

# Using Base SAS® and SAS® Enterprise Miner™ to Develop Customer Retention Modeling

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper I will describe how to develop the components necessary using SAS® tools and business analytics to effectively identify a “Good Customer”.

The resulting “Good Customer Score” is intended for use in modeling exercises designed to help improve the cost effectiveness and development of Acquisition, Rewards, Retention, and Recovery efforts at PREMIER.

“Good Customer Score” has been added to PREMIER’s Data Warehouse and is being used to develop and implement specific targeted Retention and other strategies with an estimated \$50+ Million in annual revenue lift identified thus far.

### Estimated Opportunity Value:

For example, reduce the attrition of PREMIER’s “Top Good Customers”  $\geq 2$  Years on Book = \$15+ Million annually (see also SAS Global Forum Paper 278-2009.pdf). The total of all opportunities noted in this paper exceeds an estimated \$70 Million in annual revenue lift.

### Portfolio Scoring & Ranking Specifics:

The accuracy of the new “Good Customer Score” is supported by the statistical correlation to Behavior Score (3<sup>rd</sup> party score), as well as other scores, when identifying those customers who will perform in the top 25% of the Portfolio ranked by Good Customer Score (Target). The strength of like scores is noted in the Chi-Square correlation results. Additionally, the statistical soundness of the score comparison exercise performed using modeling in SAS Enterprise Miner™ is supported by a KS Statistic of 58 and a target prediction accuracy of 85%.

## INTRODUCTION

Business analytics using Base SAS® and predictive modeling using SAS Enterprise Miner is very powerful and capable of generating significant lifts in revenue for the organization. The example illustrated in the context of this paper is a clear depiction of the benefits that result from the application of business analytics and predictive modeling to solve “Customer Intelligence” business problems. Using SAS tools in customer retention is having a significant impact on our Company’s business. Venturing into the huge amounts of internal customer data and information can be a daunting task. However, by employing SAS Enterprise Miner™, coupled with some Base SAS techniques, gold nuggets (sometimes chunks) can be identified.

In this paper I will describe how to develop the components necessary using SAS tools and business analytics to effectively identify a “Good Customer.” This “Good Customer Score” can then be used in predictive modeling exercises designed to help improve the cost effectiveness and development of Retention efforts, as well as, other customer focused programs.

## METHODS

“Good Customer Score” Development – A Base SAS program was written that applies data step logic against internal customer data that has been cleansed and adjusted for outliers. Key customer performance measures were used in a weighting process to generate a ratio representative of a “Good Customer” by our company’s definition. The attributes used are noted in the “Definition Matrix” (see Figure 1).

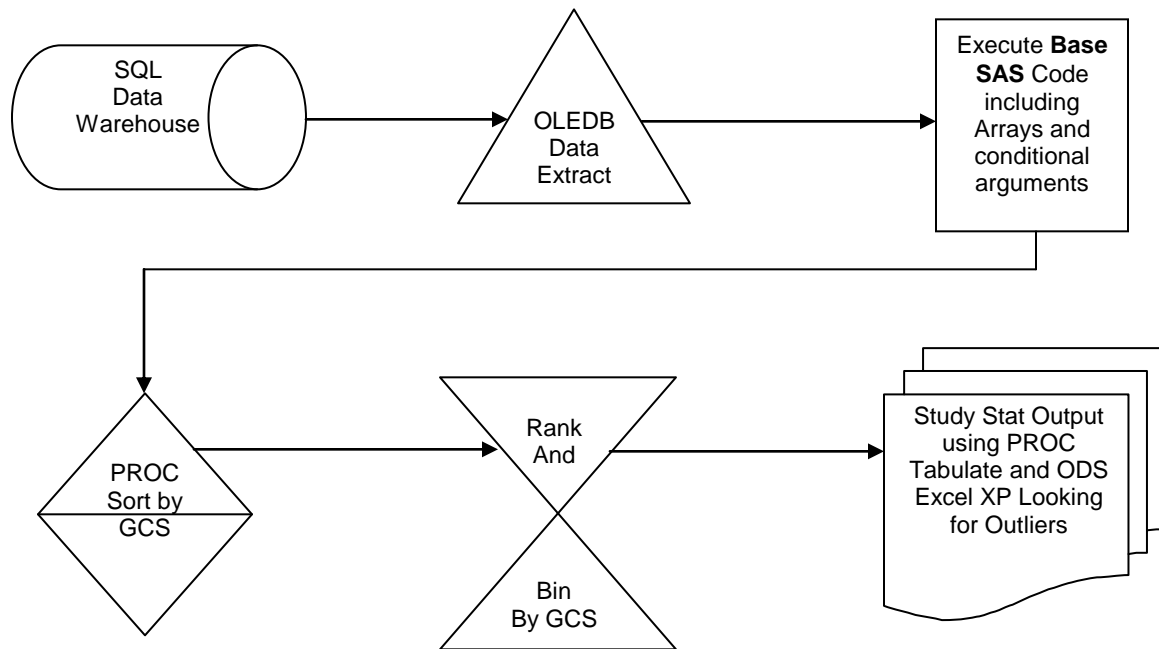
<i>Measure</i>	<i>Portfolio Mean</i>	<i>Definition</i>
1) <i>FeeBalRatio</i>	0.63	<b>Revenue</b> Value Measure: Internal calculation is proprietary. Measure of the outstanding balance of billed fees on the customer’s account in relation to the annualized collected fee value.
2) <i>TotCreditUtilRatio</i>	0.20	<b>Risk</b> Exposure Value Measure: Internal calculation is proprietary. Measure of the total credit utilization on the customer’s account.
3) <i>PrinBalExposureRatio</i>	0.29	<b>Risk</b> Exposure Value Measure: Internal calculation is proprietary. Measure of the principal balance exposure on the customer’s account.
4) <i>OCLOccuredRatio</i>	0.75	<b>Behavior</b> Experience Measure: Internal calculation is proprietary. Measure representing the number of times a customer has exceeded the credit limit.
5) <i>OCLThresholdRatio</i>	0.75	<b>Behavior</b> Experience Measure: Internal calculation is proprietary. Measure representing the number of times a customer has exceeded the credit limit threshold.
6) <i>DelRatio</i>	0.65	<b>Behavior</b> Experience Measure: Internal calculation is proprietary. Measure representing the number of times a customer has been delinquent.
7) <i>MOBRatio</i>	0.65	<b>Loyalty</b> Measure: Internal calculation is proprietary. Measure representing the longevity of the customer’s account with PREMIER.
<i>GoodCustRatio</i>	0.56	Mean value of the 7 individual customer performance measures.
<i>GoodCustRankNum</i>	10.50	Mean rank value for the portfolio.
<i>GoodCustScore</i>	561	Conversion of Good Customer Ratio to a representative whole number score value.

**Figure 1. Definition Matrix - Good Customer Score (GCS)**

*Portfolio Scoring & Ranking* – The “Good Customer Score” was then used to rank the portfolio of customers and bin them into 20 different buckets. Doing so isolates the customer profile characteristics that define our best vs. worst customers. This sets the stage for model and program development. It becomes clear how to “target” the specific segments for respective treatment depending on the customer’s needs (e.g., acquire more good customer “look-a-likes,” retain and/or reward the best performers, take corrective action on poor performers).

### SAS PROGRAMMING LOGICAL FLOW

While I cannot share the actual data step programming, variables, or formulas used in full context to generate the Good Customer Score (GCS); I can provide the basic logical flow and abstract examples of the various Base SAS coding methods including some sample code and output (see Figure 2).



**Figure 2. Base SAS Programming Flow Diagram**

## BASE SAS CODE DESIGN TO IDENTIFY “GOOD CUSTOMERS”

In order to identify the “Good Customers (GC)” within there has to be a clear understanding of what a GC looks like. To the CFO, a GC is a customer that generates high revenues and does not create long term maintenance issues. To the Operations Executives, a GC is a customer that handles the details of their account very well. The challenge is combining these two spectrums into a composite view that describes the best of both worlds. This is not an uncommon problem and there are several books describing the need for customer focus. In fact, Customer Relationship Management (CRM) is a business model that has been touted since the early 1990’s (maybe earlier). There are even companies that have been formed that will provide the service of implementing the CRM model and/or corresponding metrics in any organization for a price.

This paper is focused on simply “how to develop customer retention modeling” through the development of an internal score. In order to target the GC effectively for a “Retention” program (or other business problem for that matter), the problem noted in the prior paragraph must be answered using data contained within the organization’s customer portfolio. I would suggest beginning with a simple series of questions focused on identifying the data attributes used to describe the customer’s Revenue, Risk, Behavior, and Loyalty. The resulting components I used are noted in Figure 1. By taking these specific representative data elements and applying the logical programming to create the resulting “Good Customer Ratio (GCR),” I was able to calculate a measure that can be used to identify the best and worst customers.

The following Base SAS code illustrates the flow of this methodology programmatically within the data step program data vector. I’m sorry, but I cannot share the actual formulas for the individual components.

```
/* Calculate the individual component Ratio Values */
  /* Calculate the Fee Balance Ratio */
    FeeBalRatio=...
  /* Calculate the Credit Utilization Ratio */
    TotCreditUtilRatio=...
  /* Calculate the Principle Balance Exposure Ratio */
    PrinBalExposureRatio=...
  /* Calculate the OCL Occurred Ratio */
    OCLOccuredRatio=...
  /* Calculate the OCL Threshold Ratio */
    OCLThresholdRatio=...
  /* Calculate the Delinquency Ratio */
    DelRatio=...
  /* Calculate the Vintage Months on Book (MOB) Ratio */
    MOBRatio=...
  /* Calculate the Non-Weighted Average GoodCustRatio */
    GoodCustRatio=Sum(of
      FeeBalRatio,
      TotCreditUtilRatio,
      PrinBalExposureRatio,
      OCLOccuredRatio,
      OCLThresholdRatio,
      DelRatio,
      MOBRatio
    )/7;
```

## RANK AND BIN BY GCR

Once the GCR has been established at the customer record level, the entire portfolio can be ranked and binned accordingly. The GCR is transformed to Good Customer Score (GCS) by simply multiplying the value by 1,000 and rounding it to a whole number. This was done to represent the GCS as a value that is familiar to the business sector for consistency sake. Credit and/or performance viability measures are usually cast as a 2 or 3 digit number.

```
/* BEGIN Sorting & Ranking process */
Proc Sort
  Data=PSP04RM.PSP04_RM_GoodCustRatioAll_&ccyymm;
  By descending GoodCustRatio;
  run;

Proc Means noprint Data=PSP04RM.PSP04_RM_GoodCustRatioAll_&ccyymm;
  Output
    Out=RankedTotal (rename=( _freq_ =RankedTotal))
    ;
  run;

Data _Null_;
  Set RankedTotal (Where=( _Type_ =0));
  Call Symput('RankedTotal',RankedTotal);
  run;

Proc Format;
  Value DecileF
    Low-.05='01'
    .05-.1='02'
    .1-.15='03'
    .15-.2='04'
    .2-.25='05'
    .25-.3='06'
    .3-.35='07'
    .35-.4='08'
    .4-.45='09'
    .45-.5='10'
    .5-.55='11'
    .55-.6='12'
    .6-.65='13'
    .65-.7='14'
    .7-.75='15'
    .75-.8='16'
    .8-.85='17'
    .85-.9='18'
    .9-.95='19'
    .95-1='20'
  ;
  run;

Data
  PSP04RM.PSP04_RM_GoodCustRatioAll_&ccyymm
  PSP04RM.PSP04_RM_GoodCustRatio_&ccyymm
  (Keep=
    DebtDimId
    LastAcctId
    GoodCustRank
    GoodCustRatio
    GoodCustScore
    DataSetDt
    Owner
    UpdatedDt
  )
  ;
  Length
    GoodCustRankNum 8.
  ;
  Set PSP04RM.PSP04_RM_GoodCustRatioAll_&ccyymm;
```

```

        Rank=_n_/&RankedTotal;
        GoodCustRank=Put (Rank,DecileF.);
        GoodCustRankNum=GoodCustRank;
        GoodCustScore=Round (GoodCustRatio*1000);
Output  PSP04RM.PSP04_RM_GoodCustRatioAll_&ccyymm;
Output  PSP04RM.PSP04_RM_GoodCustRatio_&ccyymm;
run;

/* END Sorting & Ranking process */

```

**NOTE:** There are several methods available in SAS to perform the binning and ranking process. The intent of this paper is not to explore every possible method. However, the method that I used seems to have generated effective results and is easy to understand and communicate.

## STUDY STAT OUTPUT

While creating the GCS is the most critical step in the process, the results must be studied effectively in order to make any sense of the GCS' viability and potential used in solving any business problems. Of course, in the end, the objective is to recommend a program to business managers that they will trust and, ultimately, embrace the solution. Tools, such as PROC Tabulate and Output Delivery System (ODS) directed to the Excel XP Tagset were very nice for examining the results of the data step and procedure output. Hopefully, the example code and corresponding output will demonstrate how these SAS tools were utilized.

The following code steps are used to push the output to an MS Excel spreadsheet using the ODS ExcelXP Tagset. Certain SAS System Option and Tagset Option defaults need to be overridden in order to get the desired formatted output. Placing the output in a tool such as this can enrich the review and discovery process. It also makes it easier to deliver the results to "non-SAS" analysts or members of management for review.

```

Options NoDate Label Missing='0' Orientation=Landscape SPOOL;
%inc '\\pbidelprd042\DM_Inputs\01_Shared_SAS_Code\ExcelXP_Tagset.sas';
options
    topmargin=.25in
    bottommargin=.25in
    leftmargin=.25in
    rightmargin=.25in
    ;

ods listing close;
ODS Tagsets.ExcelXP
    style=Journal
    file="\\pbidelprd042\DM_Inputs\rpruitt\PSP04\PSP04_RM_GoodCustRatio_&ccyymm..xls
"
    options (
        doc='help'
        default_column_width='20'
        Orientation="landscape"
        AUTOFIT_HEIGHT="no"
        CENTER_HORIZONTAL="yes"
        EMBEDDED_TITLES="yes"
        EMBEDDED_FOOTNOTES="yes"
        FITTOPAGE="yes"
        Frozen_Headers='5'
        Row_Repeat='1-5'
        THOUSANDS_SEPARATOR=', '
        CURRENCY_SYMBOL='$'
        CURRENCY_FORMAT='Currency'
        DECIMAL_SEPARATOR='.'
        EMBED_TITLES_ONCE='yes'
    )
    ;

```

This code was used to extract 50 random records for review out of the over 3 million scored accounts. PROC Surveyselect is a very useful tool for reducing the time it takes to perform a results review of the detail. It is very important to understand how the logical application of programming code used to manipulate the data within the program data vector is performing.

```
ODS Tagsets.ExcelXP Options (sheet_name='SampleSelectAllCols' SHEET_INTERVAL='none');
Proc Surveyselect
  data=PSP04RM.PSP04_RM_GoodCustRatioAll_&ccyyymm
  out=SamplePrintAll
  SAMPSIZE=50
  Method=SRS
  Seed=12345
  ;
  %title;
  %Footnote;
run;
```

**PORTFOLIO STRATIFICATION PROJECT (PSP)**  
**PSP04 - Retention Model (RM) Good Customer Identification Ratio**  
**Portfolio Data as of 200812 with a Run Date of January 12, 2009 - 21:56:34**

<i>Selection Method</i>	Simple Random Sampling
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<i>Input Data Set</i>	PSP04_RM_GOODCUSTRATIOALL_200812
<i>Random Number Seed</i>	12345
<i>Sample Size</i>	<b>50</b>
<i>Selection Probability</i>	0.000016
<i>Sampling Weight</i>	60733.72
<i>Output Data Set</i>	SAMPLEPRINTALL

**Figure 3. PROC Surveyselect ODS Output**

**NOTE:** Each PROC Step that produces printed output is written to a new tab in the Excel spreadsheet.

A simple PROC Print is used to display variables of interest from the 50 random records out of the over 3 million scored accounts. These are not the only values that were evaluated within the context of this project, but should sufficiently illustrate the review concept.

```
ODS Tagsets.ExcelXP Options (sheet_name='RatioPrint' SHEET_INTERVAL='none');
Proc Print data=SamplePrintAll
  noobs label n
  ;
  Var
    DebtDimId
    VintMos
    GoodCustRatio
    GoodCustRank
    GoodCustScore
  / style(header data) = {just=C}
  ;
  %title;
  %footnote;
run;
```

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<i>DebtDimId</i>	<i>VintMos</i>	<i>GoodCustRatio</i>	<i>GoodCustRank</i>	<i>GoodCustScore</i>
13230495	27	0.97568	1	976
16712333	9	0.92603	2	926
13481835	25	0.92394	2	924
15426230	16	0.88055	2	881
9697616	46	0.80986	3	810
14542701	20	0.79891	4	799
15226659	17	0.79877	4	799
... 8 to 45 removed ...	...	...	...	...
18079383	1	0	17	0
17799485	3	0	18	0
17682248	3	0	19	0
18173309	1	0	20	0
18341623	0	0	20	0

N = 50

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**Figure 4. Proc Print ODS Output**



PROC Tabulate was then used to display specified statistics for variables of interest for the over 3 million scored accounts. Reviewing these statistical results is important in understanding the viability of how the resulting measure and its component variables relate to the overall population.

```

ODS Tagsets.ExcelXP Options (sheet_name='DataStatsAllCols' SHEET_INTERVAL='none');
Proc Tabulate
  data=PSP04RM.PSP04_RM_GoodCustRatioAll_&ccyymm
  Missing
  ;
  Var
    VintMos
    Num030DayDelTot
    Num060DayDelTot
    Num090DayDelTot
    NumIADayDelTot
    OCL12MnthOccurred
    OCL12MnthThreshold
    NetFeeRev12Mo
    FeeBal
    FeeBalRatio
    TotCreditUtilRatio
    PrinBalExposureRatio
    OCLOccurredRatio
    OCLThresholdRatio
    DelRatio
    MOBRatio
    GoodCustRatio
    GoodCustRankNum
    GoodCustScore
  ;
  Table
    (VintMos
    Num030DayDelTot
    Num060DayDelTot
    Num090DayDelTot
    NumIADayDelTot
    OCL12MnthOccurred
    OCL12MnthThreshold
    NetFeeRev12Mo
    FeeBal
    FeeBalRatio
    TotCreditUtilRatio
    PrinBalExposureRatio
    OCLOccurredRatio
    OCLThresholdRatio
    DelRatio
    MOBRatio
    GoodCustRatio
    GoodCustRankNum
    GoodCustScore
    )
    ,
    (N NMISS)
    *f=comma12.*[Style=[tagattr='format:##0' Just=C]]
    (Mean Min Max)
    *f=comma12.2*[Style=[tagattr='format:##0.00' Just=C]]
    (T PROBT VAR STDDEV)
    *f=comma14.4*[Style=[tagattr='format:##0.0000' Just=C]]
  ;
  %Title;
  %Footnote;
run;

ODS _ALL_ CLOSE;
ODS Listing;

```

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**Portfolio Data as of 200812 with a Run Date of January 12, 2009 - 21:56:34**

	<i>N</i>	<i>NMiss</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>Probt</i>	<i>Var</i>	<i>StdDev</i>
<i>VintMos</i>	2,853,975	182,711	24.18	1.00	243.00	1,642.7147	<.0001	618.5651	24.8710
<i>Num030DayDelTot</i>	3,036,686	0	1.33	0.00	12.00	1,543.9612	<.0001	2.2645	1.5048
<i>Num060DayDelTot</i>	3,036,686	0	0.36	0.00	12.00	885.2232	<.0001	0.5132	0.7164
<i>Num090DayDelTot</i>	3,036,686	0	0.29	0.00	12.00	605.9204	<.0001	0.7007	0.8371
<i>Num1ADayDelTot</i>	3,036,686	0	0.00	0.00	12.00	56.2776	<.0001	0.0139	0.1178
<i>OCL12MnthOccurred</i>	3,036,670	16	1.86	0.00	41.00	1,616.7081	<.0001	4.0282	2.0070
<i>OCL12MnthThreshold</i>	3,036,670	16	1.17	0.00	29.00	1,408.5088	<.0001	2.0868	1.4446
<i>NetFeeRev12Mo</i>	3,036,686	0	209.21	0.00	1,731.99	2,781.6611	<.0001	17,178.0983	131.0652
<i>FeeBal</i>	2,806,113	230,573	97.41	0.00	8,663.48	1,538.6169	<.0001	11,246.9727	106.0517
<i>FeeBalRatio</i>	3,036,686	0	0.63	0.00	1.00	2,886.3393	<.0001	0.1437	0.3790
<i>TotCreditUtilRatio</i>	3,036,686	0	0.16	0.00	1.00	1,049.2629	<.0001	0.0681	0.2610
<i>PrinBalExposureRatio</i>	3,036,686	0	0.29	0.00	1.00	1,650.5651	<.0001	0.0943	0.3070
<i>OCLOccuredRatio</i>	3,036,671	15	0.79	0.00	1.00	3,457.1176	<.0001	0.1593	0.3991
<i>OCLThresholdRatio</i>	3,036,671	15	0.79	0.00	1.00	3,457.3011	<.0001	0.1601	0.4002
<i>DelRatio</i>	3,036,686	0	0.69	0.00	1.00	3,259.9843	<.0001	0.1372	0.3704
<i>MOBRatio</i>	3,036,686	0	0.69	0.00	1.00	3,001.9947	<.0001	0.1616	0.4020
<i>GoodCustRatio</i>	3,036,686	0	0.58	0.00	1.00	3,299.4908	<.0001	0.0932	0.3053
<i>GoodCustRankNum</i>	3,036,686	0	10.50	1.00	20.00	3,173.1709	<.0001	33.2500	5.7663
<i>GoodCustScore</i>	3,036,686	0	578.13	0.00	1,000.00	3,299.4904	<.0001	93,231.3025	305.3380

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**Figure 5. Proc Tabulate ODS Output**

“Good Customer Score” Validation – The accuracy of the new “Good Customer Score” is supported by the statistical correlation to Behavior Score (3<sup>rd</sup> party score), as well as other scores, when identifying those customers who will perform in the top 25% of the Portfolio ranked by Good Customer Score. The strength of various performance related scores is demonstrated in the Chi-Square correlation table (see Figure 7). Additionally, the score comparison exercise performed using modeling in E-Miner was validated with a KS Statistic of 58 and a prediction accuracy of 85% (see Figure 8).

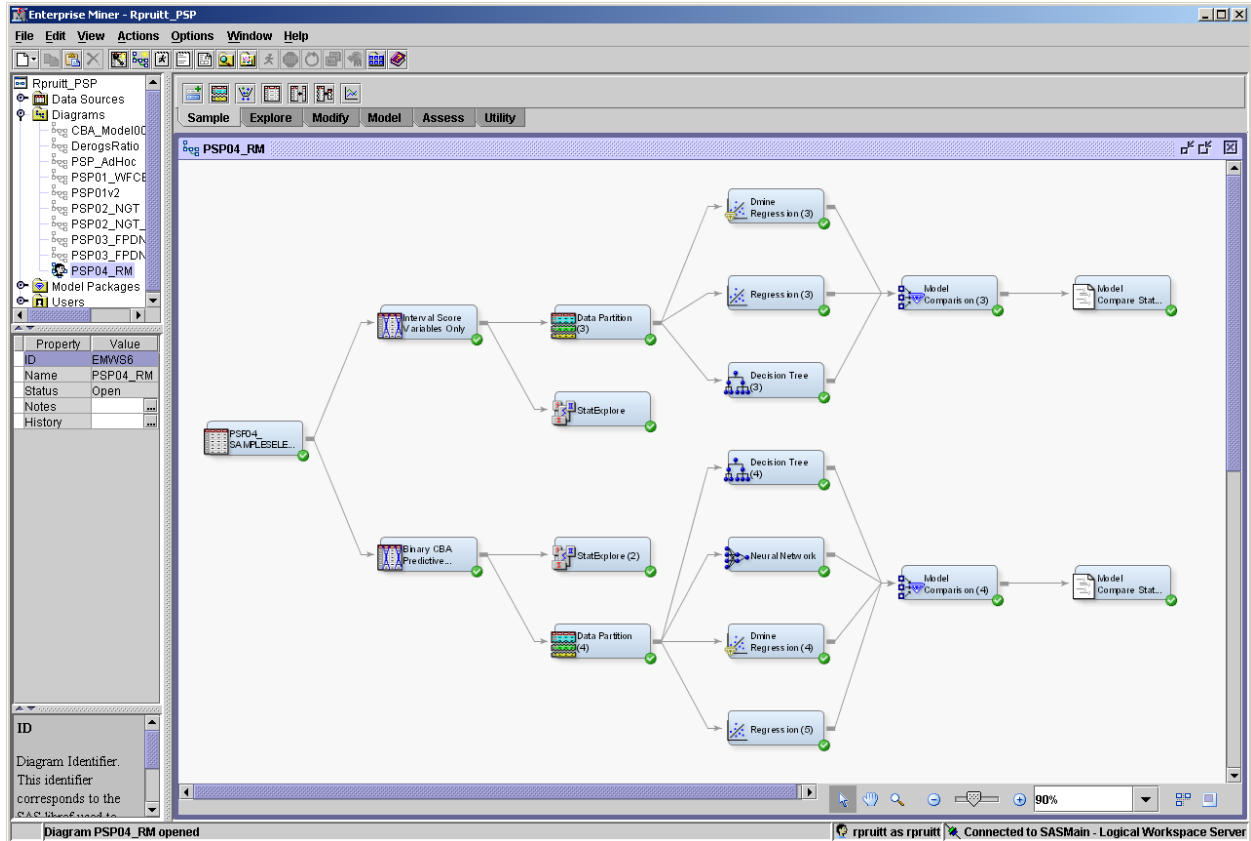


Figure 6. Enterprise Miner v5.3 Diagram Display

	<u>Chi-Square Statistics</u>		
Input	Chi-Square	Df	Prob
BehavScore	6730.4037	289	<.0001
QFICO	1952.8028	369	<.0001
Fraud	1830.2613	98	<.0001
SAS_JM1	1470.0137	93	<.0001
SAS_JK2	1452.6677	97	<.0001
ThinDex	896.1424	331	<.0001
OriginalFICO	495.5547	325	<.0001
Experian	442.7340	82	<.0001
DMS	257.4743	100	<.0001
AustinITA	237.6065	71	<.0001
PreScr	203.4391	88	<.0001
ITA	196.3312	78	<.0001
AustinINT	148.2257	70	<.0001
IntNet	143.3236	61	<.0001

Figure 7. Enterprise Miner v5.3 Chi-Square correlation table results from the Stat Explore Node

Test Type	Fit Statistic	DmineReg3	Tree3	Reg3
0-Use Indicator	Model Selected (1-Yes, 0=No)	<b>1.00</b>	0.00	0.00
1-KS	Bin-Based Two-Way Kolmogorov-Smirnov Statisti	0.58	0.49	0.57
1-KS	Kolmogorov-Smirnov Statistic	<b>0.58</b>	0.51	0.57
2-GINI	Gini Coefficient	0.74	0.54	0.64
4-Classification	Frequency of Classified Cases	8000.00	.	.
4-Classification	Misclassification Rate	<b>0.15</b>	0.16	0.16
4-Classification	Number of Wrong Classifications	1209.00	.	.
5-Error	Average Error Function	0.36	.	0.45
5-Error	Average Squared Error	0.11	0.12	0.14
5-Error	Degrees of Freedom for Error	.	.	7985.00
5-Error	Error Function	5741.28	.	7123.64
5-Error	Final Prediction Error	.	.	0.14
5-Error	Maximum Absolute Error	0.98	0.89	1.00
5-Error	Mean Square Error	.	.	0.14
5-Error	Root Average Squared Error	0.33	0.35	0.37
5-Error	Root Final Prediction Error	.	.	0.37
5-Error	Root Mean Squared Error	.	.	0.37
5-Error	Sum of Squared Errors	1767.04	1939.25	2164.64
6-Other	Akaike's Information Criterion	.	.	7153.64
6-Other	Divisor for ASE	16000.00	16000.00	16000.00
6-Other	Gain	270.06	260.30	251.42
6-Other	Lift	3.34	3.50	3.12
6-Other	Model Degrees of Freedom	.	.	15.00
6-Other	Number of Estimate Weights	.	.	15.00
6-Other	Percent Capture Response	16.69	17.50	15.61
6-Other	Percent Response	75.00	78.60	70.13
6-Other	Roc Index	0.87	0.77	0.82
6-Other	Schwarz's Bayesian Criterion	.	.	7258.45
6-Other	Sum of Case Weights Times Freq	.	16000.00	16000.00
6-Other	Sum of Frequencies	8000.00	8000.00	8000.00
6-Other	Total Degrees of Freedom	.	8000.00	8000.00

**Figure 8. Enterprise Miner v5.3 Statistics from the Model Comparison Node**

## GCS PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

*Customer Retention Program* – The “Good Customer Score” was used right away in the development of an initial customer retention recommendation. The program recommended will reduce the attrition of PREMIER’s “Top Good Customers” >= 2 Years on Book and generate an excess of \$15+ Million (see Figure 9) in annual revenue. The analysis was performed using a combination of Base SAS code including PROC Tabulate and ODS Output similar to that noted in Figures 3-5 previously.

Top 50% by MOB by Annualized NCFR & Good Customer Score	1-Top Quartile								
	Count	Annualized NCFR		Retention of Best Customers				Good Customer Score	
		Sum	Col % Sum	% Loss	Count	\$ Loss	Save Value at 10% (est.)	Minimum Value	Average Value
00-06 MOB	42,258	\$9,345,268	3.88%					762	855
07-12 MOB	137,738	\$43,181,777	17.92%					762	869
13-24 MOB	260,416	\$82,776,641	34.36%					762	873
25-36 MOB	155,398	\$43,154,629	17.91%	16.45%	105,018	\$39,622,011	\$3,962,201	762	877
37-48 MOB	91,715	\$23,472,496	9.74%	8.17%	63,683	\$19,682,134	\$1,968,213	762	878
49-60 MOB	56,743	\$13,878,324	5.76%	3.98%	34,972	\$9,594,171	\$959,417	762	878
61+ MOB	132,197	\$25,117,773	10.43%					762	878
<b>Total</b>	<b>876,465</b>	<b>\$240,926,907</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		<b>203,673</b>		<b>\$6,889,832</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>874</b>

Top 50% by MOB by Annualized NCFR & Good Customer Score	2-Upper Middle Quartile								
	Count	Annualized NCFR		Retention of Best Customers				Good Customer Score	
		Sum	Col % Sum	% Loss	Count	\$ Loss	Save Value at 10% (est.)	Minimum Value	Average Value
00-06 MOB	36,098	\$7,960,884	3.06%					685	716
07-12 MOB	178,393	\$55,892,757	21.46%					685	716
13-24 MOB	280,937	\$95,678,907	36.73%					685	722
25-36 MOB	136,760	\$41,142,443	15.79%	20.94%	144,177	\$54,536,463	\$5,453,646	685	723
37-48 MOB	79,039	\$21,974,973	8.44%	7.36%	57,721	\$19,167,470	\$1,916,747	685	723
49-60 MOB	47,422	\$12,623,341	4.85%	3.59%	31,617	\$9,351,632	\$935,163	685	724
61+ MOB	117,816	\$25,226,084	9.68%					685	723
<b>Total</b>	<b>876,465</b>	<b>\$260,499,390</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		<b>233,515</b>		<b>\$8,305,557</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>721</b>

Total Opportunity Estimated Annual Value: **\$ 15,195,388**

**Figure 9. GCS Retention Program Customer “Save” Opportunity**

*Predictive Modeling for Pre-Screen Mail Program* – A preliminary model has been developed that has a prediction accuracy of > 81%. The KS Statistic is > 44 using the Decision Tree training results. This project is attempting to assess the potential for prescribing a pre-screen mail test that would target “Good” customers in the top 25% of PREMIER’s portfolio (see Figure 10) while venturing into a mailing universe where prior programs have failed to succeed. This project has huge revenue and profit potential as a virtually “untapped” market.

Sample=1-Train

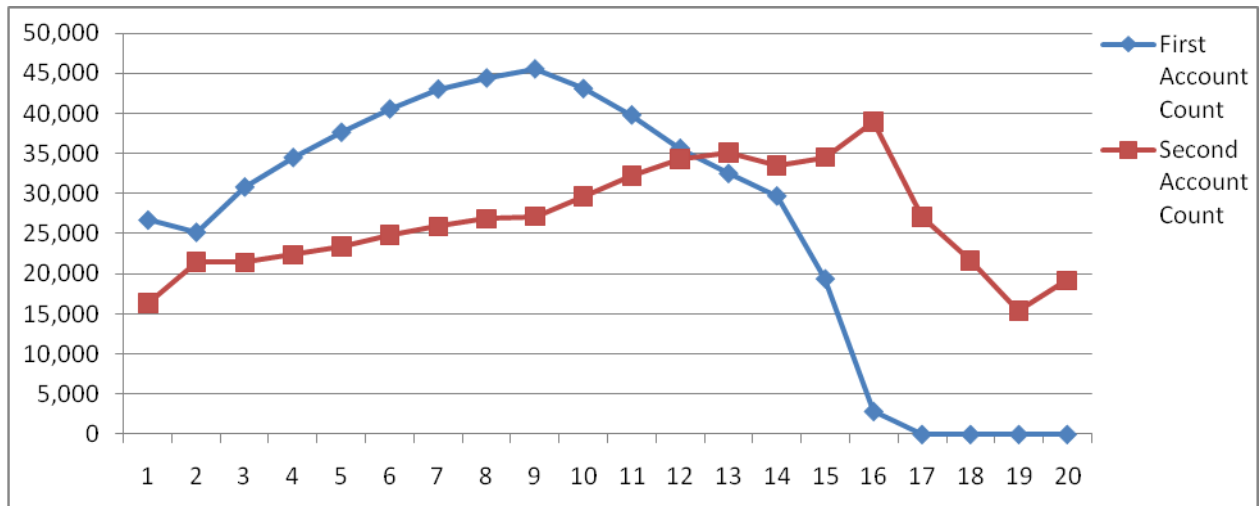
Test Type	Fit Statistic	Tree4	DmineReg4	Reg5	Neural
0-Use Indicator	Model Selected (1=Yes, 0=No)	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-KS	Bin-Based Two-Way Kolmogorov-Smirnov Statisti	0.44	0.47	0.20	0.21
1-KS	Kolmogorov-Smirnov Statistic	0.44	0.47	0.20	0.22
2-GINI	Gini Coefficient	0.58	0.60	0.19	0.21
4-Classification	Frequency of Classified Cases	.	8000.00	.	.
4-Classification	Misclassification Rate	0.19	0.20	0.22	0.22
4-Classification	Number of Wrong Classifications	.	1582.00	.	1778.00
5-Error	Average Error Function	.	0.43	0.54	0.54
5-Error	Average Squared Error	0.14	0.14	0.18	0.18
5-Error	Degrees of Freedom for Error.	.	.	7984.00	7948.00
5-Error	Error Function	.	6835.68	8710.72	8632.60
5-Error	Final Prediction Error.	.	.	0.18	0.18
5-Error	Maximum Absolute Error	0.95	0.97	0.97	0.98
5-Error	Mean Squared Error.	.	.	0.18	0.18
5-Error	Root Average Squared Error	0.37	0.37	0.42	0.42
5-Error	Root Final Prediction Error.	.	.	0.42	0.42
5-Error	Root Mean Squared Error.	.	.	0.42	0.42
5-Error	Sum of Squared Errors	2179.71	2183.66	2837.83	2815.32
6-Other	Akaike's Information Criterion.	.	.	8742.72	8736.60
6-Other	Divisor for ASE	16000.00	16000.00	16000.00	16000.00
6-Other	Gain	188.41	182.63	21.87	30.77
6-Other	Lift	2.65	2.45	0.85	0.95
6-Other	Model Degrees of Freedom.	.	.	16.00	52.00
6-Other	Number of Estimated Weights.	.	.	16.00	52.00
6-Other	Percent Capture Response	13.25	12.27	4.23	4.73
6-Other	Percent Response	59.50	55.14	19.00	21.25
6-Other	Roc Index	0.79	0.80	0.59	0.61
6-Other	Schwarz's Bayesian Criterion.	.	.	8854.52	9099.94
6-Other	Sum of Case Weights Times Freq	16000.00	.	16000.00	16000.00
6-Other	Sum of Frequencies	8000.00	8000.00	8000.00	8000.00
6-Other	Total Degrees of Freedom	8000.00	.	8000.00	8000.00

**Figure 10. GCS Pre-Screen Predictive Mail Program Statistics**

**NOTE:**

This project is attempting to assess the potential for prescribing a pre-screen mail test that would target “Good” customers in the top 25% of PREMIER’s portfolio. The inputs are made up of specific Credit Bureau Attributes and 3<sup>rd</sup> party credit scores with the intention to tap new markets.

*Customer Cross-Sell Program* – As an enhancement to the existing cross-sell program, this program is designed to offer qualified candidates a second product similar to the original. The “Good Customer Score” will be used to more accurately target qualified customers. Using the new score enabled the identification of a 2% increase in qualified candidates which translates into an opportunity lift of over \$2.3 Million in annual revenue. Additionally, using the Good Customer Score to target qualified candidates more accurately, PREMIER has an opportunity to realize a conservative \$24 Million lift in annual revenue (see Figure 11).



**Figure 11. Customer Score “Cross-Sell” Opportunity Graph**

**NOTE:**

In order to get the "Second Account" to track closer to the "First Account," offer the "Second Account" to customers with a Good Customer Score ranking higher than 10. This will result in the mitigation of lost revenue on over 120,000 accounts. Thus, generating an annual revenue gain of \$24+ Million as a by-product of more accurately targeting “Good Customers.”

## RESULTS

The “Good Customer Score” has been added to the production Data Warehouse and we are using it to develop specific targeted Retention strategies. Additionally, we are in the process of using the “Good Customer Score” to complete further tests that will definitively influence its use in analytically supported business decisions at PREMIER.

### Estimated Opportunity Value:

The initial recommendation will reduce the attrition of PREMIER’s “Top **Good Customers**” >= 2 Years on Book and generate an excess of **\$15+ Million** (see Figure 9) in annual revenue.

Future projects that will be engaged include:

1. More accurately identify customers qualified for specific retention strategies = **\$8+ Million annually**
2. Reduce Mailing Costs by prescribing targeted mailing programs focused on the Good Customer profile of our “Top Customers” = **\$12+ Million annually**
3. Improve customer programs through better targeting and providing a viable measure for offering proactive up-sell/cross-sell opportunities = **\$24+ Million annually**
4. Add Net Income to PREMIER by Lowering Delinquency & Charge-Off experience in the overall Portfolio = **\$10+ Million annually**
5. Eliminate 3<sup>rd</sup> party purchased score and dependant software = **\$1.5+ Million annually**

## CONCLUSION

By using predictive modeling with SAS Enterprise Miner coupled with Base SAS programming for Customer Intelligence portfolio segmentation, I have been able to generate huge lifts in revenue opportunity for the organization. My experience, as demonstrated by the example illustrated in the context of this paper, is a clear depiction of the benefits resulting from the use of SAS tools in business analytics, specifically “Customer Intelligence.” Venturing into the huge amounts of internal customer data and information, or any other huge set of data, can be a daunting task. However, by employing SAS Enterprise Miner, coupled with some Base SAS techniques, gold nuggets can be identified.



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