

Defining Fields

This part describes how you define the fields you wish to use in a program. These fields can be database fields and user-defined fields.

The following topics are covered:

- Use and Structure of `DEFINE DATA` Statement
- User-Defined Variables
- Introduction to Dynamic Variables and Fields
- Using Dynamic and Large Variables
- User-Defined Constants
- Initial Values (and the `RESET` Statement)
- Redefining Fields
- Arrays
- X-Arrays

Please note that only the major options of the `DEFINE DATA` statement are discussed here. Further options are described in the *Statements* documentation.

The particulars of database fields are described in *Accessing Data in an Adabas Database*. On principle, the features and examples described there for Adabas also apply to other database management systems. Differences, if any, are described in the relevant database interface documentation and in the *Statements* documentation or *Parameter Reference*.