

Macros

Can I delete observations from a dataset where all values are missing?

Yes.

A perfect example of a utility macro which retrieves the number of variables in the dataset, counts the number of missing character / numeric variables and compares the sum of these to the total number.

Consider the code:

```
%macro delallmiss(dsn) ;
  %local dsn dsid rc chars nums i ;

  %let dsid = %sysfunc(open(&dsn)) ;

  %let chars = 0 ;
  %let nums = 0 ;

  %if &dsid %then
  %do ;
    %do i = 1 %to %sysfunc(attrn(&dsid,nvars)) ;
      %if %sysfunc(vartype(&dsid,&i)) = C %then %let chars = %eval(&chars + 1) ;
      %else %let nums = %eval(&nums + 1) ;
    %end ;

    sum(
      %if &chars ne 0 %then cmiss(of _character_) ;
      %if &chars ne 0 and &nums ne 0 %then , ;
      %if &nums ne 0 %then nmiss(of _numeric_) ;
    ) = %sysfunc(attrn(&dsid,nvars))
  %end ;
  %else
  %do ;
    0
  %end ;
%mend delallmiss ;
```

Calling the macro program:

```
data class ;
  set sashelp.class ;
  if %delallmiss(sashelp.class) then delete ;
run ;
```

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The main points of the code involve OPENing the dataset to access the metadata and assign a unique numeric identifier %let dsid = %sysfunc(open(&dsn)) ; then if this process is successful, create a DO loop by retrieving the numeric attribute for the number of variables %sysfunc(attrn(&dsid,nvars)).

For each variable determine the variable type (C|N) %sysfunc(vartype(&dsid,&i)) and increment the corresponding variable count.

Build the returned value:

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sum(<character count if non-zero>  
  <, separator if both variable type counts are non-zero>  
  <numeric count if non-zero>  
) = total number of variables
```

If the dataset could not be successfully OPENed, then return a boolean 0 instead.

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