

HOW TO

# COUNTC

USING SAS

What is it?

RETURNS THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL CHARACTERS WITHIN A TEXT STRING

How do i write it?

COUNTC

TEXT  
STRING

CHARACTER  
LIST

OPTIONS

Show me examples

`countc(text, 'a')`  
= 2

`countc(text, 'a', 'i')`  
= 3

**text =**

*"Do you use SAS tasks as your method of choice?"*

`countc(text, 'af', 'i')`  
= 4

`countc(text, 'af', 'iv')`  
= 42

What are my options?

- P** Adds punctuation marks to the list of characters.
- t** Trims trailing blanks from the string and characters.
- D** Adds digits to the list of characters.
- I** Ignores the case.
- V** Counts characters that do not appear in the list of characters.

These are a selection of the many options available for this function



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