



SAS ARCHITECTURE REVIEW SERVICE

Leverage the most from your SAS investment

At a Glance

What is the SAS Architecture Review Service?

An opportunity to have a qualified SAS Architect help in reviewing your current or future SAS deployment plans. The Architecture Team has in-depth experience in configuring and deploying the SAS® Enterprise Intelligence Platform in all sizes of organisations across all industries.

Who is the Review Service designed for?

The Service is aimed at existing SAS customers who have deployed components of the SAS® Enterprise Intelligence Platform.

Why is the service important?

Customers may not be taking full advantage of the capabilities and performance of the SAS® Enterprise Intelligence Platform. Having a qualified review will increase your confidence that your current requirements can be met as well as supporting plans for the future.

What will you get from the review?

You will receive knowledge transfer, expert advice and recommendations during the course of the review. At completion, a report will be delivered outlining the assessment results, recommendations, priorities and an action plan for next steps.



**THE
POWER
TO KNOW.**

The SAS Architecture Review Service provides you with expert recommendations for the most efficient and effective use of SAS technology within your organisation – helping you to get the maximum benefit from your SAS investment.

No-one knows SAS technology and solutions better than SAS. The SAS Architecture Review Service provides our customers access to SAS expertise and advice on the best approaches in deploying a SAS platform and solution. Through engaging with SAS Consulting Services, you get the reassurance that their implementation projects are proceeding towards successful outcomes, or where appropriate, are advised and recommended areas of improvement to get a project back on course. A SAS Architect will carry out an initial review of your overall environment or additionally perform a detailed review with specific requirements and objectives.

Key Benefits

The Architecture Review Service provides specific recommendations for best-practice implementation and configuration for your deployment, allowing the best performance and reliability for your environment. By dealing and learning from SAS experts, you get the job done properly the first time.

Optimise your investment to ensure you:

- obtain expertise and knowledge transfer from a SAS Architect
- maximise efficient use of your software and increase your return on investment (ROI)
- shorten time to benefit
- be proactive towards potential problems; and
- reassurance and mitigate project or environment risks

Who is the Review Service designed for?

The Service is aimed at existing SAS customers who have deployed components of the SAS® Enterprise Intelligence Platform. The Review Service will be beneficial to customers who:

- want to take proactive action to establish a stable and robust environment
- have a complex environment and require expert help
- need validation of environment to support an upgrade or add more users or applications

- lack skills internally and would like to develop those skills in-house with a SAS expert
- are having specific issues with their environment or deployment and need to understand approaches to help resolve these
- have a stalled implementation or want to get more value from their software
- are implementing in-house or using a partner and would like to reduce risk

Service Activities and Topics

The SAS Architecture Review Service will look to assess and make recommendations on your existing SAS environment but can also focus on specific areas for detailed review.

These may include:

- Installation and Configuration review
- Upgrade and Migration planning
- Backup & Disaster Recovery review
- Configuring a secure environment or review existing security
- Configuring development lifecycle management and environment promotion
- Metadata configuration management
- Performance tuning, infrastructure and hardware considerations
- Maximise efficient use of existing hardware
- Capacity planning and sizing for growth
- Integrating SAS with 3rd party software or processes within your organisation

Service Engagement Format

A typical SAS Architecture Review Service engagement will typically have a SAS Architect:

- Kick-off an initial meeting to determine scope and relevant stakeholders
- Conduct an onsite workshop and architecture overview session to discuss current issues and future plans
- Understand your existing IT environment and how it supports your business and interview individual stakeholders if required
- Review your environment, consolidate information and determine recommendations about the hardware and operating systems required to support SAS, as well as the integration of SAS with your existing software and services
- Propose best practice approaches to minimise risk
- Present initial recommendations as well as prepare and deliver a final report document

Service Deliverable

A SAS Architect will present you with initial recommendations at the end of the review. You will also be provided an Architecture Review report outlining the assessment results, recommendations and next steps.

Estimated Duration

The duration for the SAS Architecture Review Service can vary depending on your specific requirements, software products and applications, and the availability of skilled resource. SAS Consulting will work with you to scope

your requirements based on your environment and requirements. As a guide, most reviews run for 4 to 5 days with the flexibility to extend depending on scope of review.

Why partner with SAS?

Our development expertise spans three decades, and our experience with customers around the world is unrivalled. So you can rest assured that with every one of our implementations, our methodologies and best practices will deliver tangible results for your organisation. Our services combine a breadth of business experience with state-of-the-art technology to turn your strategies into a true competitive advantage. And, because our consultants take the time to listen and learn about your enterprise and its goals before they recommend a solution, you get the right SAS technology, solutions and services to solve your unique business challenges. Our consultants enter every service engagement with the strong foundation of our scalable methodologies and best practices, enabling you to benefit from our past successes. The principles of our proven solution development, project management and quality methodologies guarantee the success of your service engagement, no matter how large or small. No one knows SAS technology and solutions better than SAS consultants. We are your best resource for assessing, installing and implementing your SAS solutions.

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