Conventions

Throughout this document, the terms "Adabas Online System" and "AOS" are used interchangeably.

Data set names starting with DD are referred to in Adabas Online System 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.

A product version is identified by the first two digits of the versioning number. Software AG distinguishes between major and minor versions according to the amount of functionality or technology added to the product. All other digits indicate correction levels.

In the product documentation, the notations *vrs*, *vr*, or simply *v* are often used as placeholders for the current product version, for example, in data set or module names.

Placeholder	Meaning	Definition
v	version	**Major Version** The first digit of the product version number indicates major architecture and functionality implementation or enhancement that adds value to the product.
r	release	**Minor Version** The second digit of the version number indicates new or enhanced functionality that adds value to the product.
s	system maintenance level	**Correction Level** Correction levels contain error corrections only, without new functionality, including documentation of all modifications and repairs. In case it is necessary to include functional changes into a correction level, an exception handling process ensures that corresponding quality assurance activities are triggered. These functional changes are documented. The main goal is to avoid impacts when you install such a correction level. The third number of an Adabas version denotes the system maintenance level. On certain platforms supported by Adabas, additional levels may exist, such as update package, patch level, service pack and hot fix.