

# Natural for DL/I - Overview

This documentation provides information on Natural in a DL/I environment. It describes the installation and operation of Natural for DL/I, as well as special considerations on Natural statements when used with DL/I.

This documentation covers:

- General Information      Brief information on features.
- Natural Parameter Modifications for DL/I      Explains parameters contained in NDLPARM, storage estimates, and Natural for DL/I in OS/390 environments.
- Installing Natural for DL/I      How to install Natural for DL/I.
- Operation      Describes procedures NATPSB, NATDBD, NATUDF, and the generation of DDMs from DL/I segment types.
- System File Structure      Describes the database structure, the segment data and the processing intent of an application.
- Natural Batch Utilities      Describes the system file transfer of NDBs, NSBs and UDFs from one FDIC and the use of the batch utility NDUDFGEN to generate Natural data areas.
- Execution      Describes PSB scheduling, the CALLNAT interface, support of IMS-specific features, fast path and GSAM, and CICS mode processing under IMS/TM.
- Programming Language Consideratons      Natural versus Third Generation Languages, Natural Statements with DL/I , Natural System Variables with DL/I .
- Problem Determination Guide      Actions required to correct a given problem.
- Performance Considerations      How to increase the performance of Natural in a DL/I environment.
- DL/I Services      Terminology and maintenance of NDBs and NSBs.

For a list of DL/I status codes and abend codes (under CICS only), refer to Status Codes and Abend Codes (in the Natural Messages and Codes documentation).