It’s been said there is no value in data without analytics. It’s what enables you to make better-informed decisions and proactively look ahead to gain competitive advantage. And though most realize the benefits of analytics, many organizations struggle with the challenges of becoming analytically driven. There are plenty of obstacles: finding appropriate software, hiring or training staff to handle various analytical and platform management roles, procuring necessary hardware and working with IT to implement a governed approach.

SAS® Cloud Office Analytics, a SaaS offering, provides a powerful and economical way to help organizations get started on their analytical journey. Proven analytical software delivered on a reliable, SLA-driven cloud platform enables your analytical team to concentrate on generating new insights from data, while leaving the implementation details to us. This frees your IT department to focus on core business initiatives rather than implementing and supporting multiple on-site technologies, and it gives users access to the analytical capabilities they need.

This platform is bundled to provide a focused offering around your use case. There’s no hardware to purchase, no software to install, no maintenance and no waiting. It is designed to deliver fast results from your data, while making it easy to predict future costs for your analytical capabilities.

Key Benefits

- **Bring analytics in-house without the deployment challenges.** Spend your budget on the analytics team you want instead of support staff you need behind the hardware. With SAS Cloud Office Analytics, you get low-risk, rapid platform installation and experts to support it. Avoid the time, risk and upfront costs of on-site deployment.

- **Get fast time to analytical value.** Annual license fees include software, infrastructure, administration, data security and an uptime warranty. It provides a quick and easy route to server-based SAS without IT involvement. It’s ideal for those who have outgrown their PC SAS installation but have limited IT resources.

- **Improve stability, reliability and agility.** SAS Cloud Office Analytics comes with a 99 percent uptime warranty, giving you a secure, reliable and managed service from one trusted supplier. A single contract with SAS means there’s no need for a separate hosting partner.

- **Give users access to the power of SAS Analytics without installing software or buying hardware.** SAS Cloud Office Analytics provides a wide range of descriptive and predictive statistical methods – from traditional analysis of variance to dynamic visualization techniques. Using statistical software can help you uncover new information for improving processes, driving development and revenues, and retaining valued and satisfied customers. An enhanced interface includes context-sensitive menus, toolbars and role-based user definitions. A large number of prebuilt tasks and task templates are available, and results can be shared through Microsoft Office applications. Because almost everyone has some familiarity with Microsoft Office applications, employees can easily use it for viewing analytical results and collaborating with colleagues.

- **Get help when you need it.** If your team needs additional consulting support, you can engage SAS Professional Services to work with your organization.
Service Description

SAS will run a secure, cloud-based service on your behalf, giving you the benefits of our most advanced software and scalable platform architecture, managed and supported by our own experts.

Each dedicated SaaS instance running SAS uses a predefined storage allowance to manage your data requirements, keeping them secure and backed up. This solution is supported with ongoing management and administration. All of these elements are backed by a 99 percent uptime warranty. Our services are regularly reviewed and audited to ensure your data is secure and maintained according to national and international privacy legislation.

Our teams know how to get the most from SAS products. With experience acquired across public, financial, health care and commercial sectors, they are familiar with common regulatory compliance requirements. SAS offers industry-standard security accreditation and works with external agencies to ensure these standards are met. Our customers can rest assured that what we do follows best practices and is carried out with the highest attention to detail.

SAS Cloud Office Analytics enables you to get started with the best analytics software in the industry in an environment that you never have to worry about, which has a direct and positive impact on your organization. This analytics platform packs a punch, enabling access to the analytical capabilities of SAS through either an interactive browser-based client or from the familiar interfaces of Microsoft Office products. This provides both visual and programming interfaces to aide analytical development for any member of your team.

Service Deliverables

SAS Cloud Office Analytics includes the following service deliverables:

- Commissioning and provisioning of the predefined hosted infrastructure, including, compute, network and storage.
- Preconfigured security and connectivity for users and data.
- Pre-installed software.
- Ongoing support with software administration and management.
- 99 percent uptime SLA.
- 30-minute incident response time for software availability issues.
- Data protection warranties and a documented data classification and handling process.
- Regularly scheduled backups.
- Patching and updates applied to SAS software when required.

The SAS® Difference

Uninterrupted access to the software you need to make quick and accurate business decisions is key to your organization’s success. SAS Cloud Office Analytics will provide your team with managed capabilities that can produce insights that drive competitive advantage.

Harness the power of our world-class software to drive true analytical insights within your organization, while handing over the technical management and support to the experts here at SAS.

No one knows SAS technology and solutions better than SAS. Our expertise ensures that every engagement follows defined methodologies, best practices and delivers tangible results, giving you peace of mind and a stable platform on which to drive your in-house analytics capabilities.

About SAS

SAS is the leader in analytics. Through innovative analytics, business intelligence and data management software and services, SAS helps customers at more than 80,000 sites make better decisions faster. Since 1976 SAS has been giving customers around the world THE POWER TO KNOW®.