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Read SAS® Metadata in SAS® Enterprise Guide

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1. Abstract

SAS® Management Console has been key tool to interact with SAS® Metadata Servers. But sometime users need much more than what SAS Management Console can do. This paper contains couples of SAS macros which can be used in SAS® Enterprise Guide/ PC SAS® to read SAS® Metadata. These macros read users, roles and groups registered in metadata.

SAS macros given in associated paper explain how these macros can be executed in SAS® Enterprise Guide and how to change these macros to meet other business requirement. There may be some tools available in the market, which can be used to read SAS® Metadata but this paper helps in achieving most of them within SAS client like PC SAS and SAS Enterprise Guide by avoiding any additional plugin.

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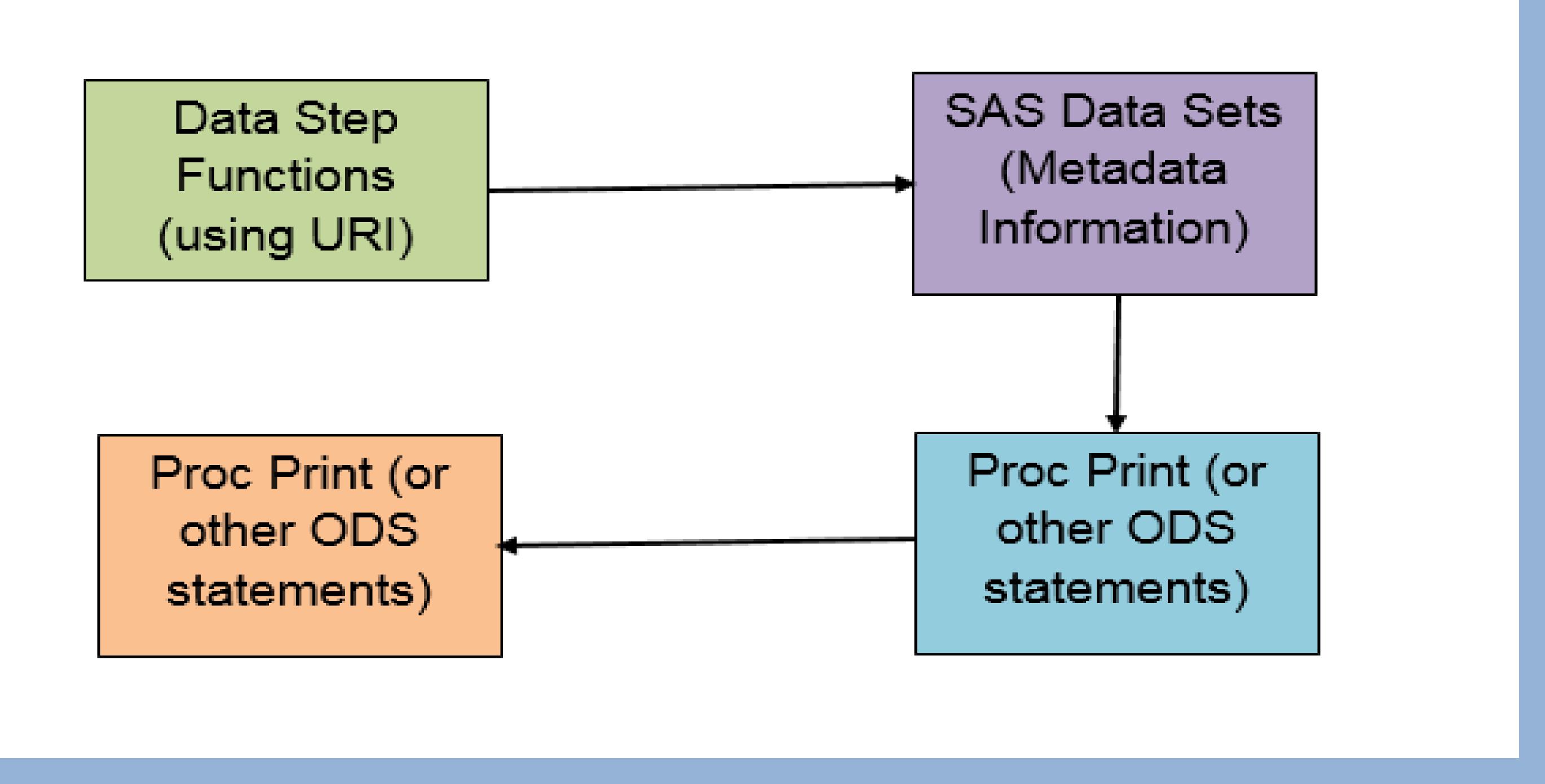
2. Data Step Functions to Read Metadata

- There are different ways to read SAS Metadata like XML Libname, SAS Procedures, Data Step Functions etc..
- This presentation and paper is Data Step Functions based.
- We will be using the different data step functions in SAS code given in the paper.

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2. Data Step Functions to Read Metadata (Contd...)



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3. Read Metadata Users

Use Data Step with URI to Read Registered Users in Metadata

```
data metauser info;
length uri name DisplayName group groupuri $256;
call missing (uri, name, Displayname, group,
groupuri);
n=1;
 nobj=metadata getnobj("omsobj:Person?@Id contains
'.'",n,uri);
 if nobj=0 then
     put 'No User';
else
     do while (nobj > 0);
     rc=metadata getattr(uri, "Name", Name);
     rc=metadata getattr(uri, "DisplayName",
DisplayName);
 a=1;
     grpassn=metadata getnasn(uri, "IdentityGroups",
a, groupuri);
```

```
if grpassn in (-3, -4) then
                 do;
                 group="No groups";
                 output;
                 end;
           else
                 do while (grpassn > 0);
           rc2=metadata getattr(groupuri, "Name", group);
                 a+1;
                 output;
     grpassn=metadata getnasn(uri,"IdentityGroups",a,group
uri);
           end;
     n+1;
nobj=metadata getnobj("omsobj:Person?@Id contains
'.'",n,uri);
end;
 keep name DisplayName group;
run;
```

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3. Read Metadata Users (Contd...)

```
----- name=devnz12
         Display
    Obs
         Name
                      UserId
                group
       NetezzaD
               Netezz_d
                       nza425
       NetezzaD Netezz_a nza428
       NetezzaD Netezz_f nza429
Display
    Obs
         Name
                      UserId
                group
       OracleDB Oracle_d orat58
       OracleDB Oracle_a orat59
       OracleDB orat60_f orat60
```

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4. Metadata Roles and Identities

Use Data Step with URI to Read Roles and Associated Identities

```
data Rolemembers;
       length id IdentType IdentId $17 RoleName Role obj Role Uri
Role desc ident uri $ 256 identName $60 type $32;
       call missing(type, id, RoleName, Role obj, Role desc,
Role Uri, Ident Uri, IdentId, IdentName, IdentType);
Role_obj=cat("omsobj:IdentityGroup?IdentityGroup[@GroupType='Rol
       Roles=metadata resolve(Role obj, type, id);
       if (Roles >0) then
             do n = 1 to Roles;
              call missing (Role Uri, RoleName,
              Ident Uri, IdentId, IdentName, IdentType);
              nobj=metadata getnobj(Role obj,n,Role Uri);
              rc= metadata getattr(Role Uri, "DisplayName",
RoleName);
       if (RoleName="") then
              rc= metadata getattr(Role Uri, "Name", RoleName);
              rc= metadata getattr(Role Uri, "Desc", Role desc);
       mems=metadata getnasn(Role Uri, "MemberIdentities", 1, Ident
uri);
```

```
if (mems > 0) then
              do j=1 to mems;
       ids=metadata getnasn(Role Uri, "MemberIdentities", j, ident Uri);
              rc=metadata getattr(ident Uri, "Id", IdentId);
              rc= metadata getattr(ident Uri, "DisplayName", IdentName);
              if (IdentName="") then
                     rc= metadata getattr(ident Uri, "Name", IdentName);
              rc= metadata getattr(ident Uri, "PublicType", IdentType);
                     put IdentName= RoleName= IdentType=;
                     output;
              call missing (Ident Uri, IdentId, IdentName, IdentType);
                     end;
              else
              do;
                     put IdentName= RoleName=;
                     IdentName=" ---- ";
                     IdentType=" ---- ";
                     output;
                     call missing(IdentType, IdentName);
              end;
              call missing (Role Uri, RoleName);
       end;
run;
```

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4. Metadata Roles and Identities (Contd...)

Obs	Ident Type	RoleName	Role_desc	Ident Name
1 2 3	Usr_Grp Usr_Grp	AddMSOffice:OtherUser		Public Report

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5. Recommended Reading

For detailed information about SAS Macro and concept, please refer:

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6. Summary

- SAS Macros given in this paper provides the foundation for reading the SAS Metadata Information.
- Specially for platform administrators, it's very important to understand the building block of metadata repository and read them quickly/ efficiently.
- There may be some tools available to get metadata reports but having your own SAS code provides the flexibility to customize your report and providing user capability to read their information, makes your (administrator) job easy.



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