

Review of draft or new BBU book

Title: The Handbook of SAS Functions #59343

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Ron Cody makes functions, both old and new, easy to understand. He starts with the purpose of a function and follows up with a short SAS program to display how and when it can be used. The format used in this handbook makes finding a particular function and learning its use by example easy.

Similar functions and Call routines are treated as a group. First there is an explanation of the appropriate use for each. Then a sequence of sample programs demonstrates how they differ. Dates are often key variables in the programming world. Date and time functions are covered in detail and excellent examples for each function are included.

If you deal with character data frequently, you will appreciate the section of this book which describes the new SAS 9.0 character functions and Perl expressions.

This is truly a handbook to have handy, when you want to choose right function for a task and use it correctly.

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