



ODS GRAPHICS DESIGNER (Creating Templates for Batchable Graphs)

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- ***In the beginning there was PROC PLOT***

Crude raster graphics in the days of line printers

- ***Then there was SAS/GRAFPH and it was better***

Vector graphics produced quality output

AXIS, FOOTNOTE, GOPTIONS, LEGEND, PATTERN, SYMBOL, TITLE

Lots of options but too many to learn effectively

Output stored in graphics catalogs

Not too friendly with Microsoft Office products

- ***SG Graphics***

Output as PNG file for sharing with Microsoft Office products.

Still code driven but using a new language employing styles

- ***Graphics Template Language***

Quality graphics fully compatible with Word and PowerPoint

- ***Eliminates the need to create template styles for graphics***

Who really mastered PROC TEMPLATE?

- ***Drag & Drop and Point & Click version of SG Graphics***

Let ODS Graphics Designer write the code for you

Customize the appearance to meet corporate standards

- ***Create Custom Designed Graphics***

Can layer charts or create panels in one file.

Make those Excel lovers jealous!

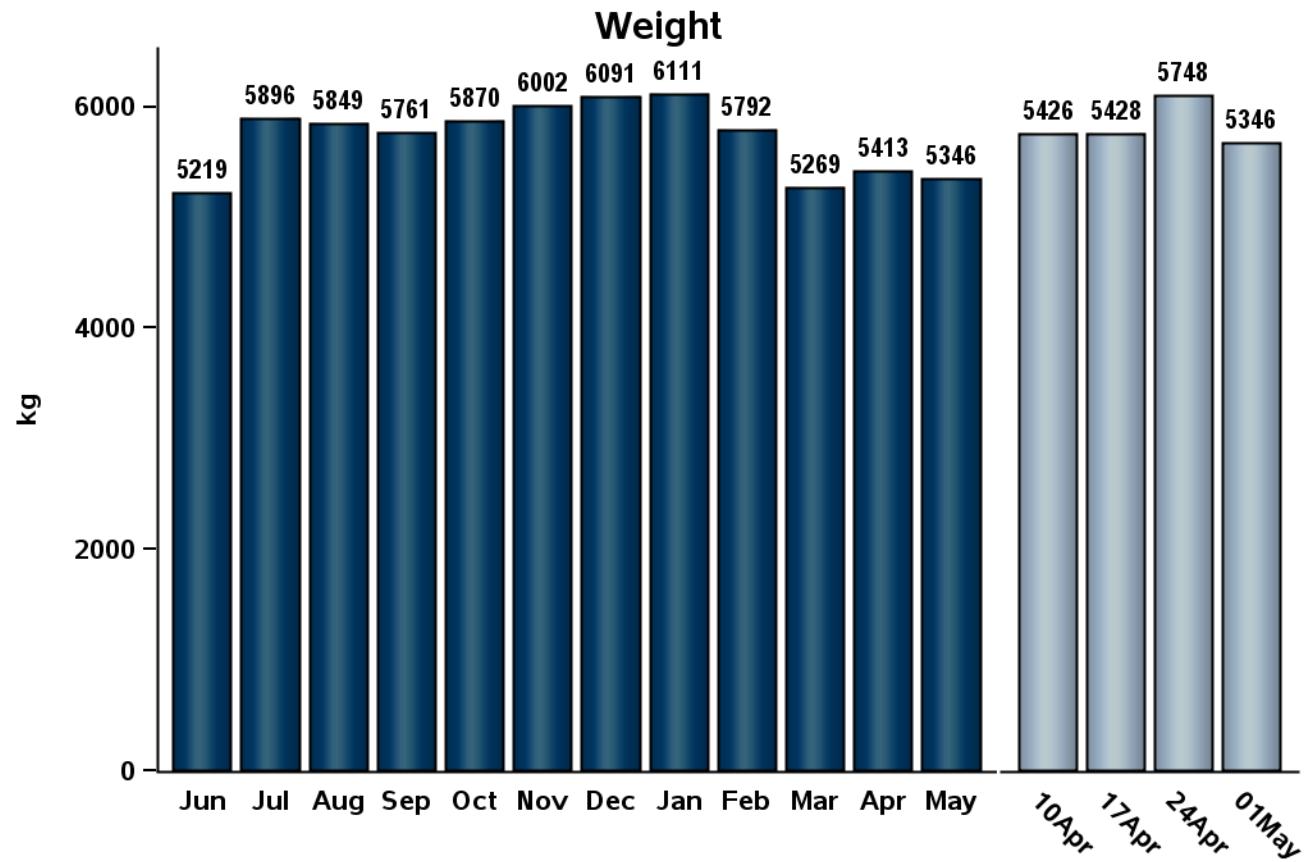
- ***Save the Template for Reuse or Sharing***

PROC SGRENDER processes data through the template

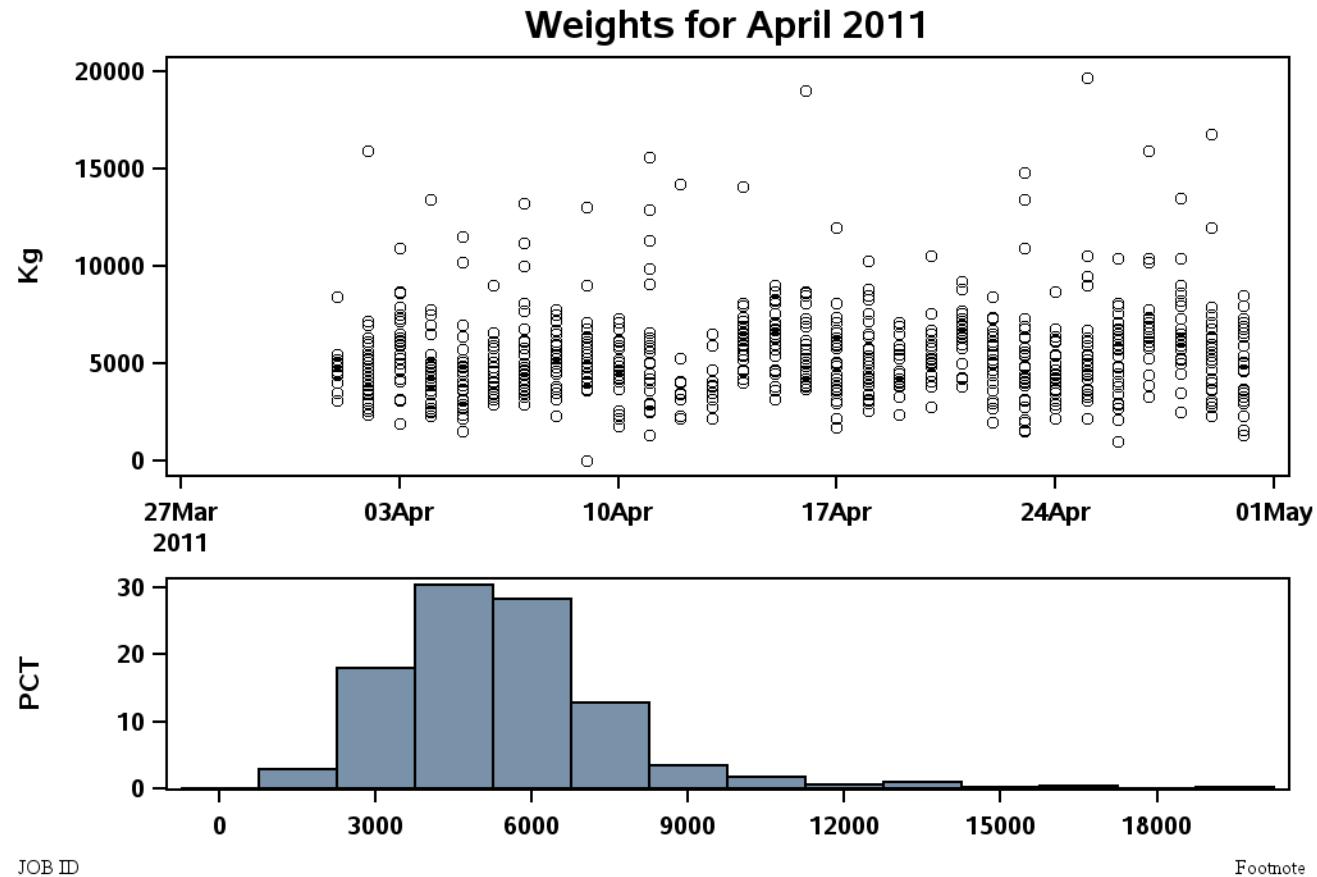
- ***Preproduction in SAS 9.2 Release 2 (TS2M0)***

- ***Part of Base SAS in 9.3 (No need for SAS/GPGRAPH)***

**Combination
bar chart by
month and
by week**



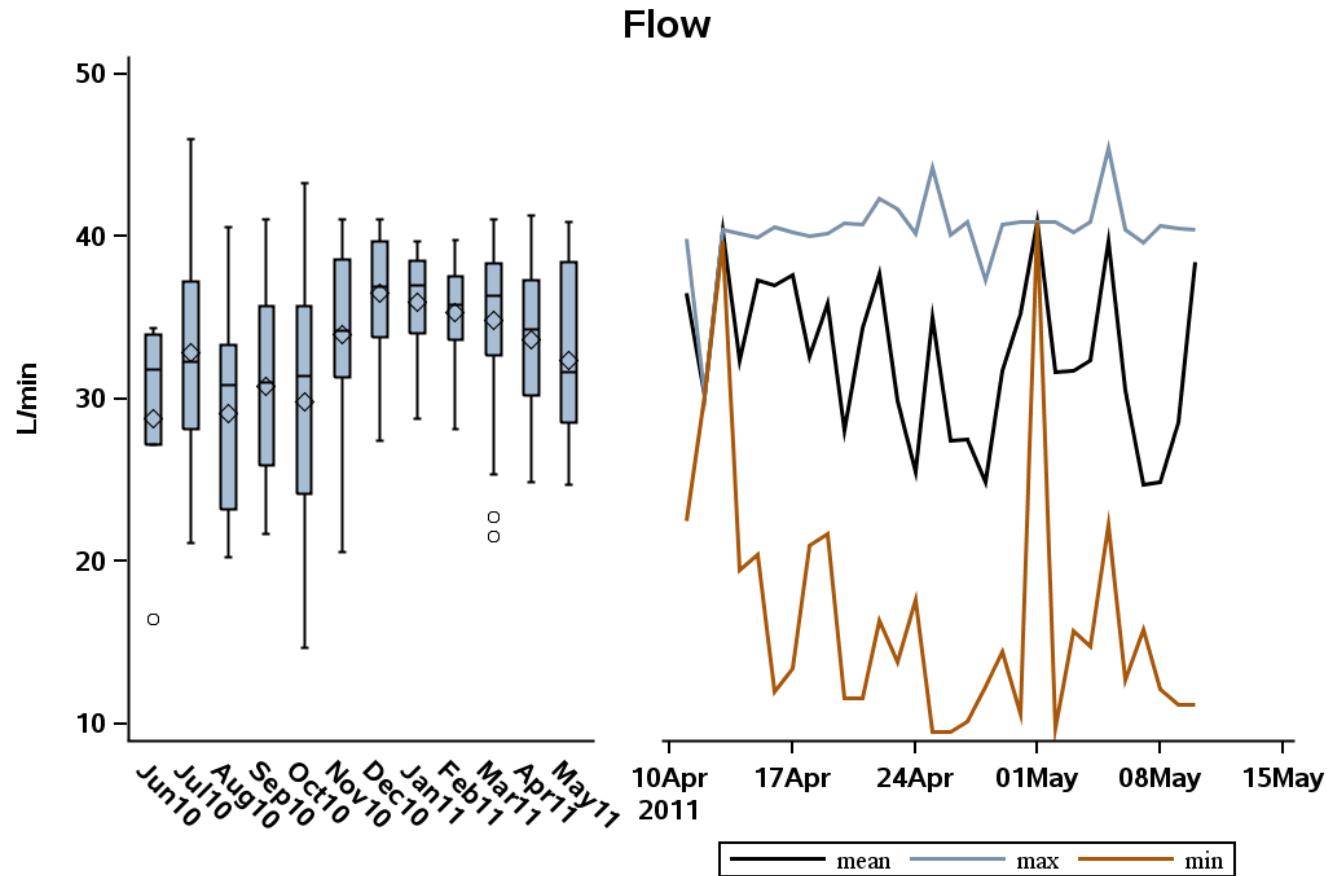
**Combination
scatter plot
and histogram
for the same
data.**



**Combination
box plot by
month and 3
line charts
overlaid by
day for the
past 30 days.**

**Let's build the
template in
ODS
Graphics
Designer**

%sgdesign;



Complex templates may require a common data table

- ***Chart_1_data (for box plot)***

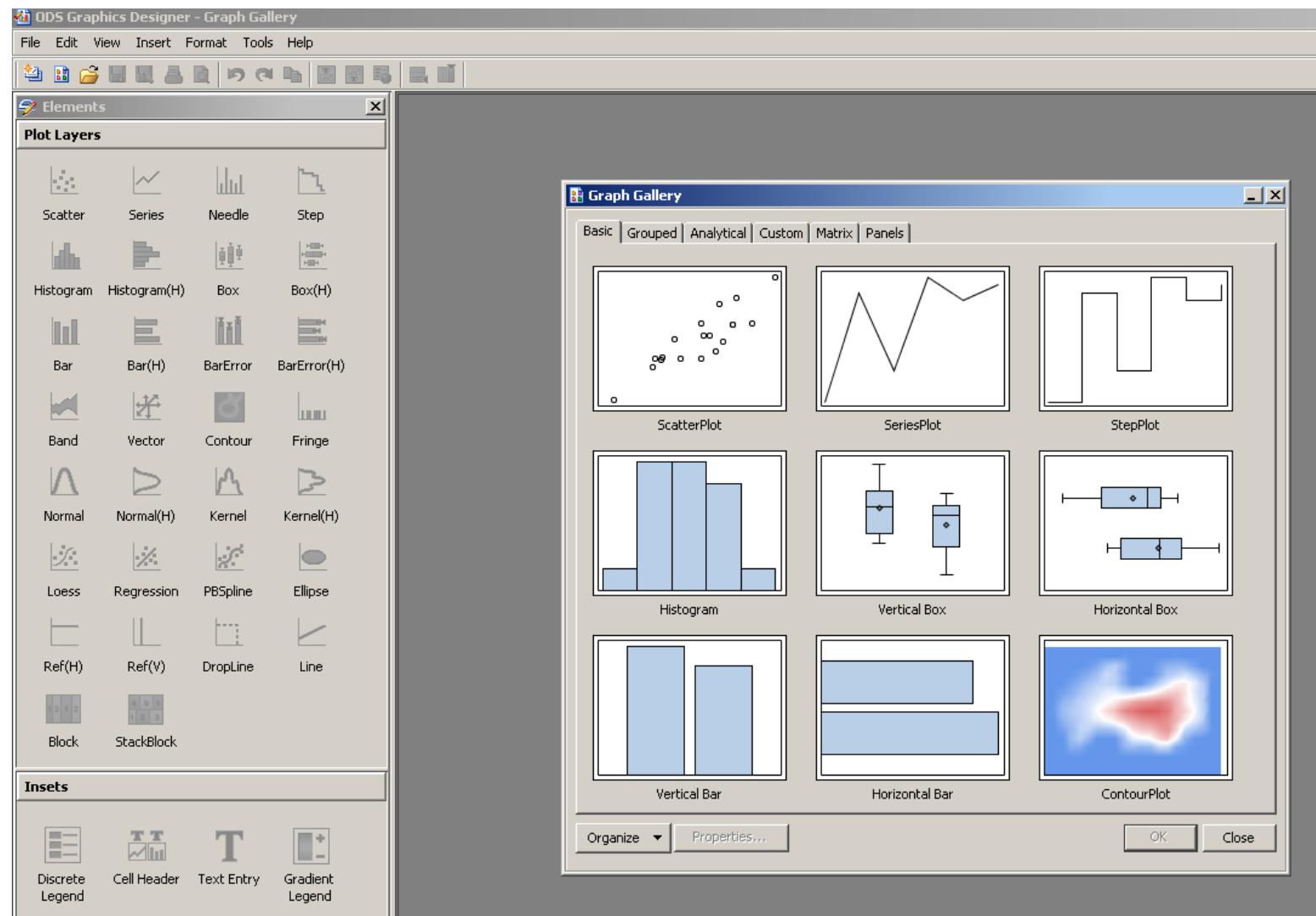
<i>Month</i>	<i>Flow</i>
JUN10	36.3
JUN10	32.4
...	...
MAY11	36.5

```
DATA data.Chart_Data;  
set chart_1_data chart_2_data;  
RUN;
```

- ***Chart_2_data (for line charts)***

<i>Date</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Max</i>
11APR1123	36	40	
12APR11	30	30	30
...
10MAY11	12	38	41

Have It Your Way, Select a Graph from the Gallery

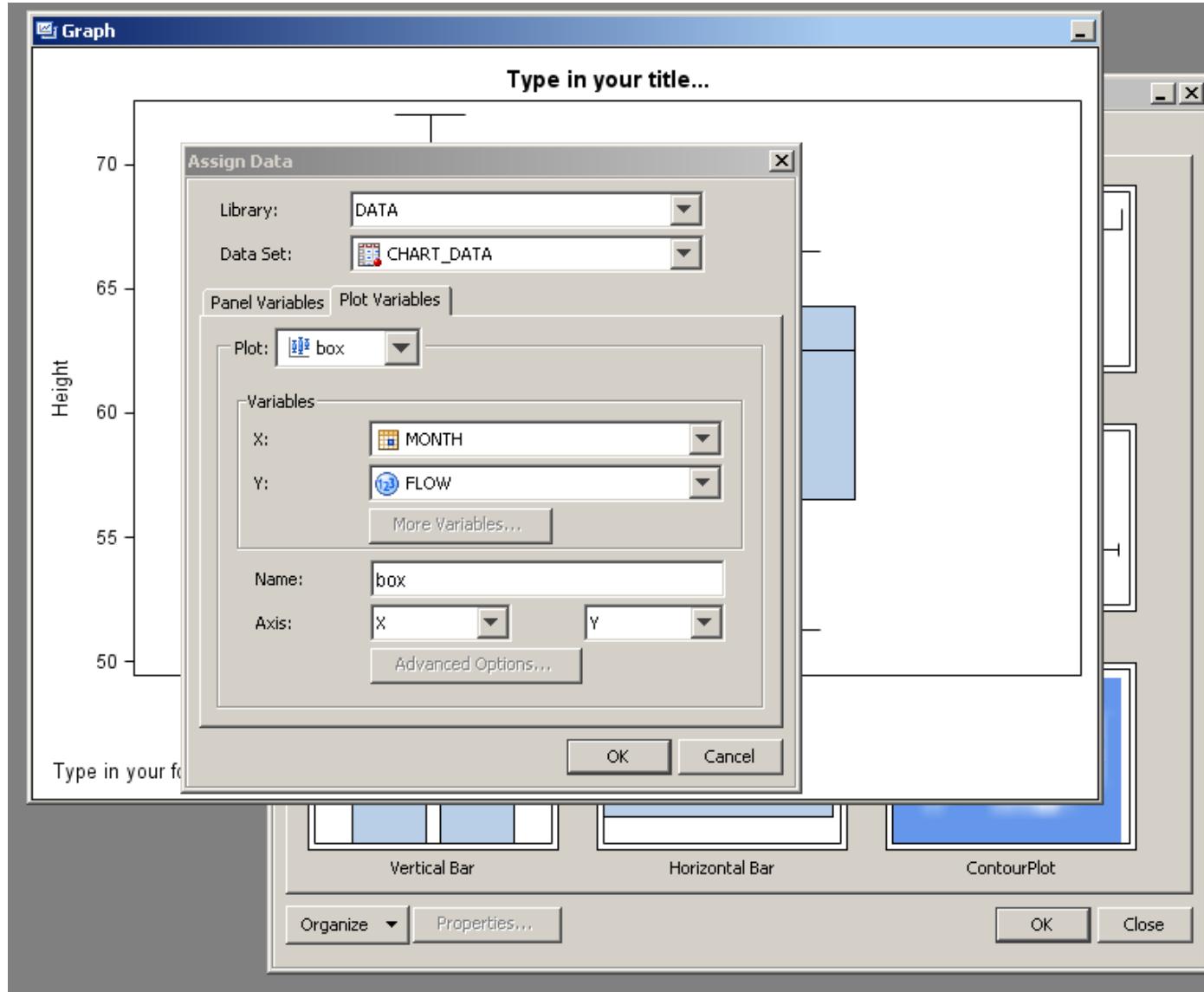


The Graph Gallery contains a tabbed set of commonly used graphs, organized as follows:

- **Basic** – Common graphs
- **Grouped** – Graphs showing grouped data
- **Analytical** – Graphs commonly used for analysis of data
- **Custom** – A set of graphs showing the possible ways to combine the plots
- **Matrix** – A set of Scatter Plot Matrix graphs
- **Panels** – A set of Classification Panel Graphs
- **MyGraphs** – A user defined group

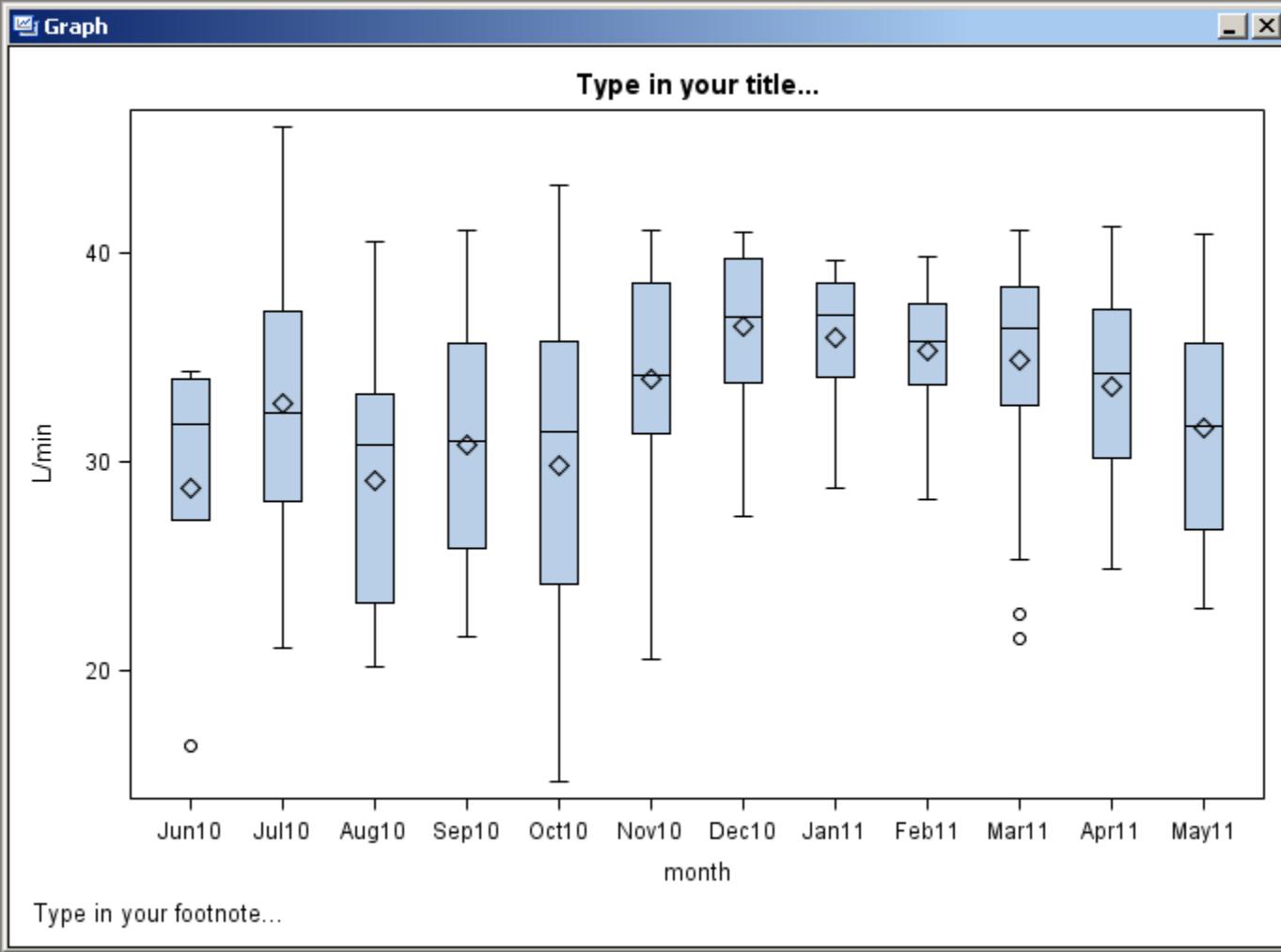
When you select a graph the Assign Data dialog box opens.

Select the data table and the variables for the vertical box plot.

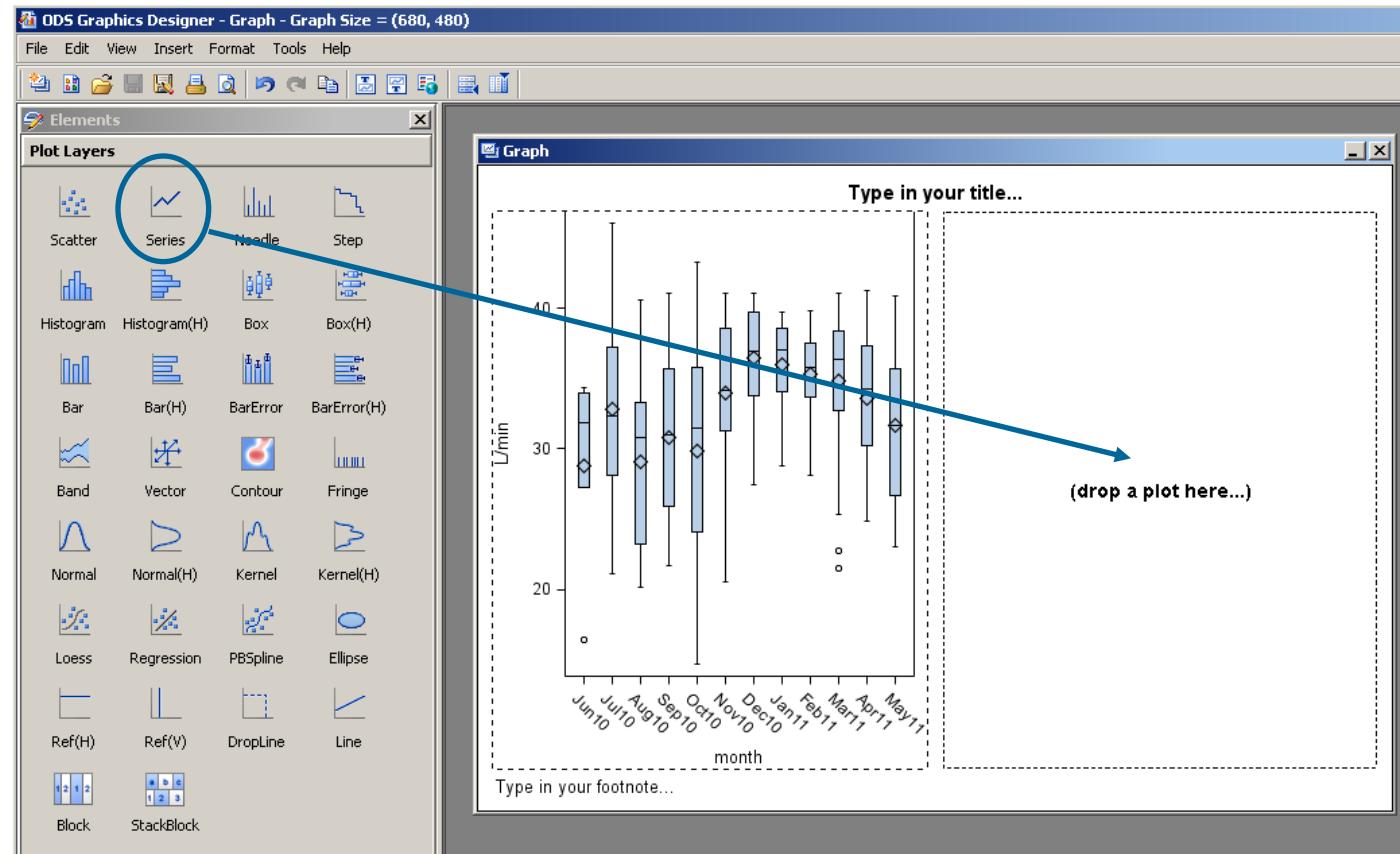


**Default
settings for
the vertical
box plot.**

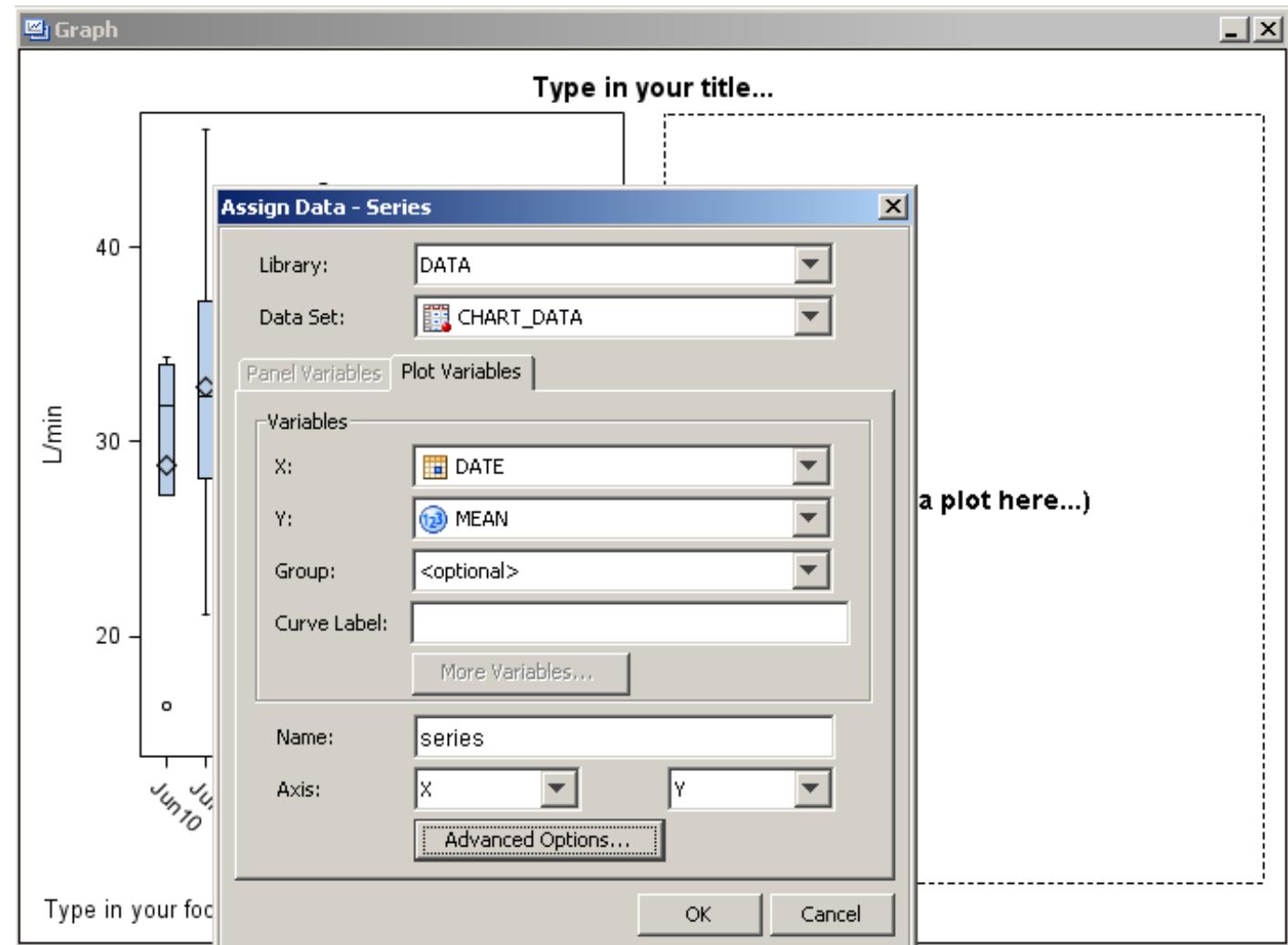
**To create a
second
chart: Right
mouse click
on the chart
and select
Add Column.**



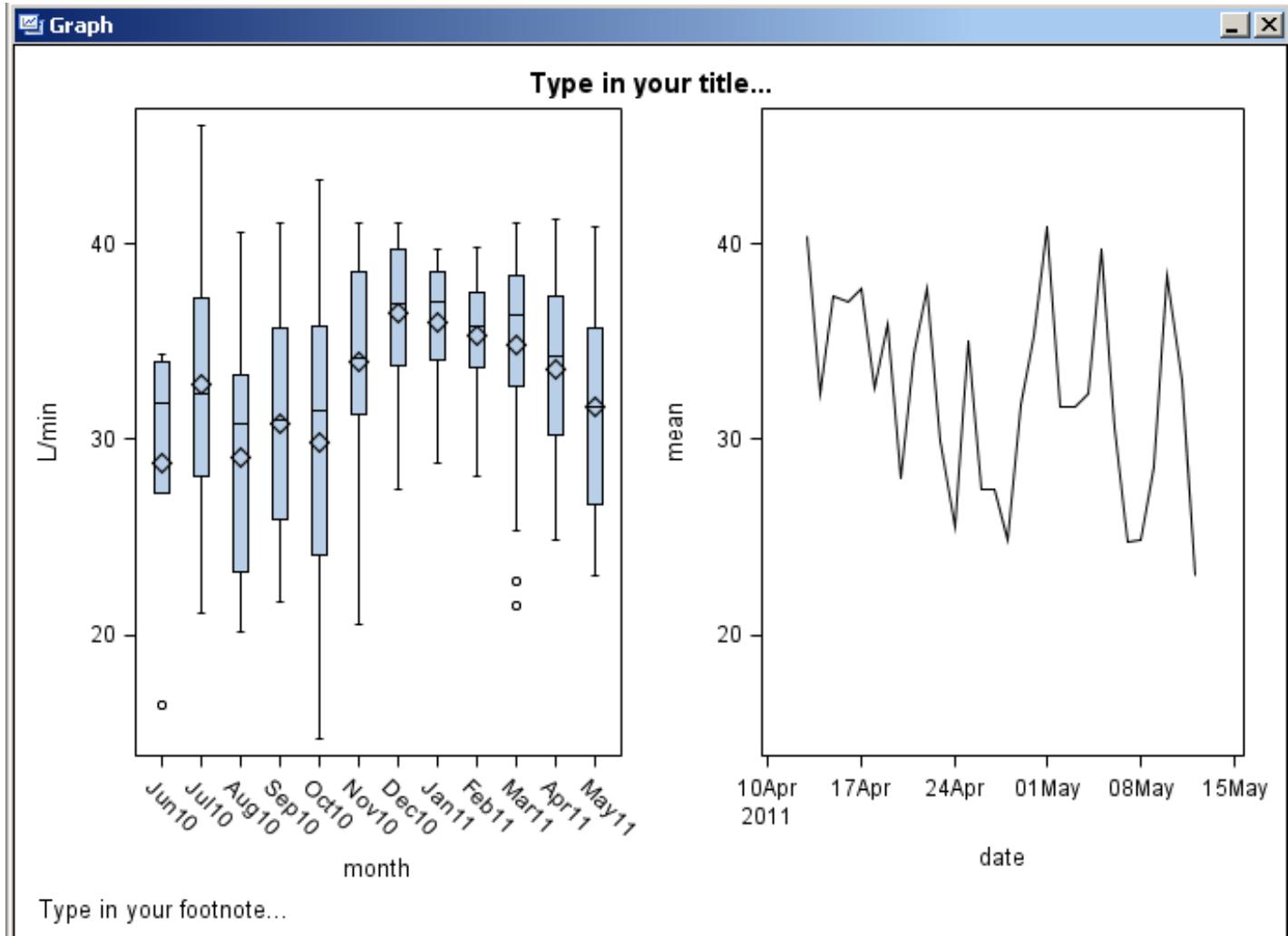
Drag and drop a Series chart from the Plot Layers onto the new plot space.



The same data table for the box plot is used for the Series plot. Assign DATE and MEAN to the X & Y variables.

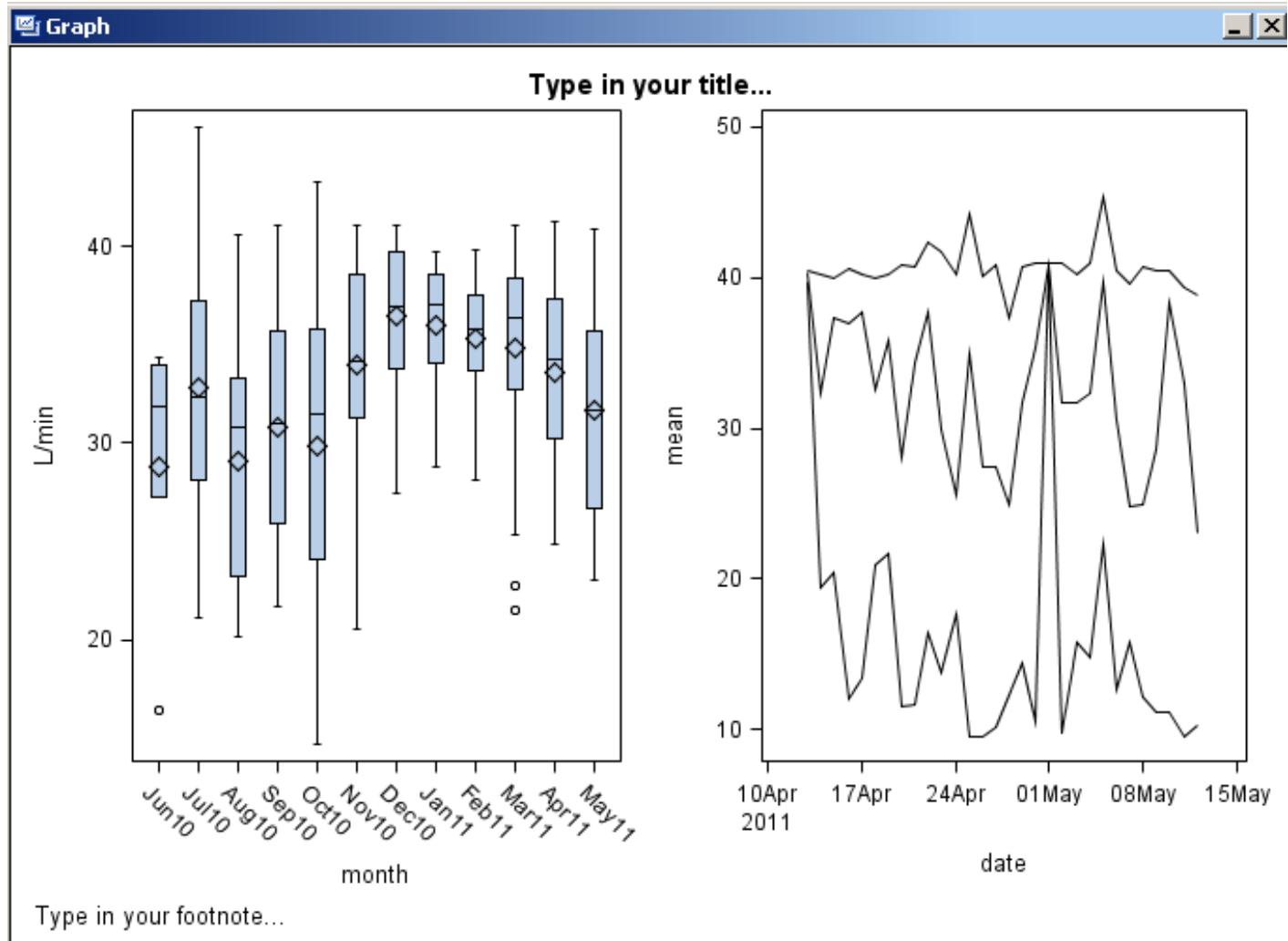


**Repeat the
Series Plot
Layer drag
and drop
process on
top of the
Series Plot to add the MIN
and MAX.**

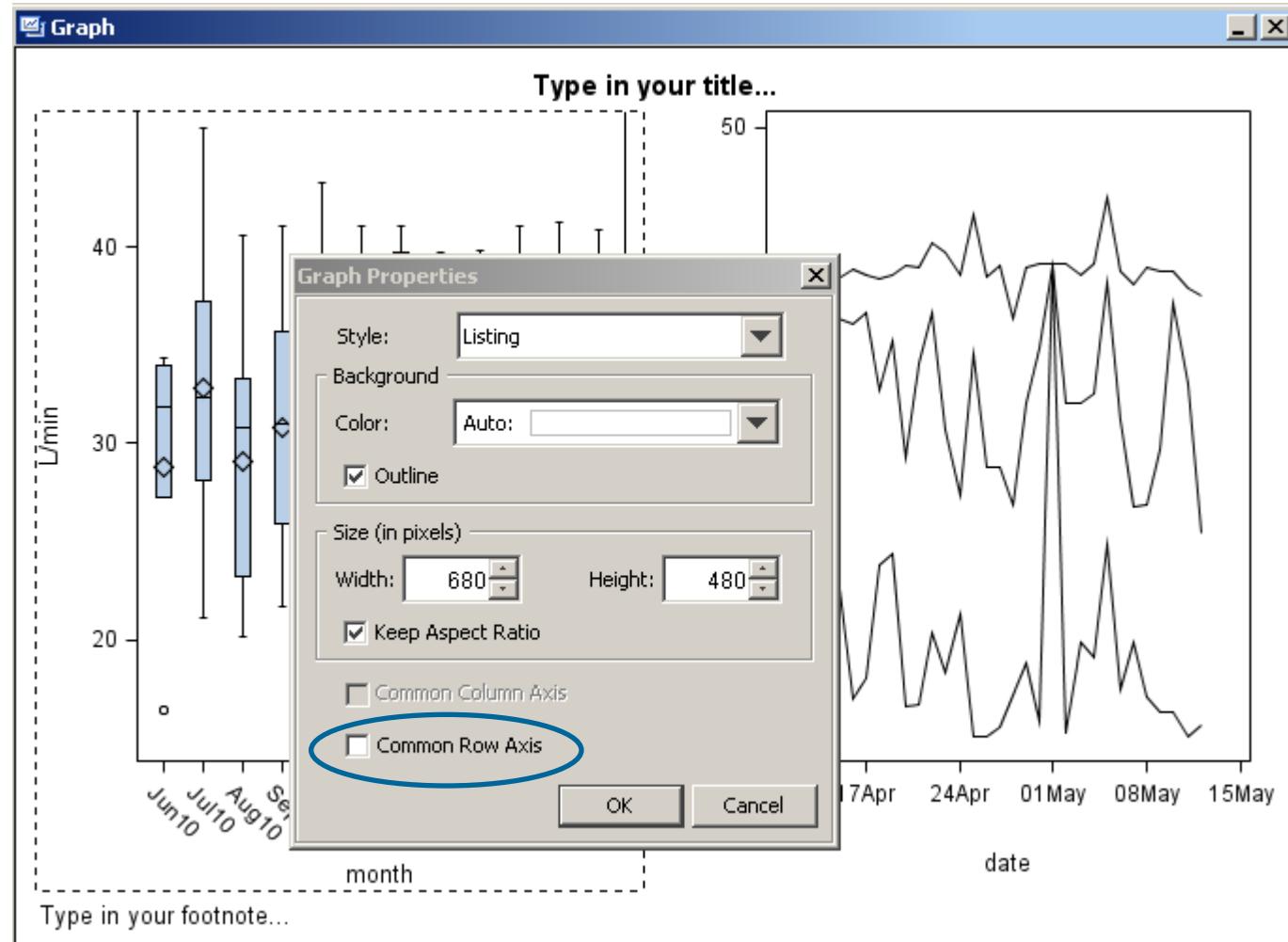


Now that we have created the basic design it is time to customize the appearance.

Select a chart component and right mouse click to change the properties.

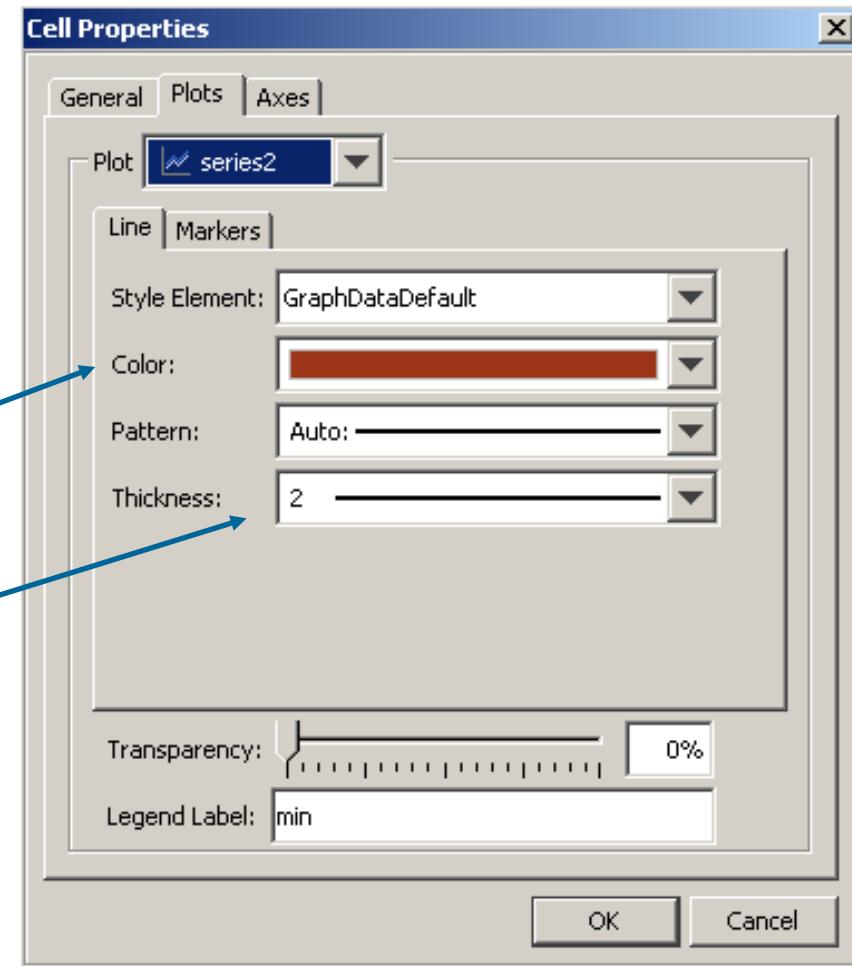
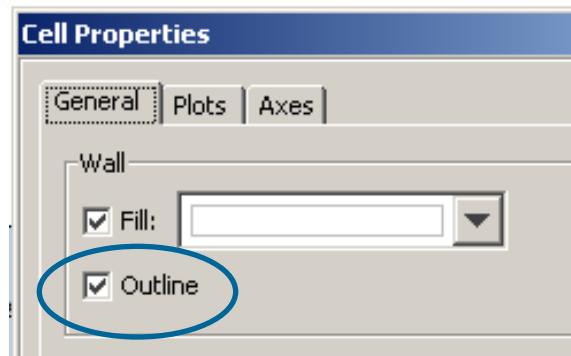


Select either chart, bring up the Graph Properties and select Common Row Axis for both charts to use the same Y axis scaling.

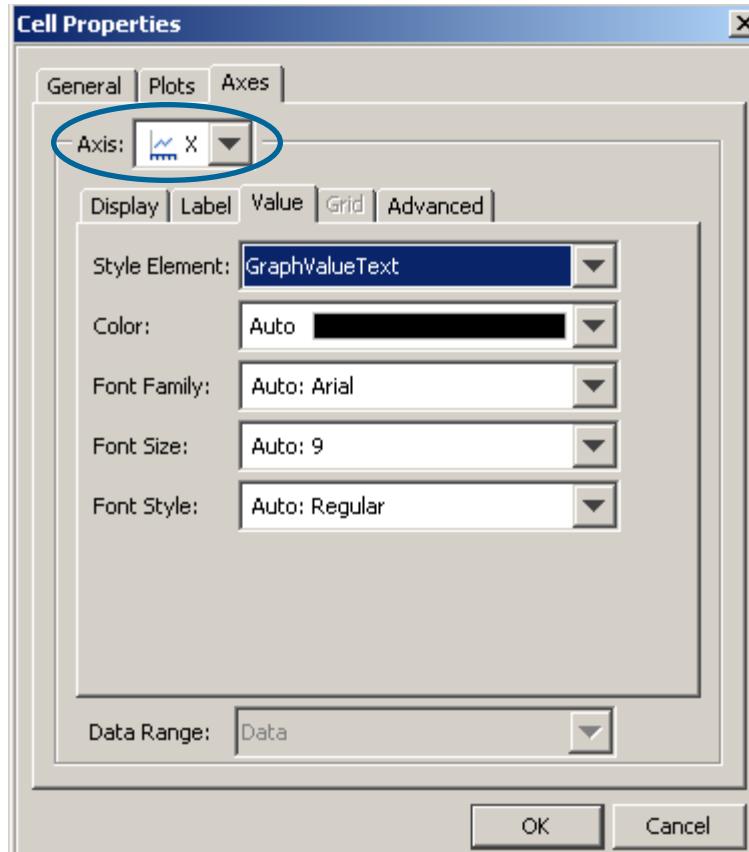
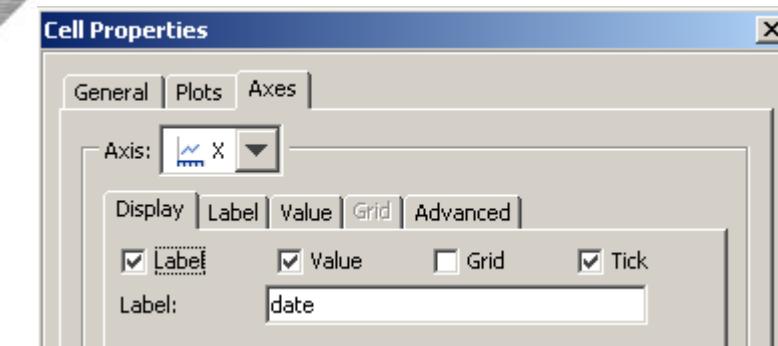


**Unselect
Outline for
each of the
plots.**

**For each of
the series
select a
colour and
make the line
heavier
Thickness=2**



Axes Tab permits colour, font and size changes to values and labels. Make changes to each axis separately.



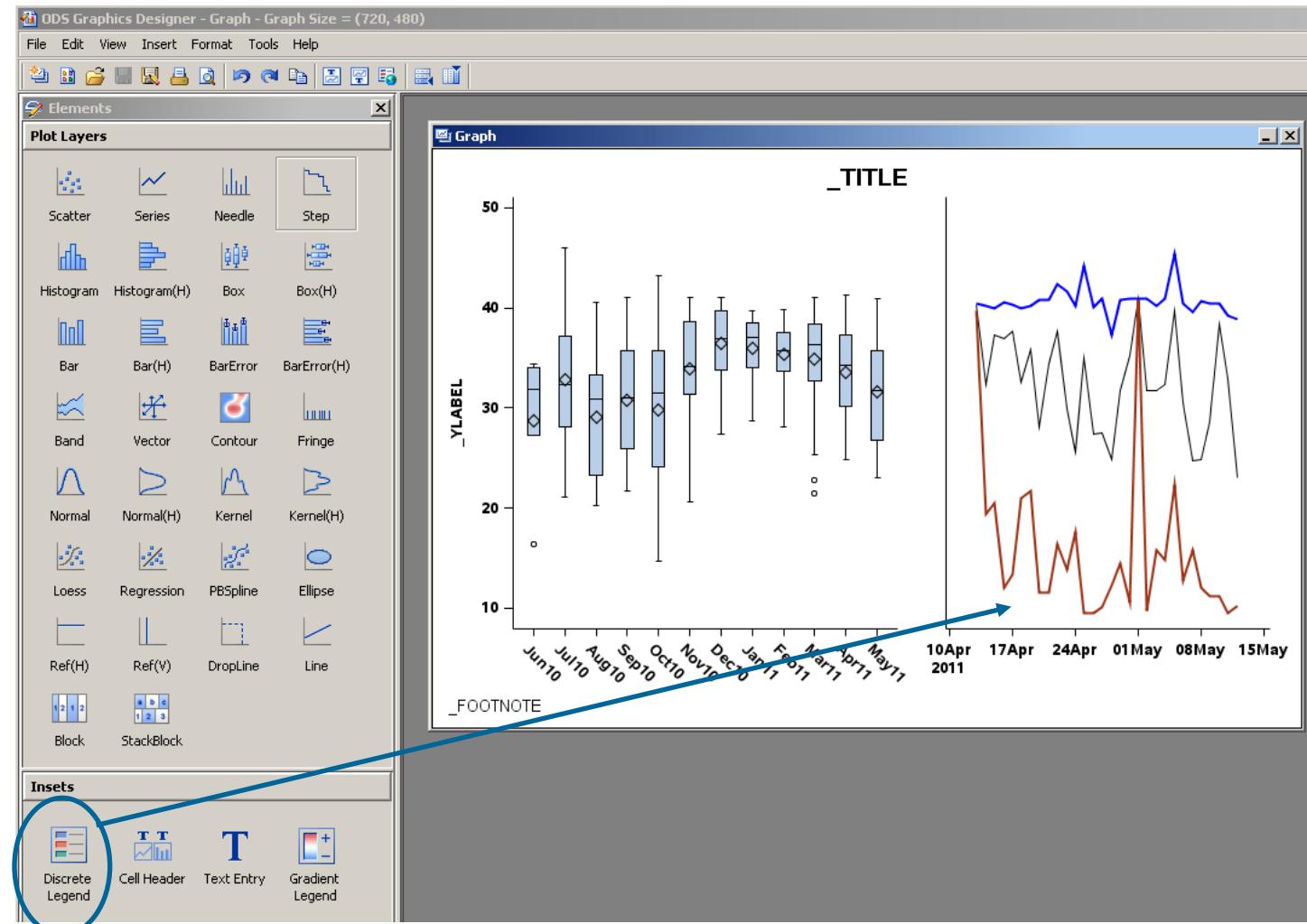
Display Tab allows you to turn Label, Values, Grid and Tick Marks off and on.

**Albany AMT is the new Arial.
Font size unit is Pts**

The box plot was widened by dragging the right border of the plot.

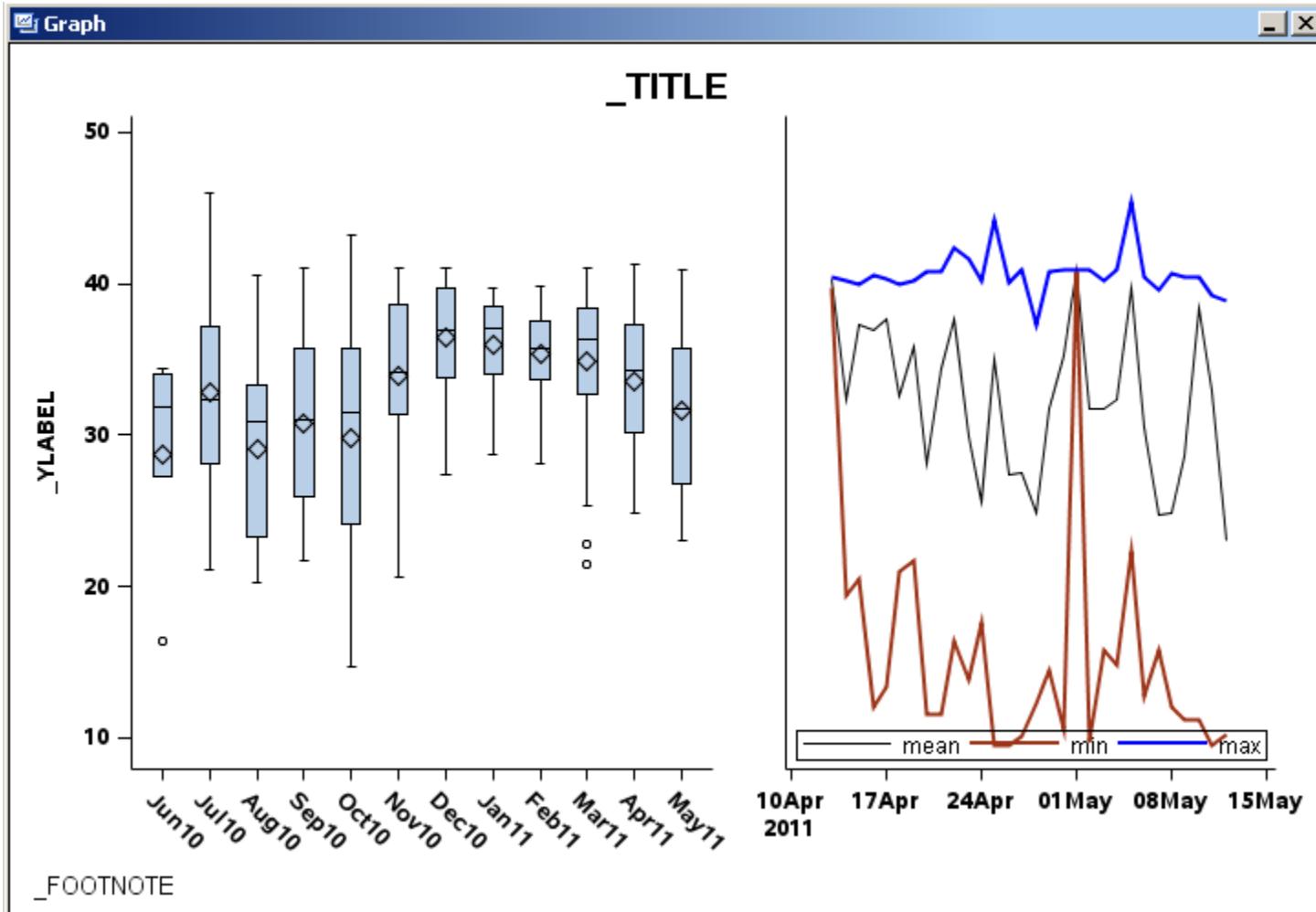
Title, ylabel & footnote made generic.

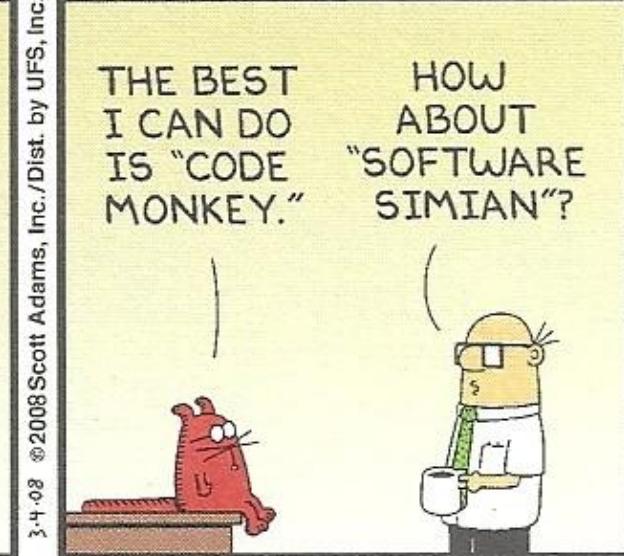
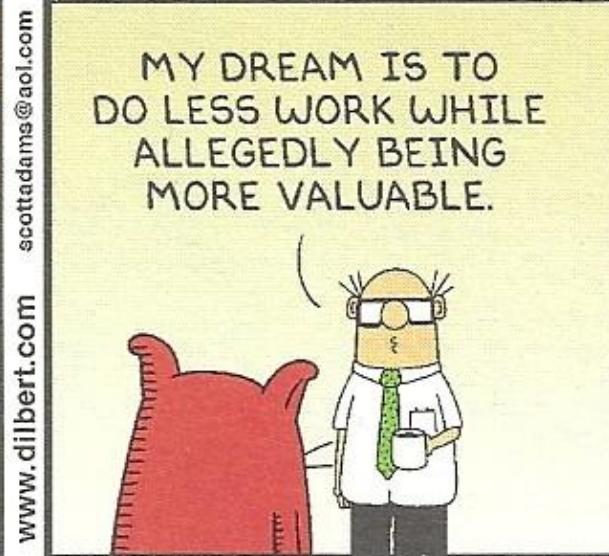
Next we want to drag and drop a legend onto the Series chart.



*We will move
the legend
when we look
at the code.*

*ODS Graphics
Designer is
built with only
a subset of the
Template code*

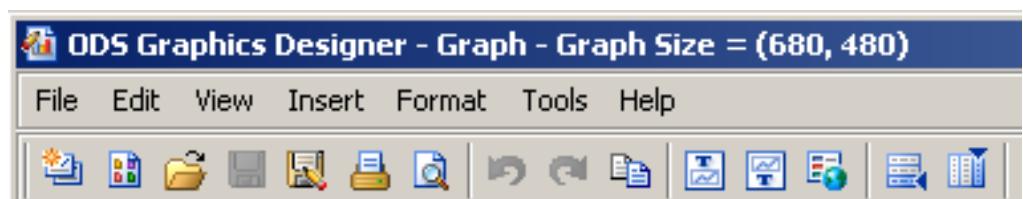


Now to use the PROC TEMPLATE Code

Select View > Code. In the view window copy all of the code and paste it into the SAS Editor.

We will modify the code to create a template for future use.

```
proc template;
define statgraph sgdesign;
dynamic _FLOW_MONTH_DATE_DATE2_MIN_DATE3_MAX_MEAN;
begingraph / designheight=480 designwidth=720;
entrytitle _id='title' halign=center '_TITLE' / textatrrs=(size=14 family='Albany AMT');
entryfootnote _id='footnote' halign=left '_FOOTNOTE' /;
layout lattice _id='lattice' / columndatarange=data columngutter=10 columnweights=(0.5252365930599369
    0.47476340694006314 ) columns=2 rowdatarange=union rowgutter=10;
layout overlay _id='overlay' / walldisplay=(FILL) xaxisopts=(tickvalueatrrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL
    size=10 family='Albany AMT') display=(TICKS TICKVALUES LINE ));
boxplot _id='box' x=_MONTH y=_FLOW / name='box';
endlayout;
layout overlay _id='overlay2' / walldisplay=(FILL) xaxisopts=(tickvalueatrrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL
    size=10 family='Albany AMT') display=(TICKS TICKVALUES LINE ));
seriesplot _id='series' x=_DATE y=_MEAN / connectorder=xaxis lineatrrs=(thickness=2) name='series';
seriesplot _id='series2' x=_DATE2 y=_MIN / connectorder=xaxis lineatrrs=(color=CX9C3418
    thickness=2) name='series2';
seriesplot _id='series3' x=_DATE3 y=_MAX / connectorder=xaxis lineatrrs=(color=CX0000FF
    thickness=2) name='series3';
discretelegend _id='legend' 'series' 'series2' 'series3' / border=true displayclipped=true down=1
    halign=center location=inside opaque=false order=columnmajor valign=bottom;
endlayout;
rowaxes;
rowaxis _id='rowaxis' / label='_YLABEL' labelatrrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL family='Albany AMT')
    tickvalueatrrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL size=10 family='Albany AMT');
endrowaxes;
endlayout;
endgraph;
end;
run;
```



Change name

Dynamic like macro arguments: all start with underscore.

Consolidate and make generic.

Remove quotes from _TITLE and _FOOTNOTE (now dynamic variables)

```
proc template;
  define statgraph sgdesign;
  dynamic _FLOW _MONTH _DATE _DATE2 _MIN _DATE3 _MAX _MEAN;
  begingraph / designheight=480 designwidth=720;
    entrytitle _id='title' halign=center '_TITLE' / textattrs=(size=14 family='Albany AMT');
    entryfootnote _id='footnote' halign=left '_FOOTNOTE' /;
```

Modified code

```
proc template;
  define statgraph SG_GHSUG;
  dynamic _YVARBOX _MONTH _DATE _MIN _MAX _MEAN _TITLE _FOOTNOTE
        _YLABEL;
  begingraph / designheight=480 designwidth=720;
    entrytitle _id='title' halign=center _TITLE / textattrs=(size=14 family='Albany AMT');
    entryfootnote _id='footnote' halign=left _FOOTNOTE /;
```

**Layout lattice
defines layout
of charts.**

**Simplify
columnweight
and reduce
column gutter**

**Layout overlay
for the
boxplot.
Replace
boxplot Y
variable
_FLOW with
dynamic
_YVARBOX**

```
layout lattice _id='lattice' / columndatarange=data columngutter=10
columnweights=(0.5252365930599369 0.47476340694006314 ) columns=2
rowdatarange=union rowgutter=10;

layout overlay _id='overlay' / walldisplay=(FILL)
  xaxisopts=(tickvalueatrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL size=10
    family='Albany AMT') display=(TICKS TICKVALUES LINE ));
  boxplot _id='box' x=_MONTH y=_FLOW / name='box';
endlayout;
```

Modified code

```
layout lattice _id='lattice' / columndatarange=data columngutter=5
columnweights=(0.55 0.45 ) columns=2
rowdatarange=union rowgutter=10;

layout overlay _id='overlay' / walldisplay=(FILL)
  xaxisopts=(tickvalueatrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL size=10
    family='Albany AMT') display=(TICKS TICKVALUES LINE ));
  boxplot _id='box' x=_MONTH y=_YVARBOX / name='box';
endlayout;
```

**Replace
_DATE2 and
_DATE3 with
common
dynamic
_DATE.**

**Rename
'series' as
'series1'**

**Move legend
location from
inside to
outside.**

```
layout overlay _id='overlay2' / walldisplay=(FILL)
xaxisopts=(tickvalueatrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL size=10 family='Albany AMT'
display=(TICKS TICKVALUES LINE ));
seriesplot _id='series' x=_DATE y=_MEAN / connectorder=xaxis
lineattrs=(thickness=2) name='series';
seriesplot _id='series2' x=_DATE2 y=_MIN / connectorder=xaxis
lineattrs=(color=CX9C3418 thickness=2) name='series2';
seriesplot _id='series3' x=_DATE3 y=_MAX / connectorder=xaxis
lineattrs=(color=CX0000FF thickness=2) name='series3';
discretelegend _id='legend' 'series' 'series2' 'series3' / border=true displayclipped=true
down=1 halign=center location=inside opaque=false order=columnmajor
valign=bottom;
endlayout;
```

Modified code

```
layout overlay _id='overlay2' / walldisplay=(FILL)
xaxisopts=(tickvalueatrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL size=10 family='Albany AMT'
display=(TICKS TICKVALUES LINE ));
seriesplot _id='series1' x=_DATE y=_MEAN / connectorder=xaxis
lineattrs=(thickness=2) name='series1';
seriesplot _id='series2' x=_DATE y=_MIN / connectorder=xaxis
lineattrs=(color=CX9C3418 thickness=2) name='series2';
seriesplot _id='series3' x=_DATE y=_MAX / connectorder=xaxis
lineattrs=(color=CX0000FF thickness=2) name='series3';
discretelegend _id='legend' 'series1' 'series2' 'series3' / border=true
displayclipped=true down=1 halign=center location=outside opaque=false
order=columnmajor valign=bottom;
endlayout;
```

**Remove
quotes from
_YLABEL
(now a
dynamic
variable)**

```
rowaxes;  
  rowaxis _id='rowaxis' / label='_YLABEL'  
    labelattrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL family='Albany AMT')  
    tickvalueattrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL size=10 family='Albany AMT');  
endrowaxes;
```

Modified code

```
rowaxes;  
  rowaxis _id='rowaxis' / label=_YLABEL  
    labelattrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL family='Albany AMT')  
    tickvalueattrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL size=10 family='Albany AMT');  
endrowaxes;
```

**The PROC
does not
identify a
data table!**

**It is a generic
template.**

**Submit the
code.**

```
proc template;
define statgraph SG_GHSUG;
dynamic _YVARBOX _MONTH _DATE _MIN _MAX _MEAN _TITLE _FOOTNOTE _YLABEL;
begingroup / designheight=480 designwidth=720;
entrytitle _id='title' halign=center _TITLE / textattrs=(size=14 family='Albany AMT');
entryfootnote _id='footnote' halign=left _FOOTNOTE /;
layout lattice _id='lattice' / columndatarange=data columngutter=5 columnweights=(0.55 0.45 ) columns=2
rowdatarange=union rowgutter=10;
layout overlay _id='overlay' / walldisplay=(FILL) xaxisopts=(tickvalueattrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL
size=10 family='Albany AMT') display=(TICKS TICKVALUES LINE ));
boxplot _id='box' x=_MONTH y=_YVARBOX / name='box';
endlayout;
layout overlay _id='overlay2' / walldisplay=(FILL) xaxisopts=(tickvalueattrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL
size=10 family='Albany AMT') display=(TICKS TICKVALUES LINE ));
seriesplot _id='series1' x=_DATE y=_MEAN / connectorder=xaxis lineattrs=(thickness=2) name='series1';
seriesplot _id='series2' x=_DATE y=_MIN / connectorder=xaxis lineattrs=(color=CX9C3418
thickness=2) name='series2';
seriesplot _id='series3' x=_DATE y=_MAX / connectorder=xaxis lineattrs=(color=CX0000FF
thickness=2) name='series3';
discretelegend _id='legend' 'series1' 'series2' 'series3' / border=true displayclipped=true down=1
halign=center location=outside opaque=false order=columnmajor valign=bottom;
endlayout;
rowaxes;
rowaxis _id='rowaxis' / label=_YLABEL labelattrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL family='Albany AMT')
tickvalueattrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL size=10 family='Albany AMT');
endrowaxes;
endlayout;
endgraph;
end;
run;
```

**STATGRAPH
template is
saved locally
in a SAS
itemstore.**

**Want to save
templates to
an itemstore
to share with
others.**

**ODS path
statement will
search
SG_TEMPLATE
first.**

NOTE: STATGRAPH 'Sg_ghsug' has been saved to: SASUSER.TEMPLAT

24 run;

NOTE: PROCEDURE TEMPLATE used (Total process time):

real time 0.60 seconds
cpu time 0.12 seconds

proc template;

define statgraph sg_ghsug /store=libref.SG_TEMPLATE;

ODS path (prepend) libref.SG_TEMPLATE (read);

ods path show;

Current ODS PATH list is:

1. LIBREF.SG_TEMPLATE(READ)
2. SASUSER.TEMPLAT(UPDATE)
3. SASHELP.TMPLMST(READ)

**Add statement to
autoexec file.**

ODS LISTING
specifies the output location.

PROC SGRENDER
acts like a macro invocation to process the data.

Output created as a PNG file.

ods listing gpath="e:\temporary" image_dpi=100;

```
proc sgrender data=data.chart_data template=sg_ghsug
    object=ghsug;
    dynamic _DATE="date" _MONTH="month"
        _MEAN="mean" _MAX="max" _MIN="min"
        _YVARBOX="flow" _YLABEL="L/min"
        _TITLE="Flow" _FOOTNOTE="My SG chart";
run;
```

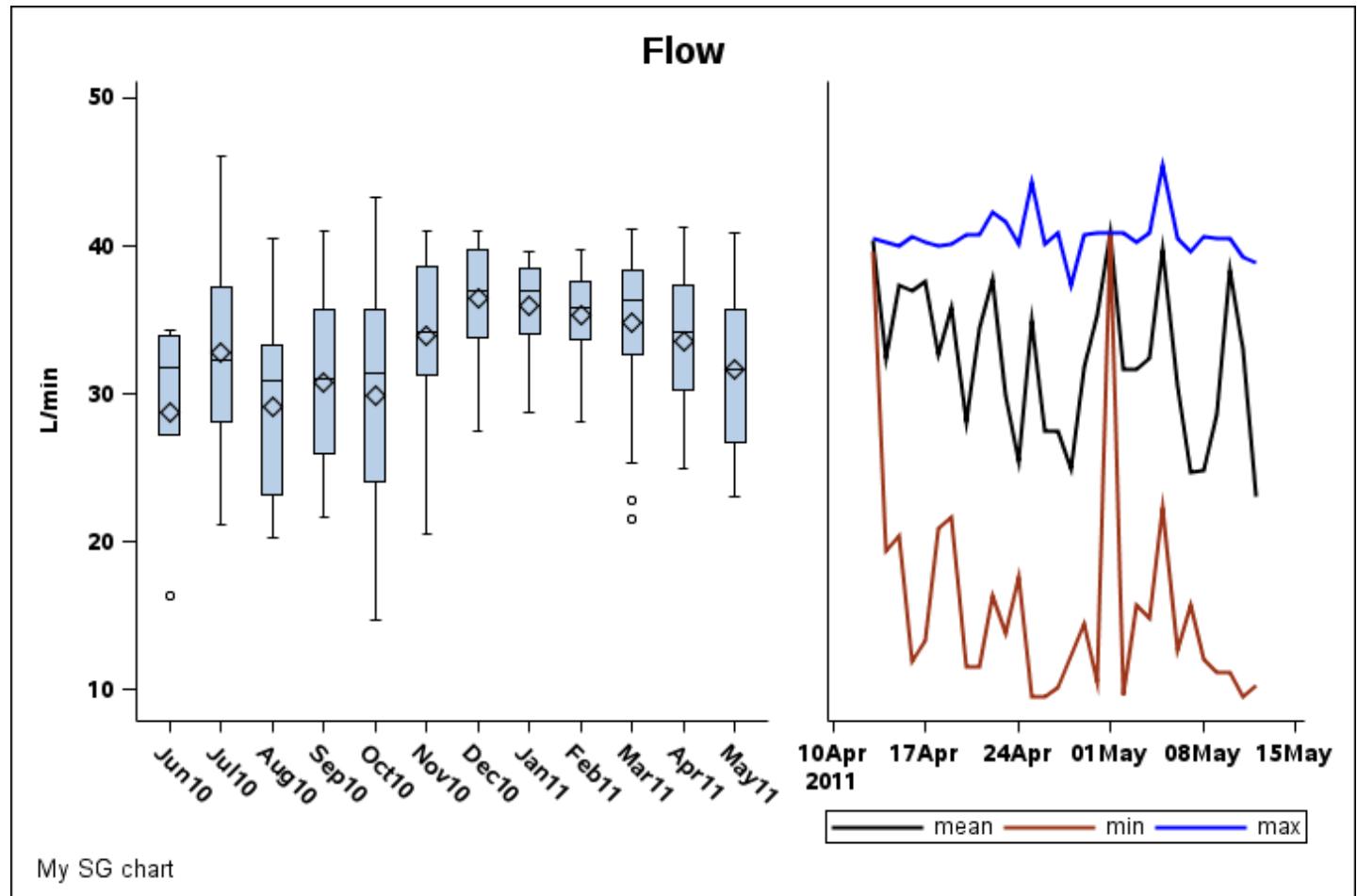
ods listing;

NOTE: Listing image output written to e:\temporary\ghsug1.png.
NOTE: There were 326 observations read from the data set
DATA.CHART_DATA.

NOTE: PROCEDURE SGRENDER used (Total process time):
real time 0.29 seconds
cpu time 0.09 seconds

Default path: d:\Program Files\SAS\SASFoundation\9.2

**Chart looks
good except
for the
vertical axis
on the Series
chart.**



**Create
yaxisopts for
the boxplot
and series
plot
overlays.**

```
layout overlay _id='overlay' / walldisplay=(FILL)
  xaxisopts=(tickvalueattrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL size=10
    family='Albany AMT') display=(TICKS TICKVALUES LINE ));
  yaxisopts=(tickvalueattrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL size=10
    family='Albany AMT')
    display=(TICKS TICKVALUES LINE )
    labelattrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL family='Albany AMT'
    label=_YLABEL);
  boxplot _id='box' x=_MONTH y=_YVARBOX / name='box';
endlayout;
```

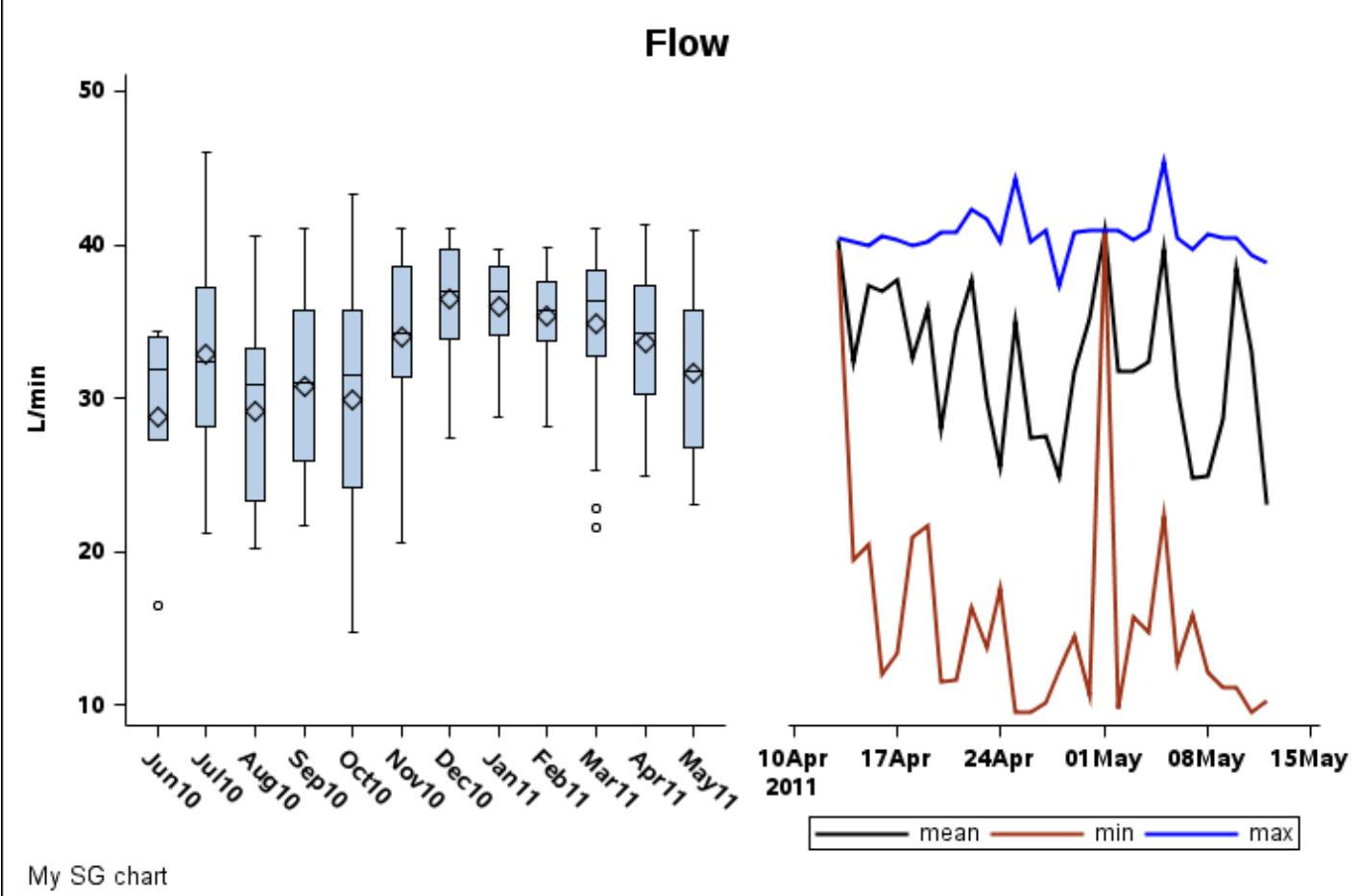
```
layout overlay _id='overlay2' / walldisplay=(FILL)
  xaxisopts=(tickvalueattrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL size=10
    family='Albany AMT') display=(TICKS TICKVALUES LINE ))
  yaxisopts=(display=none);
```

**Delete the
rowaxes
statements.**

```
rowaxes;
  rowaxis _id='rowaxis' / label=_YLABEL
  labelattrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL family='Albany AMT')
  tickvalueattrs=(weight=BOLD style=NORMAL size=10 family='Albany AMT');
endrowaxes:
```

The finished chart as a PNG file.

How do I share the produced graph with others?



PDF Advantages

- *Multiple charts available in a single file*
- *More than one chart can be displayed on a page*
- *Charts can be click, copy and paste into WORD or PowerPoint !!!*
- *Charts can be part of a comprehensive report*

**ODS graphics on
and specify the
height and width
of the output.**

**No need to set
options
device=sasprtc;**

**With ODS
noresults there
is no need for
object= on the
PROC
SGRENDER line.**

```
options orientation=landscape nonumber nodate;
ods escapechar='^';
ods listing image_dpi=100 close;
ods noresults;
ods pdf file="e:\temporary\file.pdf" notoc columns=2 startpage=no;

/* Output is 4 graphs to a page in a 2x2 layout with an ods startpage
after each column */

ods graphics on /height=3.3in width=4.9in;

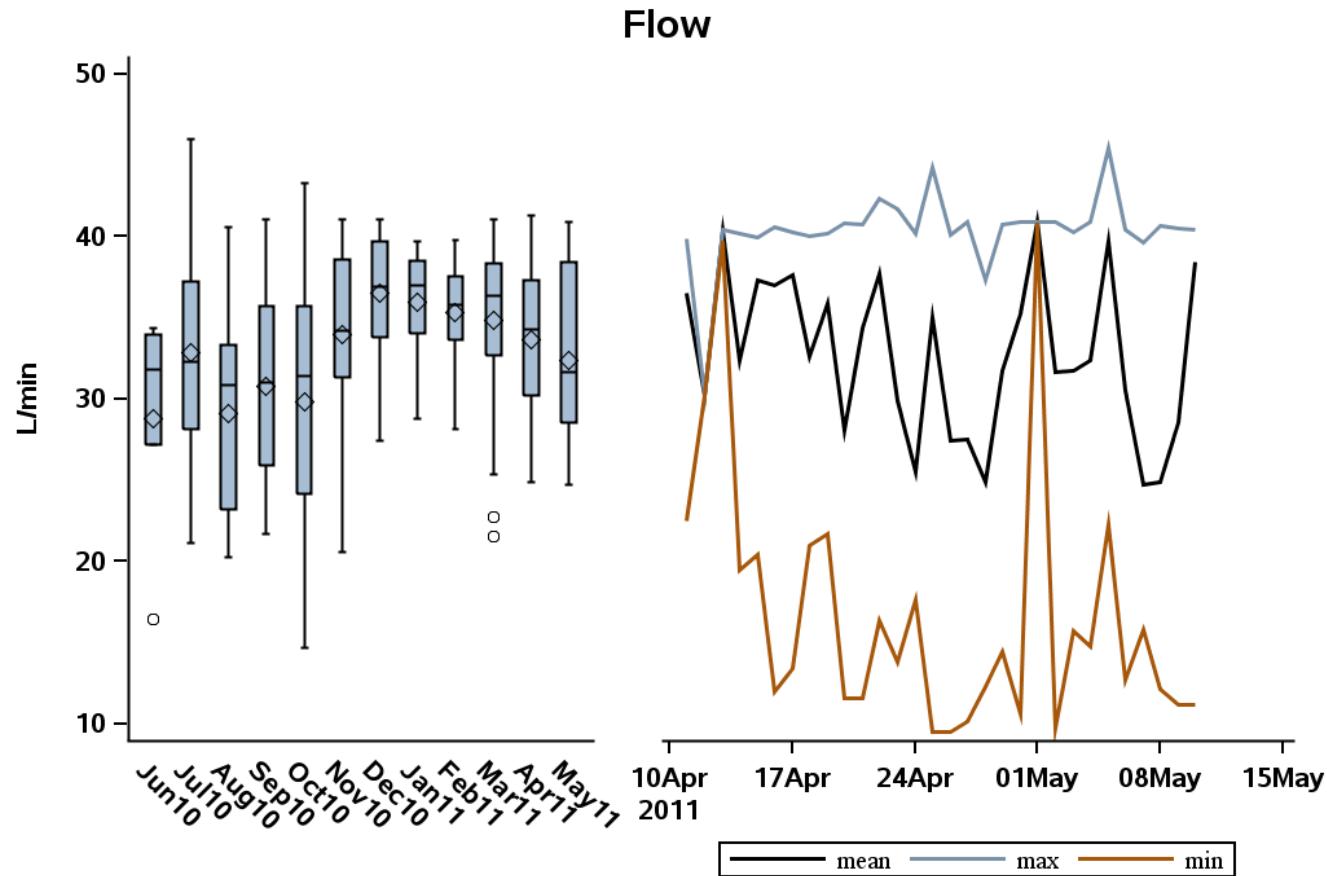
proc sgrender data=data.chart_data template=sg_ghsug;
  dynamic _DATE="date" _MONTH="month"
        _MEAN="mean" _MAX="max" _MIN="min"
        _YVARBOX="flow" _YLABEL="L/min"
        _TITLE="Flow" _FOOTNOTE="My SG chart";
  run;

... more charts

ods pdf close;
ods listing;
ods results;
```

Effect of Output Size on Font Appearance

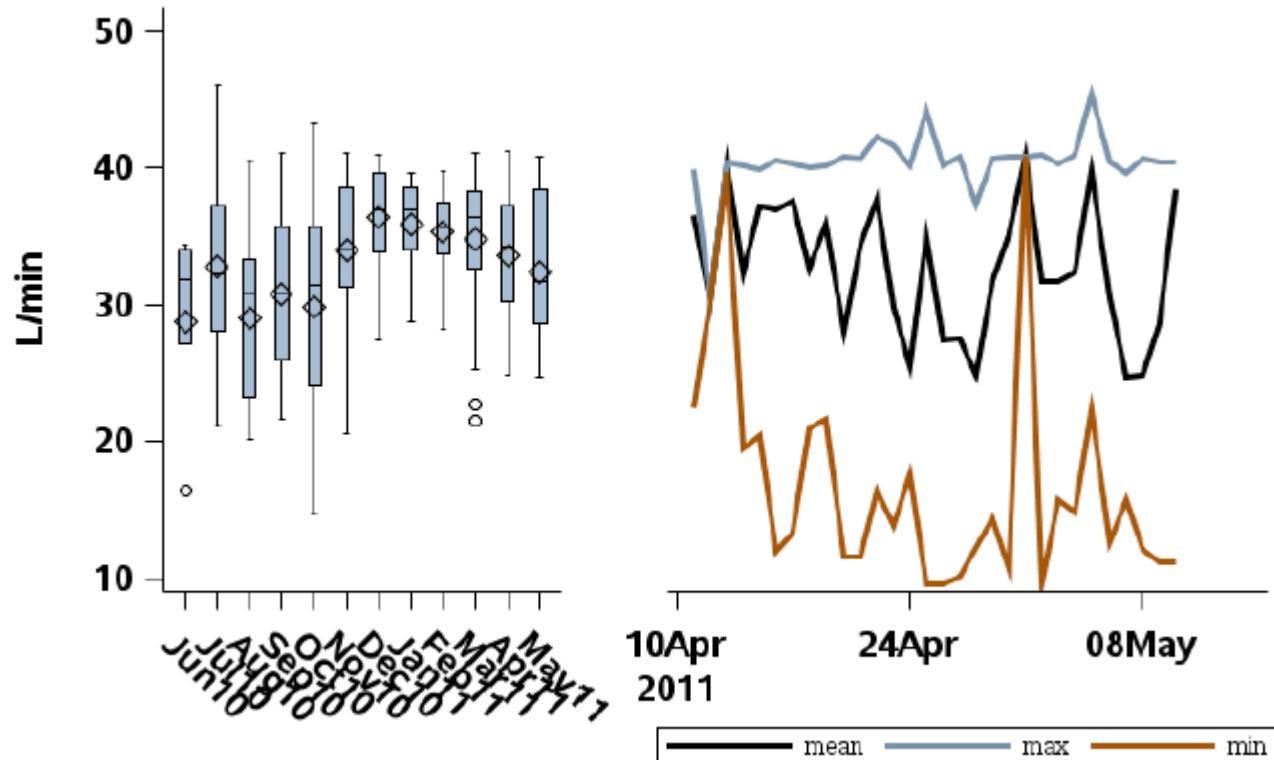
**Default
graph size
produced for
 8.5×11
paper in
portrait
mode**



Graph size
3.3in high
4.9in wide

Font height is absolute points. Font appears larger compared to the chart size.

Effect of Output Size on Font Appearance



Using the ODS Graphics Designer to Create Your Own Templates. Philip R Holland. Paper 034-2010, SAS Global Forum 2010

ODS Graphics Designer An Interactive Tool for Creating Batchable Graphs. Sanjay Matange. NESUG 2009 Poster

SAS/GRAF® 9.2: ODS Graphics Designer Help.

What's New in SAS 9.3 ODS Graphics Designer.

Support.sas.com

QUESTIONS?

