

# Stalking the Sequential File – a Guide to the INFILE and INPUT statements

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## ABSTRACT / INTRODUCTION

The SAS System provides a large number of analysis and reporting tools. However, those tools are ineffective until the data to be processed are accessible to SAS. This presentation will discuss the INFILE and INPUT statements. It will show how these two DATA Step statements can be used to make sequential data accessible to the SAS System. The presentation will also include a number of examples – various sequential files, including fixed-format files, DIF files, and CSV files, will be converted to SAS data.

Due to a number of circumstances, this paper was not able to be presented in this year's Proceedings. The reader is encouraged to reference "Introducing External Data to the SAS® System – the Interactive Session", which can be found in the Hands-On Workshops section of this Conference Proceedings. This alternate paper contains some of the same thoughts and concepts that would have been included in this paper.