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Preface

These Release Notes summarize the new features and enhancements that are provided with Predict Version 8.6.

This documentation is organized under the following headings:

Predict Version 8.6 SP1	
Strategy Regarding the Legacy Platforms z/VSE and BS2000	Information about the decision to adjust the strategy regarding the Legacy-Unix platforms z/VSE and BS2000.
Availability and End of Maintenance	An overview of the operating systems on which this Predict version can be installed and information on the maintenance end of Predict versions.
Prerequisites	Product prerequisites and additional information that you should be aware of before and after installing Predict.
New Features	An overview of the new features in this Predict version.
Changes and Enhancements	Information on changes in this Predict version.
Documentation Changes	Information on documentation changes with this Predict version.
Dropped Features	Information on Dopped Features.

Notation *vrs* or *vr*:

When used in this document, the notation *vrs* or *vr* represents the relevant product version (see also Version in the *Glossary*).

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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 (...).

Online Information and Support

Product Documentation

You can find the product documentation on our documentation website at <https://documentation.softwareag.com>.

Product Training

You can find helpful product training material on our Learning Portal at <https://learn.software-ag.com>.

Tech Community

You can collaborate with Software GmbH experts on our Tech Community website at <https://tech-community.softwareag.com>. From here you can, for example:

- Browse through our vast knowledge base.
- Ask questions and find answers in our discussion forums.
- Get the latest Software GmbH news and announcements.
- Explore our communities.
- Go to our public GitHub and Docker repositories at <https://github.com/softwareag> and <https://hub.docker.com/publishers/softwareag> and discover additional Software GmbH resources.

Product Support

Support for Software GmbH products is provided to licensed customers via our Empower Portal at <https://empower.softwareag.com>. Many services on this portal require that you have an account. If you do not yet have one, you can request it at <https://empower.softwareag.com/register>. Once you have an account, you can, for example:

- Download products, updates and fixes.
- Search the Knowledge Center for technical information and tips.
- Subscribe to early warnings and critical alerts.
- Open and update support incidents.
- Add product feature requests.

Data Protection

Software AG products provide functionality with respect to processing of personal data according to the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Where applicable, appropriate steps are documented in the respective administration documentation.

2 Strategy Regarding the Legacy Platforms z/VSE and BS2000

Natural add-on products are no longer delivered for the z/VSE and BS2000 operating systems.

Following the principles of the "Adabas and Natural 2050+" strategy, your rehosting project is a high priority to Software AG. Contact your local Software AG team for assistance in planning and executing your rehosting from the z/VSE and BS2000 operating systems to an alternative operating system.

For questions regarding the Adabas and Natural platform roadmap, contact the Adabas and Natural product management (e-mail: A&N-ProdMgmt@softwareag.com).

3 Product Availability and End of Maintenance

You can view all available Software GmbH product versions and check the dates when their maintenance ends by visiting Software GmbH's Empower web site at <https://empower.software-ag.com/>:

1. Log into Empower.
2. Expand **Products** in the left menu of the page and select **Product Version Availability**
3. Select the required filter criteria from the drop-down list boxes and click on the **SEARCH** button.

A list of supported Software GmbH products that meet the filter criteria is shown. In addition, the end-of-standard-maintenance dates are indicated in the **EOM** column.

If you mark **Show prior Product Versions**, only product versions that are out of maintenance are listed.

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Prerequisites

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On Mainframe Platforms

The following prerequisites must be met when using Predict on mainframe platforms.

Product Requirements

The products listed in *System Requirements* in the *Predict Installation on Mainframes* documentation must be installed in order to use Predict 8.6.

Other Related Software GmbH products

These products are not necessary in order to use Predict, but if they are installed, the prerequisites listed in *Software Requirements for Using Related Predict Products* in the *Predict Installation on Mainframes* documentation must be met.

On Linux Platforms

The following prerequisites must be met when using Predict on Linux platforms.

Product Requirements

The products listed in *System Requirements* in the *Predict Installation on Linux* documentation must be installed in order to use Predict 8.6.

Other Related Software GmbH products

These products are not necessary in order to use Predict, but if they are installed, the prerequisites listed in *Software Requirements for Using Related Predict Products* in the *Predict Installation on Linux* documentation must be met.

On Windows Platforms

The following prerequisites must be met when using Predict on Windows platforms.

Product Requirements

The products listed in *System Requirements* in the *Predict Installation on Windows* documentation must be installed in order to use Predict 8.6.

Other Related Software GmbH products

These products are not necessary in order to use Predict, but if they are installed, the prerequisites listed in *Software Requirements for Using Related Predict Products* in the *Predict Installation on Windows* documentation must be met.

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New Features

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Support of Db2 Version 13

This version of Predict supports Db2® Version 13. Several changes and enhancements have been made in various areas of Predict and its documentation.

License check for Predict with Natural for Mainframes

When running Predict with Natural for Mainframes version 9.2.2, a license check is performed. If your license does not exist or is outdated, Predict does not start.

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Change in Company Name

The string “Software AG” has been replaced by “Software GmbH” or other text where it was used as a company name (for example, copyright information, error messages, hello screens, maps, etc. Where possible, the string was removed.

File Number Limit for Natural for Windows and for Linux and Cloud removed

This version of Predict has been enhanced to generate Adabas Files with file numbers up to 32000. It also supports file numbers for FDIC and FSEC up to 32000.

Extension of Files with type D and MT

- [New Attribute PAGENUM](#)
- [Enhancement of attribute COMPRESS](#)

New Attribute PAGENUM

The object type `FILE` has been extended with the new attribute `PAGENUM`. `PAGENUM` specifies the type of page numbering that is used when you create a partition-by-range table space.

Enhancement of attribute COMPRESS

The attribute `COMPRESS` now allows you to specify the additional values `FIXEDLENGTH` and `HUFFMAN`.

Extension of Dataspaces with type D

The attribute `COMPRESS` now allows you to specify the additional values `FIXEDLENGTH` and `HUFFMAN`.

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Documentation Changes

With this version of Predict, an enhanced documentation set is provided. All known problems concerning the documentation were solved and included in this new documentation set.

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Features Dropped with this Predict Version

The following features are discontinued and no longer supported in Predict Version 8.6.1:

Discontinued Support for Con-nect

The import and export function to a **Con-nect Document** as an external target for sources or text is removed with this version.

Discontinued Support for z/VSE and BS2000

Predict is no longer delivered for the operating systems BS2000 and z/VSE.