About this Documentation

This documentation contains information for operating Natural in a UNIX environment. It is organized under the following headings:

●	Profile Parameter Usage	Information on the parameter hierarchy. How to assign profile parameter values statically, dynamically and at runtime.
●	System Files	How system files and Natural objects are stored in the file system. Information on the system files `FNAT`, `FUSER` and `FDDM`.
●	Work Files	How to define work files. Information on the different work file formats.
●	Natural Buffer Pool	How the buffer pool is used by Natural and how it is started.
●	Using the Buffer Pool Monitor (`NATBPMON`)	How to invoke the `NATBPMON` utility. Information on the commands that are available with this utility.
●	Natural in Batch Mode	How to run Natural in batch mode. Information on the required input and output channels. How to use batch mode simulation.
●	Support of Different Character Sets with *NATCONV.INI*	How to define different character sets in the file *NATCONV.INI*.
●	Natural Exit Codes	Information on the Natural exit codes, including startup errors.
●	Setting Up the Entire System Server Interface	How to activate the Entire System Server Interface for the product Entire System Server.
●	Using Versioning Software	How to use third-party versioning software together with Natural.
●	Tuning SQL Database Access	How to configure the handling of the SQL driver's statement table.
●	User Exit for Computation of Sort Keys - `NATUSKnn`	How to sort characters of other languages in the correct alphabetical order.
●	Abnormal End (Abend) Handling	Information on the signal handlers.

The Natural utilities which can be used to execute numerous administrative functions are described separately; see the *Tools and Utilities* documentation for detailed information.

Security is also described separately; see the *Natural Security* documentation for detailed information.