***********************
    * Name: SAS Sort
    * Description: Codegen
    * Generated: Wed Aug 27 14:29:13 EDT 2003
   %put NOTE: Deleting WORK.W4VLYGEW ...;
   proc datasets lib=WORK nolist nowarn memtype=(data view);
     delete W4VLYGEW;
   quit:
   proc sort
       data=&SYSLAST
Process Editor 🗗 Source Editor 🖟 Log 🖟 Output 🖟
```

#### Log Tab

Use the **Log** tab to view the SAS log that is returned from the code that was submitted for execution. The **Log** tab can help you identify the cause of problems with the selected job or transformation. For a summary of how you can use the **Log** tab, see "Run and Troubleshoot the Job" on page 115.

#### **Output Tab**

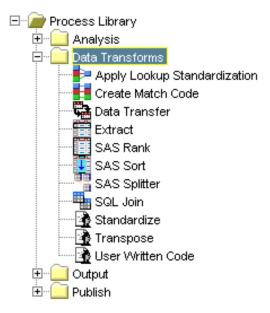
Use the **Output** tab to view any printed output from a SAS program. For example, SAS ETL Studio jobs that produce reports can specify that the reports are sent to the **Output** tab.

## **Process Library Tree**

The **Process Library** tree is one of the tabs in the tree view of the SAS ETL Studio desktop. If you select this tab, it displays a collection of transformation templates. As

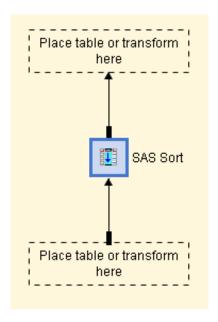
shown in the following display, the templates are organized into folders, such as Analysis, Data Transforms, Output, and Publish.

**Display 9.7** Process Library Tree



A transformation template is a process flow diagram that includes drop zones for metadata that the user must supply to make the transformation complete. A template typically consists of a transformation object and one or more drop zones for sources, targets, or both, as shown in the following display.

Display 9.8 SAS Sort Transformation Template



There are several kinds of drop zones:

- □ Dashed line boxes. Before a template is populated with the minimum sources and targets, drop zones are indicated by dashed line boxes, as shown in the previous display.
- □ Lines between objects in a process flow diagram. After a template is populated with the minimum sources and targets, drop zones are indicated by lines between objects in the process flow diagram, as shown in Display 9.5 on page 106.
- □ Transformation objects themselves. Transformations that can take multiple inputs or outputs have drop zones on the transformation itself.

The SAS Sort template shown in the previous display could be used to create the diagram that is shown in Display 9.5 on page 106. For a summary of how you can use the Process Editor and the Process Library tree to create a process flow diagram for a job, see "Create and Populate the New Job" on page 133.

#### **Additional Information about the Process Library Transformations**

For details about each standard transformation in the Process Library, including an example of how each transformation can be used in a SAS ETL Studio job, see "Additional Information about Jobs" on page 130.

#### **Java Transformations and SAS Code Transformations**

The Process Library tree contains two different kinds of transformation templates: Java plug-in transformation templates and SAS code transformation templates.

Java plug-in transformation templates are created with the Java programming language. Examples include most of the default templates in the **Analysis** folder, such as SAS Sort and SAS Splitter. For details about creating your own Java plug-ins, see Appendix 2, "Building Java Plug-ins for SAS ETL Studio," on page 189.

SAS code transformation templates are created with the Transformation Generator wizard. Examples include the default templates in the **Output** folder and the **Publish** folder. With the exception of the User-Written Code template, which is a Java plug-in, all other templates in the Process Library that have the user-written icon are SAS code transformations.

SAS code transformations are unique in two ways:

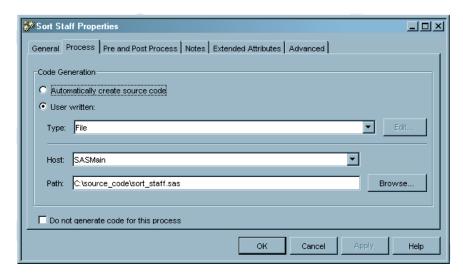
- □ When you right-click a SAS code transformation in the Process Library tree, the pop-up menu has two unique options: **Edit Source** and **Transformation Export**.
- □ You can easily add your own SAS code transformations to the Process Library tree, where you can drag and drop them into the process flow diagram for any job.

For details about the Transformation Generator wizard, see "Transformation Generator Wizard" on page 112. For details about working with SAS code transformations, see "Example: Creating a SAS Code Transformation Template" on page 120 and "General Tasks for SAS Code Transformation Templates" on page 128.

## **Job Properties Window**

Use the properties window for a job to view or update its basic metadata. For example, you can specify whether the code for the current job will be generated by SAS ETL Studio or will be retrieved from a specified location. You can also use this window to specify code that should be run before or after a job executes. The following display shows a typical window.

Display 9.9 Job Properties Window



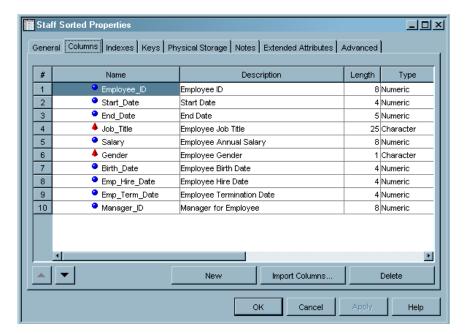
If you want to specify user-written code for the Sort Staff job that is described in "Jobs with Generated Source Code" on page 100, you can enter metadata that is similar to the metadata that is shown in the previous display. In the job properties window shown in the previous display, the **user Written** option has been selected, and the physical path to a source code file has been specified.

If you wanted to execute code before or after the Sort Staff job is executed, you can click the **Pre and Post Process** tab and specify the code. For example, you might want to issue a SAS LIBNAME statement before the job is run.

For a summary of how to use the job properties window, see "Viewing the Basic Metadata for a Job" on page 117 and "Updating the Basic Metadata for a Job" on page 117.

## **Table Properties Window**

Use the table properties window for a source or a target to view or update the metadata for its columns, indexes, keys and other attributes. The following display shows a typical window.

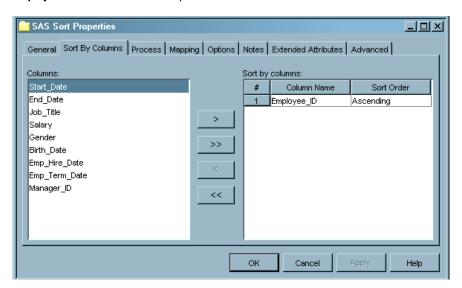


Display 9.10 Table Properties Window

The window shown in the previous display contains the metadata for the Staff Sorted table from Display 9.1 on page 101. For a summary of how to use this window in the context of a job, see "Viewing the Metadata for a Table or Transformation in a Job" on page 118 and "Updating the Metadata for a Table or Transformation in a Job" on page 118.

## **Transformation Property Windows**

Use a transformation properties window to view or update the metadata for a process in a job. The metadata for a transformation specifies how SAS ETL Studio will generate code for the corresponding process. The window for each kind of transformation has one or more tabs that are unique to the corresponding process. The following display shows a typical window.



**Display 9.11** Transformation Properties Window

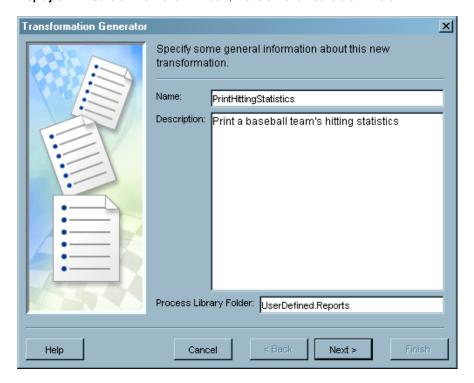
The window shown in the previous display contains the metadata for the SAS Sort transformation from Display 9.1 on page 101. Note that the rows in the output table for this transformation will be sorted by employee ID. For a summary of how to use transformation property windows, see "Viewing the Metadata for a Table or Transformation in a Job" on page 118 and "Updating the Metadata for a Table or Transformation in a Job" on page 118.

#### **Transformation Generator Wizard**

One of the easiest ways to customize SAS ETL Studio is to write your own SAS code transformation templates. Unlike Java-based plug-ins that require software development, SAS code transformation templates are created with a wizard.

The Transformation Generator wizard guides you through the steps of specifying SAS code for a transformation template and saving the template to the current metadata repository. After the template is saved, it is displayed in the Process Library tree, where it is available for use in any job.

To display the Transformation Generator wizard, go to the SAS ETL Studio desktop, then select **Tools** ▶ **Transformation Generator** from the menu bar. The general information window of the wizard is displayed, as shown in the following display.



Display 9.12 General Information Window, Transformation Generator Wizard

The general information window enables you to enter a name and description for the new transformation template. It also enables you to specify the folder where the new template will appear in the Process Library tree.

For details about using the Transformation Generator wizard, see "Example: Creating a SAS Code Transformation Template" on page 120.

## **General Tasks for Jobs**

## **Creating and Running Jobs**

Here is a summary of the main tasks for creating and running jobs. For examples that illustrates all of these tasks, see Chapter 10, "Loading Warehouse Data Stores," on page 131.

## **Prerequisites**

It is easier to create a job if metadata for the sources and targets in the job are created first. For details about these tasks, see Chapter 7, "Specifying the Inputs to Warehouse Data Stores," on page 71 and Chapter 8, "Specifying Warehouse Data Stores," on page 89.

## **Check Out Any Metadata That Is Needed**

You must check out the metadata for any existing sources and targets that you want to add to a job.

1 On the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select the Inventory tree.

- 2 In the Inventory tree, open the Tables folder.
- 3 Select all source tables and target tables that you want to add to the new job, then select **Project** ▶ **Check Out**. The metadata for these tables will be checked out and will appear in the Project tree.

The next task is to create and populate the job.

#### **Create and Populate the New Job**

With the relevant sources and targets checked out in the Project tree, follow these steps to create and populate a new job. To populate a job, you will create a complete process flow diagram, from sources, through transformations, to targets.

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Tools** ▶ **Process Designer** from the menu bar. The New Job wizard displays. (You can use this wizard to create an empty job, into which you can drag and drop tables and transformations. That is the approach that is described here.)
- 2 Enter a name for the job and click Finish.
- 3 An empty job will open in the Process Designer window.
- 4 Add metadata for sources, targets, and transformations as needed. The goal is to create a complete process flow diagram, from sources, through transformations, to targets. Drag and drop transformation templates from the Process Library tree. Drag and drop tables from the Inventory tree or from another tree in the tree view. If you try to drop an object in a zone where it is invalid, an error message will be written to the Status bar at the bottom of the SAS ETL Studio desktop.

As you add sources, targets, and transformations to a process flow diagram, SAS ETL Studio automatically maps source columns to target columns. Depending on the nature of the job, you might or might not need to update the automatic column mappings or the other default metadata in a job.

The next task is to view or update the job, as needed.

#### View or Update the Job as Needed

The following steps describe a general approach for viewing or updating the default metadata in a job. The specific updates will vary according to the sources, targets, and transformations in a job and the purpose of the job. The examples in Chapter 10, "Loading Warehouse Data Stores," on page 131 describe two scenarios in which a few, specific updates are needed to the automatic column mappings and the other default metadata in a job.

- In the Process Designer window, select the first source in the flow, then select File
   ▶ Properties from the menu bar. A properties window displays.
- 2 Click the **Columns** tab to confirm that the needed columns are present. Add, delete, or replace columns as necessary. Repeat these steps for each source and target in the job, as needed. For details about updating column metadata, click the Help button on the **Columns** tab. See also "Updating Column and Mapping Metadata" on page 119.
- 3 In the Process Designer window, select the first transformation in the flow, then select **File** ▶ **Properties** from the menu bar. A properties window displays.
- 4 Update the transformation as necessary to achieve the purpose of the job. Be sure to display the Mapping tab for the transformation to be sure that data flows correctly through the transformation. As needed, repeat these steps for each transformation in the job, working from working in a source-to-target direction.

For details about updating mapping metadata, click the Help button on the **Mapping** tab. See also "Updating Column and Mapping Metadata" on page 119.

When all metadata in the job is correct, the next task is to run the job.

#### **Run and Troubleshoot the Job**

After the metadata for a job is complete, you must submit the job for execution in order to create targets on the file system.

- 1 With the job displayed in the Process Designer window, select **Process ➤ Submit** from the menu bar. SAS ETL Studio generates code for the job and submits the code to a SAS application server. The server executes the code. A pop-up window is displayed to indicate that the job is running.
- 2 If a pop-up error message appears, or if you simply want to look at the log for the completed job, click the **Log** tab in the Process Designer window.
- 3 In the **Log** tab, scroll through the SAS log information that was generated during the execution of the job. (The code that was executed for the job is available in the **Source Code** tab of the Process Designer window. The source code is continuously updated as you make changes to the job, and it is checked and updated as necessary when you submit the job.)
- 4 If you find errors in the source code for a step, select the corresponding transformation in the process flow diagram, then select **File** ▶ **Properties** from the menu bar. A properties window displays.
- 5 Correct the metadata and resubmit the job until there are no more errors.
- 6 After the job runs without error, save the job. Select **File** ▶ **Save** from the menu bar.

The next task is to verify that the job created the correct output.

## **Verify the Job's Outputs**

After the job runs without error and has been saved, you should confirm that the targets contain the data you need, in the format that best communicates the purpose of the targets.

1 To view the data for a target in the job's process flow diagram, select the desired target, then select **View** ▶ **View Data** from the menu bar. The data in the target is displayed. Confirm that the correct data is displayed and that the data is correctly formatted for the purpose of the target.

If a target needs to be improved, change the properties of that target or the transformations that feed data to that target. If the outputs are correct, and you are working in a change-managed repository, you can check in the job.

#### Check In the Job

Perform these steps to check in a job in the Project tree:

- 1 In the Project tree, select the repository icon.
- 2 On the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Project ➤ Check In Repository** from the menu bar. All of the objects in the Project repository are checked in to the change-managed repository.

## **Working under Change-Management Control**

Unless your user profile includes administrative privileges, you will be working under change management control. For a general description of how change management affects user tasks in SAS ETL Studio, see "Working with Change Management" on page 64.

When working with jobs, the main impacts of change management are as follows:

- 1 To update an existing job, you must check out the job.
- 2 When you check out a job, the metadata that is associated with the job will be checked out and will appear in the Project tree. The metadata that will be checked out includes the metadata object for the job as a whole and the metadata objects for any sources and targets that have been added to the job.
- 3 You must check out any existing sources and targets that you want to add to a job.
- 4 Metadata for new objects such as jobs, sources, and targets is added to the Project tree. At some point, you must check in new objects to the change-managed repository.

#### **Using the New Job Wizard**

See "New Job Wizard" on page 103.

## **Using Source or Target Designers to Create Jobs**

Most source designers and target designers do not create jobs, but some do. The External File source designer and the Cube Designer create and execute jobs. The metadata for the job is saved so that you can run it as desired—to refresh the data in the target, for example.

For details about using the External File source designer, see "Example: Extracting Information from a Flat File" on page 78.

For details about using the Cube Designer, see "Example: Building a Cube from a Star Schema" on page 164.

## **Creating Jobs That Retrieve User-Written Code**

When you create a job, SAS ETL Studio will generate code for that job unless you specify otherwise. This generated code will often suffice, but in some cases, you might want to specify user-written code for a whole job or for transformations in a job.

In order to track the jobs in a data warehouse, it is best to capture as much metadata as possible about a job, even if the job is handled by user-written code. Accordingly, a good way to specify user-written code for a job is to use SAS ETL Studio wizards to create a job as usual, then update the properties for the whole job or for transformations within the job so that the metadata specifies the location of user-written code.

The general steps for doing this are as follows:

- 1 Use SAS ETL Studio wizards to create a job.
- 2 Display the properties window for the job or for a transformation within a job. Follow the instructions in "Updating the Basic Metadata for a Job" on page 117 or "Updating the Metadata for a Table or Transformation in a Job" on page 118.
- 3 In the properties window for the job or a transformation within the job, click the **Process** tab.

4 On the Process tab, specify the location of user-written code.

The online Help for SAS ETL Studio provides more details about user-written code for jobs and transformations. To display the relevant Help topics:

- 1 From the menu bar on the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Help ▶ Contents**. The online Help window displays.
- 2 In the left pane of the Help window, select **Task Overviews** ▶ **User-Written**Components and SAS ETL Studio ▶ Understanding User-Written Source
  Code for Jobs.

## **Viewing the Basic Metadata for a Job**

Use the property window for a job to view its basic metadata. For example, you can find out if user-written code has been specified for the entire job, or if any code is supposed to run before or after the job.

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, display the Inventory tree.
- 2 In the Inventory tree, expand the **Jobs** folder.
- 3 Select the desired job, then select **File** ▶ **Properties** from the menu bar. A properties window for the job is displayed.
- **4** Use the tabs in this window to view the metadata for the jobs. Each tab has its own Help button.

## **Updating the Basic Metadata for a Job**

Use the property window for a job to update its basic metadata. For example, you can specify user-written code for the entire job, or you can specify code that should be run before or after the job. Assume that the metadata for the job is currently checked into a change-managed repository.

- 1 On the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select the Inventory tree.
- 2 In the Inventory tree, open the **Jobs** folder.
- 3 Select the desired job, then select **Project ▶ Check Out**. The metadata that is associated with the job will be checked out and will appear in the Project tree. The metadata that will be checked out includes the metadata object for the job as a whole and the metadata objects for any sources and targets that have been added to the job.
- 4 In the Project tree, select the metadata for the job, then select File ➤ Properties from the menu bar. The properties window for the job displays.
- **5** Use the tabs in this window to update the metadata for the job. Each tab has its own Help button.
- **6** When you are finished updating the metadata, you can check in your changes. In the Project tree, select the repository icon.
- 7 From the menu bar on the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Project** ▶ Check In Repository.

## Viewing the Data for a Source or a Target in a Job

After the metadata for a source table or a target table has been added to a job, you might want to verify that the corresponding physical table contains the data that you

were expecting. Perform the following steps to view the data that corresponds to the metadata for a source or a target.

*Note:* The metadata for a target might not point to a physical table until after the target's job has been run for the first time. Before the first run, new target tables might exist as metadata only.  $\triangle$ 

The following steps describe one way to view the data for a source or a target in the process flow diagram for a job:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, display the Inventory tree.
- 2 In the Inventory tree, expand the Jobs folder.
- 3 Select the desired job, then select **View ▶ View Job** from the menu bar. The process flow diagram for the job displays in the **Process Editor** tab of the Process Designer window.
- 4 To view the data for a source or a target in the process flow diagram, select the desired source or target, then select **View** ▶ **View Data** from the menu bar. The data in the source or target is displayed. If the data is correctly displayed, the metadata for the source or target is correct.

#### Viewing the Metadata for a Table or Transformation in a Job

To view the metadata for a data store or a transformation in the process flow diagram for a job, perform the following steps:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, display the Inventory tree.
- 2 In the Inventory tree, expand the Jobs folder.
- 3 Select the desired job, then select **View ▶ View Job** from the menu bar. The process flow diagram for the job displays in the **Process Editor** tab of the Process Designer window.
- 4 To view the metadata for a data store or transformation in the process flow diagram, select the desired object, then select **File** ▶ **Properties** from the menu bar. A properties window for the object is displayed.
- **5** Use the tabs in this window to view the metadata for the object. Each tab has its own Help button.

## Updating the Metadata for a Table or Transformation in a Job

Perform the following steps to update the metadata for a data store or transformation in a job. Assume that the metadata for the job is currently checked into a change-managed repository.

- 1 On the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select the Inventory tree.
- 2 In the Inventory tree, open the Jobs folder.
- 3 Select the desired job, then select **Project ➤ Check Out**. The metadata that is associated with the job will be checked out and will appear in the Project tree. The metadata that will be checked out includes the metadata object for the job as a whole and the metadata objects for any data stores that have been added to the job.
- 4 In the Project tree, select the metadata for the job, then select **View ▶ View Job** from the menu bar. The process flow diagram for the job displays in the **Process Editor** tab of the Process Designer window.

- 5 To update the metadata for a data store or transformation in the process flow diagram, select the desired object, then select **File** ▶ **Properties** from the menu bar. A properties window for the object is displayed.
- **6** Use the tabs in this window to update the metadata for the object. Each tab has its own Help button.
- 7 When you are finished updating the metadata, you can check in your changes. In the Project tree, select the repository icon.
- 8 From the menu bar on the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Project** ▶ Check In Repository.

#### Impact of Updating a Table's Metadata

Keep in mind that a table, such as a source table or a target table, can be used in multiple jobs. A table can also be used in multiple places in the same job. Accordingly, when you update the metadata for a table, make sure that the updates are appropriate in all contexts where the metadata is used. For example, if you update the columns for Table 1 in one job, the updates would also have to be appropriate for Table 1 in the context of another job.

#### **Updating Column and Mapping Metadata**

In general, perform the following steps to update the column metadata or mapping metadata in a job. Assume that the metadata for the job is currently checked into a change-managed repository.

- 1 On the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select the Inventory tree.
- 2 In the Inventory tree, open the Jobs folder.
- 3 Select the desired job, then select **Project ▶ Check Out**. The metadata that is associated with the job will be checked out and will appear in the Project tree. The metadata that will be checked out includes the metadata object for the job as a whole and the metadata objects for any sources and targets that have been added to the job.
- 4 In the Project tree, select the metadata object for the job, then select **View** ▶ **View**Job from the menu bar. The process flow diagram for the job is displayed in the

  Process Editor tab of the Process Designer window.
- 5 In the Process Designer window, select the table whose columns you want to update, or select the transformation whose mappings you want to update. Then select **File** ▶ **Properties** from the menu bar. The properties window for the table or transformation displays
- **6** For a table, click the **Columns** tab. Update the columns as needed. For a transformation, click the **Mappings** tab. Update the mappings as needed. Click the <u>Help</u> button on each tab to see topics that describe how to edit columns and mappings.
- 7 After making your changes, make sure that source columns are correctly mapped through the job. For one-to-one mappings, the column lengths and data types for the source and target columns must match. For derived mappings (mappings in which the target column is a function of the source column), the column lengths and data types for the source and target columns might be different.

To verify that the updated columns are correctly mapped through the job, display the property windows for tables and transformations that follow the updated table. For tables, review the metadata in the **Columns** tab. For transformations, review the metadata in the **Mapping** tab. Make updates as needed. Each tab has its own Help button.

- **8** When you are finished updating the metadata, you can check in your changes. In the Project tree, select the repository icon.
- 9 From the menu bar on the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Project ► Check In Repository**.

#### **Running a Job**

After you define the metadata for a job, you must submit the job for execution in order to create targets on the file system.

If the job to be submitted is displayed in the Process Designer window, select **Process** ▶ **Submit** from the menu bar. The job is submitted to the default SAS application server and to any server that is specified in the metadata for a transformation within the job.

If the job to be submitted is not displayed in the Process Designer window, perform the following steps:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, display the Inventory tree.
- 2 In the Inventory tree, expand the Jobs folder.
- 3 Select the desired job, then select **View ▶ View Job** from the menu bar. The process flow diagram for the job displays in the **Process Editor** tab of the Process Designer window.
- 4 Select **Process** ▶ **Submit** from the menu bar. The job is submitted for execution.

#### **Deploy a Job for Scheduling**

If the appropriate software has been installed, you can deploy a SAS ETL Studio job for scheduling. After a job is deployed, an administrator can use SAS Management Console to schedule the job to run at a specified date and time or when a specified event occurs. For details, see "Jobs Can Be Scheduled" on page 102.

## **Example: Creating a SAS Code Transformation Template**

This example demonstrates how to create a user-written SAS code transformation template.

#### **Overview**

As described in "Transformation Generator Wizard" on page 112, one of the easiest ways to customize SAS ETL Studio is to write your own SAS code transformation templates. The Transformation Generator wizard guides you through the steps of specifying SAS code for a transformation template and saving the template in the current metadata repository. After a template is saved, it is displayed in the Process Library tree, where it is available for use in any job.

The Transformation Generator wizard is used to create custom SAS code transformation templates. The wizard enables you to enter the SAS code that runs when the template is executed as part of a job. This code typically includes macro variables. When you use a macro variable, the person who configures the job in which the template appears must specify the value of the variable, and SAS ETL Studio generates the %let statement that creates the variable and assigns a value to it.

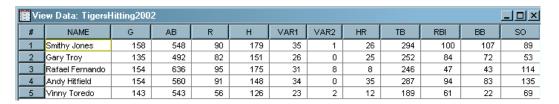
The rules for writing SAS code transformations templates are as follows:

- $\ \square$  A template can have 0 or 1 input tables or transformation objects and 0 or 1 output tables or transformation objects.
- □ You cannot use hard-coded names for the input or output.
- □ The code that is entered must have valid SAS syntax.

## **Preparation**

For this example, assume that a SAS data set called TigersHitting2002 contains batting statistics for a baseball team. The following display shows the content and structure of this data set.

Display 9.13 Contents of Data Set TigersHitting2002



The goal is to create a transformation template that takes a data set such as TigersHitting2002 as input and produces a report. The report will display a user-defined title, a user-defined set of columns, and it will calculate the sum of the values in one column of the table. The following display shows the kind of output that is desired.

Display 9.14 Example Hitting Statistics Report

Tigers Hitting Statistics 2002 13:29 Monday, November 3, 2003 Obs G AB HR RBI Name 1 Smithy Jones 158 548 26 100 2 Gary Trov 135 492 25 84 Rafael Fernando 154 636 47 4 Andy Hitfield 154 560 35 94 Vinny Toredo 143 12 61 106

Assume the following about the current example:

- □ The main metadata repository is under change-management control. In this example, however, assume that an administrator is creating the new template, so the template would be added to directly to the Process Library tree, without having to be checked in. For details about change management, see "Working with Change Management" on page 64.
- □ You have selected a default SAS application server for SAS ETL Studio, as described in "Select a Default SAS Application Server" on page 59.

#### Start SAS ETL Studio and Open the Appropriate Metadata Profile

Perform the following steps to begin work in SAS ETL Studio:

- 1 Start SAS ETL Studio.
- 2 Open the appropriate metadata profile. For the current example, the metadata profile would be for an administrator who has the appropriate level of privilege to directly update metadata in the main metadata repository, without having to work through a project repository.

The next task is to display the Transformation Generator wizard.

## **Display the Transformation Generator Wizard**

Perform the following steps to display the wizard that will guide you through the process of creating a user-defined SAS code transformation template.

1 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Tools** ➤ **Transformation Generator** from the menu bar. The first window of the wizard is displayed, as shown in the following display.

Specify some general information about this new transformation.

Name: PrintHittingStatistics

Description: Print a baseball team's hitting statistics

Process Library Folder: UserDefined.Reports

Help Cancel Seck Next > Finish

Display 9.15 First Window in the Transformation Generator Wizard

- **2** Enter a name and a description for the new transformation template, as shown in the previous display.
- 3 Specify the folder in the Process Library tree in which you want to store the new transformation. You do this by specifying a relative path from the Process Library folder to the directory that will hold the transformation. If the path contains two

or more directory levels, separate directory level names with a period. For example, *UserDefined.Reports* 

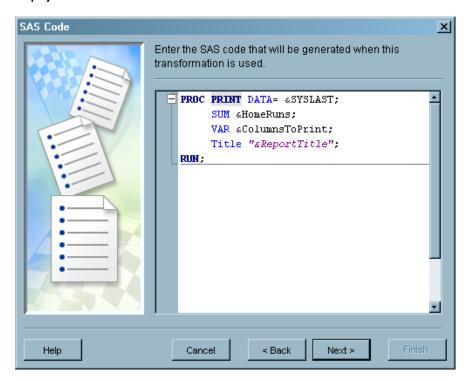
4 When you are finished with this window, click Next.

The next task is to specify SAS code for this transformation.

## **Specify SAS Code for the Transformation Template**

In the SAS Code window of the wizard, enter SAS code for the transformation template. The following display shows the code that could be entered for the current example.

Display 9.16 SAS Code Window



A number of macro variables appear in the code. The variable &SYSLAST is a system variable that refers to the last data set created. The &SYSLAST variable enables a transformation in a process flow diagram to use the output from the previous transformation.

Another system variable, &\_OUTPUT, is also available, but we have not used it in this example. &\_OUTPUT enables a transformation in a process flow diagram to send its output to a temporary work table.

The other variables that are shown in the previous display, such as &ColumnsToPrint, are user-defined variables. Any user-defined variables must be defined in the SAS Code Options window.

After you have finished writing your SAS code, click Next.

#### **Define Any User-Defined Variables**

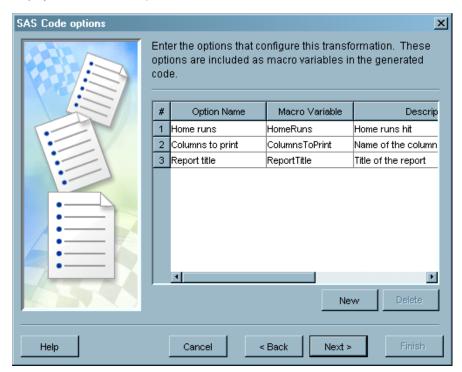
In the SAS Code Options window of the wizard, define any user-defined variables that you used in the SAS Code window. The following table shows the values that would be entered for the user-defined variables that are shown Display 9.16 on page 123.

Table 9.2 User-Defined Variables from the SAS Code Window

Option Name	Macro Variable	Description	Туре
Home runs	HomeRuns	Home runs hit	OPTION
Columns to print	ColumnsToPrint	Name of the columns to print	INPUTS SAS
Report title	ReportTitle	Title of the report	OPTION

The following display shows the SAS Code Options window after the values in the previous table have been entered.

Display 9.17 SAS Code Options Window



The SAS Code Options window enables you to specify five types of variables:

- □ OPTION
- □ INPUTS SAS
- □ INPUTS SQL
- □ OUTPUTS SAS
- □ OUTPUTS SQL

The variables that you define in the SAS Code Options window will be used in the transformation template that you are creating. For example, variables of type OPTION

will appear on the **Options** tab of the properties window for the PrintHittingStatistics template. Users will display the **Options** tab of the window and enter values for each option.

The INPUTS and OUTPUTS variables will appear on the **Column Options** tab of the properties window for the transformation template that you are creating. For example, users will display the **Column Options** tab of the properties window for the PrintHittingStatistics template and select columns that correspond to the ColumnsToPrint variable of type INPUTS SAS.

To define any user-defined variables that you used in the SAS Code Options window, perform the following steps for each variable:

- 1 Click the New button. A new row displays in the options table.
- 2 In the Option Name field, enter a descriptive name. Replace the initial value (Untitled). Double-click the value to highlight it, then type over the highlighted value.
- 3 In the Macro Variable field, enter the name of the macro variable as it appears in the SAS Code Options window.
- 4 In the **Description** field, enter a description of the variable.
- **5** In the **Type** field, double-click the current value. A down arrow displays. Click the down arrow to reveal a list of types, and select one of them.

When you are finished defining the user-defined variables in your transformation, click  $\overline{\text{Next}}$ .

## **Specify the Remaining Options for the Transformation Template**

Use the Transform Options window to specify the remaining options for your transformation template. The Transform Options window for the example transformation resembles the following display.

Options

Options

Register transform to metadata server

Save transform to a local file

File:

Generate SYSLAST for this step

This transform displays an output template

Prompt: Place Table or Transform here

This transform requires an input template

Prompt: Place Table or Transform here

This transform does not generate an output table

Help

Cancel < Back Next > Finish

Display 9.18 Transform Options Window

Use the controls that are described as follows:

Register transform to metadata server—Select this check box if you want to save your transformation as a metadata object in the current metadata repository. Do this if you want the transformation template to be available in the Process Library tree. For this example, assume that this option is selected.

Save transform to a local file—Select this check box if you want to save your transformation as an XML file on the local file system. Other SAS ETL Studio users can imported transformations that are saved this way.

File—The name of, and path to, the XML file that was previously described.

Generate SYSLAST for this step—Determines whether the &SYSLAST macro variable is available to your code. Leave this check box selected unless your transformation does not require any input.

This transform displays an output template—If you select this check box, when a user drags your transformation to a process flow diagram, the template displayed includes a drop zone for an output table or transformation.

**Prompt**—Specifies the text that you want displayed in the output drop zone. **This transform displays an input template**—If you select this check box, when a user drags your transformation to a process flow diagram, the template displayed includes a drop zone for an input table or transformation.

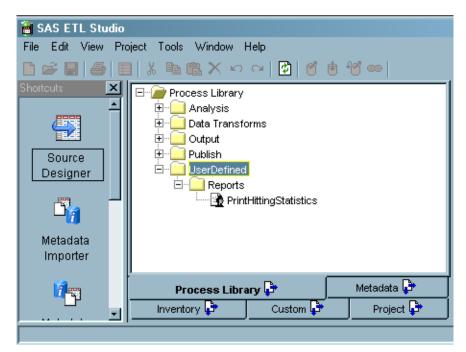
**Prompt**—Specifies the text that you want displayed in the input drop zone. When you are finished defining options for your transformation, click <u>Next</u>.

## **Save the Transformation Template**

Use the Wizard Finish window to review the metadata that you have entered. When you are satisfied, click <u>Finish</u>. The transformation is created and saved in your metadata repository or an XML file (or both), as specified in Display 9.18 on page 126.

For this example, assume that the SAS code transformation was saved to the current metadata repository. The template will now be visible in the Process Library tree, as specified in Display 9.12 on page 113. The following display illustrates the updated Process Library tree.





The new template, PrintHittingStatistics, can now be used to create a job, as described in "Example: Using a SAS Code Transformation Template in a Job" on page 155.

## **Document Any Usage Details for the Template**

The person who creates a user-written transformation template should document how it can be used to get the desired result. SAS ETL Studio users would need to know the following:

- □ Any requirements for inputs and outputs.
  - For example, the columns in the source table for the PrintHittingStatistics template are assumed to be similar to the columns that are shown in Display 9.13 on page 121.
- □ Where the template sends its output: to a table, to the Output tab in the Process Designer window, or elsewhere.
- ☐ How to specify any values that are required by the template.

For example, to produce the report that is shown in Display 9.14 on page 121, a title must be specified, a set of columns must be selected from the source, and the sum of the values in the HR column must be calculated.

## **General Tasks for SAS Code Transformation Templates**

#### Using a SAS Code Transformation Template in a Job

See "Example: Using a SAS Code Transformation Template in a Job" on page 155.

#### **Identifying a SAS Code Transformation Template**

SAS provides a number of SAS code transformation templates in the Process Library tree. Perform the following tasks to identify a transformation as a SAS code transformation:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, display the Process Library tree.
- 2 Open the folders to display the transformations. Right-click a transformation to display a pop-up menu. SAS code transformations have two unique pop-up menu options: Edit Source and Transformation Export.

The **Edit Source** option enables you to edit the SAS code for the selected transformation. For details about transformation export, see "Importing and Exporting SAS Code Transformations" on page 128.

#### **Importing and Exporting SAS Code Transformations**

The Transformation Generator wizard enables you to save a SAS code transformation in one of two ways. First, you can save it as a metadata object in your metadata repository. Such a transformation is said to be imported because it is ready for use in a SAS ETL Studio job. Second, you can save a SAS code transformation as an XML file. Such a transformation is said to be exported because it is not available for use in jobs. The export feature enables you to create a custom transformation template and make it available to SAS ETL Studio users who are using different metadata repositories.

The following sections explain how to export a transformation at the time you define it, how to export a transformation that is currently registered in your metadata repository, and how to import a transformation from an XML file and register it in the current metadata repository.

## **Exporting a SAS Code Transformation**

As previously described, you can export a SAS code transformation at the time you create it or at a later time.

Perform these steps to export a new transformation when you are creating it:

- 1 Create the transformation using the Transformation Generator wizard, as described in "Example: Creating a SAS Code Transformation Template" on page 120.
- 2 In the Transform Options window, select **Save transform to a local file**, and enter a filename in the **File** text box. When you have finished running the wizard, the SAS code transformation is saved in XML format in the file you specified.

Perform these steps to export a transformation that already exists in your metadata repository:

- 1 Select the SAS code transformation in the Process Library tree.
- 2 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Tools** ▶ **Transformation Export** from the menu bar. The Export Transform window displays.
- 3 Enter a filename for the XML file in the File name text box.
- **4** Click **OK** to export the transformation.

#### **Importing a SAS Code Transformation**

Perform these steps to import a SAS code transformation that has been saved in an XML file:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Tools ▶ Transformation Import** from the menu bar. The Transformation Importer window displays. Build a list of XML files to import by performing the following steps one or more times.
- 2 Click Add. An Import Transform window appears.
- **3** Browse for and select an XML file that represents a transformation, and click  $|\overline{OK}|$ .
- 4 Click OK in the Transform Importer window to import the transformations.

### **Controlling Access to a SAS Code Transformation**

As described in "Planning Security for a Data Warehouse" on page 26, administrators should develop a security plan for controlling access to libraries, tables, and other resources that are associated with a data warehouse. Part of the security plan might be to allow only certain users to use a SAS code transformation. This security must be set up using SAS Management Console.

Perform these steps to apply security to a SAS code transformation:

- 1 Start SAS Management Console. Open the metadata profile that contains the SAS code transformation for which access privileges must be defined.
- 2 Select Environment Management ➤ Authorization Manager ➤ Resource
   Management ➤ By Type ➤ Prototype from the navigation tree.
- 3 In the **Prototype** list, select the transformation for which you want to provide security, then select **File** ▶ **Properties** from the menu bar. The properties window for the selected prototype displays.
- 4 From the properties window, click the Authorization tab.
- 5 Use the **Authorization** tab to define security for the transformation. Click the Help button on the tab for details.

## **Deleting Folders for SAS Code Transformations**

As described in "Transformation Generator Wizard" on page 112, when you create a SAS code transformation template, you can specify a folder for that template in the Process Library tree. For example, in Display 9.12 on page 113, the **userDefined** folder in the Process Library will contain a subfolder, **Reports**, which will contain the SAS code template, **PrintHittingStatistics**.

You cannot directly delete a folder that contains SAS code transformation templates. You must delete the templates in the folder, then exit SAS ETL Studio. The next time that you open the Process Library, the folder will be gone.

Perform these steps to delete a folder that contains SAS code transformation templates:

- 1 In the Process Library tree, delete all SAS code transformation templates in the folder. To delete a template, select its icon, then select Edit ▶ Delete from the menu bar. (You cannot delete Java transformation templates.)
- 2 Exit SAS ETL Studio.
- **3** Start SAS ETL Studio and view the Process Library tree. The empty folder is no longer in the Process Library tree.

#### **Additional Information about Jobs**

The online Help for SAS ETL Studio provides additional information about how to maintain jobs. Perform these steps to display the relevant Help topics:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio menu bar, select **Help ▶ Contents**. The online Help window displays.
- 2 In the left pane of the Help window, select Jobs ▶ Maintaining Jobs.

The Process Library contains a number of templates that can be used to build jobs. To display a description of the standard transformations that are available in the Process Library, perform the following steps:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio menu bar, select **Help ► Contents**. The online Help window displays.
- 2 In the left pane of the Help window, select SAS ETL Studio Desktop ▶ Process Library Tree.

To display examples that illustrate how the Process Library templates can be used in a SAS ETL Studio job, perform the following steps:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio menu bar, select **Help ▶ Contents**. The online Help window displays.
- 2 In the left pane of the Help window, select **Examples** ▶ **Process Library Examples**.



## **Loading Warehouse Data Stores**

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## **Jobs: Process Flows That Load Warehouse Data Stores**

After you have specified the metadata for one or more sources and targets, you can specify metadata for the job that will read the appropriate sources and create the desired targets on a file system. Use the examples in this chapter, together with the general steps that are described in Chapter 9, "Introduction to SAS ETL Studio Jobs," on page 99, to create jobs that will create and load the desired targets.

## **Example: Creating a Job That Joins Two Tables and Generates a Report**

This example demonstrates one way to use the New Job wizard, the Process Library, and the Process Designer window to enter metadata for a job. The example describes one way to create a report that is needed for the example data warehouse, as described in "Example: Creating a SAS Code Transformation Template" on page 120.

#### **Preparation**

Assume the following about the job in the current example:

- □ A data warehouse project plan identified the need for a report that ranks salespeople by total sales revenue. The report will be produced by a SAS ETL Studio job. The job will combine sales information with human resources information. A total revenue number will be summarized from individual sales. A new target table will be created, and that table will be used as the source for the creation of an HTML report.
- □ Metadata for both source tables in the job (ORGANIZATION\_DIM and ORDER FACT) is available in a current metadata repository.
- □ Metadata for the main target table in the job (Total\_Sales\_By\_Employee) is available in a current metadata repository. "Example: Using the Target Table Designer to Enter Metadata for a SAS Table" on page 89 describes how the metadata for this table could be specified. As described in that section, the columns in Total\_Sales\_By\_Employee were modeled after the columns in one source table, ORGANIZATION\_DIM. However, when the job is fully configured in this example, the Total\_Sales\_By\_Employee table will contain selected columns from both source tables: ORGANIZATION\_DIM and ORDER\_FACT.
- □ All sources and targets are in SAS format and are stored in a SAS library called Ordetail.
- □ Metadata for the Ordetail library has been added to the main metadata repository for the example data warehouse. For details about libraries, see "Enter Metadata for Libraries" on page 44.
- □ The main metadata repository is under change-management control. For details about change management, see "Working with Change Management" on page 64.
- □ You have selected a default SAS application server for SAS ETL Studio, as described in "Select a Default SAS Application Server" on page 59.

## Start SAS ETL Studio and Open the Appropriate Metadata Profile

Perform the following steps to begin work in SAS ETL Studio:

- 1 Start SAS ETL Studio as described in "Start SAS ETL Studio" on page 56.
- 2 Open the appropriate metadata profile as described in "Open a Metadata Profile" on page 58. For this example, the appropriate metadata profile would specify the project repository that will enable you to access metadata for the required sources and targets: ORGANIZATION\_DIM, ORDER\_FACT, and Total\_Sales\_By\_Employee.

## **Check Out Any Metadata That Is Needed**

To add a source or a target to a job, the metadata for the source or target must be defined and available in the Project tree. In the current example, assume that the

metadata for the relevant sources and targets must be checked out. The following steps would be required:

- 1 On the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select the Inventory tree.
- 2 In the Inventory tree, open the Tables folder.
- **3** Select all source tables and target tables that you want to add to the new job: ORGANIZATION\_DIM, ORDER\_FACT, and Total\_Sales\_By\_Employee.
- 4 Select **Project** ▶ **Check Out** from the menu bar. The metadata for these tables will be checked out and will appear in the Project tree.

The next task is to create and populate the job.

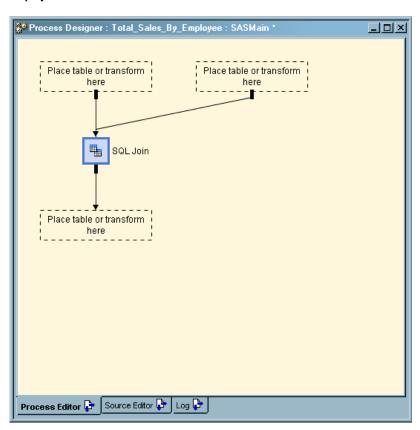
## **Create and Populate the New Job**

With the relevant sources and targets checked out in the Project tree, follow these steps to create and populate a new job. To *populate a job* means to create a complete process flow diagram, from sources, through transformations, to targets.

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Tools** ▶ **Process Designer** from the menu bar. The New Job wizard is displayed.
- 2 Enter a name and description for the job. Type the name

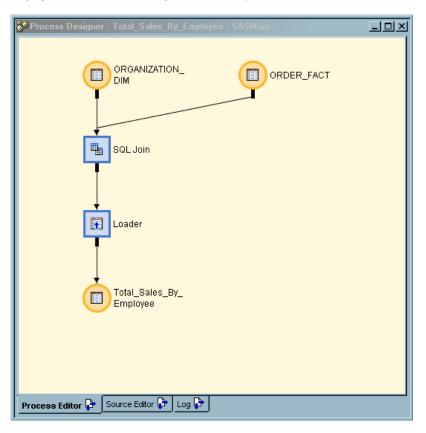
  Total\_Sales\_By\_Employee, press the TAB key, the enter the description

  Generates a report that ranks salespeople by total sales revenue.
- 3 Click Finish. An empty job will open in the Process Designer window. The job has now been created and is ready to be populated with two sources, a target, a SQL Join transformation, and a Publish to Archive transformation.
- 4 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, click the **Process** tab to display the Process Library.
- 5 In the Process Library, open the Data Transforms folder.
- 6 Click, hold, and drag the **SQL Join** transformation into the empty Process Designer window. Release the mouse button to display the SQL Join transformation template in the Process Designer window for the new job. The SQL Join transformation template is displayed with drop zones for two sources and one target, as shown in the following display.



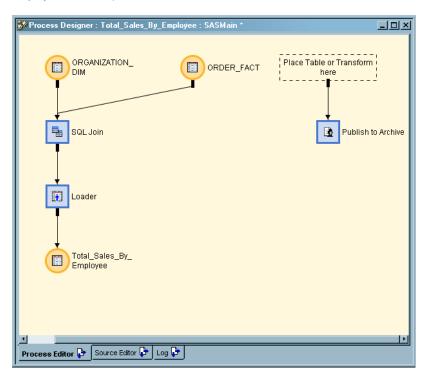
Display 10.1 The New SQL Join Transformation in the New Job

- 7 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, click the **Project** tab to display the Project tree. You will see the new job and the three tables that you checked out.
- 8 In the Project tree, click and drag the **organization\_dim** table into one of the two input drop zones in the Process Designer window, then release the mouse button. The **organization\_dim** table appears as a source in the new job.
- **9** Repeat the preceding step to identify the **ORDER\_FACT** table as the second of the two sources in the new job.
- 10 Click and drag the table **Total\_Sales\_By\_Employee** into the output drop zone in the Process Designer window. The target replaces the drop zone and a Loader transformation appears between the target and the SQL Join transformation template, as shown in the following display.



Display 10.2 Sources and Targets in the Example Job

- 11 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, click the **Process** tab to display the Process Library.
- 12 In the Process Library, open the **Publish** folder. Click and drag the **Publish to**Archive transformation into any location in the Process Designer and release the mouse button. As shown in the following display, an icon and an input drop zone appear in the Process Designer.

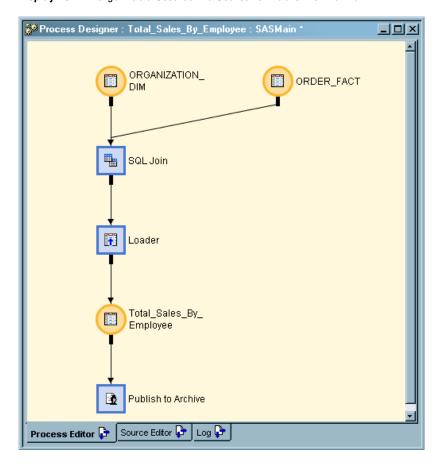


Display 10.3 Example Job with Publish to Archive

13 In the Process Designer window, click and drag the target

Total\_Sales\_By\_Employee over the input drop zone for the Publish to

Archive transformation. Release the mouse button to identify the target as the source for Publish to Archive, as shown in the following display.



Display 10.4 Target Table Used as the Source for Publish to Archive

The job now contains a complete process flow diagram, from sources, through transformations, to targets. The next task is to update the default metadata for the transformations and the target.

## **Configure the SQL Join Transformation**

The example job now contains the necessary sources, target, and transformations. Follow these steps to configure the SQL Join transformation.

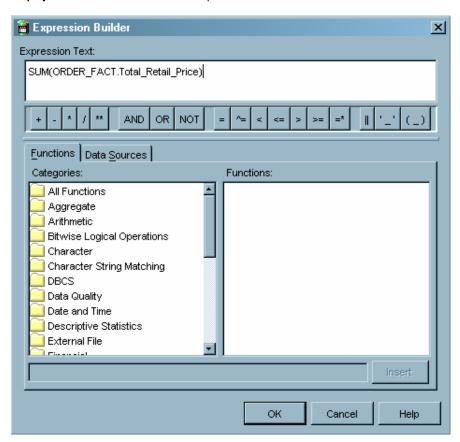
- 1 In the Process Designer window, select the **SQL Join** transformation object, then select **File** ▶ **Properties** from the menu bar. A properties window is displayed.
- 2 Click the **SQL** tab. Note that all columns from both source tables are included in the join operation by default.
- 3 Click the Mapping tab. Click the Employee\_Country column and press the DELETE key. The Employee\_Country column and mapping are removed. This column is not needed in the report.
- 4 In the target table on the right of the Mapping tab (a temporary work table), retain the Company column. Select the Department column. Press the DELETE key twice to delete the Department column and the Section column.
- 5 In the target table on the right of the Mapping tab, retain the Org\_Group column, the Job\_Title column, and the Employee\_Name column. Select the Employee Gender column. Delete the next 20 columns. Retain the

Total\_Retail\_Price column, which will be summarized to create the total revenue number for each salesperson.

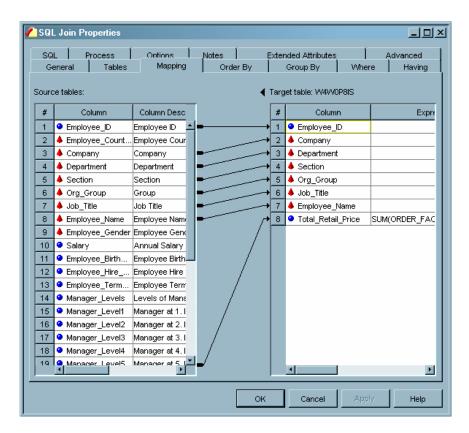
- 6 In the target table on the right of the Mapping tab, select the CostPrice\_Per\_Unit column. Delete the last two columns. The temporary target now contains only the columns that are needed in the report. Eliminating extraneous columns at this early stage maximizes the job's run-time performance.
- 7 In the target table on the right of the Mapping tab, click twice in the Expression column for Total\_Retail\_Price. Then click again in the icon that appears at the right side of the field. This action displays the Expression Builder, which will be used to enter the expression that will summarize individual sales into a total revenue number for each salesperson.
- 8 In the Expression Builder, enter the following expression and click **ok**, as shown in the following display. The Expression Builder window closes and the expression appears in the **Expression** column of the **Mapping** tab.

```
SUM(ORDER_FACT.Total_Retail_Price)
```

**Display 10.5** SUM Statement in the Expression Builder



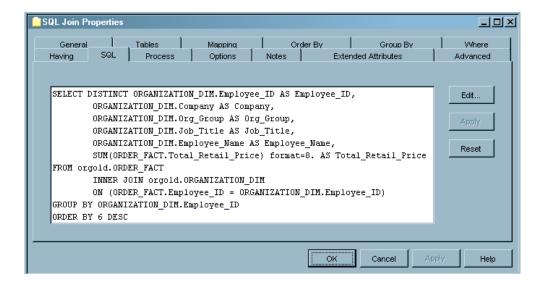
The following display shows the configuration of the Mapping tab.



Display 10.6 Mapping Source Columns in the SQL Join Transformation

9 To see how the SQL code is updated based on the contents of the Mapping tab (and other tabs in the SQL Join transformation), click the SQL tab. In the SQL code that is shown in the following display, note that the number of target columns has been reduced to six, and a SUM expression has been added for the Total\_Retail\_Price column.

**Display 10.7** SQL Code Configured Automatically



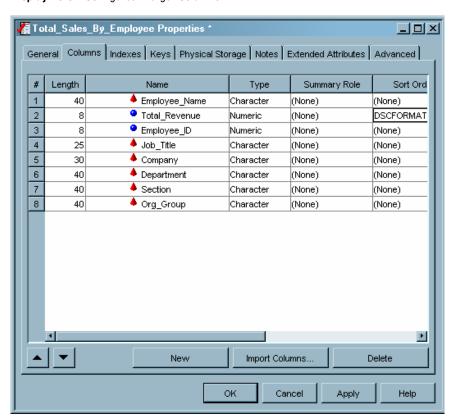
10 The SQL Join transformation is now ready. Click **o**k to save input and close the properties window.

### Configure the Columns in the Target and the Loader

In our example job, the SQL Join transformation is now ready to run. Follow these steps to configure the target table **Total Sales By Employee**.

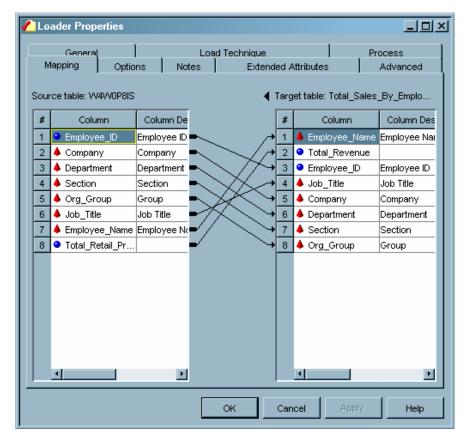
- 1 In the Process Designer window, select the target Total\_Sales\_By\_Employee, then select File ▶ Properties from the menu bar. A properties window is displayed.
- 2 In the properties window, click the Columns tab.
- 3 Click the **Total\_Retail\_Price** column. Change the name to **Total\_Revenue**. The new name is a better representation of the newly summarized data.
- 4 In the Total\_Revenue column, scroll right to display the Format column. Enter the format DOLLAR13.2 to specify the appearance of this column in the HTML output file.
- 5 In the Total\_Revenue column, click twice in the Sort column to display a pull-down icon. Click the icon and select the DSCFORMATTED option. This option sorts the rows in descending order, based on the formatted value of the Total Revenue column.
- 6 Reorder the columns by selecting the rows in the list view and clicking the up or down arrows. The end result is a column order that formats the report for easy reading, as shown in the following display. When the column order is ready, the target is ready. Click **OK** to save input and close the properties window.

Display 10.8 Configured Target Columns



- 7 In the Process Designer window, select the **Loader** transformation, then select **File** ▶ **Properties** from the menu bar. A properties window is displayed.
- 8 In the properties window, click the Mapping tab to confirm that the columns of the SQL Join transformation are correctly mapped to the columns of the target, as shown in the following display.

Display 10.9 Column Mapping in the Loader



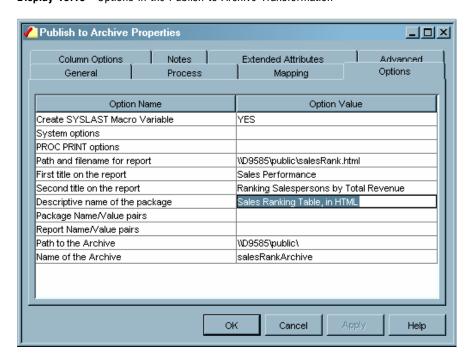
9 In the properties window, click the **Load Technique** tab. Select the **Drop Target** radio button to replace the physical table each time the job is run.

The Loader is now configured and is ready to run.

## **Configure the Publish to Archive Transformation**

The example job is now fully configured through the SQL Join and Loader transformations, and through the target table. Follow these steps to configure HTML output using the Publish to Archive transformation. The Publish to Archive transformation generates a SAS package file and an optional HTML report. The package file can be published by SAS programs that use the publishing functions in SAS Integration Technologies software.

- 1 In the Process Designer window, select the Publish to Archive transformation, then select File ▶ Properties from the menu bar. A properties window is displayed.
- 2 In the properties window, click the **Options** tab. Type in values for the fields that are shown in the following display.



Display 10.10 Options in the Publish to Archive Transformation

**3** Click **ok** to save input and close the properties window. The Publish to Archive transformation, and the entire job, are now ready to run.

#### **Run and Troubleshoot the Job**

After the metadata for a job is complete, you must submit the job for execution in order to create targets on the file system.

- 1 With the job displayed in the Process Designer window, select **Process ➤ Submit** from the menu bar. SAS ETL Studio generates code for the job and submits the code to a SAS application server. The server executes the code. A pop-up window is displayed to indicate that the job is running.
- **2** If a pop-up error message appears, or if you simply want to look at the log for the completed job, click the **Log** tab in the Process Designer window.
- 3 In the **Log** tab, scroll through the SAS log information that was generated during the execution of the job, as shown in the following display.

**Display 10.11** Log Tab with Text from the Example Job

```
Process Designer : Total_Sales_By_Employee : SASMain :
                                                              _ _ ×
  MLOGIC(CHKRC): %PUT NOTE: &function succeeded.
  NOTE: Insert Html succeeded.
  MLOGIC(CHKRC): Ending execution.
  MPRINT(PUBLISH): ;
  MLOGIC(PUBLISH): %IF condition (%quote(archiveName) eq) is FALSI
  MLOGIC(PUBLISH): %LET (variable name is PROPERTY)
  MLOGIC(PUBLISH): %LET (variable name is PUBTYPE)
  MLOGIC(PUBLISH): %SYSCALL package_publish(pid, pubType, rc, proj
  MLOGIC(CHKRC): Beginning execution.
  MLOGIC(CHKRC): Parameter FUNCTION has value Publish Package to .
  MLOGIC(CHKRC): %IF condition arc = 0 is TRUE
  MLOGIC(CHKRC): %PUT NOTE: &function succeeded.
  NOTE: Publish Package to Archive succeeded.
  MLOGIC(CHKRC): Ending execution.
  MPRINT(PUBLISH): :
  MLOGIC(PUBLISH): %SYSCALL package end(pid,rc)
  MLOGIC(CHKRC): Beginning execution.
  MLOGIC(CHKRC): Parameter FUNCTION has value Package End
  MLOGIC(CHKRC): %IF condition arc = 0 is TRUE
  MLOGIC(CHKRC): %PUT NOTE: &function succeeded.
  NOTE: Package End succeeded.
  MLOGIC(CHKRC): Ending execution.
  MPRINT(PUBLISH): ;
  MLOGIC(PUBLISH): Ending execution.
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```

The code that was executed for the job is available in the **Source Code** tab of the Process Designer window.

- 4 If you find errors in the source code for a step, select the corresponding transformation in the process flow diagram, then select **File** ▶ **Properties** from the menu bar. A properties window displays.
- **5** Correct the metadata and resubmit the job until there are no more errors.
- 6 After the job runs without error, save the job. Select **File** ▶ **Save** from the menu bar.

The next task is to verify that the job created the correct output.

## **Verify the Job's Outputs**

After the job runs without error and has been saved, you should confirm that the target(s) contain the data you need, in the format that best communicates the purpose of the target(s). In the current example, the main target table is the **Total\_Sales\_By\_Employee** table. The example job also creates an HTML report.

1 To view the data in the Total\_Sales\_By\_Employee target, select the target, then select View ▶ View Data from the menu bar. The data in the target is displayed in a View Data window, as shown in the following display.

🖺 View Data: Total\_Sales\_By\_Employee Employee Name TOTAL\_REVENUE Employee ID Job Title 1 Internet/Catalog Sales 99999999 Margitta Kleinmichel 120458 Sales Rep. II 8 Internet/Catalog Sales 99999999 9 Internet/Catalog Sales 99999999 10 Ingolf Zehetmaier Sales Rep. II 120454 11 Internet/Catalog Sales 99999999 12 Ray Abbott 121044 Sales Rep. I 13 Brienne Darrohn 121040 Sales Rep. III 14 Internet/Catalog Sales 99999999 15 Andy Forissier 120931 Sales Rep. I 16 Jacqulin Carhide 121059 Sales Rep. II 17 Ellen Raum-Deinzer 120455 Sales Rep. I 18 Internet/Catalog Sales 99999999 19 Sharryn Clarkson 120127 Sales Rep. II 20 Sharryn Clarkson 120127 Sales Rep. II 21 Richard Estachy 120932 Sales Rep. II Internet/Catalog Sales 99999999 22 23 Internet/Catalog Sales 99999999 24 Bernard Toumi. 120360 Sales Rep. I

Display 10.12 Viewing the Target

- 2 Confirm that the target contains the data you need, in the format that best communicates the purpose of the target.
- **3** To display the HTML report, open the output file. In this case, the example generated a file in the public directory on the SAS application server. The file specification is as follows:

\\D9585\public\salesRank.html

The following display shows how the example file appears in a Web browser.

Display 10.13 HTML Report Generated by the Example Job



If a target needs to be improved, change the properties of that target or the transformations that feed data to that target. If the outputs are correct, you can check in the job.

#### Check In the Job

To check in a job in the Project tree:

- 1 In the Project tree, select the repository icon.
- 2 On the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Project ➤ Check In Repository** from the menu bar. All of the objects in the project repository are checked in to the change-managed repository.

## **Example: Using Slowly Changing Dimensions**

This example shows you how to use slowly changing dimensions to capture a history of changes to the data in a table. The history of changes enables analysis.

The example joins two source tables with the SQL Join transformation and loads a target table using the SCD Type 2 Loader transformation. The target table, ORGANIZATION\_DIM, enables the analysis of trends in hiring, promotion, and salary for the employees in a company.

Historical information is maintained in the target table by retaining outdated rows alongside the current row for each record. When an existing record is updated, the existing row is closed out (no longer updated) and the new current row is added.

In this example, the SCD Type 2 Loader detects changes between existing target rows and incoming source rows. When a change is detected, the existing target row receives a new end date/time value that closes out that row. Then the new row is written into the target using the start and end date/time values from the source. The new row becomes the current row for that record.

## **Preparation**

Two source tables, ORGANIZATION and STAFF, have been loaded from transactional data into an enterprise data warehouse. These two sources will be joined using the SQL Join transformation template. The output of the SQL Join transformation becomes the input to the SCD Type 2 Loader transformation, which loads the target table ORGANIZATION\_DIM.

ORGANIZATION\_DIM has been created with the Target Designer. Initially, the table contains a combination of columns from the ORGANIZATION and STAFF tables. These columns will be changed in the course of this example to arrive at the final configuration.

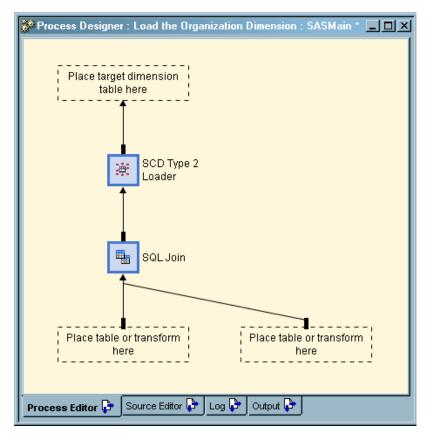
Metadata has been created for all four tables. All four tables are available for checkout from the foundation repository.

## **Create and Populate the Job**

Follow these steps to create the **Load the Organization Dimension** job and to populate that job with transformations and tables:

- 1 Start SAS ETL Studio and connect to the appropriate repository on the metadata server.
- 2 In SAS ETL Studio, in the **Shortcuts** pane, click **Process Designer** to start the New Job Wizard.
- 3 In the New Job Wizard, type the job name Load the Organization Dimension and click Finish. An empty Process Designer window is displayed.
- 4 In the tree view, click the **Process Library** tab, then expand the **Data Transforms** folder.
- 5 In the Data Transforms folder, click and drag SQL Join into the Process Designer window. The transform appears in the job with two source drop areas and one target drop area.
- 6 In the Data Transforms folder, click and drag SCD Type 2 Loader into the Process Designer. Release the mouse button when the cursor is in the target drop area of the SQL Join transformation.

**Display 10.14** Transformations Added to the Job



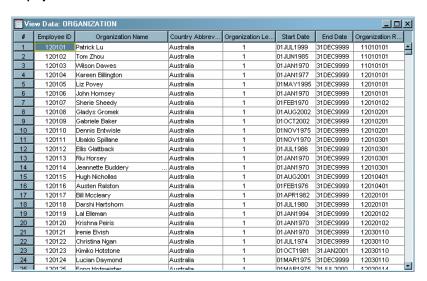
- 7 In the tree view, click the **Inventory** tab and expand the **Tables** folder.
- 8 In the **Tables** folder, select **STAFF**, **ORGANIZATION**, and **ORGANIZATION\_DIM**. Right-click and select **Change Management** ▶ **Check Out**. A check mark appears in the icons for all four tables.
- **9** In the tree view, select the **Project** tab to continue work with the checked-out tables.
- **10** In the Project tree, click and drag **STAFF** into one of the two source drop areas of the SQL Join transformation.

View Data: STAFF \_U× Employee ID Start Date End Date Employee Annual Salary Employee Gender Employee Birth Employee Job Title 1 120101 01JUL1999 31DEC9999 Direct \$163,040 18AUG1972 120102 01JUN1985 31DEC9999 Sales Manager Male 11AHG1965 31DEC9999 Sales Manager 120103 01JAN1970 \$87,975 Male 22JAN1945 31DEC9999 Administration Manager Female 5 120105 01MAY1995 31DEC9999 Secretary I \$27,110 Female 21DEC1970 6 120106 01JAN1970 31DEC9999 Office Assistant II \$26,960 Male 23DEC1940 01FEB1970 31DEC9999 Office Assistant III \$30,475 Female 21JAN1945 8 120108 01AUG2002 31DEC9999 Warehouse Assistant II \$27,660 Female 23FEB1980 01OCT2002 31DEC9999 Warehouse Assistant I 9 120109 \$26,495 Female 15DEC1982 01NOV1975 31DEC9999 Warehouse Assistant III 10 120110 20NOV1945 11 120111 01NOV1970 31DEC9999 Security Guard II \$26,895 Male 23JUL1945 12 120112 01JUL1986 31DEC9999 Security Guard I \$26,550 Female 17FEB1965 120113 13 01JAN1970 31DEC9999 Security Guard II \$26,870 Female 10MAY1940 01JAN1970 31DEC9999 Security Manager 14 120114 \$31,285 Female 08FEB1940 01AUG2001 31DEC9999 Service Assistant \$26,500 08MAY1980 16 120116 01FEB1976 31DEC9999 Service Assistant II \$29,250 Male 13JUN1955 17 120117 01APR1982 31DEC9999 Cabinet Maker III \$31,670 Male 11SEP1960 18 120118 01JUL1980 31DEC9999 Cabinet Maker II 03JUN1955 19 120119 01JAN1994 31DEC9999 Electrician IV \$30.255 Male 21DEC1965 01JAN1970 31DEC9999 Electrician II 05MAY1940 20 120120 \$27,645 Female 31DEC9999 Sales Rep. II 120121 01JAN1970 \$26,600 Female 02AUG1940 120122 01JUL1974 31DEC9999 Sales Rep. II \$27,475 Female 27JUL1950 31JAN2001 120123 120124 13MAY1955 01MAR1975 31DEC9999 Sales Rep. I \$26,480 Male

Display 10.15 Data in the STAFF Source Table

- 11 In the Project tree, click and drag **ORGANIZATION** into the second source drop area of the SQL Join transformation.
- 12 In the Project tree, click and drag **ORGANIZATION\_DIM** into the target drop area of the SCD Type 2 Loader. The job is now fully populated with tables and transformations.

**Display 10.16** Data in the ORGANIZATION Source Table



ORGANIZATION\_DIM

SCD Type 2
Loader

STAFF

SQL Join

ORGANIZATION

ORGANIZATION

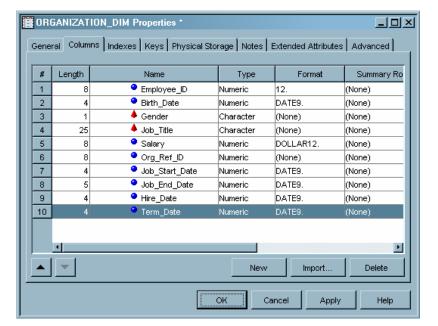
ORGANIZATION

Display 10.17 Fully Populated Job

## **Configure ORGANIZATION\_DIM**

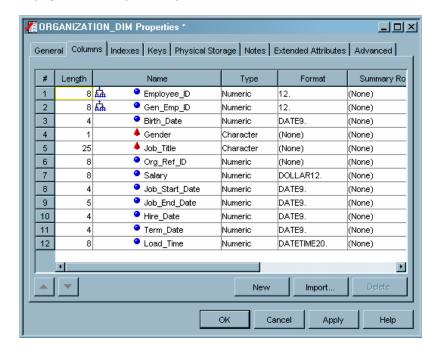
Follow these steps to configure the target table ORGANIZATION\_DIM.

- 1 In the Process Designer, double-click **ORGANIZATION\_DIM** to display its properties window.
- 2 In the properties window, click the Columns tab.
- **3** In the **Columns** tab, delete, rename, and rearrange columns to create the planned configuration.



Display 10.18 Configured Columns in ORGANIZATION\_DIM

- 4 ORGANIZATION\_DIM needs two new columns to meet business requirements. To add the first column, click **Term\_Date** and click **New**. A new untitled column appears beneath Term\_Date.
- 5 Replace the default name of the new column with the name **Load\_Time**. This column will contain the date and time that each row was physically loaded into ORGANIZATION\_DIM. This data will be provided by the SCD Type 2 Loader.
- 6 In the properties window of ORGANIZATION\_DIM, in the row for Load\_Time, double-click the Type column and select Numeric.
- 7 In the row for Load\_Time, double-click the Format column and type DATETIME20., which is a numeric format.
- 8 To add the other new column, click <code>Employee\_ID</code> and click <code>New</code> to display a new untitled column. Replace the default column name with the name <code>Gen\_Emp\_ID</code>. This column will be added to the primary key of ORGANIZATION\_DIM to isolate the dimension table from possible duplication of values in the business key column <code>Employee\_ID</code>. Later in this example, the SCD Type 2 Loader will be configured to generate key numbers.
- 9 Press the TAB key twice, then double click and select the Numeric data type.
- 10 Press the TAB key once, then click and type 12., which is a numeric format.



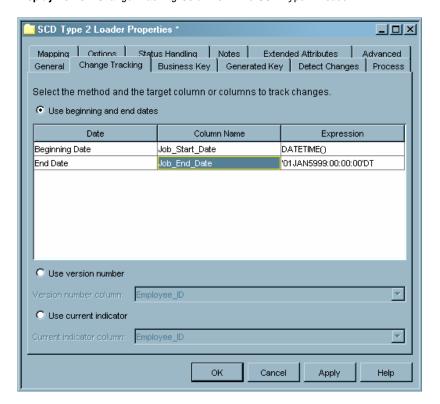
Display 10.19 Configured Target Table ORGANIZATION\_DIM

11 Click **ok** to save changes and close the properties window.

#### **Configure the SCD Type 2 Loader**

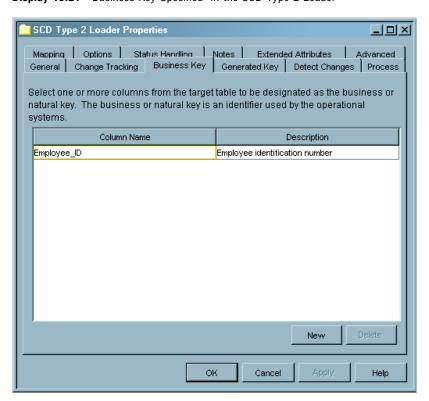
Follow these steps to specify change tracking columns, specify the business key column, add new columns for load time and generated key:

- 1 In the Process Designer, double-click the SCD Type 2 Loader to display its properties window.
- 2 In the properties window, click the Change Tracking tab.
- 3 In the Change Tracking tab, click and hold on Employee\_ID. Drag down to select the new begin date/time column Job Start Date.
- 4 Click, hold, and drag on Load Time. Select the new end date/time column Job End Date.



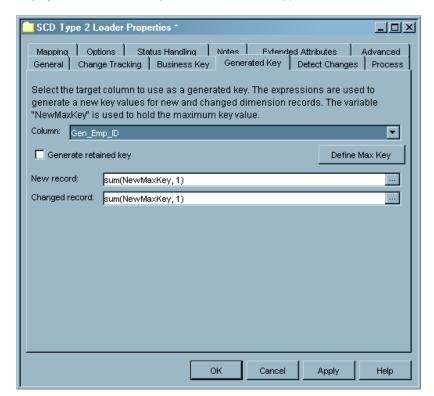
Display 10.20 Change Tracking Columns in the SCD Type 2 Loader

- 5 Click Apply and click the Business Key tab.
- 6 In the Business Key tab, click New to display the ORGANIZATION\_DIM Columns window.
- 7 In the Columns window, click Employee\_ID, then click OK to return to the Business Key tab.



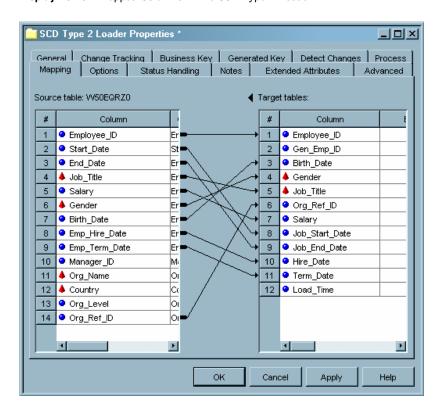
Display 10.21 Business Key Specified in the SCD Type 2 Loader

- 8 In the Business Key tab, click Apply to save changes and click the Options tab.
- 9 In the Options tab, click in the field to the right of Load Time Column. Type the column name Load\_Time.
- 10 Click Apply, then click the Generated Key tab.
- 11 In the Generated Key tab, click the down arrow to open the pull-down menu and select the column Gen\_Emp\_ID.



Display 10.22 Generated Key Definition in the SCD Type 2 Loader

- 12 Click Apply, then click the Mapping tab.
- 13 In the Mapping tab, click and drag between columns to create new mappings, as shown in the following display.



Display 10.23 Mapped Columns in the SCD Type 2 Loader

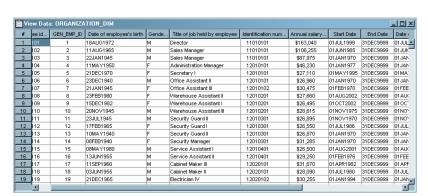
14 Click **ok** to save changes and close the properties window.

#### **Run the Job and View the Results**

The job is now fully configured and is ready to run. In the Process Designer, right-click and select **Save**. Then right-click and select **Submit**.

If job execution terminates due to errors, click the **Log** tab, locate the error, resolve the error in the Process Editor, and submit the job again.

To view the results of the job, click the **Process Editor** tab, right-click **ORGANIZATION DIM**, and select **View Data**.



**Display 10.24** Data in ORGANIZATION\_DIM

#### **Check In the Job**

To check in a job in the Project tree:

- 1 In the Project tree, select the repository icon.
- 2 On the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Project ➤ Check In Repository** from the menu bar. All of the objects in the project repository are checked in to the change-managed repository.

## **Example: Using a SAS Code Transformation Template in a Job**

This example demonstrates how a user-written SAS code transformation template can be used in a job. This example is based on the PrintHittingStatistics template that is described in "Example: Creating a SAS Code Transformation Template" on page 120.

#### **Preparation**

Assume the following about the job in the current example:

□ A data warehouse project plan identified the need for a report that displays hitting statistics for baseball teams. The following display shows the kind of output that is desired.

Display 10.25 Example Hitting Report

Tigers Hitting Statistics 2002 13:29 Monday, November 3, 2003 Obs Name G AB HR RBI 548 1 Smithy Jones 158 26 100 Gary Troy 135 492 25 2 84 3 Rafael Fernando 154 636 8 47 4 Andy Hitfield 154 560 35 94 Vinny Toredo 12 143 543 61 === 106

□ The input for the report is a table that contains batting statistics for a baseball team. The columns in the source table are assumed to be similar to the columns shown in the following display.

Display 10.26 Contents of Table: TigersHitting2002

<b>₩</b> Vi	₩ View Data: TigersHitting2002											
#	NAME	G	AB	R	Н	VAR1	VAR2	HR	TB	RBI	BB	so
1	Smithy Jones	158	548	90	179	35	1	26	294	100	107	89
2	Gary Troy	135	492	82	151	26	0	25	252	84	72	53
3	Rafael Fernando	154	636	95	175	31	8	8	246	47	43	114
4	Andy Hitfield	154	560	91	148	34	0	35	287	94	83	135
5	Vinny Toredo	143	543	56	126	23	2	12	189	61	22	69

□ Metadata for the source table, a SAS data set called TigersHitting2002, is available in a current metadata repository.

- □ The report will be produced by a SAS ETL Studio job, using the PrintHittingStatistics transformation template. The template has already been created as described in "Example: Creating a SAS Code Transformation Template" on page 120. Usage details for the template have been documented, as described in "Document Any Usage Details for the Template" on page 127.
- □ Output for the report will be sent to the **Output** tab of the Process Designer window. The appropriate option must be set so that the **Output** tab appears in the Process Designer window. For details, see "Process Designer Window" on page 105.
- □ The main metadata repository is under change-management control.
- □ You have selected a default SAS application server for SAS ETL Studio.

#### Start SAS ETL Studio and Open the Appropriate Metadata Profile

Perform the following steps to begin work in SAS ETL Studio:

- 1 Start SAS ETL Studio..
- 2 Open the appropriate metadata profile. For this example, the appropriate metadata profile would specify the project repository that will enable you to access the PrintHittingStatistics transformation template and the metadata for the required source, TigersHitting2002.

### **Check Out Any Metadata That Is Needed**

To add a source or a target to a job, the metadata for the source or target must be defined and available in the Project tree. In the current example, assume that the metadata for the relevant source must be checked out. The following steps would be required:

- 1 On the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select the Inventory tree.
- 2 In the Inventory tree, open the Tables folder.
- 3 Select the source table that you want to add to the new job: TigersHitting2002.
- 4 Select **Project** ▶ **Check Out** from the menu bar. The metadata for this table will be checked out and will appear in the Project tree.

The next task is to create and populate the job.

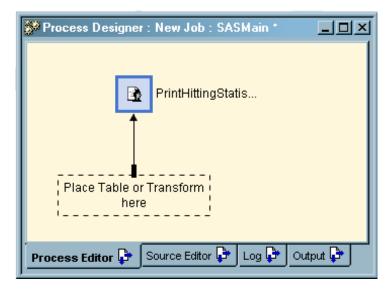
## **Create and Populate the New Job**

With the relevant source checked out in the Project tree, follow these steps to create a complete process flow diagram, from sources, through transformations, to targets.

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Tools** ▶ **Process Designer** from the menu bar. The New Job wizard is displayed.
- 2 Enter a name and description for the job. Type the name PrintHittingStats Job, press the TAB key, the enter the description Generates a report that prints hitting statistics for a baseball team.
- 3 Click <u>Finish</u>. An empty job will open in the Process Designer window. The job has now been created and is ready to be populated with the PrintHittingStatistics transformation template and the source table, TigersHitting2002.
- **4** From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, click the **Process** tab to display the Process Library.
- 5 In the Process Library, open the **UserDefined** folder and the **Reports** subfolder.

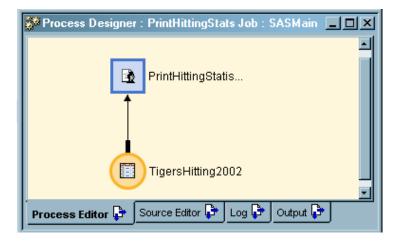
6 Click, hold, and drag the **PrintHittingStatistics** transformation into the empty Process Designer window. Release the mouse button to display the template in the Process Designer window for the new job, as shown in the following display.

Display 10.27 PrintHittingStatistics Template, Unpopulated



- 7 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, click the **Project** tab to display the Project tree. You will see the new job and the source table that you checked out, TigersHitting2002.
- 8 In the Project tree, click and drag the **TigersHitting2002** table into the drop zone (dashed-line box) in the Process Designer window, then release the mouse button. The **TigersHitting2002** table appears as a source in the new job.
- 9 Click and drag the **Total\_Sales\_By\_Employee** table into the output drop zone in the Process Designer window. The target replaces the drop zone and a Loader transformation appears between the target and the SQL Join transformation template, as shown in the following display.

Display 10.28 PrintHittingStatistics Template, Populated



The job now contains a complete process flow diagram, from the source through the transformation. No target is required in the process flow diagram because output for the job will be sent to the **Output** tab of the Process Designer window.

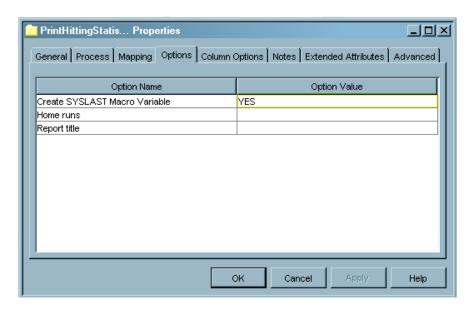
The next task is to update the default metadata in the process flow diagram.

### **Update the Template as Necessary**

The example job now contains a complete process flow diagram. The job is not ready to run, however. In order to produce the report that is shown in Display 10.25 on page 155, a title must be specified, a set of columns must be selected from the source, and the sum of the values in the **hr** column must be calculated. It is assumed that the steps for doing these tasks have been documented by the person who created the PrintHittingStatistics template.

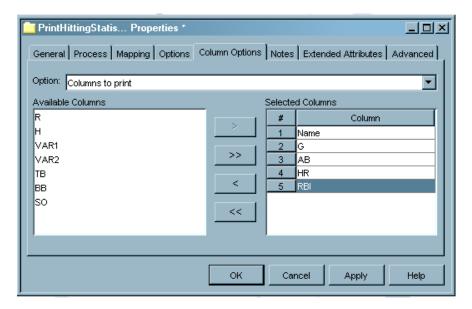
Follow these steps to update the transformation in the process flow diagram:

- 1 In the Process Designer window, select the PrintHittingStatistics transformation, then select File ▶ Properties from the menu bar. A properties window is displayed.
- 2 Click the **Options** tab. The default options for the **PrintHittingStatistics** transformation are shown in the following display.



Display 10.29 Options Tab, PrintHittingStatistics Properties Window

- 3 In the Home runs field, enter the name of the source table column that contains home run values. In Display 10.26 on page 155, this is the HR column.
- 4 In the Report title field, enter a name for the report, such as Tigers Hitting Statistics 2002.
- 5 Click the **Column Options** tab. Use this tab to select columns from the source table that should appear in the report. For the report that is shown in Display 10.25 on page 155, select the columns **Name**, **G**, **AB**, **HR**, and **RBI**. When you are finished, the **Column Options** tab should look similar to the following display.



Display 10.30 Column Options Tab, PrintHittingStatistics Properties Window

**6** When you are finished entering metadata, click  $\overline{OK}$  to save your changes. The job is now ready to run.

#### **Run and Troubleshoot the Job**

After the metadata for a job is complete, you must submit the job for execution in order to create targets on the file system.

- 1 With the job displayed in the Process Designer window, select **Process ➤ Submit** from the menu bar. SAS ETL Studio generates code for the job and submits the code to a SAS application server.
- 2 If a pop-up error message appears, or if you simply want to look at the log for the completed job, click the **Log** tab in the Process Designer window.
- 3 In the **Log** tab, scroll through the SAS log information that was generated during the execution of the job, as shown in the following display.

Display 10.31 Log Tab with Text from the Example Job

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🧩 Process Designer : PrintHittingStats Job : SASMain
                                                                        •
   13
   14
               * Name: PrintHittingStatis...
   15
               * Description: Print a baseball team's hitting statistics
               * Generated: Tue Nov 04 15:22:02 EST 2003
   17
   18
   19
              %let HomeRuns=HR:
   20
              %let ColumnsToPrint=Name G AB HR RBI ;
   21
              %let ReportTitle=Tigers Hitting Statistics 2002;
   22
   23
   24
              PROC PRINT DATA = @SYSLAST;
   25
                   SUM &HomeRuns;
   26
                    VAR &ColumnsToPrint;
   27
                   Title "@ReportTitle";
              RIIN:
                              Log 🗗 Output 🗗
 Process Editor 🗗 Source Editor 🗗
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The code that was executed for the job is available in the **Source Editor** tab of the Process Designer window.

- 4 If you find errors in the source code for a step, select the corresponding transformation in the process flow diagram, then select **File** ▶ **Properties** from the menu bar. A properties window displays.
- 5 Correct the metadata and resubmit the job until there are no more errors.
- 6 After the job runs without error, save the job. Select **File** ▶ **Save** from the menu bar.

The next task is to verify that the job created the correct output.

## **Verify the Job's Outputs**

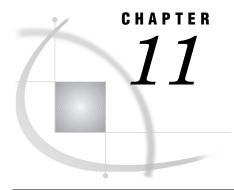
After the job runs without error and has been saved, you should confirm that the target(s) contain the data you need, in the format that best communicates the purpose of the targets. In the current example, the output is sent to the **Output** tab of the Process Designer window. When you click that tab, a report similar to the one shown in Display 10.25 on page 155 should be displayed.

If the report needs to be improved, change the properties of the transformation that feeds data to the report. If the outputs are correct, you can check in the job.

#### **Check In the Job**

To check in a job in the Project tree:

- 1 In the Project tree, select the repository icon.
- 2 On the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Project ► Check In Repository** from the menu bar. All of the objects in the project repository are checked in to the change-managed repository.



# **Creating Cubes**

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### **Overview of Cubes**

A cube is a logical set of data that is organized and structured in a hierarchical, multidimensional arrangement. It is a data store that supports online analytical processing (OLAP).

When you define a cube, you define the dimensions and measures for the cube along with information about how aggregations should be created and stored. There are two main ways to create a SAS cube:

□ Use the Cube Designer wizard in SAS ETL Studio or SAS OLAP Cube Studio to define and create the cube. The Cube Designer generates a long form of OLAP procedure code that stores the cube definition in a metadata repository. If you

- specify the appropriate option, the wizard can submit a shorter form of OLAP procedure code to create the cube on the file system.
- □ Use the SAS OLAP procedure to create a cube. You can submit the OLAP procedure code interactively (using the Source Editor window in SAS ETL Studio or another SAS Program Editor), or you can submit the code in batch mode. The code stores the cube definition in a metadata repository, then creates the specified cube on the file system.

#### **General Tasks for Cubes**

#### **Prerequisites for Cubes**

A cube can be quite complex. Accordingly, someone who is familiar with OLAP design and the business goals for a particular cube should design the cube before you create it. For details about the design and structure of a cube, see the SAS OLAP Server Administrator's Guide.

The metadata for the source tables that supply information to the cube must be available from a metadata repository. For examples of the kind of tables that can serve as inputs to a cube, see "What Are the Time and Place Dependencies of Product Sales?" on page 32.

The Cube Designer wizard does not require a connection to a SAS OLAP Server, but it does require an OLAP schema, a metadata object that is used to control access to a group of cubes. Accordingly, before using the Cube Designer in SAS ETL Studio, it is recommended that administrators perform the following tasks:

- □ Install a SAS OLAP Server.
- □ Add metadata for the SAS OLAP Server. (You can specify the SAS OLAP Server as one component of the default SAS application server for SAS ETL Studio.)
- □ Define an OLAP schema and assign the SAS OLAP Server to the schema.

For details about these tasks, see the SAS OLAP Server Administrator's Guide.

## **Working under Change-Management Control**

Unless your user profile includes administrative privileges, you will be working under change-management control. For a general description of how change management affects user tasks in SAS ETL Studio, see "Working with Change Management" on page 64.

When working with cubes in SAS ETL Studio, the main impacts of change management are as follows:

- 1 To update an existing cube, you must check out the cube.
- **2** Metadata for a new cube is added to the Project tree. At some point, you must check in new objects to the change-managed repository.

## Using the Cube Designer to Create a Cube

Assume that the prerequisites that are described in "Prerequisites for Cubes" on page 162 have been met. The general steps for using the Cube Designer wizard to add a cube are as follows.

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Tools** ▶ **Target Designer** from the menu bar. The Target Designer selection window is displayed.
- 2 Select the Cube Designer and click Next.
- **3** Enter other metadata as prompted by the wizard.

For an example of how the Cube Designer can be used, see "Example: Building a Cube from a Star Schema" on page 164. For an alternative, see "Example: Using the Source Editor to Submit User-Written Code for a Cube" on page 172.

### **Viewing the Data in a Cube**

You cannot view the contents of a cube in SAS ETL Studio. You can use Microsoft Excel or SAS Enterprise Guide to view the data in a cube. For details, see the SAS OLAP Server Administrator's Guide.

### **Updating a Cube or Its Metadata**

After a cube is built on the file system, you can update its metadata or the cube itself. The properties window for a cube enables you to view or update some of its basic metadata. The basic metadata includes a descriptive name for the cube's metadata object, metadata for the user who is responsible for the cube, and a read-only table that shows the cube's structure. To update other cube metadata, or to update the physical cube, you must use the Cube Designer wizard.

Perform the following steps to update the metadata for a cube or to update the cube itself. The cube is assumed to be under change management control.

- 1 On the SAS ETL Studio desktop, display the Inventory tree.
- 2 In the Inventory tree, open the **OLAP** folder.
- 3 Select the cube to be updated, then select **Project ▶ Check Out**. The metadata for the cube is checked out. A check mark is displayed next to the cube in the Inventory tree. An icon indicating a checked-out cube appears in the Project tree.
- 4 Display the Project tree, right-click the cube, then select the appropriate option from the pop-up menu.

Note that you must display the cube from the Project tree in order to update it. Displaying the cube from the Inventory tree enables browsing only.

The options that you can select from the pop-up menu include the following:

Properties	The properties window displays information about the cube and
	includes the following tabs:

General	The General tab displays the cube's name and
	description. It also lists users who have been
	assigned either owner or administrator
	responsibility for the cube.

Extended	The Extended attributes tab displays site-defined
attributes	metadata that is not part of the standard
	metadata for cube. You can enter attribute

information on this tab.

Advanced The Advanced tab displays the metadata information registered for the selected cube in the active metadata repository. The information

on the Advanced tab is read-only.

Structure The Structure tab displays the cube structure. It

has a standard navigational tree structure on the left side and a blank window on the right side. The navigational tree contains folders that represent the components in the selected cube, such as dimensions, hierarchies, measures, and aggregations. The information on the Structure

tab is read-only.

Create The selected cube metadata is re-read and the cube is re-created.

The existing cube is overwritten.

Edit cube The Cube Designer is displayed. You can then step through the

structure Cube Designer windows to edit the metadata for the cube.

Manual Tuning You can add new aggregations, modify user-defined aggregations,

and delete aggregations for the cube from the Manual Tuning

window.

Save PROC The PROC OLAP code that is used to create the selected cube is OLAP code saved in a text file. In the Path field on this window, enter a fully

saved in a text file. In the Path field on this window, enter a fully qualified path to the location of a text file. For example, you might

enter

c:\finance\_code.txt

for a cube that contains financial data.

Delete The cube metadata is deleted.

Group You can specify a user-defined group for a selected object. The Select

Group window allows you to select the user-defined group into which

the current object should be placed.

Refresh The cube metadata is re-read, and the cube is updated.

### **Example: Building a Cube from a Star Schema**

This example demonstrates how to use the Cube Designer to create a cube that is based on a star schema. The example is based on the scenario that is described in "What Are the Time and Place Dependencies of Product Sales?" on page 32.

### **Preparation**

For the current example, assume that the following statements are true:

- □ A warehouse project plan identified the need for a SAS cube to support OLAP reporting.
- □ The cube will be based on a star schema in which ORDER\_FACT is the central fact table, and CUSTOMER\_DIM, GEOGRAPHY\_DIM, ORGANIZATION\_DIM, and TIME\_DIM are the dimension tables. For details about this star schema, see "Identifying Targets" on page 34.
- ☐ The star schema has already been created, and metadata for the star schema has already been added to a metadata repository.

- □ The metadata repository is under change management control. For details about cubes and change management, see "Working with Change Management" on page 64.
- □ The prerequisites that are described in "Prerequisites for Cubes" on page 162 have been met.

### Start SAS ETL Studio and Open the Appropriate Metadata Profile

Perform the following steps to begin work in SAS ETL Studio:

- 1 Start SAS ETL Studio as described in "Start SAS ETL Studio" on page 56.
- 2 Open the appropriate metadata profile as described in "Open a Metadata Profile" on page 58. For this example, the appropriate metadata profile would specify the project repository that will enable you to access metadata about the star schema.

You do not need to check out the star schema in order to specify it as the input to the cube. Accordingly, the next task is to display the Cube Designer and enter metadata as prompted by the wizard.

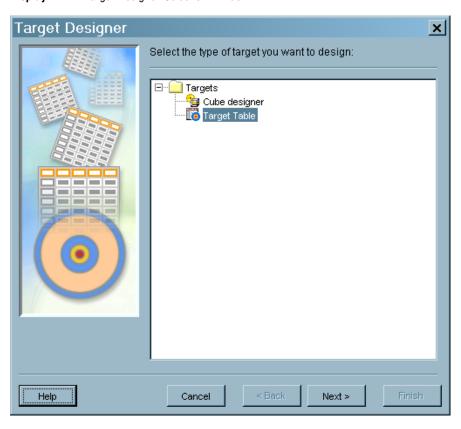
#### **Use the Cube Designer**

Perform these steps to create a cube using the Cube Designer. For details about the fields in each window, click the Help button.

#### **Display the Cube Designer**

Perform these steps to display the Cube Designer:

1 From the menu bar on the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Tools** ▶ **Target Designer**. The Target Designer selection window is displayed.



Display 11.1 Target Designer Selection Window

2 Select the **Cube Designer** icon and click <u>Next</u>. The Cube Designer is displayed. The next task is to enter general information about the cube.

#### **Enter General Information**

In the General window, enter the following information:

- □ Cube Name
- □ Description
- □ Repository
- □ OLAP Schema
- □ Path (physical path where the cube will be stored)
- □ Input Type.

For input type, select **Star Schema**. Click Next when finished The next task is to select the input for the cube.

#### **Select Input for the Cube**

In the Input window, select a data source for your cube. For this example, select the **ORDER\_FACT** table, which is the central fact table for a star schema. (If a source table does not exist for your data, you can select **Define Table**, and then define the source from which you will import metadata.)

*Note:* If the cube is built from a star schema, then the keys that link the dimension table and the fact table are also defined by using the DIMKEY= and FACTKEY= options. See the SAS OLAP Server Administrator's Guide for further information.  $\triangle$ 

Click Next when finished. The next task is to select a table for drill-through reporting.

### **Select a Table for Drill-Through Reporting**

In the Drill-Through window, determine whether you will have a drill-through table. In this example, you will not use a drill-through table, so you can select the option No table for Drill-Through.

Click Next when finished. The next task is to define dimensions, hierarchies, and levels for the cube.

#### D

efi	ine Dimensions, Hierarchies, and Levels
1	In the Dimension Tables window, select dimension tables that are associated with the ORDER_FACT star schema that you specified as the data source for the cube. For this example, select the following tables:
	□ CUSTOMER_DIM
	□ GEOGRAPHY_DIM
	□ ORGANIZATION_DIM
	$\Box$ TIME_DIM.
2	Now that your basic metadata server and cube information has been entered, define the different dimensions and their respective levels and hierarchies. This example cube has these dimensions and levels:
	□ Time
	□ Year_ID
	□ Quarter
	□ Month_Name
	□ Week_Name
	□ Date_ID.

For the Time dimension, the following star schema information is also included:

Table	TIME_DIM
Key	Date_ID
Fact Key	Order_Date

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Customers	ł

- $\Box$  Customer\_Name
- $\Box$  Customer\_Age
- □ Customer\_Gender
- □ Customer\_Group
- $\Box$  Customer\_Type.

For the Customers dimension, the following star schema information is also included:

Table	CUSTOMER_DIM
Key	Customer_Id
Fact Key	$Customer_Id$

#### □ Geography

- $\Box$  Continent\_Name
- □ Country
- □ State
- □ Region
- □ Province
- □ County
- $\Box$  City.

For the Geography dimension, the following star schema information is also included:

Table	GEOGRAPHY_DIM
Key	Street_Id
Fact Key	Street_Id

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- □ Employee\_Name
- $\quad \Box \quad Job\_Title$
- □ Salary
- □ Gender

Company
Department
Org_Group
Section.

For the Organization dimension, the following star schema information is also included:

Table	ORGANIZATION_DIM
Key	Employee_Id
Fact Key	Employee_Id

Define the dimensions for the cube. For each dimension, you define the dimension, its levels, and its hierarchies.

	At the Dimensions window, select the <b>Add</b> button. This opens the Dimension Designer—General window. Enter the following information:		
	Dimension name		
	Caption		
	Description		
	Type of dimension (standard or time)		
	Sort order.		
need Dim	en you define the dimensions for a cube based on a star schema, you will to provide additional information about the dimensions in the ension Designer—General window. On the Star Schema Dimension es Definition panel, enter the following information:		
	Table		
	Key		
	Fact Key		
	Data Set Options.		
Select the necessary dimension levels at the Dimension Designer—Levels window.			
Define properties such as format, time type, and sort order at the Dimension Designer—Level Properties window.			
	ne hierarchies for the levels at the Dimension Designer—Define a carchy window.		
Rep	eat this task for each dimension.		

Click Next when finished. The next task is to specify measures (columns) for the cube.

there can be only one time-specific dimension.  $\triangle$ 

*Note:* You use the DIMENSION, HIERARCHY, and LEVEL statements here. For time-specific levels in a dimension, the LEVEL statement is required. Also,

### **Specify Measures (Columns) and Measure Details**

1	In the <b>Selected Measures</b> window, select the following columns and associated		
	Sum statistics:		
	□ Total_Retail_Price /Sum		
□ Quantity /Sum			
□ CostPrice_Per_Unit /Sum			
	□ Discount /Sum.		
2	Specify detail information for the measures. In the Measure Details window, enter		
	any necessary information for the different measures:		
	□ Caption		
	□ Format		
	□ Units		
	□ Description.		
	For the measure Total_Retail_Price, enter a format value of DOLLAR12.2. For the measure CostPrice_Per_Unit, enter a format value of DOLLAR10.2.		

Click  $\boxed{\text{Next}}$  when finished. The next task is to specify member property information for the levels in the cube.

### **Specify Member Properties**

1	In the Member Property window, select the Add button to create a new member
	property. In the Define a Member Property window, enter the following
	information about the member property:

	N	an	ne
--	---	----	----

- □ Level
- $\Box$  Column
- □ Format
- □ Caption
- □ Description
- $\Box$  Selected Hierarchies.

In this example, the following member properties are created:

Property Name	Level	Column	Caption	Selected Hierarchy
WeekDay_Number_US	date	weekday_no	US WeekDay Number	
WeekDay_Number_EU	date	weekday_eu	EU WeekDay Number	
Week_Number_EU	week_name	week_no	EU Week Number	YWD
Month_Number	month_name	month_no	Month	YMD
			Number	
Month_Number	month_name	month_no	Month	YQMD
			Number	
Holiday_US	date	Holiday_US	US	
			Holidays	

Click Next when finished. The next task is to specify aggregations for the cube.

#### **Specify Aggregations**

Aggregations are summaries of detailed data that is stored with a cube or referred by a cube. They can help reduce the build time that is required for the cube and contribute to faster query response.

1	In the Generated Aggregations window, select the Add button to specify
	aggregations and associated levels. Order the levels for the aggregations to follow
	the hierarchy drill path. The aggregations include the following:

□ RegionalCustomerUs
----------------------

- $\square$  QuarterlyCustomerUse
- □ YearlyCustomerUse
- □ WorldwideStaff
- □ WorldwideSalaries.

*Note:* When you create cubes in the Cube Designer, a default aggregation, which is the NWAY aggregation, is automatically created and listed in the Generated Aggregations window.  $\triangle$ 

Click Next when finished. The next task is to review the metadata that you have entered and create the cube.

#### **Create the Cube**

In the Finish window, select whether you want the cube to be physically created after the metadata is saved. When you click **Finish**, the metadata for the cube is always saved.

If you select **Save the metadata and create the cube**, the short form of the OLAP procedure code is generated along with the necessary LIBNAME statements, and the code is submitted to a SAS application server. You can also select whether to save the OLAP procedure code that is generated. At the Save PROC OLAP Code window, enter the file location where you want to save the resulting code.

If the cube you created is processed successfully and a cube is built, the cube will appear in the Project tree.

*Note*: When a SAS OLAP cube is created, a directory for that cube is also created. This directory is assigned the same name as the cube, but in uppercase letters.  $\triangle$  For example, when you save a cube in

c:\olapcubes

and name the cube

Campaigns

the cube is saved in the directory

c:\olapcubes\CAMPAIGNS

#### Check In the Cube

Under change management, new metadata objects are added to the Project tree on the SAS ETL Studio desktop. You must check in the new table metadata in order to save it to the change-managed repository.

- 1 In the Project tree, select the repository icon (such as *Project: etlUser1*).
- 2 From the menu bar on the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Project ▶ Check In Repository**.

All metadata objects in the project repository will be checked in to the change-managed repository. The new objects will be visible in the Inventory tree.

# Example: Using the Source Editor to Submit User-Written Code for a Cube

This example demonstrates how to use the Source Editor window in SAS ETL Studio to submit user-written OLAP procedure code. The code will store the cube definition in a project repository, then create the specified cube on the file system. You must then run SAS ETL Studio and check in the new cube, just as you would if you had used the Cube Designer to create the cube. The content and structure of the cube is the same as the cube that is described in "Example: Building a Cube from a Star Schema" on page 164.

#### **Preparation**

For this example, assume that the following statements are true:

- □ A warehouse project plan identified the need for a SAS cube to support OLAP reporting.
- □ The cube will be based on a star schema in which ORDER\_FACT is the central fact table, and CUSTOMER\_DIM, GEOGRAPHY\_DIM, ORGANIZATION\_DIM, and TIME\_DIM are the dimension tables. For details about this star schema, see "Identifying Targets" on page 34.
- ☐ The star schema has already been created, and metadata for the star schema has already been added to a metadata repository.
- ☐ The metadata repository is under change-management control. For details about cubes and change management, see "Working under Change-Management Control" on page 162.
- □ The prerequisites that are described in "Prerequisites for Cubes" on page 162 have been met.

#### Write the Code

Use the SAS OLAP procedure to write a program that will store the cube definition in a project repository, then create the specified cube on the file system. Here is an example program:

```
proc olap cube=Star
path=c:\cubes
fact=olapsio.ordfact
metasvr host=localhost
port=9999t
protocol=bridge
userid=userid
pw=pw
repository=Project:etlUser1
olap schema=OLAP Schema
```

```
dimension Time hierarchies=(YWD YMD YQMD) type=time
           dimtbl=olapsio.timedim dimkey=date ID factkey=order date
hierarchy YWD caption="Year-Week-Day"
           levels=(Year ID Week Name Date ID );
hierarchy YMD caption="Year-Month-Day"
           levels=(Year ID Month Name Date ID);
hierarchy YQMD caption="Year-Quarter-Month-Day"
           levels=(Year ID Quarter Month name Date ID);
level year ID
                   type=year;
level quarter
                   type=quarters;
level month name
                 type=months;
level week name
                  type=weeks;
level date ID
                   type=days;
property WeekDay_Number_US caption="US WeekDay Number" column=weekday_no
level=date;
property WeekDay Number EU caption="EU WeekDay Number" column=weekday eu
level=date;
property Week Number EU
                            caption="EU Week Number"
                                                       column=week no
hierarchy=YWD level=week_name;
property Month Number
                           caption="Month Number"
                                                       column=month no
hierarchy=YMD level=month_name;
property Month Number
                           caption="Month Number"
                                                       column=month no
hierarchy=YQMD level=month name;
property Holidays US caption="US Holidays"
                                                       column=Holiday us
level=date;
dimension Customers hierarchies=(PersonalData CompanyUsage)
            dimtbl=olapsio.custdim dimkey=customer id factkey=customer id;
hierarchy PersonalData levels=(Customer Name Customer Age Customer Gender);
hierarchy CompanyUsage
            empty char= missing
            levels=(Customer Group Customer Type);
dimension Geography hierarchies=(Geography)
           dimtbl=olapsio.geogdim dimkey=street id factkey=street id;
hierarchy Geography
           empty char= missing
           levels=(Continent Name Country State Region Province County City)
dimension Organization hierarchies=(PersonalStats Organization)
           dimtbl=olapsio.orgdim dimkey=employee id factkey=employee id;
 hierarchy PersonalStats levels=(Employee_name Job_Title Salary Gender);
 hierarchy Organization
           empty char= missing
           levels=(Company Department Org_Group Section Job_Title);
MEASURE DiscountSUM STAT=SUM COLUMN=Discount;
MEASURE CostPrice Per UnitSUM STAT=SUM COLUMN=CostPrice Per Unit
```

```
FORMAT=DOLLAR10.2
MEASURE QuantitySUM STAT=SUM COLUMN=Quantity
          CAPTION='Sum of Quantity'
MEASURE Total Retail PriceSUM STAT=SUM COLUMN=Total Retail Price
          FORMAT=DOLLAR12.2
AGGREGATION Continent Name Country State Region Customer Group Customer Type
             / NAME='RegionalCustomerUse'
AGGREGATION Year Quarter Customer Group Customer Type
             / NAME='QuarterlyCustomerUse'
AGGREGATION Year Customer Group Customer Type
              / NAME='YearlyCustomerUse'
AGGREGATION Continent Name Country State Region Province Company Department
               Org Group Section
              / NAME='WorldwideStaff'
AGGREGATION Continent Name Country State Region Province Employee Name
              Job_Title Salary
              / NAME='WorldwideSalaries'
run;
```

For details about the OLAP procedure, see the SAS OLAP Server Administrator's Guide.

#### **Submit the Code**

Perform these steps to submit your SAS code to the Source Editor window in SAS ETL Studio:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Tools** ▶ **Source Editor** from the menu bar. The Source Editor window is displayed.
- 2 Paste the SAS code for the cube into the Source Editor window.
- **3** To submit the code, select **Editor** ▶ **Submit** from the menu bar. The code is submitted to the default SAS application server.
- 4 After the code has completed execution, use the **Log** tab on the Source Editor window to view any messages, statistics, warnings, or errors. If you find errors, edit and resubmit the code until the code runs successfully.

In the current example, when the code is successful, it will write the cube to the specified project repository. The next task is to run SAS ETL Studio and check in the cube to the change-managed repository (just as you would if you used the Cube Designer to create a new cube).

#### Check In the Cube

Under change management, new metadata objects are added to the Project tree on the SAS ETL Studio desktop. You must check in the new table metadata in order to save it to the change-managed repository. Perform these steps to check-in a cube:

- 1 Run SAS ETL Studio and open the metadata profile that specifies the project repository where the new cube was added.
- **2** In the Project tree, select the repository icon (such as *Project: etlUser1*).
- 3 From the menu bar on the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Project** ▶ Check In Repository.

All metadata objects in the project repository will be checked in to the change-managed repository. The new objects will be visible in the Inventory tree.

### **Additional Information about Cubes**

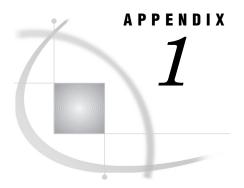
The online Help for SAS ETL Studio provides additional information about cubes. Perform these steps to display the relevant Help topics:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio menu bar, select **Help ▶ Contents**. The online Help window is displayed.
- 2 In the left pane of the Help window, select Cubes.



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# **General Usage Notes**

#### Do Not Use MLE Library Tables as Targets in SAS ETL Studio Jobs

Components affected: SAS ETL Studio jobs; tables in metadata LIBNAME engine (MLE) libraries.

A table that is stored in a library that was assigned or preassigned using the MLE should not be specified as a target in a SAS ETL Studio job. If you use an MLE library table as a target in a job, the job might fail and the metadata for the job might become corrupted.

#### Impact of TEMP=YES Option for Tables in an SPD Server Library

Components affected: tables in a SAS Scalable Performance Data (SPD) Server library.

The properties window for an SPD Server library includes an **Options** tab. On the **Options** tab, there is an **Advanced Options** button. If you click the **Advanced Options** button and then select the **Server Connection Information** tab, you can specify **YES** or **NO** in the **Temp** field. The **Temp** field specifies whether a temporary LIBNAME domain is created for the library. If you specify **YES**, any data objects, catalogs, or utility files created in the library are deleted when you end the SAS session. If you select **YES** in the **Temp** field, tables in the library will not be saved to a persistent location. Accordingly, you cannot use the View Data feature in SAS ETL Studio to view tables in the library.

#### Migrating from SAS/Warehouse Administrator to SAS ETL Studio

Components affected: SAS/Warehouse Administrator environments that are being migrated to SAS ETL Studio.

For information about migrating from SAS/Warehouse Administrator to SAS ETL Studio, see *Migration: Converting from SAS/Warehouse Administrator to SAS ETL Studio*, which is available at support.sas.com/rnd/migration/planning/files/etlstatement.html

#### **New Schema Names Must Match the Names in the DBMS**

Components affected: New Schema Wizard, properties window of a DBMS table. When you are adding or editing a schema in a New Schema wizard or in the **Physical Storage** tab of the Properties window of a DBMS table, the name of the schema in the metadata must exactly match (including case) the name of the corresponding schema in the DBMS.

#### **ODS Output from Stored Processes Generated by SAS ETL Studio**

Components affected: stored processes generated from SAS ETL Studio that are executed in applications that use the SAS Output Delivery System (ODS) to format output.

If a stored process is used to create output that will be formatted by ODS, the code that creates the output must appear between the

```
%stpbegin
and
%stpend
delimiters. The following example illustrates the syntax:
```

```
%stpbegin;
output_code
output_code
. . .
%stpend;
```

Most SAS ETL Studio jobs are used to create or update data stores, not to create reports and other output that can be formatted with ODS. Accordingly, when SAS ETL Studio generates code for a stored process, the stored process does not include the

```
%stpbegin
and
%stpend
```

delimiters. However, a SAS ETL Studio job can be used to create a report or other output that can be formatted with ODS. The report transformations in the Process Library are used to create reports, for example.

If you generate a stored process for a SAS ETL Studio job and you want to execute that stored process in an application that uses ODS to format output, you must edit the stored process and insert the

```
%stpbegin
and
%stpend
```

delimiters around the block of code that creates the output.

# Possibly Unusable DBMS Tables after Dropping or Re-creating

Components affected: properties window for a Loader transformation.

When SAS drops and re-creates a table in a DBMS, it can destroy key metadata that is necessary for operation. For example, the act of dropping and creating Siebel interface tables in Oracle results in tables that are unusable for running the Siebel process that uses those interface tables.

To prevent this from happening, select **Truncate Table** on the **Load Technique** tab before running the job.

# **Saving Metadata Changes to the Corresponding Physical Table**

Components affected: properties window for a Loader transformation, physical tables that are updated by SAS ETL Studio jobs.

For jobs that have been run once and contain a Loader transformation, metadata changes to columns are saved in the physical target only when you select **Drop Target** 

in the Load Technique tab of the Loader transformation. Drop Target is not selected by default.

#### **Signon Scripts for SAS/CONNECT Servers**

Components affected: SAS ETL Studio jobs that submit generated code to remote computers.

SAS ETL Studio uses a SAS/CONNECT server to submit generated SAS code to computers that are remote from the default SAS application server. A SAS/CONNECT server can also be used for interactive access to remote libraries.

For SAS ETL Studio to generate the appropriate code for scripted signon to a SAS/CONNECT server, you must specify a valid user ID and password in the signon script.

#### **SQL Join Transformation**

Components affected: properties window for an SQL Join transformation.

#### **Reordering Group by Rows or Columns**

In the properties window for the SQL Join transformation, on the **Group By** tab, you can select and reorder only one row or column at time in the **Column Name** table.

#### **Using Compound Expressions**

In the properties window for the SQL Join transformation, you can enter expressions in the flowing tabs:

Tables
Mapping
Where
Having

If you enter an expression in which AND or OR are combined with any of the following functions, you must enclose those functions in parentheses.

```
□ DATE()
□ DATETIME()
□ TIME()
□ TODAY()

Here are some examples:

Delivery_Date > (TODAY()) AND Order_Type = "AB"
(Delivery_Date > TODAY()) AND Order Type = "AB"
```

# Submitting a Job From the Source Editor When Source Code Has Been Inadvertently Selected

Components affected: the **Source Editor** tab in the Process Designer window.

The Process Designer window includes a **Source Editor** tab. Use the **Source Editor** tab to view and update the SAS code for a selected job.

If you display the code for a job in the **Source Editor** tab, it is possible to inadvertently select some of the code in the tab. If you then submit the job for execution, only the selected code is submitted and the job will fail. One remedy is to switch to the **Process Editor** tab and resubmit the job.

# Update Table Metadata Cannot Be Used on DBMS Tables That Have Case or Special Character Options Selected

Components affected: the **Update Table Metadata** feature; DBMS tables that have case or special character options selected on the **Physical Storage** tab of their property windows.

The **Update Table Metadata** feature cannot be used on DBMS tables that have case and special character options selected on the **Physical Storage** tab of their property windows. With such tables, the **Update Table Metadata** feature mistakenly puts SAS name literals around the table names saved in the metadata repository, which might cause any jobs containing the updated table to fail.

#### **Verify Output from a Job That Updates a DBMS**

Components affected: the View Data feature; jobs in which the target data is stored in a data base management system (DBMS).

Some DBMS's do not commit changes as soon as they are requested. Accordingly, if a SAS ETL Studio job updates a table in a DBMS and you try to verify the update by using the View Data feature, the changes might not show up immediately.

If you want SAS changes to a DBMS table to show up immediately, select **YES** in the **Whether to COMMIT immediately after a transaction** field in the metadata for the DBMS library that is used to access the DBMS table.

To select this option for a DBMS library, display the property window for the library, select Options, and then click Advanced Options. Click the Input/Output tab. In the Whether to COMMIT immediately after a transaction field, select YES and then click OK to save your changes.

#### **Usage Notes for Source Designers and Target Table Designers**

#### Access to Data on z/OS Platforms

Components affected: source designers and Target Table Designers that are used to access data on a z/OS machine.

Data on a z/OS platform must be stored in a UNIX System Services (USS) directory rather than in an MVS bound library. For a USS directory, the physical name of the library is the same as the directory path. See "LIBNAME Statement: z/OS" in the SAS Companion for z/OS for more information.

See Also: Update Table Metadata on z/OS Platforms

#### Access to Tables Using ODBC DB2 z/OS Pass-Through

Components affected: the source designer and the Target Table Designer for data in ODBC DB2/z/OS format.

To use the pass-through facility for ODBC DB2/zOS to access tables, you must configure the password and user ID. Since DB2/zOS pass-through does not support the PASSWORD= and USER= options, you must configure these options on the ODBC DB2/zOS source using the ODBC Administrator.

#### **Case and Special Characters in SAS Names**

Components affected: source designers and Target Table Designers for data in SAS format; all windows that enable you to specify names for SAS tables and columns.

By default, the names for SAS tables and columns must follow the standard rules for SAS names. However, SAS ETL Studio supports case-sensitive names for tables, columns, and special characters in column names if you specify the appropriate options in the metadata for the SAS table. Double-byte character set (DBCS) column names are supported in this way, for example. Note the following exceptions:

- Special characters are not supported in SAS table names.
- □ Leading blanks are not supported for SAS column names. Leading blanks in a SAS column name are stripped out.
- □ Neither the External File source designer nor SAS/SHARE libraries and tables support case-sensitive names for SAS tables or special characters in column names. When using these components, the names for SAS tables and columns must follow the standard rules for SAS names.

# **How Source Designers for SAS Tables Imports Integrity Constraints**

Components affected: the source designers for data in SAS format.

The source designers for data in SAS format import metadata for SAS tables, including the metadata for integrity constraints. Integrity constraints are similar to keys in DBMS tables. To successfully import the metadata for foreign key integrity constraints in SAS tables, the following conditions must be met:

- Primary key integrity constraints and foreign key integrity constraints must have unique names across all SAS tables in all SAS libraries from which metadata will be imported.
- □ In the Define Tables window in the source designer, select the primary key constraint table and all related foreign key constraint tables. Otherwise, the metadata will be incomplete. (If the metadata is incomplete, then all registrations must be deleted and the complete set of related tables would need to be imported again to get the complete set of metadata objects.)

After you import the metadata for a table, you can view the metadata for any keys by displaying the properties window for the table and clicking the **Keys** tab.

# **Importing Keys and Indexes from SAS/SHARE Libraries**

Components affected: the source designer for data in SAS/SHARE libraries. When working with tables in SAS/SHARE libraries, you can import keys and indexes for SAS tables but not for DBMS tables.

# Metadata for a Library and Its Tables Must Be Stored in the Same Metadata Repository

Components affected: all source designers and Target Table Designers.

The metadata for a library and the metadata for the tables in the library must be stored in the same metadata repository. Other configurations are not supported in this release.

#### **ODBC Informix Library**

Components affected: ODBC Informix libraries; the source designer and the Target Table Designer for data in ODBC Informix format.

Follow these steps to preserve the case of your table names when using an ODBC Informix library:

- 1 From the SAS ETL Studio desktop, select **Tools** ▶ **Source Designer** from the menu bar. The Source Designer selection window displays.
- 2 Open the ODBC Sources folder in the Source Designer selection window.
- 3 In the **ODBC Sources** folder, select **ODBC Informix**. The ODBC Informix source designer is displayed. The first window enables you to select an ODBC Informix library.
- 4 Select the appropriate ODBC Informix library, then click **Edit**. A library properties window displays.
- 5 On the library properties window, click the Options tab.
- **6** On the **Options** tab, click Advanced Options. The Advanced Options window is displayed.
- 7 In the Advanced Options window, select the Output tab.
- 8 On the Output tab, select YES in the Preserve column names, as in the DBMS field.
- 9 Enter the following expression in the Options used in DBMS CREATE TABLE field:

```
QUOTE CHAR=
```

- 10 Select the Input/Output tab.
- 11 Select Yes in the Preserve DBMS table names field.
- 12 Click **ok** to save your changes.

# **Password-Protected SAS Data Sets Are Not Fully Supported**

Components affected: source designers for data in SAS format; the **View Data** option on the **View** menu.

Source designers will not import column metadata from password-protected SAS data sets (tables). You cannot use the SAS ETL Studio **View Data** feature to view a password-protected SAS data set.

#### Separate Login for Each Authentication Domain for Database Servers

Components affected: source designers for tables in DBMS format, other features that access DBMS tables.

Administrators define the metadata for users and groups as part of the setup tasks for a data warehousing project. The login metadata for each user and group includes an authentication domain.

You (or a group to which you belong) must have a login for the authentication domain that is associated with the relevant database server definition. The user ID and password in that login must correspond to an account that has been established with the database. Otherwise, you will not be able to read any existing tables in the relational database, and you will not be able to use a source designer or target designer to access tables in the relational database.

Accordingly, you must have a separate login for each authentication domain that contains a database server that you need to access. For more information about defining login metadata for users and groups, see the SAS Management Console: User's Guide.

#### **Setting Table Options**

Components affected: Target Table Designers, the property windows for tables. Both the Target Table Designers and the property windows for tables include a physical storage tab or window. This tab or window includes a <a href="Table Options">Table Options</a> button. Click that button to specify options for the current table.

For an summary of how to update the metadata for a table, see "Updating the Metadata for a Table" on page 67. For details about options for SAS tables (data sets and data views), see *SAS Language Reference: Dictionary*.

#### Teradata Source Designer Hangs Unless a User ID and Password Can Be Supplied

Components affected: source designer for data in Teradata format.

Source designer wizards enable you to import metadata for one or more tables in a library. One of the first windows in the wizard enables you to select the library that contains the tables. When you select a library, a connection is made to a SAS application server. The server accesses the selected library and lists any tables that are associated with that library. The Teradata source designer will not be able to connect to a Teradata database library unless both of the following conditions are met:

- □ A Windows environment variable, GUILOGON, is defined and set to NO on the computer where SAS/ACCESS to Teradata is running. (This will typically be the SAS Workspace Server component of the SAS application server that is used to access the Teradata database.) For details about how to define Windows environment variables, see the appropriate Windows documentation.
- □ A valid login is supplied to the Teradata database server.

There are two main ways to supply a valid login to the Teradata database server:

- □ Add a default login to the metadata for the Teradata database library. For details, the metadata administrator should see the Managing Data Base Libraries section of the SAS Management Console: User's Guide.
- □ Implement a single sign on (SSO) for the Teradata database on Windows. For details about SSO, the database administrator should see the appropriate Teradata documentation.

# Unrestricted Users Cannot Run Source Designers or Target Table Designers

Components affected: all source designers and Target Table Designers.

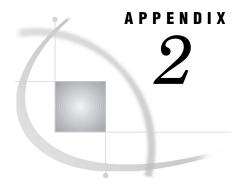
Because of password masking, unrestricted users should not run source designers or Target Table Designers. In order to use these wizards, users should start a SAS ETL Studio session with a user ID that is not defined as unrestricted.

For details about unrestricted users, see the security chapters in the SAS Intelligence Platform: Planning and Administration Guide.

#### **Update Table Metadata on z/OS Platforms**

Components affected: the **Update Table Metadata** feature; tables on z/OS platforms.

The **update Table Metadata** feature updates table metadata so that it matches the corresponding physical table. However, if the physical table resides on a z/OS platform, the update might fail for large tables (tables with more than 100 columns, for example). A z/OS limit on the number of characters in a single line causes this problem.



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#### **Overview**

SAS ETL Studio plug-ins are Java files that provide specific functions by creating specific types of metadata. For example, as described in "Java Transformations and SAS Code Transformations" on page 109, a number of the transformation templates in the Process Library are Java plug-ins, such as the SAS Sort template and the Create Match Code template.

Several plug-ins are installed by default, and other plug-ins are available from SAS to provide specialized functions. You can also develop your own plug-in transformation templates, source designer wizards, target designer wizards, and new object wizards.

To develop Java plug-ins, you should be familiar with the following:

- □ Java plug-in software. For details about this software, see the following location: java.sun.com/products/plugin
- □ SAS Management Console plug-ins, which are similar to the plug-ins for SAS ETL Studio. See the *Guide to Building SAS Management Console Plug-Ins*, which is provided on the SAS Management Console installation CD.
- □ SAS Metadata Model. For details, see *SAS Open Metadata Architecture: Reference*, which is available on the SAS Online Doc CD and in SAS Help and Documentation.
- □ The SAS ETL Studio Plug-In Framework. For details about this framework, see the SAS BI Package Libraries at support.sas.com/rnd/gendoc/bi/api/

# **Shortcut Plug-ins**

Use the ShortcutInterface and PluginInterface to add a Java plug-in to the Tools menu, to the Shortcut Bar on the SAS ETL Studio desktop, or to both. The methods for each of these interfaces are described as follows:

#### **PluginInterface**

```
public void initPlugin()
    performs any necessary initialization for the plug-in

public void dispose()
    performs any necessary cleanup for disposing of the plug-in

public String getDescription()
    returns a string that contains a description of the plug-in

public Icon getIcon()
    returns a 16x16 icon for the plug-in that will be displayed on the Tools menu

public String getName()
    returns a string that represents the name of the plug-in.
```

#### **ShortcutInterface**

```
public void onSelected()
  contains the actions to take when the user opens the plug-in
public Icon getLargeIcon()
  returns a 32x32 icon for the plug-in that will be displayed on the shortcut bar
public JMenuItem getMenuItem()
  returns a menu item (using JMenuItem) that will be added to the Tools menu. If
  you want, you can define a mnemonic, an accelerator key, or both by using this
  method with JMenuItem.setMnemonic() and JMenuItem.setAccelerator(),
  respectively.
public int getLocations()
  returns one of three values:
    SHOW ON SHORTCUT
       displays the plug-in only on the shortcut bar
    SHOW_ON_MENU
       displays the plug-in only on the Tools menu
    SHOW ON ALL
       displays the plug-in on both the shortcut bar and the Tools menu.
```

### **Installing a Shortcut Plug-in**

After you have created a plug-in, create a JAR file containing the implementation of ShortcutInterface for your plug-in, along with any needed images, classes, or other files. In the manifest for the JAR, you must include a line that defines the Plugin-Init attribute. The sample JAR that is shipped with SAS ETL Studio (in the

com.sas.wadmin.visuals package) contains a plug-in called SampleShortcutPlugin. This sample contains the following attribute line in its manifest:

```
Plugin-Init: com.sas.wadmin.visuals.SampleShortcutPlugin.class
```

Save this JAR in the plug-ins directory in the SAS ETL Studio home directory. For example, if you installed SAS ETL Studio in C:\Program Files\SAS\SAS ETL Studio\9.1, save the JAR for your new plug-in in C:\Program Files\SAS\SAS ETL Studio\9.1\plugins. After you do this, the next time you start SAS ETL Studio this plug-in is automatically loaded and displayed.

After you have created a JAR for SampleShortcutPlugin in the plug-ins directory and restarted SAS ETL Studio, your new plug-in will be available from the the Shortcut bar and Tools menu.

The shortcut plug-ins are added at the bottom of the Shortcut bar, just above the Options item in the Tools menu, or both.

# **Example: Building a Source Designer Plug-in**

This section shows you how to develop a source designer plug-in for SAS ETL Studio. The SourceDesignerPlugin sample provides a method for building a new source designer, along with links to Web site resources for more detailed information.

Before you can design a new source designer plug-in, determine the format of the source and the metadata that you want to capture about the source. You need this information in order to design property windows that will gather information about your source.

### Mapping the Metadata and Building the Plug-in

Decide what type of metadata you want to register as a result of running your plug-in. For more details about defining metadata, see the SAS Metadata Model in the SAS Open Metadata Architecture: Reference, which is available in SAS Help and Documentation.

Source designer plug-ins are integrated into SAS ETL Studio using the SourceDesignerInterface, which is a Java interface. For technical details about the SAS ETL Studio Plug-In Framework and the SourceDesignerInterface (com.sas.wadmin.plugins.SourceDesignerInterface), see the SAS BI Package Libraries at support.sas.com/rnd/gendoc/bi/api/

You can also refer to the following sample Java programs:

#### □ Manifest.mf:

```
Manifest-Version: 1.0
Main-Class: plugindir
Created-By: 1.3.0 (Sun Microsystems Inc.)
Plugin-Init: plugindir.SourceDesignerPlugin.class
```

#### □ PropertyBundle.properties

```
ImageLocation.notrans = com/sas/wadmin/visuals/res/
StepOut.image=DataSetSource16.gif
Common.warehouse_w2.image=warehouse_w2.gif
Common.warehouse_w3.image=warehouse_w3.gif
Common.warehouse_w4.image=warehouse_w4.gif
Common.warehouse_w5.image=warehouse_w5.gif
```

```
Common.warehouse w6.image=warehouse w6.gif
wa source connectInfo.image=wa source connectInfo.gif
gen select table.image=gen select table.gif
gen target location.image=gen target location.gif
gen_summary.image=gen_summary.gif
gen_subset_tables.image=gen_subset_tables.gif
FinishTab.Title.txt=Finish
```

#### □ SourceDesignerPlugin.class

□ SourceDesignerPlugin.java

```
/**
* Title:
                SourceDesignerPlugin
 * Description: Implements a basic Source Designer Interface
* Copyright: Copyright (c) 2003 by SAS Institute Inc. Cary, NC 27513 USA
 * Company: SAS Institute Inc.
 * */
package plugindir;
import javax.swing.Icon;
import javax.swing.ImageIcon;
import plugindir.visuals.*;
import com.sas.plugins.PluginResourceBundle;
import com.sas.wadmin.plugins.SourceDesignerInterface;
import com.sas.workspace.WATransitionWizardModel;
import com.sas.workspace.WAWizardDialog;
import com.sas.workspace.Workspace;
import com.sas.workspace.visuals.WizardFinishTab;
/**
* The SourceDesignerInterface is used to describe Source Designer addins
 * @see com.sas.plugins for additional information about the plug in
* methodology
public class SourceDesignerPlugin extends Object implements
SourceDesignerInterface
  protected WAWizardDialog
                                      m_wizardDialog;
  protected WATransitionWizardModel m wizardModel;
  protected String
                                       m name;
  protected ImageIcon
                                       m icon;
  protected String
                                       m tooltip;
  protected String
                                       m category;
  protected Workspace
                                       m workspace;
  private static PluginResourceBundle bundle =
new PluginResourceBundle( SourceDesignerPlugin.class );
```

```
protected String[][]
                              m transitionList =
         { {"tab1", "NEXT", "tab2"},
           {"tab2", "NEXT", "tab3"}};
/**
 * Common constructor that enables the appropriate fields for the given
 * metadata object.
 */
public SourceDesignerPlugin()
   m name = "SourceDesignerPlugin";
   m icon = bundle.getImageIcon("Icon.image" );
   m tooltip = "SD Tooltip";
  m_category = "Source Designers";
   m workspace = Workspace.getWorkspace();
}//end public SourceDesignerPlugin()
 * This method should be used by the wizard to add the wizard tabs
 * to the wizard dialog, and add the wizard transitions so the wizard model.
 * @param wizardDialog is the wizard dialog that is calling
 * to place this plugin into itself
 * @param wizardModel is the wizard dialog transition model which
 * the plugin should add transitions to @return true if the initialization
 * was successful, false otherwise
public boolean initializeWizard(WAWizardDialog wizardDialog,
WATransitionWizardModel wizardModel)
   m_wizardDialog = wizardDialog;
   m wizardModel = wizardModel;
   m wizardDialog.setHelpProduct("hlp");
   ImageIcon image = bundle.getImageIcon( "wa source connectInfo.image" );
   m wizardDialog.addTab("Tabber1 Title",
                          "tab1",
                          new Tab1(),
                          "wa source connectInfo.gif",
                          image,
                          false );
   image = bundle.getImageIcon( "gen subset tables.image" );
   m wizardDialog.addTab( bundle.getString(
     "TableSelectionMethodWizardTab.Title.txt"),
                          "tab2",
                          new Tab2(),
                          "gen_subset_tables.gif",
                          image,
                          false );
   image = bundle.getImageIcon("gen summary.image" );
```

```
WizardFinishTab finish = new WizardFinishTab();
   finish.setHelpTopic("finishwindow");
   m_wizardDialog.addTab(bundle.getString("FinishTab.Title.txt"),
                         "tab3",
                         finish,
                         "gen_summary.gif",
                         image,
                         true );
   m_wizardModel.addTransitions( m_transitionList );
   return true;
}//end public initializeWizard ( Frame frame, String title )
/**
 * Method defined in PluginInterface...
public void initPlugin() {}
 * Returns the name of the plugin.
 * @return String name of this plugin.
 */
public String getName()
   return m name;
}//end public String getName()
 * Return the tab name of the initial tab in this wizard
 * @return a string that is the initial tab name of this wizard.
 * This is the name specified in the transition list. Note that
 * this name is NOT visible; it is a unique per wizard name that
 * is used only within the wizard to manage transitions. It matches
 * the transition list names that the plugin provided. It is a good
 * idea to prefix your tab names with the name of your plugin in
 * order to ensure that they are unique.
 * For example "OracleImporterTab4".
 */
public String getInitialTabName()
   return "tab1";
}
/**
 * Return a string array of all of the tabs that are endpoint tabs
 * in the wizard (the tabs that should have finish turned on
 * after them).
 * @return String[] array of all the tabs that are the endpoint
 * tabs in the wizard
 */
```

```
public String[] getLastTabNames()
          String[] value = {"tab3"};
          return (value);
       }
        * Required by PluginInterface, returns the icon to be used with the
        * Interface
        * In the Source Designer, this is the icon that shows up in the tree.
        * @return Icon to be displayed with the Plugin
        */
       public Icon getIcon(){return m icon;};
       /**
        * Return a tooltip string that to be displayed
        * @return String containing the tooltip to be displayed.
       public String getToolTip() {return m_tooltip;};
       /**
        * The designer can choose to place the plugin in any category that the
        * designer chooses.
        * You can concatenate categories with a "."; each level is a level Source
        * Designer selection tree. For example, a category name of Levels.MyStuff
        * would show up as:
        * - Source Designers
            - Levels
              - MyStuff
                 + mynewtransform
        * Designers should take care not when describing these hierarchies
        * such that they fit in well with other similar designers.
        * @return the Category to place this addin into
       public String getCategory() {return m category;}
        * Required by the PluginInterface: returns the description of the Plugin.
        * @return String containing the description of the plugin
        */
       public String getDescription() {return "";}
       public void dispose()
       {
       }
    }//end public class
□ Panel1.class
□ Panel1.java
```

```
/**
* Title:
                 Panel1
 * Description: Panel1
 * Copyright:
                 Copyright 2003, SAS Institute Inc * Company: SAS Institute
* Inc. * @version 1.0
package plugindir.visuals;
import java.awt.GridBagConstraints;
import java.awt.GridBagLayout;
import java.awt.Insets;
import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
import java.awt.event.ActionListener;
import javax.swing.*;
import javax.swing.JRadioButton;
import javax.swing.border.EtchedBorder;
import com.sas.metadata.MdException;
import com.sas.plugins.PluginResourceBundle;
import com.sas.workspace.WAPanel;
/**
* Panel1
public class Panell extends WAPanel
   /** Property bundle */
  private static PluginResourceBundle bundle =
         new PluginResourceBundle( Panel1.class );
  protected JLabel m label = new JLabel("Put Label here..");
   /** Boolean to turn on a border around this panel */
   protected boolean
                                 m fBorder=false;
    /**
    * Constructs a panel1
    \star @param fBorder - create a border around this panel (true) or not
    * (false)
    */
  public Panel1(boolean fBorder)
      super();
     m fBorder = fBorder;
      initialize();
      layoutWidgets();
   }
    * Initialization routine. Creates and initializes all of the widgets
    * on the panel.
```

```
*/
public void initialize()
{
   super.initialize();
}//end public void initialize()
/**
 * Validate the data on the panel.
public boolean validateData()
   return true;
}//end public boolean validateData()
/**
 * Just like in a property tab, this method is called before the panel
 * is made visible to do the model/view data exchange.
 * @param saveToModel true - move widget values to model values;
                      false - move model values to widgets values
 */
public boolean doDataExchange(boolean bSaveToModel) throws MdException
   if (bSaveToModel == false)
   {
   return true;
}//end public boolean doDataExchange(boolean bsaveToModel)
    throws MdException
/**
 * Arrange the widgets in displayed panel.
 */
public void layoutWidgets()
   //Let's layout the button panel
   GridBagLayout gridBagLayout1 = new GridBagLayout();
   GridBagConstraints gbc1 = new GridBagConstraints();
   WAPanel myPanel = new WAPanel();
   myPanel.setLayout( gridBagLayout1 );
   myPanel.setBorder(new EtchedBorder(EtchedBorder.LOWERED));
   // Add the radio buttons to the panel
   gbc1.gridx = 0;
   gbc1.gridy = 0;
   gbc1.gridwidth = GridBagConstraints.RELATIVE;
   gbc1.gridheight = 1;
   gbc1.weightx = 1.0;
   gbc1.weighty = 1.0;
   gbc1.anchor = GridBagConstraints.WEST;
   gbc1.fill = GridBagConstraints.HORIZONTAL;
   gbc1.insets = new Insets(0,5,0,0);
   gridBagLayout1.setConstraints( m label, gbc1 );
   myPanel.add( m_label );
```

```
//The Main panel's gridbaglayout stuff
          GridBagLayout gridBagLayout = new GridBagLayout();
          GridBagConstraints gbc = new GridBagConstraints();
          setLayout( gridBagLayout );
          // Add the radio buttons to the panel
          gbc.gridx = 0;
          gbc.gridy = 0;
          gbc.gridwidth = GridBagConstraints.RELATIVE;
          gbc.gridheight = 1;
          gbc.weightx = 1.0;
          gbc.weighty = 1.0;
          gbc.anchor = GridBagConstraints.NORTHWEST;
          gbc.fill = GridBagConstraints.HORIZONTAL;
          gbc.insets = new Insets(0,0,0,0);
          gridBagLayout.setConstraints( myPanel, gbc );
          add( myPanel );
       }//end public void layoutWidgets()
    }
□ Panel2.class
□ Panel2.java
    /**
     * Title:
                     Panel2
     * Description: Panel2
                     Copyright 2003, SAS Institute Inc * Company: SAS Institute
     * Copyright:
     * Inc. * @version 1.0
     */
    package plugindir.visuals;
    import java.awt.GridBagConstraints;
    import java.awt.GridBagLayout;
    import java.awt.Insets;
    import javax.swing.JLabel;
    import javax.swing.border.EtchedBorder;
    import com.sas.metadata.MdException;
    import com.sas.plugins.PluginResourceBundle;
    import com.sas.workspace.WAPanel;
    /**
     * Panel 2
     */
    public class Panel2 extends WAPanel {
     /** Property bundle */
     private static PluginResourceBundle bundle =
      new PluginResourceBundle(Panel2.class);
     /** Boolean to turn on a border around this panel */
```

```
protected boolean m fBorder = false;
protected JLabel m label;
/**
 * @param fBorder - create a border around this panel (true) or not (false)
public Panel2(boolean fBorder) {
 super();
m_fBorder = fBorder;
initialize();
layoutWidgets();
 * Initialization routine. Creates and initializes all of the widgets
 * on the panel.
 */
public void initialize() {
m label = new JLabel("Put Label here ");
super.initialize();
} //end public void initialize()
/**
 * Validate the data on the panel.
public boolean validateData() {
return true;
} //end public boolean validateData()
/**
* Just like in a property tab, this method is called before the
 * panel is made visible to do the model/view data exchange.
* @param saveToModel true - move widget values to model values;
                     false - move model values to widgets values
*/
public boolean doDataExchange(boolean bSaveToModel) throws MdException {
if (bSaveToModel == false) {
 } else
 {
return true;
} //end public boolean doDataExchange(boolean bsaveToModel)
     throws MdException
 * Arrange the widgets in displayed panel.
 */
public void layoutWidgets() {
 //Let's layout the button panel
GridBagLayout gridBagLayout1 = new GridBagLayout();
GridBagConstraints gbc1 = new GridBagConstraints();
WAPanel myPanel = new WAPanel();
```

```
myPanel.setLayout(gridBagLayout1);
      myPanel.setBorder(new EtchedBorder(EtchedBorder.LOWERED));
      // Add the radio buttons to the panel
      gbc1.gridx = 0;
      gbc1.gridy = 0;
      gbc1.gridwidth = GridBagConstraints.RELATIVE;
      gbc1.gridheight = 1;
      gbc1.weightx = 1.0;
      gbc1.weighty = 1.0;
      gbc1.anchor = GridBagConstraints.WEST;
      gbc1.fill = GridBagConstraints.HORIZONTAL;
      gbc1.insets = new Insets(0, 5, 0, 0);
      gridBagLayout1.setConstraints(m label, gbc1);
      myPanel.add(m label);
      //The Main panel's gridbaglayout stuff
      GridBagLayout gridBagLayout = new GridBagLayout();
      GridBagConstraints gbc = new GridBagConstraints();
      setLayout(gridBagLayout);
      // Add the radio buttons to the panel
      gbc.gridx = 0;
      gbc.gridy = 0;
      gbc.gridwidth = GridBagConstraints.RELATIVE;
      gbc.gridheight = 1;
      gbc.weightx = 1.0;
      gbc.weighty = 1.0;
      gbc.anchor = GridBagConstraints.NORTHWEST;
      gbc.fill = GridBagConstraints.HORIZONTAL;
      gbc.insets = new Insets(0, 0, 0, 0);
      gridBagLayout.setConstraints(myPanel, gbc);
      add(myPanel);
     } //end public void layoutWidgets()
□ Tab1.class
□ Tab1.java
    /**
     * Title:
                     Tab1
     * Description: Tab1
     * Copyright:
                   Copyright 2003, SAS Institute Inc * Company: SAS
     * Institute Inc. * @version 1.0
     */
    package plugindir.visuals;
    import java.awt.GridBagConstraints;
    import java.awt.GridBagLayout;
    import java.awt.Insets;
    import com.sas.plugins.PluginResourceBundle;
    import com.sas.workspace.WsDescriptionWizardTab;
```

```
/**
 * Tab1
 */
public class Tab1 extends WsDescriptionWizardTab
   /** Property bundle */
   private static PluginResourceBundle bundle =
            new PluginResourceBundle(Tabl.class);
   private PluginResourceBundle m eda bundle;
   protected Panel1 myPanel1;
    * Main constructor
    */
   public Tab1()
   {
      super();
      setHelpTopic("selecttablesbyapplicationareawindow");
      myPanel1 = new Panel1(false);
      initialize();
   }
   /**
    * Initialize the widgets and their layout.
   public void initialize()
      this.setLayout(new GridBagLayout());
      this.add(myPanel1, new GridBagConstraints(0, 0, 1, 1, 1.0, 1.0
               ,GridBagConstraints.NORTHWEST, GridBagConstraints.BOTH,
                new Insets(0, 0, 0, 0), 0, 0));
   }//end public void initialize()
    * Transfer data to and from the model.
    * @param bSaveToModel True if transfering from view to model, false if
    * vice versa
   public boolean doDataExchange( boolean bSaveToModel ) throws
   com.sas.metadata.MdException
   {
         return myPanel1.doDataExchange(bSaveToModel);
   }//end public boolean doDataExchange( boolean bSaveToModel ) throws
   com.sas.metadata.MdException
    * Validate data entered into panel.
```

```
* @return boolean to determine if there is validate data in the panel
        * or not
        */
       public boolean validateData()
           return myPanel1.validateData();
       }//end public boolean validateData()
        /**
        * Run when the Next button is selected.
       public void onNext()
           super.onNext();
       }//end public void onNext()
        /**
        * Run when the back button is selected.
       public void onBack()
              super.onBack();
       }//end public void onBack()
        * Create the finish string that shows up in WAWizardFinish
       public String createFinishString()
           String finishString = "This is the finish string";
           return finishString;
       }//end public String createFinishString()
    }//
□ Tab2.class
□ Tab2.java
    /**
     * Title:
                     Tab2
     * Description: Tab2
     * Copyright:
                     Copyright 2003, SAS Institute Inc * Company: SAS
     * Institute Inc. * @author
     * @version
                     1.0
     */
    package plugindir.visuals;
    import java.awt.GridBagConstraints;
    import java.awt.GridBagLayout;
    import java.awt.Insets;
    import com.sas.metadata.CMetadata;
```

```
import com.sas.metadata.MdObjectFactory;
import com.sas.metadata.MdObjectStore;
import com.sas.metadata.PhysicalTable;
import com.sas.metadata.SASLibrary;
import com.sas.plugins.PluginResourceBundle;
import com.sas.workspace.WAPropertyTab;
import com.sas.workspace.WAWizardDialog;
import com.sas.workspace.Workspace;
import com.sas.workspace.WsDescriptionWizardTab;
 * Tab2
 */
public class Tab2 extends WsDescriptionWizardTab
   /** Property bundle */
   private static PluginResourceBundle bundle =
            new PluginResourceBundle(Tab2.class);
   private PluginResourceBundle m_eda_bundle;
   protected Panel2 myPanel2;
   /**
    * Main constructor
   public Tab2()
   {
      super();
      setHelpTopic("Tabber2");
      myPanel2 = new Panel2(false);
      initialize();
   }
    * Initialize the widgets and their layout.
   public void initialize()
   {
      this.setLayout(new GridBagLayout());
      this.add(myPanel2, new GridBagConstraints(0, 0, 1, 1, 1.0, 1.0
               , GridBagConstraints.NORTHWEST, GridBagConstraints.BOTH,
                new Insets(0, 0, 0, 0), 0, 0));
   }//end public void initialize()
   /**
    * Transfer data to and from the model.
    * @param bSaveToModel True if transfering from view to model, false
   public boolean doDataExchange( boolean bSaveToModel ) throws
   com.sas.metadata.MdException
```

```
{
       if (bSaveToModel == false)
          myPanel2.doDataExchange(bSaveToModel);
       // this is performed after the user has selected FINISH on the
          wizard screen
write metadata();
return true;
}//end public boolean doDataExchange( boolean bSaveToModel ) throws
    com.sas.metadata.MdException
 * Validate data entered into panel.
  * @return boolean to determine if there is validate data in the panel
  * or not
 */
public boolean validateData()
    return myPanel2.validateData();
}//end public boolean validateData()
 /**
  * Run when the Next button is selected.
public void onNext()
    super.onNext();
 }//end public void onNext()
  * Run when the back button is selected.
public void onBack()
       super.onBack();
}//end public void onBack()
  * Create the finish string that shows up in WAWizardFinish
public String createFinishString()
    String finishString = "This is the finish string for tab2";
    return finishString;
 }//end public String createFinishString()
 public void write metadata() throws com.sas.metadata.MdException {
 WAWizardDialog myWizard = (WAWizardDialog) this.getTopLevelAncestor();
 //Get the Right repository to add it to, we hope...
 Workspace workspace = Workspace.getWorkspace();
```

```
CMetadata myRepository = workspace.getDefaultRepository();
 String strID = myRepository.getFQID().substring(9, 17);
 MdObjectStore store =
  (MdObjectStore) myWizard.getWizardData("OBJECTSTORE");
 SASLibrary dbLibrary = (SASLibrary) myWizard.getWizardData("Library");
 PhysicalTable newTable =
  (PhysicalTable) MdObjectFactory.createComplexMetadataObject(
   store,
   store,
   "TableName",
   "PhysicalTable",
   strID);
 myWizard.setMasterObject(newTable);
 //Let's set the attributes for this table
 newTable.setIsCompressed(0);
 newTable.setIsEncrypted(0);
 newTable.setDBMSType("");
 newTable.setSASTableName("TableName");
 newTable.setTableName("TableName");
 newTable.setName("TableName");
 newTable.setDesc("Table Description");
 newTable.setNumRows(-1);
 // we are assuming everything is DATA not View at this point in the game...
 newTable.setMemberType("DATA");
 for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
 com.sas.metadata.Column newColumn =
   (com.sas.metadata.Column) MdObjectFactory.createComplexMetadataObject(
   store,
    store,
    "Column" + i,
    "Column",
    strID);
 newTable.addElementToChangeList(newColumn);
 newColumn.setSASColumnName("Column" + i);
 newColumn.setSASColumnType("C");
 newColumn.setSASColumnLength(10);
 String format = "$10.";
 newColumn.setSASFormat(format);
 newColumn.setSASInformat("$10.");
 newColumn.setColumnName("ColumnName" + i);
 newColumn.setIsNullable(1);
 newTable.getColumns().addElement(newColumn);
 newTable.updateMetadataAll();
} //end public void tableDefinition()
```

In the sample source designer programs, the SourceDesignerPlugin.java class provides the needed plug-in navigation, where tabs display each panel of the plug-in. For example, public class Tab1 and public class Tab2 extend WsDescriptionWizardTab. Each tab then references a panel that displays that panel. For example, public class Panel1 and public class Panel2 extend WAPanel.

#### **Installing and Running the Plug-in**

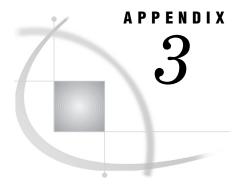
In SAS ETL Studio, you must provide a JAR file that contains all class files, property bundles, and a manifest. Place this JAR file in the plug-ins subdirectory where SAS ETL Studio is located—for example, ETLStudioDirectoryLocation\9.1\plugins.

In the JAR file for each plug-in must be a manifest that includes the following information:

You might also need to set the Class-Path for the plug-in to run properly.

#### **Plug-in Output**

The write\_metadata method in Tab2 shows an example of writing the physical table, TableName, with 10 columns, named Column0 through Column9. This table shows up in the Custom tree of SAS ETL Studio.



# **Recommended Reading**

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# **Recommended Reading**

Here is the recommended reading list for this title:

- □ Cody's Data Cleaning Techniques Using SAS Software
- □ Communications Access Methods for SAS/CONNECT and SAS/SHARE
- □ Moving and Accessing SAS Files
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# **Glossary**

#### administrator

the person who is responsible for maintaining the technical attributes of an object such as a table or a library. For example, an administrator might specify where a table is stored and who can access the table. See also owner.

### alternate key

another term for unique key. See unique key.

#### analysis data set

in SAS data quality, an output data set that is created by applying a scheme to a variable or column that contains character values. The analysis data set identifies clusters of similar values, as well as the value that occurs most frequently in each cluster.

#### business key

one or more columns in a dimension table that comprise the primary key in a source table in an operational system.

# change management

in the SAS Open Metadata Architecture, a facility for metadata source control, metadata promotion, and metadata replication.

#### change-managed repository

in the SAS Open Metadata Architecture, a metadata repository that is under metadata source control.

#### cluster

in SAS data quality, a set of character values that have the same match code.

# cross-reference table

a table that contains only the current rows of a larger dimension table. Columns generally include all business key columns and a digest column. The business key column is used to determine if source rows are new dimensions or updates to existing dimensions. The digest column is used to detect changes in source rows that might update an existing dimension. During updates of the fact table that is associated with the dimension table, the cross-reference table can provide generated keys that replace the business key in new fact table rows.

#### custom repository

in the SAS Open Metadata Architecture, a metadata repository that must be dependent on a foundation repository or custom repository, thus allowing access to metadata definitions in the repository or repositories on which it depends. A custom repository is used to specify resources that are unique to a particular data collection. For example, a custom repository could define sources and targets that are unique to a particular data warehouse. The custom repository would access user definitions, group definitions, and most server metadata from the foundation repository. See also foundation repository, project repository.

# data analysis

in SAS data quality, the process of evaluating input data sets in order to determine whether data cleansing is needed.

#### data cleansing

the process of eliminating inaccuracies, irregularities, and discrepancies from character data.

# data lineage

a search that seeks to identify the tables, columns, and transformations that have an impact on a selected table or column. See also impact analysis, reverse impact analysis, transformation.

#### data transformation

in SAS data quality, a data cleansing process that applies a scheme to specified character values. The scheme creates match codes internally in order to create clusters. All values in each cluster are then transformed to the single value that occurs most frequently in each cluster.

#### database library

a collection of one or more database management system files that are recognized by SAS and that are referenced and stored as a unit. Each file is a member of the library.

#### database server

a server that provides relational database services to a client. Oracle, DB/2 and Teradata are examples of relational databases.

#### delimiter

a character that separates words or phrases in a text string.

#### derived mapping

a mapping between a source column and a target column in which the value of the target column is a function of the value of the source column. For example, if two tables contain a Price column, the value of the target table's Price column might be equal to the value of the source table's Price column multiplied by 0.8.

# digest column

a column in a cross-reference table that contains a concatenation of encrypted values for specified columns in a target table. If a source row has a digest value that differs from the digest value for that dimension, then changes are detected and the source row becomes the new current row in the target. The old target row is closed out and receives a new value in the end date/time column.

#### dimension

one or more rows in a dimension table that have the same business key value.

#### dimension table

in a star schema, a table that contains the data for one of the dimensions. The dimension table is connected to the star schema's fact table by a primary key. The dimension table contains fields for each level of each hierarchy that is included in the dimension.

#### fact table

the central table in a star schema. The fact table contains the individual facts that are being stored in the database as well as the keys that connect each particular fact to the appropriate value in each dimension.

#### foreign key

one or more columns that are associated with a primary key or unique key in another table. A table can have one or more foreign keys. A foreign key is dependent upon its associated primary or unique key. In other words, a foreign key cannot exist without that primary or unique key.

#### foundation repository

in the SAS Open Metadata Architecture, a metadata repository that is used to specify metadata for global resources that can be shared by other repositories. For example, a foundation repository is used to store metadata that defines users and groups on the metadata server. Only one foundation repository should be defined on a metadata server. See also custom repository, project repository.

# generated key

a column in a dimension table that contains values that are sequentially generated using a specified expression. Generated keys are used to implement surrogate keys and retained keys.

# global resource

an object, such as a server or a library, that is shared on a network.

# impact analysis

a search that seeks to identify the tables, columns, and transformations that would be affected by a change in a selected table or column. See also transformation, data lineage.

#### intersection table

a table that describes the relationships between two or more tables. For example, an intersection table could describe the many-to-many relationships between a table of users and a table of groups.

# job

a metadata object that specifies processes that create output.

#### locale

a value that reflects the language, local conventions, and culture for a geographic region. Local conventions can include specific formatting rules for dates, times, and numbers, and a currency symbol for the country or region. Collating sequences, paper sizes, and conventions for postal addresses and telephone numbers are also typically specified for each locale. Some examples of locale values are French\_Canada, Portuguese\_Brazil, and Chinese\_Singapore.

#### lookup standardization

a process that applies a scheme to a data set for the purpose of data analysis or data cleansing.

#### match code

a version of a character value from which some of the vowels have been removed, insignificant words (if any) have been removed, and the capitalization and formatting of words have been standardized. Match codes are used to identify clusters of similar values in a character variable or column. They can be used to reduce the number of duplicate entries in a data set.

# metadata administrator

a person who defines the metadata for servers, metadata repositories, users, and other global resources.

#### metadata model

a definition of the metadata for a set of objects. The model describes the attributes for each object, as well as the relationships between objects within the model.

#### metadata object

a set of attributes that describe a table, a server, a user, or another resource on a network. The specific attributes that a metadata object includes vary depending on which metadata model is being used.

### metadata repository

a collection of related metadata objects, such as the metadata for a set of tables and columns that are maintained by an application. A SAS Metadata Repository is an example.

#### metadata server

a server that provides metadata management services to one or more client applications. A SAS Metadata Server is an example.

#### metadata source control

in the SAS Open Metadata Architecture, a feature that enables multiple users to work with the same metadata repository at the same time without overwriting each other's changes. See also change management.

# operational data

data as it exists in the operational system, which is used as source data for a data warehouse.

#### operational system

one or more programs (frequently relational databases) that provide source data for a data warehouse.

#### owner

the person who is responsible for the contents of an object such as a table or a library. See also administrator.

# primary key

one or more columns that are used to uniquely identify a row in a table. A table can have only one primary key. The column(s) in a primary key cannot contain null values. See also unique key, foreign key.

# process flow diagram

a diagram in the Process Editor that specifies the sequence of each source, target, and process in a job. In the diagram, each source, target, and process has its own metadata object. Each process in the diagram is specified by a metadata object called a transformation.

#### project repository

a repository that must be dependent on a foundation repository or custom repository that will be managed by the Change Management Facility. A project repository is used to isolate changes from a foundation repository or from a custom repository. The project repository enables metadata programmers to check out metadata from a foundation repository or custom repository so that the metadata can be modified and tested in a separate area. Project repositories provide a development/testing environment for customers who want to implement a formal change management scheme. See also custom repository, foundation repository.

# **Quality Knowledge Base**

a collection of locales and other information that is referenced during data analysis and data cleansing. For example, to create match codes for a data set that contains street addresses in Great Britain, you would reference the ADDRESS match definition in the ENGBR locale in the Quality Knowledge Base.

# retained key

a numeric column in a dimension table that is combined with a begin-date column to make up the primary key. During the update of a dimensional target table, source rows that contain a new business key are added to the target. A key value is generated and added to the retained key column and a date is added to the begin-date column. When a source row has the same business key as a row in the target, the source row is added to the target, including a new begin-date value. The retained key of the new column is copied from the target row.

#### reverse impact analysis

See data lineage.

# SAS application server

a server that provides SAS services to a client. In the SAS Open Metadata Architecture, the metadata for a SAS application server specifies one or more server components that provide SAS services to a client.

# **SAS Management Console**

a Java application that provides a single user interface for performing SAS administrative tasks.

# **SAS OLAP Server**

a SAS server that provides access to multidimensional data. The data is queried using the multidimensional expressions (MDX) language.

# SAS Open Metadata application

a client application that connects to the SAS Metadata Server and uses metadata from one or more SAS Metadata Repositories.

#### SAS Open Metadata Architecture

a general-purpose metadata management facility that provides metadata services to SAS applications. The SAS Open Metadata Architecture enables applications to exchange metadata, which makes it easier for these applications to work together.

#### SAS/CONNECT server

a server that provides SAS/CONNECT services to a client. When SAS ETL Studio generates code for a job, it uses SAS/CONNECT software to submit code to remote computers. SAS ETL Studio can also use SAS/CONNECT software for interactive access to remote libraries.

#### SAS/SHARE library

a SAS library for which input and output requests are controlled and executed by a SAS/SHARE server.

# SAS/SHARE server

the result of an execution of the SERVER procedure, which is part of SAS/SHARE software. A server runs in a separate SAS session that services users' SAS sessions by controlling and executing input and output requests to one or more libraries.

#### scheme

a data set that is created from a character variable or column and which is applied to that same character data for the purpose of transformation or analysis.

# sensitivity

in SAS data quality, a value that determines the granularity of the clusters that are generated during data analysis and data cleansing.

#### server administrator

a person who installs and maintains server hardware or software. See also metadata administrator.

#### server component

in SAS Management Console, a metadata object that specifies information about how to connect to a particular kind of SAS server on a particular computer.

# slowly changing dimension

a set of strategies that are used to track changes in a dimension table. A type 1 SCD is updated by writing a new value over an old value. A type 2 SCD is updated by creating a new row when a value changes in an old row. A type 3 SCD is updated by moving an old value into a new column and then writing a new value into the column that contains the most recent value.

#### snowflake schema

tables in a database in which a single fact table is connected to multiple dimension tables. The dimension tables are structured to minimize update anomalies and to address single themes. This structure is visually represented in a snowflake pattern. See also star schema.

#### source

an input to an operation.

#### star schema

tables in a database in which a single fact table is connected to multiple dimension tables. This is visually represented in a star pattern. SAS OLAP cubes can be created from a star schema.

#### surrogate key

a numeric column in a dimension table that is the primary key of that table. The surrogate key column contains unique integer values that are generated sequentially when rows are added and updated. In the associated fact table, the surrogate key is included as a foreign key in order to connect to specific dimensions.

#### target

an output of an operation.

# transformation

a metadata object that specifies how to extract data, transform data, or load data into data stores. Each transformation that you specify in a process flow diagram generates or retrieves SAS code. You can specify user-written code in the metadata for any transformation in a process flow diagram.

#### transformation template

a process flow diagram that consists of a transformation object and one or more drop zones for sources, targets, or both.

#### unique key

one or more columns that can be used to uniquely identify a row in a table. A table can have one or more unique keys. Unlike a primary key, a unique key can contain null values. See also primary key, foreign key.

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