

## Charlotte King Con't

**How Charlotte became a SAS convert con't:** Curiously, upon hearing my rants about the horrible man and his horrible program, my friends who had already taken the course merely shook their heads and smiled wryly. As you would expect, as the course progressed, the data sets became cleaner, the solutions clearer, and my SAS programs more concise. At the conclusion of the course, after sailing through a particularly difficult final exam, I realized that I had learned two things: first, that the most useful lessons in life are often the hardest, and that learning to learn is indeed the most useful and difficult of life's lessons; and second, that SAS is indeed the best way.

**Pets:** I have a real problem with messes, so pets are not an option.

**Sports/Hobbies:** Dancing, quilting, cooking, Girl Guides

**Your ideal weekend would be:** I have many ideal weekends, but my current favourite is a private jet to a small Greek island.

**Favourite Foods:** Salad –spinach with loads of mushrooms and bacon; dessert – lemon torte

**If I could be anything at all (besides a SAS programmer), I would be...** An art museum curator specializing in impressionism.

**When I'm not programming in SAS, I like to ...** Go camping, host small dinner parties, and curl up with a good book.

**One thing every SAS programmer should know ...**

My life has been made significantly easier since discovering proc compare. This bit of code will create a simple summary and an output dataset that contains the observations that didn't match and which dataset they came from.

```
proc compare base=registry compare=demographics out=regdem outnoequal
outbase outcomp nomisscomp allstats;
  id acb_no;
  var acb_no;
  title "registry to demographics";
run;
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