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Preface

This documentation describes the installation and use of Entire Access on UNIX and Windows. It applies to all UNIX and Windows servers and clients supported. It is organized under the following headings:

What is New with this Version?	Provides an overview of new features.
How Entire Access Works	Describes how Entire Access works.
Installing a Server under UNIX	Describes how to install Entire Access on a UNIX server.
Installing a Server under Windows	Describes how to install Entire Access on a Windows server.
Installing a Client under UNIX	Describes how to install the Entire Access client component on UNIX.
Installing a Client under Windows	Describes how to install the Entire Access client component on Windows.
Defining Data Sources to Natural	Describes how to define data sources (servers) to Natural on the client machines.
Start-up Procedures under Windows	Describes start-up procedures under Windows.
Using Entire Access as Service under Windows	Describes how to configure Entire Access to be used as service under Windows.
Supplying User ID and Password	Contains information about supplying user IDs and passwords for database systems which require them.
Using Natural with Entire Access	Describes the special uses of Natural with Entire Access.
DataDirect ODBC on UNIX	Describes the use of DataDirect ODBC on UNIX.
Traces for Error Diagnosis	Describes the traces available for error diagnosis.
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For information on using Entire Access on other server platforms, see the Software AG documentation about Entire Access on z/OS.

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Document Conventions

Convention	Description
Bold	Identifies elements on a screen.
Monospace font	Identifies service names and locations in the format <i>folder.subfolder.service</i> , APIs, Java classes, methods, properties.
<i>Italic</i>	Identifies: Variables for which you must supply values specific to your own situation or environment. New terms the first time they occur in the text. References to other documentation sources.
Monospace font	Identifies: Text you must type in. Messages displayed by the system. Program code.
{ }	Indicates a set of choices from which you must choose one. Type only the information inside the curly braces. Do not type the { } symbols.
	Separates two mutually exclusive choices in a syntax line. Type one of these choices. Do not type the symbol.
[]	Indicates one or more options. Type only the information inside the square brackets. Do not type the [] symbols.
...	Indicates that you can type multiple options of the same type. Type only the information. Do not type the ellipsis (...).

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This section covers the following topics:

Supported Operating Systems and Databases

The operating systems and database servers supported by Version 9.1.2 of Entire Access differ from those supported by previous versions.

- Supported operating systems: see the sections *Hardware and Operating-System Requirements for [UNIX](#)* and [Windows](#) respectively.
- Supported database servers: see the sections *Database Servers Supported for [UNIX](#)* and [Windows](#) respectively.

Database Drivers

Not every database driver is available on any platform. Especially for z/Linux there is currently only a subset of drivers available.

New and Enhanced Functionality

The following functionality is available with Entire Access Version 9.1.2:

- [OpenSSL](#)

OpenSSL

Entire Access now supports secured communication with OpenSSL Version 1.1.x. See [Entire Access and OpenSSL](#) for details.

Notice of Future Changes

The following will be changed in upcoming releases of Entire Access:

- Database Servers Supported

Database Servers Supported

With an upcoming release of Entire Access, we will discontinue the support of the database servers Informix and Sybase. No new features, patches or updates related to Informix and Sybase will then be provided any longer. Only updates and patches that have been developed already will still be available.

Any concern regarding the discontinuation of this support, please address to your global support organization.

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This section covers the following topics:

What is Entire Access?

Entire Access allows client applications running on Windows and UNIX clients to access data sources on Windows and UNIX. The following 64-bit Windows platforms are supported for client and server:

- Windows 7
- Windows 8
- Windows 10
- Windows 2008 R2 Server
- Windows 2012 Server
- Windows 2016 Server
- Windows 2019 Server

Entire Access under Windows is a 32-bit application and can only access database servers in 32-bit mode. In case the database server is a 64-bit application the 32-bit version of the corresponding database client interface must be installed also.

Data Sources

Entire Access represents a client-server solution for Software AG database systems and for third-party products. The following table lists the data sources for each supported server platform:

Server Data Source	UNIX	z/OS	Windows
Adabas D	x		x
DB2	x	x	x
Informix	x		x
Microsoft SQL Server			x
Oracle	x		x
Sybase DBLIB	x		x
Sybase CTLIB	x		x

Entire Access complies with Microsoft's Open Database Connectivity (ODBC) standard. Depending on the products installed at your site, it may be possible to access ODBC-compliant data sources on the same machine and on remote Windows and UNIX server platforms. Whether such access is possible depends on the database system. As a minimum, data sources to be accessed using the

Entire Access ODBC driver must comply with the ODBC level 1 API and must accept the SQL core grammar.

General Information on Entire Access

Entire Access supports local and remote databases. It consists of an application program interface (API) and each supported RDBMS driver. Multiple heterogeneous RDBMS can be accessed concurrently from within the same client application.

The API provides a common SQL interface; it receives ANSI-standard SQL requests from the client application and routes them to the driver for the target data source. Entire Access forms the backbone for RDBMS access.

Natural applications use the Entire Access backbone directly. The API supports the use of Natural DML and SQL statements in the same program.

The database driver

- converts data to ensure consistent data types,
- emulates RDBMS-specific functions,
- and automatically coordinates user requests with replies from the RDBMS.

The database drivers are reentrant; thus, after an application establishes a connection to a data source, other applications can access the data source during the same Natural session without having to reestablish the connection.

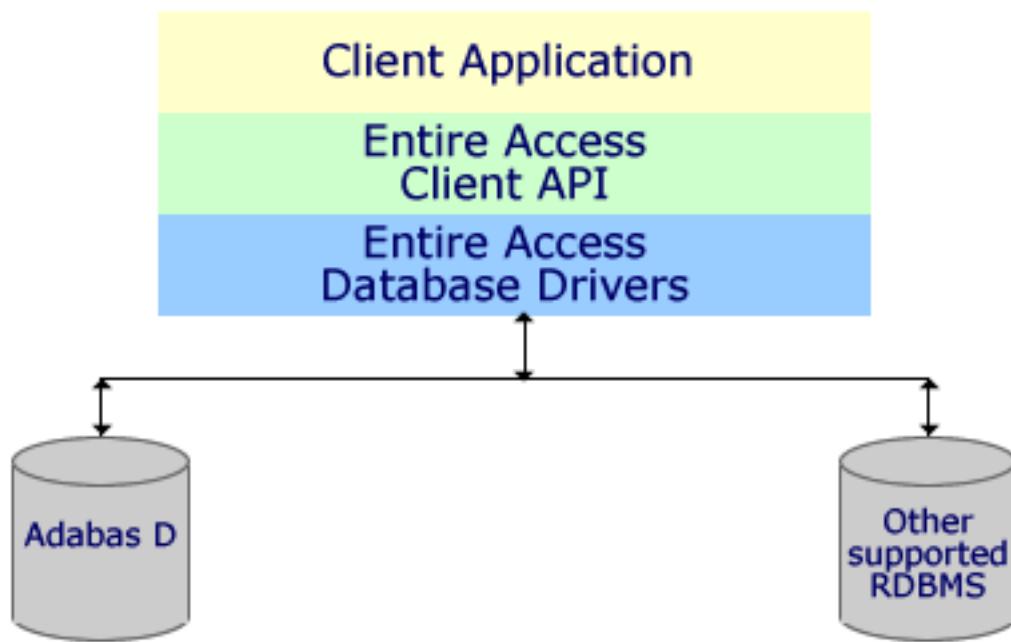
Accessing Data Sources from Clients

The same procedure is used to access data sources from all Windows and UNIX client platforms:

1. On the server machine, you start the database and then start Entire Access.
2. On the client machine, you set the connect string and then start the client application.

Local Data Access

With local access, the application client and Entire Access reside on the same platform as the database server; the Entire Access driver communicates directly with the data source:

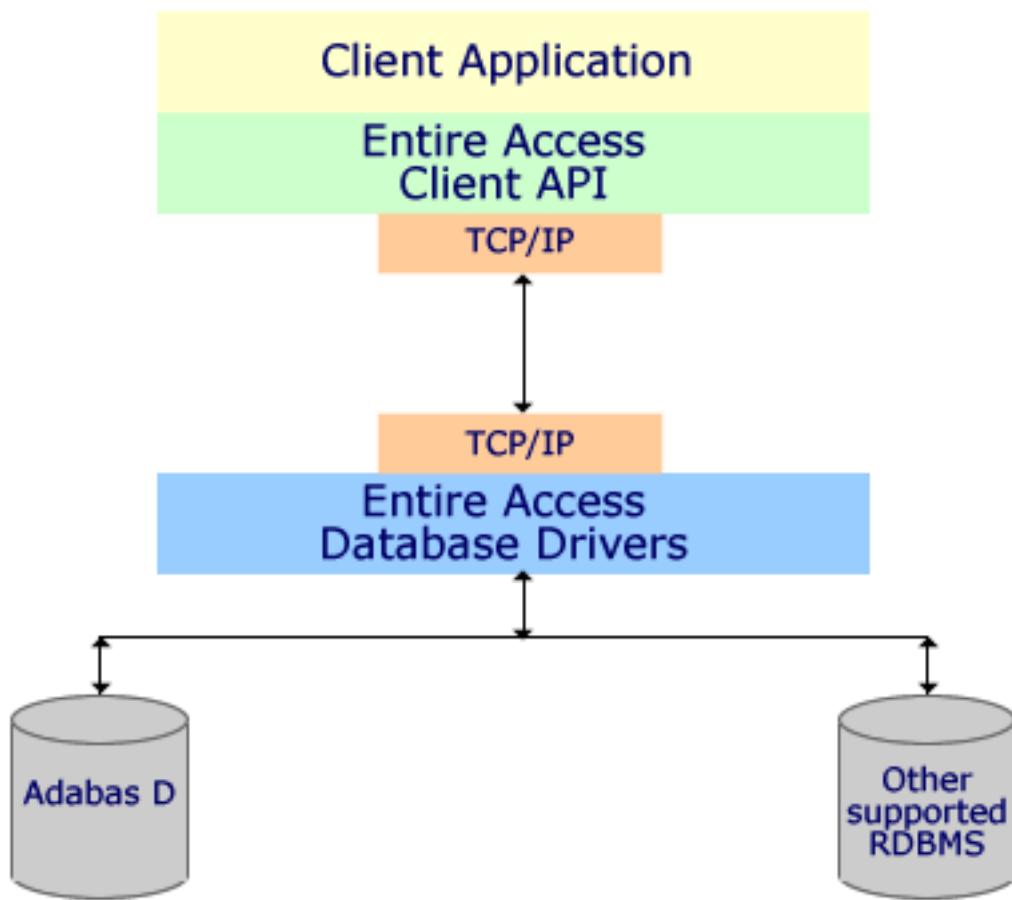


 **Note:** Both local and remote access to data sources on the z/OS platform are supported by Entire Access. However, local Natural on z/OS does not utilize the local Entire Access API, and therefore z/OS may only be used as a RDBMS server.

Remote Data Access Using TCP/IP

With remote access, application clients communicate with Entire Access on the server side using the TCP/IP communications protocol. Entire Access and TCP/IP must be installed on each client and server machine. The API on the client machine uses TCP/IP to route requests to the database driver on the server machine.

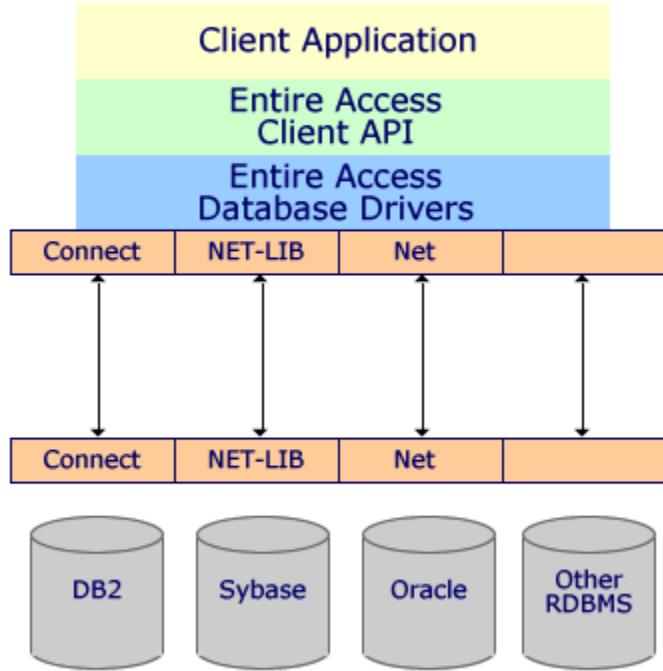
The following diagram shows remote access using TCP/IP:



Remote Data Access Using Third-Party Network Products

It is possible to use network products supplied by the vendors of third-party RDBMS. The network product for *each* server RDBMS must be installed on the client and server machines. Entire Access communicates with these network products in the same way it communicates with a local data source. The network product is responsible for transmitting and coordinating the requests and replies between the client and the data source.

There are many possible configurations of RDBMS and third-party network products. Be sure to evaluate a particular configuration to determine whether it will work with Entire Access; if necessary, contact your Software AG representative for assistance. The following diagram illustrates possible uses of third-party network products with Entire Access:



Entire Access treats databases accessed through the third-party communications product as local databases. Due to the local illusion implemented by various third-party networking products, Entire Access is completely unaware of the remoteness of the database.

Note that when networking is performed for the client by a third party it is done transparently. It is also transparent to Entire Access, which therefore uses only local connect strings. Because Entire Access is completely unaware of the network rerouting, the local illusion must be completely implemented by the RDBMS vendor performing the networking.

For example, if a local Windows 2012 Server PC is accessing a DB2 on VSE with IBM Connect networking, a local `DB2 : database name` connect string in Entire Access on the Windows 2012 Server PC is implied. Because Entire Access is completely unaware of the Windows 2012 Server to VSE rerouting, the VSE DB2 syntax must be identical to that of the Windows 2012 Server DB2, with no exceptions.

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This section describes how to install Entire Access on a UNIX server. It covers the following topics:

Special requirements for DataDirect ODBC clients and servers are described in the section [Data-Direct ODBC on UNIX](#).

Before You Install

Please read the following information, before you proceed with the installation:

- [Client and Server Versions](#)
- [Hardware and Operating-System Requirements](#)
- [Other Software Requirements](#)
- [UNIX Compiler Support](#)
- [Database Servers Supported](#)

Client and Server Versions

This version of Entire Access is downward compatible to Entire Access Version 6, but not to any older version.

Hardware and Operating-System Requirements

The following tables show the minimum operating-system versions and hardware requirements for selected UNIX platforms supported by Entire Access. For a complete list of supported platforms, contact your Software AG representative.

Operating System	Hardware Requirement
AIX 7.1 and 7.2	Power 64-bit
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 and 15	x86-64
Redhat Linux Advanced Server 7 and 8	x86-64 or IBM z/Linux 64
Solaris 11	64 Ultra SPARC

Other Software Requirements

TCP/IP is required on both client and server machines for remote access.

For information about additional client-machine requirements, see the section for the client platform.

For information about the use of third-party network products, see the section [Remote Data Access Using Third-Party Network Products](#).

UNIX Compiler Support

Entire Access supports the vendor compiler, including the Linker or Loader, for each supported UNIX platform.

Database Servers Supported

Support for specific databases depends on the UNIX platform(s). Except where noted, access can be either local or remote.

The following database server versions are supported:

- Adabas D 15
- DB2 10 and 11
- Informix 11 and 12
- Oracle 12c, 18c and 19c
- Sybase 15, 16 CTLIB and DBLIB
- ODBC-compliant servers (local access)

Informix

Informix users must perform the following steps:

- Use Informix-ESQL/C (embedded SQL for C), which is also known as Informix Client SDK. The Client SDK should be installed in the directory \$INFORMIXDIR. It provides the libraries required to build the server daemon and/or the Natural that includes the driver.

Informix-SE is not supported.

- Turn on (buffered or unbuffered) logging for each database to be accessed with Entire Access. Refer to the *Informix* documentation for information about enabling the logging facility.

Oracle

With Oracle, problems may occur in conjunction with fields of types LONG and LONG RAW. These problems are due to the status of the OCI API in the 64-bit Oracle versions. Instead of LONG and LONG RAW, use types CLOB and BLOB respectively.

Database System Preparation

Before you begin to install Entire Access, perform the following steps:

- Install your DBMS software.
- Set the environment variables for the relevant RDBMS. See the table below for a list of the environment variables required for each RDBMS.
- DB2 users: Create the links for the DB2 libraries with the command `db2ln`. See the *DATABASE 2 UNIX* installation guides for more information.

Environment Variables

RDBMS users must set the environment variables according to the shell being used, as shown in the following table. Except where noted, these variables are required at build time and/or runtime.

RDBMS	Environment Variable	Build/Run Time
Adabas D	DBROOT	Build/Run
	DBNAME (optional) ¹	Run
	PATH=\$PATH:DBROOT/bin	Run
DB2	DB2_HOME	Build
	DB2INSTANCE	Run
	PATH=\$PATH:\$DB2_HOME/sqllib/adm: \$DB2_HOME/sqllib/bin: \$DB2_HOME/sqllib/misc	Run
Informix	INFORMIXDIR	Build
	PATH=\$PATH:\$INFORMIXDIR/bin	Run
	SQLEXEC=\$INFORMIXDIR/lib/sqlrm	Run
	INFORMIXSERVER=host-name	Run
	INFORMIXSHMBASE=shmbase / 1024 ²	Run
Oracle	ORACLE_HOME	Build/Run
	ORACLE_SID	Run
	TWO_TASK (optional) ³	Run
Sybase DBLIB and Sybase CTLIB	SYBASE	Build
	DSQUERY	Run

¹ If DBNAME is set, it will override the database specified in the connect string (that is, Entire Access for TCP/IP will connect to the database specified in DBNAME and not to the database specified in the connect string); for further information on connect strings, see the section [Define the Data Sources](#).

² When you use Natural to access a local Informix database, you may receive Informix error -25588 if the default Shared Memory Address from Informix conflicts with the Natural buffer pool. To resolve this error, set the environment variable INFORMIXSHMBASE to a value that depends on the Informix configuration parameter SHMBASE. For example, if SHMBASE is set to 536870912 (0x20000000), set INFORMIXSHMBASE to 524288 (0x20000000 / 0x400) as follows:

```
$ INFORMIXSHMBASE=524288
$ export INFORMIXSHMBASE
```

When you use Natural to access a local Informix database on AIX, Solaris or other platforms that may apply, you may receive the following undocumented Informix error:

```
-1829
Unable to load locale categories.
```

Setting any or all of the following variables is likely to resolve this error:

```
$ CLIENT_LOCALE=en_US
$ DB_LOCALE=en_US
$ SERVER_LOCALE=en_US
$ export CLIENT_LOCALE DB_LOCALE SERVER_LOCALE
```

For more information, see *The Informix Guide to SQL: Reference* or *The Informix GLS Programmer's Manual*.

³ TWO_TASK must be set to "P:" if the database instance to be accessed is on the local machine. If TWO_TASK is set, it will override the database instance specified in the ORACLE_SID environment variable.

Installation Procedure

Before you perform the installation procedure described below, unpack the product from the installation medium, as described in the file README.CD.

Then perform the following steps to install Entire Access. Each step is valid for any supported UNIX platform.

Step 1 - Log In at the UNIX System Prompt

Log in as "sag"; do *not* log in as "root".

Step 2 - Generate the Environment File

The environment file *sagenv.new* must be modified to include the required environment variables before using Entire Access.

-  **Note:** If you have an existing *sagenv.old* environment file, be sure to rename it; otherwise, it will be overwritten later in this step when the *sagenv.new* file is automatically generated and the existing *sagenv.new* file is renamed to *sagenv.old*.

Execute the interactive SAGINST script to generate the *sagenv.new* file.

1. To start the script, enter the following commands:

```
cd $SAG  
./SAGINST
```

The script ensures that the SAG environment variable has been established; it then displays a list of all products in the supplied \$SAG directory.

2. Select each required product from the list by entering the corresponding number (from the left-hand column) after the prompt. Use spaces to separate the numbers.
3. Press ENTER to generate the *sagenv.new* file.

The generated *sagenv.new* file includes all environment variables required to use the selected products. If *sagenv.new* already exists, it is automatically renamed to *sagenv.old* and the previous *sagenv.old* is overwritten.

4. If you are performing an update installation (that is, you selected only the new products to be added to your existing *sagenv* file), use the concatenate command to append the *sagenv.new* to your existing *sagenv* file.

Step 3 - Select the Local Database Drivers

Use the interactive *osxlibs.sh* script to select the database drivers(s) to be used by Entire Access. The selected database drivers for the local databases will be built; they can be used for local access, or for remote access via the Entire Access server (see Step 4).

1. To change your directory, enter the following command:

```
$ cd $OSXDIR/$OSXVERS/bin
```

2. To start the script, enter the following command:

```
$ osxlibs.sh
```

A list of database drivers appears.

3. Select each desired driver by entering the corresponding number (from the left-hand column) after the prompt and pressing ENTER.

To deselect a database driver, reenter the number for that driver at the prompt and press ENTER.

.

Each selected entry is indicated by an asterisk (*) to the left of the number column. In the following example, the selected entry (*) is local Adabas D 15.

```
ENTIRE ACCESS for TCP/IP v9120 (Linux x86-64)
=====
1 - remote ENTIRE ACCESS NET
2 - local Oracle
* 3 - local Adabas D 15
4 - local DB2
5 - local Sybase DBLIB
6 - local Sybase CTLIB
7 - local Informix
8 - local DataDirect ODBC

g - Generate 'osxlibs.lst'          q - Exit

please select an entry:
```

4. After making your selections, enter "g" and press ENTER.

The following is an example of the confirmation screen that appears. It lists the values of the environment variables found for the drivers you selected.

```
You have chosen to build the following environments

- local Adabas D 15

$OSXDIR      = /FS/fsdb/products/osx
$OSXVERS     = v9120

$DBROOT       = /FS/fsdb/adabasd/aad/v1501

aad15
cpclnk tdb10_15 -o VTX10.so -shared tb2.a -lcrypt -lssl -lncurses
cc -o tdb10_15 -m64 tdb10_15.o -o VTX10.so -shared tb2.a -lcrypt -lssl -lncurses
/FS/fsdb/adabasd/aad/v1501/lib/pcrelib.a /FS/fsdb/adabasd/aad/v1501/lib/pcd1lib.
a /FS/fsdb/adabasd/aad/v1501/lib/pcd2lib.a /FS/fsdb/adabasd/aad/v1501/lib/pcd3li
b.a /FS/fsdb/adabasd/aad/v1501/lib/libsqrte.a /FS/fsdb/adabasd/aad/v1501/lib/li
bsqlterm.a /FS/fsdb/adabasd/aad/v1501/lib/libsqlptc.a -lncurses -lm /FS/fsdb/ada
basd/aad/v1501/lib/sqlca.a
mv VTX10.so ../bin
mv ../bin/VTX10.so ../bin/AAD15.so

Press <enter> to see the file '/FS/fsdb/products/osx/v9120/osxlibs.lst'
```

 **Note:** Entire Access supports shareable libraries so that, for example, a generic Natural can be built from OSXAPI.so, and the target RDBMS for the client application is in fact determined by the connect string. This means that Natural can be built once for all RDBMS drivers without specifically loading any RDBMS driver code into the Natural nucleus. For example, from an Adabas D 15 object called tds10_15.o an object called AAD15.so will be created as the shareable library. AAD15 is the executable responsible for loading the AAD15.so shareable library.

5. When using shareable libraries, you may need to set an additional variable.

If you do not set the appropriate environment variable, the shareable libraries might not be found.

When using shareable libraries with:	Set the variable:
AIX 64-bit	LIBPATH or LD_LIBRARY_PATH
Solaris 64-bit	LD_LIBRARY_PATH_64
Linux	LD_LIBRARY_PATH

 **Note:** Some operating systems may use more than one variable or one that is not included in the above table. See your operating-system documentation.

With Informix 9.2 under AIX, set the LIBPATH variable as follows when using shareable libraries:

```
$LIBPATH=/RDBMS/informix/lib/esql:/RDBMS/informix/lib:/usr/lib
$export LIBPATH
```

- Verify that the environment variables are correct; then press ENTER to generate the *osxlibs.lst* file. The screen displays the contents of this file as it is being generated.

The *osxlibs.lst* file contains a list of all database libraries to be linked to the Natural prelinked object *natraw.o*. The Natural *make* file uses *osxlibs.lst* when a new Natural environment is built with *make natural osx=yes*

- The build process for local database drivers can also be started without using the *osxlibs.sh* script.

Enter the *makedb* command with a valid database identifier to build the desired database driver:

```
makedb identifier
```

<i>identifier</i>	Database Driver
aad15	Adabas D 15
cli	DataDirect
db2	DB2
inf	Informix
ora	Oracle
syb	Sybase DBLIB
syb10	Sybase CTLIB



Note: If necessary, modify the paths in the corresponding *makesrv.???* file in order to match your specific system requirements.

Step 4 - Start the Entire Access Server (for Remote Access)

- Access the *bin* directory of the *osx* installation by entering the following command:

```
$ cd $OSXDIR/$OSXVERS/bin
```

- Make sure that the database environments for all RDBMS are loaded correctly.
- Use the interactive *osxopr.sh* script to start a server dispatcher:

```
$ osxopr.sh
```

```
-----  
ENTIRE ACCESS for TCP/IP  
=====
```

```
1 - show status  
2 - start a server  
3 - kill a server  
4 - ping a server  
  
q - exit
```

please select an entry:

2

```
-----  
ENTIRE ACCESS for TCP/IP (start a server)  
=====
```

please enter the server number
8888

starting server with number 8888

```
-----  
ENTIRE ACCESS for TCP/IP  
=====
```

```
1 - show status  
2 - start a server  
3 - kill a server  
4 - ping a server  
  
q - exit
```

please select an entry:

1

```
-----  
ENTIRE ACCESS for TCP/IP (show status)  
=====
```

ENTIRE ACCESS for TCP/IP directory: /usr/natdev/OSX_TEST2/osx
ENTIRE ACCESS for TCP/IP version: v9120
Available server: SYBASE 12 DBLIB, SYBASE 12 CTLIB,
Available utilities: serversingle, serverping, serverkill,
press <return> to continue

```
-----  
ENTIRE ACCESS for TCP/IP (show status)  
=====
```

Available Server Daemon ports: 8888
list of active client/server connections:

TYPE	INST.	OWNER
------	-------	-------

press <return> to continue

```
-----  
ENTIRE ACCESS for TCP/IP  
=====
```

1 - show status
2 - start a server
3 - kill a server
4 - ping a server

q - exit

please select an entry:
4

```
-----  
ENTIRE ACCESS for TCP/IP (ping a server)  
=====
```

```
please enter the server number:  
8888
```

```
please enter the hostname (default: sunedb):
```

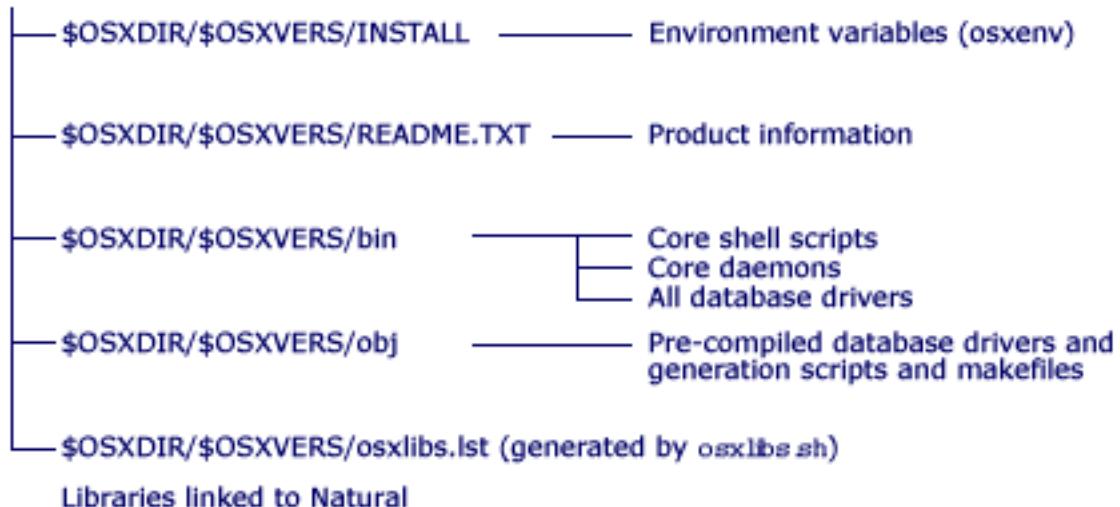
```
pinging server with number 8888 on sunedb ...
```

```
server #8888 is alive and kicking
```

Entire Access Directory Structure Under UNIX

The following is the Entire Access directory structure under UNIX:

\$SAG



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This section describes how to install Entire Access on a Windows server. It covers the following topics:

Supported Windows servers are:

- Windows 7
- Windows 8
- Windows 10
- Windows 2008 R2 Server
- Windows 2012 Server
- Windows 2016 Server
- Windows 2019 Server

Except where indicated, the installation described in this section applies to all the above servers.

Before You Install

Please read the following information, before you proceed with the installation:

- [Client and Server Versions](#)
- [Hardware and Operating-System Requirements](#)
- [Other Software Requirements](#)
- [Database Servers Supported](#)

Client and Server Versions

See [*Client and Server Versions*](#) in the section *Installing a Server under UNIX*.

Hardware and Operating-System Requirements

The following are the minimum hardware and operating-system requirements for Entire Access servers:

- 512 MB of RAM,
- about 10 MB of available hard-disk space (if all options are installed).

Other Software Requirements

- Natural Version 8.4 or above is required for Natural clients.
- TCP/IP is required on both client and server machines for remote access.

For information about the use of third-party network products, see the section [*Remote Data Access Using Third-Party Network Products*](#).

Database Servers Supported

Entire Access supports the data sources listed below. Except where noted, access can be either local or remote.

The following database server versions are supported on Windows servers:

- Adabas D 15
- DB2 10 and 11
- Informix 11 and 12
- Oracle 12c, 18c and 19c
- Sybase 15, 16 CTLIB and DBLIB
- Microsoft SQL Server 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017 and 2019
- ODBC-compliant servers (local access)

Adabas D

There is one Adabas D DLL driver for Windows platforms:

- AAD15.DLL for Adabas D 15

DB2

There is one DB2 DLL driver for Windows platforms:

- DB2.DLL for all supported DB2 versions

Informix

There is one Informix DLL driver for Windows platforms:

- INF.DLL for all supported Informix versions

Use the Informix utility SETNET32.EXE to set the following Informix variables for Entire Access:
INFORMIXDIR, INFORMIXSERVER, INFORMIXSQLHOSTS.

If a conflict occurs with Natural shared memory, adjust the Informix SHMBASE by changing the
ONCONFIG.servername SHMBASE from SHMBASE 0XC000000L to SHMBASE 0X20000000L.

Oracle

There is one Oracle DLL driver for Windows platforms:

- ORA.DLL for all supported Oracle versions

Sybase

If the environment variable DSQUERY is set, this value is used as the name of the Sybase server. If
DSQUERY is not set, the default SYBASE is used.

Consult your Sybase documentation for information about this variable.

Unless you use the default server name SYBASE, you must either define the server name in the
INTERFACES file or pass the name in the connect string.

There are two Sybase DLL drivers for Windows platforms:

- SYBCT.DLL for all supported Sybase CTLIB versions
- SYBDB.DLL for all supported Sybase DBLIB versions

Software AG recommends that new customers use Sybase CTLIB, not Sybase DBLIB, as their default
driver.

Microsoft SQL Server

There are two Microsoft SQL Server DLL drivers for Windows platforms:

- MSSQLODBC.DLL for MS SQL Server 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017 and 2019 using SQL Server's ODBC
interface.

The SQL Server database to be accessed has to be defined as a data source using the Microsoft
ODBC Administrator. Natural 8.4 or above is a prerequisite for using the MSSQLODBC interface.

- MSSQLODBCN.DLL for MS SQL Server 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017 and 2019 using SQL Server's ODBC
native client interface.

The SQL Server database to be accessed has to be defined as a data source for the SQL Server native client interface using the Microsoft ODBC Administrator. Natural 8.4 or above is a prerequisite for using the MSSQLODBCN interface.

ODBC

There are two ODBC (Open Database Connectivity) DLL drivers for Windows platforms:

- VTX11.DLL for local ODBC access
- ODBCNET.DLL for remote ODBC access

This implies that the actual ODBC driver from the vendor (for example, DataDirect) will be installed and that the data source will be defined using the Microsoft ODBC Administrator.

Installation Procedure

Installation CDs

The Entire Access installation package contains two CDs:

- The server CD contains the Windows server components.
- The client CD contains the Windows client components only.

Installation Steps

Perform the following steps to install Entire Access on a Windows server.

Step 1 - Start the Setup Program

1. Insert the server CD into a CD drive.
2. To start the installation program, invoke the CD autorun.inf file. It begins the installation program automatically when the CD drive is closed. Or, to start the installation program manually, issue the following command at the command prompt, where *x* is the selected CD drive:

```
x:setup
```

3. The InstallShield Wizard is invoked to perform the installation tasks. The Entire Access **Welcome** message appears when the load is complete.
4. Follow the directions concerning the License Agreement.
5. Enter your customer information, including your selection regarding Administrator rights. Be sure to read the statement regarding Administrator privileges.
6. Select the appropriate Destination Folder designations.

7. Choose **Next** to proceed with the installation (or **Cancel** to terminate the setup program).

Step 2 - Review Settings and Copy Files

1. Review the settings before copying the files.
2. Review the *README* file as necessary.
3. Decide whether you will restart your computer now or later. Restarting now is recommended.

Entire Access depends on Environment Variable updates that get established after restart.

Step 3 - Installation is Completed

After your computer is restarted, the InstallShield Wizard continues. Although an InstallShield window appears, it does not take long to complete, depending on your processor speed and whether other applications are also being restart.

Your Entire Access installation is now ready to function as:

- a local RDBMS server for a remote Natural application,
- a local RDBMS server for a local Natural application,
- a host for a local client application that will connect to a remote RDBMS elsewhere in the network.

Informix

If the `%INFORMIXSERVER%` variable is not set for your environment, error -25560 will be issued when you attempt to connect to the database server.

To set the `%INFORMIXSERVER%` variable:

1. Launch Setnet32 from the `%INFORMIXDIR%\bin` directory and select the Environment tab.
2. Find `INFORMIXSERVER` in the list of variables and select it. Type the server name into the entry box and then click the Set button.
3. Click the **Apply** button.

Informix SHMBASE problems that are related to other products can often be resolved by adjusting the SHMBASE for Informix, as follows:

1. Assume that your Informix server name as defined in the `INFORMIXSERVER` variable is "inf92".
2. Copy and then edit the `%INFORMIXDIR%\etc\ONCONFIG.inf92` and change the SHMBASE from:

```
SHMBASE      0xC000000L    # Shared memory base address
```

to:

```
SHMBASE      0x2000000L    # Shared memory base address
```


6 Installing a Client under UNIX

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This section describes how to install the Entire Access client component under UNIX. It covers the following topics:

Before You Install

Please read the following information, before you proceed with the installation:

- [Client and Server Versions](#)
- [UNIX Compiler Support](#)
- [Hardware and Operating-System Requirements](#)
- [Other Software Requirements](#)

Client and Server Versions

See [*Client and Server Versions*](#) in the section *Installing a Server under UNIX*.

UNIX Compiler Support

Entire Access supports the vendor compiler, including the Linker or Loader, for each supported UNIX platform.

Hardware and Operating-System Requirements

The operating-system and hardware requirements are the same as described in [**Hardware and Operating-System Requirements**](#) in the section *Installing a Server under UNIX*.

Other Software Requirements

Entire Access requires TCP/IP on both the client and the server for remote server support.

In addition, Natural client applications require Natural Version 8.4 or above.

For the use of third-party network products, see also the section [*Remote Data Access Using Third-Party Network Products*](#).

Installation Procedure

Before you perform the installation procedure described below, unpack the product from the installation medium, as described in the file README.CD.

Then perform the following steps to install the Entire Access client component on any supported UNIX platform.

Step 1 - Log In at the UNIX System Prompt

Log in as "sag"; do *not* log in as "root".

Step 2 - Generate the Environment File

The environment file *sagenv.new* must be modified to include the environment variables required before using Entire Access.



Note: If you have an existing *sagenv.old* environment file, be sure to rename it; otherwise, it will be overwritten later in this step when the *sagenv.new* file is automatically generated and the existing *sagenv.new* file is renamed to *sagenv.old*.

Execute the interactive SAGINST script to generate the *sagenv.new* file.

1. To start the script, enter the following commands:

```
$ cd $SAG$  
./SAGINST
```

The script ensures that the SAG environment variable has been established; it then displays a list of all products in the supplied \$SAG directory.

2. Select each required product from the list by entering the corresponding number (from the left-hand column) after the prompt. Use spaces to separate the numbers.
3. Press ENTER to generate the *sagenv.new* file.

The generated *sagenv.new* file includes all environment variables required to use the selected products. If *sagenv.new* already exists, it is automatically renamed to *sagenv.old* and the previous *sagenv.old* is overwritten.

4. If you are performing an update installation (that is, you selected only the new products to be added to your existing *sagenv* file), use the concatenate command to append the *sagenv.new* to your existing *sagenv* file.

Step 3 - Select the Database Drivers

This step is the same as for a server installation; see [Step 3](#) of the UNIX server installation procedure.

Step 4 - Relink Natural on UNIX Client Machines

Regenerate your Natural nucleus with the selected Entire Access database drivers.

1. Change to the Natural build directory by entering the following command:

```
cd $NATDIR/$NATVERS/bin/build
```

2. Enter a command to build a new Natural nucleus that includes support for the database drivers selected in Step 3.

If you only require access to SQL databases with Natural, enter the command as follows:

```
make natural osx=yes
```

If you also require access to Adabas, enter the command as follows:

```
make natural osx=yes ada=yes
```

By default, Adabas is not included when Natural is relinked. If you do not specify a value for the `ada=` parameter, Adabas will not be linked into Natural and Natural Security will not function.

3. To copy this new Natural file into the `bin` directory, enter the following command:

```
make install
```

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This section describes how to install the Entire Access client component under Windows. It covers the following topics:

The client installation is not necessary if a complete server installation has been performed from the Entire Access server CD and Natural Version 8.4 or above is used.

Before You Install

Please read the following information, before you proceed with the installation:

- [Client and Server Versions](#)
- [Client Hardware Requirements](#)
- [Other Software Requirements for Clients](#)

Client and Server Versions

See [*Client and Server Versions*](#) in the section *Installing a Server under UNIX*.

Client Hardware Requirements

The following are the minimum hardware requirements for using Entire Access:

- 512 MB of RAM,
- about 10 MB of available hard-disk space (if all options are installed).

Other Software Requirements for Clients

The following products and versions are required in order to use Entire Access:

- For Natural clients, Natural Version 8.4 is recommended.
- For remote access, TCP/IP is required on both the client machine and the server machine.

In some cases, you can use third-party network products in conjunction with the ODBC driver.

See the section [*Remote Data Access Using Third-Party Network Products*](#).

Installation Procedure

Installation CDs

The Entire Access installation package contains two CDs:

- The server CD contains the Windows server component.
- The client CD contains the Windows client components only.

Installation Steps

To install the Entire Access client component under Windows, copy the client API and driver files from the client CD to the *BIN* directory where Natural has been installed, as follows:

1. Insert the client CD.
2. Change to the Windows directory on the CD.
3. Copy the following files from the client CD to the *BIN* directory where Natural is installed:

- VTXAPI32.DLL
- VTX3.DLL
- VTX11.DLL
- VTX3.EXE
- VTX11.EXE
- VTXSSL.DLL (if OpenSSL is to be used)

8 Defining Data Sources to Natural

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You have to define the data sources which your application programs are to access. This section describes how to define data sources to Natural clients. It covers the following topics:

Natural Global Configuration File

Each data source must be defined in the Natural global configuration file NATCONF.CFG. For more information about modifying the Natural configuration file, see the installation instructions for Natural.

The steps for defining the data sources are the same on all client platforms:

1. Access the Natural global configuration file (NATCONF.CFG).
2. Define each data source to Natural.
3. Save the updated Natural global configuration file.

These steps are described below in detail for each client platform: UNIX and Windows.

Software AG recommends not to use a client machine as an RDBMS server.

UNIX Clients

Access the Natural Global Configuration File

To access the Natural global configuration file:

1. Enter the command `natparm` at the system prompt to display the **Natural Parameter Setting** menu.
2. Select **Configuration**; if this option is not displayed on the menu, you do not have authorization to modify the configuration files.
3. Select the **Global Configuration File** option.
4. Select the **DBMS Assignment** option to display the options for defining the data source(s), as described in the following section.

Define the Data Sources

The DBMS assignment includes the "connect string" that Entire Access uses to establish the connection with the data source.

Perform the following steps for each data source you wish to define:

1. In the **DBID** entry field, specify a unique database ID.
2. In the **DBMS Type** entry field, specify "SQL"; use this value for each data source.
3. In the **DBMS Parameter** entry field, specify a connect string as described below.
4. In the **Modify/Delete** entry field, enter "M" (Modify) and press ENTER .

Save the Updated Natural Global Configuration File

1. When you have defined all the data sources, exit the **DBMS Assignment** window.
2. Select the **Save to Global Configuration File** option and press ENTER.
3. Exit the **Natural Parameter Setting** function.

Windows Clients

Access the Natural Global Configuration File

To access the Natural global configuration file:

1. Invoke the Natural Configuration utility either by double-clicking on the **Natural Configuration Utility** icon in the Natural Program Group, or by entering the command `natparm` at the command prompt.
2. Select **Natural Configuration Files > Global Configuration File > DBMS Assignments**.

Define the Data Sources

The global DBMS assignment includes the "connect string" that Entire Access uses to establish the connection with the data source.

Repeat the following series of steps for each data source you wish to define:

1. In the **DBID** field, specify a unique database ID.
2. In the **DBMS Type** field, specify "SQL". Use this value for each data source.
3. In the **DBMS Parameter** field, specify a connect string as described in the following sections.

Save the Updated Natural Global Configuration File

When you have defined all the data sources, save the global configuration file.

Local Client Connect Strings

A local connect string is used when the client application and the server are located on the same UNIX or Windows machine.

Syntax for Local Client Connect Strings

The syntax for a local database connect string is as follows: *dbms:db-name*.

<i>dbms</i>	Specifies the Entire Access database driver to be used and is required.
<i>db-name</i>	Must be the name that was specified when the database was created. It is required by most, but not all, databases and may or may not be case-sensitive. Oracle, for example, uses TNS names. For ODBC connections, use the data-source name instead of the database name.

Samples of Local Client Connect Strings for UNIX

The following table lists data sources and corresponding connect strings:

Data Source	Client Connect String
Adabas D 15	AAD15:mydb
DataDirect ODBC	ODBCINT:mydsn
DB2	DB2:shand
Informix	INF:shand
Oracle	ORA:mytns
Sybase CTLIB	SYBCT:pubs2
Sybase DBLIB	SYBDB:pubs2



Note: The driver names are case-sensitive. For example, the name of the Oracle RDBMS driver is *ORA.so*. It uses *ORA* in the connect string. *ORA* is an executable that is used by the RDBMS server program "serversingle" (dispatcher) to load the *ORA.so* shareable library. The individual shareable-library RDBMS drivers for local access are created via the *osxlibs.sh* utility. After running the *osxlibs.sh* script, the *ORA.so* shareable library exists, and the *ORA:connect* string states that the *ORA* executable should be loaded. The *ORA* executable then loads the *ORA.so* shareable library.

Samples of Local Client Connect Strings for Windows

The following table lists data sources and corresponding connect strings:

Data Source	Client Connect String
Adabas D 15	AAD15:DATABASE
DB2	DB2:SAMPLE
Informix	INF:stores9
MS SQL Server 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019	MSSQLODBC:datasource (see Note 1 below)
MS SQL Server 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019	MSSQLODBCN:datasource (see Note 2 below)
Oracle	ORA:mytns
Sybase CTLIB	SYBCT:pubs2
Sybase DBLIB	SYBDB:pubs2
ODBC	ODBC:datasource



Notes:

1. If this connect string is used, `datasource` has to be defined as an ODBC data source using the Microsoft ODBC Administrator. Natural 8.4 or above is a prerequisite.
2. If this connect string is used, `datasource` has to be defined as SQL Server native client data source using the Microsoft ODBC Administrator. Natural 8.4 or above is a prerequisite.

Remote Client Connect Strings

The remote connect string is the same for all client platforms.

Syntax for Remote Client Connect Strings

For remote access to UNIX, Windows and z/OS RDBMS servers, connect the Entire Access network component by specifying "NET":

```
NET:[db-name]@server-number:host-name!driver
```

<i>db-name</i>	Must be the name that was specified when the data source was created. It is required by most, but not all, data sources and may or may not be case-sensitive. Oracle, for example, uses TNS names.
<i>server-number</i>	Is a 4-digit number from 1025 to 9999 which identifies the server daemon; it must match the server number you specify when you start the server daemon. See also <i>Default Server Numbers for Windows</i> below.
<i>host-name</i>	Identifies the host machine on which the server runs. Enter either the name (as specified in the <i>/etc/hosts</i> file) or the Internet address (in <i>nn.nn.nn.nn</i> format) of the host.
<i>driver</i>	Specifies the database driver to be used.

Default Server Numbers for Windows

The following table shows the default server number for each Windows platform:

Platform	Server Number
Windows 2000 servers	2000
Entire Access Service server	2001
Windows 2000 or Windows 2003 multithreaded servers (support for multithreaded servers is limited; the standard Windows 2000 or Windows 2003 server may be required).	2022



Note: The Entire Access server number correlates directly with a TCP/IP socket port number.

Samples of Remote Client Connect Strings for UNIX

The following table lists data sources and corresponding connect strings:

Data Source	Client Connect String
Adabas D 15	NET:mydb@2002:myhp!AAD15
DataDirect ODBC	NET:mydsn@2004:mysun!ODBCINT
DB2 9	NET:sas@1994:mywin!DB2
DB2 10	NET:sas@2000:myredhat!DB2
Informix	NET:shand@1986:mylinux!INF
Oracle	NET:mytns@2006:mylinux!ORA
Sybase 15 CTLIB	NET:pubs2@1984:myaix!SYBCT
Sybase 15 DBLIB	NET:pubs2@1985:mylinux!SYBDB

Samples of Remote Client Connect Strings for Windows

The following table lists data sources and corresponding connect strings:

Data Source	Client Connect String
Adabas D 15.0	NET:DATABASE@2050:dbhost!AAD15
DB2	NET:SAMPLE@2050:dbhost!DB2
Informix	NET:stores9@2050:dbhost!INF
MS SQL Server 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019	NET:datasource@2050:dbhost!MSSQLODBC (see Note 1 below)
MS SQL Server 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019	NET:datasource@2050:dbhost!MSSQLODBCN (see Note 2 below)
Oracle	NET:mytns@2050:dbhost!ORA
Sybase CTLIB	NET:pubs2@2050!SYBCT
Sybase DBLIB	NET:pubs2@2050!SYBDB
UNIX ODBC Generic	NET:datasource@7898:dbhost!ODBCINT
Windows ODBC Generic	NET:datasource@2050:dbhost!ODBCNET



Notes:

1. If this connect string is used, `datasource` has to be defined as an ODBC data source on `dbhost` using the Microsoft ODBC Administrator. Natural 8.4 or above is a prerequisite.
2. If this connect string is used, `datasource` has to be defined as an SQL Server native client data source on `dbhost` using the Microsoft ODBC Administrator. Natural 8.4 or above is a prerequisite.

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This section covers the following topics:

Accessing Data Sources from Clients

The connect strings used to access data sources on a Windows server are the same for all UNIX and Windows client platforms.

➤ To access a local data source:

- 1 Start the database(s).
- 2 Start the client application.

➤ To access a remote data source:

- 1 Start the database(s) on the remote Windows server.
- 2 Start the Windows server daemon.
- 3 Start the client application.

Server Daemons

This section describes how to start the server daemons using the icons installed with Entire Access or the Windows Start menu.

To start, ping, or stop the Windows server daemon or the multithreaded server, double-click on the appropriate icon (see the table below).

Alternatively, from the **Start** menu, you can choose **Programs > Entire Access n.n.n**, and Start, Ping or Stop it.

Server Type	Default Server Number	Icons Created During Installation
Singlethreaded Server	2000	Start Singlethreaded Server Ping Singlethreaded Server Stop Singlethreaded Server
Multithreaded Server	2022	Start Multithreaded Server Ping Multithreaded Server Stop Multithreaded Server

To select a server number other than the default value, you have to edit the batch file.



Note: Two additional icons are created during the installation procedure for pinging and stopping remote servers.

10 Using Entire Access as Service under Windows

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Entire Access can be configured as service so that the Entire Access server can be automatically started during system startup time. The registration of the Entire Access service to the Windows service control manager is already done during the installation of Entire Access.

This section covers the following topics:

Installing an Entire Access Service under Windows

The Entire Access service consists of two files which can be found in the Entire Access *bin* directory after the installation procedure has finished:

- *sagosx.exe*: This is the service itself.
- *sagosx.cfg*: This is the service configuration file.

First the service has to be registered to the Windows service control manager.

This is done by typing the command

```
sagosx -install
```

at any command prompt. This step has usually already been performed by the installation procedure.

The service can be de-registered again with the command

```
sagosx -remove
```

This is usually done during the de-installation of Entire Access.

Starting the Service

The service is started from the **Start** menu as follows:

Start > Settings > Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Services > Entire Access Service.

1. Highlight the Entire Access Service.
2. Press the **Start** button of the service.

During the starting process the Entire Access service is executing the commands from the *sagosx.cfg* configuration file. Per default the relevant part of the configuration file is as follows:

```
# Start listener on port 2001  
serversingle.exe -p2001
```

This command would start a serversingle listener process on port 2001. Generally, lines in the configuration file can either be commands, environment variable settings or comments. Therefore, a more complex example for a configuration file could look like the following example:

```
# First set environment variables  
ORACLE_HOME=d:\db\ora12  
ORACLE_SID=mysid  
# Start listener on port 4711  
serversingle.exe -p4711  
# Start second listener on port 4712  
serversingle.exe -p4712
```

The Entire Access service always searches for the file *sagosx.cfg* in the same directory where the corresponding *sagosx.exe* file is located. However, it is possible to specify a Windows environment variable **ENTIRE_ACCESS_SERVICE_FILE** that points directly to the configuration file. When using an environment variable, the file can be located in any desired location; e.g. setting **ENTIRE_ACCESS_SERVICE_FILE=d:\mydir\myfile.cfg** would force the Entire Access service to read the configuration from the file *myfile.cfg* in the directory *d:\mydir*.

Starting the Service Automatically

The Entire Access service can be configured to start automatically during a system startup. This can be achieved using the **Start** menu as follows:

Start > Settings > Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Services > Entire Access Service.

1. To open the **Properties** box of the service, double-click the Entire Access Service.
2. Select the Startup type **Automatic** on the tab **General**.

Stopping the Service

The service is stopped from the **Start** menu as follows:

Start > Settings > Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Services > Entire Access Service.

1. Highlight the Entire Access Service.
2. Press the **Stop** button of the service.

When the Entire Access service is stopped, all previously started listener processes as specified in the configuration file will also be stopped.

11 Supplying User ID and Password

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This section describes the use of Natural variables, which are not part of Entire Access. It covers the following topics:

General Authentication Information

If your RDBMS requires a user ID and password, you can specify them either before starting the Natural session or during the Natural session.

When you submit your user ID and password using environment variables before starting the Natural session, the prompt window is suppressed and the program executes without interruption.

Otherwise, when you access a database for the first time during a session, a window appears and prompts you for your database user ID and password. The Natural program stops executing until you enter a valid ID and password.

Before starting a Natural session, clients can specify the desired type of authentication, using the environment variable `SQL_DATABASE_LOGIN`:

```
SQL_DATABASE_LOGIN=authentication-type
```

where `authentication-type` can be one of the following:

- `DB` = database authentication (the default),
- `OS` = operating-system authentication,
- `DB_OS` = both database and operating-system authentication.

Clients can then specify user ID and password using the environment variables for database authentication `SQL_DATABASE_USER` and `SQL_DATABASE_PASSWORD`, or the environment variables for operating-system authentication `SQL_OS_USER` and `SQL_OS_PASSWORD`, or both.

Once the Natural session starts, only database authentication (the default) is available for clients. The `SQLCONNECT` statement (see the *Natural Statements* documentation) makes it possible to specify user IDs and passwords dynamically so that you can access different databases within a single Natural session. User ID and password can be specified either before or after the Natural session starts.

Operating-system authentication is only possible for remote connect strings.

 **Note:** The authentication details can also be set by the Natural Configuration Utility (`NATPARM`). Here it is possible to make DBID-specific settings. See the *Natural Configuration Utility* documentation for further details.

UNIX Clients

Authentication Type

To set the authentication type, set the following environment variable in your login procedure:

```
SQL_DATABASE_LOGIN=authentication-type
export SQL_DATABASE_LOGIN
```

Database Authentication

For database authentication, set the following environment variables in your login procedure:

```
SQL_DATABASE_USER=db-user-id
SQL_DATABASE_PASSWORD=db-password
export SQL_DATABASE_USER SQL_DATABASE_PASSWORD
```



Note: If you want to access multiple databases from a single user session, your user ID and password must be the same for each database.

Operating-System Authentication

For operating-system authentication, set the following environment variables in your login procedure:

```
SQL_OS_USER=os-user-id
SQL_OS_PASSWORD=os-password
export SQL_OS_USER SQL_OS_PASSWORD
```

Windows Clients

Authentication Type

To set the authentication type, set the following environment variable:

```
SET SQL_DATABASE_LOGIN=authentication-type
```

Database Authentication

For database authentication, set the following environment variables:

```
SET SQL_DATABASE_USER=db-user-id  
SET SQL_DATABASE_PASSWORD=db-password
```

 **Note:** If you want to access multiple databases from a single user session, your user ID and password must be the same for each database.

Operating-System Authentication

For operating-system authentication, set the following environment variables:

```
SET SQL_OS_USER=os-user-id  
SET SQL_OS_PASSWORD=os-password
```

Windows Server

Depending on how your Windows server utilizes Domain Name Services (DNS), operating-system authentication may or may not be possible. The system administrator should proceed as follows:

1. Use a valid Windows user ID of 8 characters or fewer.
2. Before starting serversingle, set the VORTEX_AUTH_DOMAIN=<domain_name_server> where <domain_name_server> is the Domain Name Server used by your Windows server.
3. Enable access to the Domain Name Server for the connecting user by logging on as a batch job.
4. To enable the attribute **Log on as a batch job**, check the option **Show Advanced User Rights**.
5. Ensure that both the user and the Administrator are added to the Administrators and any Domain groups. For example:

Administrative Tools (Common)
User Manager for Domains
Policies
User Rights . . .

User Rights Policy
Domain: OSXDEV
Right: Log on as a batch job
Grant To: Administrator
Administrators
Domain Admins
Domain Users
Everyone
NETWORK
your user-name
SQLExecutiveCmdExec(SQLExecutiveCmdExec)
Users

Show Advanced User Rights <checked>

Administrative Tools (Common)
User Manager for Domains
Administrator <double click>
Groups
Member of:
Administrators
Domain Admins
Domain Guests
Domain Users

Administrative Tools (Common)
User Manager for Domains
your user-name <double click>
Groups
Member of:
Administrators
Domain Admins
Domain Guests
Domain Users
Users

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This section covers the following topics:

Entire Access supports Natural SQL statements and most Natural DML statements. Natural DML and SQL statements can be used in the same Natural program. At compilation, if a DML statement references a DDM for a data source defined in `NATCONF.CFG` with DBMS type "SQL", Natural translates the DML statement into an SQL statement.

Natural converts DML and SQL statements into calls to Entire Access. Entire Access converts the requests to the data formats and SQL dialect required by the target RDBMS and passes the requests to the database driver.

For more information about Natural DML and SQL statements, see the Natural documentation.

Generating Natural DDMs

A Natural program can access a table or view in a relational database only if the structure has been defined to Natural. This is accomplished by creating a Natural data definition module (DDM) from the table or view.

To generate DDMs from SQL tables or views, you use the Natural DDM editor.

For details about generating DDMs and the DDM editor, see the Natural documentation.

Setting Natural Profile Parameters

ETEOP Parameter

This parameter can be set only by Natural administrators.

The Natural profile parameter `ETEOP` controls transaction processing during a Natural session. It is required, for example, if a single logical transaction is to span two or more Natural programs. In this case, Natural must *not* issue an `END TRANSACTION` command (that is, *not* "commit") at the termination of a Natural program.

If the `ETEOP` parameter is set to:

- `ON` - Natural issues an `END TRANSACTION` statement (that is, automatically "commits") at the end of a Natural program if the Natural session is not at ET status;
- `OFF` (the default) - Natural does *not* issue an `END TRANSACTION` command (that is, does not "commit") at the end of a Natural program. This setting thus enables a single logical transaction to span more than one Natural program.



Note: The ETEOP parameter applies to Natural Version 6.1 and above. With previous Natural versions, the Natural profile parameter OPRB has to be used instead of ETEOP (ETEOP=ON corresponds to OPRB=OFF, ETEOP=OFF corresponds to OPRB=NOOPEN).

Natural DML Statements

The following table shows how Natural translates DML statements into SQL statements:

DML Statement	SQL Statement
BACKOUT TRANSACTION	ROLLBACK
DELETE	DELETE WHERE CURRENT OF <i>cursor-name</i>
END TRANSACTION	COMMIT
EQUAL ... OR	IN (...)
EQUAL ... THRU ...	BETWEEN ... AND ...
FIND ALL	SELECT
FIND NUMBER	SELECT COUNT (*)
HISTOGRAM	SELECT COUNT (*)
READ LOGICAL	SELECT ... ORDER BY
READ PHYSICAL	SELECT ... ORDER BY
SORTED BY ... [DESCENDING]	ORDER BY ... [DESCENDING]
STORE	INSERT
UPDATE	UPDATE WHERE CURRENT OF <i>cursor-name</i>
WITH	WHERE



Note: Boolean and relational operators function the same way in DML and SQL statements.

Entire Access does not support the following DML statements and options:

DML Statement
CIPHER
COUPLED
FIND FIRST, FIND UNIQUE, FIND ... RETAIN AS
GET, GET SAME, GET TRANSACTION DATA, GET RECORD
PASSWORD
READ BY ISN
STORE USING/GIVING NUMBER

The following DML statements are covered in detail below:

- BACKOUT TRANSACTION
- DELETE
- END TRANSACTION
- FIND
- HISTOGRAM
- READ
- STORE
- UPDATE

BACKOUT TRANSACTION

Natural translates a BACKOUT TRANSACTION statement into an SQL ROLLBACK command. This statement reverses all database modifications made after the completion of the last recovery unit. A recovery unit may start at the beginning of a session or after the last END TRANSACTION (COMMIT) or BACKOUT TRANSACTION (ROLLBACK) statement.

Because all cursors are closed when a logical unit of work ends, do not place a BACKOUT TRANSACTION statement within a database loop; place it outside the loop or after the outermost loop of nested loops.

DELETE

The DELETE statement deletes a row from a database table that has been read with a preceding FIND, READ, or SELECT statement. It corresponds to the SQL statement DELETE WHERE CURRENT OF *cursor-name*, which means that only the last row that was read can be deleted.

Example:

```
FIND EMPLOYEES WITH NAME = 'SMITH'  
    AND FIRST_NAME = 'ROGER'  
DELETE
```

Natural translates the Natural statements above into the following SQL statements and assigns a cursor name (for example, CURSOR1). The SELECT statement and the DELETE statement refer to the same cursor.

```
SELECT FROM EMPLOYEES  
    WHERE NAME = 'SMITH' AND FIRST_NAME = 'ROGER'  
DELETE FROM EMPLOYEES  
    WHERE CURRENT OF CURSOR1
```

Natural translates a DELETE statement into an SQL DELETE statement the way it translates a FIND statement into an SQL SELECT statement. For details, see the FIND statement description below.

You cannot delete a row read with a FIND SORTED BY or READ LOGICAL statement. For an explanation, see the FIND and READ statement descriptions below.

END TRANSACTION

Natural translates an END TRANSACTION statement into an SQL COMMIT command. The END TRANSACTION statement indicates the end of a logical transaction, commits all modifications to the database, and releases data locked during the transaction.

Because all cursors are closed when a logical unit of work ends, do not place an END TRANSACTION statement within a database loop; place it outside the loop or after the outermost loop of nested loops.

The END TRANSACTION statement cannot be used to store transaction (ET) data when used with Entire Access.



Note: Entire Access does not issue a COMMIT automatically when the Natural program terminates.

FIND

Natural translates a FIND statement into an SQL SELECT statement. The SELECT statement is executed by an OPEN CURSOR command followed by a FETCH command. The FETCH command is executed repeatedly until all records have been read or the program exits the FIND processing loop. A CLOSE CURSOR command ends the SELECT processing.

Example:

Natural statements:

```
FIND EMPLOYEES WITH NAME = 'BLACKMORE'
    AND AGE EQ 20 THRU 40
OBTAIN PERSONNEL_ID NAME AGE
```

Equivalent SQL statement:

```
SELECT PERSONNEL_ID, NAME, AGE
  FROM EMPLOYEES
 WHERE NAME = 'BLACKMORE'
   AND AGE BETWEEN 20 AND 40
```

You can use any table column (field) designated as a descriptor to construct search criteria.

Natural translates the WITH clause of a FIND statement into the WHERE clause of an SQL SELECT statement. Natural evaluates the WHERE clause of the FIND statement *after* the rows have been selected

using the WITH clause. View fields may be used in a WITH clause only if they are designated as descriptors.

Natural translates a FIND NUMBER statement into an SQL SELECT statement containing a COUNT(*) clause. When you want to determine whether a record exists for a specific search condition, the FIND NUMBER statement provides better performance than the IF NO RECORDS FOUND clause.

A row read with a FIND statement containing a SORTED BY clause cannot be updated or deleted. Natural translates the SORTED BY clause of a FIND statement into the ORDER BY clause of an SQL SELECT statement, which produces a read-only result table.

HISTOGRAM

Natural translates the HISTOGRAM statement into an SQL SELECT statement. The HISTOGRAM statement returns the number of rows in a table that have the same value in a specific column. The number of rows is returned in the Natural system variable *NUMBER.

Example:

Natural statements:

```
HISTOGRAM EMPLOYEES FOR AGE  
OBTAIN AGE
```

Equivalent SQL statements:

```
SELECT AGE, COUNT(*) FROM EMPLOYEES  
GROUP BY AGE  
ORDER BY AGE
```

READ

Natural translates a READ statement into an SQL SELECT statement. Both READ PHYSICAL and READ LOGICAL statements can be used.

A row read with a READ LOGICAL statement (Example 1) cannot be updated or deleted. Natural translates a READ LOGICAL statement into the ORDER BY clause of an SQL SELECT statement, which produces a read-only result table.

A READ PHYSICAL statement (Example 2) can be updated or deleted. Natural translates it into a SQL SELECT statement without an ORDER BY clause.

Example 1:

Natural statements:

```
READ PERSONNEL BY NAME
OBTAIN NAME FIRSTNAME DATEOFBIRTH
```

Equivalent SQL statement:

```
SELECT NAME, FIRSTNAME, DATEOFBIRTH FROM PERSONNEL
  WHERE NAME >= ' '
    ORDER BY NAME
```

Example 2:

Natural statements:

```
READ PERSONNEL PHYSICAL
OBTAIN NAME
```

Equivalent SQL statement:

```
SELECT NAME FROM PERSONNEL
```

When a READ statement contains a WHERE clause, Natural evaluates the WHERE clause *after* the rows have been selected according to the search criterion.

STORE

The STORE statement adds a row to a database table. It corresponds to the SQL INSERT statement.

Example:

Natural statement:

```
STORE RECORD IN EMPLOYEES
  WITH PERSONNEL_ID = '2112'
      NAME        = 'LIFESON'
      FIRST_NAME   = 'ALEX'
```

Equivalent SQL statement:

```
INSERT INTO EMPLOYEES (PERSONNEL_ID, NAME, FIRST_NAME)
VALUES ('2112', 'LIFESON', 'ALEX')
```

UPDATE

The DML UPDATE statement updates a table row that has been read with a preceding FIND, READ, or SELECT statement. Natural translates the DML UPDATE statement into the SQL statement UPDATE WHERE CURRENT OF *cursor-name* (a positioned UPDATE statement), which means that only the last row that was read can be updated. In the case of nested loops, the last row in each nested loop can be updated.

UPDATE with FIND/READ

When a DML UPDATE statement is used after a Natural FIND statement, Natural translates the FIND statement into an SQL SELECT statement with a FOR UPDATE OF clause, and translates the DML UPDATE statement into an UPDATE WHERE CURRENT OF *cursor-name* statement.

Example:

```
FIND EMPLOYEES WITH SALARY < 5000
ASSIGN SALARY = 6000
UPDATE
```

Natural translates the Natural statements above into the following SQL statements and assigns a cursor name (for example, CURSOR1). The SELECT and UPDATE statements refer to the same cursor.

```
SELECT SALARY FROM EMPLOYEES WHERE SALARY < 5000
  FOR UPDATE OF SALARY
UPDATE EMPLOYEES SET SALARY = 6000
  WHERE CURRENT OF CURSOR1
```

You cannot update a row read with a FIND SORTED BY or READ LOGICAL statement. For an explanation, see the FIND and READ statement descriptions above.

An END TRANSACTION or BACKOUT TRANSACTION statement releases data locked by an UPDATE statement.

UPDATE with SELECT

The DML UPDATE statement can be used after a SELECT statement only in the following case:

```
SELECT *
  INTO VIEW view-name
```

Natural rejects any other form of the SELECT statement used with the DML UPDATE statement. Natural translates the DML UPDATE statement into a non-cursor or “searched” SQL UPDATE statement, which means than only an entire Natural view can be updated; individual columns cannot be updated.

In addition, the DML UPDATE statement can be used after a SELECT statement only in Natural structured mode, which has the following syntax:

```
UPDATE [RECORD] [IN] [STATEMENT] [(r)]
```

Example:

```
DEFINE DATA LOCAL
01 PERS VIEW OF SQL-PERSONNEL
  02 NAME
  02 AGE
END-DEFINE

SELECT *
  INTO VIEW PERS
  FROM SQL-PERSONNEL
  WHERE NAME LIKE 'S%'
  OBTAIN NAME

  IF NAME = 'SMITH'
    ADD 1 TO AGE
    UPDATE
  END-IF

END-SELECT
```

In other respects, the DML UPDATE statement works with the SELECT statement the way it works with the Natural FIND statement (see the section *UPDATE with FIND/READ* above).

Natural SQL Statements

The SQL statements available within the Natural programming language comprise two different sets of statements: the *common set* and the *extended set*.

The common set can be handled by each SQL-eligible database system supported by Natural. It basically corresponds to the standard SQL syntax definitions.

This section describes considerations and restrictions when using the common set of Natural SQL statements with Entire Access.

For a detailed description of the common set of Natural SQL statements, see the Natural documentation. For information about the extended set, see the documentation of the Natural interface for your database system.

The extended set is supported by Natural on mainframe computers only.

The following SQL statements are covered in detail below:

- [DELETE](#)
- [INSERT](#)
- [PROCESS SQL](#)
- [SELECT](#)
- [SELECT SINGLE](#)
- [UPDATE](#)

DELETE

The Natural SQL `DELETE` statement deletes rows in a table without using a cursor.

Whereas Natural translates the DML `DELETE` statement into a positioned `DELETE` statement (that is, an SQL `DELETE WHERE CURRENT OF cursor-name` statement), the Natural SQL `DELETE` statement is a non-cursor or searched `DELETE` statement. A searched `DELETE` statement is a stand-alone statement unrelated to any `SELECT` statement.

INSERT

The `INSERT` statement adds rows to a table; it corresponds to the Natural `STORE` statement.

PROCESS SQL

The `PROCESS SQL` statement issues SQL statements in a “statement-string” to the database identified by a *ddm-name*.

It is not possible to run database loops using the `PROCESS SQL` statement.

See the Natural documentation for more information.

Parameters

Natural Version 4.1 supports the `INDICATOR` and `LINDICATOR` clauses. As an alternative, the statement-string may include parameters. The syntax item *parameter* is syntactically defined as follows:

<code>[:<u> </u>] :host-variable</code>
<code>[:G] :host-variable</code>

A *host-variable* is a Natural program variable referenced in an SQL statement.

SET SQLOPTION option = value

With Entire Access, you can also specify `SET SQLOPTION option=value` as statement-string. This can be used to specify various options for accessing SQL databases. The options apply only to the database referenced by the `PROCESS SQL` statement.

Supported *options* are:

- `DATEFORMAT`
- `DBPROCESS` (for Sybase only)
- `EXIO_RESULT_SETS` (for DB2 only)
- `RAW_DATETIME`
- `TIMEOUT` (for Sybase only)
- `TRANSACTION` (for Sybase only)

DATEFORMAT

This option specifies the format used to retrieve SQL Date and Datetime information into Natural fields of type A. The option is obsolete if Natural fields of type D or T are used. A subset of the Natural date and time edit masks can be used:

YYYY	Year (4 digits)
YY	Year (2 digits)
MM	Month
DD	Day
HH	Hour
II	Minute
SS	Second

If the date format contains blanks, it must be enclosed in apostrophes.

Examples:

To use ISO date format, specify

```
PROCESS SQL sql-ddm << SET SQLOPTION DATEFORMAT = YYYY-MM-DD >>
```

To obtain date and time components in ISO format, specify

```
PROCESS SQL sql-ddm << SET SQLOPTION DATEFORMAT = 'YYYY-MM-DD HH:II:SS' >>
```

The DATEFORMAT is evaluated only if data are retrieved from the database. If data are passed to the database, the conversion is done by the database system. Therefore, the format specified with DATEFORMAT should be a valid date format of the underlying database.

If no DATEFORMAT is specified for Natural fields,

- the default date format DD-MON-YY is used (where MON is a 3-letter abbreviation of the English month name) and
- the following default datetime formats are used:

Adabas D	YYYYMMDDHHIISS
DB2	YYYY-MM-DD-HH.II.SS
INFORMIX	YYYY-MM-DD HH:II:SS
ODBC	YYYY-MM-DD HH:II:SS
ORACLE	YYYYMMDDHHIISS
SYBASE DBLIB	YYYYMMDD HH:II:SS
SYBASE CTLIB	YYYYMMDD HH:II:SS
other	DD-MON-YY

DBPROCESS

This option is valid for Sybase databases only.

This option is used to influence the allocation of SQL statements to Sybase DBPROCESSES. DBPROCESSES are used by Entire Access to emulate database cursors, which are not provided by the Sybase DBlib interface. Two values are possible: **MULTIPLE** (default) and **SINGLE**. The specified value can only be changed if no database loop is active.

With DBPROCESS set to **MULTIPLE**, each SELECT statement uses its own secondary DBPROCESS, whereas all other SQL statements are executed within the primary DBPROCESS. The value **MULTIPLE** therefore enables your application to execute further SQL statements, even if a database loop is open. It also allows nested database loops.

With DBPROCESS set to **SINGLE**, all SQL statements use the same (that is, the primary) DBPROCESS. It is therefore not possible to execute a new database statement while a database loop is active, because one DBPROCESS can only execute one SQL batch at a time. Since all statements are executed in the same (primary) DBPROCESS, however, this setting enables SELECTions from non-shared temporary tables.



Note: As the DBPROCESS option only applies to the Sybase DBlib interface, your application should use a central CALLNAT statement to change the value (at least for **SINGLE**), so that you can easily remove these calls once Sybase client libraries are supported. Your application should also use a central error handling that establishes the default setting (**MULTIPLE**).

EXIO_RESULT_SETS

This option is valid for DB2 databases only.

DB2 allows the definition of stored procedures that have output parameters specified and that return a result set at the same time. If such a stored procedure is to be called via the CALLDPROC statement, then this functionality has to be enabled by setting EXIO_RESULT_SETS to YES.

Examples:

To enable output parameters and result sets at the same time in stored procedure calls, issue the following statement:

```
PROCESS SQL sq1-ddm << SET SQLOPTION EXIO_RESULT_SETS = YES >>
```

To disable output parameters and result sets at the same time in stored procedure calls, issue the following statement (this is the default):

```
PROCESS SQL sq1-ddm << SET SQLOPTION EXIO_RESULT_SETS = NO >>
```



Note: Only one result set can be returned. Do not use stored procedures that return more than one result set.

RAW_DATETIME

This option is available as of Natural Version 8.3.4. It is used to enable/disable the date/time conversion in Entire Access and Natural when date and time values are read from a database. It should only be used if date/time values are read into alphanumeric fields, but not if they are read into date/time fields.

If this option is set to NO (this is the default), Entire Access converts date and time values according to the given date/time format masks. If it is set to YES, date/time values are provided in the format which is enabled in the database.

Examples:

To enable date/time conversion, specify:

```
PROCESS SQL sql-ddm << SET SQLOPTION RAW_DATETIME = NO >>
```

To disable date/time conversion, specify:

```
PROCESS SQL sql-ddm << SET SQLOPTION RAW_DATETIME = YES >>
```

TIMEOUT

This option is valid for Sybase databases only.

With Sybase, Entire Access uses a timeout technique to detect database-access deadlocks. The default timeout period is 8 seconds. With this option, you can change the duration of the timeout period (in seconds).

For example, to set the timeout period to 30 seconds, specify

```
PROCESS SQL sql-ddm << SET SQLOPTION TIMEOUT = 30 >>
```

TRANSACTION

This option is valid for Sybase databases only.

This option is used to enable or disable transaction mode. It becomes effective after the next END TRANSACTION or BACKOUT TRANSACTION statement.

If transaction mode is enabled (this is the default), Natural automatically issues all required statements to begin a transaction.

Examples:

To disable transaction mode, specify:

```
PROCESS SQL sql-ddm << SET SQLOPTION TRANSACTION = NO >>
...
END TRANSACTION
```

To enable transaction mode, specify:

```
PROCESS SQL sql-ddm << SET SQLOPTION TRANSACTION = YES >>
...
END TRANSACTION
```

SQLDISCONNECT

With Entire Access, you can also specify `SQLDISCONNECT` as the statement-string. In combination with the `SQLCONNECT` statement (see below), this statement can be used to access different databases by one application within the same session, by simply connecting and disconnecting as required.

A successfully performed `SQLDISCONNECT` statement clears the information previously provided by the `SQLCONNECT` statement; that is, it disconnects your application from the currently connected SQL database determined by the DBID of the DDM used in the `PROCESS SQL` statement. If no connection is established, the `SQLDISCONNECT` statement is ignored. It will fail if a transaction is open.



Note: If Natural reports an error in the `SQLDISCONNECT` statement, the connection status does not change. If the database reports an error, the connection status is undefined.

SQLCONNECT option = value

With Entire Access, you can also specify `SQLCONNECT option=value` as the statement-string. This statement can be used to establish a connection to an SQL database according to the DBID specified in the DDM addressed by the `PROCESS SQL` statement. The `SQLCONNECT` statement will fail if the specified connection is already established.



Note: If the `SQLCONNECT` statement fails, the connection status does not change.

Supported options are:

- `USERID`
- `PASSWORD`
- `OS_PASSWORD`
- `OS_USERID`
- `DBMS_PARAMETER`

If several options are specified, they must be separated by a comma. The options are evaluated as described below.

The specified value can be either a character literal or a Natural variable of format A. If Natural performs an implicit reconnect, because the connection to the database was lost, the values provided by the SQLCONNECT statement are used.

USERID and PASSWORD

Specifying `USERID` and `PASSWORD` for the database logon suppresses the default logon window and the evaluation of the environment variables `SQL_DATABASE_USER` and `SQL_DATABASE_PASSWORD`.

If only `USERID` is specified, `PASSWORD` is assumed to be blank, and vice versa. If neither `USERID` nor `PASSWORD` is specified, default logon processing applies.

 **Note:** With database systems that do not require user ID and password, a blank user ID and password can be specified to suppress the default logon processing.

OS_USERID and OS_PASSWORD

Specifying `OS_PASSWORD` and `OS_USERID` for the operating system logon suppresses the logon window and the evaluation of the environment variables `SQL_OS_USER` and `SQL_OS_PASSWORD`.

If only `OS_USERID` is specified, `OS_PASSWORD` is assumed to be blank, and vice versa. If neither `OS_USERID` nor `OS_PASSWORD` is specified, default logon processing applies.

 **Note:** With operating systems that do not require user ID and password, a blank user ID and password can be specified to suppress the default logon processing.

DBMS_PARAMETER

Specifying `DBMS_PARAMETER` dynamically overwrites the DBMS Parameter definition in the Natural global configuration file.

Examples:

```
PROCESS SQL sql-ddm << SQLCONNECT USERID = 'DBA', PASSWORD = 'SECRET' >>
```

This example connects to the database specified in the Natural global configuration file with user ID "DBA" and password "SECRET".

```

DEFINE DATA LOCAL
1 #UID  (A20)
1 #PWD  (A20)
END-DEFINE

INPUT 'Please enter ADABAS D user ID and password' / #UID / #PWD

PROCESS SQL sql-ddm << SQLCONNECT USERID = : #UID,
           PASSWORD          = : #PWD,
           DBMS_PARAMETER     = 'ADABASD:mydb'
      >>

```

This example connects to the Adabas D database "mydb" with the user ID and password taken from the INPUT statement.

```

PROCESS SQL sql-ddm << SQLCONNECT USERID = ' ', PASSWORD = ' ',
           DBMS_PARAMETER = 'DB2:EXAMPLE' >>

```

This example connects to the DB2 database "EXAMPLE" without specifying user ID and password (since these are not required by DB2, which uses the operating system user ID).

SELECT

The INTO clause and scalar operators for the SELECT statement either are RDBMS-specific and do not conform to the standard SQL syntax definitions (the Natural common set), or impose restrictions when used with Entire Access.

Entire Access does not support the INDICATOR and LINDICATOR clauses in the INTO clause. Thus, Entire Access requires the following syntax for the INTO clause:

INTO { *parameter*, ... }

VIEW {*view-name*}, ... }

The concatenation operator (||) does not belong to the common set and is therefore not supported by Entire Access.

See the Natural documentation for more information.

SELECT SINGLE

The `SELECT SINGLE` statement provides the functionality of a non-cursor `SELECT` operation (singleton `SELECT`); that is, a `SELECT` statement that retrieves a maximum of one row without using a cursor.

This statement is similar to the Natural `FIND UNIQUE` statement. However, Natural automatically checks the number of rows returned. If more than one row is selected, Natural returns an error message.

If your RDBMS does not support dynamic execution of a non-cursor `SELECT` operation, the Natural `SELECT SINGLE` statement is executed like a set-level `SELECT` statement, which results in a cursor operation. However, Natural still checks the number of returned rows and issues an error message if more than one row is selected.

UPDATE

The Natural SQL `UPDATE` statement updates rows in a table without using a cursor.

Whereas Natural translates the DML `UPDATE` statement into a positioned `UPDATE` statement (that is, the SQL `UPDATE WHERE CURRENT OF cursor-name` statement), the Natural SQL `UPDATE` statement is a non-cursor or searched `UPDATE` statement. A searched `UPDATE` statement is a stand-alone statement unrelated to any `SELECT` statement.

Flexible SQL

Flexible SQL allows you to use arbitrary RDBMS-specific SQL syntax extensions. Flexible SQL can be used as a replacement for any of the following syntactical SQL items:

- atom
- column reference
- scalar expression
- condition

The Natural compiler does not recognize the SQL text used in flexible SQL; it simply copies the SQL text (after substituting values for the *host variables*, which are Natural program variables referenced in an SQL statement) into the SQL string that it passes to the RDBMS. Syntax errors in flexible SQL text are detected at runtime when the RDBMS executes the string.

Note the following characteristics of flexible SQL:

- It is enclosed in "<<" and ">>" characters and can include arbitrary SQL text and host variables.
- Host variables *must* be prefixed by a colon (:).
- The SQL string can cover several statement lines; comments are permitted.

Flexible SQL can also be used between the clauses of a select expression:

```
SELECT selection
<< ... >>
INTO ...
FROM ...
<< ... >>
WHERE ...
<< ... >>
GROUP BY ...
<< ... >>
HAVING ...
<< ... >>
ORDER BY ...
<< ... >>
```

Examples:

```
SELECT NAME
FROM EMPLOYEES
WHERE << MONTH (BIRTH) >> = << MONTH (CURRENT_DATE) >>
```

```
SELECT NAME
FROM EMPLOYEES
WHERE << MONTH (BIRTH) = MONTH (CURRENT_DATE) >>
```

```
SELECT NAME
FROM EMPLOYEES
WHERE SALARY > 50000
<< INTERSECT
    SELECT NAME
    FROM EMPLOYEES
    WHERE DEPT = 'DEPT10'
>>
```

RDBMS-Specific Requirements and Restrictions

This section discusses restrictions and special requirements for Natural and some RDBMSs used with Entire Access.

Case-Sensitive Database Systems

In case-sensitive database systems, use lower-case characters for table and column names, as all names specified in a Natural program are automatically converted to lower-case.

 **Note:** This restriction does not apply when you use flexible SQL.

Sybase and Microsoft SQL Server

To execute SQL statements against Sybase and Microsoft SQL Server, you must use one or more DBPROCESS structures. A DBPROCESS can execute SQL command batches.

A command batch is a sequence of SQL statements. Statements must be executed in the sequence in which they are defined in the command batch. If a statement (for example, a SELECT statement) returns a result, you must execute the statement first and then fetch the rows one by one. Once you execute the next statement from the command batch, you can no longer fetch rows from the previous query.

With Sybase and Microsoft SQL Server, an application can use more than one DBPROCESS structure; therefore, it is possible to have nested queries if you use a separate DBPROCESS for each query. Because Sybase and Microsoft SQL Server lock data for each DBPROCESS, however, an application that uses more than one DBPROCESS can deadlock itself. Natural times out in case of a deadlock.

How Natural Statements are Converted to Database Calls

Natural uses one DBPROCESS for each open query and another DBPROCESS for all other SQL statements (UPDATE, DELETE, INSERT, ...).

If a query is referenced by a positioned UPDATE or DELETE statement, Natural automatically appends the FOR BROWSE clause to the generated SELECT statement to allow UPDATES while rows are being read.

For a positioned UPDATE or DELETE statement, the SYBASE “dbqual” function is used to generate the following search condition:

```
WHERE unique-index = value AND tsequal (timestamp, old-timestamp)
```

This search condition can be used to reselect the current row from the query. The tsequal function checks whether the row has been updated by another user.

Natural Restrictions with Sybase and Microsoft SQL Server

The following restrictions apply when using Natural with Sybase and Microsoft SQL Server.

Case-Sensitivity

Sybase and Microsoft SQL Server are case-sensitive, and Natural passes parameters in lower-case. Thus, if your Sybase and Microsoft SQL Server tables or fields are defined in upper-case or mixed case, you must use database SYNONYMs or Natural flexible SQL.

Positioned UPDATE and DELETE Statements

To support positioned UPDATE and DELETE statements, the table to be accessed must have a unique index and a timestamp column. In addition, the timestamp column must not be included in the select list of the query.

Querying Rows

Sybase and Microsoft SQL Server lock pages, and locked pages are owned by DBPROCESS structures.

Pages locked by an active DBPROCESS cannot subsequently be read (by the same or another DBPROCESS) until the lock is released by an END TRANSACTION or BACKOUT TRANSACTION statement.

Therefore, if you have updated, inserted, or deleted a row in a table:

- Do not start a new SELECT (FIND, READ, ...) loop against the same table.
- Do not fetch additional rows from a query that references the same table if the SELECT statement has no FOR BROWSE clause.

Natural automatically appends the FOR BROWSE clause if the query is referenced by a positioned UPDATE or DELETE statement.

Transaction/Non-Transaction Mode

Sybase and Microsoft SQL Server differentiate between transaction and non-transaction mode. In transaction mode, Natural connects to the database allowing INSERTs, UPDATEs and DELETEs to be issued; thus, commands that run in non-transaction mode, for example, CREATE TABLE, cannot be issued.

Stored Procedures

It is possible to use stored procedures in Sybase and Microsoft SQL Server using the PROCESS SQL statement. However, the stored procedures must *not* contain

- commands that work only in non-transaction mode; or
- return values.

Data-Type Conversion

When a Natural program accesses data in a relational database, Entire Access converts RDBMS-specific data types to Natural data formats, and vice versa. The RDBMS data types and their corresponding Natural data formats are described in the *Natural DDM Editor* documentation under *Data Conversion for RDBMS*.

The date/time or datetime format specific to a particular database can be converted into the Natural formats D and T; see the section *Date/Time Conversion* below.

Date/Time Conversion

The RDBMS-specific date/time or datetime format can be converted into the Natural formats D and T.

To use this conversion, you first have to edit the Natural DDM to change the date or time field formats from A(lphanumeric) to D(ate) or T(ime). The SLOPTION DATEFORMAT is obsolete for fields with format D or T.

-  **Note:** Date or time fields converted to Natural D(ate)/T(ime) format must not be mixed with those converted to Natural A(lphanumeric) format.

For update commands, Natural converts the Natural Date and Time format to the database-dependent representation of DATE/TIME/DATETIME to a precision level of seconds.

For retrieval commands, Natural converts the returned database-dependent character representation to the internal Natural Date or Time format; see conversion tables below.

For Natural Date variables, the time portion is ignored and initialized to zero.

For Natural Time variables, tenth of seconds are ignored and initialized to zero.

-  **Note:** For retrieval commands, the date component of Natural Time is not ignored and is initialized to 0000-01-02 (YYYY-MM-DD) if the RDBMS's time format does not contain a date component.

Conversion Tables

Adabas D

RDBMS Formats	Natural Date	Natural Time
DATE	YYYYMMDD	
TIME		00HHIIS

DB2

RDBMS Formats	Natural Date	Natural Time
DATE	YYYY - MM - DD	
TIME		HH.II.SS

Informix

RDBMS Formats	Natural Date	Natural Time
DATETIME, year to day	YYYY - MM - DD	
DATETIME, year to second (other formats are not supported)		YYYY - MM - DD - HH : II : SS *

ODBC

RDBMS Formats	Natural Date	Natural Time
DATE	YYYY - MM - DD	
TIME		HH : II : SS

Oracle

RDBMS Formats	Natural Date	Natural Time
DATE (Oracle session parameter NLS_DATE_FORMAT is set to YYYYMMDDHH24MISS)	YYYYMMDD000000 (Oracle time component is set to null for update commands and ignored for retrieval commands.)	YYYYMMDDHHIIS *

Sybase

RDBMS Formats	Natural Date	Natural Time
DATETIME	YYYYMMDD	YYYYMMDD HH:II:SS *

* When comparing two time values, remember that the date components may have different values.

Obtaining Diagnostic Information

If the database returns an error while being accessed, you can call the non-Natural program CMOSQERR to obtain diagnostic information about the error, using the following syntax:

```
CALL 'CMOSQERR' parm1 parm2
```

The parameters are:

Parameter	Format/Length	Contents
<i>parm1</i>	I4	The number of the error returned by the database.
<i>parm2</i>	A70	The text of the error returned by the database.

13 DataDirect ODBC on UNIX

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This section provides examples for using DataDirect ODBC on UNIX systems:

The examples apply specifically to HP-UX and can be customized for other UNIX systems.

Please note that some versions of DataDirect ODBC may issue the following warning when connected:

```
[ODBC SQL Server driver] Error on input or output to a file. No such file or
directory. Additional Information /opt/odbc/odbc.ini.
```

To bypass this error message, set the following environment variables on the server side before starting the DataDirect ODBC server:

```
VORTEX_HOST_LOGFILE=/tmp/host
VORTEX_HOST_LOGOPTS=FULL
export VORTEX_HOST_LOGFILE VORTEX_HOST_LOGOPTS
```

"chatr" Requirement for ODBC Server

```
$ chatr +s enable osxhost.odbccnt
osxhost.odbccnt:
  current values:
    shared executable
    shared library dynamic path search:
      SHLIB_PATH      disabled second
      embedded path  disabled first Not Defined
    internal name:
      osxhost.odbccnt
  shared library list:
    dynamic   /opt/odbc/lib/libodbc.sl
    dynamic   /opt/odbc/lib/libodbcinst.sl
    dynamic   /usr/lib/libC.1
    dynamic   /usr/lib/libM.1
    dynamic   /usr/lib/libdld.1
    dynamic   /usr/lib/libc.1
  shared library binding:
    deferred
  static branch prediction disabled
  data page size: 4K
  instruction page size: 4K
new values:
  shared executable
  shared library dynamic path search:
    SHLIB_PATH enabled second
    embedded path disabled first Not Defined
  internal name:
    osxhost.odbccnt
  shared library list:
```

```

dynamic      /opt/odbc/lib/libodbc.s1
dynamic      /opt/odbc/lib/libodbcinst.s1
dynamic      /usr/lib/libC.1
dynamic      /usr/lib/libM.1
dynamic      /usr/lib/libld.1
dynamic      /usr/lib/libc.1
shared library binding:
    deferred
static branch prediction disabled
data page size: 4K
instruction page size: 4K
$
```

"chatr" Requirement for ODBC Client

```

$ chatr +s enable natural
natural:
    current values:
        shared executable
        shared library dynamic path search:
            SHLIB_PATH      disabled   second
            embedded path  disabled   first   Not Defined
        internal name:
            natural
        shared library list:
            dynamic      /opt/odbc/lib/libodbc.s1
            dynamic      /opt/odbc/lib/libodbcinst.s1
            dynamic      /usr/lib/libC.1
            dynamic      /usr/lib/libM.1
            dynamic      /usr/lib/libld.1
            dynamic      /usr/lib/libc.1
        shared library binding:
            deferred
static branch prediction disabled
data page size: 4K
instruction page size: 4K
new values:
    shared executable
    shared library dynamic path search:
        SHLIB_PATH      enabled    second
        embedded path  disabled   first   Not Defined
    internal name:
        natural
    shared library list:
        dynamic      /opt/odbc/lib/libodbc.s1
        dynamic      /opt/odbc/lib/libodbcinst.s1
        dynamic      /usr/lib/libC.1
        dynamic      /usr/lib/libM.1
        dynamic      /usr/lib/libld.1
```

```
dynamic    /usr/lib/libc.1
shared library binding:
deferred
static branch prediction disabled
data page size: 4K
instruction page size: 4K
$ ↵
```

"odbc.ini" Examples for ODBC Server

```
[ODBC Data Sources]
myds=
Oracle7=
dBase=
Sybase=
Informix=
DB2=
Text=
```

```
[dBase]
QEWSID=35691
Driver=/opt/odbc/lib/ivdbf12.s1
Description=dBase
Database=/opt/odbc/demo
```

```
[Sybase]
QEWSID=35691
Driver=/opt/odbc/lib/ivsyb12.s1
Description=Sybase
Database=pubs2
ServerName=SYBASE
WorkstationID=id
LogonID=sa
Password=mypwd
OptimizePrepare=2
SelectMethod=1
```

```
[Oracle7]
Driver=/opt/odbc/lib/ivor712.s1
Description=Oracle7
ServerName=usrshp2
LogonID=scott
Password=tiger
```

```
[Informix]
QEWSID=35698
Driver=/opt/odbc/lib/ivinf12.s1
Description=informix92
Database=osqdev
HostName=usrshp2
LogonID=informix
Password=mypwd
```

```
[DB2]
Driver=/opt/odbc/lib/ivdb212.s1
Description=DB2
Database=waHgpo
```

```
[Text]
Driver=/opt/odbc/lib/ivtxt12.s1
Description=Text driver
Database=/opt/odbc/demo
```

```
[ODBC]
Trace=0
TraceFile=odbctrace.out
TraceDll=/opt/odbc/lib/odbctrac.s1
InstallDir=/opt/odbc
```

```
[myds]
Driver=/opt/odbc/lib/ivor712.s1
Description=Oracle7
ServerName=usrshp2
LogonID=scott
Password=tiger
```

```
[Infodbc]
QEWSID=35698
Driver=/opt/odbc/lib/ivinf12.s1
Description=informix92
Database=osqdev
HostName=usrshp2
LogonID=informix
Password=mypwd
```

```
[Sybodbc]
QEWSID=35691
Driver=/opt/odbc/lib/ivsyb12.s1
Description=Sybase
Database=pubs2
ServerName=SYBASE
WorkstationID=id
LogonID=sa
Password=mypwd
```

```
OptimizePrepare=2  
SelectMethod=1
```

Sample Sybase ODBC Variables

```
DSQUERY=SYBASE  
INFORMIXDIR=/opt/odbc  
IV_GLS_LCDIR=/opt/odbc/gls/lc11  
IV_GLS_REGISTRY=/opt/odbc/gls/cm3/registry  
ODBCHOME=/opt/odbc  
ODBCINI=/opt/odbc/odbc.ini  
ODBC_INI=/opt/odbc/odbc.ini  
PATH=/usr/bin/X11:/bin:/usr/bin:/etc:/usr/etc:/usr/contrib/bin:  
    /users/root:/usr/lib:/usr/lib/acct:/usr/local/bin:::/SAG/ada/v22313:/SAG/ada/v22313/tools:/SAG/nat/v41219/bin:/SAG/wcp/v2117:/SAG/wcp/v2117/bin:/SAG/osx/v621/bin:/SAG/aad/v1212/bin:/SAG/esq/v143/tools:::/SAG/wcp/ushpux1:/SAG/demoweb/sh:/RDBMS/oracle/app/oracle/orahome/product/9.1/bin:/RDBMS/sybase/bin:/RDBMS/sybase/install:/RDBMS/sybase/include:/opt/odbc/lib:/opt/odbc/bin:/RDBMS/sybase/lib:/RDBMS/sybase/bin:/usr/lib  
SHLIB_PATH=/opt/odbc/lib:/RDBMS/sybase/lib:/RDBMS/sybase/bin:/usr/lib  
SYBASE=/RDBMS/sybase  
SYBASE_TERM=vt220 ↵
```

Sample Informix ODBC Variables

```
INFORMIXDIR=/RDBMS/informix  
INFORMIXSERVER=learn_online  
IV_GLS_LCDIR=/opt/odbc/gls/lc11  
IV_GLS_REGISTRY=/opt/odbc/gls/cm3/registry  
ODBCHOME=/opt/odbc ODBCINI=/opt/odbc/odbc.ini  
ODBC_INI=/opt/odbc/odbc.ini  
ONCONFIG=onconfig.learn  
PATH=/usr/bin/X11:/bin:/usr/bin:/etc:/usr/etc:/usr/contrib/bin:  
    /users/root:/usr/lib:/usr/lib/acct:/usr/local/bin:::/SAG/ada/v22313:/SAG/ada/v22313/tools:/SAG/nat/v41219/bin:/SAG/wcp/v2117:/SAG/wcp/v2117/bin:/SAG/osx/v621/bin:/SAG/aad/v1212/bin:/SAG/esq/v143/tools:::/SAG/wcp/ushpux1:/SAG/demoweb/sh:/opt/odbc/lib:/opt/odbc/bin:/RDBMS/informix/bin  
SHLIB_PATH=/opt/odbc/lib:/RDBMS/informix/lib:/RDBMS/informix/lib/esql:/RDBMS/informix/bin:/usr/lib  
TERM=vt100  
TERMCAP=/RDBMS/informix/etc/termcap ↵
```

IBM DB2 CLI

The current direction chosen for DB2 is to use the IBM DB2 CLI (Call Level Interface).

The following is a sample db2cli.ini file:

```
[sample]
AUTOCOMMIT=0
```

```
[tstcli2x]
; Assuming dbalias2 is a database in DB2 for z/OS.
SchemaList="`OWNER1`, `OWNER2`, CURRENT_SQLID"
```

```
[MyVeryLongDBALIASName]
dbalias=dbalias3
SysSchema=MYSHEMA
```

Take special note of the sample database or alias name shown in the db2cli.ini file.

If you encounter the following error, add the AUTOCOMMIT=0 specification to the entries for your specific RDBMS.

```
[IBM] [CLI Driver] [DB2/SUN64] SQL0508N
The cursor specified in the UPDATE or DELETE statement is not positioned on a
row. SQLSTATE=24504.
```


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This section describes the traces available for error diagnosis when using Natural with Entire Access:

Use these traces only when Software AG Support requests you to do so.

Traces Under UNIX

Natural Client Trace

Natural can invoke a trace as follows:

```
$ SQL_TRACE=4  
$ export SQL_TRACE
```

This trace is located in the Temporary Files Path directory. It uses your user ID and trace iteration number; for example: JOHNDOE001.TRC

The Natural client trace can also be enabled via the Natural Configuration Utility (Natural Version 6.2 or above).

Entire Access Client Trace

An Entire Access client can invoke a trace as follows:

```
$ VORTEX_API_LOGFILE=$OSXDIR/$OSXVERS/trace  
$ VORTEX_API_LOGOPTS=FULL  
$ export VORTEX_API_LOGFILE VORTEX_API_LOGOPTS
```

Entire Access Server Trace

An Entire Access server can invoke a trace as follows:

```
$ VORTEX_HOST_LOGFILE=$OSXDIR/$OSXVERS/htrace  
$ VORTEX_HOST_LOGOPTS=FULL  
$ export VORTEX_HOST_LOGFILE VORTEX_HOST_LOGOPTS
```

Traces Under Windows

Natural Client Trace

Natural can invoke a trace as follows:

```
SQL_TRACE=4
```

This trace is located in the Temporary Files Path directory. It uses your user ID and trace iteration number; for example: JOHNDOE001.TRC

The Natural client trace can also be enabled via the Natural Configuration Utility (Natural Version 6.2 or above).

Entire Access Client Trace

An Entire Access client can invoke a trace as follows:

```
VORTEX_API_LOGFILE=file-name
VORTEX_API_LOGOPTS=FULL
```

Entire Access Server Trace

An Entire Access server can invoke a trace as follows:

```
VORTEX_HOST_LOGFILE=file-name
VORTEX_HOST_LOGOPTS=FULL
```

ODBC Trace

ODBC tracing is enabled using the ODBC Manager.

15 Entire Access and OpenSSL

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With Entire Access OpenSSL can be used to secure the communication between the Entire Access client and the Entire Access server. In general, when an Entire Access server is enabled for SSL then the Entire Access client and the Entire Access server establish a secured communication channel and all data traffic is done encrypted on this channel. The most common Entire Access client in this context is Natural.

Prerequisites

When Entire Access in SSL mode is to be used, the following prerequisites must apply:

- OpenSSL 1.1.x must be available on the client and on the server platform.
- Entire Access Version 9.1.2 or above must be used for the client and the server.
- An Entire Access server must be available. Especially in cases where only an Entire Access client is used and where the network routing is done via database vendor specific software, the Entire Access OpenSSL feature cannot be used.

Configure OpenSSL

When the SSL mode of Entire Access is to be used an OpenSSL kit of version 1.1.x must be available on the platforms where the Entire Access server and the clients will run. The OpenSSL kit is not part of Entire Access and must be compiled and installed separately when required.

OpenSSL must be configured and compiled in shared mode so that especially the following two libraries are available for Entire Access during runtime:

- **On Linux and UNIX platforms:**
`libssl.so` and `libcrypto.so` must be available in the library search path.
- **On Windows platforms:**
The 32-bit versions of `libssl-1_1.dll` and `libcrypto-1_1.dll` must be available in the search PATH.

To use OpenSSL with Entire Access a digital certificate and a private key file for the Entire Access server are necessary. OpenSSL offers a command line utility `openssl` that is (among other functions) capable of generating self-signed certificates and private key files. Refer to the [official OpenSSL](#) documentation for a detailed description.

Configure the Entire Access Server

To configure an Entire Access server in SSL mode, the following steps must be performed:

- Obtain a digital certificate and a private key file. Both are used by the Entire Access server to initiate a secured communication channel.
- Start the Entire Access server process `serversingle` with an additional parameter `-e certificate_file private_key_file` which specifies the certificate file and the private key file with full paths. By providing this parameter the Entire Access server automatically starts in SSL mode and can only be connected by a client also capable of SSL mode.

On Linux and UNIX platforms the script `osxopr.sh` has been enhanced for specifying the certificate file and private key file parameters when starting a new Entire Access server.

On Windows platforms the provided batch scripts and the service configuration file contain examples of starting a server in SSL mode.

Configure the Entire Access Client

Configuring an Entire Access client (like Natural) for connecting an Entire Access server in SSL mode is rather easy. When OpenSSL is installed on the client platform and if the appropriate version of Entire Access is used, the Entire Access client automatically determines the SSL mode of the Entire Access server and opens either an SSL or a non-SSL connection accordingly. There is no additional configuration necessary on the client site.

