

# About this Documentation

This documentation describes the Natural programming language statements. It is organized under the following headings:

●	Syntax Symbols and Operand Definition Tables	Information on the symbols that are used within the diagrams that describe the syntax of Natural statements and on operand definition tables.
●	Statement Usage Related Topics	Provides a list of special topics in the <i>Programming Guide</i> .
●	Statements Grouped by Functions	Provides an overview of the Natural statements ordered by functional groups.
●	Statements in Alphabetical Order	Descriptions of the statements (except SQL statements) in alphabetical order. The selection box below is provided for quick access to all statements.
●	Natural SQL Statements	Describes specific statements that can be used in Natural programs to maintain data contained in an SQL database.
●	Referenced Example Programs	<p>Contains additional example programs that are referenced in the Natural statements and system variables reference documentation.</p> <p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Generally, the example programs shown in the statement descriptions are written in structured mode. For statements where the reporting-mode syntax differs considerably from the structured-mode syntax, references to equivalent reporting-mode examples are also provided.</li> <li>2. The example programs use data from the files <code>EMPLOYEES</code> and <code>VEHICLES</code>, which are supplied by Software AG for demonstration purposes.</li> <li>3. The example programs are available in source-code form in the Natural library <code>SYSEXSYN</code>.</li> <li>4. Further example programs of using Natural statements are documented in the section <i>Referenced Example Programs</i> in the <i>Programming Guide</i>. These example programs are provided in the Natural library <code>SYSEXP</code>.</li> <li>5. Please ask your Natural administrator about the availability of these libraries at your site.</li> </ol>