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Embedded SQL programming
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Embedded SQL programming

This topic collection explains how to create database applications in host languages that use Db2® for i SQL statements and functions.

Note: By using the code examples, you agree to the terms of the “Code license and disclaimer information” on page 194.

What's new for IBM i 7.3

Read about new or significantly changed information for the Embedded SQL programming topic collection.

• The ILE RPG precompiler supports RPG free form H, F, D, and P specs.
  – “Determining equivalent SQL and ILE RPG data types” on page 121
• The ILE COBOL and ILE RPG precompilers support a timestamp data type that allows fractional seconds values from 0 to 12.

What's new as of October 2019

• The ILE precompilers support IFS source in UTF-8 (CCSID 1208). “Source file CCSIDs in the SQL precompiler” on page 143

What's new as of April 2019

• The ILE RPG precompiler allows constants to be used in SQL.

What's new as of August 2018

• The precompiler includes detailed error information in the SQL0312 and SQL5011 precompile messages. For more information, see “Interpreting compile errors in applications that use SQL” on page 151.

What's new as of March 2017

• The precompiler COMPILEOPT parameter recognizes EVENTF as an option. For more information, see “Setting compiler options using the precompiler commands” on page 151.
• The ILE RPG precompiler generates more free-form declarations and code.

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Common concepts and rules for using embedded SQL

Here are some common concepts and rules for using SQL statements in a host language.

Writing applications that use SQL

You can create database applications in host languages that use Db2 for i SQL statements and functions.

To use embedded SQL, you must have the licensed program IBM® DB2® Query Manager and SQL Development Kit for i installed. Additionally, you must have the compilers for the host languages you want to use installed.

Related concepts

Coding SQL statements in C and C++ applications
To embed SQL statements in an ILE C or C++ program, you need to be aware of some unique application and coding requirements. This topic also defines the requirements for host structures and host variables.

Coding SQL statements in COBOL applications
There are unique application and coding requirements for embedding SQL statements in a COBOL program. In this topic, requirements for host structures and host variables are defined.

Coding SQL statements in PL/I applications
There are some unique application and coding requirements for embedding SQL statements in a PL/I program. In this topic, requirements for host structures and host variables are defined.

Coding SQL statements in RPG/400 applications
The RPG/400 licensed program supports both RPG II and RPG III programs.

Coding SQL statements in ILE RPG applications
You need to be aware of the unique application and coding requirements for embedding SQL statements in an ILE RPG program. In this topic, the coding requirements for host variables are defined.

Coding SQL statements in REXX applications
REXX procedures do not have to be preprocessed. At run time, the REXX interpreter passes statements that it does not understand to the current active command environment for processing.

Preparing and running a program with SQL statements
This topic describes some of the tasks for preparing and running an application program.

IBM Developer Kit for Java
Using host variables in SQL statements

When your program retrieves data, the values are put into data items that are defined by your program and that are specified with the INTO clause of a SELECT INTO or FETCH statement. The data items are called host variables.

A *host variable* is a field in your program that is specified in an SQL statement, usually as the source or target for the value of a column. The host variable and column must have compatible data types. Host variables cannot be used to identify SQL objects, such as tables or views, except in the DESCRIBE TABLE statement.

A *host structure* is a group of host variables used as the source or target for a set of selected values (for example, the set of values for the columns of a row). A *host structure array* is an array of host structures that is used in the multiple-row FETCH and blocked INSERT statements.

**Note:** By using a host variable instead of a literal value in an SQL statement, you give the application program the flexibility to process different rows in a table or view.

For example, instead of coding an actual department number in a WHERE clause, you can use a host variable set to the department number you are currently interested in.

Host variables are commonly used in SQL statements in these ways:

- **In a WHERE clause:** You can use a host variable to specify a value in the predicate of a search condition, or to replace a literal value in an expression. For example, if you have defined a field called EMPID that contains an employee number, you can retrieve the name of the employee whose number is 000110 with:

  ```sql
  MOVE '000110' TO EMPID.
  EXEC SQL
  SELECT LASTNAME INTO :PGM-LASTNAME
  FROM CORPDATA.EMPLOYEE
  WHERE EMPNO = :EMPID
  END-EXEC.
  ```

- **As a receiving area for column values (named in an INTO clause):** You can use a host variable to specify a program data area that is to contain the column values of a retrieved row. The INTO clause names one or more host variables that you want to contain column values returned by SQL. For example, suppose you are retrieving the EMPNO, LASTNAME, and WORKDEPT column values from rows in the CORPDATA.EMPLOYEE table. You could define a host variable in your program to hold each column, then name the host variables with an INTO clause. For example:

  ```sql
  EXEC SQL
  SELECT EMPNO, LASTNAME, WORKDEPT
  INTO :CBLEMPNO, :CBLNAME, :CBLDEPT
  FROM CORPDATA.EMPLOYEE
  WHERE EMPNO = :PERSON
  END-EXEC.
  ```

  In this example, the host variable CBLEMPNO receives the value from EMPNO, CBLNAME receives the value from LASTNAME, and CBLDEPT receives the value from WORKDEPT.

- **As a value in a SELECT clause:** When specifying a list of items in the SELECT clause, you are not restricted to the column names of tables and views. Your program can return a set of column values intermixed with host variable values and literal constants. For example:

  ```sql
  MOVE '000220' TO PERSON.
  EXEC SQL
  SELECT "A", LASTNAME, SALARY, :RAISE,
       SALARY + :RAISE
  INTO :PROCESS, :PERSON-NAME, :EMP-SAL,
       :EMP-RAISE, :EMP-TTL
  FROM CORPDATA.EMPLOYEE
  WHERE EMPNO = :PERSON
  END-EXEC.
  ```

  The results are:
As a value in other clauses of an SQL statement:
- The SET clause in an UPDATE statement
- The VALUES clause in an INSERT statement
- The CALL statement

Related concepts
DB2 for i5/OS SQL reference

Assignment rules for host variables in SQL statements
SQL values are assigned to host variables during the running of FETCH, SELECT INTO, SET, and VALUES INTO statements. SQL values are assigned from host variables during the running of INSERT, UPDATE, and CALL statements.

All assignment operations observe the following rules:
- Numbers and strings are compatible:
  - Numbers can be assigned to character or graphic string columns or host variables.
  - Character and graphic strings can be assigned to numeric columns or numeric host variables.
- All character and DBCS graphic strings are compatible with UCS-2 and UTF-16 graphic columns if conversion is supported between the CCSIDs. All graphic strings are compatible if the CCSIDs are compatible. All numeric values are compatible. Conversions are performed by SQL whenever necessary.
- All character and DBCS graphic strings are compatible with UCS-2 and UTF-16 graphic columns for assignment operations, if conversion is supported between the CCSIDs. For the CALL statement, character and DBCS graphic parameters are compatible with UCS-2 and UTF-16 parameters if conversion is supported.
- Binary strings are only compatible with binary strings.
- A null value cannot be assigned to a host variable that does not have an associated indicator variable.
- Different types of date/time values are not compatible. Dates are only compatible with dates or string representations of dates; times are only compatible with times or string representations of times; and timestamps are only compatible with timestamps or string representations of timestamps.

Related concepts
i5/OS globalization

Related reference
DECLARE VARIABLE
Numeric assignments
String assignments
Datetime assignments

Indicator variables in applications that use SQL
An indicator variable is a halfword integer variable used to communicate additional information about its associated host variable.
- If the value for the result column is null, SQL puts a -1 in the indicator variable.
- If you do not use an indicator variable and the result column is a null value, a negative SQLCODE is returned.
- If the value for the result column causes a data mapping error, SQL sets the indicator variable to -2.

You can also use an indicator variable to verify that a retrieved string value has not been truncated. If truncation occurs, the indicator variable contains a positive integer that specifies the original length of the string. If the string represents a large object (LOB), and the original length of the string is greater than
32 767, the value that is stored in the indicator variable is 32 767, because no larger value can be stored in a halfword integer.

Always test the indicator variable first. If the value of the indicator variable is less than zero, you know the value of the result column should not be used. When the database manager returns a null value, the host variable might or might not be set to the default value for the result column's data type (0 for numeric, blanks for fixed length character, etc).

You specify an indicator variable (preceded by a colon) immediately after the host variable. For example:

```
EXEC SQL
  SELECT COUNT(*), AVG(SALARY)
  INTO :PLICNT, :PLISAL:INDNULL
  FROM CORPDATA.EMPLOYEE
  WHERE EDLEVEL < 18
END-EXEC.
```

You can then test INDNULL in your program to see if it contains a negative value. If it does, you know SQL returned a null value (if its value is -1) or a data mapping error (if its value is -2). If the indicator value is not negative, the value returned in PLISAL can be used.

**Related reference**

Predicates

**Indicator variables used with host structures**

You can specify an indicator array (defined as an array of halfword integer variables) to support a host structure.

If the results column values returned to a host structure can be null, you can add an indicator array name after the host structure name. This allows SQL to notify your program about each null value returned to a host variable in the host structure.

For example, in COBOL:

```
01 SAL-REC.
   10 MIN-SAL            PIC S9(6)V99 USAGE COMP-3.
   10 AVG-SAL            PIC S9(6)V99 USAGE COMP-3.
   10 MAX-SAL            PIC S9(6)V99 USAGE COMP-3.
01 SALTABLE.
02 SALIND                PIC S9999 USAGE COMP-4 OCCURS 3 TIMES.
01 EDUC-LEVEL            PIC S9999 COMP-4.
   …
   MOVE 20 TO EDUC-LEVEL.
   …
EXEC SQL
  SELECT MIN(SALARY), AVG(SALARY), MAX(SALARY)
  INTO :SAL-REC:SALIND
  FROM CORPDATA.EMPLOYEE
  WHERE EDLEVEL>:EDUC-LEVEL
END-EXEC.
```

In this example, SALIND is an array that contains three values, each of which can be tested for a negative value. SQL selects the values for the result row and puts them into the host structure. If MIN-SAL is to return a null value, the corresponding indicator variable, SALIND(1), is set to -1. Your program must check the corresponding indicator variables first to determine which, if any, selected result variables contain the null value.

**Indicator variables used to assign special values**

You can use an indicator variable to set a null value for a column in an INSERT or UPDATE statement.

There are two forms of indicators for INSERT and UPDATE statements: normal indicators and extended indicators. When you use normal indicators, an indicator set to any negative value is interpreted as the null value. When you use extended indicators, the negative values have several different meanings. Both forms of indicators can be used for inserts and updates that are part of a MERGE statement as well.

When processing update and insert using normal indicators, SQL checks the indicator variable (if it exists). If it contains a negative value, the column value is set to null. If it contains a value greater than -1, the column is set from the associated host variable value.
For example, you can specify that a value be updated in a column, but you know that an actual value is not always known. To provide the capability to set a column to a null value, you can write the following statement:

```sql
EXEC SQL
UPDATE CORPDATA.EMPLOYEE
SET PHONENO = :NEWPHONE:PHONEIND
WHERE EMPNO = :EMPID
END-EXEC.
```

When NEWPHONE contains a non-null value, set PHONEIND to zero; otherwise, to tell SQL that NEWPHONE contains a null value, set PHONEIND to a negative value.

Using extended indicators provides your application with more flexibility when writing INSERT and UPDATE statements. In addition to providing the null value, you can set an indicator to indicate that the default value for a column is used or that the corresponding column is not updated at all.

For extended indicators, the indicator values are interpreted as follows:

- An indicator value of 0 means the value for the host variable is assigned to the column.
- An indicator value of -1, -2, -3, -4, or -6 means the null value is assigned to the column.
- An indicator value of -5 means the default value for the column is assigned.
- An indicator value of -7 means that the column is not assigned. This value causes the column to be treated as though it were not listed in the insert or update column list. For an INSERT statement it means the default value is used.

To write an UPDATE statement that can conditionally update several different fields, write it as follows:

```sql
EXEC SQL
UPDATE CORPDATA.EMPLOYEE
SET PHONENO = :NEWPHONE:PHONEIND,
LASTNAME = :LASTNAME:LASTNAMEIND,
WORKDEPT = :WORKDEPT:WORKDEPTIND,
EDLEVEL = :EDLEVEL:EDLEVELIND
WHERE EMPNO = :EMPID
END-EXEC.
```

With this one UPDATE statement, you can update any or all of the columns listed in the SET clause. For example, if you only want to update the EDLEVEL column, set the EDLEVEL variable to the new value and the EDLEVELIND indicator to 0. Set the other three indicators (PHONEIND, LASTNAMEIND, and WORKDEPTIND) to -7. This causes the statement to be processed as though you had written it this way.

```sql
EXEC SQL
UPDATE CORPDATA.EMPLOYEE
SET EDLEVEL = :EDLEVEL:EDLEVELIND
WHERE EMPNO = :EMPID
END-EXEC.
```

You can use extended indicators only if they are explicitly enabled for your program. To specify that your program supports extended indicators, use *EXTIND on the OPTION parameter of the precompiler command or EXTIND(*YES) on the SET OPTION statement.

### Handling SQL error return codes using the SQLCA

When an SQL statement is processed in your program, SQL places a return code in the SQLCODE and SQLSTATE fields. The return codes indicate the success or failure of the running of your statement.

If SQL encounters an error while processing the statement, the SQLCODE is a negative number and SUBSTR(SQLSTATE,1,2) is not '00', '01', or '02'. If SQL encounters an exception but valid condition while processing your statement, the SQLCODE is a positive number and SUBSTR(SQLSTATE,1,2) is '01' or '02'. If your SQL statement is processed without encountering an error or warning condition, the SQLCODE is zero and the SQLSTATE is '00000'.

**Note:** There are situations when a zero SQLCODE is returned to your program and the result might not be satisfactory. For example, if a value was truncated as a result of running your program, the SQLCODE
returned to your program is zero. However, one of the SQL warning flags (SQLWARN1) indicates truncation. In this case, the SQLSTATE is not '00000'.

**Attention:** If you do not test for negative SQLCODEs or specify a WHENEVER SQLERROR statement, your program will continue to the next statement. Continuing to run after an error can produce unpredictable results.

The main purpose for SQLSTATE is to provide common return codes for common return conditions among the different IBM relational database systems. SQLSTATEs are particularly useful when handling problems with distributed database operations.

Because the SQLCA is a valuable problem-diagnosis tool, it is a good idea to include in your application programs the instructions necessary to display some of the information contained in the SQLCA. Especially important are the following SQLCA fields:

- **SQLCODE**
  Return code.
- **SQLSTATE**
  Return code.
- **SQLERRD(3)**
  The number of rows updated, inserted, or deleted by SQL.
- **SQLWARN0**
  If set to W, at least one of the SQL warning flags (SQLWARN1 through SQLWARNA) is set.

**Related concepts**
- DB2 for i5/OS SQL reference
- SQL messages and codes

**Using the SQL diagnostics area**

The SQL diagnostics area is used to keep the returned information for an SQL statement that has been run in a program. It contains all the information that is available to you as an application programmer through the SQLCA.

There are additional values available to provide more detailed information about your SQL statement including connection information. More than one condition can be returned from a single SQL statement. The information in the SQL diagnostics area is available for the previous SQL statement until the next SQL statement is run.

To access the information from the diagnostics area, use the GET DIAGNOSTICS statement. In this statement, you can request multiple pieces of information at one time about the previously run SQL statement. Each item is returned in a host variable. You can also request to get a string that contains all the diagnostic information that is available. Running the GET DIAGNOSTICS statement does not clear the diagnostics area.

**Related reference**
- GET DIAGNOSTICS

**Updating applications to use the SQL diagnostics area**

You might consider changing your applications to use the SQL diagnostics area instead of the SQL communication area (SQLCA), because the SQL diagnostics area provides some significant advantages over the SQLCA.

One of the best reasons is that the SQLERRM field in the SQLCA is only 70 bytes in length. This is often insufficient for returning meaningful error information to the calling application. Additional reasons for considering the SQL diagnostics area are multiple row operations, and long column and object names. Reporting even simple warnings is sometimes difficult within the restrictions of the 136 byte SQLCA. Quite often, the returned tokens are truncated to fit the restrictions of the SQLCA.

Current applications include the SQLCA definition by using the following:

```sql
EXEC SQL INCLUDE SQLCA; /* Existing SQLCA */
```
With the conversion to using the SQL diagnostics area, the application would first declare a stand-alone SQLSTATE variable:

```c
char SQLSTATE[6]; /* Stand-alone sqlstate */
```

And possibly a stand-alone SQLCODE variable:

```c
long int SQLCODE; /* Stand-alone sqlcode */
```

The completion status of the SQL statement is verified by checking the stand-alone SQLSTATE variable. If upon the completion of the current SQL statement, the application chooses to retrieve diagnostics, the application would run the SQL GET DIAGNOSTICS statement:

```c
char hv1[256];
long int hv2;
EXEC SQL GET DIAGNOSTICS :hv1 = COMMAND_FUNCTION, :hv2 = COMMAND_FUNCTION_CODE;
```

**IBM i programming model**

In the IBM i Integrated Language Environment® (ILE), the SQL diagnostics area is scoped to a thread and an activation group. This means that for each activation group in which a thread runs SQL statements, a separate diagnostics area exists for the activation.

**Additional notes on using the SQL diagnostics area**

In an application program, the SQLCA is replaced with an implicit or a stand-alone SQLSTATE variable, which must be declared in the program.

With multiple condition areas existing in the SQL diagnostics area, the most severe error or warning is returned in the first diagnostics area. There is no specific ordering of the multiple conditions, except that the first diagnostics area will contain the information for the SQLSTATE that is also returned in the SQLSTATE variable.

With the SQLCA, the application program provides the storage for the SQLCA that is used to communicate the results of the run of an SQL statement. With the SQL diagnostics area, the database manager manages the storage for the diagnostics, and the GET DIAGNOSTICS statement is provided to retrieve the contents of the diagnostics area.

Note that the SQLCA will continue to be supported for application programs. Also, the GET DIAGNOSTICS statement can be used in an application program that uses the SQLCA.

**Example: SQL routine exception**

In this application example, a stored procedure signals an error when an input value is out of range.

```sql
EXEC SQL CREATE PROCEDURE check_input (IN p1 INT)
LANGUAGE SQL READS SQL DATA
test: BEGIN
  IF p1 < 0 THEN
    SIGNAL SQLSTATE '99999'
    SET MESSAGE_TEXT = 'Bad input value';
  END IF;
END test;
```

The calling application checks for a failure and retrieves the information about the failure from the SQL diagnostics area:

```c
char SQLSTATE[6]; /* Stand-alone sqlstate */
long int SQLCODE; /* Stand-alone sqlcode */
long int hv1;
char hv2[6];
char hv3[256];
hv1 = -1;
EXEC SQL CALL check_input(:hv1);
```
Example: Logging items from the SQL diagnostics area
In this example, an application needs to log all errors for security reasons. The log can be used to monitor the health of a system or to monitor for inappropriate use of a database.

For each SQL error that occurs, an entry is placed in the log. The entry includes when the error occurred, what user was using the application, what type of SQL statement was run, the returned SQLSTATE value, and the message number and corresponding complete message text.

```sql
EXEC SQL WHENEVER SQLERROR GOTO error;
(application code)
```

```sql
error:
EXEC SQL GET DIAGNOSTICS :stmt_command = COMMAND_FUNCTION,
 :error_count = NUMBER;
for (condition_number=1;condition_number<=error_count;++condition_number)
{
    EXEC SQL GET DIAGNOSTICS CONDITION :condition_number
        :auth_id = DB2_AUTHORIZATION_ID,
        :error_state = RETURNED_SQLSTATE,
        :msgid = DB2_MESSAGE_ID,
            :msgtext = DB2_MESSAGE_TEXT;
    EXEC SQL INSERT INTO error_log VALUES(CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
       :stmt_command,
       :condition_number,
       :auth_id,
       :error_state,
       :msgid,
       :msgtext);
}
```

Related reference
GET DIAGNOSTICS

Handling exception conditions with the WHENEVER statement
The WHENEVER statement causes SQL to check the SQLSTATE and SQLCODE and continue processing your program, or branch to another area in your program if an error, exception, or warning exists as a result of running an SQL statement.

An exception condition handling subroutine (part of your program) can then examine the SQLCODE or SQLSTATE field to take an action specific to the error or exception situation.

Note: The WHENEVER statement is not allowed in REXX procedures.

The WHENEVER statement allows you to specify what you want to do whenever a general condition is true. You can specify more than one WHENEVER statement for the same condition. When you do this, the first WHENEVER statement applies to all subsequent SQL statements in the source program until another WHENEVER statement is specified.
The WHENEVER statement looks like this:

```
EXEC SQL
WHENEVER condition action
END-EXEC.
```

There are three conditions you can specify:

**SQLWARNING**  
Specify SQLWARNING to indicate what you want done when SQLWARN0 = W or SQLCODE contains a positive value other than 100 (SUBSTR(SQLSTATE,1,2) = '01').

*Note:* SQLWARN0 could be set for several different reasons. For example, if the value of a column was truncated when it was moved into a host variable, your program might not regard this as an error.

**SQLERROR**  
Specify SQLERROR to indicate what you want done when an error code is returned as the result of an SQL statement (SQLCODE < 0) (SUBSTR(SQLSTATE,1,2) > '02').

**NOT FOUND**  
Specify NOT FOUND to indicate what you want done when an SQLCODE of +100 and a SQLSTATE of '02000' is returned because:

- After a single-row SELECT is issued or after the first FETCH is issued for a cursor, the data the program specifies does not exist.
- After a subsequent FETCH, no more rows satisfying the cursor select-statement are left to retrieve.
- After an UPDATE, a DELETE, or an INSERT, no row meets the search condition.

You can also specify the action you want taken:

**CONTINUE**  
This causes your program to continue to the next statement.

**GO TO label**  
This causes your program to branch to an area in the program. The label for that area may be preceded with a colon. The WHENEVER ... GO TO statement:

- Must be a section name or an unqualified paragraph name in COBOL
- Is a label in PL/I and C
- Is the label of a TAG in RPG

For example, if you are retrieving rows using a cursor, you expect that SQL will eventually be unable to find another row when the FETCH statement is issued. To prepare for this situation, specify a WHENEVER NOT FOUND GO TO ... statement to cause SQL to branch to a place in the program where you issue a CLOSE statement in order to close the cursor properly.

*Note:* A WHENEVER statement affects all subsequent source SQL statements until another WHENEVER is encountered.

In other words, all SQL statements coded between two WHENEVER statements (or following the first, if there is only one) are governed by the first WHENEVER statement, regardless of the path the program takes.

Because of this, the WHENEVER statement must precede the first SQL statement it is to affect. If the WHENEVER follows the SQL statement, the branch is not taken on the basis of the value of the SQLCODE and SQLSTATE set by that SQL statement. However, if your program checks the SQLCODE or SQLSTATE directly, the check must be done after the SQL statement is run.

The WHENEVER statement does not provide a CALL to a subroutine option. For this reason, you might want to examine the SQLCODE or SQLSTATE value after each SQL statement is run and call a subroutine, rather than use a WHENEVER statement.
Coding SQL statements in C and C++ applications

To embed SQL statements in an ILE C or C++ program, you need to be aware of some unique application and coding requirements. This topic also defines the requirements for host structures and host variables.

**Note:** By using the code examples, you agree to the terms of the “Code license and disclaimer information” on page 194.

**Related concepts**

Writing applications that use SQL
You can create database applications in host languages that use Db2 for i SQL statements and functions.

**Related reference**

Example programs: Using Db2 for i statements
Here is a sample application that shows how to code SQL statements in each of the languages that Db2 for i supports.

Example: SQL statements in ILE C and C++ programs
This example program is written in the C programming language.

**Defining the SQL communication area in C and C++ applications that use SQL**

A C or C++ program can be written to use the SQLCA to check return status for embedded SQL statements, or the program can use the SQL diagnostics area to check return status.

When using the SQLCA, a C or C++ program that contains SQL statements must include one or both of the following:

- An SQLCODE variable declared as long SQLCODE
- An SQLSTATE variable declared as char SQLSTATE[6]

Or,

- An SQLCA (which contains an SQLCODE and SQLSTATE variable).

The SQLCODE and SQLSTATE values are set by the database manager after each SQL statement is run. An application can check the SQLCODE or SQLSTATE value to determine whether the last SQL statement was successful.

You can code the SQLCA in a C or C++ program directly or by using the SQL INCLUDE statement. When coding it directly, initialize the SQLCA using the following statement:

```
struct sqlca sqlca = {0x0000000000000000};
```

Using the SQL INCLUDE statement requests the inclusion of a standard declaration:

```
EXEC SQL INCLUDE SQLCA;
```

A standard declaration includes a structure definition and a data area that are named sqlca.

The SQLCODE, SQLSTATE, and SQLCA variables must appear before any executable statements. The scope of the declaration must include the scope of all SQL statements in the program.

The included C and C++ source statements for the SQLCA are:

```c
struct sqlca {
    unsigned char sqlcaid[8];
    long sqlcabc;
    long sqlcode;
    short sqlerrml;
    unsigned char sqlerrmc[70];
    unsigned char sqlerrp[8];
    long sqlerrd[6];
    unsigned char sqlwarn[11];
    unsigned char sqlstate[5];
};
```
When a declare for SQLCODE is found in the program and the precompiler provides the SQLCA, SQLCADE replaces SQLCODE. When a declare for SQLSTATE is found in the program and the precompiler provides the SQLCA, SQLSTOTE replaces SQLSTATE.

**Note:** Many SQL error messages contain message data that is of varying length. The lengths of these data fields are embedded in the value of the SQLCA sqlerrmc field. Because of these lengths, printing the value of sqlerrmc from a C or C++ program might give unpredictable results.

**Related concepts**
Using the SQL diagnostics area
The SQL diagnostics area is used to keep the returned information for an SQL statement that has been run in a program. It contains all the information that is available to you as an application programmer through the SQLCA.

**Related reference**
SQL communication area
GET DIAGNOSTICS

**Defining SQL descriptor areas in C and C++ applications that use SQL**
There are two types of SQL descriptor areas. One is defined with the ALLOCATE DESCRIPTOR statement. The other is defined using the SQL descriptor area (SQLDA) structure. In this topic, only the SQLDA form is discussed.

The following statements can use an SQLDA:

- EXECUTE...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
- FETCH...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
- OPEN...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
- DESCRIBE statement-name INTO descriptor-name
- DESCRIBE CURSOR cursor-name INTO descriptor-name
- DESCRIBE INPUT statement-name INTO descriptor-name
- DESCRIBE PROCEDURE procedure-name INTO descriptor-name
- DESCRIBE TABLE host-variable INTO descriptor-name
- PREPARE statement-name INTO descriptor-name
- CALL...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name

Unlike the SQLCA, more than one SQLDA can be in the program, and an SQLDA can have any valid name. The following list includes the statements that require a SQLDA. You can code an SQLDA in a C or C++ program either directly or by using the SQL INCLUDE statement. Using the SQL INCLUDE statement requests the inclusion of a standard SQLDA declaration:

```
EXEC SQL INCLUDE SQLDA;
```

A standard declaration includes only a structure definition with the name 'sqlda'.

```c
#define SQLCODE sqlca.sqlcode
#define SQLWARN0 sqlca.sqlwarn[0]
#define SQLWARN1 sqlca.sqlwarn[1]
#define SQLWARN2 sqlca.sqlwarn[2]
#define SQLWARN3 sqlca.sqlwarn[3]
#define SQLWARN4 sqlca.sqlwarn[4]
#define SQLWARN5 sqlca.sqlwarn[5]
#define SQLWARN6 sqlca.sqlwarn[6]
#define SQLWARN7 sqlca.sqlwarn[7]
#define SQLWARN8 sqlca.sqlwarn[8]
#define SQLWARN9 sqlca.sqlwarn[9]
#define SQLWARNA sqlca.sqlwarn[10]
#define SQLSTATE sqlca.sqlstate
struct sqlca sqlca = {0x0000000000000000};
```
C and C++ declarations that are included for the SQLDA are:

```c
struct sqlda {
unsigned char sqldaid[8];
long sqldabc;
short sqln;
short sqld;
    struct sqlvar {
        short sqltype;
        short sqllen;
            union {
                unsigned char *sqldata;
                long long sqld_result_set_locator;  }
            union {
                short *sqlind;
                long sqld_row_change;
                long sqld_result_set_rows;   }
        struct sqlname {
            short length;
            unsigned char data[30];
        } sqlname;
    } sqlvar[1];
};
```

One benefit from using the INCLUDE SQLDA SQL statement is that you also get the following macro definition:

```c
#define SQLDASIZE(n) (sizeof(struct sqlda) + (n-1)* sizeof(struct sqlvar))
```

This macro makes it easy to allocate storage for an SQLDA with a specified number of SQLVAR elements. In the following example, the SQLDASIZE macro is used to allocate storage for an SQLDA with 20 SQLVAR elements.

```c
#include <stdlib.h>
EXEC SQL INCLUDE SQLDA;
struct sqlda *mydaptr;
short numvars = 20;
mydaptr = (struct sqlda *) malloc(SQLDASIZE(numvars));
mydaptr->sqln = 20;
```

Here are other macro definitions that are included with the INCLUDE SQLDA statement:

**GETSQLDOUBLED(daptr)**
Returns 1 if the SQLDA pointed to by daptr has been doubled, or 0 if it has not been doubled. The SQLDA is doubled if the seventh byte in the SQLDAID field is set to '2'.

**SETSQLDOUBLED(daptr, newvalue)**
Sets the seventh byte of SQLDAID to a new value.

**GETSQLDALONGLEN(daptr, n)**
Returns the length attribute of the nth entry in the SQLDA to which daptr points. Use this only if the SQLDA was doubled and the nth SQLVAR entry has a LOB data type.

**SETSQLDALONGLEN(daptr, n, len)**
Sets the SQLLONGLEN field of the SQLDA to which daptr points to len for the nth entry. Use this only if the SQLDA was doubled and the nth SQLVAR entry has a LOB datatype.

**GETSQLDALENPTR(daptr, n)**
Returns a pointer to the actual length of the data for the nth entry in the SQLDA to which daptr points. The SQLDATALEN pointer field returns a pointer to a long (4 byte) integer. If the SQLDATALEN pointer is zero, a NULL pointer is returned. Use this only if the SQLDA has been doubled.

**SETSQLDALENPTR(daptr, n, ptr)**
Sets a pointer to the actual length of the data for the nth entry in the SQLDA to which daptr points. Use this only if the SQLDA has been doubled.

When you have declared an SQLDA as a pointer, you must reference it exactly as declared when you use it in an SQL statement, just as you would for a host variable that was declared as a pointer. To avoid
compiler errors, the type of the value that is assigned to the sqldata field of the SQLDA must be a pointer
of unsigned character. This helps avoid compiler errors. The type casting is only necessary for the
EXECUTE, OPEN, CALL, and FETCH statements where the application program is passing the address of
the host variables in the program. For example, if you declared a pointer to an SQLDA called mydaptr, you
would use it in a PREPARE statement as:

EXEC SQL PREPARE mysname INTO :*mydaptr FROM :mysqlstring;

SQLDA declarations can appear wherever a structure definition is allowed. Normal C scope rules apply.
Dynamic SQL is an advanced programming technique. With dynamic SQL, your program can develop and
then run SQL statements while the program is running. A SELECT statement with a variable SELECT list
(that is a list of the data to be returned as part of the query) that runs dynamically requires an SQL
descriptor area (SQLDA). This is because you will not know in advance how many or what type of variables
to allocate in order to receive the results of the SELECT.

Related concepts
Dynamic SQL applications

Related reference
SQL descriptor area

Embedding SQL statements in C and C++ applications that use SQL

SQL statements can be coded in a C or C++ program wherever executable statements can appear.
Each SQL statement must begin with EXEC SQL and end with a semicolon (;). The EXEC SQL keywords
must be on one line. The remaining part of the SQL statement can be on more than one line.

Example: An UPDATE statement coded in a C or C++ program might be coded in the following way:

EXEC SQL
  UPDATE DEPARTMENT
  SET MGRNO = :MGR_NUM
  WHERE DEPTNO = :INT_DEPT;

Do not use #pragma convert to modify the CCSID of any literals that could be used by SQL. All literals
used by SQL are assumed to be in the CCSID of the source file.

Comments in C and C++ applications that use SQL
In addition to using SQL comments (--), you can include C comments (/*...*/) and single-line comments
(comments that start with //) within embedded SQL statements whenever a blank is allowed, except
between the keywords EXEC and SQL.
Comments can span any number of lines. You cannot nest comments.

Continuation for SQL statements in C and C++ applications that use SQL
SQL statements can be contained in one or more lines.
You can split an SQL statement wherever a blank can appear. The backslash (\) can be used to continue a
string constant or delimited identifier. Identifiers that are not delimited cannot be continued.

Constants containing DBCS data may be continued across multiple lines in two ways:
• If the character at the right margin of the continued line is a shift-in and the character at the left margin
  of the continuation line is a shift-out, then the shift characters located at the left and right margin are
  removed.

This SQL statement has a valid graphic constant of G'\<AABBCCDDEEFFGGHHHIIJJKK>'. The redundant
shifts at the margin are removed.

*...+....1.....+.....2........+.....3........+.....4........+.....5........+.....6........+.....7........+.....8
EXEC SQL SELECT * FROM GRAPHTAB WHERE GRAPHCOL = G'\<AABBCCDDEEFFGGHHH>
<IIJJKK>'

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• It is possible to place the shift characters outside of the margins. For this example, assume the margins are 5 and 75. This SQL statement has a valid graphic constant of G'\text{\textbackslash'AABBCCDEEFFGGHHIIJJKK}'.

```sql
EXEC SQL SELECT * FROM GRAPHTAB WHERE GRAPHCOL = G'\text{\textbackslash'AABBCCDEEFFGGHHIIJJKK}'
```

Including code in C and C++ applications that use SQL
You can include SQL statements, C, or C++ statements by embedding the following SQL statement in the source code.

```sql
EXEC SQL INCLUDE member-name;
```

You cannot use C and C++ #include statements to include SQL statements or declarations of C or C++ host variables that are referred to in SQL statements.

Margins in C and C++ applications that use SQL
When you precompile using a source member, you must code SQL statements within the margins that are specified by the MARGINS parameter on the `CRTSQLCI` or `CRTSQLCPP` command.

If the MARGINS parameter is specified as `*SRCFILE`, the record length of the source file will be used. If a value is specified for the right margin and that value is larger than the source record length, the entire record will be read. The value will also apply to any included members. For example, if a right margin of 200 is specified and the source file has a record length of 80, only 80 columns of data will be read from the source file. If an included source member in the same precompile has a record length of 200, the entire 200 from the include will be read.

When you precompile using a source stream file, the MARGINS parameter is ignored; the entire file is read. Any source stream file included using the SQL INCLUDE statement is read up to the length of the longest line in the primary source stream file, which is specified on the SRCSTMF parameter.

If EXEC SQL does not start within the margins, the SQL precompiler does not recognize the SQL statement.

Related concepts
CL command descriptions for host language precompilers
The IBM DB2 Query Manager and SQL Development Kit for i licensed program provides commands for precompiling programs coded in these programming languages.

Names in C and C++ applications that use SQL
You can use any valid C or C++ variable name for a host variable. It is subject to these restrictions.

Do not use host variable names or external entry names that begin with SQL, RDI, or DSN in any combination of uppercase or lowercase letters. These names are reserved for the database manager. The length of host variable names is limited to 128.

If the name SQL in any combination of uppercase or lowercase letters is used, unpredictable results might occur.

NULLs and NULs in C and C++ applications that use SQL
C, C++, and SQL use the word null, but for different meanings.

The C and C++ languages have a null character (NUL), a null pointer (NULL), and a null statement (just a semicolon (;)). The C NUL is a single character that compares equal to 0. The C NULL is a special reserved pointer value that does not point to any valid data object. The SQL null value is a special value that is distinct from all non-null values and denotes the absence of a (non-null) value.
Statement labels in C and C++ applications that use SQL
Executable SQL statements can be preceded with a label.

Preprocessor sequence for C and C++ applications that use SQL
You must run the SQL preprocessor before the C or C++ preprocessor. You cannot use C or C++ preprocessor directives within SQL statements.

Trigraphs in C and C++ applications that use SQL
Some characters from the C and C++ character set are not available on all keyboards. You can enter these characters into a C or C++ source program by using a sequence of three characters that is called a trigraph.

The following trigraph sequences are supported within host variable declarations:

• ??( left bracket
• ??) right bracket
• ??< left brace
• ?> right brace
• ??= pound
• ??/ backslash

WHENEVER statement in C and C++ applications that use SQL
The target for the GOTO clause in an SQL WHENEVER statement must be within the scope of any SQL statements affected by the WHENEVER statement.

Using host variables in C and C++ applications that use SQL
All host variables used in SQL statements must be explicitly declared prior to their first use.

In C, the C statements that are used to define the host variables should be preceded by a BEGIN DECLARE SECTION statement and followed by an END DECLARE SECTION statement. If a BEGIN DECLARE SECTION and END DECLARE SECTION are specified, all host variable declarations used in SQL statements must be between the BEGIN DECLARE SECTION and the END DECLARE SECTION statements. Host variables declared using a typedef identifier also require a BEGIN DECLARE SECTION and END DECLARE SECTION; however, the typedef declarations do not need to be between these two sections.

In C++, the C++ statements that are used to define the host variables must be preceded by a BEGIN DECLARE SECTION statement and followed by an END DECLARE SECTION statement. You cannot use any variable that is not between the BEGIN DECLARE SECTION statement and the END DECLARE SECTION statement as a host variable.

All host variables within an SQL statement must be preceded by a colon (:).

The names of host variables must be unique within the program, even if the host variables are in different blocks or procedures.

An SQL statement that uses a host variable must be within the scope of the statement in which the variable was declared.

Host variables cannot be union elements.

Host variables cannot contain continuation characters within the name.
Declaring host variables in C and C++ applications that use SQL

The C and C++ precompilers recognize only a subset of valid C and C++ declarations as valid host variable declarations.

Numeric host variables in C and C++ applications that use SQL

This figure shows the syntax for valid numeric host variable declarations.

Notes:

1. Precision and scale must be integer constants. Precision may be in the range from 1 to 63. Scale may be in the range from 0 to the precision.
2. If using the decimal data type, the header file decimal.h must be included.
3. If using sqlint32 or sqlint64, the header file sqlsystm.h must be included.
4. _Decimal32, _Decimal64, and _Decimal128 are only supported for C.

Character host variables in C and C++ applications that use SQL

There are three valid forms for character host variables.

These forms are:

- Single-character form
- NUL-terminated character form
- VARCHAR structured form

In addition, an SQL VARCHAR declare can be used to define a varchar host variable.

All character types are treated as unsigned.
Single-character form

```
auto extern static
const volatile unsigned signed
```

```
variable-name [1] = expression
```

NUL-terminated character form

```
auto extern static
const volatile unsigned signed
```

```
variable-name [length] = expression
```

Notes:

1. The length must be an integer constant that is greater than 1 and not greater than 32 741.
2. If the *CNULRQD option is specified on the `CRTSQLCI` or `CRTSQLCPP` command, the input host variables must contain the NUL-terminator. Output host variables are padded with blanks, and the last character is the NUL-terminator. If the output host variable is too small to contain both the data and the NUL-terminator, the following actions are taken:
   - The data is truncated
   - The last character is the NUL-terminator
   - SQLWARN1 is set to 'W'
3. If the *NOCNULRQD option is specified on the `CRTSQLCI` or `CRTSQLCPP` command, the input variables do not need to contain the NUL-terminator. The following applies to output host variables.
   - If the host variable is large enough to contain the data and the NUL-terminator, then the following actions are taken:
     - The data is returned, but the data is not padded with blanks
     - The NUL-terminator immediately follows the data
   - If the host variable is large enough to contain the data but not the NUL-terminator, then the following actions are taken:
     - The data is returned
     - A NUL-terminator is not returned
     - SQLWARN1 is set to 'N'
   - If the host variable is not large enough to contain the data, the following actions are taken:
     - The data is truncated
     - A NUL-terminator is not returned
SQLWARN1 is set to 'W'

**VARCHAR structured form**

```plaintext
struct VARCHAR {
  short var-1;
  char var-2[
    length
  ];
} variable-name = {
  expression,
  expression
};
```

**Notes:**

1. `length` must be an integer constant that is greater than 0 and not greater than 32 740.
2. `var-1` and `var-2` must be simple variable references and cannot be used individually as integer and character host variables.
3. The `struct` tag can be used to define other data areas, but these cannot be used as host variables.
4. The `VARCHAR` structured form should be used for bit data that may contain the NULL character. The `VARCHAR` structured form will not be ended using the nul-terminator.
5. `_Packed` must not be used in C++. Instead, specify `#pragma pack(1)` prior to the declaration and `#pragma pack()` after the declaration.

**Note:** You can use `#pragma pack (reset)` instead of `#pragma pack()` because they are the same.

```plaintext
#pragma pack(1)
struct VARCHAR {
  short len;
  char s[10];
} vstring;
#pragma pack()
```

**Example:**

```sql
EXEC SQL BEGIN DECLARE SECTION;
/* valid declaration of host variable vstring */
struct VARCHAR {
  short len;
  char s[10];
} vstring;
/* invalid declaration of host variable wstring */
struct VARCHAR wstring;
```
SQL VARCHAR form

VARCHARG variable-name [ length ] = "init-data";

Notes:
1. VARCHAR can be in mixed case.
2. length must be an integer constant that is greater than 0 and not greater than 32740.
3. The SQL VARCHAR form should be used for bit data that may contain the NULL character. The SQL VARCHAR form will not be ended using the nul-terminator.

Example

The following declaration:

VARCHARG vstring[528]="mydata";

Results in the generation of the following structure:

_Packed struct { short len;
   char data[528];}
vstring={6, "mydata"};

The following declaration:

VARCHARG vstring1[111],
vstring2[222]="mydata",
vstring3[333]="more data";

Results in the generation of the following structures:

_Packed struct { short len;
   char data[111];}
vstring1;

_Packed struct { short len;
   char data[222];}
vstring2={6, "mydata"};

_Packed struct { short len;
   char data[333];}
vstring3={9, "more data"};

Graphic host variables in C and C++ applications that use SQL

There are three valid forms for graphic host variables.

- Single-graphic form
- NUL-terminated graphic form
- VARGRAPHIC structured form
Single-graphic form

auto extern static const volatile wchar_t variable-name = expression ;

NUL-terminated graphic form

auto extern static const volatile wchar_t variable-name [ length ] = expression ;

Notes:

1. `length` must be an integer constant that is greater than 1 and not greater than 16371.
2. If the *CNULRQD option is specified on the **CRTSQLCI** or **CRTSQLCPPI** command, then input host variables must contain the graphic NUL-terminator (/0/0). Output host variables are padded with DBCS blanks, and the last character is the graphic NUL-terminator. If the output host variable is too small to contain both the data and the NUL-terminator, the following actions are taken:
   - The data is truncated
   - The last character is the graphic NUL-terminator
   - SQLWARN1 is set to 'W'

If the *NOCNULRQD option is specified on the **CRTSQLCI** or **CRTSQLCPPI** command, the input host variables do not need to contain the graphic NUL-terminator. The following is true for output host variables.
   - If the host variable is large enough to contain the data and the graphic NUL-terminator, the following actions are taken:
     - The data is returned, but is not padded with DBCS blanks
     - The graphic NUL-terminator immediately follows the data
   - If the host variable is large enough to contain the data but not the graphic NUL-terminator, the following actions are taken:
     - The data is returned
     - A graphic NUL-terminator is not returned
     - SQLWARN1 is set to 'N'
   - If the host variable is not large enough to contain the data, the following actions are taken:
     - The data is truncated
     - A graphic NUL-terminator is not returned
     - SQLWARN1 is set to 'W'
VARGRAPHIC structured form

```
VARGRAPHIC structured form

auto extern static

const volatile

_Packed

struct tag {

signed short int

var-1 ; wchar_t var-2 [ length ]

; ;

variable-name = { expression , expression }

; ;
```

Notes:

1. `length` must be an integer constant that is greater than 0 and not greater than 16370.
2. `var-1` and `var-2` must be simple variable references and cannot be used as host variables.
3. The struct tag can be used to define other data areas, but these cannot be used as host variables.
4. `_Packed` must not be used in C++. Instead, specify `#pragma pack(1)` prior to the declaration and `#pragma pack()` after the declaration.

```c
#pragma pack(1)
struct VARGRAPH {
   short len;
   wchar_t s[10];
} vstring;
#pragma pack()
```

Example

```sql
EXEC SQL BEGIN DECLARE SECTION;

/* valid declaration of host variable graphic string */
struct VARGRAPH {
   short len;
   wchar_t s[10];
} vstring;

/* invalid declaration of host variable wstring */
struct VARGRAPH wstring;
```
**Binary host variables in C and C++ applications that use SQL**

C and C++ do not have variables that correspond to the SQL binary data types. To create host variables that can be used with these data types, use the SQL TYPE IS clause. The SQL precompiler replaces this declaration with a C language structure in the output source member.

### BINARY

```c
auto extern static const volatile

SQL TYPE IS BINARY (length),

variable-name = init-data;
```

### VARBINARY

```c
auto extern static const volatile

SQL TYPE IS VARBINARY BINARY VARYING (length),

variable-name = {
  init-len, "init-data"
} = SQL_VARBINARY_INIT("init-data")
```

**Notes:**

1. For BINARY host variables, the length must be in the range 1 to 32766.
2. For VARBINARY and BINARY VARYING host variables, the length must in the range 1 to 32740.
3. SQL TYPE IS, BINARY, VARBINARY, and BINARY VARYING can be in mixed case.

**BINARY example**

The following declaration:

```sql
SQL TYPE IS BINARY(4) myBinField;
```

Results in the generation of the following code:

```c
char myBinField[4];
```

**VARBINARY example**

The following declaration:

```sql
SQL TYPE IS VARBINARY(12) myVarBinField;
```

Results in the generation of the following structure:

```c
_Packed struct myVarBinField_t {
  short length;
```
LOB host variables in C and C++ applications that use SQL

C and C++ do not have variables that correspond to the SQL data types for LOBs (large objects). To create host variables that can be used with these data types, use the SQL TYPE IS clause. The SQL precompiler replaces this declaration with a C language structure in the output source member.

LOB host variable

Notes:
2. For BLOB and CLOB, 1 ≤ length ≤ 2 147 483 647
3. For DBCLOB, 1 ≤ length ≤ 1 073 741 823
4. SQL TYPE IS, BLOB, CLOB, DBCLOB, K, M, G can be in mixed case.
5. The maximum length allowed for the initialization string is 32 766 bytes.
6. The initialization length, init-len, must be a numeric constant (that is, it cannot include K, M, or G).
7. If the LOB is not initialized within the declaration, then no initialization will be done within the precompiler generated code.
8. The precompiler generates a structure tag which can be used to cast to the host variable’s type.
9. Pointers to LOB host variables can be declared, with the same rules and restrictions as for pointers to other host variable types.
10. CCSID processing for LOB host variables will be the same as the processing for other character and graphic host variable types.
11. If a DBCLOB is initialized, it is the user’s responsibility to prefix the string with an ‘L’ (indicating a wide-character string).

CLOB example

The following declaration:

```sql
SQL TYPE IS CLOB(128K) var1, var2 = {10, "data2data2"};
```

The precompiler will generate for C:

```c
_Packed struct var1_t {
    unsigned long length;
    char data[131072];
} var1, var2={10, "data2data2"};
```
**DBCLOB example**

The following declaration:

```sql
SQL TYPE IS DBCLOB(128K) my_dbclob;
```

The precompiler will then generate:

```c
_Packed struct my_dbclob_t {
  unsigned long length;
  wchar_t data[131072]; } my_dbclob;
```

**BLOB example**

The following declaration:

```c
static SQL TYPE IS BLOB(128K) my_blob=SQL_BLOB_INIT("mydata");
```

Results in the generation of the following structure:

```c
static struct my_blob_t {
  unsigned long length;
  char          data[131072];
} my_blob=SQL_BLOB_INIT("my_data");
```

**LOB locator**

![Diagram of CLOB, CLOB_LOCATOR, DBCLOB_LOCATOR, BLOB_LOCATOR types]

**Notes:**

1. SQL TYPE IS, BLOB_LOCATOR, CLOB_LOCATOR, DBCLOB_LOCATOR can be in mixed case.
2. `init-value` permits the initialization of pointer locator variables. Other types of initialization will have no meaning.
3. Pointers to LOB locators can be declared with the same rules and restrictions as for pointers to other host variable types.

**CLOB locator example**

The following declaration:

```c
static SQL TYPE IS CLOB_LOCATOR my_locator;
```

Results in the following generation:

```c
static long int unsigned my_locator;
```

BLOB and DBCLOB locators have similar syntax.
LOB file reference variable

SQL TYPE IS CLOB_FILE

extern
static
auto
volatile
const
variable-name
= init-value

Notes:
1. SQL TYPE IS, BLOB_FILE, CLOB_FILE, DBCLOB_FILE can be in mixed case.
2. Pointers to LOB File Reference Variables can be declared, with the same rules and restrictions as for pointers to other host variable types.

CLOB file reference example

The following declaration:

static SQL TYPE IS CLOB_FILE my_file;

Results in the generation of the following structure:

static _Packed struct {
    unsigned long name_length;
    unsigned long data_length;
    unsigned long file_options;
    char name[255];
} my_file;

BLOB and DBCLOB file reference variables have similar syntax.

The precompiler generates declarations for the following file option constants. You can use these constants to set the file_options variable when you use file reference host variables.

• SQL_FILE_READ (2)
• SQL_FILE_CREATE (8)
• SQL_FILE_OVERWRITE (16)
• SQL_FILE_APPEND (32)

Related reference
LOB file reference variables
XML host variables in C and C++ applications that use SQL

C and C++ do not have variables that correspond to the SQL data type for XML. To create host variables that can be used with this data type, use the SQL TYPE IS clause. The SQL precompiler replaces this declaration with a C language structure in the output source member.

XML host variable

```
SQL TYPE IS XML AS CLOB 
|      |                  |
|      |                  |
auto  | extern           |
extern| static           |
static| volatile         |
const | SQL TYPE IS XML AS CLOB |
      |                  |
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XML locator

```
auto extern static const volatile
```

```
SQL TYPE IS XML AS LOCATOR
```

```
variable-name = init-value
```

Notes:

1. SQL TYPE IS, XML AS LOCATOR can be in mixed case.
2. init-value permits the initialization of pointer locator variables. Other types of initialization will have no meaning.
3. Pointers to XML locators can be declared with the same rules and restrictions as for pointers to other host variable types.

XML locator example

The following declaration:

```
static SQL TYPE IS XML AS LOCATOR my_locator;
```

Results in the following generation:

```
static long int unsigned my_locator;
```

XML file reference variable

```
auto extern static const volatile
```

```
SQL TYPE IS XML AS CLOB_FILE DBCLOB_FILE BLOB_FILE
```

```
variable-name = init-value
```

Notes:

1. SQL TYPE IS, XML AS, BLOB_FILE, CLOB_FILE, DBCLOB_FILE can be in mixed case.
2. Pointers to XML File Reference Variables can be declared, with the same rules and restrictions as for pointers to other host variable types.

XML file reference example

The following declaration:

```
static SQL TYPE IS XML AS CLOB_FILE my_file;
```

Results in the generation of the following structure:

```
static _Packed struct {
    unsigned long name_length;
}
```
unsigned long    data_length;
unsigned long    file_options;
char    name[255];
} my_file;

The precompiler generates declarations for the following file option constants. You can use these constants to set the file_options variable when you use file reference host variables.

• SQL_FILE_READ (2)
• SQL_FILE_CREATE (8)
• SQL_FILE_OVERWRITE (16)
• SQL_FILE_APPEND (32)

**ROWID host variables in C and C++ applications that use SQL**

C and C++ do not have a variable that corresponds to the SQL data type ROWID. To create host variables that can be used with this data type, use the SQL TYPE IS clause. The SQL precompiler replaces this declaration with a C language structure in the output source member.

**ROWID**

![Diagram of ROWID declaration]

**Note:** SQL TYPE IS ROWID can be in mixed case.

**ROWID example**

The following declaration:

```
SQL TYPE IS ROWID myrowid, myrowid2;
```

Results in the generation of the following structure:

```
_Packed struct { short len;
    char data[40];}
myrowid1, myrowid2;
```

**Result set locator host variables in C and C++ applications that use SQL**

C and C++ do not have a variable that corresponds to the SQL result set locator data type. To create host variables that can be used for this data type, use the SQL TYPE IS clause. The SQL precompiler replaces this declaration with a C language structure in the output source member.

**Result set locator**

![Diagram of Result set locator declaration]

**Note:** SQL TYPE IS RESULT_SET_LOCATOR can be in mixed case.

**Result set locator example**

The following declaration:

```
SQL TYPE IS RESULT_SET_LOCATOR resloc1;
```

Results in the generation of the following structure:

```
long long unsigned resloc1;
```
Using host structures in C and C++ applications that use SQL

In C and C++ programs, you can define a host structure, which is a named set of elementary C or C++ variables.

Host structures have a maximum of two levels, even though the host structure might itself occur within a multilevel structure. An exception is the declaration of a varying-length string, which requires another structure.

A host structure name can be a group name whose subordinate levels name elementary C or C++ variables. For example:

```c
struct {
  struct {
    char c1;
    char c2;
  } b_st;
} a_st;
```

In this example, `b_st` is the name of a host structure consisting of the elementary items `c1` and `c2`.

You can use the structure name as a shorthand notation for a list of scalars, but only for a two-level structure. You can qualify a host variable with a structure name (for example, `structure.field`). Host structures are limited to two levels. (For example, in the above host structure example, the `a_st` cannot be referred to in SQL.) A structure cannot contain an intermediate level structure. In the previous example, `a_st` could not be used as a host variable or referred to in an SQL statement. A host structure for SQL data has two levels and can be thought of as a named set of host variables. After the host structure is defined, you can refer to it in an SQL statement instead of listing the several host variables (that is, the names of the host variables that make up the host structure).

For example, you can retrieve all column values from selected rows of the table CORPDATA.EMPLOYEE with:

```c
struct { char empno[7];
  struct {
    short int firstname_len;
    char firstname_text[12];
  } firstname;
  char midint,
  struct {
    short int lastname_len;
    char lastname_text[15];
  } lastname;
  char workdept[4];
} pemp1;
......
strcpy(pemp1.empno, "000220");
......
exec sql
SELECT *
INTO :pemp1
FROM corpdata.employee
WHERE empno=:pemp1.empno;
```

Notice that in the declaration of `pemp1`, two varying-length string elements are included in the structure: `firstname` and `lastname`. 
Host structure declarations in C and C++ applications that use SQL

These figures show the valid syntax for host structure declarations.

**Host structures**

```c
struct {
    auto
    extern
    static
    const
    _Packed
    volatile
    tag
}
```

```c
float
double

decimal (precision, scale)

_Decimal32
_Decimal64
_Decimal128

signed
long long
long
short
sqlint32
sqlint64

varchar-structure
vargraphic-structure
binary
lob
xml
SQL-varchar
rowid
result-set-locator

char

[s length]

wchar_t

[s length]

variable-name = expression
```

varchar-structure
Host structures (continued)

vargraphic-structure

```
struct {
    short int var-3;
    char var-4 [ length ];
}
```

```
struct {
    short int var-6;
    wchar_t var-7 [ length ];
}
```

binary

```
SQL TYPE IS BINARY VARBINARY BINARY VARYING ( length )
```

lob

```
SQL TYPE IS CLOB DBCLOB BLOB ( length K M G )
```

```
CLOB_LOCATOR DBCLOB_LOCATOR BLOB_LOCATOR
```

```
CLOB_FILE DBCLOB_FILE BLOB_FILE
```

xml

```
SQL TYPE IS XML AS CLOB DBCLOB BLOB ( length K M G )
```

```
LOCATOR
```

```
CLOB_FILE DBCLOB_FILE BLOB_FILE
```

SQL-vARCHAR

```
VARCHAR variable-name [ length ]
```

rowid

```
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```
Notes:

1. For details on declaring numeric, character, graphic, binary, LOB, XML, ROWID, and result set locator host variables, see the notes under numeric, character, graphic, binary, LOB, XML, ROWID, and result set locator host variables.

2. A structure of a short int followed by either a char or wchar_t array is always interpreted by the SQL C and C++ precompilers as either a VARCHAR or VARGRAPHIC structure.

3. _Packed must not be used in C++. Instead, specify #pragma pack(1) prior to the declaration and #pragma pack() after the declaration.

```
#pragma pack(1)
struct {
  short myshort;
  long mylong;
  char mychar[5];
} a_st;
#pragma pack()
```

4. If using sqlint32 or sqlint64, the header file sqlsystm.h must be included.

5. _Decimal32, _Decimal64, and _Decimal128 are only supported for C.

Host structure indicator array in C and C++ applications that use SQL

This figure shows the valid syntax for host structure indicator array declarations.

Host structure indicator array

```
variable-name [ dimension ] = expression ;
```

Note: Dimension must be an integer constant between 1 and 32 767.

Using arrays of host structures in C and C++ applications that use SQL

In C and C++ programs, you can define a host structure array that has the dimension attribute. Host structure arrays have a maximum of two levels, even though the array might occur within a multiple-level structure. Another structure is not needed if a varying-length character string or a varying-length graphic string is not used.

In this C example,

```
struct {
  _Packed struct {
    char c1_var[20];
    short c2_var;
  } b_array[40];
} a_struct;
```
and in this C++ example,

```c++
#pragma pack(1)
struct {
    struct {
        char c1_var[20];
        short c2_var;
    } b_array[10];
} a_struct;
#pragma pack()
```

the following are true:

- All of the members in b_array must be valid variable declarations.
- The _Packed attribute must be specified for the struct tag.
- b_array is the name of an array of host structures containing the members c1_var and c2_var.
- b_array may only be used on the blocked forms of FETCH statements and INSERT statements.
- c1_var and c2_var are not valid host variables in any SQL statement.
- A structure cannot contain an intermediate level structure.

For example, in C you can retrieve 10 rows from the cursor with:

```c
_Packed struct {
    char first_initial;
    char middle_initial;
    _Packed struct {
        short lastname_len;
        char lastname_data[15];
    } lastname;
    double total_salary;
} employee_rec[10];
struct {
    short inds[4];
} employee_inds[10];
...
EXEC SQL DECLARE C1 CURSOR FOR
    SELECT SUBSTR(FIRSTNME,1,1), MIDINIT, LASTNAME,
    SALARY+BONUS+COMM
    FROM CORPDATA.EMPLOYEE;
EXEC SQL OPEN C1;
EXEC SQL FETCH C1 FOR 10 ROWS INTO :employee_rec:employee_inds;
...
Host structure array in C and C++ applications that use SQL
The figure shows the valid syntax for host structure array declarations.
vargraphic-structure

_binary

LOB

XML

SQL-varchar

rowid
result-set-locator

SQL TYPE IS RESULT_SET_LOCATOR

Notes:

1. For details on declaring numeric, character, graphic, binary, LOB, XML, ROWID, and result set locator host variables, see the notes under numeric-host variables, character-host variables, graphic-host variables, binary host variables, LOB host variables, XML host variables, ROWID host variables, and result set locator host variables.

2. The struct tag can be used to define other data areas, but these cannot be used as host variables.

3. Dimension must be an integer constant between 1 and 32 767.

4. _Packed must not be used in C++. Instead, specify #pragma pack(1) prior to the declaration and #pragma pack() after the declaration.

5. If using sqllint32 or sqllint64, the header file sqlsystm.h must be included.

6. _Decimal32, _Decimal64, and _Decimal128 are only supported for C.

Host structure array indicator structure in C and C++ applications that use SQL

The figure shows the valid syntax for host structure array indicator structure declarations.

Host Structure Array Indicator Structure

```
auto extern static const volatile _Packed struct tag {
    signed short int var-1 [ dimension-1 ] ;
} ,
variable-name [ dimension-2 ] = expression ;
```

Notes:

1. The struct tag can be used to define other data areas, but they cannot be used as host variables.

2. dimension-1 and dimension-2 must both be integer constants between 1 and 32 767.

3. _Packed must not be used in C++. Instead, specify #pragma pack(1) prior to the declaration and #pragma pack() after the declaration.

Using pointer data types in C and C++ applications that use SQL

You can also declare host variables that are pointers to the supported C and C++ data types, with the following restrictions.

- If a host variable is declared as a pointer, then that host variable must be declared with asterisks followed by a host variable. The following examples are all valid:

```c
short *mynum; /* Ptr to an integer */
long **mynumptr; /* Ptr to a ptr to a long integer */
char *mychar; /* Ptr to a single character */
char(*mychara)[20]; /* Ptr to a char array of 20 bytes */
struct {} /* Ptr to a variable char array of 30 bytes */
short mylen; /* bytes. */
char mydata[30]; /* */
```
Note: Parentheses are only allowed when declaring a pointer to a NUL-terminated character array, in which case they are required. If the parentheses were not used, you would be declaring an array of pointers rather than the desired pointer to an array. For example:

```c
char (*a)[10];  /* pointer to a null-terminated char array */
char *a[10];   /* pointer to an array of pointers */
```

- If a host variable is declared as a pointer, then no other host variable can be declared with that same name within the same source file. For example, the second declaration below would be invalid:

```c
char *mychar;    /* This declaration is valid */
char mychar;     /* But this one is invalid */
```

- When a host variable is referenced within an SQL statement, that host variable must be referenced exactly as declared, with the exception of pointers to NUL-terminated character arrays. For example, the following declaration required parentheses:

```c
char (*mychara)[20]; /* ptr to char array of 20 bytes */
```

However, the parentheses are not allowed when the host variable is referenced in an SQL statement, such as a SELECT:

```sql
EXEC SQL
SELECT name INTO :*mychara FROM mytable;
```

- Only the asterisk can be used as an operator over a host variable name.
- The maximum length of a host variable name is affected by the number of asterisks specified, as these asterisks are considered part of the name.
- Pointers to structures are not usable as host variables except for variable character structures. Also, pointer fields in structures are not usable as host variables.
- SQL requires that all specified storage for based host variables be allocated. If the storage is not allocated, unpredictable results can occur.

### Using typedef in C and C++ applications that use SQL

You can also use the typedef declarations to define your own identifiers that will be used in place of C type specifiers such as short, float, and double.

The typedef identifiers used to declare host variables must be unique within the program, even if the typedef declarations are in different blocks or procedures. If the program contains BEGIN DECLARE SECTION and END DECLARE SECTION statements, the typedef declarations do not need to be contained with the BEGIN DECLARE SECTION and END DECLARE SECTION. The typedef identifier will be recognized by the SQL precompiler within the BEGIN DECLARE SECTION. The C and C++ precompilers recognize only a subset of typedef declarations, the same as with host variable declarations.

Examples of valid typedef statements:

- Declaring a long typedef and then declaring host variables which reference the typedef.

```c
typedef long int LONG_T;
LONG_T I1, *I2;
```

- The character array length may be specified in either the typedef or on the host variable declaration but not in both.

```c
typedef char NAME_T[30];
typedef char CHAR_T;
CHAR_T name1[30]; /* Valid */
NAME_T name2;   /* Valid */
NAME_T name3[10]; /* Not valid for SQL use */
```
The SQL TYPE IS statement may be used in a typedef.

```c
typedef SQL TYPE IS CLOB(5K) CLOB_T;
CLOB_T clob_var1;
```

Storage class (auto, extern, static), volatile, or const qualifiers may be specified on the host variable declaration.

```c
typedef short INT_T;
typedef short INT2_T;
static INT_T i1;
volatile INT2_T i2;
```

typedefs of structures are supported.

```c
typedef _Packed struct {char dept[3];
  char deptname[30];
  long Num_employees;} DEPT_T;
DEPT_T dept_rec;
DEPT_T dept_array[20]; /* use for blocked insert or fetch */
```

Using ILE C compiler external file descriptions in C and C++ applications that use SQL

You can use the C or C++ #pragma mapinc directive with the #include directive to include external file descriptions in your program.

When used with SQL, only a particular format of the #pragma mapinc directive is recognized by the SQL precompiler. If all of the required elements are not specified, the precompiler ignores the directive and does not generate host variable structures. The required elements are:

- Include name
- Externally described file name
- Format name or a list of format names
- Options
- Conversion options

The library name, union name, conversion options, and prefix name are optional. Although typedef statements coded by the user are not recognized by the precompiler, those created by the #pragma mapinc and #include directives are recognized. SQL supports input, output, both, and key values for the options parameter. For the conversion options, the supported values are D, p, z, _P, and 1BYTE_CHAR. These options may be specified in any order except that both D and p cannot be specified.

Unions declared using the typedef union created by the #pragma mapinc and #include directive cannot be used as host variables in SQL statements; the members of the unions can be used. Structures that contain the typedef structure cannot be used in SQL statements; the structure declared using the typedef can be used.

To retrieve the definition of the sample table DEPARTMENT described in Db2 for i sample tables in the SQL programming topic collection, you can code the following:

```c
#pragma mapinc ("dept","CORPDATA/DEPARTMENT(*ALL)","both")
#include "dept"
CORPDATA_DEPARTMENT_DEPARTMENT_both_t Dept_Structure;
```

A host structure named Dept_Structure is defined with the following elements: DEPTNO, DEPTNAME, MGRNO, and ADMRDEPT. These field names can be used as host variables in SQL statements.

Note: DATE, TIME, and TIMESTAMP columns generate character host variable definitions. They are treated by SQL with the same comparison and assignment rules as a DATE, TIME, and TIMESTAMP column. For example, a date host variable can be compared only against a DATE column or a character string that is a valid representation of a date.

If the GRAPHIC or VARGRAPHIC column has a UCS-2 CCSID, the generated host variable will have the UCS-2 CCSID assigned to it. If the GRAPHIC or VARGRAPHIC column has a UTF-16 CCSID, the generated host variable will have the UTF-16 CCSID assigned to it.
Although zoned, binary (with nonzero scale fields), and, optionally, decimal are mapped to character fields in ILE C, SQL will treat these fields as numeric. By using the extended program model (EPM) routines, you can manipulate these fields to convert zoned and packed decimal data. For more information, see the ILE C/C++ Language Reference topic.

CLOB, BLOB, and DBCLOB columns in the external file are ignored. No host variable definition will be generated in the host structure for these types.

Determined equivalent SQL and C or C++ data types

The precompiler determines the base SQLTYPE and SQLLEN of host variables based on the table. If a host variable appears with an indicator variable, the SQLTYPE is the base SQLTYPE plus one.

Table 1. C or C++ declarations mapped to typical SQL data types

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>C or C++ data type</th>
<th>SQLTYPE of host variable</th>
<th>SQLLEN of host variable</th>
<th>SQL data type</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>short int</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>SMALLINT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long int</td>
<td>496</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>INTEGER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>long long int</td>
<td>492</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>BIGINT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>decimal(p,s)</td>
<td>484</td>
<td>p in byte 1, s in byte 2</td>
<td>DECIMAL (p,s)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>_Decimal32</td>
<td>996</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Treated as DECFLOAT(7)although SQL does not directly support this data type.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>_Decimal64</td>
<td>996</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>DECFLOAT(16)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>_Decimal128</td>
<td>996</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>DECFLOAT(34)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>float</td>
<td>480</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>FLOAT (single precision)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>double</td>
<td>480</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>FLOAT (double precision)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>single-character form</td>
<td>452</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>CHAR(1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUL-terminated character form</td>
<td>460</td>
<td>length</td>
<td>VARCHAR (length - 1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VARCHAR structured form</td>
<td>448</td>
<td>length</td>
<td>VARCHAR (length)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>single-graphic form</td>
<td>468</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>GRAPHIC(1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUL-terminated single-graphic form</td>
<td>400°</td>
<td>length</td>
<td>VARGRAPHIC (length - 1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VARGRAPHIC structured form</td>
<td>464</td>
<td>length</td>
<td>VARGRAPHIC (length)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

You can use the following table to determine the C or C++ data type that is equivalent to a given SQL data type.

Table 2. SQL data types mapped to typical C or C++ declarations

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SQL data type</th>
<th>C or C++ data type</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SMALLINT</td>
<td>short int</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INTEGER</td>
<td>long int</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SQL data type</td>
<td>C or C++ data type</td>
<td>Notes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-----------------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BIGINT</td>
<td>long long int</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECIMAL(p,s)</td>
<td>decimal(p,s)</td>
<td>p is a positive integer from 1 to 63, and s is a positive integer from 0 to 63.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUMERIC(p,s) or nonzero scale binary</td>
<td>No exact equivalent</td>
<td>Use DECIMAL (p,s).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECFLOAT(16)</td>
<td>_Decimal64</td>
<td>Only supported in C.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECFLOAT(34)</td>
<td>_Decimal128</td>
<td>Only supported in C.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FLOAT (single precision)</td>
<td>float</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FLOAT (double precision)</td>
<td>double</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHAR(1)</td>
<td>single-character form</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHAR(n)</td>
<td>No exact equivalent</td>
<td>If n &gt; 1, use NUL-terminated character form.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VARCHAR(n)</td>
<td>NUL-terminated character form</td>
<td>Allow at least n+1 to accommodate the NUL-terminator. If data can contain character NULs (/0), use VARCHAR structured form or SQL VARCHAR. n is a positive integer. The maximum value of n is 32740.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VARCHAR structured form</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CLOB</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Use SQL TYPE IS to declare a CLOB in C or C++.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GRAPHIC (1)</td>
<td>single-graphic form</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GRAPHIC (n)</td>
<td>No exact equivalent</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VARGRAPHIC(n)</td>
<td>NUL-terminated graphic form</td>
<td>If n &gt; 1, use NUL-terminated graphic form.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VARGRAPHIC structured form</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DBCLOB</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Use SQL TYPE IS to declare a DBCLOB in C or C++.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BINARY</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Use SQL TYPE IS to declare a BINARY in C or C++.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SQL data type</td>
<td>C or C++ data type</td>
<td>Notes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>---------------</td>
<td>------------------------------------</td>
<td>----------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VARBINARY</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Use SQL TYPE IS to declare a VARBINARY in C or C++.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BLOB</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Use SQL TYPE IS to declare a BLOB in C or C++.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
<td>NUL-terminated character form</td>
<td>If the format is *USA, *ISO, *JIS, or *EUR, allow at least 11 characters to accommodate the NUL-terminator. If the format is *MDY, *YMD, or *DMY, allow at least 9 characters to accommodate the NUL-terminator. If the format is *JUL, allow at least 7 characters to accommodate the NUL-terminator.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>VARCHAR structured form</td>
<td>If the format is *USA, *ISO, *JIS, or *EUR, allow at least 10 characters. If the format is *MDY, *YMD, or *DMY, allow at least 8 characters. If the format is *JUL, allow at least 6 characters.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TIME</td>
<td>NUL-terminated character form</td>
<td>Allow at least 7 characters (9 to include seconds) to accommodate the NUL-terminator.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>VARCHAR structured form</td>
<td>Allow at least 6 characters; 8 to include seconds.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TIMESTAMP</td>
<td>NUL-terminated character form</td>
<td>Allow at least 20 characters (33 to include all fractional seconds) to accommodate the NUL-terminator. If ( n ) is less than 33, truncation occurs on the fractional seconds part.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>VARCHAR structured form</td>
<td>Allow at least 19 characters. To include all fractional seconds, allow 32 characters. If the number of characters is less than 32, truncation occurs on the fractional seconds part.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>XML</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Use SQL TYPE IS to declare XML in C or C++.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATALINK</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROWID</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Use SQL TYPE IS to declare a ROWID in C or C++.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Result set locator</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Use SQL TYPE IS to declare a result set locator in C or C++.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Notes on C and C++ variable declaration and usage
Single quotation marks (') and quotation marks (") have different meanings in C, C++, and SQL.

C and C++ use quotation marks to delimit string constants and single quotation marks to delimit character constants. In contrast, SQL uses quotation marks for delimited identifiers and uses single quotation marks to delimit character string constants. Character data in SQL is distinct from integer data.

Using indicator variables in C and C++ applications that use SQL
An indicator variable is a two-byte integer (short int).
You can also specify an indicator structure (defined as an array of halfword integer variables) to support a host structure.
Indicator variables are declared in the same way as host variables. The declarations of the two can be mixed in any way that seems appropriate to you.

Example
Given the statement:

```
EXEC SQL FETCH CLS_CURSOR INTO :ClsCd,
    :Day :DayInd,
    :Bgn :BgnInd,
    :End :EndInd;
```

Variables can be declared as follows:

```
EXEC SQL BEGIN DECLARE SECTION;
char  ClsCd[8];
char  Bgn[9];
char  End[9];
short Day, DayInd, BgnInd, EndInd;
EXEC SQL END DECLARE SECTION;
```

Related reference
References to variables
Indicator variables in applications that use SQL
An indicator variable is a halfword integer variable used to communicate additional information about its associated host variable.

Coding SQL statements in COBOL applications
There are unique application and coding requirements for embedding SQL statements in a COBOL program. In this topic, requirements for host structures and host variables are defined.

The IBM i products support more than one COBOL compiler. The IBM DB2 Query Manager and SQL Development Kit for i licensed program only supports the OPM COBOL and ILE COBOL programming languages.

Note: By using the code examples, you agree to the terms of the “Code license and disclaimer information” on page 194.

Related concepts
Writing applications that use SQL
You can create database applications in host languages that use Db2 for i SQL statements and functions.

Related reference
Example programs: Using Db2 for i statements
Here is a sample application that shows how to code SQL statements in each of the languages that Db2 for i supports.

Example: SQL statements in COBOL and ILE COBOL programs
This example program is written in the COBOL programming language.

**Defining the SQL communication area in COBOL applications that use SQL**

A COBOL program can be written to use the SQL communication area (SQLCA) to check return status for embedded SQL statements, or the program can use the SQL diagnostics area to check return status.

To use the SQL diagnostics area instead of the SQLCA, use the SET OPTION SQL statement with the option SQLCA = *NO.

When using the SQLCA, a COBOL program that contains SQL statements must include one or both of the following:

- An SQLCODE variable declared as PICTURE S9(9) BINARY, PICTURE S9(9) COMP-4, or PICTURE S9(9) COMP.
- An SQLSTATE variable declared as PICTURE X(5).

Or,

- An SQLCA (which contains an SQLCODE and SQLSTATE variable).

The SQLCODE and SQLSTATE values are set by the database manager after each SQL statement is run. An application can check the SQLCODE or SQLSTATE value to determine whether the last SQL statement was successful.

The SQLCA can be coded in a COBOL program either directly or by using the SQL INCLUDE statement. When coding it directly, make sure it is initialized. Using the SQL INCLUDE statement requests the inclusion of a standard declaration:

```
EXEC SQL INCLUDE SQLCA END-EXEC.
```

The SQLCODE, SQLSTATE, and SQLCA variable declarations must appear in the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION or LINKAGE SECTION of your program and can be placed wherever a record description entry can be specified in those sections.

When you use the INCLUDE statement, the SQL COBOL precompiler includes COBOL source statements for the SQLCA:

```
01 SQLCA.
  05 SQLCAID        PIC X(8). VALUE X"0000000000000000".
  05 SQLABC        PIC S9(9) BINARY.
  05 SQLCODE        PIC S9(9) BINARY.
  05 SQLERRM.
    49 SQLERRML    PIC S9(4) BINARY.
    49 SQLERRMC    PIC X(70).
  05 SQLERRP        PIC X(8).
  05 SQLERRD        OCCURS 6 TIMES
    PIC S9(9) BINARY.
  05 SQLWARN.
    10 SQLWARN0    PIC X.
    10 SQLWARN1    PIC X.
    10 SQLWARN2    PIC X.
    10 SQLWARN3    PIC X.
    10 SQLWARN4    PIC X.
    10 SQLWARN5    PIC X.
    10 SQLWARN6    PIC X.
    10 SQLWARN7    PIC X.
    10 SQLWARN8    PIC X.
    10 SQLWARN9    PIC X.
    10 SQLWARN0    PIC X.
  05 SQLSTATE       PIC X(5).
```

For ILE COBOL, the SQLCA is declared using the GLOBAL clause. SQLCODE is replaced with SQLCADE when a declaration for SQLCODE is found in the program and the SQLCA is provided by the precompiler. SQLSTATE is replaced with SQLSTOTE when a declaration for SQLSTATE is found in the program and the SQLCA is provided by the precompiler.

**Related concepts**

- Using the SQL diagnostics area
The SQL diagnostics area is used to keep the returned information for an SQL statement that has been run in a program. It contains all the information that is available to you as an application programmer through the SQLCA.

**Related reference**
SQL communication area

**Defining SQL descriptor areas in COBOL applications that use SQL**

There are two types of SQL descriptor areas (SQLDAs). One is defined with the ALLOCATE DESCRIPTOR statement. The other is defined using the SQLDA structure. In this topic, only the SQLDA form is discussed.

The following statements can use an SQLDA:
- EXECUTE...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
- FETCH...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
- OPEN...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
- CALL...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
- DESCRIBE statement-name INTO descriptor-name
- DESCRIBE CURSOR cursor-name INTO descriptor-name
- DESCRIBE INPUT statement-name INTO descriptor-name
- DESCRIBE PROCEDURE procedure-name INTO descriptor-name
- DESCRIBE TABLE host-variable INTO descriptor-name
- PREPARE statement-name INTO descriptor-name

Unlike the SQLCA, there can be more than one SQLDA in a program. The SQLDA can have any valid name. An SQLDA can be coded in a COBOL program directly or added with the INCLUDE statement. Using the SQL INCLUDE statement requests the inclusion of a standard SQLDA declaration:

```sql
EXEC SQL INCLUDE SQLDA END-EXEC.
```

The COBOL declarations included for the SQLDA are:
**Figure 1. INCLUDE SQLDA declarations for COBOL**

SQLDA declarations must appear in the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION or LINKAGE SECTION of your program and can be placed wherever a record description entry can be specified in those sections. For ILE COBOL, the SQLDA is declared using the GLOBAL clause.

Dynamic SQL is an advanced programming technique. With dynamic SQL, your program can develop and then run SQL statements while the program is running. A SELECT statement with a variable SELECT list (that is, a list of the data to be returned as part of the query) that runs dynamically requires an SQL descriptor area (SQLDA). This is because you cannot know in advance how many or what type of variables to allocate in order to receive the results of the SELECT.

**Related concepts**
Dynamic SQL applications

**Related reference**
SQL descriptor area

**Embedding SQL statements in COBOL applications that use SQL**

SQL statements can be coded in COBOL program sections as in this table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SQL statement</th>
<th>Program section</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BEGIN DECLARE SECTION</td>
<td>WORKING-STORAGE SECTION or LINKAGE SECTION</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>END DECLARE SECTION</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECLARE VARIABLE</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECLARE STATEMENT</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Each SQL statement in a COBOL program must begin with EXEC SQL and end with END-EXEC. If the SQL statement appears between two COBOL statements, the period is optional and might not be appropriate. The EXEC SQL keywords must appear all on one line, but the remainder of the statement can appear on the next and subsequent lines.

**Example**

An UPDATE statement coded in a COBOL program might be coded as follows:

```cobol
EXEC SQL
UPDATE DEPARTMENT
SET MGRNO = :MGR-NUM
WHERE DEPTNO = :INT-DEPT
END-EXEC.
```

**Comments in COBOL applications that use SQL**

In addition to SQL comments (--), you can include COBOL comment lines (* or / in column 7) within embedded SQL statements except between the keywords EXEC and SQL. COBOL debugging lines (D in column 7) are treated as comment lines by the precompiler.

**Continuation for SQL statements in COBOL applications that use SQL**

The line continuation rules for SQL statements are the same as those for other COBOL statements, except that EXEC SQL must be specified within one line.

If you continue a string constant from one line to the next, the first nonblank character in the next line must be either an apostrophe or a quotation mark. If you continue a delimited identifier from one line to the next, the first nonblank character in the next line must be either an apostrophe or a quotation mark.

Constants containing DBCS data can be continued across multiple lines by placing the shift-in character in column 72 of the continued line and the shift-out after the first string delimiter of the continuation line.

This SQL statement has a valid graphic constant of G‘<AABBCCDDEEFFGGHIIJJKK>‘. The redundant shifts are removed.

```cobol
*...+....1....+....2....+....3....+....4....+....5....+....6....+....7....+....8
EXEC SQL
SELECT * FROM GRAPHTAB
WHERE GRAPHCOL = G‘<AABB>‘
-’<CCDDEEFFGGHIIJJKK>‘
END-EXEC.
```

**Including code in COBOL applications that use SQL**

SQL statements or COBOL host variable declaration statements can be included by embedding the following SQL statement in the source code where the statements are to be embedded.

```cobol
EXEC SQL INCLUDE member-name END-EXEC.
```

COBOL COPY statements cannot be used to include SQL statements or declarations of COBOL host variables that are referenced in SQL statements.
Margins in COBOL applications that use SQL
You must code SQL statements in columns 12 through 72. If EXEC SQL starts before the specified margin (that is, before column 12), the SQL precompiler does not recognize the statement.

Sequence numbers in COBOL applications that use SQL
The source statements generated by the SQL precompiler are generated with the same sequence number as the SQL statement.

Names in COBOL applications that use SQL
Any valid COBOL variable name can be used for a host variable and is subject to the following restrictions:

Do not use host variable names or external entry names that begin with 'SQL', 'RDI', or 'DSN'. These names are reserved for the database manager.

Using structures that contain FILLER may not work as expected in an SQL statement. It is recommended that all fields within a COBOL structure be named to avoid unexpected results.

COBOL compile-time options in COBOL applications that use SQL
The COBOL PROCESS statement can be used to specify the compile-time options for the COBOL compiler.

Although the PROCESS statement will be recognized by the COBOL compiler when it is called by the precompiler to create the program; the SQL precompiler itself does not recognize the PROCESS statement. Therefore, options that affect the syntax of the COBOL source such as APOST and QUOTE should not be specified in the PROCESS statement. Instead, *APOST and *QUOTE should be specified in the OPTION parameter of the CRTSQLCBL and CRTSQLCBLI commands.

Statement labels in COBOL applications that use SQL
Executable SQL statements in the PROCEDURE DIVISION can be preceded by a paragraph name.

WHENEVER statement in COBOL applications that use SQL
The target for the GOTO clause in an SQL WHENEVER statement must be a section name or unqualified paragraph name in the PROCEDURE DIVISION.

Multiple source COBOL programs and the SQL COBOL precompiler
The SQL COBOL precompiler does not support precompiling multiple source programs separated with the PROCESS statement.

Using host variables in COBOL applications that use SQL
All host variables used in SQL statements must be explicitly declared prior to their first use.

The COBOL statements that are used to define the host variables should be preceded by a BEGIN DECLARE SECTION statement and followed by an END DECLARE SECTION statement. If a BEGIN DECLARE SECTION and END DECLARE SECTION are specified, all host variable declarations used in SQL statements must be between the BEGIN DECLARE SECTION and the END DECLARE SECTION statements.

All host variables within an SQL statement must be preceded by a colon (:).

Host variables cannot be records or elements.

To accommodate using dashes within a COBOL host variable name, blanks must precede and follow a minus sign.
Declaring host variables in COBOL applications that use SQL

The COBOL precompiler only recognizes a subset of valid COBOL declarations as valid host variable declarations.

Numeric host variables in COBOL applications that use SQL

This figure shows the syntax for valid integer host variable declarations.

**BIGINT and INTEGER and SMALLINT**

```
01 variable-name PICTURE IS picture-string

level-1

USAGE IS

BINARY

COMPUTATIONAL-4

COMP-4

COMPUTATIONAL-5

COMP-5

VALUE IS numeric-constant
```

Notes:

1. BINARY, COMPUTATIONAL-4, COMP-4, COMPUTATIONAL-5, and COMP-5 are equivalent. A portable application should code BINARY, because COMPUTATIONAL-4, COMP-4 COMPUTATIONAL-5, and COMP-5 are IBM extensions that are not supported in International Organization for Standardization (ISO)/ANSI COBOL. The picture-string associated with these types must have the form S9(i)V9(d) (or S9...9V9...9, with i and d instances of 9). i + d must be less than or equal to 18.

2. level-1 indicates a COBOL level between 2 and 48.

3. COMPUTATIONAL-5, and COMP-5 are only supported for ILE COBOL.

The following figure shows the syntax for valid decimal host variable declarations.
Notes:
1. PACKED-DECIMAL, COMPUTATIONAL-3, and COMP-3 are equivalent. A portable application should code PACKED-DECIMAL, because COMPUTATIONAL-3 and COMP-3 are IBM extensions that are not supported in ISO/ANS COBOL. The picture-string associated with these types must have the form $S9(i)V9(d)$ (or $S9...V9...9$, with $i$ and $d$ instances of 9). $i + d$ must be less than or equal to 63.

2. COMPUTATIONAL and COMP are equivalent. The picture strings associated with these and the data types they represent are product-specific. Therefore, COMP and COMPUTATIONAL should not be used in a portable application. In an OPM COBOL program, the picture-string associated with these types must have the form $S9(i)V9(d)$ (or $S9...V9...9$, with $i$ and $d$ instances of 9). $i + d$ must be less than or equal to 63.

3. level-1 indicates a COBOL level between 2 and 48.

The following figure shows the syntax for valid numeric host variable declarations.

**Numeric**
Notes:
1. The `picture-string` associated with SIGN LEADING SEPARATE and DISPLAY must have the form S9(i)V9(d) (or S9...V9...9, with i and d instances of 9). i + d must be less than or equal to 18.
2. `level-1` indicates a COBOL level between 2 and 48.

**Floating-point host variables in COBOL applications that use SQL**
This figure shows the syntax for valid floating-point host variable declarations. Floating-point host variables are only supported for ILE COBOL.

**Floating-point**

```
01 variable-name
    77 level-1
    USAGE IS COMPUTATIONAL-1
    IS COMP-1
    IS COMPUTATIONAL-2
    IS COMP-2

VALUE IS numeric-constant
```

Notes:
1. COMPUTATIONAL-1 and COMP-1 are equivalent. COMPUTATIONAL-2 and COMP-2 are equivalent.
2. `level-1` indicates a COBOL level between 2 and 48.

**Character host variables in COBOL applications that use SQL**
There are two valid forms of character host variables: fixed-length strings and varying-length strings.

**Fixed-length character strings**

```
01 variable-name
    77 level-1
    USAGE IS PICTURE PIC picture-string

VALUE IS string-constant
```

Notes:
1. The `picture-string` associated with these forms must be X(m) (or XXX...X, with m instances of X) with 1 \( \leq m \leq 32766 \).
2. `level-1` indicates a COBOL level between 2 and 48.
Varying-length character strings

```
01 variable-name . 49 var-1 PICTURE

   IS

   USAGE IS BINARY

   COMPUTATIONAL-4
   COMP-4
   COMPUTATIONAL-5
   COMP-5

   VALUE IS numeric-constant

   PICTURE PIC

   IS

   picture-string-2

   VALUE IS string-constant

   USAGE IS DISPLAY
```

Notes:

1. The `picture-string-1` associated with these forms must be S9(m) or S9...9 with m instances of 9. m must be from 1 to 4.

   Note that the database manager uses the full size of the S9(m) variable even though OPM COBOL only recognizes values up to the specified precision. This can cause data truncation errors when COBOL statements are being run, and might effectively limit the maximum length of variable-length character strings to the specified precision.

2. The `picture-string-2` associated with these forms must be either X(m), or XX...X, with m instances of X, and with 1 ≤ m ≤ 32,740.

3. `var-1` and `var-2` cannot be used as host variables.

4. `level-1` indicates a COBOL level between 2 and 48.

5. COMPUTATIONAL-5 and COMP-5 are only supported for ILE COBOL.

**Graphic host variables in COBOL applications that use SQL**

Graphic host variables are only supported in ILE COBOL.

There are two valid forms of graphic host variables:

- Fixed-length graphic strings
- Varying-length graphic strings
Fixed-length graphic strings

Notes:
1. The `picture-string` associated with the DISPLAY-1 form must be G(m) (or GGG...G, with m instances of G) or N(m) (or NNN...N, with m instances of N) with 1 ≤ m ≤ 16 383.
2. The `picture-string` associated with the NATIONAL form must be N(m) (or NNN...N, with m instances of N) with 1 ≤ m ≤ 16 383. NATIONAL is only supported for ILE COBOL. The CCSID is always 1200. You cannot specify a variable that is declared as NATIONAL on the DECLARE VARIABLE statement.
3. `level-1` indicates a COBOL level between 2 and 48.
Varying-length graphic strings

```
01 variable-name .
49 var-1
```

```
PICTURE IS picture-string-1 USAGE IS BINARY COMPUTATIONAL-4 COMP-4 COMPUTATIONAL-5 COMP-5 VALUE IS numeric-constant
```

```
49 var-2
PICTURE IS picture-string-2
```

```
USAGE IS DISPLAY-1 NATIONAL
VALUE IS string-constant
```

Notes:

1. The `picture-string-1` associated with these forms must be S9(m) or S9...9 with `m` instances of 9. `m` must be from 1 to 4.

   Note that the database manager uses the full size of the S9(m) variable even though OPM COBOL only recognizes values up to the specified precision. This can cause data truncation errors when COBOL statements are being run, and might effectively limit the maximum length of variable-length graphic strings to the specified precision.

2. The `picture-string-2` associated with the DISPLAY-1 form must be G(m), GG...G with `m` instances of G, N(m), or NN...N with `m` instances of N, and with 1 ≤ `m` ≤ 16 370.

3. The `picture-string-2` associated with the NATIONAL form must be N(m) (or NNN...N, with `m` instances of N) with 1 ≤ `m` ≤ 16 383. NATIONAL is only supported for ILE COBOL. The CCSID is always 1200. You cannot specify a variable that is declared as NATIONAL on the DECLARE VARIABLE statement.

4. The variables `var-1` and `var-2` cannot be used as host variables.

5. `level-1` indicates a COBOL level between 2 and 48.

6. COMPUTATIONAL-5 and COMP-5 are only supported for ILE COBOL.
**Binary host variables in COBOL applications that use SQL**
COBOL does not have variables that correspond to the SQL binary data types. To create host variables that can be used with these data types, use the SQL TYPE IS clause. The SQL precompiler replaces this declaration with a COBOL language structure in the output source member.

**BINARY and VARBINARY**

```
01 variable-name
   USAGE IS
      SQL TYPE IS
         BINARY
         VARBINARY
        (length).
```

**Notes:**
1. For BINARY host variables, the length must be in the range 1 to 32766.
2. For VARBINARY or BINARY VARYING host variables, the length must be in the range 1 to 32740.
3. SQL TYPE IS, BINARY, VARBINARY, and BINARY VARYING can be in mixed case.

**BINARY Example**
The following declaration:

```
01 MY-BINARY SQL TYPE IS BINARY(200).
```
Results in the generation of the following code:

```
01 MY-BINARY PIC X(200).
```

**VARBINARY Example**
The following declaration:

```
01 MY-VARBINARY SQL TYPE IS VARBINARY(250).
```
Results in the generation of the following structure:

```
01 MY-VARBINARY.
   49 MY-VARBINARY-LENGTH PIC 9(5) BINARY.
   49 MY-VARBINARY-DATA PIC X(250).
```

**LOB host variables in COBOL applications that use SQL**
COBOL does not have variables that correspond to the SQL data types for LOBs (large objects). To create host variables that can be used with these data types, use the SQL TYPE IS clause. The SQL precompiler replaces this declaration with a COBOL language structure in the output source member.
LOB host variables are only supported in ILE COBOL.
LOB host variables

01 variable-name
    USAGE IS SQL TYPE IS CLOB (lob-length K M).

Notes:
1. For BLOB and CLOB, 1 ≤ lob-length ≤ 15,728,640
2. For DBCLOB, 1 ≤ lob-length ≤ 7,864,320
3. SQL TYPE IS, BLOB, CLOB, DBCLOB can be in mixed case.

CLOB example
The following declaration:

01 MY-CLOB SQL TYPE IS CLOB(16384).

Results in the generation of the following structure:

01 MY-CLOB.
   49 MY-CLOB-LENGTH PIC 9(9) BINARY.
   49 MY-CLOB-DATA PIC X(16384).

DBCLOB example
The following declaration:

01 MY-DBCLOB SQL TYPE IS DBCLOB(8192).

Results in the generation of the following structure:

01 MY-DBCLOB.
   49 MY-DBCLOB-LENGTH PIC 9(9) BINARY.
   49 MY-DBCLOB-DATA PIC G(8192) DISPLAY-1.

BLOB example
The following declaration:

01 MY-BLOB SQL TYPE IS BLOB(16384).

Results in the generation of the following structure:

01 MY-BLOB.
   49 MY-BLOB-LENGTH PIC 9(9) BINARY.
   49 MY-BLOB-DATA PIC X(16384).
LOB locator

01 variable-name usage is

SQL TYPE IS CLOB-LOCATOR DBCLOB-LOCATOR BLOB-LOCATOR.

Notes:
1. SQL TYPE IS, BLOB-LOCATOR, CLOB-LOCATOR, DBCLOB-LOCATOR can be in mixed case.
2. LOB locators cannot be initialized in the SQL TYPE IS statement.

CLOB and DBCLOB locators have similar syntax.

BLOB locator example

The following declaration:

01 MY-LOCATOR SQL TYPE IS BLOB_LOCATOR.

Results in the following generation:

01 MY-LOCATOR PIC 9(9) BINARY.

LOB file reference variable

01 variable-name usage is

SQL TYPE IS CLOB-FILE DBCLOB-FILE BLOB-FILE.

Note: SQL TYPE IS, BLOB-FILE, CLOB-FILE, DBCLOB-FILE can be in mixed case.

BLOB file reference example

The following declaration:

01 MY-FILE SQL TYPE IS BLOB-FILE.

Results in the generation of the following structure:

01 MY-FILE.
49 MY-FILE-NAME-LENGTH PIC S9(9) COMP-5.
49 MY-FILE-DATA-LENGTH PIC S9(9) COMP-5.
49 MY-FILE-FILE-OPTIONS PIC S9(9) COMP-5.
49 MY-FILE-NAME PIC X(255).

CLOB and DBCLOB file reference variables have similar syntax.

The precompiler generates declarations for the following file option constants. You can use these constants to set the xxx-FILE-OPTIONS variable when you use file reference host variables.

- SQL_FILE_READ (2)
- SQL_FILE_CREATE (8)
XML host variables in COBOL applications that use SQL

COBOL does not have variables that correspond to the SQL data type for XML. To create host variables that can be used with this data type, use the SQL TYPE IS clause. The SQL precompiler replaces this declaration with a COBOL language structure in the output source member.

XML host variables are only supported in ILE COBOL.

XML host variables

```
01 variable-name
   USAGE IS
      SQL TYPE IS XML AS CLOB
      (lob-length)
      DBCLOB
      BLOB
```

Notes:
1. For BLOB and CLOB, \(1 \leq \text{lob-length} \leq 15,728,640\)
2. For DBCLOB, \(1 \leq \text{lob-length} \leq 7,864,320\)
3. SQL TYPE IS, XML AS, BLOB, CLOB, DBCLOB can be in mixed case.
4. The CCSID value for an XML host variable can be explicitly set by the DECLARE VARIABLE statement. Otherwise, the value specified by the SQL_XML_DATA_CCSID QAQQINI option will be used. The default for this QAQQINI option is CCSID 1208.

XML example

The following declaration:

```
01 MY-XML SQL TYPE IS CLOB(5000).
```

Results in the generation of the following structure:

```
01 MY-XML.
   49 MY-XML-LENGTH PIC 9(9) BINARY.
   49 MY-XML-DATA PIC X(5000).
```

XML locator

```
01 variable-name
   USAGE IS
      SQL TYPE IS XML-LOCATOR
```

Notes:
1. SQL TYPE IS, XML AS, XML-LOCATOR can be in mixed case.
2. LOB locators cannot be initialized in the SQL TYPE IS statement.
**XML locator example**

The following declaration:

```sql
01 MY-LOCATOR SQL TYPE IS XML-LOCATOR.
```

Results in the following generation:

```sql
01 MY-LOCATOR PIC 9(9) BINARY.
```

**XML file reference variable**

```
01 variable-name Usage
   SQL TYPE IS XML AS CLOB-FILE DBCLOB-FILE BLOB-FILE.
```

**Note:** SQL TYPE IS, XML AS, BLOB-FILE, CLOB-FILE, DBCLOB-FILE can be in mixed case.

**XML file reference example**

The following declaration:

```sql
01 MY-FILE SQL TYPE IS XML AS CLOB-FILE.
```

Results in the generation of the following structure:

```sql
01 MY-FILE.
   49 MY-FILE-NAME-LENGTH PIC S9(9) COMP-5.
   49 MY-FILE-DATA-LENGTH PIC S9(9) COMP-5.
   49 MY-FILE-FILE-OPTIONS PIC S9(9) COMP-5.
   49 MY-FILE-NAME PIC X(255).
```

The precompiler generates declarations for the following file option constants. You can use these constants to set the xxx-FILE-OPTIONS variable when you use file reference host variables.

- SQL_FILE_READ (2)
- SQL_FILE_CREATE (8)
- SQL_FILE_OVERWRITE (16)
- SQL_FILE_APPEND (32)
**Datetime host variables in COBOL applications that use SQL**

This figure shows the syntax for valid date, time, and timestamp host variable declarations. Datetime host variables are supported only for ILE COBOL.

**Datetime host variable**

![Diagram of datetime host variable syntax]

**Notes:**

1. `level-1` indicates a COBOL level between 2 and 48.
2. `format-options` indicates valid datetime options that are supported by the COBOL compiler. See the ILE COBOL Language Reference manual for details.
3. The value for the TIMESTAMP SIZE integer must be 19 to 32.

**ROWID host variables in COBOL applications that use SQL**

COBOL does not have a variable that corresponds to the SQL data type ROWID. To create host variables that can be used with this data type, use the SQL TYPE IS clause. The SQL precompiler replaces this declaration with a COBOL language structure in the output source member.

**ROWID**

```cobol
01 variable-name SQL TYPE IS ROWID.
```

**Note:** SQL TYPE IS ROWID can be in mixed case.

**ROWID example**

The following declaration:

```cobol
01 MY-ROWID SQL TYPE IS ROWID.
```

Results in the generation of the following structure:

```cobol
01 MY-ROWID.
  49 MY-ROWID-LENGTH PIC 9(2) BINARY.
  49 MY-ROWID-DATA PIC X(40).
```
**Result set locator host variables in COBOL applications that use SQL**

COBOL does not have a variable that corresponds to the SQL result set locator data type. To create host variables that can be used with this data type, use the SQL TYPE IS clause. The SQL precompiler replaces this declaration with a COBOL language structure in the output source member.

**Result set locator**

```cobol
01 variable-name
   USAGE IS SQL TYPE IS RESULT_SET_LOCATOR.
```

**Note:** SQL TYPE IS RESULT_SET_LOCATOR can be in mixed case.

**Result set locator example**

The following declaration:

```cobol
01 RSLOC1 SQL TYPE IS RESULT_SET_LOCATOR.
```

Results in the generation of the following structure:

```cobol
01 RSLOC1 PIC 9(18) BINARY.
```

**Using host structures in COBOL applications that use SQL**

A host structure is a named set of host variables that is defined in your program's DATA DIVISION.

Host structures have a maximum of two levels, even though the host structure might itself occur within a multilevel structure. An exception is the declaration of a varying-length character string, which requires another level that must be level 49.

A host structure name can be a group name whose subordinate levels name basic data items. For example:

```cobol
01 A
  02 B
    03 C1 PICTURE ...
    03 C2 PICTURE ...
```

In this example, B is the name of a host structure consisting of the basic items C1 and C2.

When writing an SQL statement using a qualified host variable name (for example, to identify a field within a structure), use the name of the structure followed by a period and the name of the field. For example, specify B.C1 rather than C1 OF B or C1 IN B. However, this guideline applies only to qualified names within SQL statements; you cannot use this technique for writing qualified names in COBOL statements.

A host structure is considered complete if any of the following items are found:

- A COBOL item that must begin in area A
- Any SQL statement (except SQL INCLUDE)

After the host structure is defined, you can refer to it in an SQL statement instead of listing the several host variables (that is, the names of the data items that comprise the host structure).

For example, you can retrieve all column values from selected rows of the table CORPDATA.EMPLOYEE with:

```cobol
01 PEMPL.
  10 EMPNO          PIC X(6).
  10 FIRSTNME.
    49 FIRSTNME-LEN PIC S9(4) USAGE BINARY.
    49 FIRSTNME-TEXT PIC X(12).
  10 MIDINIT        PIC X(1).
```
Notice that in the declaration of PEMPL, two varying-length string elements are included in the structure: FIRSTNAME and LASTNAME.

**Host structure in COBOL applications that use SQL**

This figure shows the syntax for the valid host structure.

```plaintext
level-1 variable-name . .

level-2 var-1 . .

PICTURE

IS picture-string usage-clause .

floating-point . .

varchar-string . .

vargraphic-string . .

binary . .

lob . .

xml .

datetime .

rowid .

result-set-locator .

usage-clause
```
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binary

lob

exml
**USAGE**

```plaintext
IS SQL TYPE IS

XML AS CLOB (lob-length)
DBCLOB
BLOB

XML-LOCATOR
```

**datetime**

```plaintext
variable-name — FORMAT

DATE
TIME
TIMESTAMP

IS format-options
```

**rowid**

```plaintext
SQL TYPE IS ROWID
```

**result-set-locator**

```plaintext
SQL TYPE IS RESULT_SET_LOCATOR
```

**Notes:**

1. *level-1* indicates a COBOL level between 1 and 47.
2. *level-2* indicates a COBOL level between 2 and 48 where *level-2 > level-1*.
3. Graphic host variables, LOB host variables, XML host variables, floating-point host variables, and COMP-5 host variables are only supported for ILE COBOL.
4. For details on declaring numeric, character, graphic, binary, LOB, XML, ROWID, and result set locator host variables, see the notes under numeric-host variables, character-host variables, graphic-host variables, binary host variables, LOB host variables, XML host variables, ROWID, and result set locator host variables.
5. The variable *format-options* indicates valid datetime options that are supported by the COBOL compiler. See the ILE COBOL Language Reference manual for details.
6. The value for the TIMESTAMP SIZE integer must be 19 to 32.
Host structure indicator array in COBOL applications that use SQL
This figure shows the syntax for valid host structure indicator array declarations.

Host structure indicator array

```
level-1 variable-name PICTURE PIC IS picture-string

USAGE IS

BINARY OCCURS dimension

COMPUTATIONAL-4 COMP-4 COMPUTATIONAL-5 COMP-5

TIMES VALUE IS constant
```

Notes:
1. Dimension must be an integer between 1 and 32 767.
2. `level-1` must be an integer between 2 and 48.
3. BINARY, COMPUTATIONAL-4, COMP-4, COMPUTATIONAL-5, and COMP-5 are equivalent. A portable application should code BINARY because COMPUTATIONAL-4, COMP-4, COMPUTATIONAL-5, and COMP-5 are IBM extensions that are not supported in ISO/ANSI COBOL. The `picture-string` associated with these types must have the form S9(i) (or S9...9, with i instances of 9). i must be less than or equal to 4.

Using host structure arrays in COBOL applications that use SQL
A host structure array is a named set of host variables that is defined in the program's Data Division and has an OCCURS clause.

Host structure arrays have a maximum of two levels, even though the host structure can occur within a multiple level structure. A varying-length string requires another level, level 49. A host structure array name can be a group name whose subordinate levels name basic data items.

In these examples, the following are true:
- All members in B-ARRAY must be valid.
- B-ARRAY cannot be qualified.
- B-ARRAY can only be used on the blocked form of the FETCH and INSERT statements.
- B-ARRAY is the name of an array of host structures containing items C1-VAR and C2-VAR.
- The SYNCHRONIZED attribute must not be specified.
- C1-VAR and C2-VAR are not valid host variables in any SQL statement. A structure cannot contain an intermediate level structure.

```
01 A-STRUCT.
  02 B-ARRAY OCCURS 10 TIMES.
    03 C1-VAR PIC X(20).
    03 C2-VAR PIC S9(4).
```
To retrieve 10 rows from the CORPDATA.DEPARTMENT table, use the following example:

```
01 TABLE-1.
  02 DEPT OCCURS 10 TIMES.
    05 DEPTNO PIC X(3).
    05 DEPTNAME.
      49 DEPTNAME-LEN PIC S9(4) BINARY.
      49 DEPTNAME-TEXT PIC X(29).
    05 MGRNO PIC X(6).
    05 ADMRDEPT PIC X(3).
01 TABLE-2.
  02 IND-ARRAY OCCURS 10 TIMES.
    05 IND 역시 PIC S9(4) BINARY OCCURS 4 TIMES.

EXEC SQL
DECLARE C1 CURSOR FOR
SELECT *
FROM CORPDATA.DEPARTMENT
END-EXEC.
EXEC SQL
FETCH C1 FOR 10 ROWS INTO :DEPT :IND-ARRAY
END-EXEC.
```

Host structure array in COBOL applications that use SQL
These figures show the syntax for valid host structure array declarations.

```
level-1 — variable-name — OCCURS — dimension

level-2 — var-1 — PICTURE
  PIC — floating-point — .
  . — varchar-string — .
  . — vargraphic-string — .
  binary — .
  lob — .
  xml — .
  datetime — .
  rowid — .
  result-set-locator — .
```

usage-clause
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**lob**

**xml**

**datetime**

**rowid**

**result set locator**
Notes:
1. level-1 indicates a COBOL level between 2 and 47.
2. level-2 indicates a COBOL level between 3 and 48 where level-2 > level-1.
3. Graphic host variables, LOB host variables, XML host variables, and floating-point host variables are only supported for ILE COBOL.
4. For details on declaring numeric, character, graphic, binary LOB, XML, ROWID, and result set locator host variables, see the notes under numeric-host variables, character-host variables, graphic-host variables, binary host variables, LOB, XML, ROWID, and result set locator host variables.
5. Dimension must be an integer constant between 1 and 32767.
6. The variable format-options indicates valid datetime options that are supported by the COBOL compiler. See the ILE COBOL Language Reference manual for details.
7. The value for the TIMESTAMP SIZE integer must be 19 to 32.

Host array indicator structure in COBOL applications that use SQL

This figure shows the valid syntax for host structure array indicators.

```
level-1  variable-name  OCCURS  dimension  TIMES  level-2  var-1
```

Notes:
1. level-1 indicates a COBOL level between 2 and 48.
2. level-2 indicates a COBOL level between 3 and 48 where level-2 > level-1.
3. Dimension must be an integer constant between 1 and 32767.
4. BINARY, COMPUTATIONAL-4, COMP-4, COMPUTATIONAL-5, and COMP-5 are equivalent. A portable application should code BINARY, because COMPUTATIONAL-4, COMP-4, COMPUTATIONAL-5, and COMP-5 are IBM extensions that are not supported in ISO/ANSI COBOL. The picture-string associated with these types must have the form S9(i) (or S9...9, with i instances of 9). i must be less than or equal to 4.

Using external file descriptions in COBOL applications that use SQL

SQL uses the COPY DD-format-name, COPY DD-ALL-FORMATS, COPY DDS-format-name, COPY DDR-format-name, COPY DDR-ALL-FORMATS, COPY DDSR-format-name, COPY DDS-ALL-FORMATS, and COPY DDSR-ALL-FORMATS to retrieve host variables from the file definitions.

If the REPLACING option is specified, only complete name replacing is done. Var-1 is compared against the format name and the field name. If they are equal, var-2 is used as the new name.
Note: You cannot retrieve host variables from file definitions that have field names which are COBOL reserved words. You must place the COPY DDx-format statement within a COBOL host structure.

To retrieve the definition of the sample table DEPARTMENT described in Db2 for i sample tables in the SQL programming concepts topic collection, you can code the following:

```
01 DEPARTMENT-STRUCTURE.
   COPY DDS-ALL-FORMATS OF DEPARTMENT.
```

A host structure named DEPARTMENT-STRUCTURE is defined with an 05 level field named DEPARTMENT-RECORD that contains four 06 level fields named DEPTNO, DEPTNAME, MGRNO, and ADMRDEPT. These field names can be used as host variables in SQL statements.

For more information about the COBOL COPY verb, see the ILE COBOL Language Reference and COBOL/400 User's Guide at IBM Publications Center.

CLOB, BLOB, and DBCLOB columns in the external file are ignored. No host variable definition will be generated in the host structure for these types.

Using external file descriptions for host structure arrays in COBOL applications that use SQL

Because COBOL creates an extra level when including externally described data, the OCCURS clause must be placed on the preceding 04 level. The structure cannot contain any additional declares at the 05 level.

If the file contains fields that are generated as FILLER, the structure cannot be used as a host structure array.

For device files, if INDARA is not specified and the file contains indicators, the declaration cannot be used as a host structure array. The indicator area is included in the generated structure and causes the storage for records to not be contiguous.

For example, the following shows how to use COPY–DDS to generate a host structure array and fetch 10 rows into the host structure array:

```
01 DEPT.
   04 DEPT-ARRAY OCCURS 10 TIMES.
   COPY DDS-ALL-FORMATS OF DEPARTMENT.
   ...

EXEC SQL DECLARE C1 CURSOR FOR
   SELECT * FROM CORPDATA.DEPARTMENT
END EXEC.

EXEC SQL OPEN C1
END-EXEC.

EXEC SQL FETCH C1 FOR 10 ROWS INTO :DEPARTMENT
END-EXEC.
```

Note: DATE, TIME, and TIMESTAMP columns will generate character host variable definitions that are treated by SQL with the same comparison and assignment rules as the DATE, TIME, or TIMESTAMP column. For example, a date host variable can only be compared against a DATE column or a string which is a valid representation of a date.

Although GRAPHIC and VARGRAPHIC are mapped to character variables in OPM COBOL, SQL considers these GRAPHIC and VARGRAPHIC variables. If the GRAPHIC or VARGRAPHIC column has a UCS-2 CCSID, the generated host variable has the UCS-2 CCSID assigned to it. If the GRAPHIC or VARGRAPHIC column has a UTF-16 CCSID, the generated host variable has the UTF-16 CCSID assigned to it.
Determining equivalent SQL and COBOL data types

The precompiler determines the base SQLTYPE and SQLLEN of host variables based on this table. If a host variable appears with an indicator variable, the SQLTYPE is the base SQLTYPE plus one.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>COBOL data type</th>
<th>SQLTYPE of host variable</th>
<th>SQLLEN of host variable</th>
<th>SQL data type</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>S9(i)V9(d) COMP-3 or S9(i)V9(d) COMP or S9(i)V9(d) PACKED-DECIMAL</td>
<td>484</td>
<td>i+d in byte 1, d in byte 2</td>
<td>DECIMAL(i+d,d)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S9(i)V9(d) DISPLAY SIGN LEADING SEPARATE</td>
<td>504</td>
<td>i+d in byte 1, d in byte 2</td>
<td>No exact equivalent use DECIMAL(i+d,d) or NUMERIC (i+d,d)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S9(i)V9(d)DISPLAY</td>
<td>488</td>
<td>i+d in byte 1, d in byte 2</td>
<td>NUMERIC(i+d,d)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S9(i) BINARY or S9(i) COMP-4 or S9(i) COMP-5 where i is from 1 to 4</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>SMALLINT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S9(i) BINARY or S9(i) COMP-4 or S9(i) COMP-5 where i is from 5 to 9</td>
<td>496</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>INTEGER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S9(i) BINARY or S9(i) COMP-4 or S9(i) COMP-5 where i is from 10 to 18.</td>
<td>492</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>BIGINT</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fixed-length character data</td>
<td>452</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>CHAR(m)</td>
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<td>Varying-length character data</td>
<td>448</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>VARCHAR(m)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fixed-length graphic data</td>
<td>468</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>GRAPHIC(m)</td>
</tr>
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<td>Varying-length graphic data</td>
<td>464</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>VARGRAPHIC(m)</td>
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Not supported by OPM COBOL.
## Table 3. COBOL declarations mapped to typical SQL data types (continued)

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<th>SQLTYPE of host variable</th>
<th>SQLLEN of host variable</th>
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<tr>
<td>TIME</td>
<td>388</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Not supported by OPM COBOL.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TIMESTAMP SIZE n</td>
<td>392</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>TIMESTAMP(0) when n = 19. TIMESTAMP(n-20) when n &gt; 20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not supported by OPM COBOL.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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The following table can be used to determine the COBOL data type that is equivalent to a given SQL data type.

## Table 4. SQL data types mapped to typical COBOL declarations

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<tr>
<th>SQL data type</th>
<th>COBOL data type</th>
<th>Notes</th>
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<tr>
<td>SMALLINT</td>
<td>S9(m) COMP-4 or S9(m) COMP-5</td>
<td>m is from 1 to 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INTEGER</td>
<td>S9(m) COMP-4 or S9(m) COMP-5</td>
<td>m is from 5 to 9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BIGINT</td>
<td>S9(m) COMP-4 or S9(m) COMP-5 for ILE COBOL.</td>
<td>m is from 10 to 18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not supported by OPM COBOL.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECIMAL(p,s)</td>
<td>If p&lt;64: S9(p-s)V9(s) PACKED-DECIMAL or S9(p-s)V9(s) COMP or S9(p-s)V9(s) COMP-3. If p&gt;63: Not supported</td>
<td>p is precision; s is scale. 0&lt;=s&lt;=p&lt;=63. If s=0, use S9(p) or S9(p)V. If s=p, use SV9(s).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUMERIC(p,s)</td>
<td>If p&lt;19: S9(p-s)V9(s) DISPLAY If p&gt;18: Not supported</td>
<td>p is precision; s is scale. 0&lt;=s&lt;=p&lt;=18. If s=0, use S9(p) or S9(p)V. If s=p, use SV9(s).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECFLOAT</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FLOAT(single precision)</td>
<td>COMP-1 for ILE COBOL.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not supported by OPM COBOL.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FLOAT(double precision)</td>
<td>COMP-2 for ILE COBOL.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not supported by OPM COBOL.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHAR(n)</td>
<td>Fixed-length character string</td>
<td>32766≥n≥1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VARCHAR(n)</td>
<td>Varying-length character string</td>
<td>32740≥n≥1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CLOB</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Use SQL TYPE IS to declare a CLOB for ILE COBOL.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not supported by OPM COBOL.</td>
<td></td>
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### Table 4. SQL data types mapped to typical COBOL declarations (continued)

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<th>Notes</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>GRAPHIC(n)</td>
<td>Fixed-length graphic string for ILE COBOL. Not supported by OPM COBOL.</td>
<td>16383≥n≥1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VARGRAPHIC(n)</td>
<td>Varying-length graphic string for ILE COBOL. Not supported by OPM COBOL.</td>
<td>16370≥n≥1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DBCLOB</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Use SQL TYPE IS to declare a DBCLOB for ILE COBOL. Not supported by OPM COBOL.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BINARY</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Use SQL TYPE IS to declare a BINARY.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VARBINARY</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Use SQL TYPE IS to declare a VARBINARY.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BLOB</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Use SQL TYPE IS to declare a BLOB. Not supported by OPM COBOL.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
<td>Fixed-length character string or DATE for ILE COBOL.</td>
<td>If the format is *USA, *JIS, *EUR, or *ISO, allow at least 10 characters. If the format is *YMD, *DYM, or *MDY, allow at least 8 characters. If the format is *JUL, allow at least 6 characters.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TIME</td>
<td>Fixed-length character string or TIME for ILE COBOL.</td>
<td>Allow at least 6 characters; 8 to include seconds.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TIMESTAMP(n)</td>
<td>Fixed-length character string or TIMESTAMP(19) when n = 0, TIMESTAMP(20+n) when n &gt; 0 for ILE COBOL.</td>
<td>To include all fractional seconds, n must be 12. If n is less than 12, truncation occurs on the fractional seconds part.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>XML</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Use SQL TYPE IS to declare an XML. Not supported by OPM COBOL.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATALINK</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROWID</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Use SQL TYPE IS to declare a ROWID.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Result set locator</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Use SQL TYPE IS to declare a result set locator.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Notes on COBOL variable declaration and usage**

Any level 77 data description entry can be followed by one or more REDEFINES entries. However, the names in these entries cannot be used in SQL statements.

Unpredictable results may occur when a structure contains levels defined below a FILLER item.
The COBOL declarations for SMALLINT, INTEGER, and BIGINT data types are expressed as a number of decimal digits. The database manager uses the full size of the integers and can place larger values in the host variable than would be allowed in the specified number of digits in the COBOL declaration. However, this can cause data truncation or size errors when COBOL statements are being run. Ensure that the size of numbers in your application is within the declared number of digits.

**Using indicator variables in COBOL applications that use SQL**

An *indicator variable* is a two-byte integer (PIC S9(m) USAGE BINARY, where m is from 1 to 4).

You can also specify an indicator structure (defined as an array of halfword integer variables) to support a host structure.

Indicator variables are declared in the same way as host variables, and the declarations of the two can be mixed in any way that seems appropriate to the programmer.

**Example**

Given the statement:

```sql
EXEC SQL
  FETCH  CLS_CURSOR INTO :CLS-CD,
    :NUMDAY :NUMDAY-IND,
    :BGN :BGN-IND,
    :ENDCLS :ENDCLS-IND
END-EXEC.
```

The variables can be declared as follows:

```cobol
EXEC SQL BEGIN DECLARE SECTION
  77 CLS-CD     PIC X(7).
  77 NUMDAY     PIC S9(4) BINARY.
  77 BGN        PIC X(8).
  77 ENDCLS     PIC X(8).
  77 NUMDAY-IND PIC S9(4) BINARY.
  77 BGN-IND    PIC S9(4) BINARY.
  77 ENDCLS-IND PIC S9(4) BINARY.
EXEC SQL END DECLARE SECTION
```

**Related reference**

- References to variables
- Indicator variables in applications that use SQL

An *indicator variable* is a halfword integer variable used to communicate additional information about its associated host variable.

**Coding SQL statements in PL/I applications**

There are some unique application and coding requirements for embedding SQL statements in a PL/I program. In this topic, requirements for host structures and host variables are defined.

**Note:** By using the code examples, you agree to the terms of the “Code license and disclaimer information” on page 194.

**Related concepts**

- Writing applications that use SQL

You can create database applications in host languages that use Db2 for i SQL statements and functions.

**Related reference**

- Example programs: Using Db2 for i statements

Here is a sample application that shows how to code SQL statements in each of the languages that Db2 for i supports.

- Example: SQL statements in PL/I programs
This example program is written in the PL/I programming language.

Defining the SQL communication area in PL/I applications that use SQL

A PL/I program that contains SQL statements must include one or both of these fields:

• An SQLCODE variable declared as FIXED BINARY(31)
• An SQLSTATE variable declared as CHAR(5)

Or,

• An SQLCA (which contains an SQLCODE and SQLSTATE variable).

The SQLCODE and SQLSTATE values are set by the database manager after each SQL statement is run. An application can check the SQLCODE or SQLSTATE value to determine whether the last SQL statement was successful.

The SQLCA can be coded in a PL/I program either directly or by using the SQL INCLUDE statement. Using the SQL INCLUDE statement requests the inclusion of a standard SQLCA declaration:

```sql
EXEC SQL INCLUDE SQLCA ;
```

The scope of the SQLCODE, SQLSTATE, and SQLCA variables must include the scope of all SQL statements in the program.

The included PL/I source statements for the SQLCA are:

```pli
DCL 1 SQLCA,
  2 SQLCAID CHAR(8),
  2 SQLCABC FIXED(31) BINARY,
  2 SQLCODE FIXED(31) BINARY,
  2 SQLERRM CHAR(76) VAR,
  2 SQLERRP CHAR(8),
  2 SQLERRD(6) FIXED(31) BINARY,
  2 SQLWARN,
    3 SQLWARN0 CHAR(1),
    3 SQLWARN1 CHAR(1),
    3 SQLWARN2 CHAR(1),
    3 SQLWARN3 CHAR(1),
    3 SQLWARN4 CHAR(1),
    3 SQLWARN5 CHAR(1),
    3 SQLWARN6 CHAR(1),
    3 SQLWARN7 CHAR(1),
    3 SQLWARN8 CHAR(1),
    3 SQLWARN9 CHAR(1),
  3 SQLWARNA CHAR(1),
  2 SQLSTATE CHAR(5);
```

SQLCODE is replaced with SQLCADE when a declare for SQLCODE is found in the program and the SQLCA is provided by the precompiler. SQLSTATE is replaced with SQLSTOTE when a declare for SQLSTATE is found in the program and the SQLCA is provided by the precompiler.

Related reference
SQL communication area

Defining SQL descriptor areas in PL/I applications that use SQL

There are two types of SQL descriptor areas. One is defined with the ALLOCATE DESCRIPTOR statement. The other is defined using the SQLDA structure. In this topic, only the SQLDA form is discussed.

The following statements can use an SQLDA:

• EXECUTE...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
• FETCH...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
• OPEN...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
• CALL...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
• DESCRIBE statement-name INTO descriptor-name
Unlike the SQLCA, there can be more than one SQLDA in a program, and an SQLDA can have any valid name. An SQLDA can be coded in a PL/I program either program directly or by using the SQL INCLUDE statement. Using the SQL INCLUDE statement requests the inclusion of a standard SQLDA declaration:

```sql
EXEC SQL INCLUDE SQLDA;
```

The included PL/I source statements for the SQLDA are:

```pli
DCL 1 SQLDA BASED(SQLDAPTR),
   2 SQLDAID  CHAR(8),
   2 SQLDABC  FIXED(31) BINARY,
   2 SQLN    FIXED(15) BINARY,
   2 SQLD    FIXED(15) BINARY,
   2 SQLVAR(99),
   3 SQLTYPE FIXED(15) BINARY,
   3 SQLLEN  FIXED(15) BINARY,
   3 SQLRES  CHAR(12),
   3 SQLDATA PTR,
   3 SQLIND  PTR,
   3 SQLNAME CHAR(30) VAR;
DCL SQLDAPTR PTR;
```

Dynamic SQL is an advanced programming technique. With dynamic SQL, your program can develop and then run SQL statements while the program is running. A SELECT statement with a variable SELECT list (that is, a list of the data to be returned as part of the query) that runs dynamically requires an SQL descriptor area (SQLDA). This is because you cannot know in advance how many or what type of variables to allocate in order to receive the results of the SELECT.

**Related concepts**
- Dynamic SQL applications

**Related reference**
- SQL descriptor area

### Embedding SQL statements in PL/I applications that use SQL

The first statement of the PL/I program must be a PROCEDURE statement. SQL statements can be coded in a PL/I program wherever executable statements can appear.

Each SQL statement in a PL/I program must begin with EXEC SQL and end with a semicolon (;). The key words EXEC SQL must appear all on one line, but the remainder of the statement can appear on the next and subsequent lines.

**Example: Embedding SQL statements in PL/I applications that use SQL**

You can code an UPDATE statement in a PL/I program as in this example.

```sql
EXEC SQL UPDATE DEPARTMENT
SET MGRNO = :MGR_NUM
WHERE DEPTNO = :INT_DEPT;
```
Comments in PL/I applications that use SQL
In addition to SQL comments (--), you can include PL/I comments (/\*...\*/ ) in embedded SQL statements wherever a blank is allowed, except between the keywords EXEC and SQL.

Continuation for SQL statements in PL/I applications that use SQL
The line continuation rules for SQL statements are the same as those for other PL/I statements, except that EXEC SQL must be specified within one line.

Constants containing DBCS data can be continued across multiple lines by placing the shift-in and shift-out characters outside of the margins. This example assumes margins of 2 and 72. This SQL statement has a valid graphic constant of G'<AABBCCDDEEFFGGHHIIJKK>'.

EXEC SQL
SELECT * FROM GRAPHTAB WHERE GRAPHCOL = G'<AABBCCDD>
<EEFFGGHHIIJKK>' ;

Including code in PL/I applications that use SQL
SQL statements or PL/I host variable declaration statements can be included by placing the following SQL statement at the point in the source code where the statements are to be embedded.

EXEC SQL INCLUDE member-name ;

Margins in PL/I applications that use SQL
You must code SQL statements within the margins specified by the MARGINS parameter on the CRTSQLPLI command. If EXEC SQL does not start within the specified margins, the SQL precompiler will not recognize the SQL statement.

Related concepts
CL command descriptions for host language precompilers
The IBM DB2 Query Manager and SQL Development Kit for i licensed program provides commands for precompiling programs coded in these programming languages.

Names in PL/I applications that use SQL
Any valid PL/I variable name can be used for a host variable and is subject to these restrictions.

Do not use host variable names or external entry names that begin with 'SQL', 'RDI', or 'DSN'. These names are reserved for the database manager.

Statement labels in PL/I applications that use SQL
All executable SQL statements, like PL/I statements, can have a label prefix.

WHENEVER statement in PL/I applications that use SQL
The target for the GOTO clause in an SQL WHENEVER statement must be a label in the PL/I source code and must be within the scope of any SQL statements affected by the WHENEVER statement.

Using host variables in PL/I applications that use SQL
All host variables used in SQL statements must be explicitly declared.

The PL/I statements that are used to define the host variables should be preceded by a BEGIN DECLARE SECTION statement and followed by an END DECLARE SECTION statement. If a BEGIN DECLARE SECTION and END DECLARE SECTION are specified, all host variable declarations used in SQL statements must be between the BEGIN DECLARE SECTION and the END DECLARE SECTION statements.

All host variables within an SQL statement must be preceded by a colon (:).

The names of host variables must be unique within the program, even if the host variables are in different blocks or procedures.
An SQL statement that uses a host variable must be within the scope of the statement in which the variable was declared.

Host variables must be scalar variables. They cannot be elements of an array.

**Declaring host variables in PL/I applications that use SQL**
The PL/I precompiler only recognizes a subset of valid PL/I declarations as valid host variable declarations.

Only the names and data attributes of the variables are used by the precompilers; the alignment, scope, and storage attributes are ignored. Even though alignment, scope, and storage are ignored, there are some restrictions on their use that, if ignored, may result in problems when compiling PL/I source code that is created by the precompiler. These restrictions are:

- A declaration with the EXTERNAL scope attribute and the STATIC storage attribute must also have the INITIAL storage attribute.
- If the BASED storage attribute is coded, it must be followed by a PL/I element-locator-expression.

**Numeric-host variables in PL/I applications that use SQL**
This figure shows the syntax for valid scalar numeric-host variable declarations.

```
Numeric

DECLARE
DCL variable-name
,variable-name
BINARY BIN
FIXED (precision)
FLOAT (precision)
DECIMAL DEC
FIXED (precision)
, scale
FLOAT (precision)
PICTURE picture-string

Alignment and/or Scope and/or Storage
```

**Notes:**
1. (BINARY, BIN, DECIMAL, or DEC) and (FIXED or FLOAT) and (precision, scale) can be specified in any order.
2. A picture-string in the form '9...9V9...R' indicates a numeric host variable. The R is required. The optional V indicates the implied decimal point.
3. A picture-string in the form 'S9...9V9...9' indicates a sign leading separate host variable. The S is required. The optional V indicates the implied decimal point.
Character-host variables in PL/I applications that use SQL
This figure shows the syntax for valid scalar character-host variables.

**Character**

```
DECLARE DCL variable-name (variable-name) CHARACTER CHAR (length) VARYING VAR;
```

**Notes:**
1. The variable *length* must be an integer constant not greater than 32766 if VARYING or VAR is not specified.
2. If VARYING or VAR is specified, *length* must be a constant no greater than 32740.

Binary host variables in PL/I applications that use SQL
PL/I does not have variables that correspond to the SQL binary data types. To create host variables that can be used with these data types, use the SQL TYPE IS clause. The SQL precompiler replaces this declaration with a PL/I language structure in the output source member.

**BINARY and VARBINARY**

```
DECLARE DCL variable-name (variable-name) SQL TYPE IS BINARY VARBINARY BINARY VARYING (length);
```

**Notes:**
1. For BINARY host variables, the length must be in the range 1 to 32766.
2. For VARBINARY and BINARY VARYING host variables, the length must be in the range 1 to 32740.
3. SQL TYPE IS, BINARY, VARBINARY, BINARY VARYING can be in mixed case.

**BINARY example**
The following declaration:

```
DCL MY_BINARY SQL TYPE IS BINARY(100);
```

Results in the generation of the following code:

```
DCL MY_BINARY CHARACTER(100);
```
**VARBINARY example**

The following declaration:

```
DCL MY_VARBINARY SQL TYPE IS VARBINARY(250);
```

Results in the generation of the following code:

```
DCL MY_VARBINARY CHARACTER(250) VARYING;
```

**LOB host variables in PL/I applications that use SQL**

PL/I does not have variables that correspond to the SQL data types for LOBs (large objects). To create host variables that can be used with these data types, use the SQL TYPE IS clause. The SQL precompiler replaces this declaration with a PL/I language structure in the output source member.

The following figure shows the syntax for valid LOB host variables.

![Diagram showing syntax for valid LOB variables]

**Notes:**

1. For BLOB and CLOB, \(1 \leq \text{lob-length} \leq 32,766\)
2. SQL TYPE IS, BLOB, CLOB can be in mixed case.

**CLOB example**

The following declaration:

```
DCL MY_CLOB SQL TYPE IS CLOB(16384);
```

Results in the generation of the following structure:

```
DCL 1 MY_CLOB,
    3 MY_CLOB_LENGTH BINARY FIXED (31) UNALIGNED,
    3 MY_CLOB_DATA CHARACTER (16384);
```

**BLOB example**

The following declaration:

```
DCL MY_BLOB SQL TYPE IS BLOB(16384);
```

Results in the generation of the following structure:

```
DCL 1 MY_BLOB,
    3 MY_BLOB_LENGTH BINARY FIXED (31) UNALIGNED,
    3 MY_BLOB_DATA CHARACTER (16384);
```

The following figure shows the syntax for valid LOB locators.
LOB locator

```
DECLARE
  variable-name
  
SQL TYPE IS
  (variable-name)
```

Note: SQL TYPE IS, BLOB_LOCATOR, CLOB_LOCATOR, DBCLOB_LOCATOR can be in mixed case.

CLOB locator example

The following declaration:

```
DCL MY_LOCATOR SQL TYPE IS CLOB_LOCATOR;
```

Results in the following generation:

```
DCL MY_LOCATOR BINARY FIXED(31) UNALIGNED;
```

BLOB and DBCLOB locators have similar syntax.

The following figure shows the syntax for valid LOB file reference variables.

LOB file reference variable

```
DECLARE
  variable-name
  
SQL TYPE IS
  (variable-name)
```

Note: SQL TYPE IS, BLOB_FILE, CLOB_FILE, and DBCLOB_FILE can be in mixed case.

CLOB file reference example

The following declaration:

```
DCL MY_FILE SQL TYPE IS CLOB_FILE;
```

Results in the generation of the following structure:

```
DCL 1 MY_FILE,
  3 MY_FILE_NAME_LENGTH BINARY FIXED(31) UNALIGNED,
  3 MY_FILE_DATA_LENGTH BINARY FIXED(31) UNALIGNED,
  3 MY_FILE_FILE_OPTIONS BINARY FIXED(31) UNALIGNED,
  3 MY_FILE_NAME CHAR(255);
```

BLOB and DBCLOB file reference variables have similar syntax.

The pre-compiler will generate declarations for the following file option constants:

- SQL_FILE_READ (2)
• SQL_FILE_CREATE (8)
• SQL_FILE_OVERWRITE (16)
• SQL_FILE_APPEND (32)

Related reference
LOB file reference variables

**ROWID host variables in PL/I applications that use SQL**
PL/I does not have a variable that corresponds to the SQL data type ROWID. To create host variables that can be used with this data type, use the SQL TYPE IS clause. The SQL precompiler replaces this declaration with a PL/I language structure in the output source member.

**ROWID**
```
DECLARE
  DCL variable-name
  (variable-name)
  SQL TYPE IS ROWID
```

**Note:** SQL TYPE IS ROWID can be in mixed case.

**ROWID example**
The following declaration:
```
DCL MY_ROWID SQL TYPE IS ROWID;
```
Results in the following generation:
```
DCL MY_ROWID CHARACTER(40) VARYING;
```

**Using host structures in PL/I applications that use SQL**
In PL/I programs, you can define a host structure, which is a named set of elementary PL/I variables. A host structure name can be a group name whose subordinate levels name elementary PL/I variables.

For example:
```
DCL 1 A,
  2 B,
  3 C1 CHAR(...),
  3 C2 CHAR(...);
```
In this example, B is the name of a host structure consisting of the elementary items C1 and C2.

You can use the structure name as shorthand notation for a list of scalars. You can qualify a host variable with a structure name (for example, STRUCTURE.FIELD). Host structures are limited to two levels. (For example, in the above host structure example, the A cannot be referred to in SQL.) A structure cannot contain an intermediate level structure. In the previous example, A could not be used as a host variable or referred to in an SQL statement. However, B is the first level structure. B can be referred to in an SQL statement. A host structure for SQL data is two levels deep and can be thought of as a named set of host variables. After the host structure is defined, you can refer to it in an SQL statement instead of listing the several host variables (that is, the names of the host variables that make up the host structure).

For example, you can retrieve all column values from selected rows of the table CORPDATA.EMPLOYEE with:
```
DCL 1 PEMPL,
  5 EMPNO CHAR(6),
  5 FIRSTNME CHAR(12) VAR,
  5 MIDINIT CHAR(1),
  5 LASTNAME CHAR(15) VAR,
  5 WORKDEPT CHAR(3);
```
EMPID = '000220';

EXEC SQL
SELECT *
INTO :PEMPL
FROM CORPDATA.EMPLOYEE
WHERE EMPNO = :EMPID;

Host structures in PL/I applications that use SQL
This figure shows the syntax for valid host structure declarations.

Host structures

```plaintext
DECLARE 1 variable-name
Scope and/or storage
level-1 variable-name ,

level-2 var-1 data-types ;

( var-2 )
```

data-types

```plaintext
BINARY
FIXED
FLOAT
DECIMAL
FIXED
DEC
FLOAT
PICTURE picture-string

CHARACTER
CHAR
VARYING
VAR
ALIGNED

SQL TYPE IS CLOB
BLOB
CLOB
BLOB

SQL TYPE IS ROWID

SQL TYPE IS BINARY
VARBINARY
BINARY VARYING
```
Notes:
1. level-1 indicates that there is an intermediate level structure.
2. level-1 must be an integer constant between 1 and 254.
3. level-2 must be an integer constant between 2 and 255.
4. For details on declaring numeric, character, LOB, ROWID, and binary host variables, see the notes under numeric-host variables, character-host variables, LOB host variables, ROWID host variables, and binary host variables.

Host structure indicator arrays in PL/I applications that use SQL
This figure shows the syntax for valid host structure indicator array declarations.

Host structure indicator array

```plaintext
DECLARE DCL variable-name (dimension ) , variable-name (dimension ) ;
BINARY FIXED BIN (precision ) ;
Alignment and/or scope and/or storage ;
```

Note: Dimension must be an integer constant between 1 and 32766.

Using host structure arrays in PL/I applications that use SQL
In PL/I programs, you can define a host structure array.

In these examples, the following are true:

- B_ARRAY is the name of a host structure array that contains the items C1_VAR and C2_VAR.
- B_ARRAY cannot be qualified.
- B_ARRAY can only be used with the blocked forms of the FETCH and INSERT statements.
- All items in B_ARRAY must be valid host variables.
- C1_VAR and C2_VAR are not valid host variables in any SQL statement. A structure cannot contain an intermediate level structure. A_STRUCT cannot contain the dimension attribute.

```plaintext
DCL 1 A_STRUCT ,
   2 B_ARRAY (10) ,
   3 C1_VAR CHAR (20) ,
   3 C2_FIXED BIN (15) UNALIGNED ;
```

To retrieve 10 rows from the CORPDATA.DEPARTMENT table, do the following:

```plaintext
DCL 1 DEPT (10) ,
   5 DEPTPNO CHAR (3) ,
   5 DEPTNAME CHAR (29) VAR ,
   5 MGRNO CHAR (6) ,
   5 ADMDEPT CHAR (3) ;
DCL 1 IND_ARRAY (10) ,
   5 INDS (4) FIXED BIN (15) ;
EXEC SQL
   DECLARE C1 CURSOR FOR
   SELECT * FROM CORPDATA.DEPARTMENT ;
EXEC SQL
Host structure array in PL/I applications that use SQL
This syntax diagram shows the syntax for valid host structure array declarations.

**Host structure array**

```
DECLARE 1 variable-name (dimension) ,
level-1 variable-name ,
level-2 var-1 data-types ;
```

**data-types**

```
BINARY FIXED UNALIGNED
BIN FLOAT
DECIMAL FIXED precision , scale
DEC FLOAT precision
PICTURE picture-string
CHARACTER CHAR length VARYING
VAR SQL TYPE IS CLOB
BLOB lob-length K
CLOB_LOCATOR
DBCLOB_LOCATOR
BLOB_LOCATOR
CLOB_FILE
DBCLOB_FILE
BLOB_FILE
SQL TYPE IS ROWID
BINARY length
VARBINARY
BINARY VARYING
```

**Notes:**
1. *level-1* indicates that there is an intermediate level structure.
2. *level-1* must be an integer constant between 1 and 254.
3. *level-2* must be an integer constant between 2 and 255.

4. For details on declaring numeric, character, LOB, ROWID, and binary host variables, see the notes under numeric-host variables, character-host variables, LOB host variables, ROWID, and binary host variables.

5. Dimension must be an integer constant between 1 and 32 767.

**Host structure array indicator in PL/I applications that use SQL**

This figure shows the syntax diagram for the declaration of a valid host structure array indicator.

```
DECLARE DCL variable-name (dimension) ,
    level-1 variable-name ,
    level-2 identifier (dimension-2) BINARY FIXED ;
```

**Notes:**

1. *level-1* indicates that there is an intermediate level structure.
2. *level-1* must be an integer constant between 1 and 254.
3. *level-2* must be an integer constant between 2 and 255.
4. Dimension-1 and dimension-2 must be integer constants between 1 and 32 767.

**Using external file descriptions in PL/I applications that use SQL**

You can use the PL/I %INCLUDE directive to include the definitions of externally described files in a source program.

When used with SQL, only a particular format of the %INCLUDE directive is recognized by the SQL precompiler. That directive format must have the following three elements or parameter values, otherwise the precompiler ignores the directive. The required elements are *file name*, *format name*, and *element type*. There are two optional elements supported by the SQL precompiler: prefix name and COMMA.

The structure is ended normally by the last data element of the record or key structure. However, if in the %INCLUDE directive the COMMA element is specified, then the structure is not ended.

To include the definition of the sample table DEPARTMENT described in Db2 for i sample tables in the SQL programming topic collection, you can code:

```pli
DCL 1 TDEPT_STRUCTURE,
    %INCLUDE DEPARTMENT(DEPARTMENT,RECORD);
```

In the above example, a host structure named TDEPT_STRUCTURE would be defined having four fields. The fields would be DEPTNO, DEPTNAME, MGRNO, and ADMRDEPT.

For device files, if INDARA is not specified and the file contains indicators, the declaration cannot be used as a host structure array. The indicator area is included in the generated structure and causes the storage to not be contiguous.

```pli
DCL 1 DEPT_REC(10),
    %INCLUDE DEPARTMENT(DEPARTMENT,RECORD);
```

EXEC SQL DECLARE C1 CURSOR FOR
     SELECT * FROM CORPDATA.DEPARTMENT;

EXEC SQL OPEN C1;
```
EXEC SQL FETCH C1 FOR 10 ROWS INTO :DEPT_REC;

**Note:** DATE, TIME, and TIMESTAMP columns will generate host variable definitions that are treated by SQL with the same comparison and assignment rules as a DATE, TIME, and TIMESTAMP column. For example, a date host variable can only be compared with a DATE column or a character string that is a valid representation of a date.

Although decimal and zoned fields with precision greater than 15 and binary with nonzero scale fields are mapped to character field variables in PL/I, SQL considers these fields to be numeric.

Although GRAPHIC and VARGRAPHIC are mapped to character variables in PL/I, SQL considers these to be GRAPHIC and VARGRAPHIC host variables. If the GRAPHIC or VARGRAPHIC column has a UCS-2 CCSID, the generated host variable will have the UCS-2 CCSID assigned to it. If the GRAPHIC or VARGRAPHIC column has a UTF-16 CCSID, the generated host variable will have the UTF-16 CCSID assigned to it.

CLOB, BLOB, and DBCLOB columns in the external file are ignored. No host variable definition will be generated in the host structure for these types.

### Determining equivalent SQL and PL/I data types

The precompiler determines the base SQLTYPE and SQLLEN of host variables based on this table. If a host variable appears with an indicator variable, the SQLTYPE is the base SQLTYPE plus one.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PL/I data type</th>
<th>SQLTYPE of host variable</th>
<th>SQLLEN of host variable</th>
<th>SQL data type</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BIN FIXED(p) where p is in the range 1 to 15</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>SMALLINT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BIN FIXED(p) where p is in the range 16 to 31</td>
<td>496</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>INTEGER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEC FIXED(p,s)</td>
<td>484</td>
<td>p in byte 1, s in byte 2</td>
<td>DECIMAL(p,s)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BIN FLOAT(p) p is in the range 1 to 24</td>
<td>480</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>FLOAT (single precision)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BIN FLOAT(p) p is in the range 25 to 53</td>
<td>480</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>FLOAT (double precision)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEC FLOAT(m) m is in the range 1 to 7</td>
<td>480</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>FLOAT (single precision)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEC FLOAT(m) m is in the range 8 to 16</td>
<td>480</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>FLOAT (double precision)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PICTURE picture string (numeric)</td>
<td>488</td>
<td>p in byte 1, s in byte 2</td>
<td>NUMERIC (p,s)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PICTURE picture string (sign leading separate)</td>
<td>504</td>
<td>p in byte 1, s in byte 2</td>
<td>No exact equivalent, use NUMERIC(p,s).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHAR(n)</td>
<td>452</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>CHAR(n)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHAR(n) VARYING</td>
<td>448</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>VARCHAR(n)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The following table can be used to determine the PL/I data type that is equivalent to a given SQL data type.

Table 6. SQL data types mapped to typical PL/I declarations

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SQL data type</th>
<th>PL/I equivalent</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SMALLINT</td>
<td>BIN FIXED(p)</td>
<td>p is a positive integer from 1 to 15.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INTEGER</td>
<td>BIN FIXED(p)</td>
<td>p is a positive integer from 16 to 31.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BIGINT</td>
<td>No exact equivalent</td>
<td>Use DEC FIXED(18).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECIMAL(p,s) or NUMERIC(p,s)</td>
<td>DEC FIXED(p) or DEC FIXED(p,s) or PICTURE picture-string</td>
<td>s (the scale factor) and p (the precision) are positive integers. p is a positive integer from 1 to 31. s is a positive integer from 0 to p.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECFLOAT</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Not supported.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FLOAT (single precision)</td>
<td>BIN FLOAT(p) or DEC FLOAT(m)</td>
<td>p is a positive integer from 1 to 24.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>m is a positive integer from 1 to 7.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FLOAT (double precision)</td>
<td>BIN FLOAT(p) or DEC FLOAT(m)</td>
<td>p is a positive integer from 25 to 53.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>m is a positive integer from 8 to 16.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHAR(n)</td>
<td>CHAR(n)</td>
<td>n is a positive integer from 1 to 32766.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VARCHAR(n)</td>
<td>CHAR(n) VARYING</td>
<td>n is a positive integer from 1 to 32740.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CLOB</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Use SQL TYPE IS to declare a CLOB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GRAPHIC(n)</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Not supported.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VARGRAPHIC(n)</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Not supported.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DBCLOB</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Not supported.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BINARY</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Use SQL TYPE IS to declare a BINARY.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VARBINARY</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Use SQL TYPE IS to declare a VARBINARY.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BLOB</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Use SQL TYPE IS to declare a BLOB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
<td>CHAR(n)</td>
<td>If the format is *USA, *JIS, *EUR, or *ISO, n must be at least 10 characters. If the format is *YMD, *DMY, or *MDY, n must be at least 8 characters. If the format is *JUL, n must be at least 6 characters.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 6. SQL data types mapped to typical PL/I declarations (continued)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SQL data type</th>
<th>PL/I equivalent</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TIME</td>
<td>CHAR(n)</td>
<td>n must be at least 6; to include seconds, n must be at least 8.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TIMESTAMP</td>
<td>CHAR(n)</td>
<td>n must be at least 19. To include microseconds at full precision, n must be 26; if n is less than 26, truncation occurs on the microseconds part.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>XML</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Not supported.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATALINK</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Not supported.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROWID</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Use SQL TYPE IS to declare a ROWID.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Result set locator</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Not supported.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Using indicator variables in PL/I applications that use SQL**

An indicator variable is a two-byte integer (BIN FIXED(p), where p is 1 to 15).

You can also specify an indicator structure (defined as an array of halfword integer variables) to support a host structure.

Indicator variables are declared in the same way as host variables and the declarations of the two can be mixed in any way that seems appropriate to the programmer.

**Example**

Given the statement:

```
EXEC SQL FETCH CLS_CURSOR INTO :CLS_CD,
   :DAY :DAY_IND,
   :BGN :BGN_IND,
   :END :END_IND;
```

Variables can be declared as follows:

```
EXEC SQL BEGIN DECLARE SECTION;
DCL CLS_CD    CHAR(7);
DCL DAY       BIN FIXED(15);
DCL BGN       CHAR(8);
DCL END       CHAR(8);
DCL (DAY_IND, BGN_IND, END_IND)   BIN FIXED(15);
EXEC SQL END DECLARE SECTION;
```

**Related reference**

References to variables

Indicator variables in applications that use SQL

An indicator variable is a halfword integer variable used to communicate additional information about its associated host variable.

**Differences in PL/I because of structure parameter passing techniques**

The PL/I precompiler attempts to use the structure parameter passing technique, if possible. This structure parameter passing technique provides better performance for most PL/I programs using SQL.

The precompiler generates code where each host variable is a separate parameter when the following conditions are true:

- A PL/I %INCLUDE compiler directive is found that copies external text into the source program.
• The data length of the host variables referred to in the statement is greater than 32 703. Because SQL uses 64 bytes of the structure, 32703 + 64 = 32767, the maximum length of a data structure.

• The PL/I precompiler estimates that it could possibly exceed the PL/I limit for user-defined names.

• A sign leading separate host variable is found in the host variable list for the SQL statement.

Related concepts
Application design tips for database performance

Coding SQL statements in RPG/400 applications

The RPG/400 licensed program supports both RPG II and RPG III programs.

SQL statements can only be used in RPG III programs. RPG II and AutoReport are NOT supported. All referrals to RPG in this guide apply to RPG III or ILE RPG only.

This topic describes the unique application and coding requirements for embedding SQL statements in a RPG/400 program. Requirements for host variables are defined.

Note: By using the code examples, you agree to the terms of the “Code license and disclaimer information” on page 194.

For more information about programming using RPG, see the manuals RPG/400 User's Guide and RPG/400 Reference at IBM Publications Center.

Related concepts
Writing applications that use SQL

You can create database applications in host languages that use Db2 for i SQL statements and functions.

Related reference
Example programs: Using Db2 for i statements

Here is a sample application that shows how to code SQL statements in each of the languages that Db2 for i supports.

Example: SQL statements in RPG/400 programs

This example program is written in the RPG programming language.

Defining the SQL communication area in RPG/400 applications that use SQL

The SQL precompiler automatically places the SQLCA in the input specifications of the RPG/400 program prior to the first calculation specification.

INCLUDE SQLCA should not be coded in the source program. If the source program specifies INCLUDE SQLCA, the statement will be accepted, but it is redundant. The SQLCA, as defined for RPG/400:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ISQLCA</th>
<th>DS</th>
<th>SQL</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>I*</td>
<td>SQL COMMUNICATION AREA</td>
<td>X'0000000000000000'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>9 120SQLABC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>13 160SQLCODE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>17 180SQLERL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>19 88 SQLERM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>89 96 SQLERP</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>97 120 SQLERR</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>97 100SQLER1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>101 104SQLER2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>105 108SQLER3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>109 112SQLER4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>113 116SQLER5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>117 120SQLER6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>121 131 SQLWRN</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>121 121 SQLWN0</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>122 122 SQLWN1</td>
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<td>123 123 SQLWN2</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>124 124 SQLWN3</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>125 125 SQLWN4</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>126 126 SQLWN5</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>127 127 SQLWN6</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Note: Variable names in RPG/400 are limited to 6 characters. The standard SQLCA names have been changed to a length of 6. RPG/400 does not have a way of defining arrays in a data structure without also defining them in the extension specification. SQLERR is defined as character with SQLER1 through 6 used as the names of the elements.

Related reference
SQL communication area

Defining SQL descriptor areas in RPG/400 applications that use SQL

There are two types of SQL descriptor areas. One is defined with the ALLOCATE DESCRIPTOR statement. The other is defined using the SQLDA structure. In this topic, only the SQLDA form is discussed.

The following statements can use an SQLDA:

- EXECUTE...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
- FETCH...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
- OPEN...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
- CALL...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
- DESCRIBE statement-name INTO descriptor-name
- DESCRIBE CURSOR cursor-name INTO descriptor-name
- DESCRIBE INPUT statement-name INTO descriptor-name
- DESCRIBE PROCEDURE procedure-name INTO descriptor-name
- DESCRIBE TABLE host-variable INTO descriptor-name
- PREPARE statement-name INTO descriptor-name

Unlike the SQLCA, there can be more than one SQLDA in a program and an SQLDA can have any valid name.

Dynamic SQL is an advanced programming technique. With dynamic SQL, your program can develop and then run SQL statements while the program is running. A SELECT statement with a variable SELECT list (that is, a list of the data to be returned as part of the query) that runs dynamically requires an SQL descriptor area (SQLDA). This is because you cannot know in advance how many or what type of variables to allocate in order to receive the results of the SELECT.

Because the SQLDA uses pointer variables that are not supported by RPG/400, an INCLUDE SQLDA statement cannot be specified in an RPG/400 program. An SQLDA must be set up by a C, C++, COBOL, PL/I, or ILE RPG program and passed to the RPG program in order to use it.

Related concepts
Dynamic SQL applications

Related reference
SQL descriptor area

Embedding SQL statements in RPG/400 applications that use SQL

SQL statements coded in an RPG/400 program must be placed in the calculation section. This requires that a C be placed in position 6.

SQL statements can be placed in detail calculations, in total calculations, or in an RPG/400 subroutine. The SQL statements are run based on the logic of the RPG/400 statements.
The keywords EXEC SQL indicate the beginning of an SQL statement. EXEC SQL must occupy positions 8 through 16 of the source statement, preceded by a / in position 7. The SQL statement may start in position 17 and continue through position 74.

The keyword END-EXEC ends the SQL statement. END-EXEC must occupy positions 8 through 16 of the source statement, preceded by a slash (/) in position 7. Positions 17 through 74 must be blank.

Both uppercase and lowercase letters are acceptable in SQL statements.

**Example: Embedding SQL statements in RPG/400 applications that use SQL**

An UPDATE statement coded in an RPG/400 program might be coded as this example shows.

```plaintext
EXEC SQL UPDATE DEPARTMENT
SET MANAGER = :MGRNUM
WHERE DEPTNO = :INTDEP
END-EXEC
```

**Comments in RPG/400 applications that use SQL**

In addition to SQL comments (--), RPG/400 comments can be included within SQL statements wherever a blank is allowed, except between the keywords EXEC and SQL.

To embed an RPG/400 comment within the SQL statement, place an asterisk (*) in position 7.

**Continuation for SQL statements in RPG/400 applications that use SQL**

When additional records are needed to contain the SQL statement, positions 9 through 74 can be used. Position 7 must be a + (plus sign), and position 8 must be blank.

Constants containing DBCS data can be continued across multiple lines by placing the shift-in character in position 75 of the continued line and placing the shift-out character in position 8 of the continuation line.

This SQL statement has a valid graphic constant of G'AABBCCDDEEFFGGHHIIJJKK'.

```plaintext
EXEC SQL SELECT * FROM GRAPHTAB
WHERE GRAPHCOL = 'G'AABBCCDDEEFFGGHHIIJJKK'
END-EXEC
```

**Including code in RPG/400 applications that use SQL**

SQL statements and RPG/400 calculation specifications can be included by embedding the SQL statement.

```plaintext
EXEC SQL INCLUDE member-name
END-EXEC
```

The /COPY statement can be used to include SQL statements or RPG/400 specifications.

**Sequence numbers in RPG/400 applications that use SQL**

The sequence numbers of the source statements generated by the SQL precompiler are based on the *NOSEQSRC/*SEQSRC keywords of the OPTION parameter on the CRTSQLRPG command.

When *NOSEQSRC is specified, the sequence number from the input source member is used. For *SEQSRC, the sequence numbers start at 000001 and are incremented by 1.

**Names in RPG/400 applications that use SQL**

Any valid RPG variable name can be used for a host variable and is subject to these restrictions.

Do not use host variable names or external entry names that begin with 'SQ', ‘SQL’, ‘RDI’, or ‘DSN’. These names are reserved for the database manager.
Statement labels in RPG/400 applications that use SQL
A TAG statement can precede any SQL statement. Code the TAG statement on the line preceding EXEC SQL.

WHENEVER statement in RPG/400 applications that use SQL
The target for the GOTO clause must be the label of the TAG statement. The scope rules for the GOTO/TAG must be observed.

Using host variables in RPG/400 applications that use SQL
All host variables used in SQL statements must be explicitly declared. LOB, XML, ROWID, result set locator, and binary host variables are not supported in RPG/400.

SQL embedded in RPG/400 does not use the SQL BEGIN DECLARE SECTION and END DECLARE SECTION statements to identify host variables. Do not put these statements in the source program.

All host variables within an SQL statement must be preceded by a colon (:)..

The names of host variables must be unique within the program.

Declaring host variables in RPG/400 applications that use SQL
The SQL RPG/400 precompiler only recognizes a subset of RPG/400 declarations as valid host variable declarations.

Most variables defined in RPG/400 can be used in SQL statements. A partial listing of variables that are not supported includes the following:

- Indicator field names (*INxx)
- Tables
- UDATE
- UIDAY
- UMONTH
- UYEAR
- Look-ahead fields
- Named constants

Fields used as host variables are passed to SQL, using the CALL/PARM functions of RPG/400. If a field cannot be used in the result field of the PARM, it cannot be used as a host variable.

Using host structures in RPG/400 applications that use SQL
The RPG/400 data structure name can be used as a host structure name if subfields exist in the data structure. The use of the data structure name in an SQL statement implies that it is the list of subfield names that make up the data structure.

When subfields are not present for the data structure, then the data structure name is a host variable of character type. This allows character variables larger than 256, because data structures can be up to 9999.

In the following example, BIGCHR is an RPG/400 data structure without subfields. SQL treats any referrals to BIGCHR as a character string with a length of 642.

*...1....+....2....+....3....+....4....+....5....+....6....+....7...*
IBIGCHR     DS                            642

In the next example, PEMPL is the name of the host structure consisting of the subfields EMPNO, FIRSTN, MIDINT, LASTNAME, and DEPTNO. The referral to PEMPL uses the subfields. For example, the first column of EMPLOYEE is placed in EMPNO, the second column is placed in FIRSTN, and so on.

*...1....+....2....+....3....+....4....+....5....+....6....+....7...*
IPEMPL      DS
             01  06 EMPNO
             07  10 FIRSTN
When writing an SQL statement, referrals to subfields can be qualified. Use the name of the data structure, followed by a period and the name of the subfield. For example, PEMPL.MIDINT is the same as specifying only MIDINT.

Using host structure arrays in RPG/400 applications that use SQL

A host structure array is defined as an occurrence data structure. An occurrence data structure can be used on the SQL FETCH statement when fetching multiple rows.

In these examples, the following are true:

- All items in BARRAY must be valid host variables.
- All items in BARRAY must be contiguous. The first FROM position must be 1 and there cannot be overlaps in the TO and FROM positions.
- For all statements other than the multiple-row FETCH and blocked INSERT, if an occurrence data structure is used, the current occurrence is used. For the multiple-row FETCH and blocked INSERT, the occurrence is set to 1.

Using external file descriptions in RPG/400 applications that use SQL

The SQL precompiler processes the RPG/400 source in much the same manner as the ILE RPG compiler. This means that the precompiler processes the /COPY statement for definitions of host variables.

Field definitions for externally described files are obtained and renamed, if different names are specified. The external definition form of the data structure can be used to obtain a copy of the column names to be used as host variables.
In the following example, the sample table DEPARTMENT is used as a file in an RPG/400 program. The SQL precompiler retrieves the field (column) definitions for DEPARTMENT for use as host variables.

Note: Code an F-spec for a file in your RPG program only if you use RPG/400 statements to do I/O operations to the file. If you use only SQL statements to do I/O operations to the file, you can include the external definition by using an external data structure.

In the following example, the sample table is specified as an external data structure. The SQL precompiler retrieves the field (column) definitions as subfields of the data structure. Subfield names can be used as host variable names, and the data structure name TDEPT can be used as a host structure name. The field names must be changed because they are greater than six characters.

Note: DATE, TIME, and TIMESTAMP columns will generate host variable definitions that are treated by SQL with the same comparison and assignment rules as a DATE, TIME, and TIMESTAMP column. For example, a date host variable can only be compared against a DATE column or a character string that is a valid representation of a date.

Although varying-length columns generate fixed-length character-host variable definitions, to SQL they are varying-length character variables.

Although GRAPHIC and VARGRAPHIC columns are mapped to character variables in RPG/400, SQL considers these GRAPHIC and VARGRAPHIC variables. If the GRAPHIC or VARGRAPHIC column has a UCS-2 CCSID, the generated host variable will have the UCS-2 CCSID assigned to it. If the GRAPHIC or VARGRAPHIC column has a UTF-16 CCSID, the generated host variable will have the UTF-16 CCSID assigned to it.

CLOB, BLOB, and DBCLOB columns in the external file are ignored. No host variable definition will be generated in the host structure for these types.

External file description considerations for host structure arrays in RPG/400 applications that use SQL
Field definitions for externally described files, including renaming of fields, are recognized by the SQL precompiler.

The external definition form of the data structure can be used to obtain a copy of the column names to be used as host variables.

In the following example, the DEPARTMENT table is included in the RPG/400 program and is used to declare a host structure array. A multiple-row FETCH statement is then used to retrieve 10 rows into the host structure array.
Determining equivalent SQL and RPG/400 data types

The precompiler determines the base SQLTYPE and SQLLEN of host variables based on the table. If a host variable appears with an indicator variable, the SQLTYPE is the base SQLTYPE plus one.

Table 7. RPG/400 declarations mapped to typical SQL data types

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>RPG/400 data type</th>
<th>Col 43</th>
<th>Col 52</th>
<th>Other RPG/400 coding</th>
<th>SQLTYPE of host variable</th>
<th>SQLLEN of host variable</th>
<th>SQL data type</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Data Structure subfield</td>
<td>blank</td>
<td>blank</td>
<td>Length = n where n ≤ 256</td>
<td>452</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>CHAR(n)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Data structure (without subfields)</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>Length = n where n ≤ 9999</td>
<td>452</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>CHAR(n)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Input field</td>
<td>blank</td>
<td>blank</td>
<td>Length = n where n ≤ 256</td>
<td>452</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>CHAR(n)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Calculation result field</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>blank</td>
<td>Length = n where n ≤ 256</td>
<td>452</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>CHAR(n)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Data Structure subfield</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Length = 2</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>SMALLINT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Data Structure subfield</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Length = 4</td>
<td>496</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>INTEGER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Data Structure subfield</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>1-4</td>
<td>Length = 2</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>DECIMAL(4,s) where s=column 52</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Data Structure subfield</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>1-9</td>
<td>Length = 4</td>
<td>496</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>DECIMAL(9,s) where s=column 52</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Data Structure subfield</td>
<td>P</td>
<td>0 to 9</td>
<td>Length = n where n is 1 to 16</td>
<td>484</td>
<td>p in byte 1, s in byte 2</td>
<td>DECIMAL(p,s) where p = n*2-1 and s = column 52</td>
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<tr>
<td>Input field</td>
<td>P</td>
<td>0 to 9</td>
<td>Length = n where n is 1 to 16</td>
<td>484</td>
<td>p in byte 1, s in byte 2</td>
<td>DECIMAL(p,s) where p = n*2-1 and s = column 52</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Input field</td>
<td>blank</td>
<td>0 to 9</td>
<td>Length = n where n is 1 to 30</td>
<td>484</td>
<td>p in byte 1, s in byte 2</td>
<td>DECIMAL(p,s) where p = n and s = column 52</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Input field</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>0 to 4 if n = 2; 0 to 9 if n = 4</td>
<td>Length = 2 or 4</td>
<td>484</td>
<td>p in byte 1, s in byte 2</td>
<td>DECIMAL(p,s) where p=4 if n=2 or 9 if n=4 and s = column 52</td>
</tr>
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</table>
**Table 7. RPG/400 declarations mapped to typical SQL data types (continued)**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>RPG/400 data type</th>
<th>Col 43</th>
<th>Col 52</th>
<th>Other RPG/400 coding</th>
<th>SQLTYPE of host variable</th>
<th>SQLLEN of host variable</th>
<th>SQL data type</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Calculation result field</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>0 to 9</td>
<td>Length = n where n is 1 to 30</td>
<td>484</td>
<td>p in byte 1, s in byte 2</td>
<td>DECIMAL(p,s) where p = n and s = column 52</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Data Structure subfield</td>
<td>blank</td>
<td>0 to 9</td>
<td>Length = n where n is 1 to 30</td>
<td>488</td>
<td>p in byte 1, s in byte 2</td>
<td>NUMERIC(p,s) where p = n and s = column 52</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Use the information in the following table to determine the RPG/400 data type that is equivalent to a given SQL data type.

**Table 8. SQL data types mapped to typical RPG/400 declarations**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SQL data type</th>
<th>RPG/400 data type</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SMALLINT</td>
<td>Subfield of a data structure. B in position 43, length must be 2 and 0 in position 52 of the subfield specification.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INTEGER</td>
<td>Subfield of a data structure. B in position 43, length must be 4 and 0 in position 52 of the subfield specification.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BIGINT</td>
<td>No exact equivalent</td>
<td>Use P in position 43 and 0 in position 52 of the subfield specification.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECIMAL</td>
<td>Subfield of a data structure. P in position 43 and 0 through 9 in position 52 of the subfield specification. OR Defined as numeric and not a subfield of a data structure.</td>
<td>Maximum length of 16 (precision 30) and maximum scale of 9.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUMERIC</td>
<td>Subfield of the data structure. Blank in position 43 and 0 through 9 in position 52 of the subfield</td>
<td>Maximum length of 30 (precision 30) and maximum scale of 9.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECFLOAT</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FLOAT (single precision)</td>
<td>No exact equivalent</td>
<td>Use one of the alternative numeric data types described above.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FLOAT (double precision)</td>
<td>No exact equivalent</td>
<td>Use one of the alternative numeric data types described above.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHAR(n)</td>
<td>Subfield of a data structure or input field. Blank in positions 43 and 52 of the specification. OR Calculation result field defined without decimal places.</td>
<td>n can be from 1 to 256.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 8. SQL data types mapped to typical RPG/400 declarations (continued)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SQL data type</th>
<th>RPG/400 data type</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CHAR(n)</td>
<td>Data structure name with no subfields in the data structure.</td>
<td>n can be from 1 to 9999.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VARCHAR(n)</td>
<td>No exact equivalent</td>
<td>Use a character host variable large enough to contain the largest expected VARCHAR value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CLOB</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GRAPHIC(n)</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VARGRAPHIC(n)</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DBCLOB</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BINARY</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VARBINARY</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BLOB</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
<td>Subfield of a data structure. Blank in position 52 of the subfield specification. OR Field defined without decimal places.</td>
<td>If the format is *USA, *JIS, *EUR, or *ISO, the length must be at least 10. If the format is *YMD, *DMY, or *MDY, the length must be at least 8. If the format is *JUL, the length must be at least 6.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TIME</td>
<td>Subfield of a data structure. Blank in position 52 of the subfield specification. OR Field defined without decimal places.</td>
<td>Length must be at least 6; to include seconds, length must be at least 8.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TIMESTAMP</td>
<td>Subfield of a data structure. Blank in position 52 of the subfield specification. OR Field defined without decimal places.</td>
<td>Length must be at least 19. To include microseconds at full precision, length must be 26. If length is less than 26, truncation occurs on the microseconds part.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>XML</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATALINK</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROWID</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Result set locator</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Assignment rules in RPG/400 applications that use SQL
RPG/400 associates precision and scale with all numeric types.

RPG/400 defines numeric operations, assuming the data is in packed format. This means that operations involving binary variables include an implicit conversion to packed format before the operation is performed (and back to binary, if necessary). Data is aligned to the implied decimal point when SQL operations are performed.

Using indicator variables in RPG/400 applications that use SQL
An indicator variable is a two-byte integer.

See the entry for the SMALLINT SQL data type in Table 7 on page 99.
An indicator structure can be defined by declaring the variable as an array with an element length of 4,0 and declaring the array name as a subfield of a data structure with B in position 43.

Indicator variables are declared in the same way as host variables and the declarations of the two can be mixed in any way that seems appropriate to the programmer.

Related reference
References to variables
Indicator variables in applications that use SQL
An indicator variable is a halfword integer variable used to communicate additional information about its associated host variable.

Example: Using indicator variables in RPG/400 applications that use SQL
This example shows declaring indicator variables in RPG.

Given the statement:

```
*...1....+....2....+....3....+....4....+....5....+....6....+....7...*
C/EXEC SQL FETCH CLS_CURSOR INTO :CLSCD,
C+                            :DAY :DAYIND,
C+                            :BGN :BGNIND,
C+                            :END :ENDIND
C/END-EXEC
```

variables can be declared as follows:

```
*...1....+....2....+....3....+....4....+....5....+....6....+....7...*
I            DS
I                                        1   7 CLSCD
I                                    B   8   90DAY
I                                    B  10  110DAYIND
I                                       12  19 BGN
I                                    B  20  210BGNIND
I                                       22  29 END
I                                    B  30  310ENDIND
```

Differences in RPG/400 because of structure parameter passing techniques
The SQL RPG/400 precompiler attempts to use the structure parameter passing technique, if possible.

The precompiler generates code where each host variable is a separate parameter when the following conditions are true:

- The data length of the host variables, referred to in the statement, is greater than 9935. Because SQL uses 64 bytes of the structure, 9935 + 64 = 9999, the maximum length of a data structure.
- An indicator is specified on the statement where the length of the indexed indicator name plus the required index value is greater than six characters. The precompiler must generate an assignment statement for the indicator with the indicator name in the result field that is limited to six characters ("INDIC,1" requires seven characters).
- The length of a host variable is greater than 256. This can happen when a data structure without subfields is used as a host variable, and its length exceeds 256. Subfields cannot be defined with a length greater than 256.

Related concepts
Application design tips for database performance

Correctly ending a called RPG/400 program that uses SQL
SQL run time builds and maintains data areas (internal SQLDAs) for each SQL statement that contains host variables.

These internal SQLDAs are built the first time the statement is run and then reused on subsequent executions of the statement to increase performance. The internal SQLDAs can be reused as long as there is at least one SQL program active. The SQL precompiler allocates static storage used by SQL run time to manage the internal SQLDAs properly.
If an RPG/400 program containing SQL is called from another program that also contains SQL, the RPG/400 program should not set the Last Record (LR) indicator on. Setting the LR indicator on causes the static storage to be re-initialized the next time the RPG/400 program is run. Re-initializing the static storage causes the internal SQLDAs to be rebuilt, thus causing a performance degradation.

An RPG/400 program containing SQL statements that is called by a program that also contains SQL statements, should be ended one of two ways:

- By the RETRN statement
- By setting the RT indicator on.

This allows the internal SQLDAs to be used again and reduces the total run time.

### Coding SQL statements in ILE RPG applications

You need to be aware of the unique application and coding requirements for embedding SQL statements in an ILE RPG program. In this topic, the coding requirements for host variables are defined.

Not all features implemented by the ILE RPG compiler are supported by the SQL precompiler.

- If a control specification is not present in the program source, the RPG compiler searches for a data area containing control specification keywords. This feature is not supported by the SQL precompiler.

**Note:** By using the code examples, you agree to the terms of the “Code license and disclaimer information” on page 194.

For more information about programming using ILE RPG, see the ILE RPG Programmer's Guide topic and the ILE RPG Language Reference topic.

### Related concepts

Writing applications that use SQL

You can create database applications in host languages that use Db2 for i SQL statements and functions.

### Related reference

Example programs: Using Db2 for i statements

Here is a sample application that shows how to code SQL statements in each of the languages that Db2 for i supports.

Example: SQL statements in ILE RPG programs

This example program is written in the ILE RPG programming language.

### Defining the SQL communication area in ILE RPG applications that use SQL

The SQL precompiler automatically places the SQL communication area (SQLCA) in the definition specifications of the ILE RPG program before the first calculation specification, unless a SET OPTION SQLCA = *NO statement is found.

INCLUDE SQLCA should not be coded in the source program. If the source program specifies INCLUDE SQLCA, the statement will be accepted, but it is redundant. The SQLCA source statements for ILE RPG are:

```sql
// SQL COMMUNICATION AREA
DCL-DS SQLCA;
  SQLCAID CHAR(8) INZ(X'0000000000000000');
  SQLAID CHAR(8) OVERLAY(SQLCAID);
  SQLCABC INT(10);
  SQLABC BINDEC(9) OVERLAY(SQLCABC);
  SQLCODE INT(10);
  SQLCOD BINDEC(9) OVERLAY(SQLCODE);
  SQLERRML INT(5);
  SQLERL BINDEC(4) OVERLAY(SQLERRML);
  SQLERRMC CHAR(70);
  SQLERM CHAR(70) OVERLAY(SQLERRMC);
  SQLERRP CHAR(8);
  SQLERP CHAR(8) OVERLAY(SQLERRP);
  SQLERR CHAR(24);
```

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If a SET OPTION SQLCA = *NO statement is found, the SQL precompiler automatically places SQLCODE and SQLSTATE variables in the definition specification. They are defined as follows when the SQLCA is not included:

```sql
DCL-S SQLCODE INT(10);
DCL-S SQLSTATE CHAR(5);
```

**Related reference**

SQL communication area

**Defining SQL descriptor areas in ILE RPG applications that use SQL**

There are two types of SQL descriptor areas (SQLDAs). One is defined with the ALLOCATE DESCRIPTOR statement. The other is defined using the SQLDA structure. In this topic, only the SQLDA form is discussed.

The following statements can use an SQLDA:
- EXECUTE...USING DESCRIPTOR `descriptor-name`
- FETCH...USING DESCRIPTOR `descriptor-name`
- OPEN...USING DESCRIPTOR `descriptor-name`
- CALL...USING DESCRIPTOR `descriptor-name`
- DESCRIBE `statement-name` INTO `descriptor-name`
- DESCRIBE CURSOR `cursor-name` INTO `descriptor-name`
- DESCRIBE INPUT `statement-name` INTO `descriptor-name`
- DESCRIBE PROCEDURE `procedure-name` INTO `descriptor-name`
- DESCRIBE TABLE `host-variable` INTO `descriptor-name`
- PREPARE `statement-name` INTO `descriptor-name`

Unlike the SQLCA, there can be more than one SQLDA in a program and an SQLDA can have any valid name.

Dynamic SQL is a programming technique. With dynamic SQL, your program can develop and then run SQL statements while the program is running. A SELECT statement with a variable SELECT list (that is, a list of columns to be returned as part of the query) that runs dynamically requires an SQL descriptor area (SQLDA). This is because you cannot know in advance how many or what type of variables to allocate in order to receive the results of the SELECT.
You can specify an INCLUDE SQLDA statement in an ILE RPG program. If an INCLUDE SQLDA statement is found anywhere in your program, the SQLDA structure is generated one time as part of the global definitions in your program.

```
EXEC SQL INCLUDE SQLDA;
```

The INCLUDE SQLDA generates the following data structure.

```
// SQL DESCRIPTOR AREA
DCL-DS SQLDA;
  SQLDAID CHAR(8);
  SQLDABC INT(10);
  SQLN INT(5);
  SQLD INT(5);
  SQL_VAR CHAR(80) DIM(SQL_NUM);
  *N POINTER OVERLAY(SQL_VAR:17);
  *N POINTER OVERLAY(SQL_VAR:33);
END-DS SQLDA;

DCL-DS SQLVAR;
  SQLTYPE INT(5);
  SQLLEN INT(5);
  SQLRES CHAR(12);
  SQLINFO1 CHAR(16);
  SQLDATA POINTER OVERLAY(SQLINFO1);
  SQL_RESULT_SET_LOCATOR INT(20) OVERLAY(SQLINFO1);
  SQLINFO2 CHAR(16);
  SQLIND POINTER OVERLAY(SQLINFO2);
  SQL_ROW_CHANGE INT(10) OVERLAY(SQLINFO2);
  SQL_RESULT_SET_ROWS INT(10) OVERLAY(SQLINFO2);
  SQLNAMELEN INT(5);
  SQLNAME CHAR(30);
END-DS SQLVAR;

// EXTENDED SQLDA
DCL-DS SQLVAR2;
  SQLLONGL INT(10);
  SQLRSVDL CHAR(28);
  SQLTNAMELN INT(5);
  SQLTNAME CHAR(30);
END-DS SQLVAR2;
```

The user is responsible for the definition of SQL_NUM. SQL_NUM must be defined as a numeric constant with the dimension required for SQL_VAR.

The INCLUDE SQLDA generates two data structures. The second data structure is used to setup and reference the part of the SQLDA that contains the field descriptions.

To set the field descriptions of the SQLDA the program sets up the field description in the subfields of SQLVAR and then assigns SQLVAR to SQL_VAR(n), where n is the number of the field in the SQLDA. This is repeated until all the field descriptions are set.

When the SQLDA field descriptions are to be referenced the user assigns SQLVAR(n) to SQL_VAR where n is the number of the field description to be processed.

**Related concepts**
- Dynamic SQL applications

**Related reference**
- SQL descriptor area

**Embedding SQL statements in ILE RPG applications that use SQL**

SQL statements coded in an ILE RPG program can be placed in the calculation section or in a free-form calculation block.

SQL statements can be placed in detail calculations, in total calculations, or in RPG subroutines. The SQL statements are run based on the logic of the RPG statements.

Both uppercase and lowercase letters are acceptable in SQL statements.
Fixed-form RPG

The keywords EXEC SQL indicate the beginning of an SQL statement. EXEC SQL must occupy positions 8 through 16 of the source statement, preceded by a / in position 7. The SQL statement may start in position 17 and continue through position 80.

The keyword END-EXEC ends the SQL statement. END-EXEC must occupy positions 8 through 16 of the source statement, preceded by a slash (/) in position 7. Positions 17 through 80 must be blank.

An UPDATE statement coded in an ILE RPG program might be coded as follows:

```sql
C/EXEC SQL
    UPDATE DEPARTMENT
    SET MANAGER = :MGRNUM
    WHERE DEPTNO = :INTDEP
C/END-EXEC
```

Free-form RPG

Each SQL statement must begin with EXEC SQL and end with a semicolon (;). The EXEC SQL keywords must be on one line. The remaining part of the SQL statement can be on more than one line. Each SQL statement should start on a new line. No other statement should be on the same line as the SQL statement.

An UPDATE statement coded in free form might be coded in the following way:

```sql
EXEC SQL UPDATE DEPARTMENT
    SET MGRNO = :MGR_NUM
    WHERE DEPTNO = :INT_DEP;
```

Comments in ILE RPG applications that use SQL

In addition to SQL comments (--), ILE RPG comments can be included within SQL statements wherever SQL allows a blank character.

Fixed-form RPG

To embed an ILE RPG comment within the SQL statement, place an asterisk (*) in position 7.

Free-form RPG

Bracketed comments (/*...*/) are allowed within embedded SQL statements whenever a blank is allowed, except between the keywords EXEC and SQL. Comments can span any number of lines. Single-line comments (/ /) can also be used.

Continuation for SQL statements in ILE RPG applications that use SQL

SQL statements can be continued across many records in ILE RPG.

Fixed-form RPG

When additional records are needed to contain the SQL statement, positions 9 through 80 can be used. Position 7 must be a plus sign (+), and position 8 must be blank. Position 80 of the continued line is concatenated with position 9 of the continuation line.

Constants containing DBCS data can be continued across multiple lines by placing the shift-in character in position 81 of the continued line and placing the shift-out character in position 8 of the continuation line.

In this example, the SQL statement has a valid graphic constant of 'G'<AABBCCDDEEFFGGHHIIJJJKK>,'

```sql
C/EXEC SQL SELECT * FROM GRAPHTAB WHERE GRAPHCOL = 'G'<AABBCCDDEE>
    C++<FFGHHIIJJJKK>'
C/END-EXEC
```
Free-form RPG

SQL statements can be contained on one or more lines. To continue an SQL statement across multiple lines, the SQL statement can be split wherever a blank is allowed. The plus sign (+) can be used to indicate a continuation of a string constant. The literal continues with the first nonblank character on the next line.

Including code in ILE RPG applications that use SQL

To include SQL statements and RPG specifications in ILE RPG applications, use the SQL INCLUDE statement.

C/EXEC SQL INCLUDE member-name
C/END-EXEC

RPG directives are handled by the SQL precompiler according to the value of the RPG preprocessor options parameter (RPGPPOPT).

Related reference

Using directives in ILE RPG applications that use SQL

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Using directives in ILE RPG applications that use SQL

RPG directives are handled by the SQL precompiler according to the value of the RPG preprocessor options parameter (RPGPPOPT). If the RPG preprocessor is used, the SQL precompile will run using the expanded preprocessed source.

• When the value is *NONE, the RPG preprocessor is not called to preprocess the RPG source. When a source stream file is precompiled, no directives are recognized by SQL. When a source member is precompiled, the only directive that is handled by the SQL precompiler is /COPY. Nested /COPY statements are not handled. In fully free-form source mode, /COPY statements that start in any column are handled by the SQL precompiler. In column-limited source mode, only /COPY statements that start in column 7 are handled by the SQL precompiler. All /COPY statements must reference a source member; they cannot reference a source stream file. All other directives are ignored until the RPG compiler is called. This means that all RPG and SQL statements within conditional logic blocks are processed unconditionally by the SQL precompiler.

• When the value is *LVL1, the RPG preprocessor will be called to preprocess the RPG source. All /COPY statements are expanded, even nested /COPY statements, and the conditional compilation directives will be handled.

• When the value is *LVL2, the RPG preprocessor will be called to preprocess the RPG source. All /COPY and /INCLUDE statements are expanded and the conditional compilation directives will be handled.

• When *LVL1 or *LVL2 is used, there is a possibility that the expanded source generated by the RPG preprocessor will become very large and reach a resource limit due to the expansion of the /COPY and /INCLUDE statements. If this happens you must either break up your source into smaller pieces, or not use the RPG preprocessor.

Related reference

Including code in ILE RPG applications that use SQL

To include SQL statements and RPG specifications in ILE RPG applications, use the SQL INCLUDE statement.

Sequence numbers in ILE RPG applications that use SQL

The sequence numbers of the source statements generated by the SQL precompiler are based on the *NOSEQSRC/*SEQSRC keywords of the OPTION parameter on the CRTSQLRPGI command.

When *NOSEQSRC is specified, the sequence number from the input source member is used. For *SEQSRC, the sequence numbers start at 000001 and are incremented by 1.
Names in ILE RPG applications that use SQL
Any valid ILE RPG variable name can be used for a host variable with these restrictions.

- Do not use host variable names or external entry names that begin with the characters SQ, SQL, RDI, or DSN. These names are reserved for the database manager.
- The maximum length of host variable names is 64 characters.

Statement labels in ILE RPG applications that use SQL
A TAG statement can precede any SQL statement. Code the TAG statement on the line preceding EXEC SQL.

WHENEVER statement in ILE RPG applications that use SQL
The target for the GOTO clause must be the label of the TAG statement. The scope rules for the GOTO/TAG must be observed.

Using host variables in ILE RPG applications that use SQL
All host variables used in SQL statements must be explicitly declared.

SQL embedded in ILE RPG does not use the SQL BEGIN DECLARE SECTION and END DECLARE SECTION statements to identify host variables. Do not put these statements in the source program.

All host variables within an SQL statement must be preceded by a colon (:). Names of host variables do not need to be unique within the program. The precompiler recognizes variables with the same name in different procedures and scopes them correctly.

An SQL statement that uses a host variable must be within the scope of the variable's declaration. A DECLARE CURSOR statement must be in the same scope as its OPEN statement to guarantee that any variables used by the DECLARE CURSOR will use the definition in the scope of the OPEN.

If an error stating that a host variable is not defined or not usable is issued, look at the cross-reference in the precompiler listing to see how the precompiler defined the variable. To generate a cross-reference in the listing, run the precompile command with *XREF specified on the OPTIONS parameter.

Declaring host variables in ILE RPG applications that use SQL
The SQL ILE RPG precompiler only recognizes a subset of valid ILE RPG declarations as valid host variable declarations.

Most variables defined in ILE RPG can be used in SQL statements. A partial listing of variables that are not supported includes the following:

- Unsigned integers
- Pointer
- Tables
- UDATE
- UDAY
- UMONTH
- UYEAR
- Look-ahead fields
- Named constants which refer to figurative constants or built-in functions
- Multiple dimension arrays
- Definitions requiring the resolution of %SIZE or %ELEM
- Definitions requiring the resolution of constants unless the constant is used in OCCURS, DIM, OVERLAY, or POS and the constant is declared before it is used in the OCCURS, DIM, OVERLAY, or POS.

Fields used as host variables are passed to SQL using the CALL/PARAM functions of ILE RPG. If a field cannot be used in the result field of the PARM, it cannot be used as a host variable.
Date and time host variables are always assigned to corresponding date and time subfields in the structures generated by the SQL precompiler. The generated date and time subfields are declared using the format and separator specified by the DATFMT, DATSEP, TIMFMT, and TIMSEP parameters on the CRTSQLRPGI command or with the SET OPTION statement. Conversion from the user declared host variable format to the precompile specified format occurs on assignment to and from the SQL generated structure. If the DATFMT parameter value is a system format (*MDY, *YMD, *DMY, or *JUL), then all input and output host variables must contain date values within the range 1940-2039. If any date value is outside of this range, then the DATFMT on the precompile must be specified as one of the IBM SQL formats of *ISO, *USA, *EUR, or *JIS.

The SQL precompiler accepts variables defined as VARYING(2), but does not support VARYING(4). The LEN keyword is recognized, but only lengths up to the SQL limit for the data type are accepted.

Graphic host variables will use the RPG CCSID value if one is specified. An SQL DECLARE VARIABLE statement cannot be used to change the CCSID of a host variable whose CCSID has been defined in RPG, or a host variable that is defined as UCS-2 or UTF-16.

The precompiler will generate an RPG logical (indicator) variable as a character of length 1. This type can be used wherever SQL allows a character host variable. It cannot be used as an SQL indicator variable. It is up to the user to make sure that only values of 1 or 0 are assigned to it.

The precompiler supports EXTNNAME, but does not support EXTNNAME(filename : fmtname : fieldtype), where fieldtype is *NULL, *ALL, *INPUT, *OUTPUT, or *KEY.

The precompiler supports LIKEREC(intrecname), but does not support the optional second parameter.

The precompiler supports EXTDESC(literal), but does not support EXTDESC(constant).

For SQLTYPE declarations, the precompiler only supports the CCSID keyword. All other keywords are ignored.

**Declaring binary host variables in ILE RPG applications that use SQL**

ILE RPG does not have variables that correspond to the SQL binary data types.

To create host variables that can be used with these data types, use the SQLTYPE keyword. The SQL precompiler replaces this declaration with an ILE RPG language declaration in the output source member. Binary declarations can be either standalone or within a data structure.

**BINARY example**

- The following declaration in free-form:

  ```sql
  DCL-S MYBINARY SQLTYPE(BINARY:50);
  ```

  results in the generation of the following code:

  ```sql
  DCL-S MYBINARY CHAR(50) CCSID(*HEX);
  ```

- The following declaration in fixed-form:

  ```sql
  D MYBINARY S SQLTYPE(BINARY:50)
  ```

  results in the generation of the following code:

  ```sql
  D MYBINARY S 50A CCSID(*HEX)
  ```

**VARBINARY example**

- The following declaration in free-form:

  ```sql
  DCL-S MYVARBINARY SQLTYPE(VARBINARY:100);
  ```
results in the generation of the following code:

```
DCL-S MYVARBINARY VARCHAR(100) CCSID(*HEX)
```

- The following declaration in fixed-form:

```
D MYVARBINARY S SQLTYPE(VARBINARY:100)
```

results in the generation of the following code:

```
D MYVARBINARY S 100A VARYING CCSID(*HEX)
```

**Notes:**

1. For BINARY host variables, the length must be in the range 1 to 32766.
2. For VARBINARY host variables, the length must be in the range 1 to 32740.
3. BINARY and VARBINARY host variables are allowed to be declared in host structures.
4. SQLTYPE, BINARY, and VARBINARY can be in mixed case.
5. SQLTYPE must be between positions 44 to 80 for fixed-form declarations.
6. When a BINARY or VARBINARY is declared as a standalone host variable, position 24 must contain the character **S** and position 25 must be blank for fixed-form declarations.
7. The standalone field indicator **S** in position 24 for fixed-form declarations should be omitted when a BINARY or VARBINARY host variable is declared in a host structure.

**Declaring LOB host variables in ILE RPG applications that use SQL**

ILE RPG does not have variables that correspond to the SQL data types for LOBs (large objects).

To create host variables that can be used with these data types, use the SQLTYPE keyword. The SQL precompiler replaces this declaration with an ILE RPG language structure in the output source member. LOB declarations can be either standalone or within a data structure.

**LOB host variables in ILE RPG applications that use SQL**

Here are some examples of LOB host variables (CLOB, DBCLOB, BLOB) in ILE RPG applications.

**CLOB example**

- The following declaration in free-form:

```
DCL-S MYCLOB SQLTYPE(CLOB:1000);
```

results in the generation of the following structure:

```
DCL-DS MYCLOB;
  MYCLOB_LEN UNS(10);
  MYCLOB_DATA CHAR(1000);
END-DS MYCLOB;
```

- The following declaration in fixed-form:

```
D MYCLOB S SQLTYPE(CLOB:1000)
```

results in the generation of the following structure:

```
D MYCLOB DS
  D MYCLOB_LEN 16U
  D MYCLOB_DATA 1000A
```

**DBCLOB example**

- The following declaration in free-form:
DCL-S MYDBCLOB SQLTYPE(DBCLOB:400);

results in the generation of the following structure:

DCL-DS MYDBCLOB;
    MYDBCLOB_LEN UNS(10);
    MYDBCLOB_DATA GRAPH(400);
END-DS MYDBCLOB;

• The following declaration in fixed-form:

D MYDBCLOB          S          SQLTYPE(DBCLOB:400)

results in the generation of the following structure:

D MYDBCLOB          DS
D MYDBCLOB_LEN                 10U
D MYDBCLOB_DATA               400G

BLOB example

• The following declaration in free-form:

DCL-S MYBLOB    SQLTYPE(BLOB:500);

results in the generation of the following structure:

DCL-DS MYBLOB;
    MYBLOB_LEN UNS(10);
    MYBLOB_DATA CHAR(500) CCSID(*HEX);
END-DS MYBLOB;

• The following declaration in fixed-form:

D MYBLOB          S          SQLTYPE(BLOB:500)

results in the generation of the following structure:

D MYBLOB          DS
D MYBLOB_LEN                 10U
D MYBLOB_DATA               500A CCSID(*HEX)

Notes:

1. For BLOB and CLOB, $1 \leq \text{lob-length} \leq 16\,773\,100$.
2. For DBCLOB, $1 \leq \text{lob-length} \leq 8\,386\,550$.
3. LOB host variables are allowed to be declared in host structures.
4. LOB host variables are not allowed in host structure arrays. LOB locators should be used instead.
5. LOB host variables declared in structure arrays cannot be used as standalone host variables.
6. SQLTYPE, BLOB, CLOB, DBCLOB can be in mixed case.
7. SQLTYPE must be between positions 44 to 80 for fixed-form declarations.
8. When a LOB is declared as a stand-alone host variable, position 24 must contain the character 'S' and position 25 must be blank for fixed-form declarations.
9. The stand-alone field indicator S in position 24 for fixed-form declarations should be omitted when a LOB is declared in a host structure.
10. LOB host variables cannot be initialized.
LOB locators in ILE RPG applications that use SQL

BLOB, CLOB, and DBCLOB locators have similar syntax. Here is an example of a BLOB locator.

**Example: BLOB locator**

- The following declaration in free-form:
  
  ```
  DCL-S MYBLOB SQLTYPE(BLOB_LOCATOR);
  ```

  results in the following generation:
  
  ```
  DCL-S MYBLOB UNS(10);
  ```

- The following declaration in fixed-form:
  
  ```
  D MYBLOB S SQLTYPE(BLOB_LOCATOR)
  ```

  results in the following generation:
  
  ```
  D MYBLOB S 10U
  ```

**Notes:**

1. LOB locators are allowed to be declared in host structures.
2. SQLTYPE, BLOB_LOCATOR, CLOB_LOCATOR, DBCLOB_LOCATOR can be in mixed case.
3. SQLTYPE must be between positions 44 to 80 for fixed-form declarations.
4. When a LOB locator is declared as a standalone host variable, position 24 must contain the character 'S' and position 25 must be blank for fixed-form declarations.
5. The standalone field indicator S in position 24 for fixed-form declarations should be omitted when a LOB locator is declared in a host structure.
6. LOB locators cannot be initialized.

LOB file reference variables in ILE RPG applications that use SQL

Here is an example of a CLOB file reference variable in ILE RPG. BLOB and DBCLOB file reference variables have similar syntax.

**CLOB file reference example**

- The following declaration in free-form:
  
  ```
  DCL-S MY_FILE SQLTYPE(CLOB_FILE);
  ```

  results in the generation of the following structure:
  
  ```
  DCL-DS MY_FILE;
  MY_FILE_NL UNS(10);
  MY_FILE_DL UNS(10);
  MY_FILE_FO UNS(10);
  MY_FILE_NAME CHAR(255);
  END-DS MY_FILE;
  ```

- The following declaration in fixed-form:
  
  ```
  D MY_FILE S SQLTYPE(CLOB_FILE)
  ```

  results in the generation of the following structure:
  
  ```
  D MY_FILE DS
  D MY_FILE_NL 10U
  D MY_FILE_DL 10U
  D MY_FILE_FO 10U
  D MY_FILE_NAME 255A
  ```
Notes:

1. LOB file reference variables are allowed to be declared in host structures.
2. SQLTYPE, BLOB/File, CLOB/File, DBCLOB/File can be in mixed case.
3. SQLTYPE must be between positions 44 to 80 for fixed-form declarations.
4. When a LOB file reference is declared as a standalone host variable, position 24 must contain the character 'S' and position 25 must be blank for fixed-form declarations.
5. The standalone field indicator 'S' in position 24 for fixed-form declarations should be omitted when a LOB file reference variable is declared in a host structure.
6. LOB file reference variables cannot be initialized.

The pre-compiler will generate declarations for the following file option constants. You can use these constants to set the xxx_FO variable when you use file reference host variables.

- SQFRD (2)
- SQFCRT (8)
- SQFOVR (16)
- SQFAPP (32)

Related reference
LOB file reference variables

**Declaring XML host variables in ILE RPG applications that use SQL**

ILE RPG does not have variables that correspond to the SQL data type for XML.

To create host variables that can be used with this data type, use the SQLTYPE keyword. The SQL precompiler replaces this declaration with an ILE RPG language structure in the output source member. XML declarations can be either standalone or within a data structure.

**XML host variables in ILE RPG applications that use SQL**

Here are some examples of XML host variables in ILE RPG applications.

**XML AS CLOB example**

- The following declaration in free-form:

  ```
  DCL-S MYXMLCLOB SQLTYPE(XML_CLOB:3000);
  ```

  results in the generation of the following structure:

  ```
  DCL-DS MYXMLCLOB;
  MYXMLCLOB_LEN UNS(10);
  MYXMLCLOB_DATA CHAR(3000);
  END-DS MYXMLCLOB;
  ```

- The following declaration in fixed-form:

  ```
  D MYXMLCLOB       S          SQLTYPE(XML_CLOB:3000)
  ```

  results in the generation of the following structure:

  ```
  D MYXMLCLOB       DS
  D MYXMLCLOB_LEN              10U
  D MYXMLCLOB_DATA           3000A
  ```

**XML AS DBCLOB example**

- The following declaration in free-form:

  ```
  DCL-S MYXMLDBCLOB SQLTYPE(XML_DBCLOB:400);
  ```
results in the generation of the following structure:

```
DCL-DS MYXMLDBCLOB:
  MYXMLDBCLOB_LEN UNS(10);
  MYXMLDBCLOB_DATA UCS2(400) CCSID(13488);
END-DS MYXMLDBCLOB;
```

• The following declaration in fixed-form:

```
D MYXMLDBCLOB       S          SQLTYPE(XML_DBCLOB:400)
```

results in the generation of the following structure:

```
D MYXMLDBCLOB       DS
D MYXMLDBCLOB_LEN              10U
D MYXMLDBCLOB_DATA            400C
```

**XML AS BLOB example**

• The following declaration in free-form:

```
DCL-S MYXMLBLOB SQLTYPE(XML_BLOB:780);
```

results in the generation of the following structure:

```
DCL-DS MYXMLBLOB:
  MYXMLBLOB_LEN UNS(10);
  MYXMLBLOB_DATA CHAR(780) CCSID(*HEX);
END-DS MYXMLBLOB;
```

• The following declaration in fixed-form:

```
D MYXMLBLOB       S          SQLTYPE(XML_BLOB:780)
```

results in the generation of the following structure:

```
D MYXMLBLOB       DS
D MYXMLBLOB_LEN              10U
D MYXMLBLOB_DATA            780A CCSID(*HEX)
```

**Notes:**

1. For XML_BLOB and XML_CLOB, $1 \leq \text{lob-length} \leq 16\,773\,100$.
2. For XML_DBCLOB, $1 \leq \text{lob-length} \leq 8\,386\,550$.
3. XML host variables are allowed to be declared in host structures.
4. XML host variables are not allowed in host structure arrays. XML locators should be used instead.
5. XML host variables declared in structure arrays cannot be used as standalone host variables.
6. SQLTYPE, XML_BLOB, XML_CLOB, XML_DBCLOB can be in mixed case.
7. SQLTYPE must be between positions 44 to 80 for fixed-form declarations.
8. The CCSID value for an XML host variable can be explicitly set by the DECLARE VARIABLE statement. Otherwise, the value specified by the SQL_XML_DATA_CCSID QAQINI option will be used. The default for this QAQINI option is CCSID 1208.
9. When XML is declared as a standalone host variable, position 24 must contain the character 'S' and position 25 must be blank for fixed-form declarations.
10. The stand-alone field indicator S in position 24 for fixed-form declarations should be omitted when XML is declared in a host structure.
11. XML host variables cannot be initialized.
XML locators in ILE RPG applications that use SQL

Here is an example of an XML locator.

**XML locator example**

- The following declaration in free-form:
  ```sql
  DCL-S MYXMLLOC SQLTYPE(XML_LOCATOR);
  ```
  results in the following generation:
  ```sql
  DCL-S MYXMLLOC UNS(10);
  ```
- The following declaration in fixed-form:
  ```sql
  D MYXMLLOC          S          SQLTYPE(XML_LOCATOR)
  ```
  results in the following generation:
  ```sql
  D MYXMLLOC          S          10U
  ```

**Notes:**
1. XML locators are allowed to be declared in host structures.
2. SQLTYPE, XML_LOCATOR can be in mixed case.
3. SQLTYPE must be between positions 44 to 80 for fixed-form declarations.
4. When an XML locator is declared as a standalone host variable, position 24 must contain the character 'S' and position 25 must be blank for fixed-form declarations.
5. The standalone field indicator S in position 24 for fixed-form declarations should be omitted when an XML locator is declared in a host structure.
6. XML locators cannot be initialized.

XML file reference variables in ILE RPG applications that use SQL

Here is an example of a XML file reference variable in ILE RPG.

**XML file reference example**

- The following declaration in free-form:
  ```sql
  DCL-S MY_XMLFILE SQLTYPE(XML_CLOB_FILE);
  ```
  results in the generation of the following structure:
  ```sql
  DCL-DS MY_XMLFILE;
  MY_XMLFILE_NL UNS(10);
  MY_XMLFILE_DL UNS(10);
  MY_XMLFILE_FO UNS(10);
  MY_XMLFILE_NAME CHAR(255);
  END-DS MY_XMLFILE;
  ```
- The following declaration in fixed-form:
  ```sql
  D MY_XMLFILE          S          SQLTYPE(XML_CLOB_FILE)
  ```
  results in the generation of the following structure:
  ```sql
  D MY_XMLFILE          DS
  D MY_XMLFILE_NL       10U
  D MY_XMLFILE_DL       10U
  D MY_XMLFILE_FO       10U
  D MY_XMLFILE_NAME     255A
  ```
XML_BLOB_FILE and XML_DBCLOB_FILE file reference variables have similar syntax.

**Notes:**

1. XML file reference variables are allowed to be declared in host structures.
2. SQLTYPE, XML_BLOB_FILE, XML_CLOB_FILE, XML_DBCLOB_FILE can be in mixed case.
3. SQLTYPE must be between positions 44 to 80 for fixed-form declarations.
4. When an XML file reference is declared as a standalone host variable, position 24 must contain the character 'S' and position 25 must be blank for fixed-form declarations.
5. The standalone field indicator 'S' in position 24 for fixed-form declarations should be omitted when an XML file reference variable is declared in a host structure.
6. XML file reference variables cannot be initialized.

The precompiler will generate declarations for the following file option constants. You can use these constants to set the xxx_FO variable when you use file reference host variables.

- SQFRD (2)
- SQFCRT (8)
- SQFOVR (16)
- SQFAPP (32)

**Declaring ROWID variables in ILE RPG applications that use SQL**

ILE RPG does not have a variable that corresponds to the SQL data type ROWID.

To create host variables that can be used with this data type, use the SQLTYPE keyword. The SQL precompiler replaces this declaration with an ILE RPG language declaration in the output source member. ROWID declarations can be either standalone or within a data structure.

**ROWID example**

- The following declaration in free-form:

  ```
  DCL-S MY_ROWID SQLTYPE(ROWID);
  ```

  results in the following generation:

  ```
  DCL_S MY_ROWID VARCHAR(40) CCSID(*HEX);
  ```

- The following declaration in fixed-form:

  ```
  D MY_ROWID S SQLTYPE(ROWID)
  ```

  results in the following generation:

  ```
  D MY_ROWID S 40A VARYING CCSID(*HEX)
  ```

**Notes:**

1. SQLTYPE, ROWID can be in mixed case.
2. ROWID host variables are allowed to be declared in host structures.
3. SQLTYPE must be between positions 44 and 80 for fixed-form declarations.
4. When a ROWID is declared as a standalone host variable, position 24 must contain the character 'S' and position 25 must be blank for fixed-form declarations.
5. The standalone field indicator 'S' in position 24 for fixed-form declarations should be omitted when a ROWID is declared in a host structure.
6. ROWID host variables cannot be initialized.
Declaring result set locator variables in ILE RPG applications that use SQL

ILE RPG does not have a variable that corresponds to the SQL result set locator data type.

To create host variables that can be used with this data type, use the SQLTYPE keyword. The SQL precompiler replaces this declaration with an ILE RPG language declaration in the output source member. Result set locator declarations can be either standalone or within a data structure.

**Result set locator example**

- The following declaration in free-form:

  ```
  DCL-S RS_LOC1 SQLTYPE(RESULT_SET_LOCATOR);
  ```

  results in the following generation:

  ```
  DCL-S RS_LOC1 INT(20);
  ```

- The following declaration in fixed-form:

  ```
  D RS_LOC1          S          SQLTYPE(RESULT_SET_LOCATOR)
  ```

  results in the following generation:

  ```
  D RS_LOC1          S          20I 0
  ```

**Notes:**

1. SQLTYPE, RESULT_SET_LOCATOR can be in mixed case.
2. Result set locator host variables are allowed to be declared in host structures.
3. SQLTYPE must be between positions 44 and 80 for fixed-form declarations.
4. When a result set locator is declared as a standalone host variable, position 24 must contain the character 'S' and position 25 must be blank for fixed-form declarations.
5. The standalone field indicator 'S' in position 24 for fixed-form declarations should be omitted when a result set locator is declared in a host structure.
6. Result set locator host variables cannot be initialized.

Using host structures in ILE RPG applications that use SQL

The ILE RPG data structure name can be used as a host structure name. The use of the data structure name in an SQL statement implies the specification of the list of subfield names that make up the data structure.

When a data structure contains one or more unnamed subfields, the data structure name cannot be used as a host structure in an SQL statement. The named subfields can be used as host variables.

The following must be considered when using a data structure as a host structure name:

- All subfields must be valid host variable declarations.
- All subfields must have a name.
- No subfield can be defined with the DIM or OCCUR keywords.

Any subfields within a data structure which are defined out of order or that overlap earlier bytes in the data structure will be skipped by the precompiler. This includes bytes that were skipped for alignment or positioning. For example, in the following structure declaration the FIRSTNAME subfield will be skipped since it is defined to use storage prior to the LASTNAME subfield.

```c
DCL-DS PEMPL;
LASTNAME CHAR(10) POS(11);
FIRSTNAME CHAR(10) POS(1);
END-DS;
```
In the following example, BIGCHR is an ILE data structure without subfields. SQL treats any references to BIGCHR as a character string with a length of 642.

```
DCL-DS BIGCHR LEN(642);
END-DS;
```

In the next example, PEMPL is the name of the host structure consisting of the subfields EMPNO, FIRSTN, MIDINT, LASTNA, and DEPTNO. A reference to PEMPL uses the subfields. For example, the first column of CORPDATA.EMPLOYEE is placed in EMPNO, the second column is placed in FIRSTN, and so on.

```
DCL-DS PEMPL;
  EMPNO CHAR(6);
  FIRSTN CHAR(12);
  MIDINT CHAR(1);
  LASTNA CHAR(15);
  DEPTNO CHAR(3);
END-DS;
...
  EMPNO = '000220';
...
EXEC SQL SELECT * INTO :PEMPL
  FROM CORPDATA.EMPLOYEE
  WHERE EMPNO = :EMPNO;
```

When writing an SQL statement, references to subfields that are not in a QUALIFIED data structure can be qualified. Use the name of the data structure, followed by a period and the name of the subfield. For example, PEMPL.MIDINT is the same as specifying only MIDINT. If the data structure has the QUALIFIED keyword, then the subfield must be referenced using the data structure name to qualify the subfield name.

In this example, there are two data structures, one QUALIFIED and one not QUALIFIED, that contain the same subfield names:

```
DCL-DS fststruct;
  sub1 INT(5);
  sub2 INT(10);
  sub3 INT(20);
  sub4 INT(10);
END-DS;

DCL-DS secstruct QUALIFIED;
  sub1 CHAR(4);
  sub2 CHAR(12);
  sub3 INT(20);
  myvar CHAR(5);
  sub5 CHAR(20);
END-DS;

DCL-S myvar INT(10);
```

Referencing `secstruct.sub1` as a host variable will be a character variable with a length of 4. `sub1` as a host variable will have an SQL data type of small integer. It picks up its attributes from the data structure that is not QUALIFIED.

A host variable reference to `myvar` will use the standalone declaration to pick up the data type of integer. If you use `secstruct.myvar`, the character variable in the QUALIFIED structure will be used.

You cannot refer to `sub5` without qualifying it with `secstruct` because it is in a QUALIFIED data structure.

The precompiler will recognize a host structure defined using the LIKEDS keyword. However, the SQL syntax for a host variable only allows using a single level of qualification in an SQL statement. This means that if a data structure DS has a subfield S1 which is defined like a data structure with a subfield S2, an SQL statement cannot refer to S2 using the fully qualified host variable name of DS.S1.S2. If you use DS.S1.S2 as the host variable reference, the precompiler will recognize it as DS.S1.S2. The following additional restrictions apply:

- The top level structure, DS, cannot be an array.
• S1.S2 must be unique. That is, there must be no other valid names in the program ending with S1.S2, such as a structure S1 with a subfield S1.S2, or a structure DS3 with a subfield DS3.S0.S1.S2.

Example

DCL-DS CustomerInfo QUALIFIED;
    Name CHAR(20);
    Address CHAR(50);
END-DS;

DCL-DS ProductInfo QUALIFIED;
    Number CHAR(5);
    Description CHAR(20);
    Cost PACKED(9:2);
END-DS;

DCL-DS SalesTransaction QUALIFIED;
    Buyer LIKEDS(CustomerInfo);
    Seller LIKEDS(CustomerInfo);
    NumProducts INT(10);
    Product LIKEDS(ProductInfo) DIM(10);
END-DS;

EXEC SQL
    SELECT * INTO :CustomerInfo.Name, :Buyer.Name FROM MYTABLE;

CustomerInfo.Name will be recognized as a reference to the QUALIFIED structure's variable. Buyer.Name will be defined as SalesTransaction.Buyer.Name.

You cannot use SalesTransaction.Buyer.Name in an SQL statement because only one level of qualification is allowed in SQL syntax. You cannot use Product.Cost in an SQL statement because cost is in a dimensioned array.

If there is a SalesTransaction2 defined like SalesTransaction, then the subfields that are structures cannot be used in SQL statements. Because only one level of qualification is supported by SQL, a reference to Buyer.Name is ambiguous.

Using host structure arrays in ILE RPG applications that use SQL

A host structure array is defined as an occurrence data structure or a data structure with the keyword DIM coded. Both types of data structures can be used on the SQL FETCH or INSERT statement when processing multiple rows.

The following list of items must be considered when using a data structure with multiple row blocking support.

• All subfields must be valid host variables.
• All subfields must be contiguous. The first FROM position must be 1 and there cannot be overlaps in the TO and FROM positions.
• No subfields using the POS or OVERLAY keywords can be included in the data structure.
• If the date and time format and separator of date and time subfields within the host structure are not the same as the DATFMT, DATSEP, TIMFMT, and TIMSEP parameters on the CRTSQLRPGI command (or in the SET OPTION statement), then the host structure array is not usable.

For all statements, other than the blocked FETCH and blocked INSERT, if an occurrence data structure is used, the current occurrence is used. For the blocked FETCH and blocked INSERT, the occurrence is set to 1.

The following example uses a host structure array called DEPARTMENT and a blocked FETCH statement to retrieve 10 rows from the DEPARTMENT table.

DCL-DS DEPARTMENT OCCURS(10);
    DEPTNO CHAR(3);
    DEPTNM CHAR(29);
    MGRNO CHAR(6);
    ADMRO CHAR(3);
END-DS;
Blocked FETCH and blocked INSERT are the only SQL statements that allow a data structure with the DIM keyword. Data structures with the DIM keyword cannot have a name that starts with 'TAB'. If the data structure name starts with 'TAB', the data structure is considered a table instead of an array and is not supported by SQL. A host variable reference with a subscript like `MyStructure(index).Mysubfield` is not supported by SQL.

**Example**

```sql
DCL-DS fststruct DIM(10) QUALIFIED;
  sub1 INT(5);
  sub2 INT(10);
  sub3 INT(20);
  sub4 INT(10);
END-DS;
EXEC SQL FETCH C1 FOR 10 ROWS INTO :fststruct;
```

**Using external file descriptions in ILE RPG applications that use SQL**

Field definitions for externally described files, including renaming of fields, are recognized by the SQL precompiler. The external definition form of the data structure can be used to obtain a copy of the column names to be used as host variables.

How date and time field definition are retrieved and processed by the SQL precompiler depends on whether *NOCVTDT or *CVTDT is specified on the OPTION parameter of the CRTSQLRPG1 command. If *NOCVTDT is specified, then date and time field definitions are retrieved including the format and separator. If *CVTDT is specified, then the format and separator are ignored when date and time field definitions are retrieved, and the precompiler assumes that the variable declarations are date/time host variables in character format. *CVTDT is a compatibility option for the ILE RPG precompiler.

If the GRAPHIC or VARGRAPHIC column has a UCS-2 CCSID, the generated host variable will have the UCS-2 CCSID assigned to it. If the GRAPHIC or VARGRAPHIC column has a UTF-16 CCSID, the generated host variable will have the UTF-16 CCSID assigned to it.

CLOB, BLOB, and DBCLOB columns in the external file are ignored. No host variable definition will be generated in the host structure for these types.

In the following example, the sample table DEPARTMENT is used as a file in an ILE RPG program. The SQL precompiler retrieves the field (column) definitions for DEPARTMENT for use as host variables.

```sql
DCL-F DEPARTMENT DISK(*EXT) USAGE(*INPUT) RENAME(ORIGREC:DEPTREC);
```

**Note:** Code an F-spec for a file in your ILE RPG program only if you use ILE RPG statements to do I/O operations to the file. If you use only SQL statements to do I/O operations to the file, you can include the external definition of the file (table) by using an external data structure.

In the following example, the sample table is specified as an external data structure. The SQL precompiler retrieves the field (column) definitions as subfields of the data structure. Subfield names can be used as host variable names, and the data structure name TDEPT can be used as a host structure name. The example shows that the field names can be renamed if required by the program.

```sql
DCL-DS TDEPT EXT EXTNAM('DEPARTMENT');
  DEPTN EXTFLD('DEPTNAME')
```
External file description considerations for host structure arrays in ILE RPG applications that use SQL

For device files, if INDARA was not specified and the file contains indicators, the declaration is not used as a host structure array. The indicator area is included in the structure that is generated and would cause the storage to be separated.

If OPTION(*NOCVTDT) is specified and the date and time format and separator of date and time field definitions within the file are not the same as the DATFMT, DATSEP, TIMFMT, and TIMSEP parameters on the CRTSQLRPGI command, then the host structure array is not usable.

In the following example, the DEPARTMENT table is included in the ILE RPG program and used to declare a host structure array. A blocked FETCH statement is then used to retrieve 10 rows into the host structure array.

```
DCL-DS DEPARTMENT EXT OCCURS(10);
END-DS;
EXEC SQL DECLARE C1 CURSOR FOR
   SELECT * FROM CORPDATA.DEPARTMENT;
EXEC SQL FETCH C1 FOR 10 ROWS INTO :DEPARTMENT;
```

Determining equivalent SQL and ILE RPG data types

The precompiler determines the base SQLTYPE and SQLLEN of host variables according to this table. If a host variable appears with an indicator variable, the SQLTYPE is the base SQLTYPE plus one.

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<th>SQLTYPE of host variable</th>
<th>SQLLEN of host variable</th>
<th>SQL data type</th>
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</table>
| Data structure (without subfields) | **Free-form:**
- DCL-DS name LEN(n)
- **Fixed-form:**
  - Length = n where n ≤ 32766. | 452 | n | CHAR(n) |
| Zoned data              | **Free-form:**
- ZONED(p:s)               | 488 | p in byte 1, s in byte 2 | NUMERIC(p, s) where p is the number of digits and s is the number of decimal places |
|                          | **Fixed-form:**
- Defined on Definition specification as subfield with data type S or blank.
- Defined on Definition specification with data type S.
- Defined on Input specification with data type S or blank. | | | |
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<td>graphic</td>
<td>Free-form:</td>
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<td>m</td>
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| UCS-2         | **Free-form:**  
• UCS2(n)  
**Fixed-form:**  
• Defined on Definition specification as subfield with from and to positions and data type C and byte-length b.  
• Defined on Definition specification with data type C and length n.  
• Defined on Input specification with data type C and byte-length b. | 468 | m | GRAPHIC(m) with CCSID 13488 or CCSID 1200 where m = n or m = b/2 |

| varying UCS-2 | **Free-form:**  
• VARUCS2(n)  
**Fixed-form:**  
• Defined on Definition specification as subfield with from and to positions and data type C and byte-length b and VARYING keyword.  
• Defined on Definition specification with data type C and length n and VARYING keyword.  
• Defined on Input specification with data type C and byte-length b and format *VAR. | 464 | m | VARGRAPHIC(m) with CCSID 13488 or CCSID 1200 where m = n or m = b/2 |
Table 9. ILE RPG declarations mapped to typical SQL data types (continued)

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| Date          | **Free-form:**  
• DATE  
• DATE(fs)  
**Fixed-form:**  
• Defined on Definition specification with data type D, format f and separator s from DATFMT keyword.  
• Defined on Input specification with data type D and format in pos 31-34, separator in pos 35.  
|              |            | 384                      |                         | DATE DATFMT(f) DATSEP(s)\(^1\) |
| Time          | **Free-form:**  
• TIME  
• TIME(fs)  
**Fixed-form:**  
• Defined on Definition specification with data type T, format f and separator s from TIMFMT keyword.  
• Defined on Input specification with data type T and format in pos 31-34, separator in pos 35.  
|              |            | 388                      |                         | TIME TIMFMT(f) TIMSEP(s)\(^1\) |
| Timestamp     | **Free-form:**  
• TIMESTAMP(n)  
**Fixed-form:**  
• Data type Z.  
|              |            | 392                      | 19 when n = 0, otherwise 20+n | TIMESTAMP(n) |

\(^1\)SQL creates the date/time subfield using the DATE/TIME format specified on the CRTSQLRPGI command. The conversion to the host variable DATE/TIME format occurs when the mapping is done between the host variables and the SQL-generated subfields.

The following table can be used to determine the RPG data type that is equivalent to a given SQL data type.
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<td>• INT(5)</td>
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<td>• BINDEC(n) where 1 &lt;= n &lt;= 4</td>
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<td><strong>Fixed-form:</strong></td>
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<td>• Definition specification. B in position 40, length must be ≤ 4 and 0 in position 42.</td>
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<td>INTEGER</td>
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<td>• BINDEC(n) where 5 &lt;= n &lt;= 9</td>
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<td>• Definition specification. B in position 40, length must be ≤ 9 and ≥ 5 and 0 in position 42.</td>
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<td>BIGINT</td>
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<td>Maximum length of 32 (precision 63) and maximum scale of 63.</td>
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<td>• Defined as numeric on non-definition specification.</td>
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<td>• FLOAT(4)</td>
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<td>FLOAT (double precision)</td>
<td><strong>Free-form:</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• FLOAT(8)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Fixed-form:</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Definition specification. F in position 40, length must be 8.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHAR(n)</td>
<td><strong>Free-form:</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>• CHAR(n)</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Fixed-form:</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Definition specification. A or blank in positions 40 and blanks in position 41,42.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Input field defined without decimal places.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Calculation result field defined without decimal places.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>n can be from 1 to 32766.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHAR(n)</td>
<td><strong>Free-form:</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• DCL-DS name LEN(n) END-DS;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Fixed-form:</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Data structure name with no subfields in the data structure.</td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>n can be from 1 to 32766.</td>
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<tr>
<td>VARCHAR(n)</td>
<td><strong>Free-form:</strong></td>
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<td></td>
<td>• VARCHAR(n)</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Fixed-form:</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Definition specification. A or blank in position 40 and VARYING in positions 44-80.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>n can be from 1 to 32740.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SQL data type</td>
<td>RPG data type</td>
<td>Notes</td>
</tr>
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<td>---------------</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>CLOB</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Use SQLTYPE keyword to declare a CLOB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GRAPHIC(n)</td>
<td><strong>Free-form:</strong></td>
<td>n can be 1 to 16383.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>• GRAPH(n)</td>
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<td></td>
<td><strong>Fixed-form:</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Definition specification. G in position 40.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Input field defined with G in position 36.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VARGRAPHIC(n)</td>
<td><strong>Free-form:</strong></td>
<td>n can be from 1 to 16370.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• VARGRAPH(n)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Fixed-form:</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Definition specification. G in position 40 and VARYING in positions 44-80.</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>DBCLOB</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Use SQLTYPE keyword to declare a DBCLOB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BINARY</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Use SQLTYPE keyword to declare a BINARY.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VARBINARY</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Use SQLTYPE keyword to declare a VARBINARY.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BLOB</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Use SQLTYPE keyword to declare a BLOB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
<td><strong>Free-form:</strong></td>
<td>If the format is *USA, *JIS, *EUR, or *ISO, the length must be at least 10. If the format is *YMD, *DMY, or *MDY, the length must be at least 8. If the format is *JUL, the length must be at least 6.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• DATE</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Fixed-form:</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• A character field</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Definition specification with a D in position 40.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Input field defined with D in position 36.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TIME</td>
<td><strong>Free-form:</strong></td>
<td>Length must be at least 6; to include seconds, length must be at least 8.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• TIME</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Fixed-form:</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• A character field</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Definition specification with a T in position 40.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Input field defined with T in position 36.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 10. SQL data types mapped to typical RPG declarations (continued)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SQL data type</th>
<th>RPG data type</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TIMESTAMP(n)</td>
<td>Free-form:&lt;br&gt;- TIMESTAMP(n)&lt;br&gt;Fixed-form:&lt;br&gt;- A character field&lt;br&gt;- Definition specification with a Z in position 40.&lt;br&gt;- Input field defined with Z in position 36.</td>
<td>For a character field, the length must be at least 19; to include fractional seconds, the length can be 21 to 32. If less than 32, some fractional seconds will be truncated.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>XML</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Use SQLTYPE keyword to declare an XML.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATALINK</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Use SQLTYPE keyword to declare a DATALINK.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROWID</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Use SQLTYPE keyword to declare a ROWID.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Result set locator</td>
<td>Not supported</td>
<td>Use SQLTYPE keyword to declare a result set locator.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes on ILE RPG variable declaration and usage
ILE RPG associates precision and scale with all numeric types.

ILE RPG defines numeric operations, assuming the data is in packed format. This means that operations involving binary variables include an implicit conversion to packed format before the operation is performed (and back to binary, if necessary). Data is aligned to the implied decimal point when SQL operations are performed.

Using indicator variables in ILE RPG applications that use SQL
An indicator variable is a binary field with length less than 5 (2 bytes).

An indicator array can be defined by declaring the variable element length of 4,0 and specifying the DIM on the definition specification.

Indicator variables are declared in the same way as host variables and the declarations of the two can be mixed in any way that seems appropriate to the programmer.

Related reference
References to variables
Indicator variables in applications that use SQL
An indicator variable is a halfword integer variable used to communicate additional information about its associated host variable.

Example: Using indicator variables in ILE RPG applications that use SQL
Here is an example of declaring indicator variables in ILE RPG.

Given the statement:

```sql
EXEC SQL FETCH CLS_CURSOR INTO :CLSCD,
                 :DAY :DAYIND,
                 :BGN :BGNIND,
                 :END :ENDIND;
```

variables can be declared as follows:

```sql
DCL-S CLSCD CHAR(7);
DCL-S DAY INT(5);
```
Example: SQLDA for a multiple row-area fetch in ILE RPG applications that use SQL

Here is an example of the SQL descriptor area (SQLDA) for a multiple row-area fetch in ILE RPG.

```sql
DCL-C SQL_NUM CONST(4);
EXEC SQL INCLUDE SQLDA;

DCL-DS DEPARTMENT OCCURS(10);
  DEPTNO CHAR(3);
  DEPTNM CHAR(29);
  MGRNO CHAR(6);
  ADMRD CHAR(3);
END-DS;

DCL-DS IND_ARRAY OCCURS(10);
  INDS INT(5) DIM(4);
END-DS;

// setup number of sqlda entries and length of the sqlda
sqld = 4;
sqln = 4;
sqldabc = 336;

// setup the first entry in the sqlda
sqltype = 453;
sqlen = 3;
sql_var(1) = sqlvar;

// setup the second entry in the sqlda
sqltype = 453;
sqlen = 29;
sql_var(2) = sqlvar;

// setup the fourth entry in the sqlda
sqltype = 453;
sqlen = 3;
sql_var(4) = sqlvar;

EXEC SQL DECLARE C1 CURSOR FOR
  SELECT * FROM CORPDATA.DEPARTMENT;

EXEC SQL FETCH C1 FOR 10 ROWS
  USING DESCRIPTOR :SQLDA
  INTO :DEPARTMENT:IND_ARRAY;
```

Example: Dynamic SQL in an ILE RPG application that uses SQL

Here is an example of using dynamic SQL in ILE RPG.

```sql
/*******************
//* Declare program variables.          *
//* STMT initialized to the              *
//* listed SQL statement.                *
*******************/
DCL-S EMPNUM CHAR(6);
DCL-S NAME CHAR(15);
DCL-S STMT CHAR(500)
  INZ('SELECT LASTNAME FROM CORPDATA.EMPLOYEE +
       WHERE EMPNO = ?');

/*********************
//* Prepare STMT as initialized in declare section  *
*********************
EXEC SQL PREPARE S1 FROM :STMT;

/******************
//* Declare Cursor for STMT                  *
******************
EXEC SQL DECLARE C1 CURSOR FOR S1;

/******************
//* Assign employee number to use in select statement *
*******************/
```
Coding SQL statements in REXX applications

REXX procedures do not have to be preprocessed. At run time, the REXX interpreter passes statements that it does not understand to the current active command environment for processing.

The command environment can be changed to *EXECSQL to send all unknown statements to the database manager in two ways:

1. CMDENV parameter on the STRREXPRC CL command
2. address positional parameter on the ADDRESS REXX command

For more information about the STRREXPRC CL command or the ADDRESS REXX command, see the REXX/400 Programmer's Guide topic and the REXX/400 Reference topic.

Note: By using the code examples, you agree to the terms of the “Code license and disclaimer information” on page 194.

Related concepts
Writing applications that use SQL
You can create database applications in host languages that use Db2 for i SQL statements and functions.

Related reference
Example programs: Using Db2 for i statements
Here is a sample application that shows how to code SQL statements in each of the languages that Db2 for i supports.

Example: SQL statements in REXX programs
This example program is written in the REXX programming language.

Using the SQL communication area in REXX applications

The fields that make up the SQL communication area (SQLCA) are automatically included by the SQL/REXX interface.

An INCLUDE SQLCA statement is not required and is not allowed. The SQLCODE and SQLSTATE fields of the SQLCA contain SQL return codes. These values are set by the database manager after each SQL statement is run. An application can check the SQLCODE or SQLSTATE value to determine whether the last SQL statement was successful.

The SQL/REXX interface uses the SQLCA in a manner consistent with the typical SQL usage. However, the SQL/REXX interface maintains the fields of the SQLCA in separate variables rather than in a contiguous data area. The variables that the SQL/REXX interface maintains for the SQLCA are defined as follows:
SQLCODE
The primary SQL return code.

SQLERRMC
Error and warning message tokens.

SQLERRP
Product code and, if there is an error, the name of the module that returned the error.

SQLERRD.n
Six variables (n is a number between 1 and 6) containing diagnostic information.

SQLWARN.n
Eleven variables (n is a number between 0 and 10) containing warning flags.

SQLSTATE
The alternate SQL return code.

Related reference
SQL communication area

Using SQL descriptor areas in REXX applications
There are two types of SQL descriptor areas. One is defined with the ALLOCATE DESCRIPTOR statement. The other is defined using the SQL descriptor area (SQLDA) structure. Only the SQLDA form is discussed here. Allocated descriptors are not supported in REXX.

The following statements can use an SQLDA:
- EXECUTE...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
- FETCH...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
- OPEN...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
- CALL...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
- DESCRIBE statement-name INTO descriptor-name
- DESCRIBE TABLE host-variable INTO descriptor-name

Unlike the SQLCA, more than one SQLDA can be in a procedure, and an SQLDA can have any valid name.

Each SQLDA consists of a set of REXX variables with a common stem, where the name of the stem is the descriptor-name from the appropriate SQL statements. This must be a simple stem; that is, the stem itself must not contain any periods. The SQL/REXX interface automatically provides the fields of the SQLDA for each unique descriptor name. An INCLUDE SQLDA statement is not required and is not allowed.

The SQL/REXX interface uses the SQLDA in a manner consistent with the typical SQL usage. However, the SQL/REXX interface maintains the fields of the SQLDA in separate variables rather than in a contiguous data area.

The following variables are returned to the application after a DESCRIBE, a DESCRIBE TABLE, or a PREPARE INTO statement:

stem.n.SQLNAME
The name of the nth column in the result table.

The following variables must be provided by the application before an EXECUTE...USING DESCRIPTOR, an OPEN...USING DESCRIPTOR, a CALL...USING DESCRIPTOR, or a FETCH...USING DESCRIPTOR statement. They are returned to the application after a DESCRIBE, a DESCRIBE TABLE, or a PREPARE INTO statement:

stem.SQLD
Number of variable elements that the SQLDA actually contains.

stem.n.SQLTYPE
An integer representing the data type of the nth element (for example, the first element is in stem.1.SQLTYPE).

The following data types are not allowed:
stem.n.SQLLEN
If SQLTYPE does not indicate a DECIMAL or NUMERIC data type, the maximum length of the data contained in stem.n.SQLDATA.

stem.n.SQLLEN.SQLPRECISION
If the data type is DECIMAL or NUMERIC, this contains the precision of the number.
**stem.n.SQLLEN.SQLSCALE**
If the type is DECIMAL or NUMERIC, this contains the scale of the number.

**stem.n.SQLCCSID**
The CCSID of the nth column of the data.

The following variables must be provided by the application before an EXECUTE...USING DESCRIPTOR or an OPEN...USING DESCRIPTOR statement, and they are returned to the application after a FETCH...USING DESCRIPTOR statement. They are not used after a DESCRIBE, a DESCRIBE TABLE, or a PREPARE INTO statement:

**stem.n.SQLDATA**
This contains the input value supplied by the application, or the output value fetched by SQL.

This value is converted to the attributes specified in SQLTYPE, SQLLEN, SQLPRECISION, and SQLSCALE.

**stem.n.SQLIND**
If the input or output value is null, this is a negative number.

**Related reference**
SQL descriptor area

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**Embedding SQL statements in REXX applications**

An SQL statement can be placed anywhere a REXX command can be placed.

Each SQL statement in a REXX procedure must begin with EXECSQL (in any combination of uppercase and lowercase letters), followed by either:

- The SQL statement enclosed in single or double quotation marks, or
- A REXX variable containing the statement. Note that a colon must not precede a REXX variable when it contains an SQL statement.

For example:

```sql
EXECSQL "COMMIT"
```

is equivalent to:

```rexx
rexxvar = "COMMIT"
EXECSQL rexxvar
```

The command follows normal REXX rules. For example, it can optionally be followed by a semicolon (;) to allow a single line to contain more than one REXX statement. REXX also permits command names to be included within single quotation marks, for example:

```
'EXECSQL COMMIT'
```

The SQL/REXX interface supports the following SQL statements:
The following SQL statements are not supported by the SQL/REXX interface:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ALLOCATE CURSOR</th>
<th>ALLOCATE DESCRIPTOR</th>
<th>ASSOCIATE LOCATORS</th>
<th>BEGIN DECLARE SECTION</th>
<th>CONNECT</th>
<th>DEALLOCATE DESCRIPTOR</th>
<th>DECLARE PROCEDURE</th>
<th>DECLARE STATEMENT</th>
<th>DECLARE VARIABLE</th>
<th>DESCRIBE CURSOR</th>
<th>DESCRIBE INPUT</th>
<th>DESCRIBE PROCEDURE</th>
<th>DISCONNECT</th>
<th>END DECLARE SECTION</th>
<th>FREE LOCATOR</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>GET DESCRPTOR</td>
<td>GET DIAGNOSTICS</td>
<td>HOLD LOCATOR</td>
<td>INCLUDE</td>
<td>MERGE</td>
<td>RELEASE</td>
<td>SELECT INTO</td>
<td>SET CONNECTION</td>
<td>SET CURRENT DEGREE</td>
<td>SET DESCRIPTOR</td>
<td>SET RESULT SETS</td>
<td>SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION</td>
<td>SIGNAL</td>
<td>VALUES INTO</td>
<td>WHENEVER^4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

1. The blocked form of this statement is not supported.
2. These statements cannot be run directly if they contain host variables; they must be the object of a PREPARE and then an EXECUTE.
3. The SET OPTION statement can be used in a REXX procedure to change some of the processing options used for running SQL statements. These options include the commitment control level and date format. See the DB2 for i SQL reference topic for more information about the SET OPTION statement.
4. See “Handling errors and warnings in REXX applications that use SQL” on page 138 for more information.
Comments in REXX applications that use SQL
Neither SQL comments (--) nor REXX comments are allowed in strings representing SQL statements.

Continuation of SQL statements in REXX applications that use SQL
The string containing an SQL statement can be split into several strings on several lines, separated by commas or concatenation operators, according to standard REXX usage.

Including code in REXX applications that use SQL
Unlike the other host languages, support is not provided for including externally defined statements.

Margins in REXX applications that use SQL
There are no special margin rules for the SQL/REXX interface.

Names in REXX applications that use SQL
Any valid REXX name not ending in a period (.) can be used for a host variable. The name must be 64 characters or less.

Variable names should not begin with the characters 'SQL', 'RDI', 'DSN', 'RXSQL', or 'QRW'.

Nulls in REXX applications that use SQL
Although the term null is used in both REXX and SQL, the term has different meanings in the two languages.

REXX has a null string (a string of length zero) and a null clause (a clause consisting only of blanks and comments). The SQL null value is a special value that is distinct from all non-null values and denotes the absence of a (non-null) value.

Statement labels in REXX applications that use SQL
REXX command statements can be labeled as usual.

Handling errors and warnings in REXX applications that use SQL
The WHENEVER statement is not supported by the SQL/REXX interface. You can use one of several substitutes, however.

Any of the following may be used instead:

- A test of the REXX SQLCODE or SQLSTATE variables after each SQL statement to detect error and warning conditions issued by the database manager, but not for those issued by the SQL/REXX interface.

- A test of the REXX RC variable after each SQL statement to detect error and warning conditions. Each use of the EXECSQL command sets the RC variable to:

  0  Statement completed successfully.

  +10 A SQL warning occurred.

  -10  An SQL error occurred

  -100 An SQL/REXX interface error occurred.

This can be used to detect errors and warnings issued by either the database manager or by the SQL/REXX interface.

- The SIGNAL ON ERROR and SIGNAL ON FAILURE facilities can be used to detect errors (negative RC values), but not warnings.
Using host variables in REXX applications that use SQL

REXX does not provide for variable declarations.

LOB, XML, ROWID, binary, and result set locator host variables are not supported in REXX. New variables
are recognized by their appearance in assignment statements. Therefore, there is no declare section, and
the BEGIN DECLARE SECTION and END DECLARE SECTION statements are not supported.

All host variables within an SQL statement must be preceded by a colon (\:).

The SQL/REXX interface performs substitution in compound variables before passing statements to the
database manager. For example:

```
a = 1
b = 2
EXECSQL 'OPEN c1 USING :a.b'
```

causes the contents of x.1.2 to be passed to SQL.

Determining data types of input host variables in REXX applications that use SQL

All data in REXX is in the form of strings.

The data type of input host variables (that is, host variables used in a 'USING host variable' clause in an
EXECUTE or OPEN statement) is inferred by the database manager at run time from the contents of the
variable according to the table below.

These rules define either numeric, character, or graphic values. A numeric value can be used as input to a
numeric column of any type. A character value can be used as input to a character column of any type, or
to a date, time, or timestamp column. A graphic value can be used as input to a graphic column of any
type.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Host variable contents</th>
<th>Assumed data type</th>
<th>SQL type code</th>
<th>SQL type description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A number with neither decimal point nor exponent. It can have a leading plus or minus sign.</td>
<td>Signed integers</td>
<td>496/497</td>
<td>INTEGER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A number that includes a decimal point, but no exponent, or a number that does not include a decimal point or an exponent and is greater than 2147483647 or smaller than -2147483647. It can have a leading plus or minus sign. ( m ) is the total number of digits in the number. ( n ) is the number of digits to the left of the decimal point (if any).</td>
<td>Packed decimal</td>
<td>484/485</td>
<td>DECIMAL(m,n)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A number that is in scientific or engineering notation (that is, followed immediately by an 'E' or 'e', an optional plus or minus sign, and a series of digits). It can have a leading plus or minus sign.</td>
<td>Floating point</td>
<td>480/481</td>
<td>DOUBLE PRECISION</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 11. Determining data types of host variables in REXX (continued)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Host variable contents</th>
<th>Assumed data type</th>
<th>SQL type code</th>
<th>SQL type description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A string with leading and trailing single quotation marks (') or quotation marks (&quot;), which has length ( n ) after removing the two delimiters, or a string with a leading ( X ) or ( x ) followed by a single quotation mark (') or quotation mark (&quot;), and a trailing single quotation mark (') or quotation mark (&quot;). The string has a length of ( 2n ) after removing the ( X ) or ( x ) and the two delimiters. Each remaining pair of characters is the hexadecimal representation of a single character, or a string of length ( n ), which cannot be recognized as character, numeric, or graphic through other rules in this table</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Varying-length character string</td>
<td>448/449</td>
<td>VARCHAR(n)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| A string with a leading and trailing single quotation mark (') or quotation marks ("), preceded by:  
  - A string that starts with a G, g, N, or n. This is followed by a single quotation mark or a quotation mark and a shift-out (X'0E') character. This is followed by \( n \) graphic characters, each 2 characters long. The string must end with a shift-in (X'0F') character and a single quotation mark or a quotation mark (whichever the string started with).  
  - A string with a leading GX, Gx, gX, or gx, followed by a single quotation mark or a quotation mark and a shift-out (X'0E') character. This is followed by \( n \) graphic characters, each 2 characters long. The string must end with a shift-in (X'0F') character and a single quotation mark or a quotation mark (whichever the string started with). The string has a length of \( 4n \) after removing the GX and the delimiters. Each remaining group of 4 characters is the hexadecimal representation of a single graphic character. |
| Varying-length graphic string                                                       | 464/465                               | VARGRAPHIC(n) |
| Undefined Variable                                                                  | Variable for which a value has not been assigned | None          | Data that is not valid was detected. |

1 The byte immediately following the leading single quotation mark is a X'0E' shift-out character, and the byte immediately preceding the trailing single quotation mark is a X'0F' shift-in character.
The format of output host variables in REXX applications that use SQL

It is not necessary to determine the data type of an output host variable (that is, a host variable used in an 'INTO host variable' clause in a FETCH statement).

Output values are assigned to host variables as follows:

- Character values are assigned without leading and trailing apostrophes.
- Graphic values are assigned without a leading G or apostrophe, without a trailing apostrophe, and without shift-out and shift-in characters.
- Numeric values are translated into strings.
- Integer values do not retain any leading zeros. Negative values have a leading minus sign.
- Decimal values retain leading and trailing zeros according to their precision and scale. Negative values have a leading minus sign. Positive values do not have a leading plus sign.
- Floating-point values are in scientific notation, with one digit to the left of the decimal place. The 'E' is in uppercase.

Avoiding REXX conversion in REXX applications that use SQL

To guarantee that a string is not converted to a number or assumed to be of graphic type, strings should be enclosed in "". Enclosing the string in single quotation marks does not work.

For example:

```rexx
stringvar = '100'
```

causes REXX to set the variable `stringvar` to the string of characters 100 (without the single quotation marks). This is evaluated by the SQL/REXX interface as the number 100, and it is passed to SQL as such.

On the other hand,

```rexx
stringvar = "'100'"
```

causes REXX to set the variable `stringvar` to the string of characters ‘100’ (with the single quotation marks). This is evaluated by the SQL/REXX interface as the string 100, and it is passed to SQL as such.

Using indicator variables in REXX applications that use SQL

An indicator variable is an integer.

Unlike other languages, a valid value must be specified in the host variable even if its associated indicator variable contains a negative value.

**Related reference**
References to variables
Indicator variables in applications that use SQL
An indicator variable is a halfword integer variable used to communicate additional information about its associated host variable.

Preparing and running a program with SQL statements

This topic describes some of the tasks for preparing and running an application program.

**Related concepts**
Writing applications that use SQL
You can create database applications in host languages that use Db2 for i SQL statements and functions.

**Basic processes of the SQL precompiler**
You must precompile and compile an application program containing embedded SQL statements before you can run it.

**Note:** SQL statements in a REXX procedure are not precompiled and compiled.
Precompiling of such programs is done by the SQL precompiler. The SQL precompiler scans each statement of the application program source and does the following:

- **Looks for SQL statements and for the definition of host variable names.** The variable names and definitions are used to verify the SQL statements. You can examine the listing after the SQL precompiler completes processing to see if any errors occurred.

- **Verifies that each SQL statement is valid and free of syntax errors.** The validation procedure supplies error messages in the output listing that help you correct any errors that occur.

- **Validates the SQL statements using the description in the database.** During the precompile, SQL statements are checked for valid table, column, and other object references. If a specified object does not exist or you are not authorized to it at the time of the precompile, complete validation will be done at run time. If an object does not exist at run time, an error occurs.

**Notes:**

1. Overrides are processed when retrieving external definitions.
2. You need some authority (at least *OBJOPR) to any tables or views referred to in the SQL statements in order to validate the SQL statements. The actual authority required to process any SQL statement is checked at run time.
3. When the RDB parameter is specified on the CRTSQLxxx commands, the precompiler accesses the specified relational database to obtain the table and view descriptions.

- **Prepares each SQL statement for compilation in the host language.** For most SQL statements, the SQL precompiler inserts a comment and a CALL statement to one of the SQL interface modules. For some SQL statements (for example, DECLARE statements), the SQL precompiler produces no host language statement except a comment.

- **Produces information about each precompiled SQL statement.** The information is stored internally in a temporary source file member, where it is available for use during the bind process.

To get complete diagnostic information when you precompile, specify either of the following:

- OPTION(*SOURCE *XREF) for CRTSQLxxx (where xxx=CBL, PLI, or RPG)
- OPTION(*XREF) OUTPUT(*PRINT) for CRTSQLxxx (where xxx=CI, CPPI, CBLI, or RPGI)

**Related concepts**

Database programming
Database file management
DB2 for i5/OS SQL reference

**Input to the SQL precompiler**

Application programming statements and embedded SQL statements are the primary input to the SQL precompiler. The statements can be in a source member or, for any ILE precompile, in a source stream file.

In PL/I, C, and C++ source members, the SQL statements must use the margins that are specified in the MARGINS parameter of the CRTSQLPLI, CRTSQLCI, and CRTSQLCPPI commands. The MARGINS parameter is ignored when you precompile from a source stream file.

The SQL precompiler assumes that the host language statements are syntactically correct. If the host language statements are not syntactically correct, the precompiler might not correctly identify SQL statements and host variable declarations. Literals and comments that are not accepted by the application language compiler can interfere with the precompiler source scanning process and cause errors.

You can use the SQL INCLUDE statement to embed secondary input from the file that is specified by the INCFILE or INCDIR parameter of the CRTSQLxxx command. The SQL INCLUDE statement causes the specified member or source stream file to be read. The included source cannot contain other precompiler INCLUDE statements, but can contain both application program and SQL statements.

When you precompile a source member, the INCFILE parameter is used to find the source that is specified in the SQL INCLUDE statement. When you precompile a source stream file, the INCDIR
parameter is used. If a relative path is specified in the INCLUDE statement, the precompiler first searches the current directory. If that file is not found, the name specified on the INCLUDE statement is appended to the INCDIR value. If that is not found, the precompiler searches the directory where the input source is found. If an absolute path is specified for the INCLUDE statement, the precompiler ignores the INCDIR value. No suffixes are appended to the name specified on the INCLUDE statement.

If mixed DBCS constants are specified in the application program source, the source file must be a mixed CCSID.

You can specify many of the precompiler command parameter values directly in the input source by using the SQL SET OPTION statement. These include options such as DATFMT, COMMIT, and NAMING. By specifying them in the input source, you do not need to remember to specify them on the precompiler command.

**Note:** If a value is provided for an option on both the precompile command and on the SET OPTION statement, the value from the SET OPTION statement is used.

The RPG preprocessor options (RPGPOPT) parameter of the CRTSQLRPGI command has two options to call the RPG preprocessor. If *LVL1 or *LVL2 is specified, the RPG compiler will be called to preprocess the source before the SQL precompile is run. Preprocessing the SQL source will allow many compiler directives to be handled before the SQL precompile. The preprocessed source will be placed in file QSQLPRE in QTEMP. This source will be used as the input for the SQL precompile. The CCSID used by the SQL precompile is the CCSID of QSQLPRE.

**Related reference**
SET OPTION
Create SQL ILE RPG Object (CRTSQLRPGI) command

**Source file CCSIDs in the SQL precompiler**
The SQL precompiler reads the source records by using the CCSID of the source file or source stream file.

For a UTF-8 source stream file (CCSID 1208), the SQL precompiler uses the CCSID provided by the CVTCCSID parameter on the precompile command. The CVTCCSID parameter must identify a valid single-byte or mixed-byte EBCDIC CCSID. The SQL precompiler converts the UTF-8 source to the CVTCCSID and then considers the CCSID of the primary source to be the CVTCCSID value instead of UTF-8.

When processing SQL INCLUDE statements, the include source is converted to the CCSID of the primary source if necessary. If the include source cannot be converted to the CCSID of the primary source, an error occurs.

The SQL precompiler processes SQL statements using the source CCSID. This affects variant characters the most. For example, the not sign (¬) is located at 'BA'X in CCSID 500. This means that if the CCSID of your source file is 500, SQL expects the not sign (¬) to be located at 'BA'X.

If the source file CCSID is 65535, SQL processes variant characters as if they had a CCSID of 37. This means that SQL looks for the not sign (¬) at '5F'X.

**Output from the SQL precompiler**
The SQL precompiler generates two pieces of output: a listing and a source file number.

**Listing**
The output listing is sent to the printer file that is specified by the PRTFILE parameter of the CRTSQLxxx command.

The following items are written to the printer file:

- Precompiler options
  Options specified in the CRTSQLxxx command.
- Precompiler source
  This output supplies precompiler source statements with the record numbers that are assigned by the precompiler, if the listing option is in effect.
- Precompiler cross-reference
If *XREF was specified in the OPTION parameter, this output supplies a cross-reference listing. The listing shows the precompiler record numbers of SQL statements that contain the referred to host names and column names.

- Precompiler diagnostics

This output supplies diagnostic messages, showing the precompiler record numbers of statements in error.

The output to the printer file will use a CCSID value of 65535. The data will not be converted when it is written to the printer file.

**Temporary source file members created by the SQL precompiler**

Source statements processed by the precompiler are written to an output source file.

In the precompiler-changed source code, SQL statements have been converted to comments and calls to the SQL run time code. Include files that are processed by SQL are expanded.

The output source file is specified on the CRTSQLxxx command in the TOSRCFILE parameter.

- For languages other than C, C++, and ILE RPG, the default file is QSQLTEMP in the QTEMP library.
- For C and C++ when *CALC is specified as the output source file, QSQLTEMP will be used if the source file’s record length is 92 or less. For a C or C++ source file where the record length is greater than 92, the output source file name will be generated as QSQLTxxxxx, where xxxxx is the record length.
- For RPG when *CALC is specified as the output source file, QSQLTEMP1 will be used if the source file’s record length is 112 or less. For an RPG source file where the record length is greater than 112, the output source file name will be generated as QSQLTxxxxx, where xxxxx is the record length.

The name of the output source file member is the same as the name specified in the PGM or OBJ parameter of the CRTSQLxxx command. This member cannot be changed before being used as input to the compiler. When SQL creates the output source file, it uses the CCSID value of the source file as the CCSID value for the new file. If precompiling from a source stream file and the CCSID of the source stream file is UTF-8 (1208), the output source file is created with the CCSID provided by the CVTCCSID parameter on the precompile command instead of the source file CCSID.

If the precompile generates output in a source file in QTEMP, the file can be moved to a permanent library after the precompile if you want to compile at a later time. You cannot change the records of the source member, or the attempted compile fails.

The source member that is generated by SQL as the result of the precompile should never be edited and reused as an input member to another precompile step. The additional SQL information that is saved with the source member during the first precompile will cause the second precompile to work incorrectly. Once this information is attached to a source member, it stays with the member until the member is deleted.

The SQL precompiler uses the CRTSRCPF command to create the output source file. If the defaults for this command have changed, then the results may be unpredictable. If the source file is created by the user, not the SQL precompiler, the file’s attributes may be different as well. It is recommended that the user allow SQL to create the output source file. Once it has been created by SQL, it can be reused on later precompiles.

**Sample SQL precompiler output**

The precompiler output can provide information about your program source.

To generate the listing:

- For non-ILE precompilers, specify the *SOURCE (*SRC) and *XREF options on the OPTION parameter of the CRTSQLxxx command.
- For ILE precompilers, specify OPTION(*XREF) and OUTPUT(*PRINT) on the CRTSQLxxx command.

The format of the precompiler output is:
1 A list of the options you specified when the SQL precompiler was called.

2 The date the source member was last changed.

Figure 2. Sample COBOL precompiler output format
1. Record number assigned by the precompiler when it reads the source record. Record numbers are used to identify the source record in error messages and SQL run-time processing.

2. Sequence number taken from the source record. The sequence number is the number seen when you use the source entry utility (SEU) to edit the source member.

3. Date when the source record was last changed. If Last Change is blank, it indicates that the record has not been changed since it was created.

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Record  *...+... 1 ...+... 2 ...+... 3 ...+... 4 ...+... 5 ...+... 6 ...+... 7 ...+... 8   SEQNBR  Last change

50 * Declare cursor  *                5000
51 **************************************************                5100
52 EXEC SQL                                                                  5200
53 DECLARE CURS CURSOR FOR                                                 5300
54 SELECT WORKDEPT, AVG(EDLEVEL), AVG(SALARY)                            5400
55 FROM CORPDATA.EMPLOYEE                                              5500
56 GROUP BY WORKDEPT                                                   5600
57 END-EXEC.                                                                 5700
58 **************************************************                5800
59 *  Open cursor                                                *                5900
60 **************************************************                6000
61 EXEC SQL                                                                  6100
62 OPEN CURS                                                               6200
63 END-EXEC.                                                                 6300
64 **************************************************                6400
65 *  Fetch all result rows                                      *                6500
66 **************************************************                6600
67 PERFORM A010-FETCH-PROCEDURE THROUGH A010-FETCH-EXIT                      6700
68 UNTIL SQLCODE IS = 100.                                                 6800
69 **************************************************                6900
70 *  Close cursor                                               *                7000
71 EXEC SQL                                                                  7100
72 CLOSE CURS                                                              7200
73 END-EXEC.                                                                 7300
74 CLOSE OUTFILE.                                                            7400
75 STOP RUN.                                                                7500
76 **************************************************                7600
77 *  Fetch a row and move the information to the output record. *                7700
78 **************************************************                7800
79 A010-FETCH-PROCEDURE.                                                         7900
80 EXEC SQL                                                                  8000
81 FETCH CURS INTO :AVG-RECORD                                             8100
82 END-EXEC.                                                                 8200
83 IF SQLCODE IS = 0                                                         8300
84 MOVE WORKDEPT TO DEPT-NO                                                8400
85 MOVE AVG-SALARY TO AVERAGE-SALARY                                       8500
86 MOVE AVG-EDUC TO AVERAGE-EDUCATION-LEVEL                                8600
87 WRITE REC-1 AFTER ADVANCING 1 LINE.                                     8700
88 A010-FETCH-EXIT.                                                              8800
89 EXIT.                                                                     8900
90 **************************************************                9000
91 * An SQL error occurred. Move the error number to the error *                9100
92 **************************************************                9200
93 B000-SQL-ERROR.                                                               9300
94 MOVE SQLCODE TO ERROR-CODE.                                               9400
95 MOVE "AN SQL ERROR HAS OCCURRED" TO ERROR-MESSAGE.                            9500
96 WRITE ERROR-RECORD AFTER ADVANCING 1 LINE.                               9600
97 CLOSE OUTFILE.                                                            9700
98 STOP RUN.                                                                9800
99 **************************************************                9900
100 ** ** E N D  O F  S O U R C E  ** **
**CROSS REFERENCE**

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No errors found in source
102 Source records processed

**Data names are the symbolic names used in source statements.**

**1**

The define column specifies the line number at which the name is defined. The line number is generated by the SQL precompiler. **** means that the object was not defined or the precompiler did not recognize the declarations.

**3**

The reference column contains two types of information:
- The definition of the symbolic name (4)
- The line numbers where the symbolic name occurs (5)

If the symbolic name refers to a valid host variable, the data-type (6) or data-structure (7) is also noted.

**Non-ILE SQL precompiler commands**

The IBM DB2 Query Manager and SQL Development Kit for i licensed program includes non-ILE precompiler commands for the following host languages: **CRTSQLCBL** (for OPM COBOL), **CRTSQLPLI** (for PL/I PRPQ), and **CRTSQLRPG** (for RPG III, which is part of RPG/400).

Some options only apply to certain languages. For example, the options *APOST and *QUOTE are unique to COBOL. They are not included in the commands for the other languages.
Related concepts
CL command descriptions for host language precompilers

The IBM DB2 Query Manager and SQL Development Kit for i licensed program provides commands for precompiling programs coded in these programming languages.

Compiling a non-ILE application program that uses SQL
The SQL precompiler automatically calls the host language compiler after the successful completion of a precompile, unless *NOGEN is specified.

The **CRTxxxPGM** command is run specifying the program name, source file name, precompiler created source member name, text, and USRPRF.

Within these languages, the following parameters are passed:

- For COBOL, the *QUOTE or *APOST is passed on the **CRTCBLPGM** command.
- For RPG and COBOL, SAAFLAG (*FLAG) is passed on the **CRTxxxPGM** command.
- For RPG and COBOL, the SRTSEQ and LANGID parameter from the CRTSQLxxx command is specified on the **CRTxxxPGM** command.
- For RPG and COBOL, the CVTOPT (*DATETIME *VARCHAR) is always specified on the **CRTxxxPGM** command.
- For COBOL and RPG, the TGTRLS parameter value from the CRTSQLxxx command is specified on the **CRTxxxPGM** command. TGTRLS is not specified on the **CRTCBLPGM** command. The program can be saved or restored to the level specified on the TGTRLS parameter of the CRTPPLPGM command.
- For PL/I, the MARGINS are set in the temporary source file.
- For all languages, the REPLACE parameter from the **CRTSQLxxx** command is specified on the **CRTxxxPGM** command.

If a package is created as part of the precompile process, the REPLACE parameter value from the **CRTSQLPKG** command.

- For all languages, if USRPRF(*USER) or system naming (*SYS) with USRPRF(*NAMING) is specified, then USRPRF(*USER) is specified on the **CRTxxxPGM** command. If USRPRF(*OWNER) or SQL naming (*SQL) with USRPRF(*NAMING) is specified, then USRPRF(*OWNER) is specified on the **CRTxxxPGM** command.

Defaults are used for all other parameters with **CRTxxxPGM** commands.

You can interrupt the call to the host language compiler by specifying *NOGEN on the OPTION parameter of the precompiler command. *NOGEN specifies that the host language compiler will not be called. Using the object name in the CRTSQLxxx command as the member name, the precompiler created the source member in the output source file (specified as the TOSRCFILE parameter on the CRTSQLxxx command). You now can explicitly call the host language compilers, specify the source member in the output source file, and change the defaults. If the precompile and compile were done as separate steps, the **CRTSQLPKG** command can be used to create the SQL package for a distributed program.

**Note:** You must not change the source member in QTEMP/QSQLTEMP prior to issuing the **CRTxxxPGM** command or the compile will fail.

**ILE SQL precompiler commands**

In the IBM DB2 Query Manager and SQL Development Kit for i licensed program, these ILE precompiler commands exist: **CRTSQLCI, CRTSQLCPP, CRTSQLCBLI, and CRTSQLRPGI**.

A precompiler command exists for each of the host languages: ILE C, ILE C++, ILE COBOL, and ILE RPG. For each command, you can specify the required parameters and use the defaults for the remaining parameters. Some options are applicable only to one language. The defaults are applicable only to the language you are using. For example, the options *APOST and *QUOTE are unique to COBOL. They are not included in the commands for the other languages.

Related concepts
CL command descriptions for host language precompilers
The IBM DB2 Query Manager and SQL Development Kit for i licensed program provides commands for precompiling programs coded in these programming languages.

**Compiling an ILE application program that uses SQL**

The SQL precompiler automatically calls the host language compiler after the successful completion of a precompile for the CRTSQLxxx commands, unless *NOGEN is specified.

If the *MODULE option is specified, the SQL precompiler issues the CRTxxxMOD command to create the module. If the *PGM option is specified, the SQL precompiler issues the CRTBNDxxx command to create the program. If the *SRVPGM option is specified, the SQL precompiler issues the CRTxxxMOD command to create the module, followed by the Create Service Program (CRTSRVPGM) command to create the service program. The CRTSQLCPPPI command only creates *MODULE objects.

Within these languages, the following parameters are passed:

- If DBGVIEW(*SOURCE) is specified on the CRTSQLxxx command, then DBGVIEW(*ALL) is specified on both the CRTxxxMOD and CRTBNDxxx commands.
- If OUTPUT(*PRINT) is specified on the CRTSQLxxx command, it is passed on both the CRTxxxMOD and CRTBNDxxx commands.
- If OUTPUT(*NONE) is specified on the CRTSQLxxx command, it is not specified on either the CRTxxxMOD command or the CRTBNDxxx command.
- The TGTRLS parameter value from the CRTSQLxxx command is specified on the CRTxxxMOD, CRTBNDxxx, and Create Service Program (CRTSRVPGM) commands.
- The REPLACE parameter value from the CRTSQLxxx command is specified on the CRTxxxMOD, CRTBNDxxx, and CRTSRVPGM commands.

If a package is created as part of the precompile process, the REPLACE parameter value from the CRTSQLxxx command is specified on the CRTSQLPKG command.

- If OBJTYPE is either *PGM or *SRVPGM, and USRPRF(*USER) or system naming (*SYS) with USRPRF(*NAMING) is specified, USRPRF(*USER) is specified on the CRTBNDxxx or the CRTSRVPGM commands.
- If OBJTYPE is either *PGM or *SRVPGM, and USRPRF(*OWNER) or SQL naming (*SQL) with USRPRF(*NAMING) is specified, USRPRF(*OWNER) is specified on the CRTBNDxxx or the CRTSRVPGM commands.
- The DBGENCKEY value from the CRTSQLxxx command is specified on the CRTxxxMOD or CRTBNDxxx commands.

- For C and C++, the MARGINS are set in the temporary source file.
- For COBOL, the *QUOTE or *APOST is passed on the CRTBNDCBL or the CRTCBLMOD commands.

If the precompiler calculates that the total length of the LOB host variables is close to 15M, the TERASPACE(*YES *TSIFC) option is specified on the CRTCMOD, CRTBNDC, or CRTCPPMOD commands.

- For C and C++, the DECLTRND value is passed on the CRTCMOD, CRTBNDC, or CRTCPPMOD commands.
- For COBOL, the *QUOTE or *APOST is passed on the CRTBNDCBL or the CRTCBLMOD commands.
- For RPG and COBOL, the SRTSEQ and LANGID parameter from the CRTSQLxxx command is specified on the CRTxxxMOD and CRTBNDxxx commands.
- For COBOL, CVTOPT(*VARCHAR *DATETIME *PICGRAPHIC *FLOAT) is always specified on the CRTBNDxxx commands. If OPTION(*NOCVTDT) is specified (the shipped command default), the additional options *DATE *TIME *TIMESTAMP are also specified for the CVTOPT.
- For RPG, if OPTION(*CVTDT) is specified, then CVTOPT(*DATETIME) is specified on the CRTRPGMOD and CRTBNDRPG commands.

You can interrupt the call to the host language compiler by specifying *NOGEN on the OPTION parameter of the precompiler command. *NOGEN specifies that the host language compiler is not called. Using the specified program name in the CRTSQLxxx command as the member name, the precompiler creates the source member in the output source file (TOSRCFILE parameter). You can now explicitly call the host language compiler, specify the source member in the output source file, and change the defaults. If the
precompile and compile were done as separate steps, the **CRTSQLPKG** command can be used to create the SQL package for a distributed program.

If the program or service program is created later, the USRPRF parameter may not be set correctly on the **CRTBNDxxx, Create Program (CRTPGM)**, or **Create Service Program (CRTSRVPGM)** command. The SQL program runs predictably only after the USRPRF parameter is corrected. If system naming is used, then the USRPRF parameter must be set to *USER. If SQL naming is used, then the USRPRF parameter must be set to *OWNER.

**Setting compiler options using the precompiler commands**

The COMPILEOPT string is available on the precompiler command and on the SET OPTION statement to allow additional parameters to be used on the compiler command.

The COMPILEOPT string is added to the compiler command built by the precompiler. This allows specifying compiler parameters without requiring a two step process of precompiling and then compiling. Do not specify parameters in the COMPILEOPT string that the SQL precompiler passes. Doing so will cause the compiler command to fail with a duplicate parameter error. It is possible that the SQL precompiler will pass additional parameters to the compiler in the future. This could lead to a duplicate parameter error, requiring your COMPILEOPT string to be changed at that time.

If "*EVENTF" is anywhere in the COMPILEOPT string specified on the precompiler command, the precompiler will behave as if "OPTION(*EVENTF)" was specified on the precompiler command. This does not apply to the COMPILEOPT string specified on the SET OPTION statement.

If "INCDIR(" is anywhere in the COMPILEOPT string, the precompiler will call the compiler using the SRCSTMF parameter.

```sql
EXEC SQL SET OPTION COMPILEOPT = 'OPTION(*SHOWINC *EXPMAC)
   INCDIR(''/QSYS.LIB/MYLIB.LIB/MYFILE.MBR ')'
```

**Interpreting compile errors in applications that use SQL**

Sometimes you will encounter compile errors. Use the following information to interpret these errors.

If you separate the precompile and compile steps, and the source program refers to externally described files, the referred-to files must not be changed between precompile and compile steps. Otherwise, results that are not predictable might occur because the changes to the field definitions are not changed in the temporary source member.

Examples of externally described files are:

- COPY DDS in COBOL
- %INCLUDE in PL/I
- #pragma mapinc and #include in C or C++
- Externally-described files and externally-described data structures in RPG

When the SQL precompiler does not recognize host variables or host structures, messages SQL0312 and SQL5011 are written to the listing. These messages return a detailed reason why the variable was not able to be used. If the information in the message does not resolve the problem, you can try compiling the source. The compiler will not recognize the EXEC SQL statements, ignore these errors. Verify that the compiler interprets the host variable declaration as defined by the SQL precompiler for that language.

**Binding an application that uses SQL**

Before you can run your application program, a relationship between the program and any specified tables and views must be established. This process is called binding. The result of binding is an access plan.

The access plan is a control structure that describes the actions necessary to satisfy each SQL request. An access plan contains information about the program and about the data the program intends to use.
For a nondistributed SQL program, the access plan is stored in the program. For a distributed SQL program (where the RDB parameter is specified on the CRTSQLxxx command), the access plan is stored in the SQL package at the specified relational database.

SQL automatically attempts to bind and create access plans when the program object is created. For non-ILE compilations, this occurs as the result of running a successful CRTxxxPGM command. For ILE compilations, this occurs as the result of running a successful CRTBNDxxx, CRTPGM, or CRTSRVPGM command. If Db2 for i detects at run time that an access plan is not valid (for example, the referenced tables are in a different library) or detects that changes have occurred to the database that might improve performance (for example, the addition of indexes), a new access plan is automatically created. Binding does the following things:

1. **It revalidates the SQL statements using the description in the database.** During the bind process, the SQL statements are checked for valid table, column, and other object names. If a specified table or object does not exist at the time of the precompile or compile, the validation is done at run time. If the table or object does not exist at run time, a negative SQLCODE is returned.

2. **It selects the index needed to access the data your program wants to process.** In selecting an index, table sizes, and other factors are considered. It considers all indexes available to access the data and decides which ones (if any) to use when selecting a path to the data.

3. **It attempts to build access plans.** For each SQL statement that is valid, the bind process builds and stores an access plan in the program.

If the characteristics of a table or view your program accesses have changed, the access plan may no longer be valid. When you attempt to run a program that contains an access plan that is not valid, the system automatically attempts to rebuild the access plan. If the access plan cannot be rebuilt, a negative SQLCODE is returned. In this case, you might have to change the program's SQL statements and reissue the CRTSQLxxx command to correct the situation.

Assume that a program contains an SQL statement that refers to COLUMNA in TABLEA and the user deletes and re-creates TABLEA so that COLUMNA no longer exists. When you call the program, the automatic rebind will be unsuccessful because COLUMNA no longer exists. In this case you must change the program source and reissue the CRTSQLxxx command.

**Program references in applications that use SQL**

All schemas, tables, views, SQL packages, and indexes referenced in SQL statements in an SQL program are placed in the object information repository (OIR) of the library when the program is created.

You can use the CL command **Display Program References (DSPPGMREF)** to display all object references in the program. If the SQL naming convention is used, the library name is stored in the OIR in one of three ways:

1. If the SQL name is fully qualified, the schema name is stored as the name qualifier.
2. If the SQL name is not fully qualified and the DFTRDBCOL parameter is not specified, the authorization ID of the statement is stored as the name qualifier.
3. If the SQL name is not fully qualified and the DFTRDBCOL parameter is specified, the schema name specified on the DFTRDBCOL parameter is stored as the name qualifier.

If the system naming convention is used, the library name is stored in the OIR in one of three ways:

1. If the object name is fully qualified, the library name is stored as the name qualifier.
2. If the object is not fully qualified and the DFTRDBCOL parameter is not specified, *LIBL is stored.
3. If the SQL name is not fully qualified and the DFTRDBCOL parameter is specified, the schema name specified on the DFTRDBCOL parameter is stored as the name qualifier.
Displaying SQL precompiler options

When the SQL application program is successfully compiled, the Display Module (DSPMOD), the Display Program (DSPPGM), or the Display Service Program (DSPSRVPGM) command can be used to determine some of the options that were specified on the SQL precompile.

This information may be needed when the source of the program has to be changed. These same SQL precompiler options can then be specified on the CRTSQLxxx command when the program is compiled again.

The Print SQL Information (PRTSQLINF) command can also be used to determine some of the options that were specified on the SQL precompile.

Running a program with embedded SQL

Running a host language program with embedded SQL statements, after the precompile and compile have been successfully done, is the same as running any host program.

Enter the following CALL statement:

```
CALL pgm-name
```

on the system command line.

Note: After installing a new release, users may encounter message CPF2218 in QHST using any Structured Query Language (SQL) program if the user does not have *CHANGE authority to the program. Once a user with *CHANGE authority calls the program, the access plan is updated and the message will be issued.

Related concepts
Control language

Running a program with embedded SQL: DDM considerations

SQL does not support remote file access through distributed data management (DDM) files, except for the case when a RDB is specified in the DDM file. SQL does support remote access through Distributed Relational Database Architecture™ (DRDA).

Running a program with embedded SQL: Override considerations

You can use overrides (specified by the OVRDBF command) to direct a reference to a different table or view or to change certain operational characteristics of the program or SQL Package.

The following parameters are processed if an override is specified:

- TOFILE
- MBR
- SEQONLY
- INHWRT
- WAITRCD

All other override parameters are ignored. Overrides of statements in SQL packages are accomplished by doing both of the following:

1. Specifying the OVRSCOPE(*JOB) parameter on the OVRDBF command
2. Sending the command to the application server by using the Submit Remote Command (SBMRMTCMD) command

To override tables and views that are created with long names, you can create an override using the system name that is associated with the table or view. When the long name is specified in an SQL statement, the override is found using the corresponding system name.

An alias is actually created as a DDM file. You can create an override that refers to an alias name (DDM file). In this case, an SQL statement that refers to the file that has the override actually uses the file to which the alias refers.
Running a program with embedded SQL: SQL return codes
An SQL return code is sent by the database manager after the completion of each SQL statement. Your program can check the SQLCODE or SQLSTATE after every SQL statement.

Example programs: Using Db2 for i statements
Here is a sample application that shows how to code SQL statements in each of the languages that Db2 for i supports.

The sample application gives raises based on commission.

Each sample program produces the same report, which is shown at the end of this topic. The first part of the report shows, by project, all employees working on the project who received a raise. The second part of the report shows the new salary expense for each project.

Notes about the sample programs
The following notes apply to all the sample programs:

SQL statements can be entered in uppercase or lowercase.

1
This host language statement retrieves the external definitions for the SQL table PROJECT. These definitions can be used as host variables or as a host structure.

Notes:
1. In RPG/400, field names in an externally described structure that are longer than 6 characters must be renamed.
2. REXX does not support the retrieval of external definitions.

2
The SQL INCLUDE SQLCA statement is used to include the SQLCA for PL/I, C, and COBOL programs. For RPG programs, the SQL precompiler automatically places the SQLCA data structure into the source at the end of the Input specification section. For REXX, the SQLCA fields are maintained in separate variables rather than in a contiguous data area mapped by the SQLCA.

3
This SQL WHENEVER statement defines the host language label to which control is passed if an SQLERROR (SQLCODE < 0) occurs in an SQL statement. This WHENEVER SQLERROR statement applies to all the following SQL statements until the next WHENEVER SQLERROR statement is encountered. REXX does not support the WHENEVER statement. Instead, REXX uses the SIGNAL ON ERROR facility.

4
This SQL UPDATE statement updates the SALARY column, which contains the employee salary by the percentage in the host variable PERCENTAGE (PERCNT for RPG). The updated rows are those that have employee commissions greater than 2000. For REXX, this is PREPARE and EXECUTE since UPDATE cannot be run directly if there is a host variable.

5
This SQL COMMIT statement commits the changes made by the SQL UPDATE statement. Record locks on all changed rows are released.

Note: The program was precompiled using COMMIT(*CHG). (For REXX, *CHG is the default.)
This SQL DECLARE CURSOR statement defines cursor C1, which joins two tables, EMPLOYEE and EMPPROJACT, and returns rows for employees who received a raise (commission > 2000). Rows are returned in ascending order by project number and employee number (PROJNO and EMPNO columns). For REXX, this is a PREPARE and DECLARE CURSOR since the DECLARE CURSOR statement cannot be specified directly with a statement string if it has host variables.

This SQL OPEN statement opens cursor C1 so that the rows can be fetched.

This SQL WHENEVER statement defines the host language label to which control is passed when all rows are fetched (SQLCODE = 100). For REXX, the SQLCODE must be explicitly checked.

This SQL FETCH statement returns all columns for cursor C1 and places the returned values into the corresponding elements of the host structure.

After all rows are fetched, control is passed to this label. The SQL CLOSE statement closes cursor C1.

This SQL DECLARE CURSOR statement defines cursor C2, which joins the three tables, EMPPROJACT, PROJECT, and EMPLOYEE. The results are grouped by columns PROJNO and PROJNAME. The COUNT function returns the number of rows in each group. The SUM function calculates the new salary cost for each project. The ORDER BY 1 clause specifies that rows are retrieved based on the contents of the final results column (EMPPROJACT.PROJNO). For REXX, this is a PREPARE and DECLARE CURSOR since the DECLARE CURSOR statement cannot be specified directly with a statement string if it has host variables.

This SQL FETCH statement returns the results columns for cursor C2 and places the returned values into the corresponding elements of the host structure described by the program.

This SQLWHENEVER statement with the CONTINUE option causes processing to continue to the next statement regardless if an error occurs on the SQL ROLLBACK statement. Errors are not expected on the SQL ROLLBACK statement; however, this prevents the program from going into a loop if an error does occur. REXX does not support the WHENEVER statement. Instead, REXX uses the SIGNAL OFF ERROR facility.

This SQL ROLLBACK statement restores the table to its original condition if an error occurred during the update.

Related concepts
Coding SQL statements in C and C++ applications
To embed SQL statements in an ILE C or C++ program, you need to be aware of some unique application and coding requirements. This topic also defines the requirements for host structures and host variables.

Coding SQL statements in COBOL applications
There are unique application and coding requirements for embedding SQL statements in a COBOL program. In this topic, requirements for host structures and host variables are defined.

Coding SQL statements in PL/I applications
There are some unique application and coding requirements for embedding SQL statements in a PL/I program. In this topic, requirements for host structures and host variables are defined.

Coding SQL statements in ILE RPG applications
You need to be aware of the unique application and coding requirements for embedding SQL statements in an ILE RPG program. In this topic, the coding requirements for host variables are defined.

Coding SQL statements in RPG/400 applications
The RPG/400 licensed program supports both RPG II and RPG III programs.

Coding SQL statements in REXX applications
REXX procedures do not have to be preprocessed. At run time, the REXX interpreter passes statements that it does not understand to the current active command environment for processing.

**Example: SQL statements in ILE C and C++ programs**

This example program is written in the C programming language.

The same program would work in C++ if the following conditions are true:

- An SQL BEGIN DECLARE SECTION statement was added before line 18
- An SQL END DECLARE SECTION statement was added after line 42

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**Figure 3. Sample C program using SQL statements**
#include "string.h"
#include "stdlib.h"
#include "stdio.h"

main()
{
    /* whose current commission total is greater than or equal to the */
    /* value of 'commission'. The salaries of those who qualify are */
    /* increased by the value of 'percentage', retroactive to 'raise_date'.*/
    /* A report is generated showing the projects that these employees */
    /* have contributed to, ordered by project number and employee ID. */
    /* A second report shows each project having an end date occurring */
    /* after 'raise_date' (is potentially affected by the retroactive */
    /* raises) with its total salary expenses and a count of employees */
    /* who contributed to the project. */
    short work_days = 253; /* work days during in one year */
    float commission = 2000.00; /* cutoff to qualify for raise */
    float percentage = 1.04; /* raised salary as percentage */
    char raise_date[12] = "1982-06-01"; /* effective raise date */

    /* File declaration for qprint */
    FILE *qprint;

    /* Structure for report 1 */
    #pragma mapinc ("project","CORPDATA/PROJECT(PROJECT)","both","p z")
    #include "project"

    struct {
        CORPDATA_PROJECT_PROJECT_both_t Proj_struct;
        char empno[30];
        char name[30];
    } rpt1;

    /* Structure for report 2 */
    struct {
        char projno[7];
        char project_name[37];
        short employee_count;
        double total_proj_cost;
    } rpt2;

    2 exec sql include SQLCA;
    qprint=fopen("QPRINT","w");
    /* Update the selected projects by the new percentage. If an error */
    /* occurs during the update, ROLLBACK the changes. */
    EXEC SQL WHENEVER SQLError GO TO update_error;
    4 EXEC SQL
    UPDATE CORPDATA/EMPLOYEE
    SET SALARY = SALARY * :percentage
    WHERE COMM >= :commission ;
    /* Commit changes */
    EXEC SQL WHENEVER SQLError GO TO report_error;
    COMMIT;
    5 EXEC SQL
    EXEC SQL WHENEVER SQLError GO TO report_error;
    COMMIT;
/* Report the updated statistics for each employee assigned to the */
/* selected projects.                                             */
/* Write out the header for Report 1 */
fprintf(qprint,"                      REPORT OF PROJECTS AFFECTED 
                  PROJECT EMPIID    EMPLOYEE NAME ");
fprintf(qprint, "                      SALARY\n");

declare c1 cursor for
exec sql
select distinct projno, empprojact.empno,
       lastname||', '||firstnme, salary
from corpdata/empprojact, corpdata/employee
where empprojact.empno = employee.empno and comm >= :commission
open c1;
exec sql
/* Fetch and write the rows to QPRINT */
exec sql when ever not found go to done1;
do {
   fetch c1 into :Proj_struct.PROJNO, :rpt1.empno,
exec sql
   :rpt1.name,:rpt1.salary;
   fprintf(qprint, "%6s   %6s    %-30s    %8.2f",
   rpt1.Proj_struct.PROJNO,rpt1.empno,
   rpt1.name,rpt1.salary);
} while (SQLCODE==0);
close c1;
done1:
exec sql
/* For all projects ending at a date later than the 'raise_date' */
/* (that is, those projects potentially affected by the salary raises), */
/* generate a report containing the project number, project name */
/* the count of employees participating in the project, and the */
/* total salary cost of the project.                             */
fprintf(qprint,"NUMBER   PROJECT NAME                      
               NUMBER OF       TOTAL");
fprintf(qprint, "PROJECT                                    
                  BY PROJECT");
fprintf(qprint,"ACCUMULATED STATISTICS\n                      EMPLOYEES    COST\n");
declare c2 cursor for
select empprojact.projno, projname, count(*),
       (decimal( salary / :work_days ,8,2))
from corpdata/empprojact, corpdata/project, corpdata/employee
where empprojact.projno=project.projno and
open c2;
/* Fetch and write the rows to QPRINT */
EXEC SQL WHENEVER NOT FOUND GO TO done2;

do {
  EXEC SQL
  FETCH C2 INTO :rpt2;
  fprintf(qprint,"
%6s   %-36s  %6d       %9.2f",
    rpt2.projno,rpt2.project_name,rpt2.employee_count,
    rpt2.total_proj_cost);
}
while (SQLCODE==0);

done2:
EXEC SQL
  CLOSE C2;
goto finished;

/* Error occurred while updating table. Inform user and rollback */
EXEC SQL WHENEVER SQLERROR CONTINUE;
fprintf(qprint,"*** ERROR Occurred while updating table. SQLCODE="
"%d\n",SQLCODE);
14 EXEC SQL
  ROLLBACK;
goto finished;

/* Error occurred while generating reports. Inform user and exit. */
fprintf(qprint,"*** ERROR Occurred while generating reports. "
"SQLCODE=%d\n",SQLCODE);
goto finished;

/* All done */
finished:
fclose(qprint);
exit(0);
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### Related concepts

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**Example: SQL statements in COBOL and ILE COBOL programs**

This example program is written in the COBOL programming language.

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Figure 4. Sample COBOL program using SQL statements
A sample program that updates the salaries for those employees whose current commission total is greater than or equal to the value of COMMISSION. The salaries of those who qualify are increased by the value of PERCENTAGE retroactive to RAISE-DATE. A report is generated showing the projects that these employees have contributed to ordered by the project number and employee ID. A second report shows each project having an end date occurring after RAISE-DATE (that is, potentially affected by the retroactive raises) with its total salary expenses and a count of employees who contributed to the project.

 IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.
 PROGRAM-ID. CBLEX.
 ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.
 CONFIGURATION SECTION.
 SOURCE-COMPUTER. IBM-AS400.
 OBJECT-COMPUTER. IBM-AS400.
 INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION.

 FILE-CONTROL.
 SELECT PRINTFILE ASSIGN TO PRINTER-QPRINT ORGANIZATION IS SEQUENTIAL.

 DATA DIVISION.

 FILE SECTION.

 FD PRINTFILE
 BLOCK CONTAINS 1 RECORDS
 LABEL RECORDS ARE OMITTED.
 01 PRINT-RECORD PIC X(132).

 WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
 77 WORK-DAYS PIC S9(4) BINARY VALUE 253.
 77 RAISE-DATE PIC X(11) VALUE "1982-06-01".
 77 PERCENTAGE PIC S999V99 PACKED-DECIMAL.
 77 COMMISSION PIC S99999V99 PACKED-DECIMAL VALUE 2000.00.

 **Structure for report 1.**

 1 01 RPT1.
 COPY DDS-PROJECT OF CORPDATA-PROJECT.
 05 EMPNO PIC X(6).
 05 NAME PIC X(30).
 05 SALARY PIC S9(6)V99 PACKED-DECIMAL.
01 RPT2.
   15 PROJNO PIC X(6).
   15 PROJECT-NAME PIC X(36).
   15 EMPLOYEE-COUNT PIC S9(4) BINARY.
   15 TOTAL-PROJ-COST PIC S9(10)V99 PACKED-DECIMAL.

2 EXEC SQL
   INCLUDE SQLCA
   END-EXEC.

01 RPT1-HEADERS.
   05 RPT1-HEADER1.
      10 FILLER PIC X(21) VALUE SPACES.
      10 FILLER PIC X(111)
         VALUE "REPORT OF PROJECTS AFFECTED BY RAISES".

05 RPT1-HEADER2.
   10 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "PROJECT".
   10 FILLER PIC X(10) VALUE "EMPID".
   10 FILLER PIC X(35) VALUE "EMPLOYEE NAME".
   10 FILLER PIC X(40) VALUE "SALARY".

01 RPT2-HEADERS.
   05 RPT2-HEADER1.
      10 FILLER PIC X(21) VALUE SPACES.
      10 FILLER PIC X(111)
         VALUE "ACCUMULATED STATISTICS BY PROJECT".

05 RPT2-HEADER2.
   10 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "PROJECT".
   10 FILLER PIC X(38) VALUE SPACES.
   10 FILLER PIC X(16) VALUE "NUMBER OF".
   10 FILLER PIC X(10) VALUE "TOTAL".

05 RPT2-HEADER3.
   10 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "NUMBER".
   10 FILLER PIC X(38) VALUE "PROJECT NAME".
   10 FILLER PIC X(16) VALUE "EMPLOYEES".
   10 FILLER PIC X(65) VALUE "COST".

01 RPT1-DATA.
   05 PROJNO PIC X(6).
   05 FILLER PIC XXX VALUE SPACES.
   05 EMPNO PIC X(6).
   05 FILLER PIC X(4) VALUE SPACES.
   05 NAME PIC X(30).
   05 FILLER PIC X(3) VALUE SPACES.
   05 SALARY PIC ZZZZZ9.99.
   05 FILLER PIC X(96) VALUE SPACES.

01 RPT2-DATA.
   05 PROJNO PIC X(6).
   05 FILLER PIC XXX VALUE SPACES.
   05 PROJECT-NAME PIC X(36).
   05 FILLER PIC X(4) VALUE SPACES.
   05 EMPLOYEE-COUNT PIC ZZZ9.
   05 FILLER PIC X(5) VALUE SPACES.
   05 TOTAL-PROJ-COST PIC ZZZZZZZ9.99.
   05 FILLER PIC X(56) VALUE SPACES.
PROCEDURE DIVISION.

A000-MAIN.

MOVE 1.04 TO PERCENTAGE.

OPEN OUTPUT PRINTFILE.

***************************************************************
* Update the selected employees by the new percentage. If an *
* error occurs during the update, roll back the changes.      *
***************************************************************

EXEC SQL WHENEVER SQLERROR GO TO E010-UPDATE-ERROR
END-EXEC.

EXEC SQL UPDATE CORPDATA/EMPLOYEE
SET SALARY = SALARY * :PERCENTAGE
WHERE COMM >= :COMMISSION
END-EXEC.

***************************************************************
*  Commit changes.                                            *
***************************************************************

EXEC SQL COMMIT
END-EXEC.

EXEC SQL WHENEVER SQLERROR GO TO E020-REPORT-ERROR
END-EXEC.

***************************************************************
*  Report the updated statistics for each employee receiving  *
*  a raise and the projects that the employee participates in         *
***************************************************************

EXEC SQL DECLARE C1 CURSOR FOR
SELECT DISTINCT projno, empproject.empno,
   lastname||", "||firstnme ,salary
FROM corpdata/empproject, corpdata/employee
WHERE empproject.empno =employee.empno and
   comm >= :commission
ORDER BY projno, empno
END-EXEC.

EXEC SQL OPEN C1
END-EXEC.

EXEC SQL PERFORM B000 GENERATE-REPORT1 THRU B010 GENERATE-REPORT1-EXIT
UNTIL SQLCODE NOT EQUAL TO ZERO.
EXEC SQL
CLOSE C1
END-EXEC.

***********************************************************************
* For all projects ending at a date later than the RAISE-DATE (that is, those projects potentially affected by the salary raises), generate a report containing the project number, project name, the count of employees participating in the project, and the total salary cost for the project.
***********************************************************************

***********************************************************************
* Write out the header for Report 2.
***********************************************************************

EXEC SQL
1 DECLARE C2 CURSOR FOR
SELECT EMPPROJACT.PROJNO, PROJNAME, COUNT(*), SUM ( (DAYS(EMENDATE)-DAYS(EMSTDATE)) * EMPTIME * DECIMAL((SALARY / :WORK-DAYS),8,2))
FROM CORPDATA/EMPPROJACT, CORPDATA/PROJECT, CORPDATA/EMPLOYEE
WHERE EMPPROJACT.PROJNO=PROJECT.PROJNO AND EMPPROJACT.EMPNO =EMPLOYEE.EMPNO AND PRENDATE > :RAISE-DATE
GROUP BY EMPPROJACT.PROJNO, PROJNAME
ORDER BY 1
END-EXEC.
EXEC SQL
OPEN C2
END-EXEC.
EXEC SQL
PERFORM C000-GENERATE-REPORT2 THRU C010-GENERATE-REPORT2-EXIT UNTIL SQLCODE NOT EQUAL TO ZERO.
EXEC SQL
CLOSE C2
END-EXEC.
EXEC SQL
A200-DONE2.
EXEC SQL
CLOSE C2
END-EXEC.

***********************************************************************
* All done.
***********************************************************************

A900-MAIN-EXIT.
CLOSE PRINTFILE.
STOP RUN.
* Fetch and write the rows to PRINTFILE. *

**B000-GENERATE-REPORT1.**

8 EXEC SQL
   WHENEVER NOT FOUND GO TO A100-DONE1
   END-EXEC.

9 EXEC SQL
   FETCH C1 INTO :PROJECT.PROJNO, :RPT1.EMPNO,
   :RPT1.NAME, :RPT1.SALARY
   END-EXEC.

   MOVE CORRESPONDING RPT1 TO RPT1-DATA.
   MOVE PROJNO OF RPT1 TO PROJNO OF RPT1-DATA.
   WRITE PRINT-RECORD FROM RPT1-DATA
   BEFORE ADVANCING 1 LINE.

**B010-GENERATE-REPORT1-EXIT.**

* Fetch and write the rows to PRINTFILE. *

**C000-GENERATE-REPORT2.**

EXEC SQL
   WHENEVER NOT FOUND GO TO A200-DONE2
   END-EXEC.

12 EXEC SQL
   FETCH C2 INTO :RPT2
   END-EXEC.

   MOVE CORRESPONDING RPT2 TO RPT2-DATA.
   WRITE PRINT-RECORD FROM RPT2-DATA
   BEFORE ADVANCING 1 LINE.

**C010-GENERATE-REPORT2-EXIT.**

* Error occurred while updating table. Inform user and roll back changes. *

**E010-UPDATE-ERROR.**

13 EXEC SQL
   WHENEVER SQLERROR CONTINUE
   END-EXEC.

   MOVE SQLCODE TO CODE-EDIT.
   STRING "*** ERROR Occurred while updating table. SQLCODE=" CODE-EDIT DELIMITED BY SIZE INTO PRINT-RECORD.
   WRITE PRINT-RECORD.

14 EXEC SQL
   ROLLBACK
   END-EXEC.
   STOP RUN.

* Error occurred while generating reports. Inform user and exit. *

**E020-REPORT-ERROR.**

15 EXEC SQL
   MOVE SQLCODE TO CODE-EDIT.
   STRING "*** ERROR Occurred while generating reports. SQLCODE " CODE-EDIT DELIMITED BY SIZE INTO PRINT-RECORD.

16 WRITE PRINT-RECORD.

17 STOP RUN.
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Related concepts
Coding SQL statements in COBOL applications
There are unique application and coding requirements for embedding SQL statements in a COBOL program. In this topic, requirements for host structures and host variables are defined.

Example: SQL statements in PL/I programs
This example program is written in the PL/I programming language.

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Figure 5. Sample PL/I program using SQL statements
A sample program that updates the salaries for those employees whose current commission total is greater than or equal to the value of COMMISSION. The salaries of those who qualify are increased by the value of PERCENTAGE, retroactive to RAISE_DATE. A report is generated showing the projects that these employees have contributed to, ordered by project number and employee ID. A second report shows each project having an end date occurring after RAISE_DATE (that is, those projects potentially affected by the retroactive raises) with its total salary expenses.

```pli
PLIEX: PROC;

DCL RAISE_DATE CHAR(10);
DCL WORK_DAYS  FIXED BIN(15);
DCL COMMISSION FIXED DECIMAL(8,2);
DCL PERCENTAGE FIXED DECIMAL(5,2);
DCL SYSPRINT FILE EXTERNAL OUTPUT STREAM PRINT;
DCL 1 RPT1,
    EMPNO     CHAR(6),
    NAME      CHAR(30),
    SALARY    FIXED DECIMAL(8,2);
DCL 1 PROJECT (PROJECT, RECORD,,COMMA);
DCL TOTL_PROJ_COST  FIXED DECIMAL(10,2);
DCL 1 RPT2,
    PROJNO    CHAR(6),
    PROJECT_NAME    CHAR(36),
    EMPLOYEE_COUNT  FIXED BIN(15),
    TOTAL_PROJ_COST FIXED DECIMAL(10,2);

1 EXEC SQL INCLUDE SQLCA;
COMMISSION = 2000.00;
PERCENTAGE = 1.04;
RAISE_DATE = '1982-06-01';
WORK_DAYS = 253;
OPEN FILE(SYSPRINT);

/* Update the selected employees' salaries by the new percentage. */
/* If an error occurs during the update, roll back the changes. */
EXEC SQL WHENEVER SQLERROR GO TO UPDATE_ERROR;
EXEC SQL WHENEVER SQLERROR GO TO REPORT_ERROR;

UPDATE CORPDATA/EMPLOYEE
SET SALARY = SALARY * :PERCENTAGE
WHERE COMM >= :COMMISSION ;

/* Commit changes */
EXEC SQL COMMIT;
EXEC SQL WHENEVER SQLERROR GO TO REPORT_ERROR;
```

A report is generated showing the projects that these employees have contributed to, ordered by project number and employee ID. A second report shows each project having an end date occurring after RAISE_DATE (that is, those projects potentially affected by the retroactive raises) with its total salary expenses.

```pli
EXEC SQL INCLUDE SQLCA;
COMMISSION = 2000.00;
PERCENTAGE = 1.04;
RAISE_DATE = '1982-06-01';
WORK_DAYS = 253;
OPEN FILE(SYSPRINT);

/* Update the selected employees' salaries by the new percentage. */
/* If an error occurs during the update, roll back the changes. */
EXEC SQL WHENEVER SQLERROR GO TO UPDATE_ERROR;
EXEC SQL WHENEVER SQLERROR GO TO REPORT_ERROR;

UPDATE CORPDATA/EMPLOYEE
SET SALARY = SALARY * :PERCENTAGE
WHERE COMM >= :COMMISSION ;

/* Commit changes */
EXEC SQL COMMIT;
EXEC SQL WHENEVER SQLERROR GO TO REPORT_ERROR;
```
/* Report the updated statistics for each project supported by one */
/* of the selected employees. */
/* Write out the header for Report 1 */
put file(sysprint)
edit('REPORT OF PROJECTS AFFECTED BY EMPLOYEE RAISES')
(col(22),a);
put file(sysprint);
edit('PROJECT', 'EMPID', 'EMPLOYEE NAME', 'SALARY')
(skip(2),col(1),a,col(10),a,col(20),a,col(55),a);
6 exec sql
declare c1 cursor for
    select DISTINCT projno, EMPPROJACT.empno,
    lastname||', '||firstnme, salary
    from CORPDATA/EMPPROJACT, CORPDATA/EMPLOYEE
    where EMPPROJACT.empno = EMPLOYEE.empno and
    comm >= :COMMISSION
    order by projno, empno;
7 EXEC SQL
    OPEN C1;
8 EXEC SQL WHENEVER NOT FOUND GO TO DONE1;
9 DO UNTIL (SQLCODE ^= 0);
10 9 EXEC SQL
    FETCH C1 INTO :RPT1.PROJNO, :rpt1.EMPNO, :RPT1.NAME,
    :RPT1.SALARY;
11    PUT FILE(SYSPRINT) EDIT(RPT1.PROJNO,RPT1.EMPNO,RPT1.NAME,RPT1.SALARY)
    (SKIP,COL(1),A,COL(10),A,COL(20),A,COL(54),F(8,2));
12 END;
13 DONE1:
14 10 EXEC SQL
    CLOSE C1;
15 /* Fetch and write the rows to SYSPRINT */
16 8 EXEC SQL WHENEVER NOT FOUND GO TO DONE1;
17 DD UNTIL (SQLCODE ^= 0);
18 9 EXEC SQL
    FETCH C1 INTO :RPT1.PROJNO, :rpt1.EMPNO, :RPT1.NAME,
    :RPT1.SALARY;
19    PUT FILE(SYSPRINT) EDIT(RPT1.PROJNO,RPT1.EMPNO,RPT1.NAME,RPT1.SALARY)
    (SKIP,COL(1),A,COL(10),A,COL(20),A,COL(54),F(8,2));
EXEC SQL DECLARE C2 CURSOR FOR
SELECT EMPPROJACT.PROJNO, PROJNAME, COUNT(*),
      SUM( (DAYS(EMENDATE) - DAYS(EMSTDATE)) * EMPTIME *
           DECIMAL( (SALARY / :WORK_DAYS ), 8, 2) )
FROM CORPDATA/EMPPROJACT, CORPDATA/PROJECT, CORPDATA/EMPLOYEE
WHERE EMPPROJACT.PROJNO=PROJECT.PROJNO AND
       EMPPROJACT.EMPNO=EMPLOYEE.EMPNO AND
       PRENDATE > :RAISE_DATE
GROUP BY EMPPROJACT.PROJNO, PROJNAME
ORDER BY 1;
EXEC SQL OPEN C2;
EXEC SQL WHENEVER NOT FOUND GO TO DONE2;
DO UNTIL (SQLCODE ^= 0);
EXEC SQL FETCH C2 INTO :RPT2;
PUT FILE(SYSPRINT) EDIT(RPT2.PROJNO,RPT2.PROJECT_NAME,EMPLOYEE_COUNT,
                         TOTL_PROJ_COST) (SKIP,COL(1),A,COL(10),A,COL(50),F(4),COL(62),F(8,2));
END;
DONE2:
EXEC SQL CLOSE C2;
GO TO FINISHED;
EXEC SQL WHENEVER SQLERROR CONTINUE;
PUT FILE(SYSPRINT) EDIT('*** ERROR Occurred while updating table.'||SQLCODE)(A,F(5));
ROLLBACK;
GO TO FINISHED;
EXEC SQL WHENEVER SQLERROR CONTINUE;
PUT FILE(SYSPRINT) EDIT('*** ERROR Occurred while generating reports.'||SQLCODE)(A,F(5));
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Related concepts
Coding SQL statements in PL/I applications
There are some unique application and coding requirements for embedding SQL statements in a PL/I program. In this topic, requirements for host structures and host variables are defined.

Example: SQL statements in RPG/400 programs
This example program is written in the RPG programming language.

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Figure 6. Sample RPG/400 program using SQL statements
Record  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  SEQNBR  Last change
1  H  100
2  F*  File declaration for QPRINT  200
3  F*  300
4  FQPRINT 0 F 132  PRINTER  400
5  I*  500
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18  I  7  36 NAME  1800
19  I  P  37  412SALARY  1900
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23  IRPT2  DS  2300
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27  I  P  45  492PRCOST  2700
28  I*  2800
29  I  DS  2900
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31  I  P  3  62COMMI  3100
32  I  7  16 RDAT  3200
33  I  P  17  202PERCNT  3300
34  I  3400
35  C  Z-ADD253  WRKDAY  3500
36  C  Z-ADD2000.00  COMM1  3600
37  C  Z-ADD1.04  PERCNT  3700
38  C  MOVEL'1982-06-'RDATE  3800
39  C  MOVE '01' RDAT  3900
40  C  SETON  LR  3911
41  C*  4000
42  C*  Update the selected projects by the new percentage. If an error occurs during the update, roll back the changes.  4100
43  C  4200
44  C  4300
45  3 C/EXEC SQL WHENEVER SQLERROR GOTO UPDERR  4400
46  C/END-EXEC  4500
47  C*  4600
48  4 C/EXEC SQL  4700
49  C*  UPDATE CORPDATA/EMPLOYEE  4800
50  C*  SET SALARY = SALARY + :PERCNT  4900
51  C*  WHERE COMM >= :COMMI  5000
52  C/END-EXEC  5100
53  C*  5200
54  C*  Commit changes.  5300
55  C*  5400
56  5 C/EXEC SQL COMMIT  5500
57  C/END-EXEC  5600
58  C  5700
59  C/EXEC SQL WHENEVER SQLERROR GO TO RPTERR  5800
60  C/END-EXEC  5900

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C* Report the updated statistics for each employee assigned to
selected projects.
C* Write out the header for report 1.
C* EXCPTRECA
C/EXEC SQL DECLARE C1 CURSOR FOR
C+           LASTNAME||', '||FIRSTNME, SALARY
C+        FROM CORPDATA/EMPPROJACT, CORPDATA/EMPLOYEE
C+        WHERE EMPPROJACT.EMPNO = EMPLOYEE.EMPNO AND
C+              COMM >= :COMMI
C+        ORDER BY PROJNO, EMPNO
C END-EXEC
C* OPEN C1
C/EXEC SQL WHENEVER NOT FOUND GO TO DONE1
C SQLCOD    DOUNE0
C/EXEC SQL
C                     EXCPTRECB
C                     END
C           DONE1     TAG
C/EXEC SQL DECLARE C2 CURSOR FOR
C/END-EXEC
C/EXEC SQL OPEN C2
C* ORDER BY 1
C+    GROUP BY EMPPROJACT.PROJNO, PROJNAME
C+          PRENDATE > :RDATE
C+          EMPPROJACT.EMPNO = EMPLOYEE.EMPNO AND
C+    FROM CORPDATA/EMPPROJACT, CORPDATA/PROJECT, CORPDATA/EMPLOYEE
C+           DECIMAL((SALARY/:WRKDAY),8,2))
C+    SELECT EMPPROJACT.PROJNO, PROJNAME, COUNT(*),
C                     EXCPTRECC
C* Write out the header for report 2.
C* the count of employees participating in the project, and the
C* (that is, those projects potentially affected by the salary raises),
C* For all project ending at a date later than the raise date
C* total salary cost of the project.
C* For all project ending at a date later than the raise date
C* (that is, those projects potentially affected by the salary raises),
C* generate a report containing the project number, project name,
C* the count of employees participating in the project, and the
C* total salary cost of the project.
C* EXCPTRECC
C+ DECLARE C2 CURSOR FOR
C* SELECT EMPPROJACT.PROJNO, PROJNAME, COUNT(*),
C+ SUM((DAYS(EMNDATE) - DAYS(EMNDTDATE)) * EMTIME *
C+ DECIMAL((SALARY/:WRKDAY),8,2))
C+ FROM CORPDATA/EMPPROJACT, CORPDATA/PROJECT, CORPDATA/EMPLOYEE
C+ WHERE EMPPROJACT.PROJNO = PROJECT.PROJNO AND
C+ EMPPROJACT.EMPNO = EMPLOYEE.EMPNO AND
C+ PRENDATE > :RDATE
C+ GROUP BY EMPPROJACT.PROJNO, PROJNAME
C+ ORDER BY 1
C/END-EXEC
C* EXCPTRECC
C+ EXEC SQL OPEN C2
C END-EXEC
C* Fetch and write the rows to QPRINT.
C* Fetch and write the rows to QPRINT.
C+ CLOSE C1
C/END-EXEC
C+ END-EXEC
C/EXEC SQL WHENEVER NOT FOUND GO TO DONE2
C SQLCOD    DOUNE0
C/EXEC SQL
C                     EXCPTRECB
C                     END
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C/EXEC SQL DECLARE C1 CURSOR FOR
C+           LASTNAME||', '||FIRSTNME, SALARY
C+        FROM CORPDATA/EMPPROJACT, CORPDATA/EMPLOYEE
C+        WHERE EMPPROJACT.EMPNO = EMPLOYEE.EMPNO AND
C+              COMM >= :COMMI
C+        ORDER BY PROJNO, EMPNO
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C+ FROM CORPDATA/EMPPROJACT, CORPDATA/PROJECT, CORPDATA/EMPLOYEE
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C/EXEC SQL
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C+ SUM((DAYS(EMNDATE) - DAYS(EMNDTDATE)) * EMTIME *
C+ DECIMAL((SALARY/:WRKDAY),8,2))
C+ FROM CORPDATA/EMPPROJACT, CORPDATA/PROJECT, CORPDATA/EMPLOYEE
C+ WHERE EMPPROJACT.PROJNO = PROJECT.PROJNO AND
C+ EMPPROJACT.EMPNO = EMPLOYEE.EMPNO AND
C+ PRENDATE > :RDATE
C+ GROUP BY EMPPROJACT.PROJNO, PROJNAME
C+ ORDER BY 1
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Related concepts
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The RPG/400 licensed program supports both RPG II and RPG III programs.

Example: SQL statements in ILE RPG programs
This example program is written in the ILE RPG programming language.

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Figure 7. Sample ILE RPG program using SQL statements
Source member changed on 11/11/13  11:20:02
xxxST1 VxRxMx yymmdd            Create SQL ILE RPG Object         RPGLEEX                     11/11/13
Page 2  Record 2  SEQNBR  Last change            Comments
1  CTL-OPT;                                      000100
2    // File declaration for QPRINT              000200
3    //                                           000300
4    DCL-F QPRINT PRINTER(132) USAGE(*OUTPUT);   000400
5    //                                           000500
6    // Structure for report 1.                  000600
7    //                                           000700
8    1 DCL-DS RPT1 EXT EXTNME('CORPDATA/PROJECT'); 000900
9    END-DS;                                     000900
10   //                                           001000
11   DCL-DS *N;                                   001100
12     EMPNO CHAR(6);                             001200
13     NAME CHAR(30);                            001300
14     SALARY PACKED(9:2);                       001400
15     END-DS;                                   001400
16   //                                           001500
17   // Structure for report 2.                  001600
18   //                                           001700
19   DCL-DS RPT2;                                 001800
20     PRJNUM CHAR(6);                           001900
21     PNAME CHAR(36);                           002100
22     EMPCNT BINDEC(4:0);                       002200
23     PCOST PACKED(9:2);                        002300
24     END-DS;                                   002300
25   //                                           002400
26   DCL-DS *N;                                   002500
27     WRKDAY BINDEC(4:0);                        002600
28     COMMI PACKED(7:2);                        002700
29     RDATE CHAR(10);                           002800
30     PERCNT PACKED(7:2);                       002900
31     END-DS;                                   002900
32   //                                           003000
33   2 WRKDAY = 253;                             003100
34     COMMI = 2000.00;                           003200
35     PERCNT = 1.04;                            003300
36     RDATE = '1982-06-01';                      003400
37   //                                           003500
38   // Update the selected projects by the new percentage. If an 003600
39   // error occurs during the update, roll back the changes. 003700
40   //                                           003800
41   3 EXEC SQL WHENEVER SQLERROR GOTO UPDERR;    003900
42   EXEC SQL                                     004000
43     UPDATE CORPDATA/EMPLOYEE                   004100
44     SET SALARY = SALARY * :PERCNT             004200
45     WHERE COMM >= :COMMI;                     004300
46     EXEC SQL                                   004400
47     SET SALARY = SALARY * :PERCNT             004500
48     WHERE COMM >= :COMMI;                     004600
49     EXEC SQL                                   004700
50     // Commit changes.                        004800
51     EXEC SQL COMMIT;                          004900
52     EXEC SQL                                   005000
53     EXEC SQL WHENEVER SQLERROR GOTO RPTERR;    005100
54     EXEC SQL                                   005200
55     // Report the updated statistics for each employee assigned to 005300
56     // selected projects.                    005400
57     // Write out the header for report 1.      005500
58     //                                           005600
59   6 EXEC SQL DECLARE C1 CURSOR FOR            005700
60     SELECT DISTINCT PROJNO, EMPPROJACT.EMPNO, 005800
61     LASTNAME||', '||FIRSTNME, SALARY           005900
62     FROM CORPDATA/EMPLOYEE                     006000
63     WHERE EMPPROJACT.EMPNO = EMPLOYEE.EMPNO AND 006100
64     COMM >= :COMMI;                            006200
65     ORDER BY PROJNO, EMPNO;                    006300
66     EXEC SQL                                   006400
67     //                                           006500
68   7 EXEC SQL OPEN C1;                         006600
EXEC SQL WHENEVER NOT FOUND GO TO DONE1;
DOU SQLCOD <> 0;
EXEC SQL FETCH C1 INTO :PROJNO, :EMPNO, :NAME, :SALARY;
ENDDO;
DONE1
EXEC SQL CLOSE C1;
DOU SQLCOD <> 0;
EXEC SQL WHENEVER NOT FOUND GO TO DONE2;
DOU SQLCOD <> 0;
EXEC SQL FETCH C2 INTO :RPT2;
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Related concepts
Coding SQL statements in ILE RPG applications
You need to be aware of the unique application and coding requirements for embedding SQL statements in an ILE RPG program. In this topic, the coding requirements for host variables are defined.

Example: SQL statements in REXX programs
This example program is written in the REXX programming language.

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Figure 8. Sample REXX Procedure Using SQL Statements
/* Report the updated statistics for each project supported by one */
/* of the selected employees. */

/* Write out the header for Report 1 */
SAY '   
SAY '   
SAY '   
SAY ' REPORT OF PROJECTS AFFECTED BY EMPLOYEE RAISES' 
SAY '         PROJECT EMPID     EMPLOYEE NAME                      SALARY' 
SAY '   ' 

SELECT_STMT = 'SELECT DISTINCT PROJNO, EMPPROJACT.EMPNO, ' 
              '       LASTNAME||'', ''||FIRSTNME, SALARY ' 
              'FROM CORPDATA/EMPPROJACT, CORPDATA/EMPLOYEE ' 
              'WHERE EMPPROJACT.EMPNO = EMPLOYEE.EMPNO AND ' 
              '      COMM >= ?                           ' 
              'ORDER BY PROJNO, EMPNO                    ' 
EXECSQL, 'PREPARE S2 FROM :SELECT_STMT' 
6EXECSQL, 'DECLARE C1 CURSOR FOR S2' 
7EXECSQL, 'OPEN C1 USING :COMMISSION' 
78 /* Handle the FETCH errors and warnings inline */
SIGNAL OFF ERROR 
80 /* Fetch all of the rows */
DO UNTIL (SQLCODE <> 0) 
9EXECSQL, 'FETCH C1 INTO :RPT1.PROJNO, :RPT1.EMPNO,', 
95             ':RPT1.NAME, :RPT1.SALARY  ' 
87 /* Process any errors that may have occurred. Continue so that */
88 /* we close the cursor for any warnings. */
89 IF SQLCODE < 0 THEN 
90 SIGNAL ERROR 
91 /* Stop the loop when we hit the EOF. Don't try to print out the */
92 /* fetched values. */
94 8IF SQLCODE = 100 THEN 
95 LEAVE 
96 /* Print out the fetched row */
97 8SAY RPT1.PROJNO '   ' RPT1.EMPNO '   ' RPT1.NAME '   ' RPT1.SALARY 
98 END; 
100 10EXECSQL, 'CLOSE C1' 
103 /* For all projects ending at a date later than 'raise_date' */
105 /* (that is, those projects potentially affected by the salary raises) */
106 /* generate a report containing the project number, project name, */
107 /* the count of employees participating in the project, and the */
108 /* total salary cost of the project. */
Record *...* 1 ...*+... 2 ...*+... 3 ...*+... 4 ...*+... 5 ...*+... 6 ...*+... 7 ...*+... 8
110  /* Write out the header for Report 2 */
111  SAY '   '
112  SAY '   '
113  SAY '   '
114  SAY '         ACCUMULATED STATISTICS BY PROJECT'
115  SAY '   '
116  SAY 'PROJECT  PROJECT NAME                          NUMBER OF      TOTAL'
117  SAY 'NUMBER                                         EMPLOYEES      COST'
118  SAY '-------  ------------                          ---------      -----'
119  SAY '   '
120  /* Go to the common error handler */
121  SIGNAL ON ERROR
122  SELECT_STMT = 'SELECT EMPPROJACT.PROJNO, PROJNAME, COUNT(*),                '
123                  '   SUM( (DAYS(EMENDATE) - DAYS(EMSTDATE)) * EMPTIME *     '
124                  '         DECIMAL(( SALARY / ? ),8,2) )                    '
125                  'FROM CORPDATA/EMPPROJACT, CORPDATA/PROJECT, CORPDATA/EMPLOYEE',
126                  '   WHERE EMPPROJACT.PROJNO = PROJECT.PROJNO AND                '
127                  '      EMPPROJACT.EMPNO = EMPLOYEE.EMPNO AND                 '
128                  '      PRENDATE > ?                                  ',
129                  '   GROUP BY EMPPROJACT.PROJNO, PROJNAME                         ',
130                  '   ORDER BY 1                                                ',
131  EXECSQL,
132  'PREPARE S3 FROM :SELECT_STMT'
133  11EXECSQL,
134  'DECLARE C2 CURSOR FOR S3'
135  EXECSQL,
136  'OPEN C2 USING :WORK_DAYS, :RAISE_DATE'
137  /* Handle the FETCH errors and warnings inline */
138  SIGNAL OFF ERROR
139  /* Fetch all of the rows */
140  DO UNTIL (SQLCODE <> 0)
141    12EXECSQL,
142    'FETCH C2 INTO :RPT2.PROJNO, :RPT2.PROJNAME,    ',
143    '              :RPT2.EMPCOUNT, :RPT2.TOTAL_COST '          
144    /* Process any errors that may have occurred. Continue so that */
145    /* we close the cursor for any warnings. */
146    IF SQLCODE < 0 THEN
147      SIGNAL ERROR
148  END;
149  /* Stop the loop when we hit the EOF. Don't try to print out the */
150  /* fetched values. */
151  IF SQLCODE = 100 THEN
152    LEAVE
153  END;
154  /* Print out the fetched row */
155  SAY RPT2.PROJNO '   ' RPT2.PROJNAME '  ' RPT2.EMPCOUNT '        ' RPT2.TOTAL_COST
156  EXECSQL,
157  'CLOSE C2'
/* Delete the OVRDBF so that we will continue writing to the output */
/* Display. */
ADDRESS '+COMMAND', 'DLTOVR FILE(STDOUT)'
/* Leave procedure with a successful or warning RC */
EXIT RC

/* Error occurred while updating the table or generating the */
/* reports. If the error occurred on the UPDATE, rollback all of */
/* the changes. If it occurred on the report generation, display the */
/* REXX RC variable and the SQLCODE and exit the procedure. */
ERROR:

13SIGNAL OFF ERROR

/* Determine the error location */
SELECT
/* When the error occurred on the UPDATE statement */
WHEN ERRLOC = 'UPDATE_ERROR' THEN
  DO
    SAY '*** ERROR Occurred while updating table.',
    'SQLCODE = ' SQLCODE
  14EXECSQL,
    'ROLLBACK'
  END
/* When the error occurred during the report generation */
WHEN ERRLOC = 'REPORT_ERROR' THEN
  SAY '*** ERROR Occurred while generating reports.',
  'SQLCODE = ' SQLCODE
OTHERWise
  SAY '*** Application procedure logic error occurred '
END

/* Delete the OVRDBF so that we will continue writing to the */
/* output display. */
ADDRESS '+COMMAND',
  'DLTOVR FILE(STDOUT)'

/* Return the error RC received from SQL. */
EXIT RC

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Related concepts
Coding SQL statements in REXX applications
REXX procedures do not have to be preprocessed. At run time, the REXX interpreter passes statements that it does not understand to the current active command environment for processing.

Report produced by example programs that use SQL
This report is produced by each of the example programs.

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ACCUMULATED STATISTICS BY PROJECT
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**Related concepts**

- **Non-ILE SQL precompiler commands**
  The IBM DB2 Query Manager and SQL Development Kit for i licensed program includes non-ILE precompiler commands for the following host languages: **CRTSQLCBL** (for OPM COBOL), **CRTSQLPLI** (for PL/I PRPQ), and **CRTSQLRPG** (for RPG III, which is part of RPG/400).

- **Related reference**
  - ILE SQL precompiler commands
    In the IBM DB2 Query Manager and SQL Development Kit for i licensed program, these ILE precompiler commands exist: **CRTSQLCI**, **CRTSQLCPPI**, **CRTSQLCBLI**, and **CRTSQLRPGI**.

**Create SQL COBOL Program command**

The **Create SQL COBOL Program (CRTSQLCBL)** command calls the SQL precompiler. It precompiles COBOL source containing SQL statements, produces a temporary source member, and then optionally calls the COBOL compiler to compile the program.

- **Related reference**
  - Create SQL COBOL Program (CRTSQLCBL) command

**Create SQL ILE COBOL Object command**

The **Create SQL ILE COBOL Object (CRTSQLCBLI)** command calls the SQL precompiler, which precompiles COBOL source containing SQL statements, produces a temporary source member, and then optionally calls the ILE COBOL compiler to create a module, a program, or a service program.

- **Related reference**
  - Create SQL ILE COBOL Object (CRTSQLCBLI) command

**Create SQL ILE C Object command**

The **Create SQL ILE C Object (CRTSQLCLI)** command calls the SQL precompiler, which precompiles C source containing SQL statements, produces a temporary source member, and then optionally calls the ILE C compiler to create a module, create a program, or create a service program.

- **Related reference**
  - Create SQL ILE C Object (CRTSQLCLI) command
Create SQL ILE C++ Object command
The **Create SQL ILE C++ Object** (CRTSQLCPPPI) command calls the SQL precompiler, which precompiles C++ source containing SQL statements, produces a temporary source member, and then optionally calls the C++ compiler to create a module.

**Related reference**
Create SQL C++ Object (CRTSQLCPPPI) command

Create SQL PL/I Program command
The **Create SQL PL/I Program** (CRTSQLPLI) command calls a SQL precompiler, which precompiles PL/I source containing SQL statements, produces a temporary source member, and optionally calls the PL/I compiler to compile the program.

**Related reference**
Create SQL PL/I Program (CRTSQLPLI) command

Create SQL RPG Program command
The **Create SQL RPG Program** (CRTSQLRPG) command calls the SQL precompiler, which precompiles the RPG source containing the SQL statements, produces a temporary source member, and then optionally calls the RPG compiler to compile the program.

**Related reference**
Create SQL RPG Program (CRTSQLRPG) command

Create SQL ILE RPG Object command
The **Create SQL ILE RPG Object** (CRTSQLRPGI) command calls the SQL precompiler, which precompiles RPG source containing SQL statements, produces a temporary source member, and then optionally calls the ILE RPG compiler to create a module, create a program, or create a service program.

**Related reference**
Create SQL ILE RPG Object (CRTSQLRPGI) command

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