Command Reference

This documentation describes the powerful and flexible set of Adabas direct call commands for performing database operations. These call commands provide a direct interface to the Adabas database when Natural or another fourth-generation database language is not being used.

Note:
Data set names starting with DD are referred to in Adabas documentation with a slash separating the DD from the remainder of the data set name to accommodate z/VSE data set names that do not contain the DD prefix. The slash is not part of the data set name.

The *Adabas Command Reference Guide* documentation is organized in the following parts:

●	*Overview*	Provides an overview of Adabas commands and some general programming considerations when making Adabas calls.
●	*Calling Adabas*	Describes the calling procedures for Adabas commands for both the ACB and ACBX interfaces.
●	*Adabas Control Block Structures*	Describes the Adabas control block (ACB and ACBX) structures you can use when making calls to Adabas.
●	*Adabas Buffer Descriptions (ABDs)*	Describes the structure and use of Adabas buffer descriptions (ABDs) when making ACBX interface calls to Adabas. ABDs are only supported in Adabas 8 and later releases.
●	*Defining Buffers*	Describes the creation and use of buffer definitions when making calls to Adabas.
●	*Commands*	Provides a detailed description of each Adabas command you can use in an Adabas call.
●	*Programming Examples*	Provides programming examples of Adabas calls in a variety of host languages.