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## **PROC TABULATE: Doin' It in Style!**

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### **Abstract**

The advent of the SAS<sup>®</sup> Output Delivery System (ODS to its friends) has turned SAS reports from machine-generated, black & white monospace bores into people-produced, productive and reader-friendly information displays. One of the main principles underlying ODS is the use of Table and Style definitions (also known as Table and Style templates). Most procedures have a standard output layout structure and rely on their Table and Style definitions to govern the cosmetic or stylistic appearance of their tables. Certain procedures (REPORT, TABULATE, etc), however, by the very nature of their complete structural customizability, do not rely on fixed external table definitions. For these procedures, stylistic customizations are performed through the use of the STYLE option, an ODS concept which is integrated into the heart of the procedures' syntax. This presentation will demonstrate the use of STYLES in the TABULATE procedure.

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