

HENNING DEKANT (Cont')

Pets:

A little fluffy black dog called Bonnie.

Family:

Wife, Sara, and baby boy Gavin.

Sports/Hobbies:

Cross-country skiing. Playing the piano – especially pieces that accompany Sara on the double bass.

What your ideal weekend would be:

Visiting family and friends back in Germany.

Favorite Foods:

Potato pancakes.

If could be anything at all (besides a SAS consultant), I would ... spend my time pondering theoretical physics.

When I'm not involved on SAS consulting projects, I like to ... spend time with my family, preferably outdoors.

Something I've learned out in the field doing consulting work for SAS that I feel would benefit other SAS users is ... exploring the usage of regular expressions in data step code. In SAS@9, the syntax for regular expressions is now identical to what Perl coders are used to, and just as versatile. Using this feature to its fullest extend can make for some impressively compact and powerful, yet blazingly fast, code.