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	Contains additional example programs that are referenced in the Natural statements and system variables reference documentation. Notes: 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. 2. The example programs use data from the files EMPLOYEES and VEHICLES, which are supplied by Software AG for demonstration purposes. 3. The example programs are available in source-code form in the Natural library SYSEXSYN. 4. Further example programs of using Natural statements are documented in the section Referenced Example Programs in the Programming Guide. These example programs are provided in the Natural library SYSEXPG. 5. Please ask your Natural administrator about the availability of these libraries at your site.

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