Version 9 ODS - Intermediate

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Introduction to Templates

As stated above, ODS output is really the combination of two separate elements: the output of the Procedure combined with the template structure.

By definition, a template is "an abstract description of how output should appear when it is formatted".

The idea of a template is further clarified by noting that "templates describe several characteristics of the output, including headers, column ordering, style information, justification, and formats".

We can categorize templates into two types:

- · Table templates
- · Style templates

The table template defines the table structure to hold the output. Recall from the ODS Trace statement that a single procedural output can involve several table templates.

Style templates, in contrast, determine the style of the overall page: background color, font, face, etc.

Inspecting Templates

The two templates work together, but have different functionalities.

Both templates may be examined, edited, or created from scratch.

To see a list of ODS templates, right click on the Results folder of the Results window in the Windowing Environment.

A fly-out menu is displayed with 'Templates' enabled.



Click on Templates, and the Templates window is displayed.

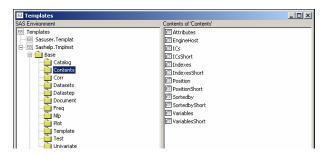


Notice that the Templates Folder has two subfolders:

- Sasuser.Templat
- Sashelp.Tmplmst.

Both folders contain templates but their use is slightly different.

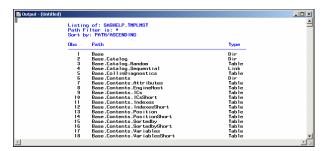
The Sashelp.Tmplmst folder holds the templates created by SAS Institute as part of Base SAS. Click on the folder to display its organization and identify templates by name and use.



Double clicking on any template in the right pane will open a Template Browser window displaying the syntax of the table template.

In environments other than Windows, information about templates is available through program submission.

To inspect a list of all templates, submit the following syntax.



To be more specific, give additional information about the template by name.

Use any full-path or partial-path information such as:

- Base
- · base.catalog
- base.catalog.random

Consider the following syntax, which shows the template syntax in the Log window.

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A Program Editor (Untabled)

Command ===>

00001 proc template;

00002 path sashelp.tmplmst;

00003 source base.catalog.random;

00004 run;
```

Here is another example that illustrates the capabilities of this syntax.

This program produces the following Log results.

The template can be sent to a separate file by including the file=syntax.

Template Stores

Templates are collected in a 'store'. A store denotes the library reference and catalog holding the templates.

Templates can be placed in as many stores as needed.

The following two stores are noteworthy:

- Sashelp.Tmplmst
- Sasuser.Templat

The Sashelp.Tmplmst store holds templates provided by the SAS Institute.

The Sasuser.Templat store holds the programmer-defined templates. When the programmer edits or creates an original template, it can be placed in the Sasuer.Templat store.

A template in Sasuser.Templat can have the same name as a template in Sashelp.Tmplmst.

By default, ODS first searches the Sasuser store, then the Sashelp store. The first template it finds with the correct name is used.

Templates can also be placed in locations other than Sashep.Tmplmst and Sasuser.Templat.

The search order becomes more complex and the ODS Path statement specifies the search order for the named template.

The ODS Path statement has two roles:

- It specifies the locations as well as the search sequence.
- When used in conjunction with 'show', it displays the locations and search sequence in the log window.

Notice that the ODS Path statement contains syntax about access.

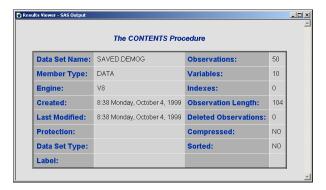
Three access modes are recognized:

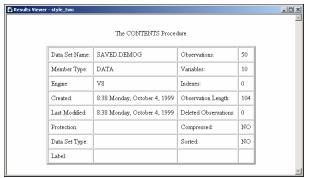
- Read (default) read only; no modifications permitted.
- Update permits adding to existing definition and read privileges.
- Write permits overwriting existing definition and read privileges.

Table vs. Style Templates

ODS uses a table template to structure the data, and a style template to specify the overall color, font, font size and so forth of the output.

Consider the same table template as using different style templates.





The distinction between template types is important when editing or creating templates.

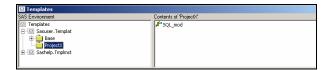
The programmer must edit or create the one that handles the aspect of the output to be manipulated.

Editing a Table Template

Templates can be edited or created from scratch.

It is easier to edit an existing template.

In either case, templates not provided by SAS are not located in the Sashelp.Tmplmst store.





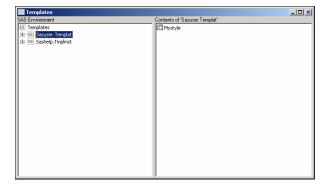
Creating a Table Template

Proc Template can be used to edit and create a template.

Although the SAS System comes with numerous formats for ODS output, some projects and business needs require customized output.

The following example shows how to create a new template for specific output created through Data _Null_ Step.

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| Status | S
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Proc Template gives us the ability to create specific structures.

For additional Proc Template programming syntax, refer to advanced courses on ODS.

ODS Style Templates

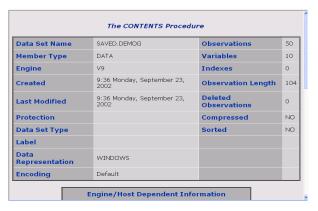
The basis for all ODS styles is the Styles. Default template.



The Style templates can be modified as needed by the user.

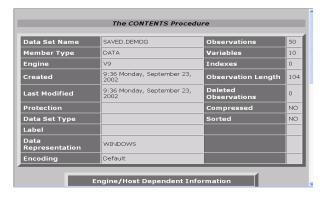
A few illustrations are displayed in the following sections.

Let's change the color layout.



Change the Proc Template syntax to point to D3D as the parent (by changing line 3 above).

The following outcome is displayed:



We can modify syntax to reference only those colors which need to be changed.

We can use syntax that does not re-reference the colors which stay the same.

However, note the warning messages in the log below.

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| State | Control | Contro
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When using the Replace statement, the entire list must be replaced, even if it means giving the same values as the default.

Simply changing the colors requiring modification does not work. SAS does not have a color reference for any color missing from the Replace statement.

The Style statement allows the programmer to modify only specific features of the template as shown earlier.

Any feature that is not changed in the Style statement is read from the parent template.

For those colors not specified in the Style statement, the template inherits the information from the parent template (in this case, default).

ODS VERIFY

The ODS VERIFY statement is used to activate and deactivate a warning in the Log window that the template used is not supplied by SAS Institute.

The default is 'off'.

Creating a SAS Data Set

We can use ODS to create a data set from an output object.

This means that the statistics are created using Proc Tabulate or Proc Means. Output is directed into a SAS data set as variables and observations.

To save output as a SAS data set, first use ODS trace to identify the path of the output.

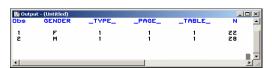
For example, the path for Proc Tabulate is Tabulate.Report.Table.

```
Command ===>
301 /* determine name of table */
303 ods trace on;
304 proc tabulate data = saved.demog;
305 proc tabulate data = saved.demog;
306 class gender;
307 table gender;
308 run;

Output Added:
Name: Table Label: Table I Data Name: Report Table Path: Tabulate.Report.Table
NOTE: PROCEDURE TABULATE used (Total process time):
real time 0.01 seconds

308
310 ods trace off;
```

The Listing window shows the results of the Proc print.

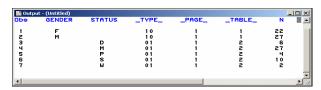


The syntax may be modified, given the parameters and the potential of the Procedure.

```
☑ Program Editor - tabulate

Command ===>

00001 obs output tabulate.report.table = work.DemogStats;
00002 proc tabulate data = saved.demog;
00004 table status;
00005 table status;
00006 run;
00006 run;
00007 ods output close;
00007 ods listing;
00010 proc print data = work.DemogStats;
00011 proc print data = work.DemogStats;
00012 run;
```



MATCH_ALL Option with Data Set Output

The ODS Output syntax can be taken further to achieve some useful results.

It may be helpful to have all procedural output flow into the same SAS data set.

Consider the following syntax and output.

The Log window shows the results of the syntax.

On the other hand, the MATCH_ALL option will separate each variable's data to flow into a different SAS dataset.



MATCH_ALL option with Macro Variable Output

The MATCH_ALL option can also be used to create a macro variable value located in the Global Symbol Table.

The macro variable holds the value of the SAS data sets created from the MATCH_ALL option.

MATCH_ALL option with By-Group Processing

The MATCH_ALL option can be used to create interesting results with By-Group processing.

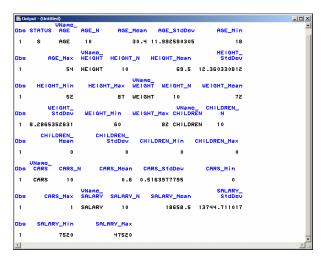
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Program Editor - (Intitled)

Command ===>
00001 ods listing close;
00002
00003 proc sort data=saved.demog
00004 out=work.demog;
00005 by status;
00006 run;
00007
00008 ods output summary(match_all)=work.moments;
00001 proc means data=work.demog;
00010 by status;
00011 run;
00012 ods output close;
00013
00014 ods listing;
00015
00016 proc print data=work.moments4;
00017 run;
```

The distinct values of Status are '', D, M, P, S, W.

By printing work.moment4 (below), the S value is shown.

(Why is the S value given the suffix 4?)





MATCH_ALL option with Persist=Proc

Consider the programming example below.

Two separate data sets are used in Proc univariate.

Three variables are referenced.

The resulting SAS data sets are work.quants, work.quants1, and work.quants2.

The Log window shows the output created.

This syntax can be simplified by using the PERSIST=PROC syntax.

The Log window shows the creation of the same three SAS data sets

MATCH_ALL Option with Datasetlist

The list of data sets can also be captured in a macro variable.

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101 ode output quantiles(match_all=datasetlist
103 ode output quantiles(match_all=datasetlist
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MATCH_ALL Option with Persist=Run

The PERSIST=RUN option acts on Procedures where the step boundary is the Quit statement.

Introduction to ODS Printer

ODS Printer syntax allows output to be sent to a high-resolution printer.

As illustrated earlier, the ODS statements used in routing output to a printer destination both open and close the request.

This module focuses on creating output and routing it directly to a printer at the time of program submission.

Also, ODS Printer syntax can create a file (e.g., *.ps, *.rtf), which can be used for printing from disk at a later point in time.

Direct Printing

By default, the ODS Printer syntax sends output to a printer device for presentation on paper.

The Log window confirms the syntax action.

The output is sent to the default printer, specified in the Note message in the log.

Should this device be off line, an error appears on the screen.



Additional programming can enhance results with ODS Printer output.

The following list of options are included in the opening ODS Printer statement.

Fontscale =	Specify a percent value. Default is 100. Font size can be adjusted as needed.	
Nocolor Color	Use information supplied in the style. Default is Nocolor.	
SAS	Use the printer drivers supplied by SAS. Used only for Windows OS.	
Uniform	Print output uniformly across pages.	
Printer =	Names a printer device.	
Style =	Select a style by name (e.g., D3D, serifPrinter)	

Example syntax is displayed below.

Printing to Disk - PostScript

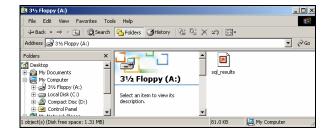
Rather than send ODS Printer output to a print device, the output can be stored to disk in a variety of document formats, including the following.

- PostScript PS
- Printer Control Language PCL
- Portable Document Files PDF
- Rich Text Format RTF

First, we will store the output as a Postscript file.

To direct SAS to use the generic postscript printer provided by SAS we need to modify line 3 in the code displayed above, as follows:

```
ods printer file==a:\sql_results.ps= ps;
```



Printing to Disk - Portable Document Files

ODS Printer can create PDF output. The process depends on the version of SAS in use, as well as converting RTF to PDF.

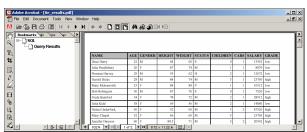
In SAS Version 8, generating a Postscript document using the syntax shown previously creates PDF output.

This PS document is then distilled using the fill version of Adobe Acrobat (not Adobe Reader).

In SAS Version 8e (8.1), the process to create PDF is more direct.

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Command ==>)
609 ods listing close;
610 ods printer file "a:\8e_results.pdf" pdf;
611 ods printer file "a:\8e_results.pdf" pdf;
612 ods printer file "a:\8e_results.pdf" [DISK], printer
613 reselect *
614 from saved.denog;
615 quit.
616 ods printer SQL used:
617 real ne 0.41 seconds
618 ods printer close;
619 ods printer close;
610 ods printer close;
611 ods PRINTER printed 2 pages to a:\8e_results.pdf.
612 ods listing;
```



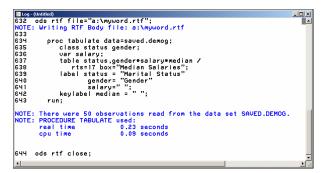


Printing to Disk - Rich Text Format

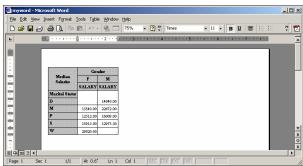
ODS can create Rich Text Format (*.rtf) for use in a word-processing application.

The ODS RTF output was 'experimental' in earlier versions; Version 8e has dropped the warning.

The results are satisfactory.







Using Styles to Control Colors and Fonts

Controlling colors and fonts can enhance the appearance of Proc Tabulate output to an HTML file.

Colors can be either foreground or background. Fonts include face, size, style, weight, and width.

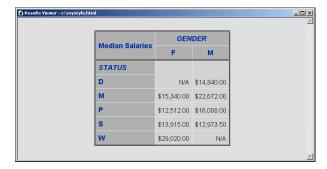


Using Style = { }





Additional colors for use in the foreground and/or background include: red, pink, orange, yellow, yellow-green, green, blue, purple, black, while and cyan.

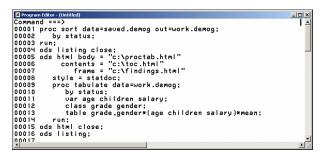


Additional font modifications can include the following:

•	Font_face	Times, Courier, Helvetic
•	Font_size	12pt, 8pt, 10pt
•	Font_style	Roman, Italic
•	Font_weight	Medium, Bold
•	Font width	Wide, Narrow

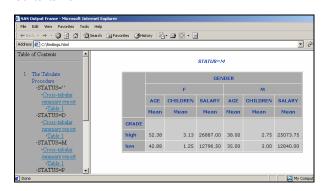
Using Proc Tabulate to Modify the Table of Contents

ODS output can be enhanced by using HTML frames to hold Proc Tabulate output.

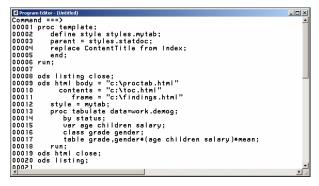


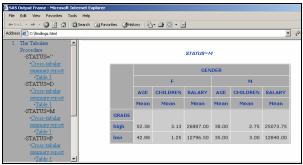
Notice the Table of Contents headings for each value of Status: "Cross-tabular summary report" and "Table 1".

The string "Table of Contents" also appears at the top of the Contents file.



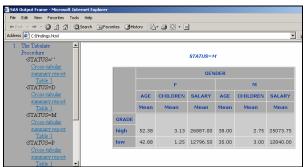
To remove the string "Table of Contents", submit syntax using the Replace statement.



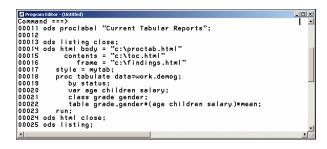


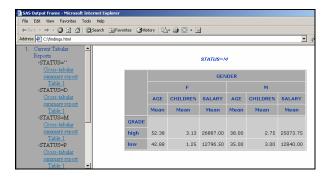
To remove bullets (i.e. points in front of the hyperlinks) modify the template as follows:





To remove or modify the title of the procedure, use the ODS Proclabel statement.

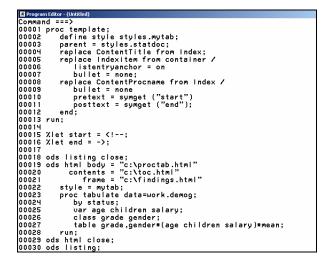


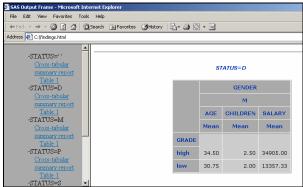


Alternative syntax for changing the procedure name string uses macro variables.

In this syntax, understand that HTML indicates a comment by starting the string with

'<! --' and ending it with '->'.



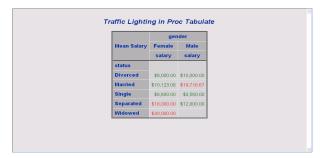


Traffic Lighting in Proc Tabulate

Traffic lighting is a method of presenting data. It uses colors to show relationships.

Instead of assigning a label to a group, the output displays a group with a specified color. Below all average salaries that are 15000 or lower are displayed in green, the others are presented in red.

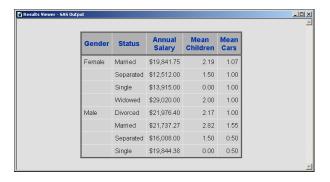
```
Program Editor - tabtraffic
 Command ===>
00001 proc format;
                        value $sta
'D'=
'M'=
'W'=
                                                         'Divorced
 00003
 00004
                                                         'Married'
'Widowed'
 00005
00005
00006
00007
00008
00009
                        value $genfmt
'F'= 'Female
'M'= 'Male';
 00010
 00011
 00012
                        00016 run;
 00017
00017
00018 title "Traffic Lighting in Proc Tabulate";
00019 ods html file = "c:\temp\tab.html";
00020 proc tabulate date = saved.demograf
00021 style = {foreground=salfmt.};
00022 class status gender;
00023 var salary;
00024 table status.gender*salary*mean=" "*f=dollar10.2";
00025 / box = "Mean Salary";
00026 format status $statfmt.gender $genfmt.;
00027 run;
```



The values of 19716.67, 18000, and 30000 are in red, the rest are in green.

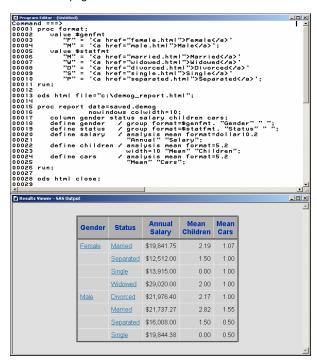
Creating an HTML Output with ODS

ODS offers interesting possibilities for output created with Proc Report, including HTML output.



Creating Click-Through Web Pages

By adjusting the formatted values of the grouping variables, Proc Report web output can contain click-through features linking them to other HTML pages.



Traffic Lighting in Proc Report

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Instead of assigning a label to a group, the output displays a group with a specified color. Below all average salaries that are 15000 or lower are displayed in green, the others are presented in red.

Traffic Lighting was introduced in the Proc Tabulate chapter with an example.



The values of 19716.67, 18000, and 30000 are in red, the rest are in green.

Introduction to Data _Null_

ODS syntax can be used to output data values to the Listing window by using _ODS_ in the Put statement.

A simple example of Data _Null_ output is shown below.

The results of the syntax are shown in the Results window.



Additional syntax can be used to produce more precise output. The following syntax subsets the data using the Keep option. Note that the output resembles a Proc Print statement.

```
Display of Data from Saved.Demog

NAME

GENDER

SALARY

GRADE

Dave Derry

Julia Pendlebury

F

Norman Harvey

Harold Hicks

M

23760

High

Mary Molesworth

F

Bob Bobington

Freda Bamford

F

Julia Kidd

Jennifer Dawson

F

Ziffo

Jennifer Dawson

F

Jiffo

Jennifer Dawson

Jennifer Dawson

Julio Jennings

Kirley Walters

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John

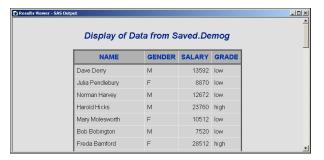
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Enclosing the syntax in ODS HTML statements creates browserready documents.



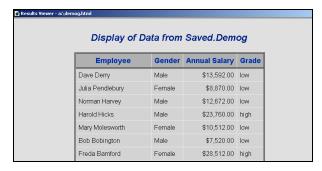
Modifying the File Statement

The File Statement can be used to request various enhancements.

Consider another way to subset the data without using the Keep option.



Now consider a full-scale modification of the File statement using ODS= suboptions.

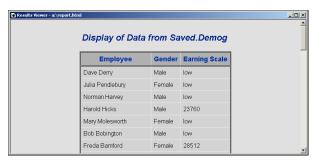


Combining Columns of Data

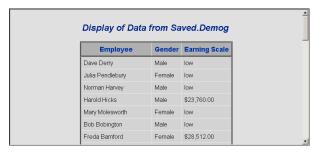
The syntax holds interesting possibilities for combining separate data set columns into the same output column.

Let's combine the Salary and Grade variables as follows:

- If the individual's Grade holds a value of low, show the Grade value.
- · Otherwise, show the Salary value in the column.



Additional data step syntax can enhance presentation of output.



We can create the same output using a Label statement.