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# The SAS® Strategic Approach to Deployment: Today, Tomorrow, and Beyond

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## ABSTRACT

Existing SAS® deployment tools allow for easy distribution of software in a networked environment. In addition to SAS® Administrator Wizard installs, the paper will discuss how third-party provisioning systems like Microsoft System Management Server, IBM Tivoli Provisioning Manager, and HP OpenView can be used to deliver SAS products throughout a corporate network.

As the SAS architecture has grown to serve the complex and distributed challenges of Enterprise-wide deployments, the tools used to plan, deliver, install, and configure SAS software have needed to grow in lockstep. The 9.2 release of the SAS® Enterprise Intelligence Platform delivers an accompanying revolution in the way SAS software is deployed. The paper will summarize advancements such as intelligent planning, electronic software download, customized orders, silent installs, streamlined dialogs, deployment capture/replay, and SAS software depot management.

Looking further into the future, SAS Deployment R&D already has several innovative efforts underway. The paper will close by describing initiatives in the areas of open source standards and tools, update services, and Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) framework adoption.

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