

CASE STUDY

AN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AGENCY



Metacoda Plug-ins help an Australian state government agency with their SAS® platform administration

A large Australian state government agency consisting of 15 local districts across New South Wales and a number of statewide and specialty services, manages hundreds of SAS users and data from over 50 collection points within their SAS environment. They must meet specific legislative requirements about who within the agency can access different types of data, and must be able to readily substantiate this for audit and reporting purposes. Accurately maintaining the SAS security model is therefore critical to this government agency's success.

Strict adherence to the agency's security model is also important due to the complex hierarchical structure within and across the units. SAS administrators are responsible for ensuring the agency meets its legislative requirements that only authorised users have access to the specific data their authorization covers. Using Metacoda Security Plug-ins software has proven to be very useful.

Without the software, SAS administrators would need to spend considerable time building and maintaining reports. The investment in using Metacoda Security Plug-ins has allowed them to focus on business intelligence reports pertinent to the agency rather than on administering their SAS environment.

Using the Group Reviewer, SAS administrators can quickly see who has access, showing both direct and indirect groups. With the User Reviewer, administrators save further time when diagnosing why a particular user doesn't have access to a particular entity. Troubleshooting ad-hoc issues that arise is now a seamless exercise, which is particularly useful when time is critical.

This government agency has found Metacoda Security Plug-ins to be extremely useful in quickly resolving user issues. With a few clicks, SAS administrators can easily examine the entire SAS platform metadata security with confidence, knowing the model is adhered to. Metacoda Security Plug-ins software has proven that it increases the productivity of SAS platform administrators in the ongoing management of SAS metadata security.

Business Issues

- Complexity in managing large number of users and data collections.
- Difficulty in auditing multiple security levels.
- Time-intensive manual reporting and security tests.
- Conflicting and/or unpredictable permissions.

Solution

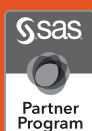
Metacoda Security Plug-ins help the government agency's SAS platform administrator(s) to:

- get fast answers to complex SAS security issues via point-and-click
- allow data owners to know instantaneously who has access to entities and vice versa
- easily meet legislative data management requirements
- identify issues quickly via recommended best practice and warning indicators.

Benefits

- Confidently manage SAS metadata security as business needs change.
- Deliver productivity with fast resolutions in time-critical troubleshooting situations.
- Review new users quickly and easily with the appropriate permissions, groups and roles.
- Simplify management of SAS metadata through the software's enhanced visualisation.

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