

Module 1 - Welcome to SASSI!

SASSI is designed to teach skills in data management and analysis using SAS.

Navigating SASSI



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to exit the training. Please note that if you select exit and then want to return to the module, you will not return to the page you exited. You will start the module from the module menu.



provides the learner with additional information or assistance. This can be background information or provide in-depth explanation that some learners will appreciate.

Clicking on Underlined words or phrases will connect to a glossary.

Creating a Folder in Your c: Drive

On a PC with Windows:

1. Open Windows Explorer or My Computer.
2. Find your C: drive (in most cases, the hard drive for your computer)
3. Open the Temp folder
4. Select File- Menu - New - Folder
5. Name the new folder SASSI

NOTE: If you are unable to save to the folder c:\temp drive due to computer security limitations, you will need to find another location to create a SASSI folder. An example path is F:\documents\sassi. This new path and folder information will be needed throughout SASSI, so make sure to write this down. SASSI will prompt you for this information with the "No C:" button.

This will remind you to use your path and not the standard SASSI path.



Example SAS Programs

In SASSI, there will be sections of SAS program code that are standard in SAS and do not change. Generally, these will be presented in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS. Items that are changeable, for instance data set and variable names, will be written in normal font.

For example: PROC CONTENTS DATA=datasetname;

Note that SAS program code can be uppercase, lowercase, or both. Capitalization does not matter for SAS program code.

SASSI Data Sets

There are 3 groups of data sets provided for SASSI.

1. Examp-example data sets that are used during SAS instruction. Sample name:examp4a (module 4 data set a).
2. Assess-assessment data sets to be used during the test at the end of the module. Sample name assess4a.
3. Practice-practice data sets provided for you to use on your own to practice recently learned SAS skills.

SASSI Modules

The modules for SASSI are as follows:

1. Welcome
2. Surveillance and Epidemiology
3. Introduction to SAS and SAS Features
4. Creating and Accessing SAS Data Sets and Importing Data
5. Merging Data
6. Reviewing Data Quality
7. Formatting Data with an Introduction to Data Manipulation
8. Basic Analysis
9. Tables and Graphs
10. Output and Exporting

Requirements/Suggestions for the Course

- SAS version 9.1 or higher*
- A folder named SASSI in your computer
- SASSI prefers C:\temp\sassi
- Create a folder for tip sheets
- Time and a bit of patience while you are learning SAS
- An environment conducive to your learning style
- Schedule a fixed time for taking this course. For example, Monday morning.
 - Mark it and block it out on your calendar.
 - If needed, be sure to clear time with your manager and co-workers to avoid interruptions.
 - Modules are designed to take between 45 and 90 minutes (time is noted in the table of contents on the main page).
 - Time should be scheduled for when you are alert and ready to learn.
 - Turn off email pop-ups.
- Try to be patient

If you have any questions about SASSI, please email sassi@cdc.gov .