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Before You Begin

Introduction to This Guide

This guide covers the administration of the SAS Application Server, which is a logical entity that represents the SAS server tier in the SAS Intelligence Platform. This *application server* contains a set of actual servers. For example, it almost always contains a workspace server and a stored process server, both of which are introduced in the *SAS Intelligence Platform: Overview*, and it may contain an OLAP server, which is discussed in that document as well. In addition, an application server may contain one of more of the following servers:

SAS/CONNECT Server   enables clients to execute code on a remote host, or to move data between client and server machines.

SAS batch servers   which are part of the SAS scheduling system.

SAS Grid Server   which plays a role in environments that include a grid of computing nodes.

This guide explains how to administer all of these server components, and the application server as a whole.

The guide consolidates information that was previously located in the *SAS Intelligence Platform: Administration Guide*, the *SAS Integration Technologies: Server Administrator's Guide*, and the *SAS OLAP Server: Administrator's Guide*. It also contains several chapters of new information.

This guide assumes that you are familiar with the concepts and terminology that are introduced in the *SAS Intelligence Platform: Overview* document. For a list of all of the documents that SAS publishes to support administration of the SAS Intelligence Platform, see **http://support.sas.com/913administration**.

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