

# Natural for Mainframes - Fundamentals

Natural is a complete environment for application development, offering all the commands and functions you need to create, maintain and execute an application. With Natural applications, you can access data that is stored in Adabas databases as well as in other database systems. In addition, Natural can be used to provide Web services and process XML documents.

This documentation describes the components that make up a Natural environment and provides cross-references to related topics.

In addition, this documentation introduces you to the usage of Natural on mainframe computers. It describes, for example, how to invoke and terminate a Natural session, execute Natural functions and use the online help provided.

- Components of Natural      Describes the components that form a Natural environment.
- Invoking and Terminating Natural Sessions      Explains how to invoke and terminate a Natural session.
- Natural Online Help      Describes the online help information Natural provides.
- Executing Commands and Menu Functions      Explains how to execute Natural commands and menu functions.
- Switching Natural Libraries      Explains how to open an existing or new Natural library.
- Natural Main Menu      Describes the Natural Main Menu and the subordinate menus that provide access to development functions, settings, utilities and example libraries.
- Natural Programming Objects      Provides general information on Natural programming objects.
- Work and Print Files      Provides general information on Natural work and print files.