

Macros

Can I use MACRO language statements like %IF in open code?

Historically these MACRO language statements could only be used within a MACRO program definition which led to many developers contriving MACRO programs just to use such conditional logic.

This is no longer the case, and a simple conditional %IF-%THEN MACRO statement can now be used in open code:

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*** These statements could always be used in open code *** ;
%let tstp = %sysfunc(today()).worddate. ;
%put &tstp ;

*** This logic would historically have generated an ERROR *** ;
%if &tstp ne %then
%do ;
    %put NOTE: macro value is set to &tstp.. ;
%end ;
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Submitting this code creates the desired NOTE in the LOG with no WARNINGS / ERRORS

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