

# Chapter 3

## Examining Data

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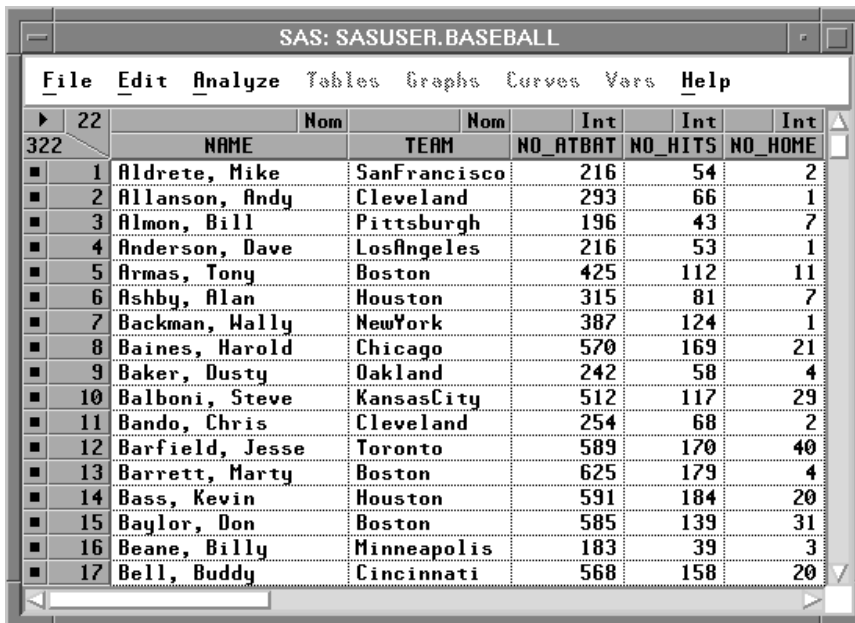
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SAS/INSIGHT software displays your data as a table of rows and columns in which the rows represent observations and the columns represent variables. You can use SAS/INSIGHT software to view your data, arrange variables, sort observations, and find and examine observations of interest.



The screenshot shows the SAS Data Window titled "SAS: SASUSER.BASEBALL". The window contains a menu bar with "File", "Edit", "Analyze", "Tables", "Graphs", "Curves", "Vars", and "Help". Below the menu bar is a table with 6 columns and 17 rows of data. The columns are labeled "NAME", "TEAM", "NO\_ATBAT", "NO\_HITS", and "NO\_HOME". The first column is labeled "22" and "322". The data rows are numbered 1 through 17. The table is displayed in a grid format with a scroll bar at the bottom.

		Nom	Nom	Int	Int	Int
	NAME	TEAM	NO_ATBAT	NO_HITS	NO_HOME	
1	Aldrete, Mike	SanFrancisco	216	54	2	
2	Allanson, Andy	Cleveland	293	66	1	
3	Almon, Bill	Pittsburgh	196	43	7	
4	Anderson, Dave	LosAngeles	216	53	1	
5	Armas, Tony	Boston	425	112	11	
6	Ashby, Alan	Houston	315	81	7	
7	Backman, Hally	NewYork	387	124	1	
8	Baines, Harold	Chicago	570	169	21	
9	Baker, Dusty	Oakland	242	58	4	
10	Balboni, Steve	KansasCity	512	117	29	
11	Bando, Chris	Cleveland	254	68	2	
12	Barfield, Jesse	Toronto	589	170	40	
13	Barrett, Marty	Boston	625	179	4	
14	Bass, Kevin	Houston	591	184	20	
15	Baylor, Don	Boston	585	139	31	
16	Beane, Billy	Minneapolis	183	39	3	
17	Bell, Buddy	Cincinnati	568	158	20	

Figure 3.1. Data Window

## Invoking SAS/INSIGHT Software

Using one of the methods mentioned in Chapter 2, “Entering Data,” invoke SAS/INSIGHT software to display the data set dialog. ⇒ **In the dialog, point and click to choose a library and data set.**

A *library* is a location where data sets are stored. Point to the list on the left and click on any library to see a list of data sets stored there. Point to the list on the right and click on any data set to select it for opening. Then click on **Open** to open a window on the data.



**Figure 3.2.** Data Set Dialog

As a shortcut, you can click twice rapidly on the data set (a *double-click*) instead of clicking once on the data set and once on the **Open** button.

	NAME	TEAM	NO_ATBAT	NO_HITS	NO_HOME
1	Aldrete, Mike	SanFrancisco	216	54	2
2	Allanson, Andy	Cleveland	293	66	1
3	Almon, Bill	Pittsburgh	196	43	7
4	Anderson, Dave	LosAngeles	216	53	1
5	Armas, Tony	Boston	425	112	11
6	Ashby, Alan	Houston	315	81	7
7	Backman, Wally	NewYork	387	124	1
8	Baines, Harold	Chicago	570	169	21
9	Baker, Dusty	Oakland	242	58	4
10	Balboni, Steve	KansasCity	512	117	29
11	Bando, Chris	Cleveland	254	68	2
12	Barfield, Jesse	Toronto	589	170	40

**Figure 3.3.** Data Window

Each variable in SAS/INSIGHT software has a *measurement level* that determines the way it is treated in graphs and analyses. The measurement level for each variable

appears above the variable name. You can assign two measurement levels: *interval* and *nominal*.

Interval variables contain values that vary across a continuous range. For example, **NO\_ATBAT** is an interval variable in Figure 3.3.

Nominal variables contain a discrete set of values. For example, **NAME** is a nominal variable in Figure 3.3.

Each observation in SAS/INSIGHT software has a *marker*, a graphic shape that identifies the observation in graphs. The marker for each observation appears to the left of the observation number.

The number of observations and the number of variables in the data set appear in the upper left corner of the data window. The data window in Figure 3.3 shows that **SASUSER.BASEBALL** has 322 observations and 22 variables.

## Scrolling the Data Window

Most data sets are too large to fit in a data window, so the window contains *scroll bars* to scroll the data through the window. The appearance of scroll bars varies depending on your host. Most scroll bars have small *arrow buttons* at the ends and a *slider* between the buttons to indicate the current position and relative size of the displayed area.

- ⇒ **Click the arrow button at the bottom of the vertical scroll bar.**  
This scrolls down one observation.

		Nom	Nom	Int	Int	Int
	NAME	TEAM	NO_ATBAT	NO_HITS	NO_HOME	
2	Allanson, Andy	Cleveland	293	66	1	
3	Almon, Bill	Pittsburgh	196	43	7	
4	Anderson, Dave	LosAngeles	216	53	1	
5	Armas, Tony	Boston	425	112	11	
6	Ashby, Alan	Houston	315	81	7	
7	Backman, Wally	NewYork	387	124	1	
8	Baines, Harold	Chicago	570	169	21	
9	Baker, Dusty	Oakland	242	58	4	
10	Balboni, Steve	KansasCity	512	117	29	
11	Bando, Chris	Cleveland	254	68	2	
12	Barfield, Jesse	Toronto	589	170	40	
13	Barrett, Marty	Boston	625	179	4	

Figure 3.4. Scrolling Down One Observation

- ⇒ **Drag the slider on the vertical scroll bar all the way down.**  
This scrolls to the last observation.

	Nom	Nom	Int	Int	Int
22	NAME	TEAM	NO_ATBAT	NO_HITS	NO_HOME
312	Williams, Reggie	LosAngeles	303	84	4
313	Wilson, Glenn	Philadelphia	584	158	15
314	Wilson, Mookie	NewYork	381	110	9
315	Wilson, Willie	KansasCity	631	170	9
316	Winfield, Dave	NewYork	565	148	24
317	Winningham, Herm	Montreal	185	40	4
318	Wynegar, Butch	NewYork	194	40	7
319	Hynne, Marvell	SanDiego	288	76	7
320	Young, Mike	Baltimore	369	93	9
321	Youngblood, Joel	SanFrancisco	184	47	5
322	Yount, Robin	Milwaukee	522	163	9

Figure 3.5. Scrolling to the Last Observation

Similarly, clicking the arrow button at the top of the vertical scroll bar scrolls up one observation, and dragging the slider all the way to the top scrolls to the first observation. The horizontal scroll bar works the same way, except that it moves the data by variable instead of by observation.

† **Note:** On many hosts you can click *within* the scroll bar to scroll the width or height of the window. Some hosts offer additional buttons on the scroll bars, and some hosts respond to more than one button on the mouse. Refer to your host documentation for details and experiment by clicking on the scroll bars in the data window.

## Arranging Variables

Using scroll bars, you can view all of your data, but the variables and observations may not always be arranged as you would like. For example, suppose you are interested in the salaries of the players in the data set **SASUSER.BASEBALL**. To move the **SALARY** variable to the first position in the data window, follow these steps.

- ⇒ **Scroll the data window to the SALARY variable.**  
**SALARY** is the last variable, so drag the slider on the horizontal scroll bar all the way to the right.
- ⇒ **Point to the SALARY variable name.**  
 Then click with the mouse to select the variable **SALARY**. The variable becomes highlighted when you select it.

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		Nom	Int	Int	Int	Int
322		POSITION	NO_OUTS	NO_ASSTS	NO_ERROR	SALARY
1	10		317	36	1	75.000
2	C		446	33	20	.
3	UT		80	45	8	240.000
4	35		73	152	11	225.000
5	CF		247	4	8	.
6	C		632	43	10	475.000
7	2B		186	290	17	550.000
8	RF		295	15	5	950.000
9	OF		90	4	0	.
10	1B		1236	98	18	100.000
11	C		359	30	4	305.000
12	RF		368	20	3	1237.500

Figure 3.6. Selecting the Last Variable

⇒ Click on the menu button in the upper left corner.  
This opens the data pop-up menu. Click on **Move to First**.

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		Int	Int	Int
322		NO_ASSTS	NO_ERROR	SALARY
	36		1	75.000
	33		20	.
	45		8	240.000
	152		11	225.000
	4		8	.
	43		10	475.000
	290		17	550.000
	15		5	950.000
	4		0	.
	98		18	100.000
	30		4	305.000
	20		3	1237.500

Find Next  
Move to First  
Move to Last  
Sort...  
New Observations  
New Variables  
Define Variables...  
Fill Values...  
Extract  
Data Options...

Figure 3.7. Data Pop-up Menu

This moves the selected variable to the first position. Note that the **Data** menu also has a **Move to Last** choice, so you can easily move variables to the last position.

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	22	Int	Nom	Nom	Int	Int
322	SALARY	NAME	TEAM	NO_ATBAT	NO_HITS	
1	75.000	Aldrete, Mike	SanFrancisco	216	5	
2	.	Allanson, Andy	Cleveland	293	60	
3	240.000	Almon, Bill	Pittsburgh	196	4	
4	225.000	Anderson, Dave	LosAngeles	216	5	
5	.	Armas, Tony	Boston	425	11	
6	475.000	Ashby, Alan	Houston	315	8	
7	550.000	Backman, Wally	NewYork	387	12	
8	950.000	Baines, Harold	Chicago	570	16	
9	.	Baker, Dusty	Oakland	242	5	
10	100.000	Balboni, Steve	KansasCity	512	11	
11	305.000	Bando, Chris	Cleveland	254	6	
12	1237.500	Barfield, Jesse	Toronto	589	17	

Figure 3.8. Variable in First Position

You can also move individual variables to different locations by using the *hand tool*.

⇒ Choose **Edit:Windows:Tools**.

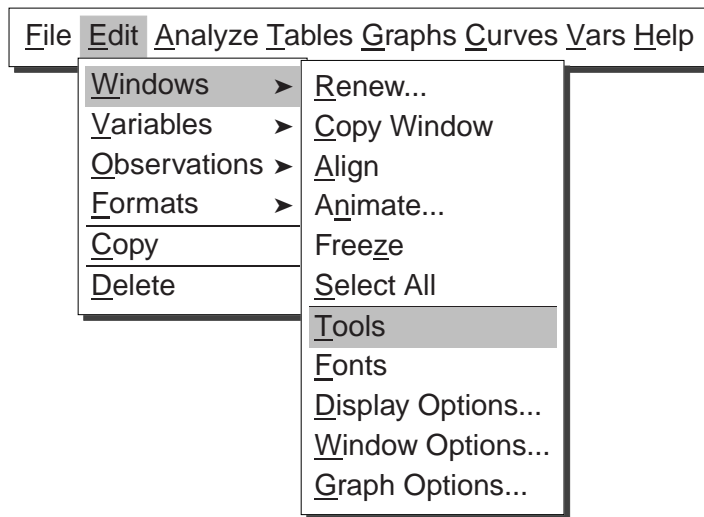
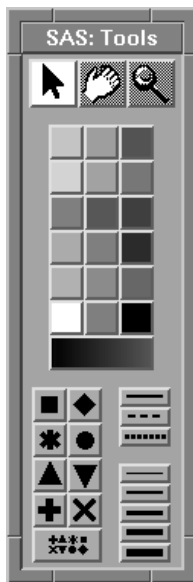


Figure 3.9. Edit:Windows Menu

The tools window is shown in the next figure.





**Figure 3.10.** Tools Window

- ⇒ **Click the Hand tool at the top of the Tools window.**  
The cursor changes to a hand. Move the hand to the variable named **Salary**.
- ⇒ **Press the left mouse button and hold it down.**  
A dotted rectangle should appear as the outline of the variable column.
- ⇒ **Drag the rectangle so that its middle is on the border between Name and Team.**
- ⇒ **Release the left mouse button.**  
The **Salary** variable has become the second variable in the data window.

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		Nom	Int		Nom	Int	Int
322	NAME		SALARY	TEAM	NO_ATBAT	NO_HI	
1	Aldrete, Mike		75.000	SanFrancisco	216		
2	Allanson, Andy		.	Cleveland	293		
3	Almon, Bill		240.000	Pittsburgh	196		
4	Anderson, Dave		225.000	LosAngeles	216		
5	Armas, Tony		.	Boston	425	1	
6	Ashby, Alan		475.000	Houston	315		
7	Backman, Wally		550.000	NewYork	387	1	
8	Baines, Harold		950.000	Chicago	570	1	
9	Baker, Dusty		.	Oakland	242		
10	Balboni, Steve		100.000	KansasCity	512	1	
11	Bando, Chris		305.000	Cleveland	254		
12	Barfield, Jesse		1237.500	Toronto	589	1	
13	Barrett, Marty		575.000	Boston	625	1	
14	Bass, Kevin		630.000	Houston	591	1	
15	Baylor, Don		950.000	Boston	585	1	
16	Beane, Billy		.	Minneapolis	183		
17	Bell, Buddu		775.000	Cincinnati	568	1	

Figure 3.11. Variable in Second Position

- ⇒ Use the Hand tool to move **Salary** back to the first position.
- ⇒ Click the arrow tool in the Tools window to restore the cursor.

## Sorting Observations

It is often useful to examine data ordered by the values of a variable. Suppose you want to sort the baseball data by players' salaries stored in the **SALARY** variable. Follow these steps.

- ⇒ Point and click to select the **SALARY** variable.

	Int	Nom	Nom	Int	Int
322	SALARY	NAME	TEAM	NO_ATBAT	NO_HITS
1	75.000	Aldrete, Mike	SanFrancisco	216	54
2	.	Allanson, Andy	Cleveland	293	66
3	240.000	Almon, Bill	Pittsburgh	196	43
4	225.000	Anderson, Dave	LosAngeles	216	53
5	.	Armas, Tony	Boston	425	112
6	475.000	Ashby, Alan	Houston	315	81
7	550.000	Backman, Wally	NewYork	387	124
8	950.000	Baines, Harold	Chicago	570	169
9	.	Baker, Dusty	Oakland	242	58
10	100.000	Balboni, Steve	KansasCity	512	117
11	305.000	Bando, Chris	Cleveland	254	68
12	1237.500	Barfield, Jesse	Toronto	589	170

Figure 3.12. Selecting a Variable

⇒ Click on the menu button in the upper left corner.  
This opens the data pop-up menu. Click on **Sort**.

	Nom	Nom	Int	Int
322	NAME	TEAM	NO_ATBAT	NO_HITS
	, Mike	SanFrancisco	216	54
	n, Andy	Cleveland	293	66
	Bill	Pittsburgh	196	43
	n, Dave	LosAngeles	216	53
	Tony	Boston	425	112
	Alan	Houston	315	81
	, Wally	NewYork	387	124
	Harold	Chicago	570	169
	Dusty	Oakland	242	58
	, Steve	KansasCity	512	117
	Chris	Cleveland	254	68
	d, Jesse	Toronto	589	170

Figure 3.13. Sorting Observations

The data are now sorted by **SALARY** in ascending order.

	Int	Nom	Nom	Int	Int
322	SALARY	NAME	TEAM	NO_ATBAT	NO_HITS
1	.	Thon, Dickie	Houston	278	69
2	.	Krenchicki, Wayne	Montreal	221	53
3	.	Kutcher, Randy	SanFrancisco	186	44
4	.	Kingman, Dave	Oakland	561	118
5	.	Cabell, Enos	LosAngeles	277	71
6	.	Jones, Ruppert	California	393	90
7	.	Johnson, Cliff	Toronto	336	84
8	.	Law, Rudy	KansasCity	307	80
9	.	Lynn, Fred	Baltimore	397	114
10	.	Brown, Mike	Pittsburgh	243	53
11	.	Meacham, Bobby	NewYork	161	36
12	.	Moore, Charlie	Milwaukee	235	61

Figure 3.14. Sorted Data

The periods (.) displayed in the observations for **SALARY** are *missing values*. Missing values are placeholders that indicate no data are available. Missing values are treated as less than any other value, so when the data are sorted, missing values appear first. If you scroll the data, you can see that the missing values are followed by the smallest salaries.

	Int	Nom	Nom	Int	Int
322	SALARY	NAME	TEAM	NO_ATBAT	NO_HITS
57	.	Rayford, Floyd	Baltimore	210	37
58	.	Oglivie, Ben	Milwaukee	346	98
59	.	Boone, Bob	California	442	98
60	67.500	Robidoux, Billy Jo	Milwaukee	181	41
61	68.000	Kingery, Mike	KansasCity	209	54
62	70.000	Neuman, Al	Montreal	185	37
63	70.000	Ford, Curt	StLouis	214	53
64	70.000	Sveum, Dale	Milwaukee	317	78
65	70.000	Braggs, Glenn	Milwaukee	215	51
66	70.000	Quinones, Rey	Boston	312	68
67	75.000	Stillwell, Kurt	Cincinnati	279	64
68	75.000	Thomas, Andres	Atlanta	323	81

Figure 3.15. Sorted Data, Missing and Nonmissing

## Finding Observations

Sometimes you want to find observations that share some characteristic. For example, you might want to find all the baseball players who primarily played first base. To do so, follow these steps. The figures in this section are based on the **NAME** variable appearing as the first variable. If you just completed the previous two sections on moving variables and sorting observations, move the **SALARY** variable to the last position and sort the observations on **NAME**. Make sure no variables are selected.

⇒ Choose **Edit:Observations:Find**.

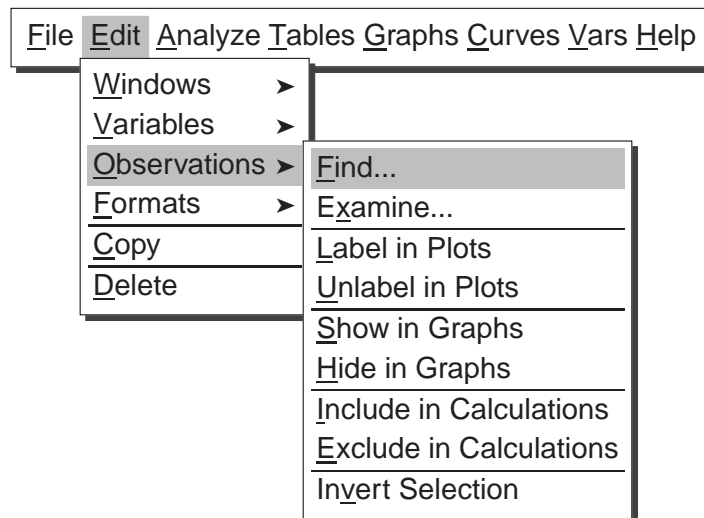


Figure 3.16. Finding Observations

This displays the **Find Observations** dialog.



Figure 3.17. Find Observations Dialog

⇒ Select the **POSITION** variable.

Scroll the list of variables at the left to see the **POSITION** variable. Then point and click to select **POSITION**. Notice that the list of values at the right now contains all

the unique values of the **POSITION** variable. By default, the equal (=) test and the first value are selected.



Figure 3.18. Selecting **POSITION**

⇒ **Select the values 13, 1B, and 10.**

On most hosts, you can either **Shift**-click or **CTRL**-click to select these values. The players selected primarily played first base. Note that players with **POSITION = 01** also played some first base, but they played primarily in the outfield.

⇒ **Click the Apply button to find the data.**

This selects observations without closing the **Find Observations** dialog. Clicking the **OK** button closes the **Find Observations** dialog after selecting the observations.



Figure 3.19. Selecting First Basemen

Now all observations where **POSITION** is **13**, **1B**, or **10** are highlighted.

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22		Nom	Nom	Int	Int	Int
322	NAME	TEAM	NO_ATBAT	NO_HITS	NO_HOME	
1	Aldrete, Mike	SanFrancisco	216	54	2	
2	Allanson, Andy	Cleveland	293	66	1	
3	Almon, Bill	Pittsburgh	196	43	7	
4	Anderson, Dave	LosAngeles	216	53	1	
5	Armas, Tony	Boston	425	112	11	
6	Ashby, Alan	Houston	315	81	7	
7	Backman, Wally	NewYork	387	124	1	
8	Baines, Harold	Chicago	570	169	21	
9	Baker, Dusty	Oakland	242	58	4	
10	Balboni, Steve	KansasCity	512	117	29	
11	Bando, Chris	Cleveland	254	68	2	
12	Barfield, Jesse	Toronto	589	170	40	

Figure 3.20. First Basemen Found

⇒ Choose **Find Next** from the data pop-up menu.

The data window scrolls so the next observation with **POSITION = 13, 1B**, or **10** is at the top.

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22		Nom	Nom	Int	Int	Int
322	NAME	TEAM	NO_ATBAT	NO_HITS	NO_HOME	
10	Balboni, Steve	KansasCity	512	117	29	
11	Bando, Chris	Cleveland	254	68	2	
12	Barfield, Jesse	Toronto	589	170	40	
13	Barrett, Marty	Boston	625	179	4	
14	Bass, Kevin	Houston	591	184	20	
15	Baylor, Don	Boston	585	139	31	
16	Beane, Billy	Minneapolis	183	39	3	
17	Bell, Buddy	Cincinnati	568	158	20	
18	Bell, George	Toronto	641	198	31	
19	Belliard, Rafael	Pittsburgh	309	72	0	
20	Beniquez, Juan	Baltimore	343	103	6	
21	Bernazard, Tony	Cleveland	562	169	17	

Figure 3.21. Finding the Next Observation

⇒ Choose **Move to First** from the data pop-up menu.

This enables you to see all the selected observations in one place, in this case at the top of the data window.

The screenshot shows the SAS interface with a window titled 'SAS: SASUSER.BASEBALL'. The menu bar includes 'File', 'Edit', 'Analyze', 'Tables', 'Graphs', 'Curves', 'Vars', and 'Help'. Below the menu is a data table with the following columns: 'NAME', 'TEAM', 'NO\_ATBAT', 'NO\_HITS', and 'NO\_HOMERUNS'. The first 17 rows are selected, indicated by a dark background. The data is as follows:

	NAME	TEAM	NO_ATBAT	NO_HITS	NO_HOMERUNS
1	Aldrete, Mike	SanFrancisco	216	54	2
2	Balboni, Steve	KansasCity	512	117	29
3	Bochte, Bruce	Oakland	407	104	0
4	Bream, Sid	Pittsburgh	522	140	10
5	Brock, Greg	LosAngeles	325	76	10
6	Buckner, Bill	Boston	629	168	10
7	Cabell, Enos	LosAngeles	277	71	2
8	Clark, Jack	StLouis	232	55	9
9	Clark, Will	SanFrancisco	408	117	1
10	Cooper, Cecil	Milwaukee	542	140	12
11	Davis, Alan	Seattle	479	130	10
12	Davis, Glenn	Houston	574	152	3
13	Durham, Leon	Chicago	484	127	20
14	Esasky, Nick	Cincinnati	330	76	12
15	Evans, Darrell	Detroit	507	122	29
16	Galarraga, Andres	Montreal	321	87	10
17	Garvey, Steve	SanDiego	557	142	2

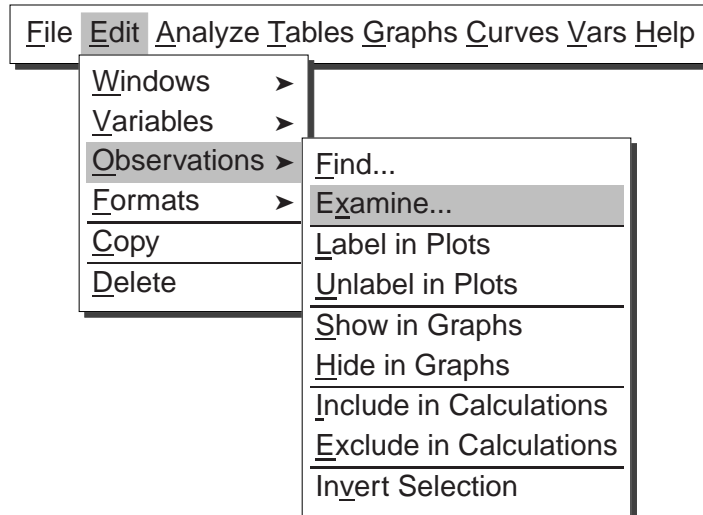
Figure 3.22. Collecting the Selected Observations



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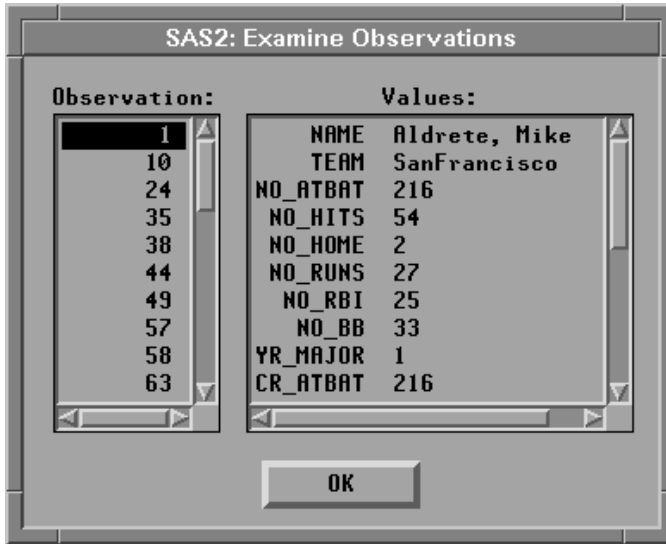
You can examine selected observations in detail by following these steps. The figures in this section are based on the data being sorted on the **NAME** variable and the observations selected where **POSITION** is **13**, **1B**, or **1O**. The previous sections on sorting and finding observations provide examples of how to sort and select.

⇒ Choose **Edit:Observations:Examine**.



**Figure 3.23.** Finding Observations

This displays the **Examine Observations** dialog. The list on the left shows the observation number for the selected observations: first basemen. The list on the right displays the variable values for the highlighted observation.

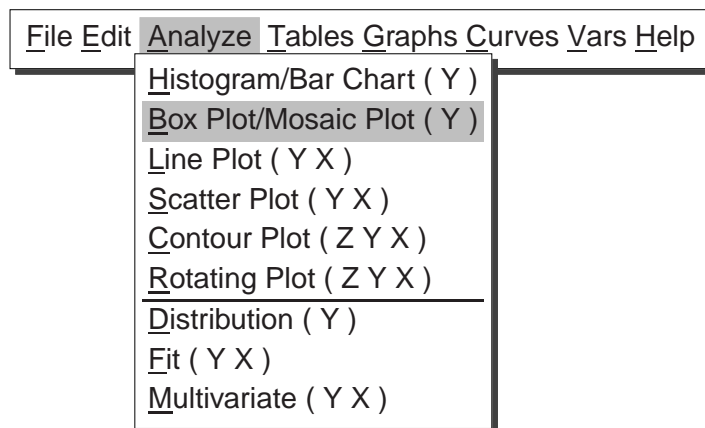


**Figure 3.24.** Examine Observations Dialog

Scroll down the list on the right to see the rest of Mike Aldrete’s statistics. Point and click on observation number **58** to see Will Clark’s statistics. Scroll down the list on the left until you can point and click on observation number **246** to see Pete Rose’s statistics. Click **OK** to close the dialog.

You can also use the **Examine Observations** dialog directly from a graph or chart. To examine observations from a box plot of player salaries, follow these steps.

- ⇒ **Choose Analyze:Box Plot/Mosaic Plot ( Y ).**  
This calls up the **Box Plot/Mosaic Plot** dialog.



**Figure 3.25.** Creating a Box Plot

- ⇒ **Assign SALARY the Y role and LEAGUE the X role.**  
Click on **SALARY** in the variable list on the left, then click on **Y** at the top. Similarly, click on **LEAGUE** in the list on the left, then click on **X** at the top.
- ⇒ **Click OK to create a box plot of SALARY by LEAGUE.**



Figure 3.26. Box Plot Variable Roles

⇒ Double-click on the marker representing the highest salary in the National League.

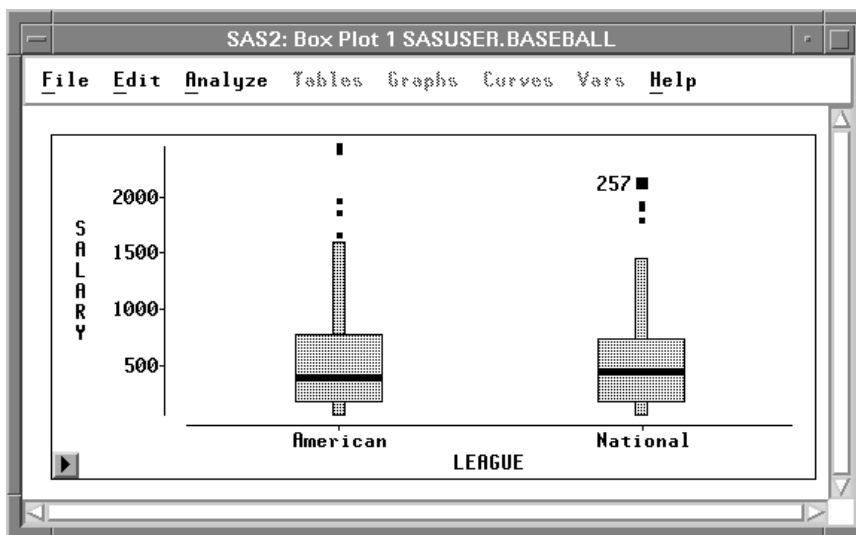


Figure 3.27. Box Plot of **SALARY** by **LEAGUE**

Clicking on the observation identifies the point in the graph with its observation number. Double-clicking displays the **Examine Observations** dialog for the selected observation. In 1986, Mike Schmidt had the highest salary in the National League.

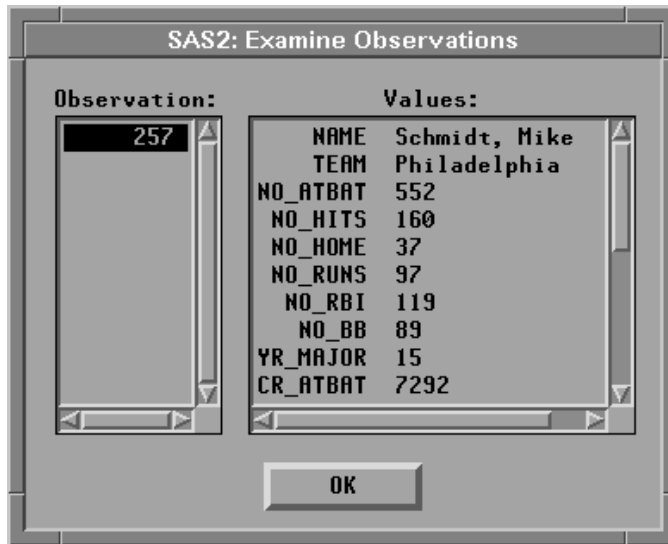


Figure 3.28. Examining Observations

⇒ **Double-click on the upper whisker for the American League.**  
 This displays the values for all observations within the whisker. Then click in the Observation list to see the values for each observation.

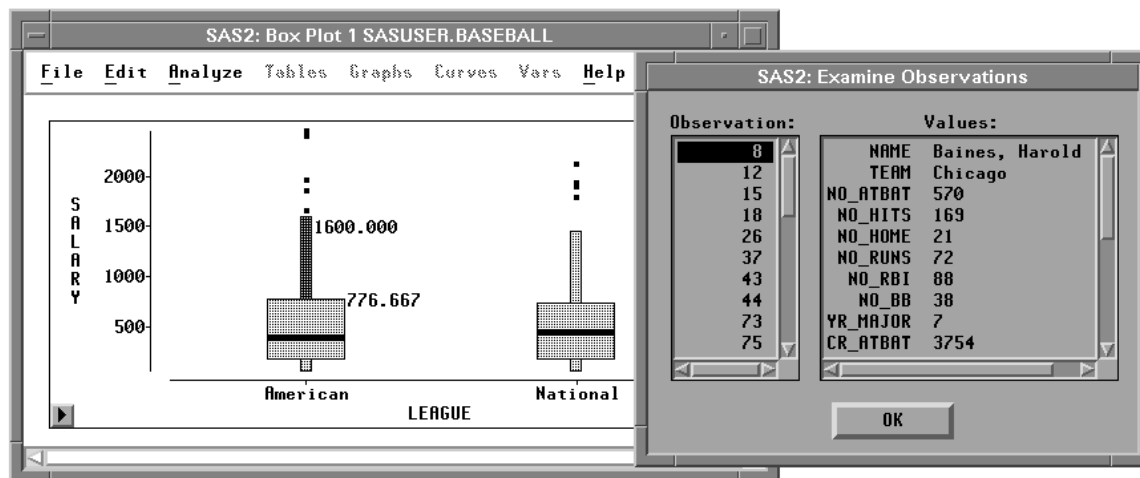


Figure 3.29. Examining Whisker Observations

⇒ **Click OK to close the dialog.**

## Closing the Data Window

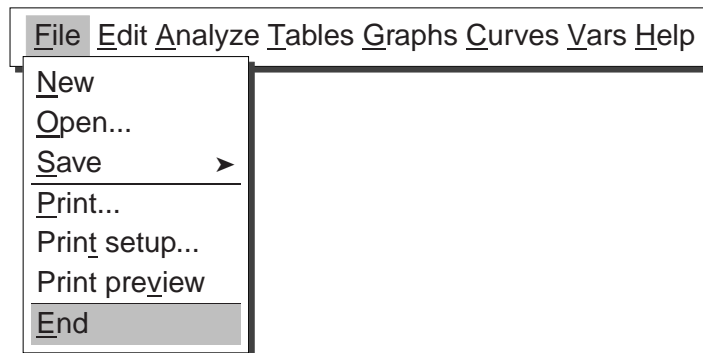
There are several other features of the data window, and you can find them by exploring the data pop-up menu on your own. For detailed information, see Chapter 31, “Data Windows,” in the Reference part of this manual. One more feature important enough to describe here concerns what happens when you close a data window.

† **Note:** When you close the data window, you close all windows using that data set. When you close all your data windows, you exit SAS/INSIGHT software.

You can open as many data windows as you like by choosing **File:Open**. You can close any window by choosing **File:End**. Depending on your host, there may be other ways to close windows as well.

You will be prompted with a dialog to confirm that you want to close the data window. In the Confirm dialog, you can click **OK** to close the data window, or you can click **Cancel** to abort the action and leave the data window open. Try it to be sure you know how to exit SAS/INSIGHT software when you are ready, but click **Cancel** in the Confirm dialog to abort the closing.

⇒ **Choose File:End.**



**Figure 3.30.** File Menu

Choosing **File:End** displays the Confirm dialog.



**Figure 3.31.** Confirm Dialog

⇒ **Click Cancel.**

This aborts the closing and returns you to the data window. If you had clicked **OK**, you would have closed the data window and exited SAS/INSIGHT software.

## *Part 2. Introduction*

Now that you know how to examine data in a data window, turn to the next chapter to learn how to explore data in one dimension.

⊕ **Related Reading:** Data Windows, Chapter 31.

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