

Fun With Functions

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Bio:

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Abstract:

Functions can be fun (and useful) if you know when, how, and why to use them. Functions can be frustrating if you don't know the tricks behind them. In this presentation, we will explore the most commonly used functions to streamline data processing and reduce your programming effort. You will learn how to use summary functions, string functions, conversion functions, and date functions. We will also explore some of the 60 functions added to Version 9 SAS software. This presentation will also help you understand WHERE to use functions, since they aren't "just for the DATA Step".