

NatLang Language Design

Here's a **language design summary** includes description covers **syntax, structure, supported features, and operator rules.**

NatLang is a beginner-friendly, English-inspired programming language designed to make logical thinking and programming approachable through natural-language-like syntax. It supports variables, expressions, control flow, and output using intuitive keywords.

Program Structure

A complete NatLang program begins with:Hi!

And ends with: Bye!

In between, the program consists of **statements**, each separated by a “.” and optionally followed by a newline (\n).

Supported Statement Types

1. Variable Declarations

LetsSay x is 10.

LetsSay msg is "Hello!".

LetsSay a is true.

2. Aliases

LetsSay alias isAlso original.

This creates a reference to the value of another variable.

3. Assignment

x is x plus 1.

msg is "Updated!".

4. Output

Show x.

Show "Done!".

5. If-Else Conditionals

When x IsGreaterThan 5

Then

Show "Big".

Otherwise

Show "Small".

ThenStop

6. Ternary Conditional (Single-line)

When x IsEqualTo 10 Then Show "Yes". Otherwise Show "No". ThenStop.

7. For Loops

ForAll item in numbers:

Show item.

StopNow

8. Until Loops

Until x IsEqualTo 10:

x is x plus 1.

NowStop

Expressions

Expressions support:

- Constants: number, string, boolean
- Variables
- Arithmetic and logic operations
- Parentheses for grouping

Examples:

x plus y.

(2 plus 3) times 4.

a AsWellAs b.

Arithmetic Operators (with Precedence)

| Operator | Symbol | Precedence |
|----------------|--------------------|------------|
| Parentheses | (...) | Highest |
| Multiplicative | times, dividedBy | High |
| Additive | plus, minus | Medium |
| Logical | AsWellAs, EitherOr | Low |

Comparison Operators

Used in When or Until conditions:

- IsEqualTo
- IsNotEqualTo
- IsGreaterThan
- IsLessThan
- IsAtLeast
- IsAtMost
- IsNot

Values

- **Number:** 5, 3.14
- **String:** "Hello!" (must be in double quotes)
- **Boolean:** true, false
- **List** (optional): [1, 2, 3] (if supported by evaluator)

Special Tokens

Token Meaning

Hi! Program start

Bye! Program end

. Statement terminator

\n Newline (optional)