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Family: I am married and have four kids, one girl and three boys. Luckily for our daughter, she's the oldest.

Pets: With four kids to keep us busy, we (or I should say, I) have been avoiding even the discussion of bringing a pet into the mix, but I'm starting to lose that battle. The youngest is now three and the kids are "dog crazy," so it's looking like we'll have a pet dog in the spring/summer timeframe. Thanks to the Internet, a wealth of research has gone into evaluating dog breeds, and at this point, it looks like Airedales are in the lead.

Sports/Hobbies: Hockey is my sport. I played in a league last year, but this year, with three out of four kids in minor hockey – and coaching on two of those teams – my time is focused on the kids' hockey, which I really enjoy. Another hobby of mine in the winter is to have an ice rink in the back yard, which the kids spend hours and hours on. I also enjoy home renovations and construction. Going through university, I had summer jobs building houses. I also enjoy singing. SAS has a corporate band that you may have seen last year in Montreal at SUGI. And some day – in all my spare time – I would like to get back at restoring old cars; my dad, brother and I restored a '69 Chevelle a few years back.

Favourite Foods: I grew up on a beef farm, so for me there's nothing like a Canadian steak!

If I could be anything at all (besides a SAS programmer), I would be: The creative genius behind the next wave of television shows to dominate the channels. (Don't worry, it will be better than the reality wave!)

When I'm not programming in SAS, I like to: Do home renovations and construction, help the kids with their piano and violin (though I would be much more help if I played either one).

One thing every SAS programmer should know: Every SAS programmer should know how to start using "Arrays" in their programs and applications, what they are and where they might be appropriate. For an overview of how to use Arrays, check out my SUGI paper: <http://www2.sas.com/proceedings/sugi27/p066-27.pdf>

What your ideal weekend would be: My ideal weekend would, of course, be four or five days long. It would be a mix of spending time with the family, having friends over and probably building at least something!