

# FS - Default Format/Length Setting for User-Defined Variables

This Natural profile and session parameter only applies to reporting mode; it has no effect in structured mode.

This parameter determines whether a default format/length setting is to be in effect for the definition of user-defined variables in reporting mode; see also *Format and Length of User-Defined Variables* in the *Programming Guide*.

Within a Natural session, the profile parameter FS can be overridden by the session parameter FS.

<b>Possible settings</b>	ON	No default format/length is assigned by Natural for a newly introduced variable in reporting mode. The format/length of all user-defined variables must be explicitly specified.	
	OFF	A user-defined variable in a Natural program for which no format/length is specified is assigned the default format/length N7.	
<b>Default setting</b>	OFF		
<b>Dynamic specification</b>	yes		
<b>Specification within session</b>	yes	Applicable Statements:	SET GLOBALS
		Applicable Command:	GLOBALS
<b>Application Programming Interface</b>	USR1005N	See <i>SYSEXT - Natural Application Programming Interfaces</i> in the <i>Utilities</i> documentation.	

**Under Natural Security:** The setting of this parameter can be overridden by the Session Parameters option of the Library Profile.