

# About this Documentation

This documentation describes various Natural "built-in" functions for use in certain statements; see *System Functions* in the *Programming Guide*.

**Note:**

As of Natural Version 6.2 for Windows and UNIX, Version 6.3 for OpenVMS and Version 4.2 for Mainframes, all new system functions are preceded by an asterisk (\*) to avoid naming conflicts with, for example, user-defined variables in existing applications.

This documentation is organized under the following headings:

●	System Functions for Use in Processing Loops	Describes Natural system functions which can be used in a program loop context.
●	Mathematical System Functions	Describes the system functions which are supported in arithmetic processing statements and in logical condition criteria.
●	Miscellaneous System Functions	System functions to evaluate the minimum or maximum; system function for field identification; system function to receive the return code from a non-Natural program; system function to convert "incorrectly sorted" characters; system function for lower/upper case translation; system function to remove leading and/or trailing blanks.
●	Natural Functions	Describes Natural functions which are supplied by Software AG in the library SYSTEM on system file FNAT.

See also *Example of System Variables and System Functions* in the *Programming Guide*.

**Note:**

The mathematical system functions and the Natural functions are not included in the selection box below. Use the above link instead.