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## Utilizing SAS for Efficient Coding

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# Environment

- Program faster, more efficient, with fewer errors
- Always multiple ways to program task
- Utilize SAS to create datasets, variable names, etc to make code more efficient
- Able to reuse code without re-validation
- Create more output with single program
- Simple example

# Problem

- Create a unique subject id in each dataset consisting of combination of study number, site and subject number
  - 38 studies
- Each study has different
  - Dataset names
  - Number of datasets per study
  - Variable names for subject and site number

# Multiple dataset names

**Ex: study 205**

- 1 AE
- 2 ANXHIST
- 3 ANXIETY
- 4 CONCMDRG
- 5 DEMO
- 6 DOSE
- 7 FINAL
- 8 GLOBAL
- 9 HAMILTON
- 10 LABDATA

**Ex: study 555**

- 1 AE\_EVENT
- 2 ANXHIST
- 3 DEMO
- 4 EDAM
- 5 EVAL\_ULCER
- 7 HAMILTON
- 8 PEN
- 9 PSYCHIATRIC

**Ex: study 550**

- 1 DEMO
- 2 HAM
- 3 GLOBAL

# Solution

- Create macro to run for each study
- One possibility – list unique dataset names for each study, for example:

```
1 AE                %let &ds=AE;
2 ANXHIST
3 ANXIETY           data &ds;
4 CONCMDRG         set &ds;
5 DEMO
6 DOSE              usubjid=put(&study,z4.)||'_'||put(&site,z4.)||'_'||put(&id,z4.);
7 FINAL           run;
8 GLOBAL
9 HAMILTON
10 LABDATA         %macro addstudy (ds=ds, study=study, site=site, id=id);
```

# Better Solution

- Let *proc contents* do the work for you

```
proc contents data=&lib.._all_ out=test;  
run;
```

```
proc sql;  
  create table test1 as  
  select distinct memname  
  from test;  
quit;
```

# Better Solution

- This creates dataset *TEST1* with all dataset names

<u>Obs</u>	<u>MEMNAME</u>
1	AE
2	ANXHIST
3	ANXIETY
4	CONCMDRG
5	DEMO
6	DOSE
7	FINAL
8	GLOBAL
9	HAMILTON
10	LABDATA



# Count number datasets

- Next loop through each dataset name to create USUBJID
- Say one study has 10 datasets and another has 12 or 5
- &obs could be additional macro variable to be entered for each study,  
i.e. `%let %obs=10;` then  
`%do i=1 %to &obs;`

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# Count number datasets

- **Create macro variable %obs from \_n\_**

```
data test2;  
  set test1;  
  obs=_n_;  
run;
```

```
proc sort data=test2; by descending obs;  
proc sql;  
  select obs into:obs  
  from test2;  
quit;
```

# Transpose

```
proc transpose data=test2 out=test3;  
  var memname;  
run;
```

NAME OF FORMER VARIABLE	LABEL OF FORMER VARIABLE	COL1	COL2	COL3	COL4	COL5
MEMNAME	Library Member Name	AE	ANXHIST	ANXIETY	CONCMDRG	DEMO

# Loop

```
%do i=1 %to &obs;

proc sql;
  select col&i into:ds&i
  from test3;
quit;
```

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MEMNAME	Library Member Name	AE	ANXHIST	ANXIETY	CONCMDRG	DEMO

- MLOGIC(ADDSTUDY): %DO loop beginning; index variable I; start value is 1; stop value is 10; by value is 1.
- MPRINT(ADDSTUDY): **proc sql;**
- SYMBOLGEN: Macro variable I resolves to 1
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- MPRINT(ADDSTUDY): **select col1 into:ds1 from test3;**
- MPRINT(ADDSTUDY): **quit;**

# Loop

- Loop continued:

```
data interim.&&ds&i;
```

```
set in.&&ds&i;
```

```
USUBJID=put(&study,z4.)||'-'||put(&site,z4.)||'-'||put(&id,z4.);
```

```
run;
```

```
%end;
```



# Log

- SYMBOLGEN: && resolves to &.
- SYMBOLGEN: Macro variable I resolves to 1
- SYMBOLGEN: Macro variable DS1 resolves to AE
- **MPRINT(ADDSTUDY): data interim.AE ;**
- SYMBOLGEN: && resolves to &.
- SYMBOLGEN: Macro variable I resolves to 1
- SYMBOLGEN: Macro variable DS1 resolves to AE
- **MPRINT(ADDSTUDY): set in.AE ;**
- SYMBOLGEN: Macro variable STUDY resolves to 205
- SYMBOLGEN: Macro variable SITE resolves to 0001
- SYMBOLGEN: Macro variable ID resolves to subject
- **MPRINT(ADDSTUDY): USUBJID=put(205,z4.)||'-'||put(site,z4.)||'-'||put(subject,z4.);**
- **MPRINT(ADDSTUDY): run;**
  
- NOTE: There were 87 observations read from the data set IN.AE.
- NOTE: The data set INTERIM.AE has 87 observations and 17 variables.

# Conclusions

- One macro was able to be run
  - across 38 studies,
  - with multiple dataset names,
  - different number of datasets per study,
  - and different variable names for subject and site numbers



# Conclusions

- Only inputs needed
  - &study = study number
  - &id = variable name for subject number
  - &site = variable name for site

```
%macro addstudy (study=study, site=site, id=id);
```

# Conclusions

- With flexibility of macro you are able to do more work with minimal changes
- Let SAS create datasets and variables based on the data so you don't have to
- Less chance for errors, rework and revalidation