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How to Use This Book

Using This Book

SAS/ACCESS Interface to PeopleSoft: User's Guide, Release 8.2 describes the SAS/ACCESS Interface to PeopleSoft software. It provides primary support for the SAS/ACCESS Interface to PeopleSoft software, Release 8.2 and above.

The SAS/ACCESS Interface to PeopleSoft software enables you to extract, browse, and search PeopleSoft metadata. It also enables you to use the PeopleSoft metadata to query the PeopleSoft database and build SAS views of PeopleSoft tables. You can save these views as permanent SAS views, SAS data files, or SAS source code.

Audience

This book is intended for applications programmers and other users who are comfortable with their own operating environment and are reasonably familiar with either SAS or with PeopleSoft. It is assumed that users are completely unfamiliar with using both of the systems together. The glossary provides definitions of terms that might be new to a user who is unfamiliar with either system.

This book provides tutorial instruction for a novice user of the SAS/ACCESS Interface to PeopleSoft software. Once you have mastered the tutorial, you can use this book for reference.

Structure of This Book

The book is organized into seven chapters and a glossary:

Additional Assistance

Your SAS Support Consultant is available to answer many of your questions. There are also many publications that provide reference and tutorial material for SAS. In addition to this book, you should have access to the installation instructions for your SAS/ACCESS Interface to PeopleSoft.

The following publications are useful if you are unfamiliar with SAS or if you want to know more about SAS software and how it is used. These books can be obtained through the SAS Institute Publications division.

- □ *SAS Language and Procedures: Usage*
- □ *SAS Language: Reference*
- □ *Getting Started with the SAS System Using SAS/ASSIST Software*
- □ *SAS/AF Software: Usage and Reference*
- □ *SAS/FSP Software: Usage and Reference,*
- □ *SAS Language Reference: Dictionary*
- □ *SAS/ACCESS Software for Relational Databases: Reference*
- □ the *SAS Companion* that is specific to your operating environment

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