

Programming Reference

This documentation applies to all platforms on which Natural can be used. It contains detailed information which you will find necessary when writing Natural applications.

- General Information General information on the various topics related to the usage of Natural statements: user-defined variables and constants, report specification, text notation, logical condition criteria, and rules for arithmetic assignment.
- System Variables Describes the Natural system variables. You may use system variables to obtain various types of system information (for example, the current date and time).
- Large and Dynamic Variables/Fields As of Natural Version 4.1 for Windows, Unix and OpenVMS, enhanced capabilities are provided for the usage of large variables by removing the existing size limitations and by providing for dynamic allocation of these variables at execution time.
- System Functions Describes the Natural system functions. You may use system functions to obtain various statistical and mathematical results.
- Terminal Commands Describes the Natural terminal commands. These commands generally perform some terminal-related activities.
- Keywords and Reserved Words List of all Natural keywords and reserved words.

Syntax Symbols

In the diagrams which describe the syntax of Natural statements and parts of statements, several symbols are used. These symbols are explained in the Natural Statements documentation.