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Macro Programming Best Practices: Styles, Guidelines and Conventions Including the Rationale Behind Them

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ABSTRACT

Coding in the SAS Macro Language can be a rich and rewarding experience. The complexity of the language allows for multiple solutions to many programming situations. But which solution is best, is there even a "best" solution, and how do you decide? Should you choose a technique based on ease of programming or because of the efficiency of the solution? What is the best practice for laying out your code, selecting your statements, and organizing the way you use the symbol tables?

Learn about macro language programming styles, guidelines and conventions and why they are important. Since not everyone always agrees on programming practices, this paper will focus on the rationales behind the techniques so you can make an informed choice based on your environment.

AN ONLINE LIVING BEST PRACTICES DISCUSSION AND DOCUMENT

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