Boston Area SAS® Users Group (BASUG) Announcement
On-Line Webinar Meeting
Co-hosted by BASUG and SAS Institute Inc.

Wednesday, April 3, 2019
Noon – 1:00

You'll only need your browser – not a drive into Boston or a ride on the MBTA – to attend our Spring meeting! We're excited to offer our first **free on-line meeting (webinar) co-hosted by BASUG and SAS Institute.** In this one-hour lunchtime meeting, two speakers from SAS will present their recent SAS Global Forum papers.

	Agenda
11:45+ AM	**Join the Webinar** (the link is below)
12:00 PM	**Welcome**
12:05 PM	**A Long-Time SAS® Programmer Learns New Tricks,** by Lisa Horwitz, SAS Institute Inc.
12:35 PM	**PROC FCMP: A Powerful Procedure You Should Be Using,** by Bill McNeill, Andrew Henrick, Mike Whitcher, and Aaron Mays, SAS Institute Inc. Presented by Bill McNeill
1:00 PM	**Closing**

This is a **FREE** event!

Click here to access the Webinar

The link above is your gateway to participate in this webinar. Click it now (or at any time before 11:45AM on the day of the meeting) and you'll have the opportunity to register and get a calendar invite with all the details. *You will not receive an email confirmation.*

OR… you can save this email and use the link above after 11:45AM on game day to join the meeting directly.

The webinar software works best with either the **Chrome** or **Edge** browser. Internet Explorer has been used but isn't recommended.

Questions? Contact our meeting coordinator, Paul Grant.

Abstracts and Speaker Biographies

A Long-Time SAS® Programmer Learns New Tricks
by Lisa Horwitz, SAS Institute Inc.

When a large and important project with a strict deadline hits your desk, it's easy to revert to those tried-and-true SAS programming techniques that have been successful for you in the past. In fact, trying to learn new techniques at such a time can prove to be distracting and a waste of time. However, the lull after a project's completion is the perfect time to reassess your approach. Once you've met your deadline, find out whether any new features—or features that are new to you—have been added to the SAS arsenal that could be of great use the next time around. Such a post-project reassessment has provided me with the opportunity to learn about several features that will prove to be extremely valuable as I rework a key project for Round 2. These features include:

- The PRESENV option and procedure
- Fuzzy matching with the COMPGED function
- The ODS POWERPOINT statement
- SAS® Enterprise Guide® enhancements, including copying and pasting process flows and the macro variable viewer

Lisa Horwitz has been at SAS for more than 30 years -- as an instructor in the Education division, as a technical manager in Sales and an Advisory Technical Architect in the Customer Loyalty organization, as a Principal Alliance Specialist in Global Alliances and Channels, and currently as a Principal Training and Enablement Specialist in the Global Sales Training organization. During this time, she has talked to thousands of SAS users, partners, customers, IT personnel, and executives, was the author of a monthly SAS Talks blog, and has delivered numerous papers at SAS Global Forum and local and regional User Group conferences. Lisa lives and works in Cary, NC.

PROC FCMP: A Powerful Procedure You Should Be Using
by Bill McNeill, Andrew Henrick, Mike Whitcher, and Aaron Mays, SAS Institute Inc.

The FCMP procedure is the SAS® Function Compiler procedure. As the name suggests, it enables you to create and save functions (and subroutines) that can be of varying size and complexity. The functions and subroutines can then be integrated with other built-in SAS functions in your SAS programs. This integration simplifies your SAS programming and facilitates code reuse that can be shared with your fellow SAS programmers. You should be using this procedure. The modularity of your code will increase. The readability of your code will increase. The maintainability of your code will increase. Your productivity will increase. Come learn how this powerful procedure will make your programming life simpler.

Bill McNeill is a senior software developer in his 23rd year with SAS. During his time with SAS he has developed for SAS/ACCESS and Base SAS products. Currently he is on the team that supports the FCMP procedure.

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