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WRITE statement

This statement is used to print static text or content of variable on screen. It can also be used to copy the content of one variable to another variable.

Syntax:

```
WRITE {[AT] [] ][pos][(len /* /**)]} dobj
[UNDER other_dobj]
[NO-GAP]
[int_format_options]
[ext_format_options]
[list_elements]
[QUICKINFO info].
```

Examples:

	Output
REPORT zdemo_write_01.	Demo on WRITE Statement
WRITE 'SAP ABAP Demo'. WRITE 'Welcome to ABAP World'.	SAP ABAP Demo Welcome to ABAP World
Write the Same Program using Chain Operator	Output
WRITE: 'SAP ABAP Demo', 'Welcome to ABAP World'.	Demo on WRITE Statement
	SAP ABAP Demo Welcome to ABAP World

Write statement additions

New line

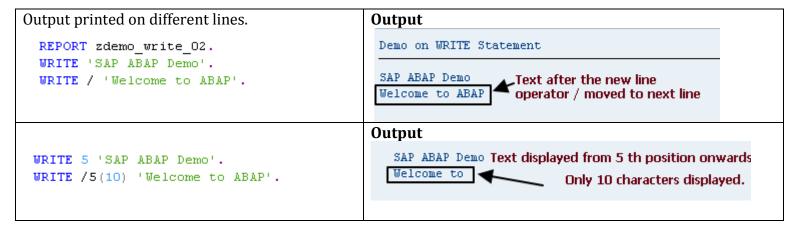
'/' character initiates output on next line.

Chain Operator ':' and Separator ','

Chain operator is used to combine several similar statements which have same prefix. In the above example WRITE statement. So we can combine above two statements.

Output location and size

We can specify location from where output should start printing and length of the output.



Data Types and Data Objects

Data Types defines technical attributes of data. Whereas **Data Objects** which are declared with help of Data Types

Based on its complexity we can classify into following types

- Elementary Data Types
- Structured Types
- Table Types

Elementary Data Types and Variables

Elementary data types are used to declare variables which hold single value. There different types of Elementary Types

- Built In Data Type
- Data Elements
- Table Fields
- User Defined Types

Built in Data type: SAP has given some data types called as built in data types.

Туре	Length	Standard length	Description
1900	20115	Tongui	1 byte integer
В	1 Byte		(internal)
	1 to 65,535		
С	characters	1 character	Text field
Cursor	as i	As i	Database cursor
D	8 characters		Date field
F	8 bytes		Floating point number
I	4 bytes		4 byte integer
N	1 to 65,535 characters	1 character	Numeric text
P	1 to 16 bytes	8 bytes	Packed number
String	Variable		Text string
S	2 bytes		2 byte integer (internal)
T	6 characters		Time field
X	1 to 65,535 bytes	1 byte	Byte field
xstring	Variable		Byte string

Declare Variables using Built in Types

Program	Output
	Employee Details
	Employee No: 101 Employee Name: Mr Apple Employee Salary: 5.000,00 Employee Address: 1-9176/A, Building#60, Rose Street

```
" Declare Variables
DATA emp_num TYPE i.
                                           Declared 4 Variables
DATA emp_name TYPE c LENGTH 30.
                                           with Different technical
DATA emp_sal TYPE p DECIMALS 2.
                                           Properties
DATA emp addr TYPE c LENGTH 100.
" Populate Variables
emp num = 101.

    Populate Values to the 
variables

emp_name = 'Mr Apple'.
emp_sal = '5000.00'.
emp_addr = '1-9176/A, Building#60, Rose Street'.
" Display Variables
WRITE: 'Employee Details'.
WRITE: /(30) sy-uline.
WRITE: /2(20)'Employee No:', 22 emp_num.
                                                  Output Display
WRITE: /2(20)'Employee Name:', 22 emp_name.
WRITE: /2(20)'Employee Salary:', 22 emp_sal.
WRITE: /2(20) 'Employee Address:', 22 emp_addr.
```

Declare Variables using Data Elements

```
" Declare Variables
DATA salesorder TYPE vbeln.
                TYPE kunnr.
DATA customer
                TYPE netwr.
DATA amount
                                 Data Elements
                 TYPE waerk.
DATA curr
DATA product
                 TYPE matnr.
DATA quantity
                 TYPE menge d.
                 TYPE meins d
DATA uom
" Populate Variables
salesorder = 101.
customer = 'Mr Apple'.
amount = '5000.00'.
curr = 'USD'.
product = 'MT50981'.
quantity = '499.99'.
uom = {}^{\dagger}EA^{\dagger}.
" Display Variables
WRITE: 'Sales Order Details'.
WRITE: /(30) sy-uline.
WRITE: /2(20) 'Sales Order:', 22 salesorder.
WRITE: /2(20) 'Customer:', 22 customer.
WRITE: /2(20)'Amount:', 22 amount, curr.
WRITE: /2(20)'Prodeuct:', product.
WRITE: /2(20)'Quantity:', quantity, uom.
```

Output

Sales Order Details

Sales Order: 101
Customer: Mr Apple
Amount: 5.000,00 USD
Prodcuct: MT50981
Quantity: 499,990 EA

Declare Variables using Table Fields

```
" Declare Variables
DATA salesorder TYPE vbak-vbeln.
DATA customer TYPE vbak-kunnr.
DATA amount TYPE vbak-netwr.
              TYPE vbak-waerk.
DATA curr
DATA product TYPE vbap-matnr.
DATA quantity TYPE vbap-zmeng.
DATA uom
               TYPE vbap-zieme.
" Populate Variables
                         Fields from the Table.
salesorder = 101.
                           Technical properties of the
customer = 'Mr Apple'.

    table field will be used

amount = '5000.00'.
curr = 'USD'.
product = 'MT50981'.
quantity = '499.99'.
uom = ^{+}EA^{+}.
" Display Variables
WRITE: 'Sales Order Details'.
WRITE: /(30) sy-uline.
WRITE: /2(20)'Sales Order:', 22 salesorder.
WRITE: /2(20)'Customer:', 22 customer.
WRITE: /2(20)'Amount:', 22 amount, curr.
WRITE: /2(20)'Prodcuct:', product.
WRITE: /2(20)'Quantity:', quantity, uom.
```

Output

Sales Order Details

Sales Order: 101
Customer: Mr Apple
Amount: 5.000,00 USD
Prodcuct: MT50981
Quantity: 499,990 EA

Declare Variables using User Define Types

We can declare our own data types using **TYPES** statement. Structures, Tables, Data elements defined in Data Dictionary will be used as data types to declare variables.

```
" Declare Type
TYPES t name TYPE c LENGTH 30.
" Declare Variable
DATA emp1 TYPE t name.
DATA emp2 TYPE t name.
DATA emp3 TYPE t name.
DATA emp4 TYPE t name.
" Populate
emp1 = 'Mr Apple'.
                    Variables decleared
emp2 = 'Mr Red'.
                     with user defined
emp3 = 'Mr While'.
                     type
emp4 = 'Mr Blue'.
                                                    Output
"Display
                                                    Employees
WRITE 'Employees'.
WRITE / (15) sy-uline.
                                                    Mr Apple
WRITE / emp1.
                                                    Mr Red
WRITE / emp2.
                                                    Mr While
WRITE / emp3.
                                                    Mr Blue
WRITE / emp4.
```

Structured Types and Work Areas:

Structured data types are composed of several simple data types or other structure data types are used to declare work areas which holds group of values

Following are the Structure Types used to declare work areas

- Tables
- Dictionary Structures
- User Defined Structures

Declare Work area based on Database Table

```
" Declare Workarea
DATA wa_customer TYPE kna1.
                              Declared work area
                              with DB Table
"Populate Values
wa customer-kunnr = 'CUST-01'.
wa customer-anred = 'Mr.'.
wa customer-name1 = 'Red'.
wa customer-name2 = 'White'.
wa customer-ort01 = 'NewYork'.
" Display
WRITE 'Customer Details'.
WRITE / (20) sy-uline.
WRITE: /2(15) 'Customer No:',
      20 wa customer-kunnr.
WRITE: /2(15) 'Customer Name:',
       20 wa customer-anred,
       25 wa customer-name1,
      32 wa customer-name2.
WRITE: /2(15) 'City:',
      20 wa_customer-ort01.
```

Output

Customer Details

Customer No: Customer Name:

City:

CUST-01

Mr. Red White

NewYork

Declare Work area based on Dictionary Structure

Output

Customer Details

Customer Name: Mr. Red White PO Box: 12198

```
" Declare Workarea
DATA wa customer TYPE si_kna1.
"Populate Values
                             Declare Workarea
                             with Dictionary
wa customer-anred = 'Mr.'.
wa_customer-name3 = 'Red'.
                             Structure
wa customer-name4 = 'White'.
wa customer-pfach = '12198'.
" Display
WRITE 'Customer Details'.
WRITE / (20) sy-uline.
WRITE: /2(15) 'Customer Name:',
       20 wa_customer-anred,
       25 wa customer-name3,
       32 wa customer-name4.
WRITE: /2(15) 'PO Box:',
      20 wa_customer-pfach.
```

Structured data types and data objects

Syntax

```
TYPES: BEGIN OF <struct_type>,
  <field_1> type <type_1>,
  <field_2> type <type_2>,
  <field_n> type <type_n>,
END OF <struct_type>
```

Above is the user defined structured data type, which used to declare multiple structured data objects

Output

Customer Details

Customer No: CUST-01 Customer Name: Mr. Red City:

White

NewYork

```
" Declare Workarea
TYPES:
 BEGIN OF ty customer,
   kunnr TYPE knal-kunnr,
    anred TYPE knal-anred,
   namel TYPE knal-namel,
   name2 TYPE knal-name2,
   ort01 TYPE knal-ort01,
 END OF ty customer.
DATA wa_customer TYPE ty_customer.
 Populate Values
wa customer-kunnr = 'CUST-01'.
                                Declare work area type / Local
wa customer-anred = 'Mr.'.
                                structure type TY_CUSTOMER
wa customer-namel = 'Red'.
                                and declare work area with
wa_customer-name2 = 'White'.
                                Local work area type
wa_customer-ort01 = 'NewYork'.
" Display
WRITE 'Customer Details'.
WRITE /(20) sy-uline.
WRITE: /2(15) 'Customer No:',
      20 wa_customer-kunnr.
WRITE: /2(15) 'Customer Name:',
       20 wa customer-anred,
       25 wa_customer-namel,
      32 wa customer-name2.
WRITE: /2(15) 'City:',
      20 wa_customer-ort01.
```

Table Types and Internal Tables

Internal tables

Internal tables are multi line structured types/objects. We can store several lines of similar structured data in an internal table. While defining internal table, we can specify some characteristics, so that it behaves in that way. We can specify key (Unique/Non Unique) for internal table. We can declare internal table by referring ABAP dictionary structure, Local structure or type pool structures.

Types of internal tables:

- Standard Most frequently use
- Sorted data will be stored in sorted order so no need to sort again
- Hashed -

Operations on Internal tables

Filling

- Append/ Append lines of
- Insert / Insert lines of
- Collect

Retrieving

- Loop loop through entire internal table record by record
- Read search internal table

Delete

- Clear/Refresh delete all records without specifying any condition
- Delete delete records based on condition

Sort

Sort internal table

Describe

Count number of lines in internal table

Examples

Examples			
Declare Internal Ta	ble		
Dictionary Structure and	" Declare Internal Table Based on Dictionary Table/Structure DATA it material1 TYPE STANDARD TABLE OF mara.		
Table	Declare Table Type and Declare Internal Table		
	" Declare Internal Table based on Local Table Type TYPES ty_material_tab TYPE STANDARD TABLE OF mara. DATA it_material2 TYPE ty_material_tab.		
Internal Table			
based on Local			
Structure Type			
and Internal			
Table Type			

```
" Declare Internal Table Based on User Defined Work Area Type
                      TYPES:
                       BEGIN OF ty material,
                                                             Local Work area
                          matnr TYPE matnr,
                                                              Type Declaration
                          mtart TYPE mtart,
                          mbrsh TYPE mbrsh,
                          matkl TYPE matkl,
                                                                                  Local Internal Table
                        END OF ty material.
                                                                                  Type Declaration
                      DATA it material1 TYPE STANDARD TABLE OF ty material.
                      " Declare Internal Table based on Local Table Type
                      TYPES ty material tab TYPE STANDARD TABLE OF ty material
                      DATA it material2 TYPE ty material tab.
Fill Internal Table
Append
                     " Declare Work Area and Internal Table
Statement
                     DATA wa_material TYPE ty_material.
                     DATA it material TYPE STANDARD TABLE OF ty material.
                     " Fill Work area and Add Record to the Table
                     wa material-mathr = 'MAT1'.
                                                                        - Fill Workarea
                     wa material-mtart = 'HALB'.
                                                                       - Append workarea to Internal Table
                     wa material-mbrsh = 'M'.

    Clear Workarea

                     wa_material-matkl = '100'.
                     APPEND wa_material TO it_material.
                     CLEAR wa material.
                      " Fill Work area and Add Record to the Table
                     wa material-mathr = 'MAT2'.
                     wa material-mtart = 'FERT'.
                     wa material-mbrsh = 'I'.
                     wa material-matkl = '101'.
                     APPEND wa material TO it material.
                     CLEAR wa material.
```

Insert Statement

```
" Declare Work Area and Internal Table
                   DATA wa_material TYPE ty_material.
                   DATA it material TYPE STANDARD TABLE OF ty material.
                   " Fill Work area and Add Record to the Table
                   wa material-mathr = 'MAT1'.
                                                                     - Fill Workarea
                   wa material-mtart = 'HALB'.
                                                                    Insert workarea to Internal Table
                   wa material-mbrsh = 'M'.
                                                                      - Clear workarea
                   wa material-matkl = '100'.
                   INSERT wa_material INTO it_material INDEX 1.
                   CLEAR wa material.
                   " Fill Work area and Add Record to the Table
                   wa material-mathr = 'MAT2'.
                   wa material-mtart = 'FERT'.
                   wa material-mbrsh = 'I'.
                   wa_material-matkl = '101'.
                   INSERT wa material INTO it material INDEX 2.
                   CLEAR wa material.
Collect Statement
                   " Declare Workarea Type
                   TYPES:
                  ∃ BEGIN OF ty_stock,
                      matnr TYPE matnr,
                      werks TYPE werks d,
                      labst TYPE labst,
                    END OF ty stock.
                   " Declare Table Type
                   TYPES ty stock tab TYPE STANDARD TABLE OF ty stock.
                   " Declare Work Area and Internal Table
                   DATA wa stock TYPE ty stock.
                   DATA it stock TYPE ty stock tab.
                   " Fill Work area and Add Record to the Table
                   wa stock-mathr = 'MAT1'.
                   wa stock-werks = '1000'.
                                                          - Fill Workarea
                   wa stock-labst = 200.
                                                        - Collect workarea to Internal Table
                                                          - Clear Workarea
                   COLLECT wa_stock INTO it stock.
                   CLEAR wa stock.
                   " Fill Work area and Add Record to the Table
                   wa stock-mathr = 'MAT1'.
                   wa stock-werks = '1000'.
                   wa stock-labst = 200.
                   COLLECT wa stock INTO it stock.
                   CLEAR wa stock.
```

```
Read Internal Table
```

- Read Single Record
 - o By Index
 - o By Key
- Loop Throug all the Records

```
Read Record By Index
" Read Record By Index
READ TABLE it material INTO wa material INDEX 1.
IF sy-subrc = 0.
  WRITE: 'Material', 20 wa material-matnr,
          / 'Material Type', 20 wa material-mtart,
          / 'Industry Sector', 20 wa material-mbrsh,
           / 'Material Group', 20 wa material-matkl.
ENDIF.
Read By Key
 " Read Record By Key
 READ TABLE it_material INTO wa_material WITH KEY matnr = 'MAT1'.
\exists IF sy-subrc = 0.
   WRITE: 'Material', 20 wa material-matnr,
           / 'Material Type', 20 wa material-mtart,
           / 'Industry Sector', 20 wa material-mbrsh,
           / 'Material Group', 20 wa_material-matkl.
L ENDIF.
Existence Check
" Existence Check
READ TABLE it material TRANSPORTING NO FIELDS WITH KEY matnr = 'MAT1'.
] IF sy-subrc = 0.
  WRITE / 'Material Exists'.
ENDIF.
Binary Search
```

Looping Internal Table

```
"Loop each record in the Internal Table
WRITE: /2(20) 'Material', 23(10) 'Material Type',
34(7) 'IndSect', 42(10)'Material Group'.

LOOP AT it_material INTO wa_material.

WRITE: /2(10) wa_material-matnr,
23(10) wa_material-mtart,
34(7) wa_material-mbrsh,
42(10) wa_material-matkl.

ENDLOOP.
```