

## SAS for UNIX: Sources of Information

Platform: UNIX

Level of Difficulty: Beginner

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### RUCS/NBCS

The Information Center (128 Hill Center, Busch Campus, (732) 445-HELP (4357) ) provides the following resources for users of SAS on the RCI System:

- a comprehensive set of SAS manuals available for reference within the Information Center;
- SAS, UNIX, and RCI documents prepared by RUCS staff;
- a copy of SAS Institute's *Publications Catalog* available for reference within the Information Center;

### SAS Manuals and Books

The two *introductory* manuals listed below are intended for those new to SAS software. These manuals are task-oriented in nature, covering basic operations such as sorting data, generating reports, and creating and maintaining data sets.

- *SAS Language and Procedures: Introduction, Version 6, First Edition*
- *SAS Language and Procedures: Usage, Version 6, First Edition*

The following three manuals are comprehensive *references* for Base SAS and SAS/STAT software. They cover all Base SAS procedures (PROCs), Data Step statements, and SAS/STAT procedures, respectively. Those who use SAS regularly (especially for statistical analysis) will find these manuals very useful. *SAS Language: Reference, Version 6, First Edition* (below) also describes the character-based SAS Display Manager in great detail.

- *SAS Procedures Guide, Version 6, Third Edition*
- *SAS Language: Reference, Version 6, First Edition*
- *SAS/STAT User's Guide, Version 6, Fourth Edition*

The following two manuals detail *UNIX-specific* aspects of the SAS system, including user interfaces, file management, and SAS options. Users who wish to get the most out of SAS under UNIX will find these manuals valuable.

- *SAS Companion for UNIX Environments: Language, Version 6, First Edition*
- *SAS Companion for UNIX Environments: User Interfaces, Version 6, First Edition*

Those who use other SAS components (e.g., SAS/GRAPH, SAS/ETS) will find the various component-specific Usage and/or Reference manuals helpful.

The Information Center has a reference copy of SAS Institute's *Publications Catalog*. This catalog provides information on availability and pricing of the entire library of SAS manuals and related books.

In addition to SAS Institute's official manuals, the Institute publishes a number of "books by users", written by SAS users who are not affiliated with the SAS Institute. Varying in complexity, these titles offer helpful information on various aspects of SAS software. Contact SAS Institute's Book Sales Department (see below ) or consult the *Publications Catalog* for details.

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