What does SAS® Risk Modeling Workbench do?
SAS Risk Modeling Workbench enables banks to establish a structured modeling process and support quantitative analysts who need to develop models for stress testing purposes with better transparency, governance and documentation.

Why is SAS® Risk Modeling Workbench important?
Requirements such as enterprise stress testing require banks to continuously develop and refine models. To support stress testing, the types of models that banks must create come in many different forms with an end result being a capital plan to present to regulators. The development of all types of models requires significant flexibility, collaboration and documentation, which is difficult to accomplish using legacy systems and processes.

For whom is SAS® Risk Modeling Workbench designed?
Designed for chief risk officers, model developers and quantitative analysts, SAS Risk Modeling Workbench is intended for banks that want to establish a controlled modeling process that will stand up to regulatory scrutiny.

Benefits
- Develop, validate and calibrate risk models in a controlled and collaborative environment.
- Define models, store model parameters and fully integrate with model execution and stress testing workflow.*
- Seamlessly integrate between model development, model execution and process governance.
- Visualize flows between data and models to make complex sets of models easy to explain.
- Integrate between models, macroeconomic data and scenarios.
- Quickly generate user-defined model validation statistics.
- Select variables and test for relevance.
- Improve modeling process transparency.

* When integrated with other products of the SAS Stress Testing suite.

Supervisory expectations of stress testing continue to evolve and put ever-increasing demands on banks. Banks must now provide a comprehensive inventory of models for the projection of losses, revenues, expenses, balances and RWAs to regulatory authorities with evidence of strong governance and internal controls.

Maximizing the efficiency of compliance requires developing models and maintaining sets of models in an accurate, structured and auditable fashion. However, specification, estimation and calculation of hundreds or thousands of models is a complex undertaking – especially in an IT environment with legacy systems and processes that are often fragmented and lack the flexibility to develop new models as requirements change.

Because the risk management process often requires the creation of complex quantitative models, banks need software that not only accommodates the development of many types of models, but also enables transparency and documentation within the process.

SAS Risk Modeling Workbench makes it possible for banks to establish a transparent and controlled enterprise-level modeling process. The solution provides a visual environment in which quantitative analysts can create and calibrate the various models needed for stress testing, and linkages between data sources and models can be easily visualized and explained.

The SAS Risk Modeling Workbench is a component of the SAS Stress Testing suite that also includes SAS Risk and Finance Workbench and SAS Model Implementation Platform for a comprehensive framework to implement best practices in risk management, stress testing and capital planning.
Capabilities
Integration within the SAS® Stress Testing suite
The SAS Stress Testing suite provides orchestration and transparency of the entire stress testing process across all types of risk, including market, credit and liquidity risk.

SAS Risk Modeling Workbench serves as the model development environment within the suite. It seamlessly integrates with other components, particularly the SAS Model Implementation Platform and the SAS Risk and Finance Workbench, to comprehensively address the requirements of an end-to-end enterprise stress testing process.

The modeling component is a visual environment in which quantitative analysts can develop and calibrate the various models needed for stress testing. Models can be developed in a server-based environment that facilitates collaboration between modelers. And the flow of models including data transformations and intermediate steps can be visualized and documented.

Extensive model support
Using the SAS Risk Modeling Workbench, quantitative analysts can develop all types of models required for stress testing. In a single environment, models can be developed for:
- PPNR.
- NIL.
- Loss forecasts.
- Capital.
- Forecasting.
- Monte Carlo simulation.
- Regression-based models.

Generate fit statistics for models using macroeconomic variables interactively to facilitate the evaluation of models used in stress testing.

Develop models for stress testing in an interactive environment that makes it easy to visualize flows between models, macroeconomic data and scenarios.
Key Features

Integration across the SAS® Stress Testing suite
- Server-based, visual development environment with increased performance, easy collaboration and governance.
- Integrated model development environment for stress testing.
- Full modeling capabilities of SAS analytical platform.
- Seamless integration with Microsoft Office tools.
- Centralized storage of fitted models and documentation.

Streamlined model development
- Visual user interface for linking data and models.
- Support for different modeling methodologies needed for stress testing:
  - PPNR / NII models.
  - Loss forecasting models.
  - Macroeconomic forecasts.
  - Capital models.
  - Variable selection and transformation.

Enhanced model development
- Modeling workflow that encompasses:
  - Data import.
  - Exploration and analysis.
  - Variable selection.
  - Model development and validation.
  - Model transparency.
  - Model storage.
  - Optional institution’s inventory of models.

When used with SAS® Visual Analytics Explorer*, you can visualize trends and correlations among risk factors to make the variable selection process more efficient.

*SAS® Visual Analytics Explorer is not included in the SAS Risk Modeling Workbench, but can be purchased separately.
The SAS Model Implementation Platform is integrated in a modular approach with the other components of the SAS Stress Testing suite to enable end-to-end governance and transparency of the entire process from model development to reporting.

Integrated model development
Our solution offers integration between models, macroeconomic data and scenarios. The types of models supported include:

- Loss models.
- PPNR/NII models.
- Macroeconomic forecasts.
- Capital models.

Visualization of model dependencies
Analysts can better document model flows and dependencies as well as develop and calibrate risk models in a visual environment. Through the interface, the visual flows show linkages between different models and data sources. The visual development environment illustrates:

- Model flows.
- Dependencies between models.
- Linkages between models and data sources.