Changes and Enhancements

Other Version 7 Changes

Prior to Version 7 of the SAS System, the CA-IDMS DATA step interface was reserved for programs that required full control over DBMS access, or for when access through the LRF was not available or not desired.

In Version 7, the DATA step interface replaces the SAS/ACCESS interface view engine. The ACCESS procedure and descriptors and access through the LRF are no longer supported; only the DATA step interface is supported.

SAS variable names can be up to 32 characters long. See SAS Language Reference Concepts for information about Version 7 naming conventions.

An IF statement has been provided to enable you to issue IF SET EMPTY, IF SET NOT EMPTY, IF SET MEMBER, and IF NOT SET MEMBER CA-IDMS function calls, and receive the result in the ERRSTAT variable. For more information, see “IF” on page 26.