

Natural Version 4.1 Planning Guide for Mainframes

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This Planning Guide provides information regarding the planned enhancements for Natural Version 4.1 on mainframe computers, as well as information concerning migration from Version 3.1 to 4.1.

The information in this Planning Guide is primarily intended as a planning aid for those persons responsible for Natural administration and implementation. The reader is assumed to have detailed knowledge of Natural.

In addition to providing the enhancements described in this Planning Guide, Natural Version 4.1 will also consolidate all modifications/enhancements provided with the various System Maintenance (SM) releases of Version 3.1.

The following topics are covered in this document:

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| ● General Information | Information on the documentation, availability, compatibility, prerequisites of Natural Version 4.1, other Software AG products with Natural 4.1, and examples. |
| ● Programming Language | Information on new and enhanced statements and system variables, as well as other enhancements to the Natural programming language. |
| ● System Commands, Editors and Utilities | Information on new and enhanced Natural system commands, editors and utilities. |
| ● Database Interfaces | Information on the Natural interfaces to Adabas, DB2, DL/I and VSAM. |
| ● XML Support | Information on Natural's support of XML processing. |
| ● Miscellaneous Enhancements | Information on all other enhancements and new features. |
| ● Natural Security | Information on enhancements to Natural Security. |
| ● Natural Advanced Facilities | Information on enhancements to Natural Advanced Facilities. |