The SAS Language Reference: Dictionary

_SAS Language Reference: Dictionary_ provides detailed reference information for the major language elements of Base SAS software:

- data set options
- formats
- functions and CALL routines
- informats
- Application Response Measurement (ARM) macros
- statements
- SAS system options.

It also includes the following four appendixes:

- DATA Step Object Attributes and Methods
- ENCODING= values for SAS commands and statements
- DATA step debugger
- Recommended reading.

For extensive conceptual information about the SAS System and the SAS language, including the DATA step, see _SAS Language Reference: Concepts_.

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Chapter 1

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