

About this Documentation

These Release Notes describe the changes, enhancements and new features provided with Version 4.2.6 of Natural. This version contains all Zaps, INPL updates, early warnings and source changes applied to Natural Version 4.2.5 as error corrections.

For background information, or if you are upgrading from a Natural version prior to Version 4.2.5, you should also read the Natural Release Notes for Mainframes of all Natural versions that succeeded the version from which you are upgrading. These earlier Release Notes are available in the archive of the current Natural Documentation DVD.

Update Information February 2010

On the occasion of the release of Natural for DB2 Version 4.3.1, the following documents have been changed:

These Release Notes:

- In the section *Operating/Teleprocessing Systems Required*, the supported versions of IMS TM have been updated.
- In the section *Compatibility*, a subsection related to *Compatibility of Natural for DB2 Versions 4.2.6 and 4.3.1* has been added.
- In the sections *Natural and Other Software AG Products* and *Overview of New Natural Add-On Product Versions*, the product version 4.3.1 of Natural for DB2 has been added.
- In the section *End of Maintenance of Add-On Product Versions*, information related to Natural for DB2 Version 4.3.1 has been added.
- In the section *System Commands, Editors and Utilities*, a subsection describing an enhancement to the system command `LISTSQL` has been added.
- In the section *Add-On Products*, information concerning the following add-on products has been added:
 - Natural for DB2: see *Natural for DB2 Version 4.3.1* (features and enhancements of the new version).
 - Natural SQL Gateway: see *SYSDDM and ConnecX SQL Engine 11.0 and above*.
 - Natural Remote Procedure Call: see *Stub Subprograms from IDL File*.

Note:

Information on Natural for DB2 Version 4.2.6 can be found in the earlier edition of the Natural Version 4.2.6 documentation on Software AG's Empower web site at <https://empower.softwareag.com/>.

Furthermore, the following sections have been changed:

- In the section *Operating/Teleprocessing Systems Required*, the supported versions of IMS TM and z/VM have been updated.
- The section *Special-Purpose Zaps* has been updated.

Other Documents:

- The *Natural for DB2* documentation has been revised and updated, and the entire *Database Management Systems* documentation has been reorganized.

On this occasion, various other parts of the Natural documentation have been updated, too, for example:

- In the section *SQL Statements* of the *Statements* documentation, the following section has been added:
 - *MERGE - SQL*

Also, the descriptions of the other Natural SQL Statements and other syntax items have been revised and updated.

- In the *System Commands* documentation, the descriptions of the following commands have been revised and updated: `LISTSQL`, `LISTSQB`, `LISTDBRM`, `SQLERR`, and `SQLDIAG`.
- In the *Operations* documentation, the following section has been added:
 - *Files and System Files Used by Natural in BS2000/OSD Batch Mode*

It replaces the obsolete section *Natural Datasets Used under a BS2000/OSD Batch Mode Session*.

- In the *Natural Remote Procedure Call* documentation, the following section has been added:
 - *Handling of Limits Set with Profile Parameters `LT`, `MAXCL`, `MADIO`, and `MT` on Server*

This documentation is organized under the following headings:

●	General Information	Information on product prerequisites, compatibility, documentation, migration, discontinued functionality, end of maintenance of base Natural and Natural add-on products, availability of other Software AG product versions in conjunction with Natural 4.2.6, upcoming releases, implemented customer change/enhancement requests.
●	Changes, Enhancements, New Features	An overview of the changes, enhancements and new features provided with this Natural version.
●	Add-On Products	Information on changes, enhancements to new versions of several add-on products that are available simultaneously with Natural Version 4.2.6.