

# How Old Is SAS-L?

**The first message in the archives is dated in mid-November, 1986.**

**There wasn't much volume until the first quarter of 1997.**

# An Early Message

**Message #6, November 17, 1986:**

**From: June Genis <GA.JRG@STANFORD>**  
**Subject: SAS and South Africa**

**Three cheers to SPSS, Inc for  
discontinuing software sales to South  
Africa (Keywords, Fall 1986, No. 40)!  
Anybody know if SAS has any stated  
policy on South Africa?**

# How Many People Read SAS-L?

- **More than 1811 subscribers**
- **From 1190 different sites**
- **From 894 different domains**
- **From 58 different top-level domains**
- **That doesn't count people who read through internally distributed mailing lists, through Usenet, or through the web.**

# Where Do Readers Get Their Mail?

No single site dominates the list.

<b>AOL.COM</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
<b>HOTMAIL.COM</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
<b>SAS.COM</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
<b>YAHOO.COM</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>WESTAT.COM</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1.2%</b>

# Where Do They Live?

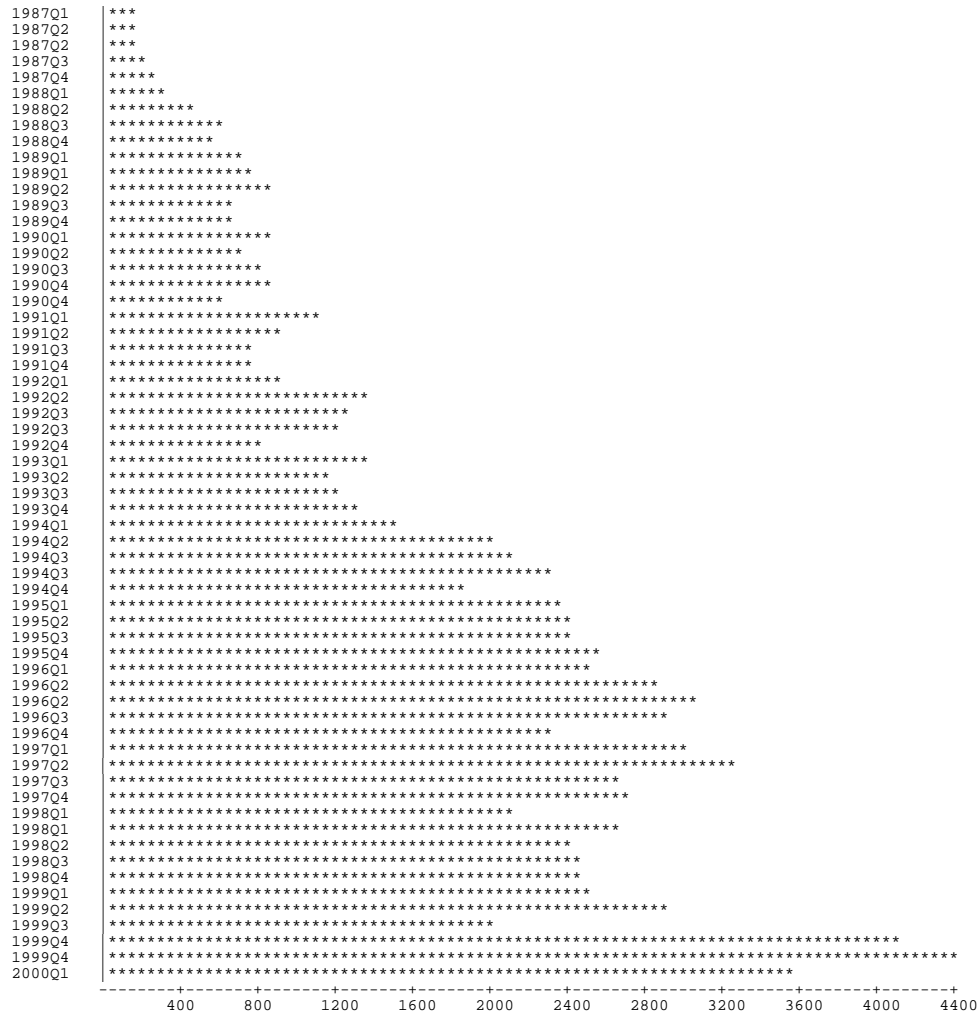
<b>COM, NET, ORG, EDU</b>	<b>1,275</b>
<b>GOV, MIL, US</b>	<b>127</b>
<b>DE</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>AU</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>CA</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>UK</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>NL, IT, SE, BE, FR</b>	<b>10-20</b>

# How Many Messages Are There?

- On March 30, 2000: 81
- In March, 1999: 1,133
- In March, 2000: 1,795
- Since 1986: 100,425
- In the last year: 16,455
- Average per day: 45

The peak months are March and October;  
July and December are the slack months.

# What's the Trend Over Time?



# The Top 10 Posters (By Mail)

<b>Paul Dorfman</b>	<b>504</b>
<b>William Viergiver</b>	<b>324</b>
<b>John Whittington</b>	<b>315</b>
<b>Peter Crawford</b>	<b>314</b>
<b>Jack Hamilton</b>	<b>269</b>
<b>J. Groeneveld</b>	<b>240</b>
<b>Gehard Hellriegel</b>	<b>226</b>
<b>Ronald Fehd</b>	<b>224</b>
<b>Tim Berryhill</b>	<b>176</b>
<b>Bernard Tremblay</b>	<b>175</b>



# The Top 10 Posters (By Lines)

<b>William Viergiver</b>	<b>26,397</b>
<b>Peter Crawford</b>	<b>25,882</b>
<b>Gehard Hellriegel</b>	<b>20,625</b>
<b>J. Groeneveld</b>	<b>20,330</b>
<b>Bernard Tremblay</b>	<b>17,936</b>
<b>Paul Dorfman</b>	<b>16,435</b>
<b>Jack Hamilton</b>	<b>16,309</b>
<b>Ian Whitlock</b>	<b>14,304</b>
<b>Tim Berryhill</b>	<b>12,632</b>
<b>Ronald Fehd</b>	<b>12,361</b>

# Most Popular Topics

<b>&lt;no Subject given&gt;</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>an interesting game</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Real stats on real big data?</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>**** Test Your Code ****</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>SAS Certification</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>The DON'Ts of Consulting!</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>recruiter overhead/hrly rates</b>	<b>34</b>
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<b>Testing if prime</b>	<b>33</b>

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<b>re-order variables</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Free alternatives to Base/SAS</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Random Selection:</b>	
<b>Anything More Elegant</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Number of obs in dataset</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>W95 Text Editor Recommendation</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>I'll take SAS History for 200, Alex.</b>	<b>25</b>

# How Do I Sign Up By Email?

**Send an email message to a LISTSERV:**

**To: `listserv@listserv.uga.edu`**

**Subject:**

**`subscribe sas-l John Doe`**

**`end`**

**You could, instead, send to:**

**`listserv@listserv.vt.edu`**

**`listserv@vm.marist.edu`**

**`listserv@akh-wein.ac.at`**

# How Do I Sign Up Over The Web?

- **Go to**  
`www.listserv.uga.edu/cgi-bin/  
wa?SUBED1=sas-1&A=1`
- **Follow the instructions. You probably want to select NOACK REPRO.**

**You can also go to**

`www.listserv.uga.edu`

**and follow the instructions - a few more steps, but easier to type.**

# How Do I Send Mail to the List?

**Send email to**

**`sas-l@listserv.uga.edu`**

**Please use a descriptive subject line.**

# How Do I Search Old Messages?

Through the web is the easiest way. Go to

[www.listserv.uga.edu/cgi-bin/  
wa?S1=sas-l](http://www.listserv.uga.edu/cgi-bin/wa?S1=sas-l)

Again, you can find your way there if you just remember

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