Introduction to SAS



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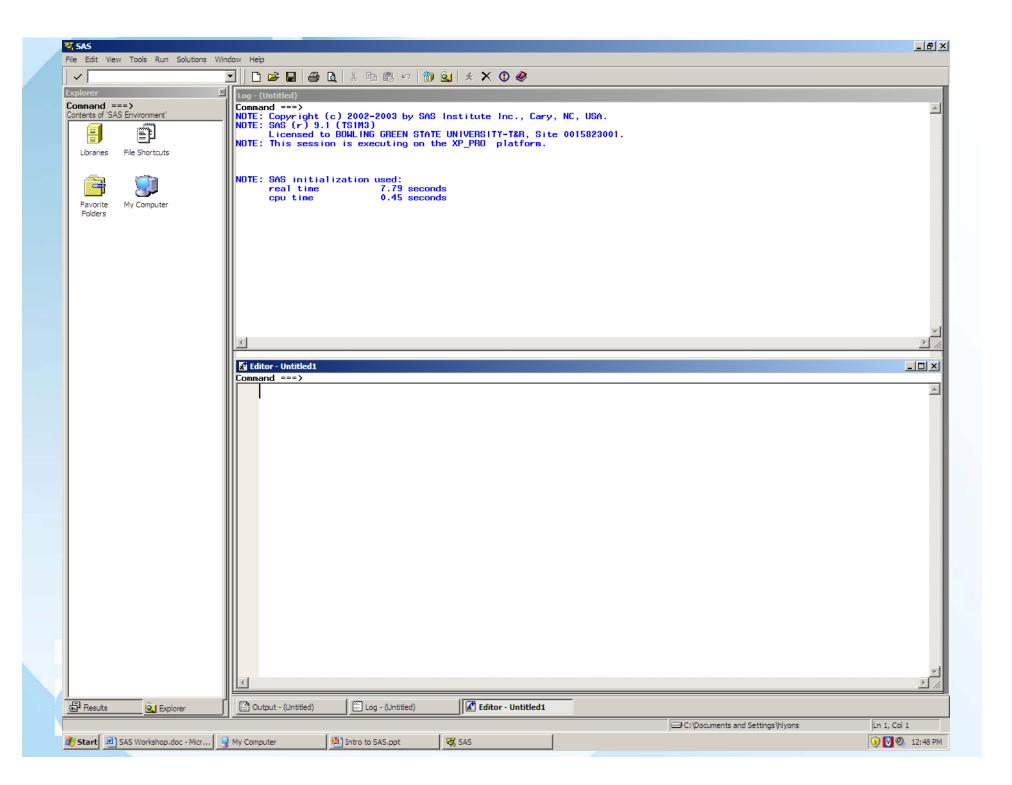


Why SAS?

- Often better with very large datasets and memory.
- Can deal with multiple datasets at the same time.
- Better for data manipulation.
- Better on the Job Market.







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This is; wrong; Help!;

Data girls; set fun;

proc freq;tables sex;run;

/*coment*/
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I have data on the....how do I get it into SAS

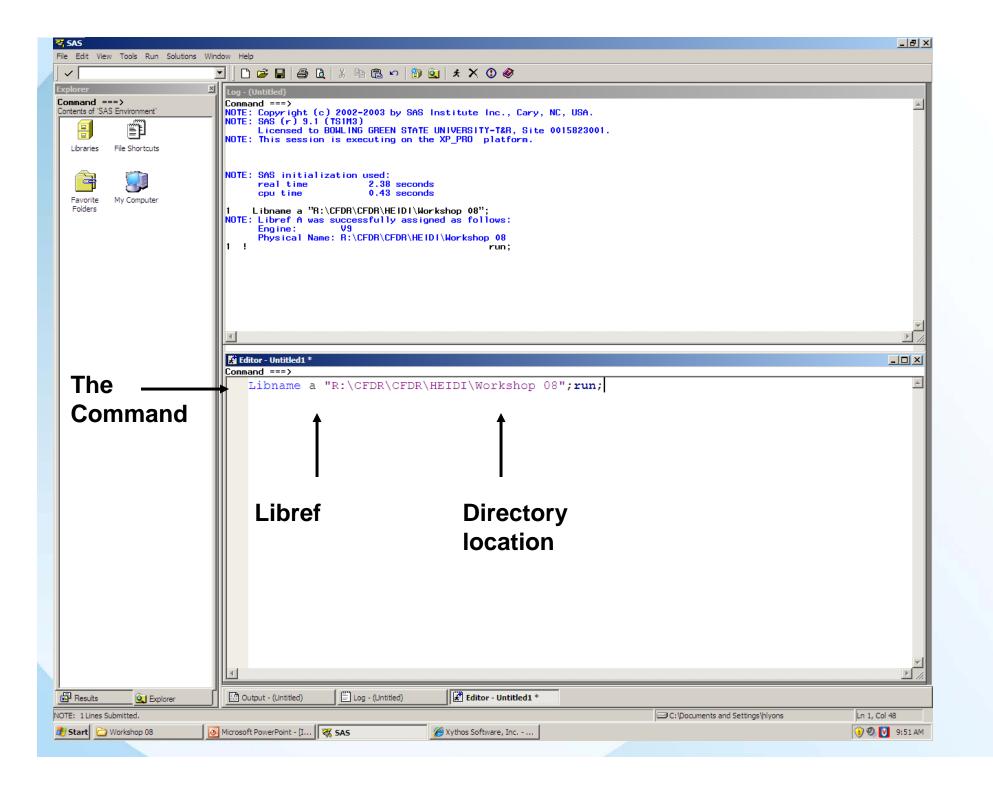
- The infamous libname statement
 - Makes datasets permanent
 - Points to and creates directories
 - Can have and often will have two or more libname statements

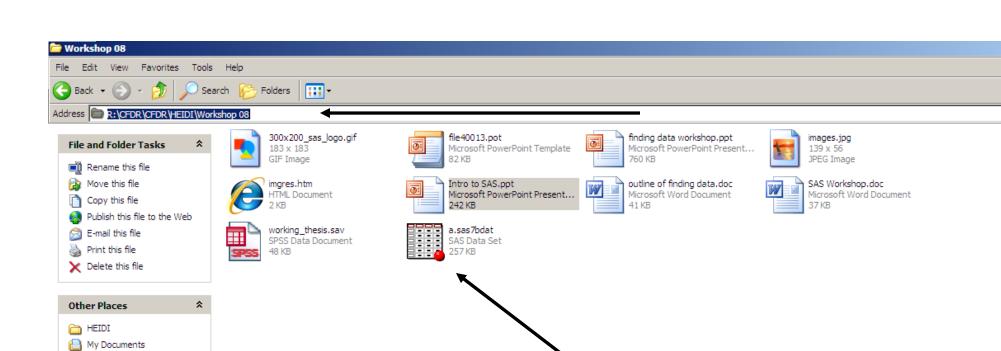


Let's break it down.

- Libname-just the command.
- Libref-what you are going to call it?
- Directory location-where is your dataset or where do you want to store it?



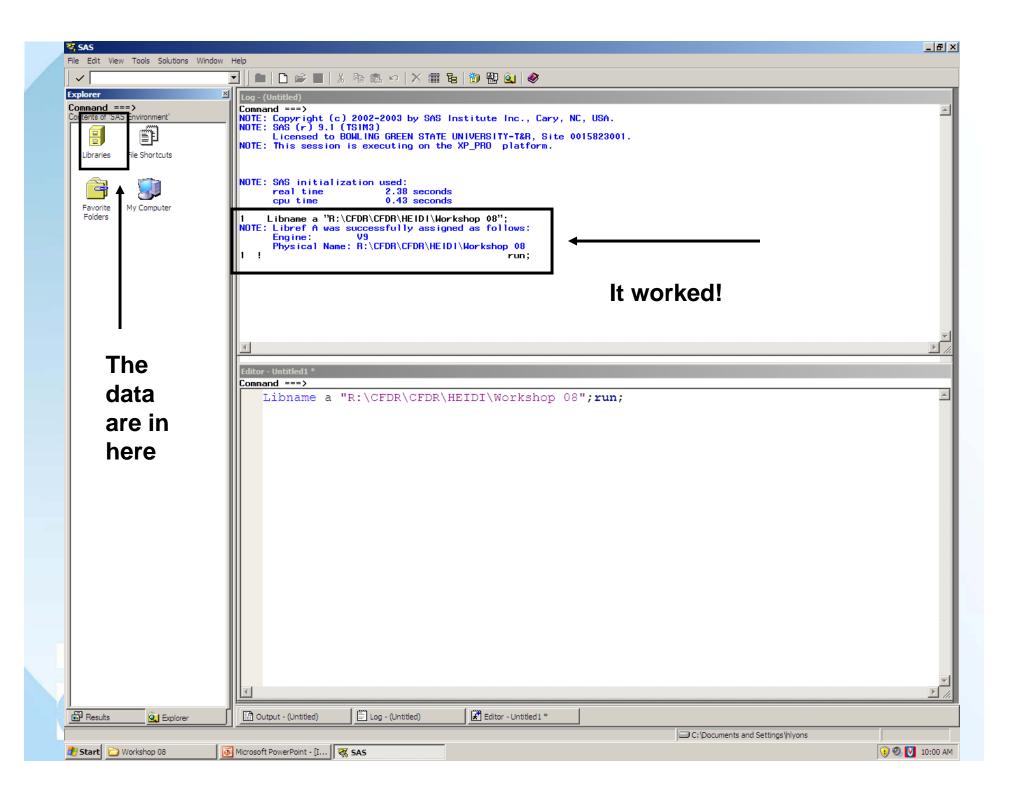


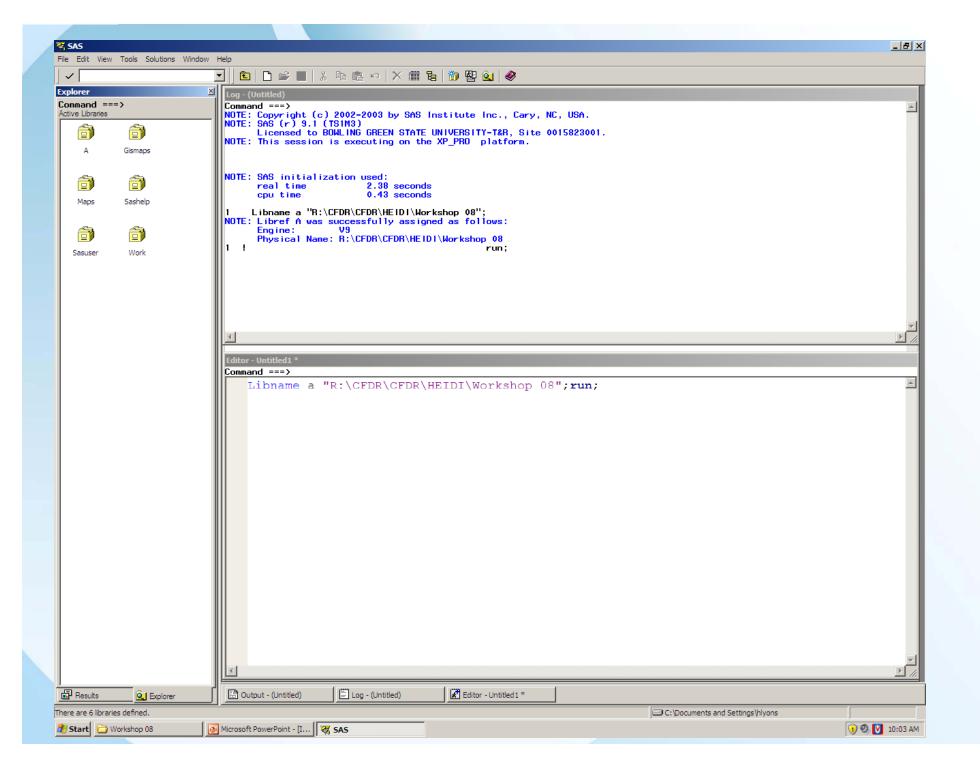


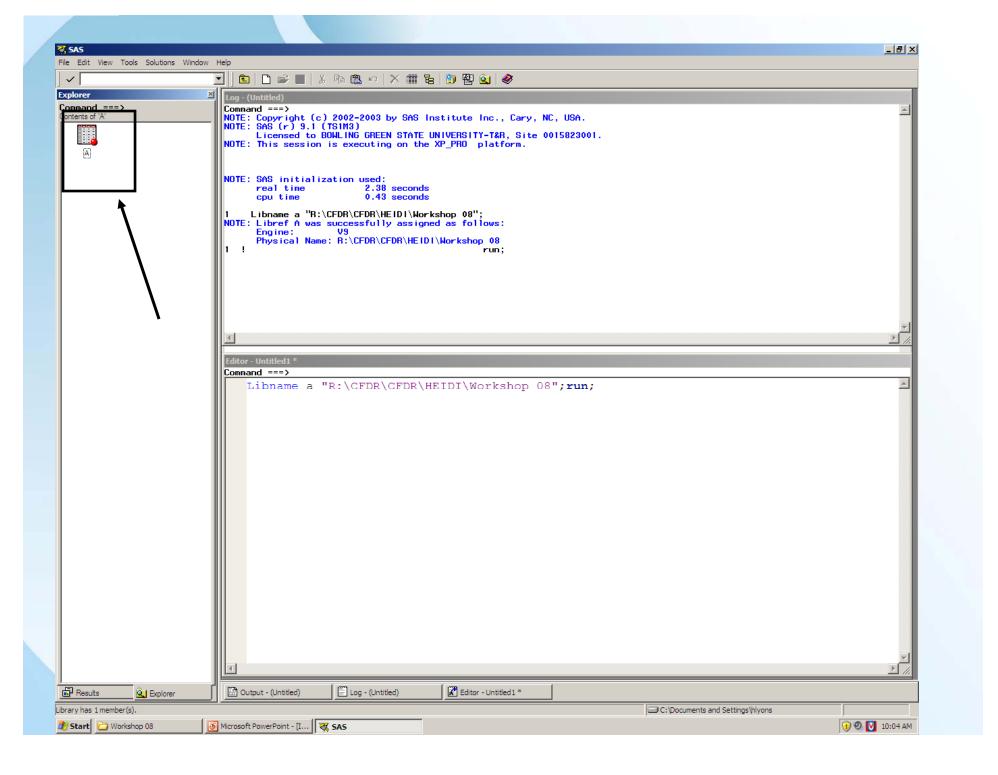
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Details

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Sometimes you may need two (or more) libnames

• Why?



Things to remember

- Libnames just create a directory. It is not creating datasets.
- Once you create datasets this is how you make them permanent.
- You do need to run you libname statement every time you open SAS.



Data and Proc Steps

 Beside the libname statement Data and Proc Steps are the only other thing you need to know how to do in basic SAS!

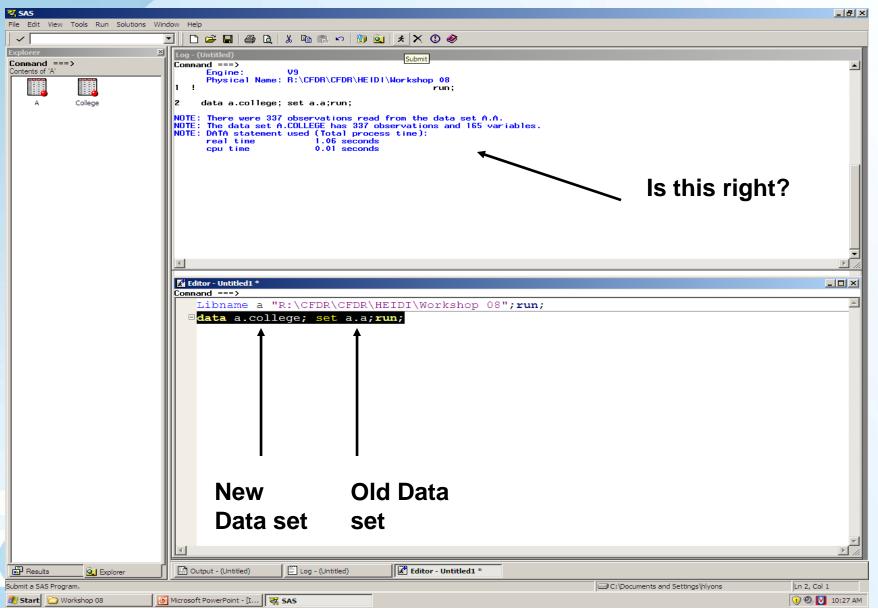


Data Step

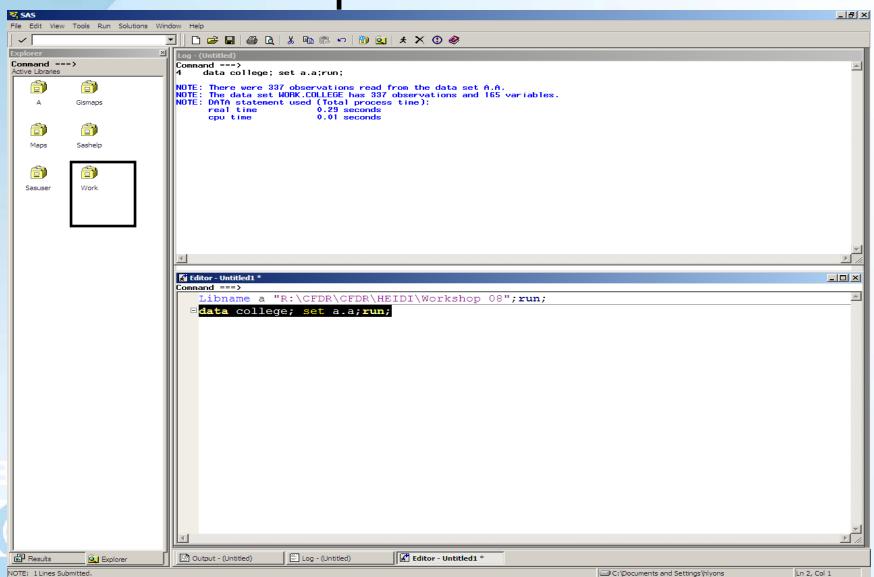
- Prepares data for analysis.
- Creates new datasets.
- Modifies and manipulates old datasets.
 - This is one of SAS's strengths.



Remember Data new Set old



What if I don't want my dataset to be permanent?



How do I make a work dataset permanent?

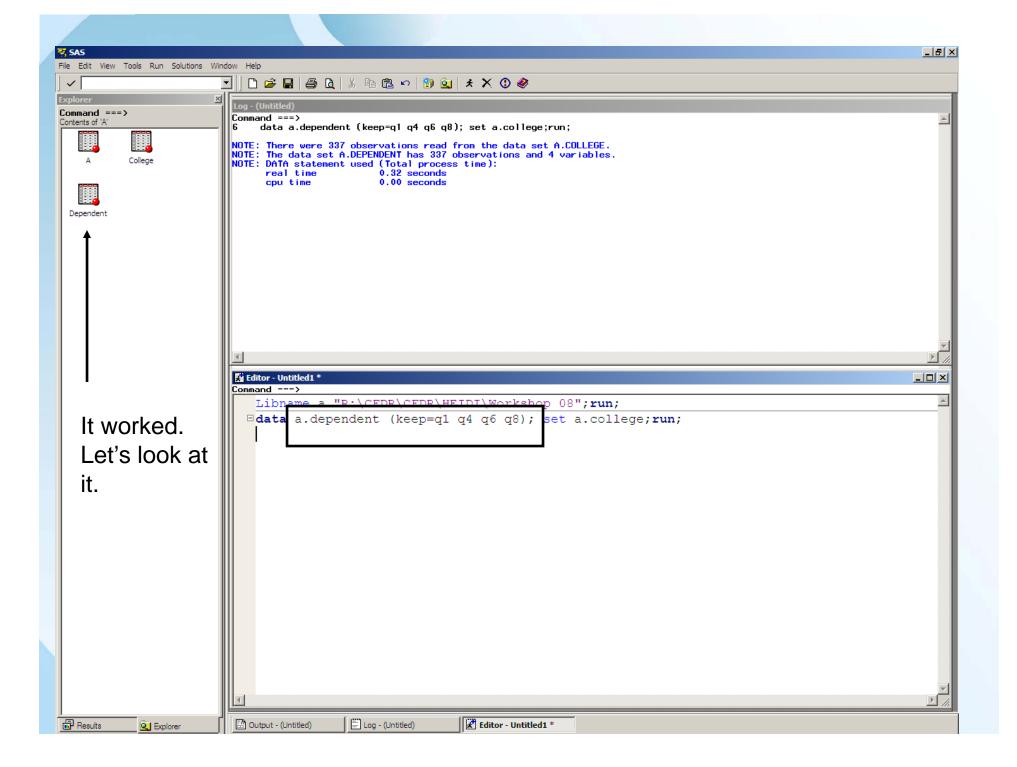
What is the next line of code?

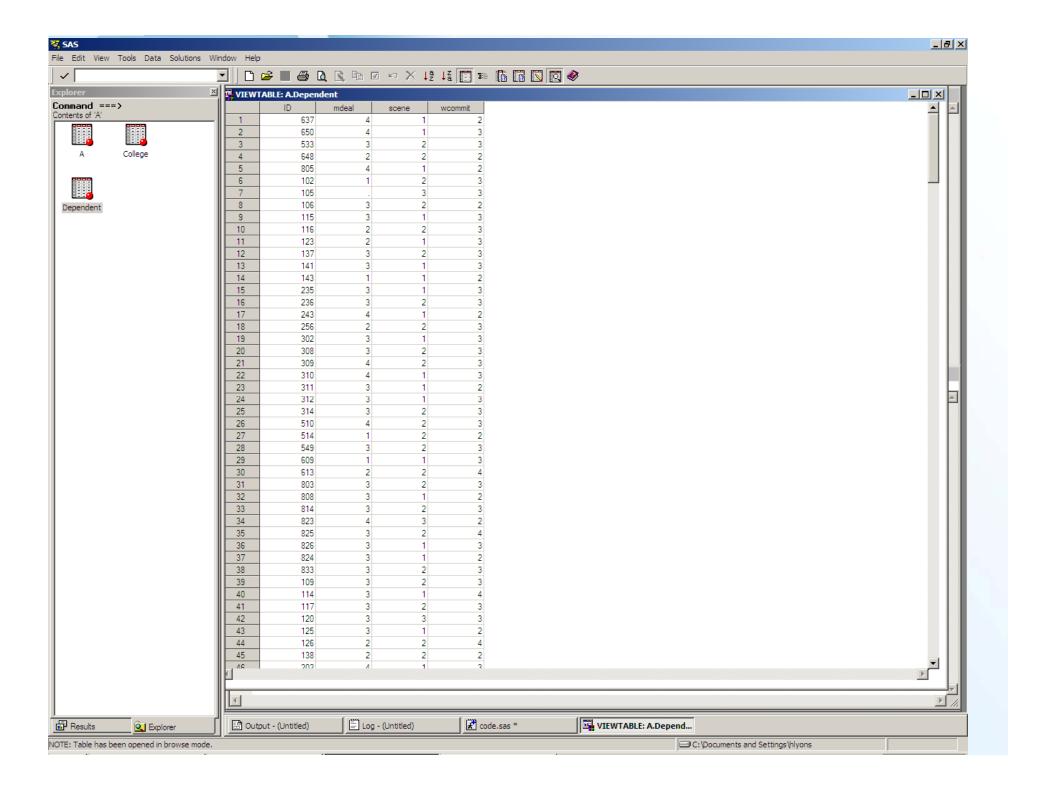
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Command ===>
   Libname a "R:\CFDR\CFDR\HEIDI\Workshop 08";run;
 □data girls; set a.college;
   if sex =1 then delete; run;
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Keep/Drop Statements

Makes your dataset smaller.



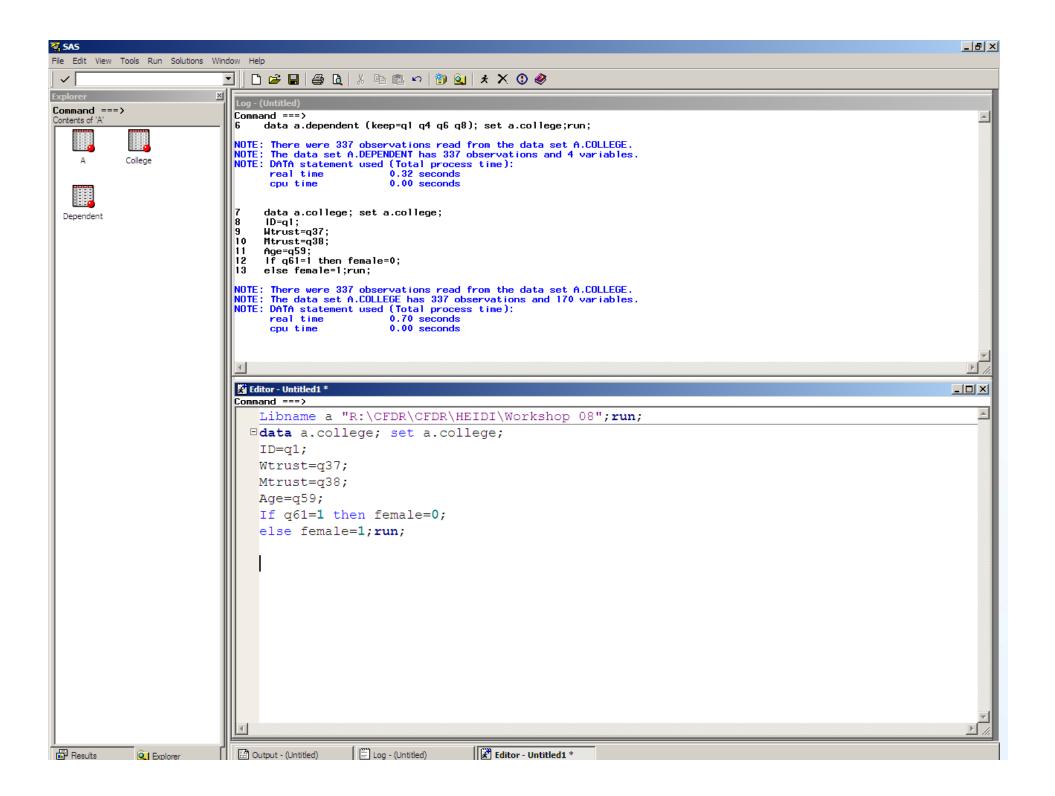




What else can the data step do for me?

- Create variables
 - SAS uses + / and *
 - If-then-else statements





SAS Operations

- EQ = equal to
- NE ~= never equal
- LT < less than
- GT > greater than
- GE >= greater than or equal to
- LE <= less than or equal to



Review so Far

- You need a libname statement every time you open SAS.
- You need a libname statement to tell SAS where to store the data.
- SAS can create both work and permanent datasets.
- Data new Set old
- SAS will use the most recent dataset.
- Remember the semicolon.



The Proc step

- This is how you analyzed your data
- The Proc Step can
 - Specify the dataset you want to use
 - Name the procedure
 - Any other details of the analysis



Specifying the Dataset

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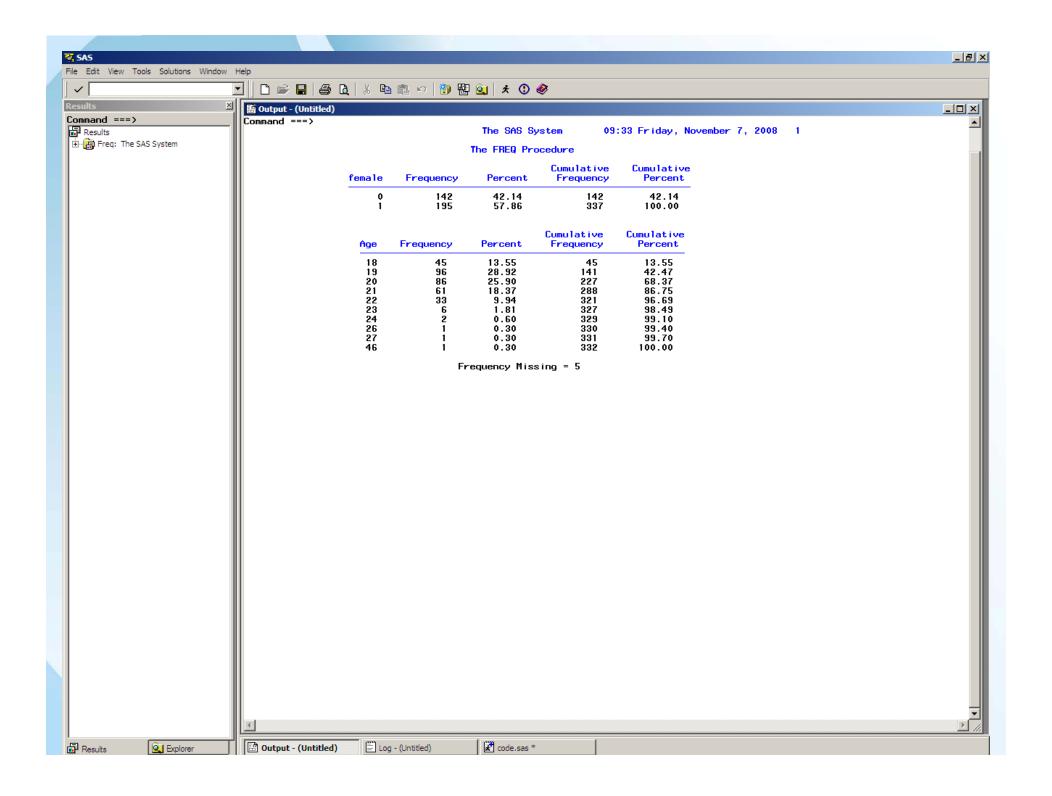
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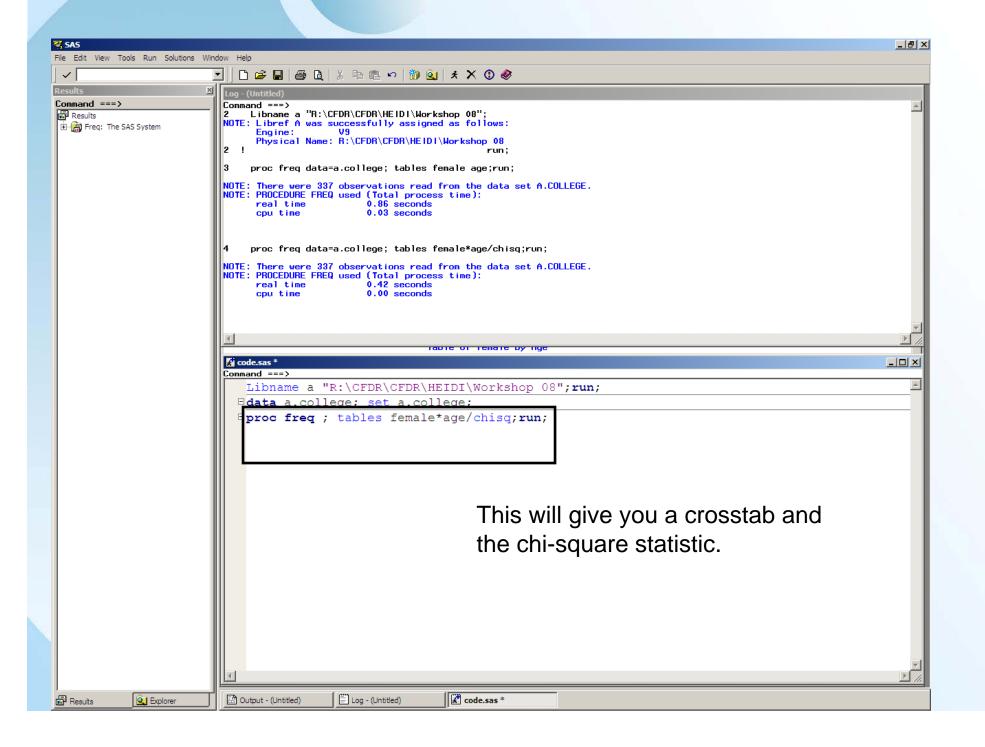
Bata a.college; set a.college;

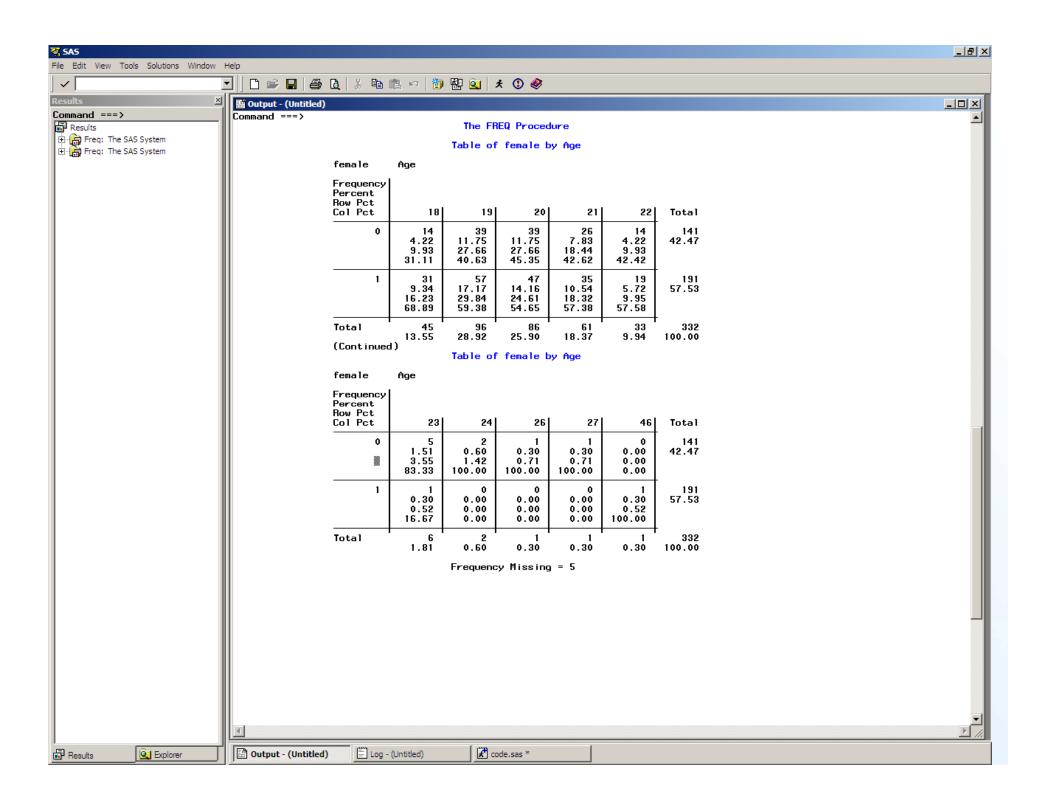
proc freq data=a.college;

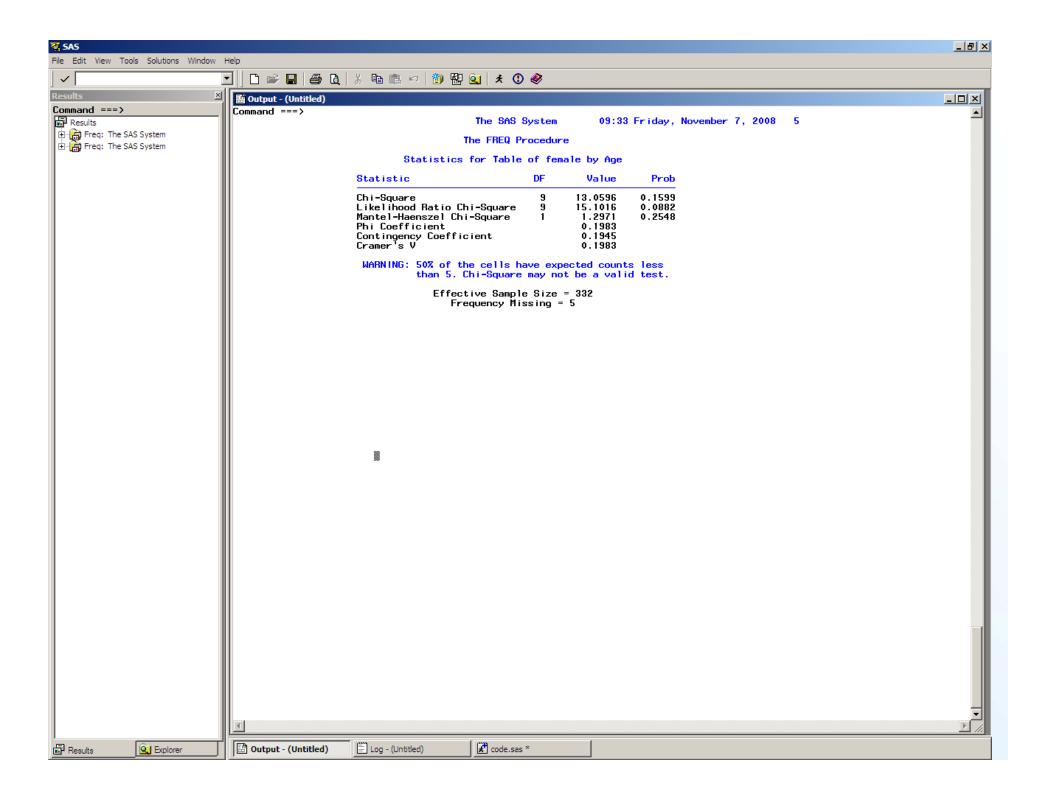
tables female age;run;
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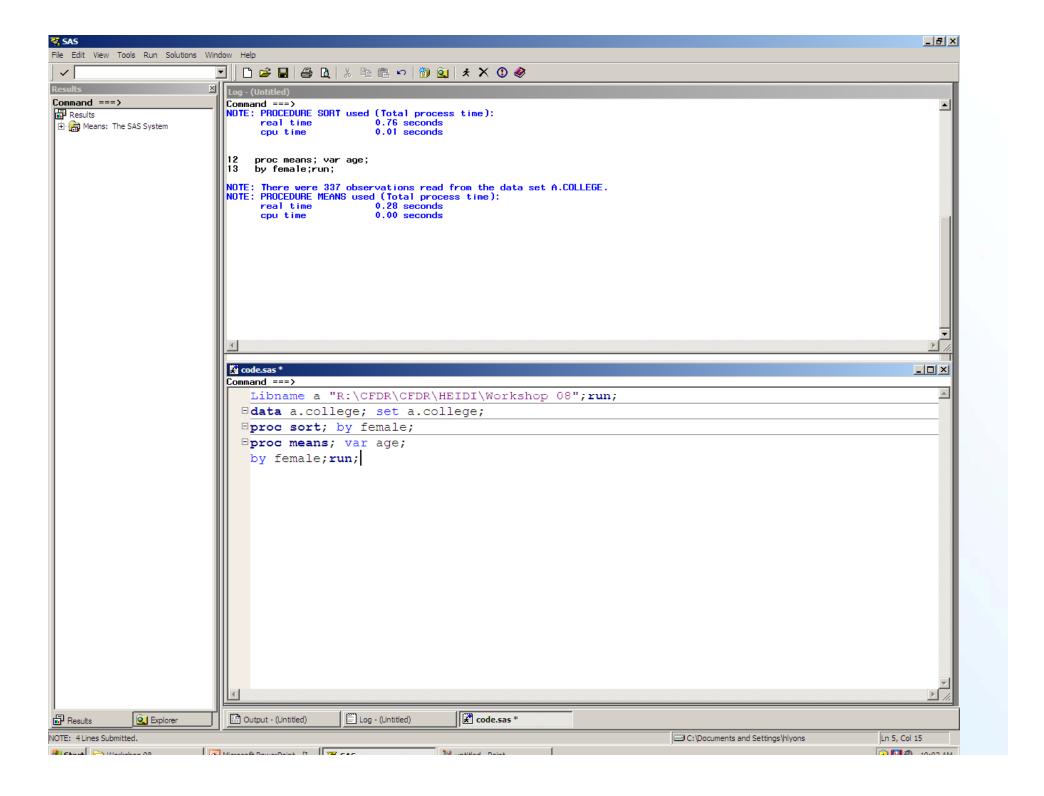


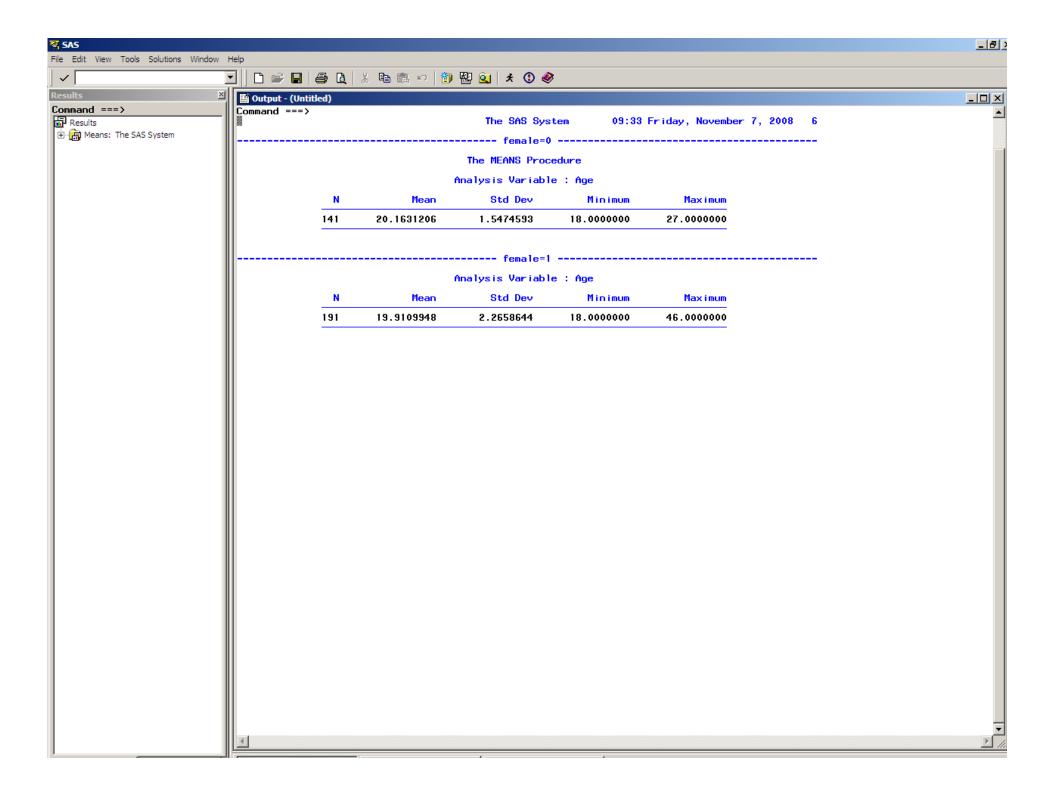


Where/By

- "Where" is used when using logical conditions.
- "By" is used to classify groups
 - Sort
- What would be an example?







Proc Freq

- Other options
 - Expected (independence test)
 - Agree (McNemar test)
 - Exact (Fisher's Test)



Proc Means

- If you just use proc means you will get the mean, SD, Max, and Min.
- You can also get
 - Missing, N, Nmiss, Mean, STD, Min, Max,
 Range, Sum, Var, STDERR, T, PRT.



Other Helpful Code

Comments

```
code.sas *
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Command ===>
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Libname a "R:\CFDR\CFDR\HEIDI\Workshop 08";run;
*this is a comment*
/*so is this*/
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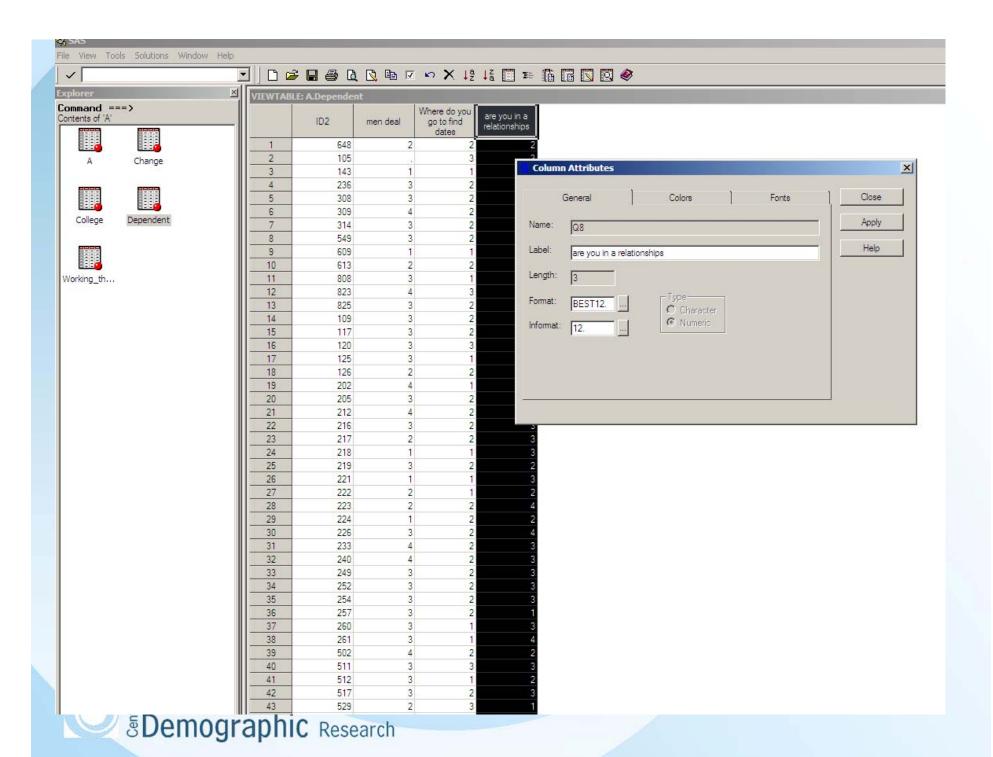
Other Helpful Code

Variable label

```
data a.dependent; set a.dependent;
label q1="ID2"
      q4="men deal"
      q6="Where do you go to find dates"
      q8="are you in a relationships"; run;
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Value label

```
proc format;
                                  value relationship 1="single"
                                                     2="married"
                                                      3="cohab"
                                                     4="divorced";
                                  value attitudes
                                                     1="Strongly Agree"
                                                     2="Agree"
                                                     3="Disagree"
                                                      4="Strongly Disagree"; run;
                              proc freq;
                                  format q4 attitudes.
                                         q8 relationship.;
                              table q4 q8;run;
Family and Demographic Research
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The FREQ Procedure

men deal

Q4	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Strongly Agree	24	7.23	24	7.23
Agree	86	25.90	110	33.13
Disagree	197	59.34	307	92.47
Strongly Disagree	25	7.53	332	100.00

Frequency Missing = 5

are you in a relationships

Q8	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
single	17	5.09	17	5.09
married	81	24.25	98	29.34
cohab	210	62.87	308	92.22
divorced	26	7.78	334	100.00

Frequency Missing = 3



Other Helpful Code

- Titles
- Footnotes

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title "attitudes for marrieds";
footnote "both males and females are in this sample";
proc freq; where q8=2; table q4;run;
```



👪 Output - (Untitled)

Command ===>

attitudes for marrieds

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The FREQ Procedure

men deal

Q4	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Strongly Agree	8	9.88	8	9.88
Agree	20	24.69	28	34.57
Disagree	46	56.79	74	91.36
Strongly Disagree	7	8.64	81	100.00

both males and females are in this sample

My Program Will Not Run!

- End each step with a run statement.
- Do you have the full path name?
- Check for a missing semicolon.
- Are all the quotation marks closed?
- Did you close all your comments?
- Check the log for warning and error messages.
- Make sure the number of observations and variables are correct.
- Come ask me!

