

# 221P-2013 Recovering SAS® User Group Proceedings for the SAS® Community

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## Recovering the Proceedings

### Abstract

For many years, SAS® User Groups held conferences which had print-only proceedings that were available to those who attended or those who knew that copies existed in the SAS® Library in Cary, NC. Over the past couple of years, a project to digitize the printed proceedings of SAS® User Groups International, SAS® European Users Group International, North East SAS® Users Group, SouthEast SAS® Users Group, Western Users of SAS® Software, South Central SAS® User Group, MidWest SAS® Users Group, and the Pacific North West SAS® Users Group has been in place. Our paper provides an overview of the project and the progress that has been made.

### Why Recover Old Publications?

- More Complete SUGI / SAS Global Forum and Regional Archive
  - 60% additional user papers
- Author Research
- SAS Guru Discovery
- SAS Procedure Use Cases
- New User Access Research
- Much More

### The Process Undertaken

The process involves scanning or digitizing these paper Proceedings creating a series of images for each page in the paper proceedings. These images were converted into text using optical character recognition (OCR) and saved as pdf formatted files. The OCR process is error prone and some of the problems encountered were documented in the paper by Wooding and La Valley<sup>4</sup> at NESUG 2011 and SESUG 2011.

### Recovery Status

User Group	Years Available	Completeness
SUGI	1976-2006	All Available online
SAS® Global Forum	2007-2012	All Available online
NESUG	1988-2012	All Available online
WUSS	1993-2012	All Available online
MWSUG	1990-2012	All Available online
SESUG	1993-2012	All Available online
SCSUG	1991-2012	All Available online
PNWSUG	1996-1998, 2004-2009	Partially Available online, Missing proceedings for other years going back to 1982.
PharmaSUG	1998, 2000-2012	Partially Available online, Missing 1999 and all proceedings prior to 1998.
PharmaChina	2012	All Available online
PHUSE	2005-2012	All Available online
SEUGI	1983-2004	All Available online
SAS® Forum Int'l	2005-2007	All Available online

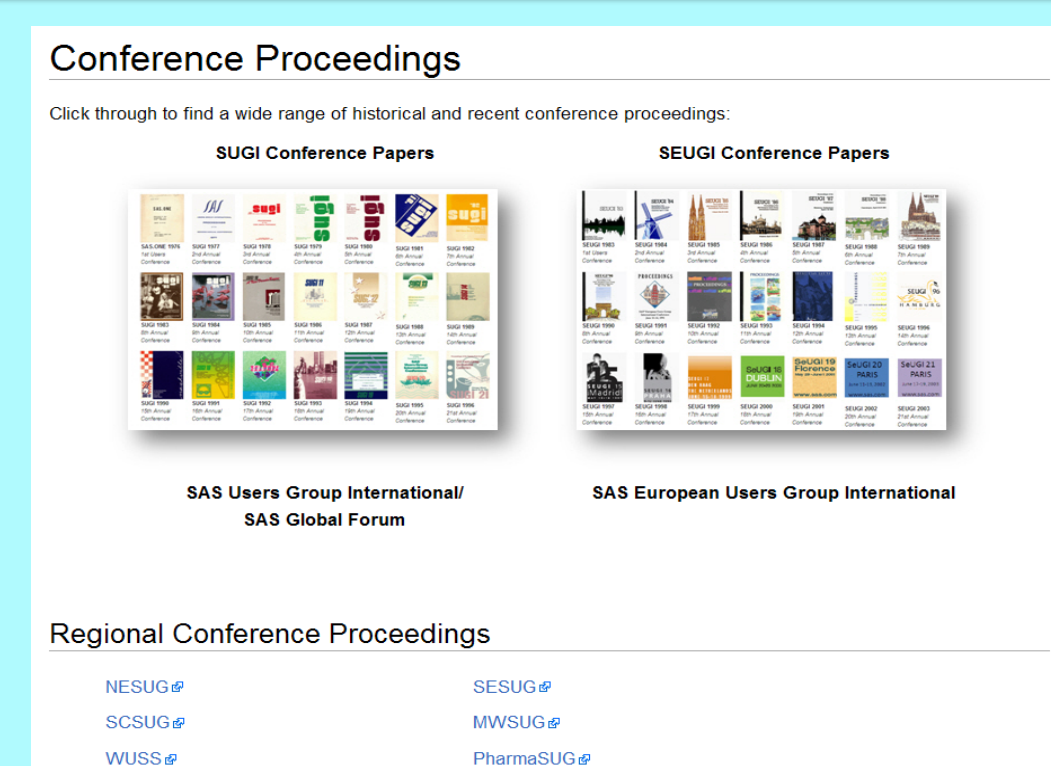
What's Available Online?

What's Been added Online?

Group	Total	Added	% Added
SUGI/SAS® Global Forum	9134	6540	71.6%
PharmaSUG	1749	37	2.1%
PharmaChina	28	0	0.0%
WUSS	2108	1236	58.6%
MWSUG	286	117	40.9%
MWSUG	1381	869	62.9%
SCSUG	981	644	65.6%
NESUG	3013	1808	60.0%
SESUG	2049	651	31.8%
PHUSE	799	0	0.0%
SEUGI	2435	2435	100.0%
Total	23963	14413	59.1%

## How can you access the data?

### sasCommunity.org



Book Shelf View

### Lex Jansen's Web pages

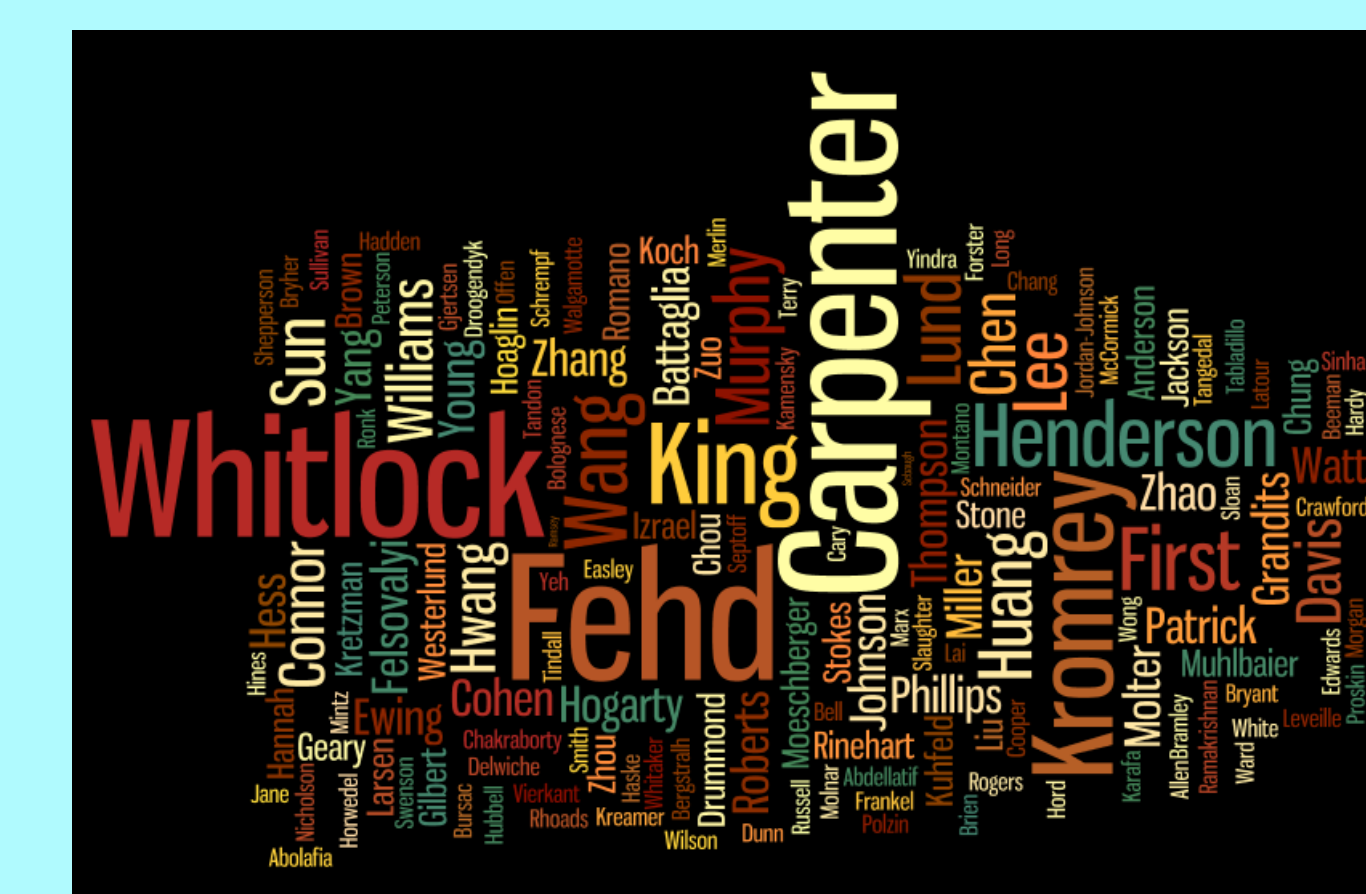
Grid of links to various SAS papers and presentations, including SAS Global Forum, PharmaSUG, and NESUG.

### support.sas.com

SAS GLOBAL FORUM 2012 CONFERENCE - PREVIOUS CONFERENCES - FUTURE CONFERENCES - ABOUT

Table of dates and locations of past conferences from 2009 to 2012.

### New User Views & Research



Finding Gurus

Author Topics



Semantic Maps and Product History

### Future Directions - sasNerd®

Conducting successful searches is not only important, it may be an essential activity in conducting effective research required by one's job. The authors are currently exploring the next generation of search tools called, sasNerd®.

Coming Soon!

### Conclusion

As the quantity of SAS user content continues to grow, the importance of producing successful searches is not only important, it may be an essential activity in conducting effective research required by an employer. The user community will greatly benefit from having powerful and quality search tools to help perform better searches and achieve better results. It should also benefit from new research which can be achieved using the body of knowledge which is not available to the community.

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