Overview

The procedures in SAS/FSP software provide convenient interactive facilities for data entry, editing, and retrieval. Using SAS/FSP software you can
- browse and edit the contents of SAS data sets
- enter data into existing SAS data sets
- create new SAS data sets
- browse and edit SAS data views created with SAS/ACCESS software
- browse SAS data views created with the SQL procedure in base SAS software
- create, edit, and print form letters and reports
- build and customize end-user applications.

The following chapters provide descriptions and the full syntax of the procedures in SAS/FSP software and of the commands that are specific to each procedure.

Guide to SAS/FSP Procedures

The following table shows which tasks each SAS/FSP procedure performs and what special features it provides.
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