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 at NESUG 2011 and SESUG 2011.

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 one’s job. The authors are currently exploring the next generation of search tools called, sasNerd®.

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