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Using SAS® 9.2 Metadata Security Reporting and Auditing Features

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ABSTRACT

Generating reports of user access rights or knowing who has changed security on a particular resource are critical aspects of a secure computing environment. In SAS® 9.1.3, the metadata server played a central role in the security of SAS resources. However, there were no tools or reports provided to indicate which users or groups had access to a particular item, or who had changed the security on it.

This paper will explain the new SAS 9.2 security auditing capabilities built into the metadata server and examine how this information might be used. In addition to auditing, security reporting macros are provided. We'll examine how to use these macros to extract the security settings for metadata objects into datasets that can be used to produce reports.

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