

# Common Set and Extended Set

The SQL statements available within the Natural programming language comprise two different syntax sets on mainframes. These are:

- **Common Set**  
The Common Set basically corresponds to the standard SQL syntax definitions and is provided for each SQL-eligible database system supported by Natural.
- **Extended Set**  
The Extended Set, in addition, provides special enhancements to the Common Set to support specific features of the various supported database systems. The supported part of the Extended Set differs with each of these database systems.

On Windows and UNIX platforms, only the Common Set is available.

The following sections mainly describe the Natural SQL Common Set. The statement syntax adheres as far as possible to the syntax described in the relevant literature on SQL; please refer to this literature for further details. For details on the Natural SQL Extended Set, see the documentation of the Natural interface specific to the database system you use.

Those syntax parts which are only supported by the SQL *Extended Set* have grey-colored text instead of black.