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OOPs! You Did it Again with Proc DS2

Object Oriented Programming and SAS

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What is DS2? A New Programming Language in SAS

- □ DS2 is a new object oriented programming language introduced in SAS 9.4 that functions within a procedure (PROC).
- ☐ It is included with Base SAS so you can use it in SAS programming environments like SAS Enterprise Guide and SAS Studio.
- □ DS2 is not necessarily meant to be a replacement for the Data Step, so don't think that you have to convert all your existing programs to DS2.
- ☐ However, DS2 does have advantages in certain areas: additional data types, ANSI SQL types, programming structure elements, and user defined methods and packages.



Some DS2 basics

Proc DS2

What You Need to Know

An Updated Data Step

- New supported data types that follow most ANSI standards. This includes VARCHAR, INTEGER, FLOAT, BINARY, and other DATETIME data types.
- RUN/INIT/TERM are automatic system methods run for every DS2 program.
- ☐ Executable code must be in a method.

```
proc ds2;
                        data cars avg mpg / overwrite=yes;
 Declare global variables
                           dcl double avg mpg;
   after the Data Step
Runs once at beginning of
                           method init();
    the DS2 program
                             put 'DS2 start';
                           end;
  Runs for each row, like
                           method run();
implicit loop of the Data step
                             set data.cars;
                             avg mpg = (MPG City+MPG Highway)/2;
Runs once at the end of the
                           method term();
     DS2 program
                             put 'DS2 end';
                           end;
                        enddata;
                      run;
                      quit;
```

Proc DS2

What You Need to Know

User Defined Methods

- ☐ Users can create their own methods to keep their program organized between calculations and processes.
- User defined methods must be called in order to execute.
- ☐ User defined methods can be defined within a reusable user defined package (class).

```
□proc ds2;
                    data employees_full / overwrite=yes;
                       dcl char(32) first name;
                       dcl char(32) last name;
 Method get_first
   created with
                       method get_first(char(32) full_name) returns char;
parameter and return
                         return scan(full_name, 1, ' ');
      type
                       end;
                       method get_last(char(32) full_name) returns char;
 Return statement
                         return scan(full name, 2, ' ');
    contains
function/calculation
                       end:
                       method run();
                         set work.employees;
                         first name = get first(name);
                         last name = get last(name);
 Notice no INIT or
                       end:
TERM methods. They
are not necessary to
include, but they still
                     enddata;
run every program.
                   run;
                  quit;
```

Proc DS2

What You Need to Know

Parallel Processing with Threads

- Even though it still uses the implicit loop when processing a data step, DS2 can spread that process out across multiple threads.
- ☐ Threads can be useful if you have a bottleneck at the CPU processing level.



Business Case
User Defined DS2 Package

```
proc ds2;
   Thread web_visitors is
                            thread web_visitors_t / overwrite=yes;
         created
                               dcl double minutes;
                               dcl int ThreadNo;
                               dcl int Count;
                              method run();
  Data execution steps are
                                 set data.visitors;
 included in the run method
                                 minutes = time_total/60;
      for the thread
                                 count+1;
                               end;
                              method term();
    Thread information is
                                 ThreadNo= threadid ;
output to the log in the term
                                 put ThreadNo= Count=;
         method
                               end;
                            endthread:
                            run;
                          quit;
                         ∃proc ds2;
 Instance of 'th' is declared
                            data thread web visitors / overwrite=yes;
with the web_visitors thread
                               dcl thread web_visitors_t th;
 and then executed with 2
                              method run();
threads in the set statement
                                 set from th threads=2;
                               end:
                            enddata:
                            run;
                          quit;
Log displays how many
                              ThreadNo=1 Count=39520
rows processed through
                              ThreadNo=0 Count=45584
    each thread
```

Business Problem

Warranty Refund Calculation



If you've owned a product for 30 days or less then you can return it for a full refund of the purchase price.



From 31 to 365 days, you can return it but your refund amount will be the purchase price less \$10.00 times the number of days you've owned it or \$0, whichever is higher.



After 365 days you receive no refund.

Requirements

Build a reusable module to be called many times by other programmers, encapsulates the particulars of the warranty, and allows the flexibility to make changes to the assumptions.



Define a package called warranty and save it permanently for later use.



Include a set of warranty properties:

- Daily Rate daily dollar amount subtracted from original purchase price
- Min Days number of days since purchase up to which a full refund can be granted
- Max Days number of days since purchase after which zero refund is granted
- Return Date date product is returned for refund



When the warranty package is instantiated, automatically set default values for the properties:

- Daily Rate = \$10.00
- Min Days = 30
- Max Days = 365
- Return Date = today



Allow programmers to override the default property values, as required.



Include a refund method that accepts the purchase price and date purchased and returns the number of days elapsed since purchase and the refund amount.

run;

quit;

Define

A method with the same name as the package is a constructor. The warranty method is the warranty

package constructor.

libname example 'C:\Projects\Zencos\blog\ds2';

A DS2 user defined package is saved as encrypted text within a SAS data set. Save the package permanently by using a SAS libname as the first level of the package name.

□proc ds2;

```
package example.warranty / overwrite=yes;

dcl double dailyRate;
dcl double minDays;
dcl double maxDays;
dcl double returnDate;
Properties
```

The warranty package properties dailyRate, minDays, maxDays, and returnDate are declared as variables global to the package. Within the methods you'll notice that these package global variables are identified using "this." to distinguish them from any possible local method variables of the same name

```
method warranty();
  this.dailyRate=10.00;
  this.minDays=30;
                                                                    Constructors
  this.maxDays=365;
  this.returnDate=today();
end;
method warranty(double dailyRate, double minDays, double maxDays, double returnDate);
  this.dailyRate=dailyRate;
  this.minDays=minDays;
  this.maxDays=maxDays;
  this.returnDate=returnDate;
method warranty(double dailyRate, double returnDate);
  this.dailyRate=dailyRate;
  this.minDays=30;
  this.maxDays=365;
  this.returnDate=returnDate;
end;
```

DS2 allows method overloading. Note that there are three definitions of the warranty method. The first takes no arguments and is the default constructor. It will assign the package properties default values upon instantiation. The other two warranty method definitions provide options for instantiating the warranty package with user-defined values for dailyRate, minDays, maxDays, and returnDate.

The refund method encapsulates the refund calculation business rule

DS2 allows you to pass arguments to methods by value or by reference. Use the "in_out" keyword to indicate by reference. The number of days elapsed since purchase and the refund amount are to be returned to the calling DATA step, so those arguments are designated as "in_out".

Use

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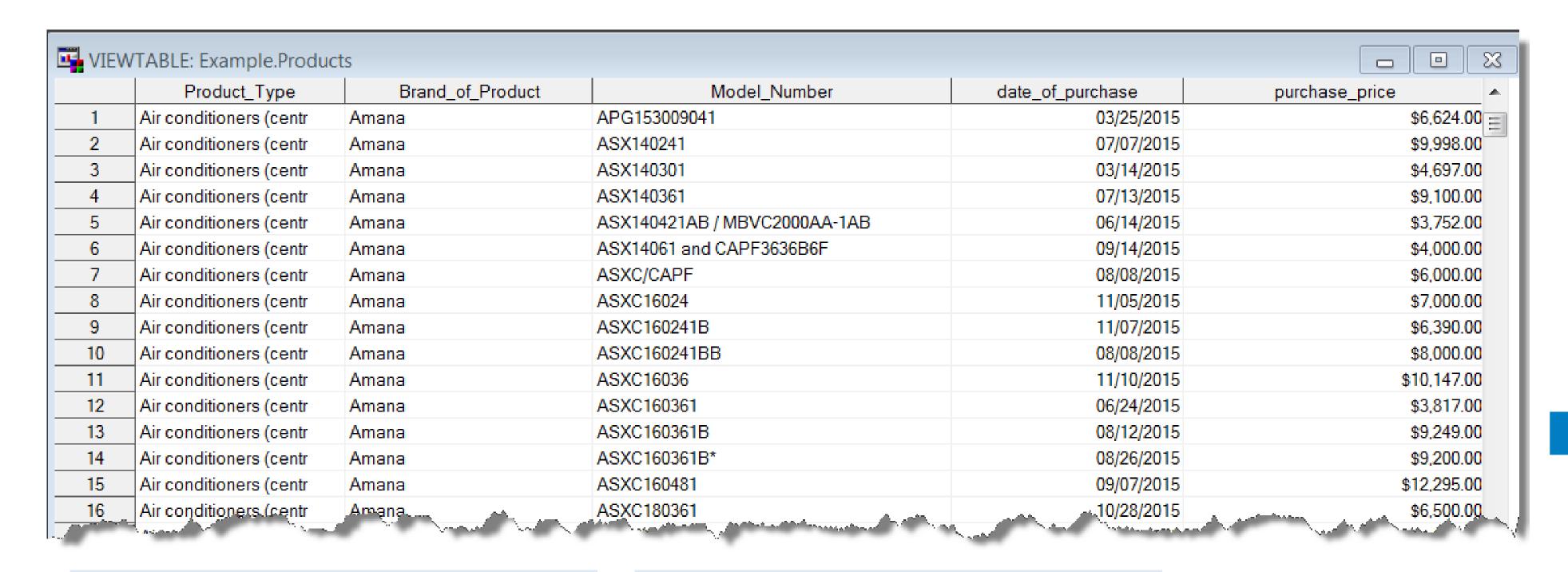
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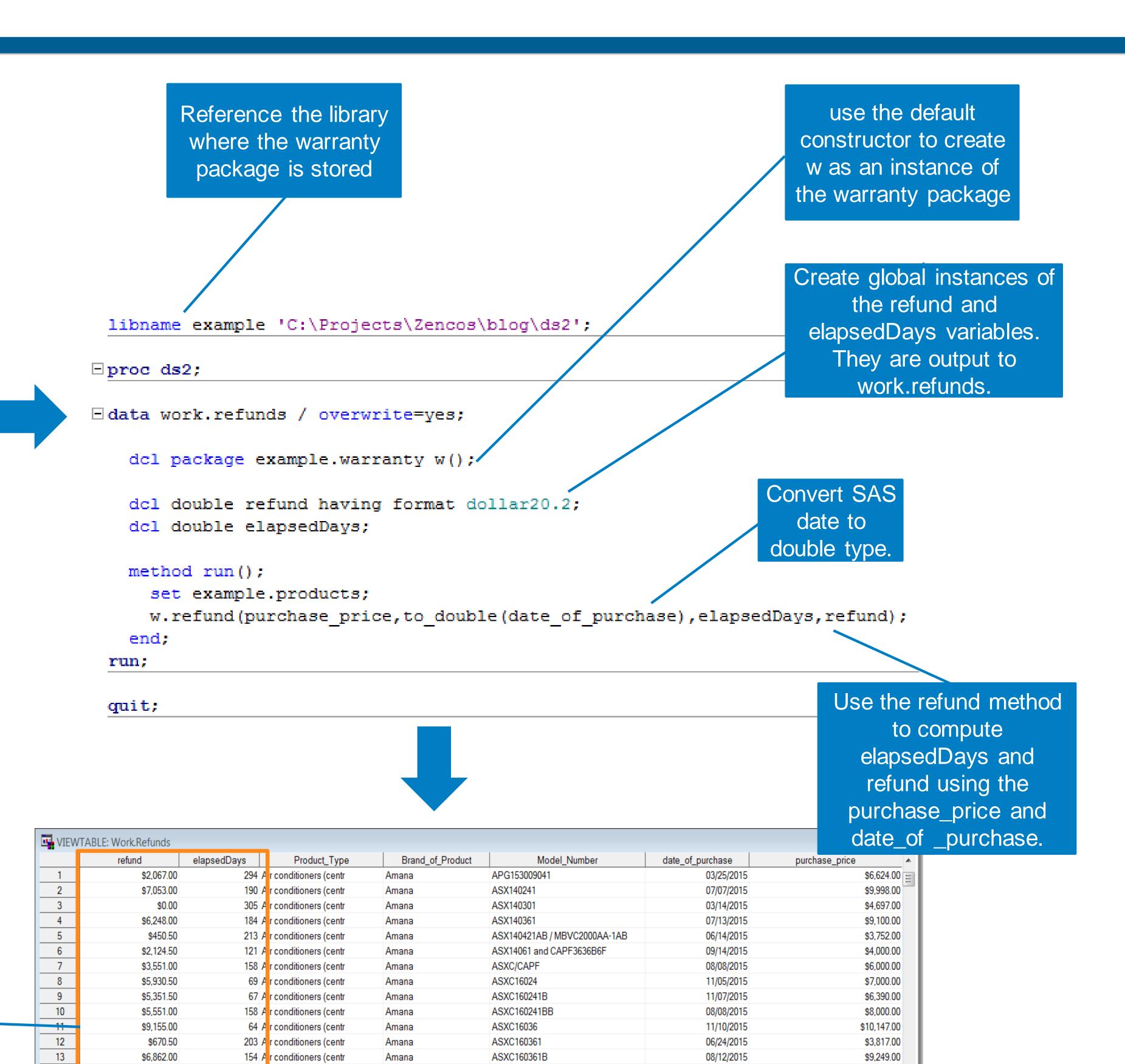
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- Use Proc DS2 to creates the data set work.refunds.
- The warranty package default constructor is used to instantiate the object w.
- Two new variables, refund and elapsedDays, are declared globally so that they can be included as columns in work.refunds.
- For each row in example.products, the refund method is called. It computes refund and elapsedDays using the purchase_price and date_of_purchase.
- Records are implicitly output to work.refunds.



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Use

- The work.refunds DS2 code block can been modified to override the default property values by passing userdefined values to the constructor.
- Alternatively, the value of a property can be changed through an assignment statement prior to the refund method call.

```
dailyRate and returnDate property
                             values overidden using constructor.
□proc ds2;
∃ data work.refunds / overwrite=yes;
    dcl package example.warranty w(20.00,to_double(date'2015-12-31'));
    dcl double refund having format dollar20.2;
    dcl double elapsedDays;
    method run();
                                                                   Property value set
      set example.products;
                                                                 assignment statement.
      w.maxDays=100;
      w.refund(purchase_price,to_double(date_of_purchase),elapsedDays,refund);
    end;
  run;
  quit;
```



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