

## Save typing with a Wildcard drop=?

```
data lift (drop=mmA mmB mmS ddA ddb ddS yyA yyB yyS
          cdateA cdateB cdateS
          ADate BDate SDate);
```

```
infile raw;
```

```
input @ 11 LiftCustm $1.
```

```
      @ 110 ADate   pd4.
```

```
      @ 217 BDate   pd4.
```

```
      @ 221 SDate   pd4.
```

```
      @ 229 BillNo  $6.
```

```
      @ 242 LiftNo  $7.
```

```
      @ 316 HeldCode $1.
```

```
;
```

```
  cdateA=right(put(Adate,7.));
  mmA=input(substr(cdate,1,2),2.);
  ddA=input(substr(cdate,3,2),2.);
  yyA=input(substr(cdate,5,2),2.);
  AsrtDate=put(mdy(mmA,ddA,yyA),date7.);
```

```
  cdateB=right(put(Bdate,7.));
  mmB=input(substr(cdateB,1,2),2.);
  ddB=input(substr(cdateB,3,2),2.);
  yyB=input(substr(cdateB,5,2),2.);
  BillDate=put(mdy(mmB,ddB,yyB),date7.);
```

```
  cdate=right(put(Sdate,7.));
  mmS=input(substr(cdateS,1,2),2.);
  ddS=input(substr(cdateS,3,2),2.);
  yyS=input(substr(cdateS,5,2),2.);
  ShipDate=put(mdy(mmS,ddS,yyS),date7.);
```

```
run; *see the shortcut on the next page;
```

```
data lift (drop=_:);
```

```
infile raw;
```

```
input @ 11 LiftCustm $1.  
      @ 110 _Adate pd4.  
      @ 217 _Bdate pd4.  
      @ 221 _Sdate pd4.  
      @ 229 BillNo $6.  
      @ 242 LiftNo $7.  
      @ 316 HeldCode $1.
```

```
;
```

```
_cdateA=right(put(_Adate,7.));  
_mmA=input(substr(_cdate,1,2),2.);  
_ddA=input(substr(_cdate,3,2),2.);  
_yyA=input(substr(_cdate,5,2),2.);  
AsrtDate=put(mdy(_mmA,_ddA,_yyA),date7.);
```

```
_cdateB=right(put(_Bdate,7.));  
_mmB=input(substr(_cdateB,1,2),2.);  
_ddB=input(substr(_cdateB,3,2),2.);  
_yyB=input(substr(_cdateB,5,2),2.);  
BillDate=put(mdy(_mmB,_ddB,_yyB),date7.);
```

```
_cdate=right(put(_Sdate,7.));  
_mmS=input(substr(_cdateS,1,2),2.);  
_ddS=input(substr(_cdateS,3,2),2.);  
_yyS=input(substr(_cdateS,5,2),2.);  
ShipDate=put(mdy(_mmS,_ddS,_yyS),date7.);
```

```
run;
```

```
*Harry Droogendyk;
```

## How about the "Non-Macro" Macro.

It is used to dummy out a section of code. It's a lot easier than comments especially when there are lots of imbedded comments that you need to work around.

Data one:

```
set one;
```

```
do some stuff using many statements;
```

```
run;
```

If you want to dummy out several lines -- maybe hundreds, then wrap it in a macro that you never execute.

Data one:

```
set one;
```

```
%macro Skip_it;
```

```
do some stuff;
```

```
%mend Skip_it;
```

```
do some other stuff;
```

```
run;
```

## SAS Enhanced Editor Abbreviations

Do you hate to type? Do you have problems remembering PROC or macro syntax? If so, then maybe Editor Abbreviations are for you. Editor Abbreviations are similar to keyboard macros.

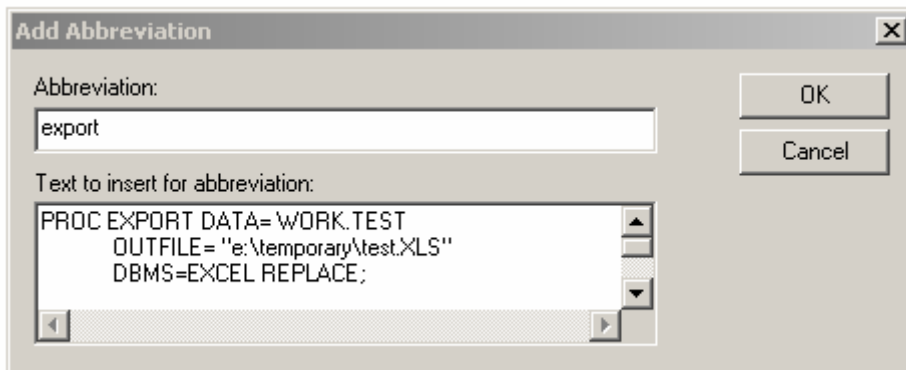
Let's say that you often need to export a SAS data table into excel and want to skip going through the Export Wizard.

**Step 1: Type the code that you want to save or save a sample code from the Export Wizard.**

```
PROC EXPORT DATA= WORK.TEST  
  OUTFILE= "e:\temporary\test.XLS"  
  DBMS=EXCEL REPLACE;  
  SHEET="Name";  
RUN;
```

**Highlight and copy the code into the clipboard.**

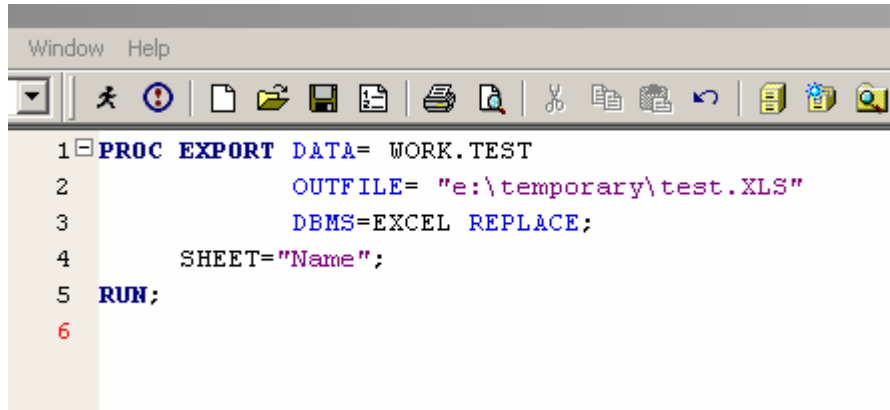
**Step 2: Select Tools > Add Abbreviation**



**Enter an Abbreviation name and copy the text to insert for abbreviation. Then click OK.**

### Step 3: Using the abbreviation.

When you type the abbreviation (case sensitive) a small window pops up showing the first part of the abbreviation text. To load the abbreviation text, simply press the Tab key. To ignore the abbreviation, continue typing.

A screenshot of a SAS editor window. The window title is "Window Help". The menu bar contains "Window" and "Help". The toolbar includes icons for Run, Stop, Save, Print, Copy, Paste, Undo, Redo, and Help. The code editor shows the following SAS code:

```
1 PROC EXPORT DATA= WORK.TEST
2     OUTFILE= "e:\temporary\test.XLS"
3     DBMS=EXCEL REPLACE;
4     SHEET="Name";
5 RUN;
6
```

The code is now available for editing.



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