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Introduction



This Guide presents a quick reference to the material listed in the following table. For a full discussion of each topic, refer to the corresponding documentation.

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Data types	INFORMIX-4GL Reference	Chapter3 (DEFINE)
Built-in functions and operators	INFORMIX-4GL Reference	Chapter 4
4GL statements	INFORMIX-4GL Reference	Chapter 3
SQL statements		
4.1 servers:	<i>Informix Guide to SQL: Reference</i>	Chapter 6
6.0 servers:	<i>Informix Guide to SQL: Syntax, Version 6.0</i>	Chapter 1
Stored Procedure Language (SPL)		
6.0 servers:	<i>Informix Guide to SQL: Syntax, Version 6.0</i>	Chapter 2
4GL forms	INFORMIX-4GL Reference	Chapter 5
Reports	INFORMIX-4GL Reference	Chapter 6
SQLCA record structure	INFORMIX-4GL Reference	Chapter 2
NewEra Debugger commands	Guide to the INFORMIX-4GL Interactive Debugger	Chapter 9
Environment variables	INFORMIX-4GL Reference	Appendix D

This Guide shows syntax that must be prepared before you can include it in a 4GL program. You must prepare any SQL statement introduced later than the 4.1 server release. These statements are indicated in this manual by the following icon:

6.0

To use these statements, such as CREATE TRIGGER, you must:

1. Store the SQL statement as a character string.
2. Set up the statement for execution by means of the PREPARE statement (see [page 79](#)).
3. Process the statement by means of the EXECUTE statement (see [page 75](#)).

Syntax Conventions

Syntax diagrams describe the format of SQL, SPL, and 4GL statements and **Debugger** commands, including alternative forms of them, required and optional parts of them, and so forth. Syntax diagrams have their own conventions, which are defined in detail and illustrated in this section.

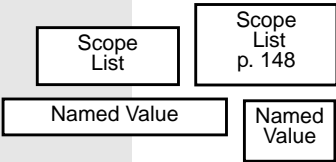
Each syntax diagram displays the sequences of required and optional elements that are valid in a statement or command. Briefly:

- All keywords are shown in uppercase letters for ease of identification, though you need not enter them that way.
- Words for which you must supply values are in italics.
- All boldface characters are literals.

Each diagram begins at the upper left with a keyword and ends at the upper right with a vertical line. Between these points, you can trace any path that does not stop or back up. Each path describes a valid form of the statement. Except for separators in loops (see [page 8](#)), which the path approaches counterclockwise from the right, the path always approaches elements from the left and continues to the right.

Along a path, you may encounter the following elements:

- KEYWORD** You must spell a word in uppercase letters exactly as shown; however, you can use either uppercase or lowercase letters when you enter it.
- (.,;+*-/)** All other characters are literal symbols that you must enter exactly as shown.
- ' ' " "** Single and double quotes are literal symbols that you must enter as shown.
- variable* A word in italics represents a value that you must supply. The nature of the value is explained fully in the appropriate reference manual.



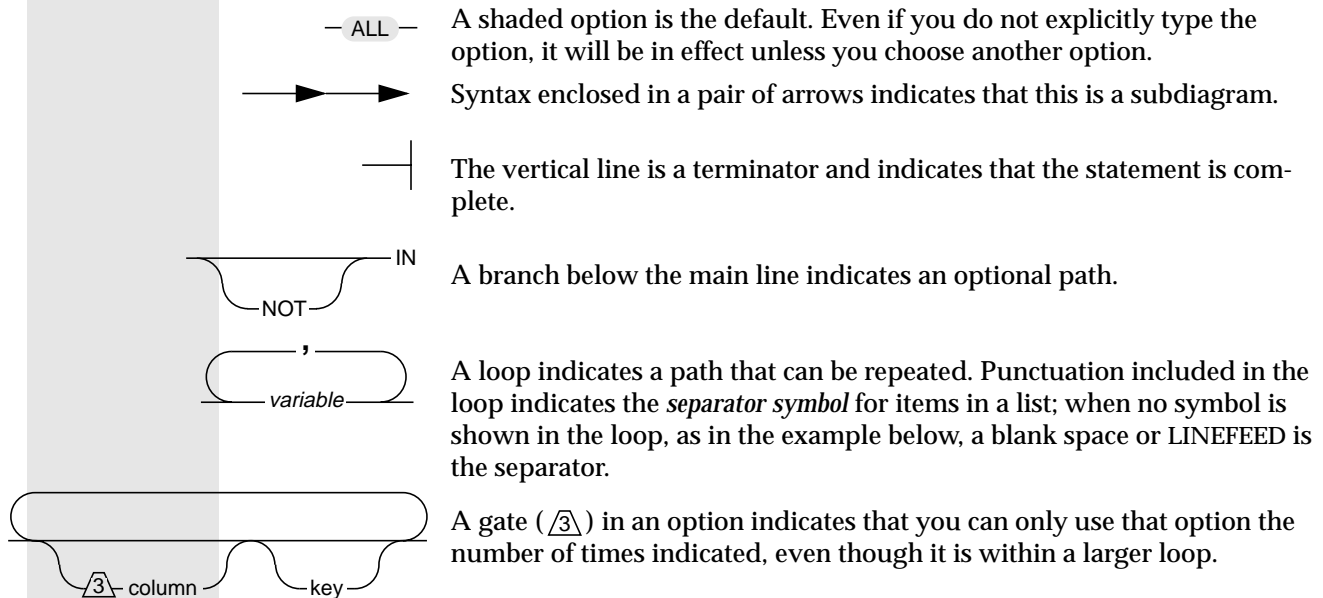
A reference in a *box* represents a subdiagram on the same page (if no page number is supplied) or on a specified page. Imagine that the subdiagram is spliced into the diagram at this point. (A synonym for “subdiagram” is “segment.”)

If the term “(subset)” appears in the box below the name of the segment being referenced, you should refer to the appropriate reference manual for further clarification.

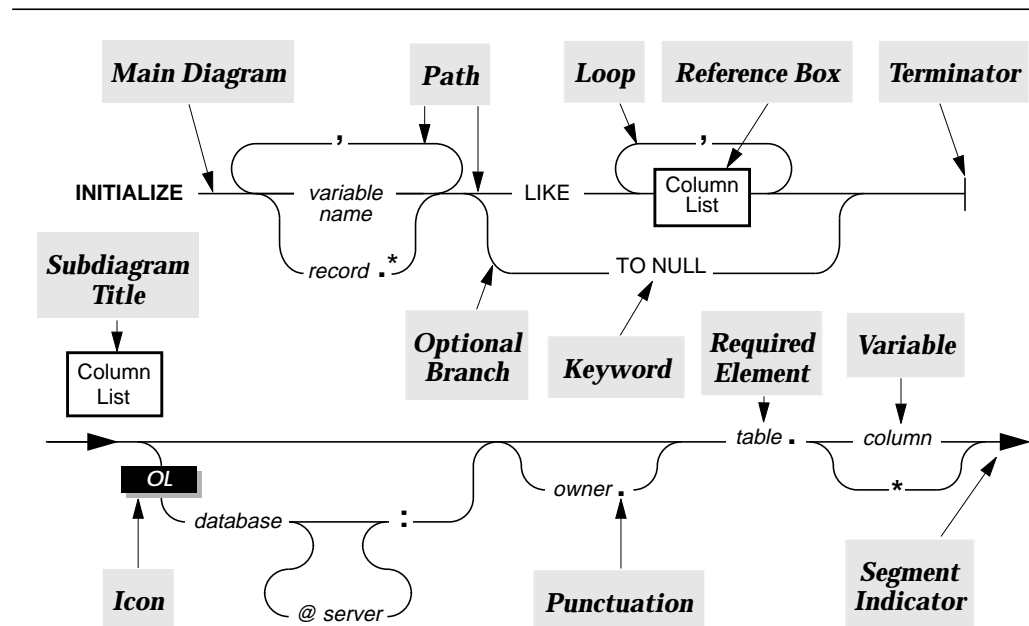
The aspect ratio of the box is not significant. That is, the same segment can be represented by boxes of different shapes, as in these symbols for the Named Value segment.

OL A code in an icon is a signal warning you that this path is valid only for certain database servers or under certain conditions. The codes indicate the products or conditions that support the path. The following codes are used:

- 6.0** Path requires the statement to be prepared (by using PREPARE).
- SE** Path is valid only for INFORMIX-SE.
- OL** Path is valid only for INFORMIX-OnLine Dynamic Server.
- +** Path is an Informix extension to ANSI standard SQL.
- NLS** Path is valid only if you are using NLS.



The grey labels and arrows in the following illustration identify the elements of a syntax diagram for the INITIALIZE statement of 4GL.



Elements of a syntax diagram

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Data Types

Data Type	Kind of Values Stored
ARRAY OF <i>type</i>	Arrays of values of any other single data type.
^① BYTE	Any kind of binary data.
CHAR	Character strings of up to 32,767 ASCII characters.
CHARACTER	(This keyword is a synonym for CHAR.)
DATE	Points in time, specified as calendar dates.
DATETIME	Points in time, specified as calendar dates and time-of-day.
DEC	(This keyword is a synonym for DECIMAL.)
DECIMAL	Fixed point numbers, of a specified scale and precision.
DOUBLE PRECISION	(These keywords are a synonym for FLOAT.)
FLOAT	Floating-point numbers, of up to 32-digit precision.
INT	(This keyword is a synonym for INTEGER.)
INTEGER	Whole numbers, from -2,147,483,647 to +2,147,483,647.
INTERVAL	Spans of time in years and months, or else in smaller time units.
MONEY	Currency amounts, with definable scale and precision.
NUMERIC	(This keyword is a synonym for DECIMAL.)
REAL	(This keyword is a synonym for SMALLFLOAT.)
RECORD	Ordered sets of values, of any combination of 4GL data types.
^② SERIAL	Same as INTEGER. Automatically assigned by the engine.
SMALLFLOAT	Floating-point numbers, of up to 16-digit precision.
SMALLINT	Whole numbers, from -32,767 to +32,767.
^① TEXT	Character strings of any length.
^① VARCHAR	Character strings of varying length, no greater than 255.

^①INFORMIX-OnLine Dynamic Server or other 4GL statements only. ^②SQL only.

4GL Arithmetic Operators

Operator Symbol	Operator Name	Name of Result	Precedence
**	exponentiation	power	12
mod	modulus	integer remainder	12
*	multiplication	product	11
/	division	quotient	11
+	addition	sum	10
-	subtraction	difference	10

Boolean Operators

AND
OR
NOT

4GL Relational Operators

Operator Symbol	Operator Name	Operator Symbol	Operator Name
<	Less than	!= or <>	Not equal to
<=	Not greater than	>=	Not less than
= or ==	Equal to	>	Greater than

Global Constants and Variables

FALSE	SQLCA Record:
INT_FLAG	SQLCODE
NOTFOUND	SQLERRM
NULL	SQLERRP
SQLCODE	SQLERRD
STATUS	SQLAWARN
TRUE	
QUIT_FLAG	

Built-In Functions

ARG_VAL(<i>int-expr</i>)	ERRORLOG(<i>char-expr</i>)	NUM_ARGS()
ARR_COUNT()	FGL_DRAWBOX(<i>height, width, line, left-offset[, color]</i>)	[†] PERCENT(*)
ARR_CURR()		SCR_LINE()
[†] AVG(<i>int-field</i>)	FGL_GETENV(<i>char-expr</i>)	SET_COUNT(<i>int-expr</i>)
[†] COUNT(*)	FGL_KEYVAL(<i>char-expr</i>)	SHOWHELP(<i>int-expr</i>)
DOWNSHIFT(<i>char-expr</i>)	FGL_LASTKEY()	SQLEXIT()
ERR_GET(<i>int-expr</i>)	LENGTH(<i>char-expr</i>)	STARTLOG(<i>char-expr</i>)
ERR_PRINT(<i>int-expr</i>)	[†] MAX(<i>int-field</i>)	[†] SUM(<i>int-field</i>)
ERR_QUIT(<i>int-expr</i>)	[†] MIN(<i>int-field</i>)	UPSHIFT(<i>char-expr</i>)

[†]Valid only in REPORT blocks or in some SQL statements. Also, may be preceded by GROUP.

Color numbers and their meanings that can be used in FGL_DRAWBOX() are:

Number	Color	Number	Color	Number	Color
0	White	3	Red	6	Blue
1	Yellow	4	Cyan	7	Black
2	Magenta	5	Green		

Operators

ASCII <i>int-expr</i>	LENGTH(<i>char-expr</i>)
<i>char-expr</i> CLIPPED	[†] LINENO
COLUMN <i>integer</i>	MDY(<i>int-expr, int-expr, int-expr</i>)
CURRENT	MONTH(<i>date-expression</i>)
CURRENT <i>qualifier</i>	ORD(<i>string-expr</i>)
DATE	[†] PAGENO
DATE (<i>date-expression</i>)	<i>int-expr</i> SPACE
DAY(<i>date-expression</i>)	<i>int-expr</i> SPACES
EXTEND(<i>time-value</i>)	TIME
EXTEND(<i>time-value, qualifier</i>)	TODAY
FIELD_TOUCHED(<i>field-list</i>)	<i>int-expr</i> UNITS <i>time-keyword</i>
GET_FLDBUF(<i>field-list</i>)	<i>expression</i> USING <i>format-string</i>
<i>expression</i> IS NOT NULL	WEEKDAY (<i>date-expression</i>)
<i>expression</i> IS NULL	[†] <i>char-expr</i> WORDWRAP
INFIELD(<i>field</i>)	YEAR (<i>date-expression</i>)

[†]Valid only in REPORT blocks.

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Library Functions

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Popping Numbers

```
extern void popint(int *iv)
extern void popshort(short *siv)
extern void poplong(long *liv)
extern void popflo(float *fv)
extern void popdub(double *dfv)
extern void popdec(dec_t *decv)
```

Popping Characters

```
extern void popquote(char *qv, int len)
extern void popvchar(char *qv, int len)
```

Popping Dates and Times

```
extern void popdate(long *datv)
extern void popdtime(dtime_t *dtv, int qual)
extern void popinv(intrvl_t *iv, int qual)
```

Popping BYTE and TEXT

```
extern void poplocator(loc_t **blob)
```

Returning Values

```
extern void retint(int iv)
extern void retshort(short siv)
extern void retlong(long lv)
extern void retflo(float fv)
extern void retlub(double dfv)
extern void retdec(dec_t *decv)
```

```
extern void retquote(char *str0)
extern void retvchar(char *vc)
```

```
extern void retdate(long date)
extern void retdtime(dtime_t *dtv)
```

```
extern void retinv(intrvl_t *inv)
```

Pushing Values

```
extern void pushint(int iv)
extern void pushshort(short siv)
extern void pushlong(long liv)
extern void pushflo(float fv)
extern void pushdub(double dfv)
extern void pushdec(dec_t *decv, unsigned decp)
```

Calling 4GL Functions from C

<code>fgl_start(filename, argc, argv)</code> char *filename; int argc; char *argv[];	<i>initialize resources for the 4GL environment</i>
<code>fgl_call(funcname, nparams)</code> char *funcname; int nparams;	<i>call the 4GL function</i>
<code>fgl_exitfm()</code>	<i>reset terminal to character mode</i>
<code>fgl_end()</code>	<i>free 4GL resources</i>

Decimal Functions

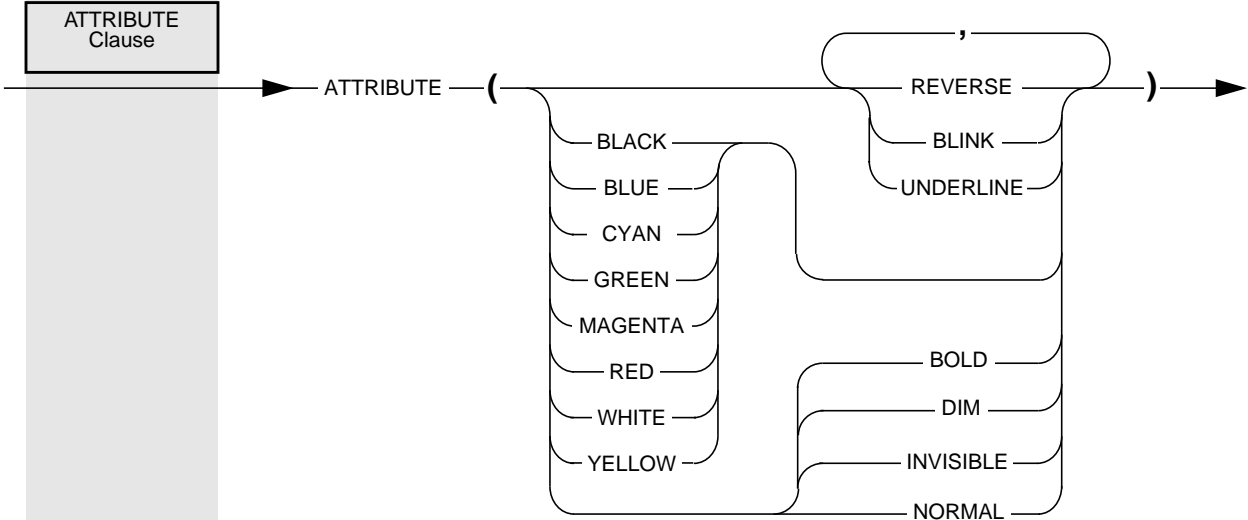
<code>deccvasc(cp, len, np)</code> char *cp; int len; dec_t *np;	<i>convert C char type to DECIMAL type</i>
<code>dectoasc(np, cp, len, right)</code> dec_t *np; char *cp; int len; int right;	<i>convert DECIMAL type to C char type</i>
<code>deccvint(integer, np)</code> int integer; dec_t *np;	<i>convert C int type to DECIMAL type</i>
<code>dectoint(np, ip)</code> dec_t *np; int *ip;	<i>convert DECIMAL type to C int type</i>
<code>deccvlong(lng, np)</code> long lng; dec_t *np;	<i>convert C long type to DECIMAL type</i>
<code>dectolong(np, lngp)</code> dec_t *np; long *lngp;	<i>convert DECIMAL type to C long type</i>
<code>deccvflt(flt, np)</code> float flt; dec_t *np;	<i>convert C float type to DECIMAL type</i>
<code>dectoflt(np, fltp)</code> dec_t *np; float *fltp;	<i>convert DECIMAL type to C float type</i>

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deccvdbl(dbl, np) double dbl; dec_t *np;	<i>convert C double type to DECIMAL type</i>
dectodbl(np, dblp) dec_t *np; double *dblp;	<i>convert DECIMAL type to C double type</i>
decadd(n1, n2, result) dec_t *n1; dec_t *n2; dec_t *result;	<i>add two decimal numbers</i> <i>(result = n1 + n2)</i>
decsb(n1, n2, result) dec_t *n1; dec_t *n2; dec_t *result;	<i>subtract two decimal numbers</i> <i>(result = n1 - n2)</i>
decmul(n1, n2, result) dec_t *n1; dec_t *n2; dec_t *result;	<i>multiply two decimal numbers</i> <i>(result = n1 * n2)</i>
decdiv(n1, n2, result) dec_t *n1; dec_t *n2; dec_t *result;	<i>divide two decimal numbers</i> <i>(result = n1 / n2)</i>
int deccmp(n1, n2) dec_t *n1; dec_t *n2;	<i>compare two decimal numbers</i>
deccopy(n1, n2) dec_t *n1; dec_t *n2;	<i>copy a decimal number</i>
char *dececvl(np, ndigit, decpt, sign) dec_t *np; int ndigit; int *decpt; int *sign;	<i>convert decimal value to ASCII string</i>
char *decfcvt(np, ndigit, decpt, sign) dec_t *np; int ndigit; int *decpt; int *sign;	<i>convert decimal value to ASCII string</i>

Display Attributes



The ATTRIBUTE clause is used in these 4GL statements:

CONSTRUCT	DISPLAY FORM	INPUT ARRAY
DISPLAY	ERROR	MESSAGE
DISPLAY ARRAY	INPUT	PROMPT

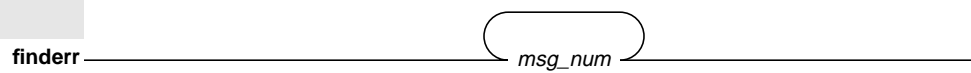
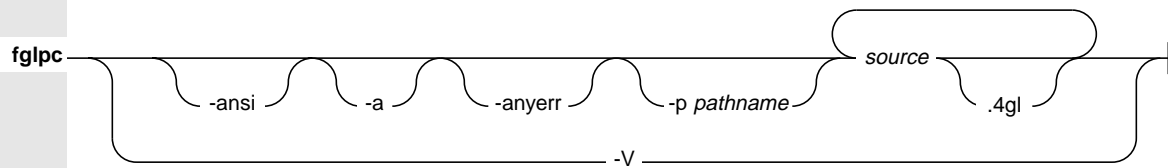
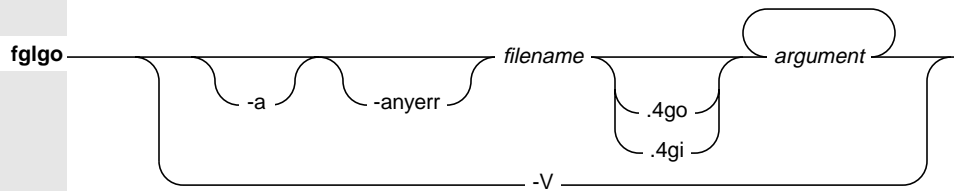
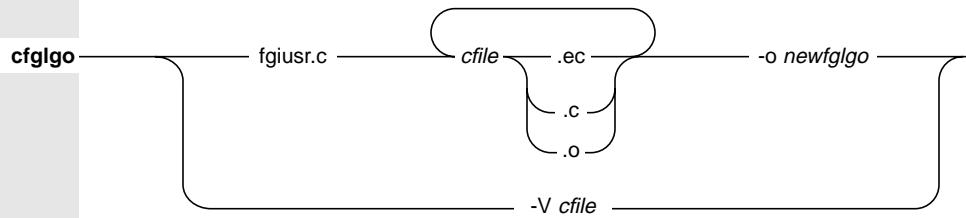
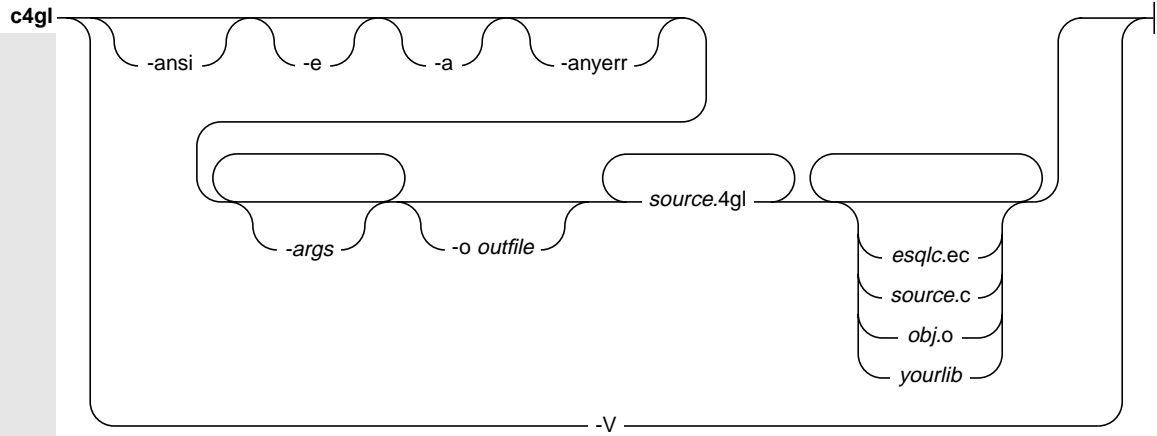
For all ATTRIBUTE clauses and field attributes the following table shows the effects of the color attributes on a monochrome monitor, as well as the effects of the intensity attributes on a color monitor:

Color Attribute	Monochrome Display	Intensity Attribute	Color Display
WHITE	NORMAL	NORMAL	WHITE
YELLOW	BOLD	BOLD	RED
MAGENTA	BOLD	DIM	BLUE
RED	BOLD		
CYAN	DIM		
GREEN	DIM		
BLUE	DIM		
BLACK	DIM		

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Command-Line Syntax



form4gl *-q* *-l lines -c characters* *-V* *form-name* *-d form-name database-name table-name*

mkmessage *in file* *out file*

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Types of SQL Statements

INFORMIX-4GL supports the SQL language, but it is sometimes convenient to distinguish between SQL statements and other 4GL statements:

- SQL statements operate on tables in the database.
- Other 4GL statements operate on variables in memory.

The SQL statements of 4GL can be divided into these functional categories.

Note: Not all of these SQL statements listed on this and the next page are directly supported by 4GL. If the statement or any part of its syntax is preceded by a 6.0 icon in its syntax diagram later in this chapter, the statement must be prepared (by using the PREPARE statement). Preparing SQL statements is described in Chapter 3 of the [INFORMIX-4GL Reference](#).

SQL Data Definition Statements

ALTER INDEX	CREATE TABLE	DROP TABLE
ALTER TABLE	CREATE VIEW	DROP VIEW
CLOSE DATABASE	DATABASE	RENAME COLUMN
CREATE DATABASE	DROP DATABASE	RENAME TABLE
CREATE INDEX	DROP INDEX	
CREATE SYNONYM	DROP SYNONYM	

SQL Data Manipulation Statements

INSERT	LOAD	UNLOAD
DELETE	SELECT	UPDATE

SQL Cursor Manipulation Statements

CLOSE	FETCH	OPEN
DECLARE	FLUSH	PUT

SQL Query Optimization Information Statements

SET EXPLAIN	SET OPTIMIZATION	UPDATE STATISTICS
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SQL Data Access Statements

GRANT	REVOKE	SET LOCK MODE
LOCK TABLE	OL SET ISOLATION	UNLOCK TABLE

SQL Data Integrity Statements

SE BEGIN WORK	SE DROP AUDIT	SE ROLLFORWARD DATABASE
SE CHECK TABLE	SE RECOVER TABLE	OL SET CONSTRAINTS
COMMIT WORK	SE REPAIR TABLE	OL SET LOG
SE CREATE AUDIT	ROLLBACK WORK	SE START DATABASE

*Note: The data integrity statements marked with the **SE** symbol are supported only by the INFORMIX-SE engine. Statements marked **OL** can only be used with the INFORMIX-OnLine Dynamic Server engine.*

Other Types of 4GL Statements

SQL Dynamic Management Statements

EXECUTE	PREPARE
FREE	

4GL Definition and Declaration Statements

DEFINE	MAIN
FUNCTION	REPORT

4GL Program Flow Control Statements

CALL	FINISH REPORT	OUTPUT TO REPORT
CASE	FOR	RETURN
CONTINUE	FOREACH	RUN
DATABASE	GOTO	START REPORT
END	IF	WHILE
EXIT	LABEL	

4GL Compiler Directives

DATABASE	GLOBALS
DEFER	WHENEVER

4GL Storage Manipulation Statements

INITIALIZE	LOCATE
LET	VALIDATE

4GL Screen Interaction Statements

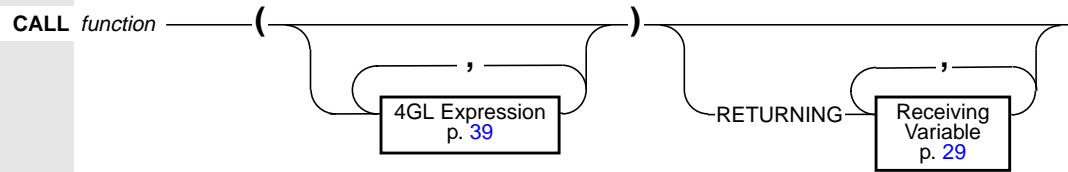
CLEAR	DISPLAY FORM	OPEN WINDOW
CLOSE FORM	ERROR	OPTIONS
CLOSE WINDOW	INPUT	PROMPT
CONSTRUCT	INPUT ARRAY	SCROLL
CURRENT WINDOW	MENU	SLEEP
DISPLAY	MESSAGE	
DISPLAY ARRAY	OPEN FORM	

4GL Report Execution Statements

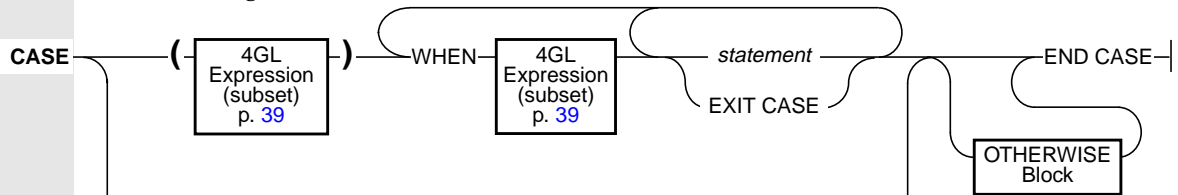
NEED	PRINT
PAUSE	SKIP

Most 4GL statements are not sensitive to whether the SE or the OnLine engine supports the application. Only the OnLine engine, however, can store values in BYTE, TEXT, or VARCHAR columns, or can accept *database:* or *database@system:* as qualifiers to names of tables, views, or synonyms.

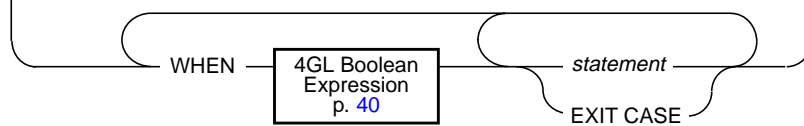
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Case I: (single criterion)



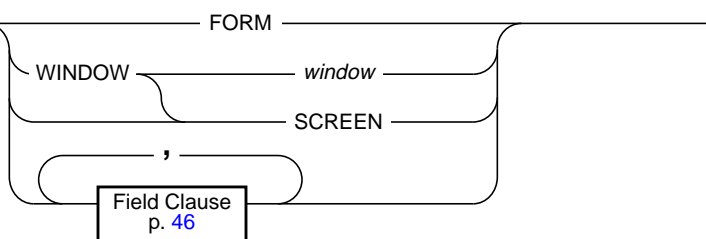
Case II: (multiple criteria)



OTHERWISE Block

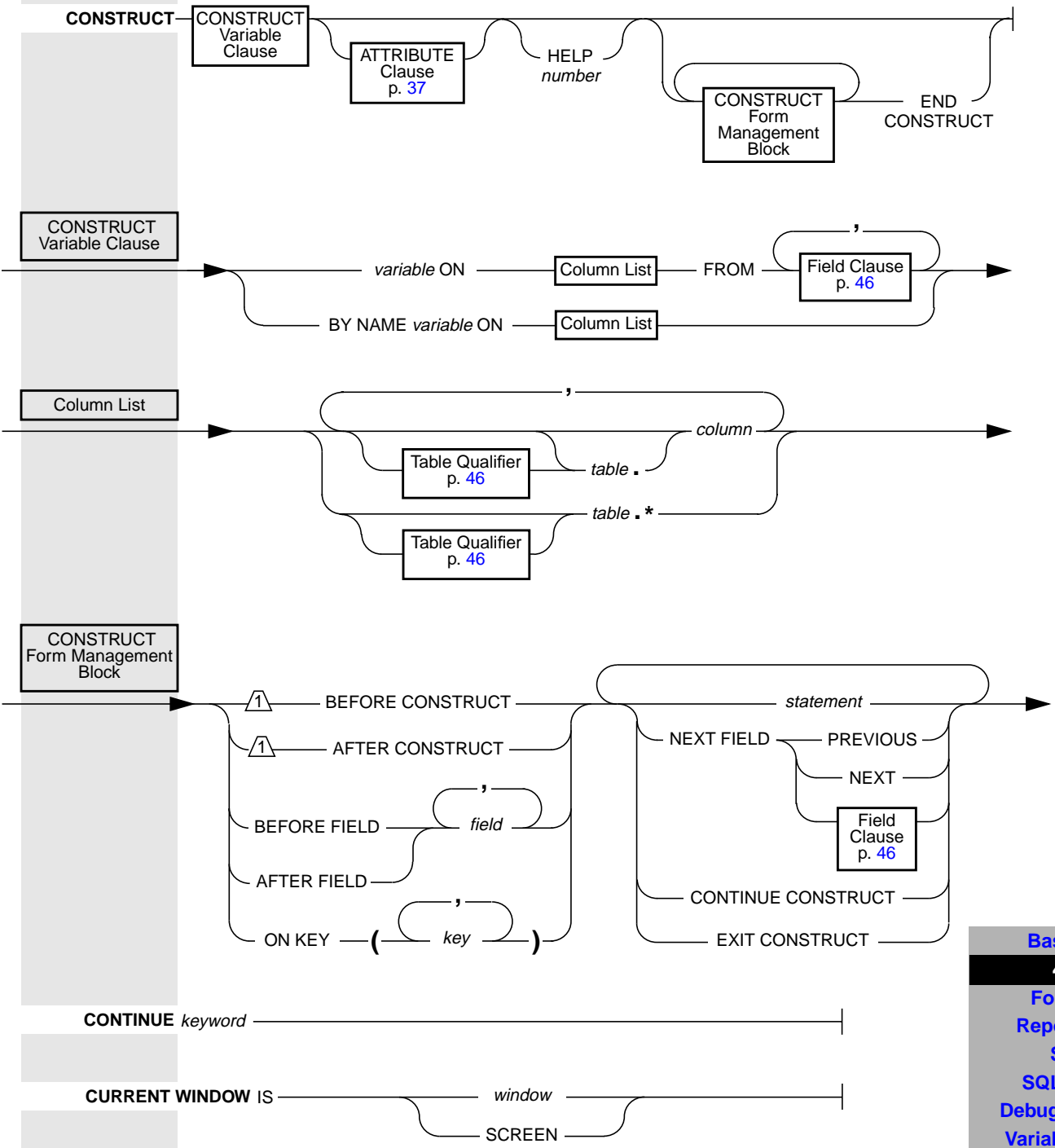
OTHERWISE — statement — EXIT CASE —

CLEAR



CLOSE FORM *form* —

CLOSE WINDOW *window* —



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p. 37*Case I: (output in the Line mode overlay)*

DISPLAY

DISPLAY
Value

COLUMN left-offset

*Case II: (in a specified line of the current window)*DISPLAY
Value

AT line, left-offset

ATTRIBUTE
Clause
p. 37*Case III: (in a screen form)*DISPLAY
Value

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DISPLAY Value

value

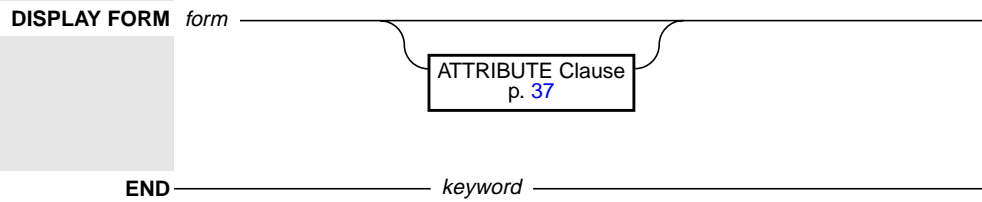
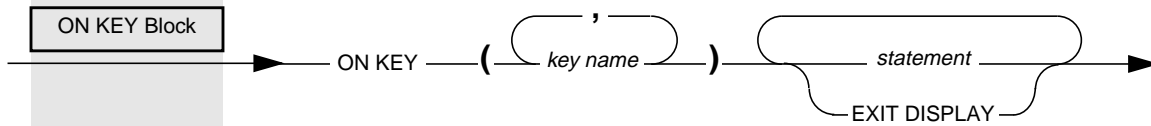
CLIPPED

USING "format string"

ASCII number

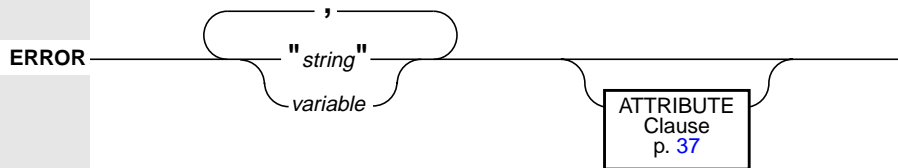
DISPLAY ARRAY record array TO screen array . *

ATTRIBUTE
Clause
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Block
p. 25END
DISPLAY

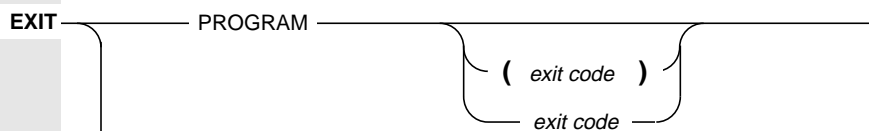


These are valid *keywords* in the END statement:

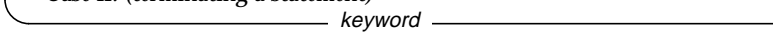
CASE	FOREACH	INPUT	PROMPT
CONSTRUCT	FUNCTION	MAIN	REPORT
DISPLAY	GLOBALS	MENU	WHILE
FOR	IF		



Case I: (terminating a program)



Case II: (terminating a statement)



These are valid *keywords* in Case II of the EXIT statement:

CASE	FOR	MENU
CONSTRUCT	FOREACH	PROMPT
DISPLAY	INPUT	WHILE



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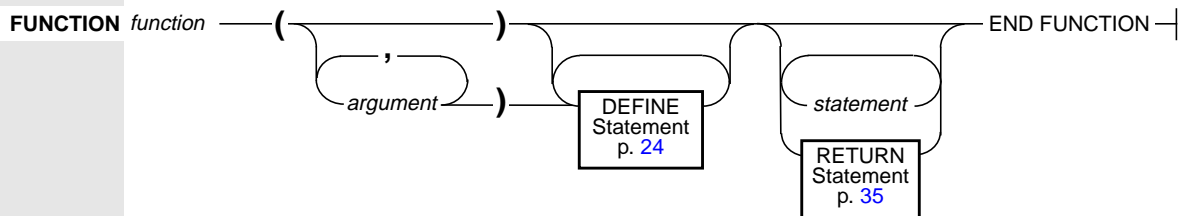
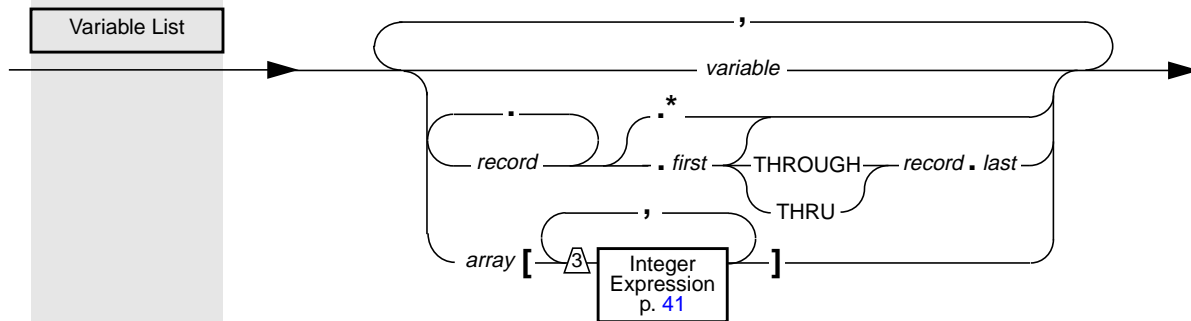
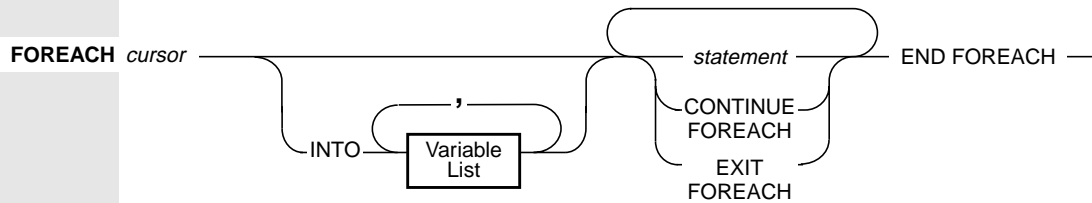
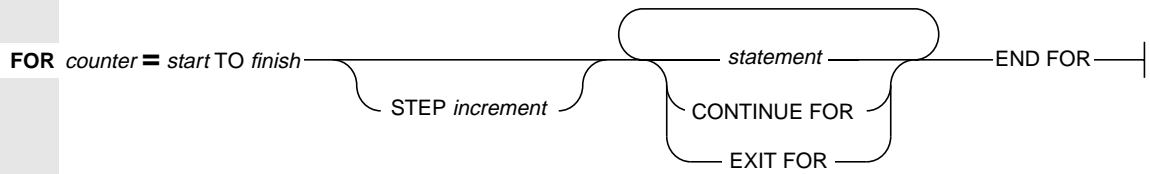
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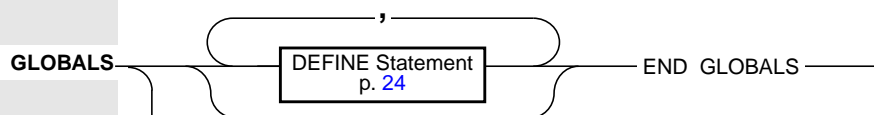
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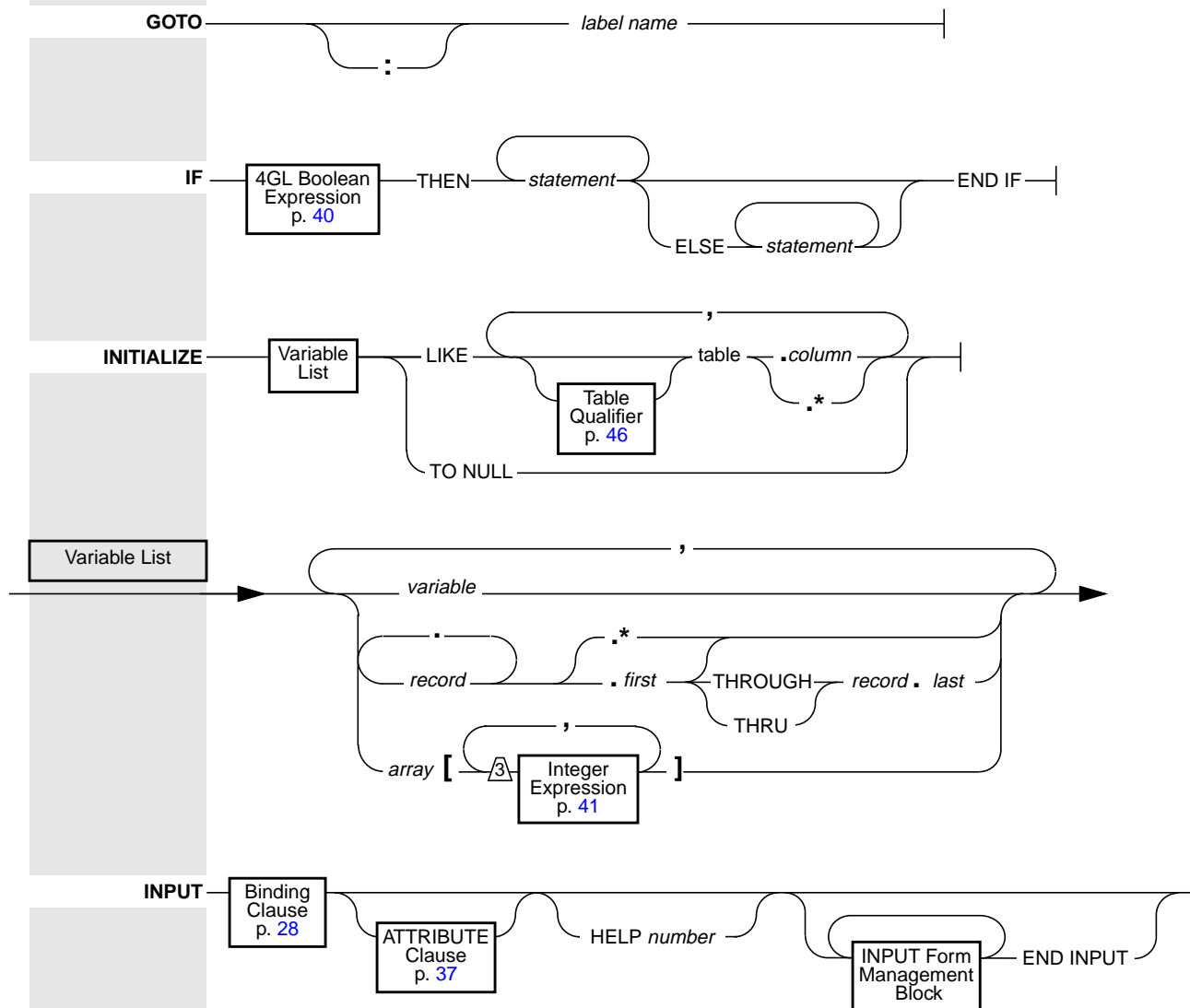


Case I: (declaring and exporting variables)



Case II: (importing variables)





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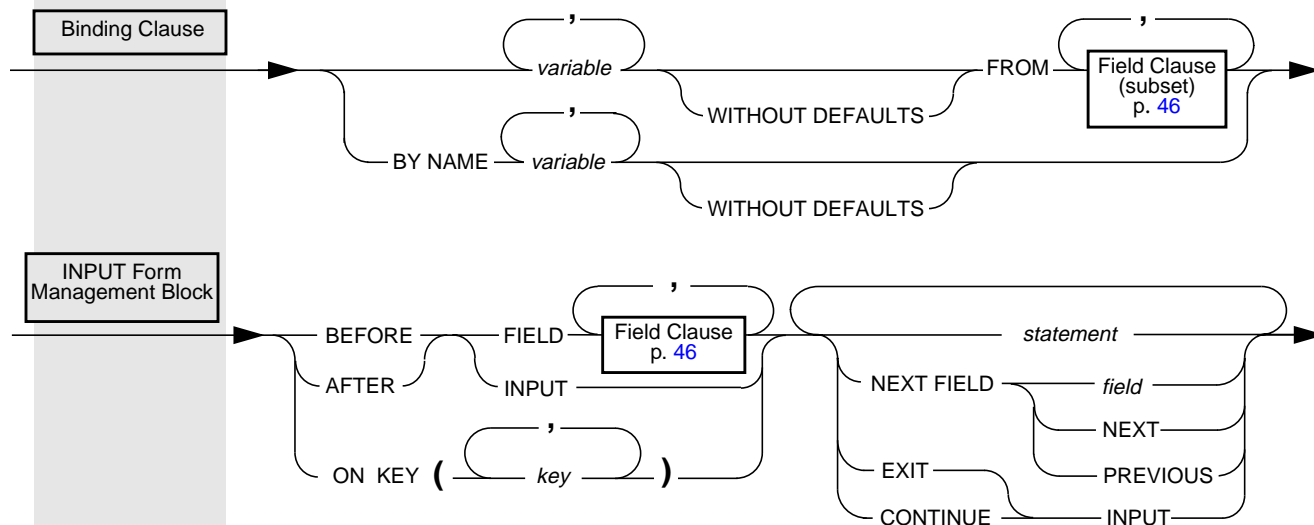
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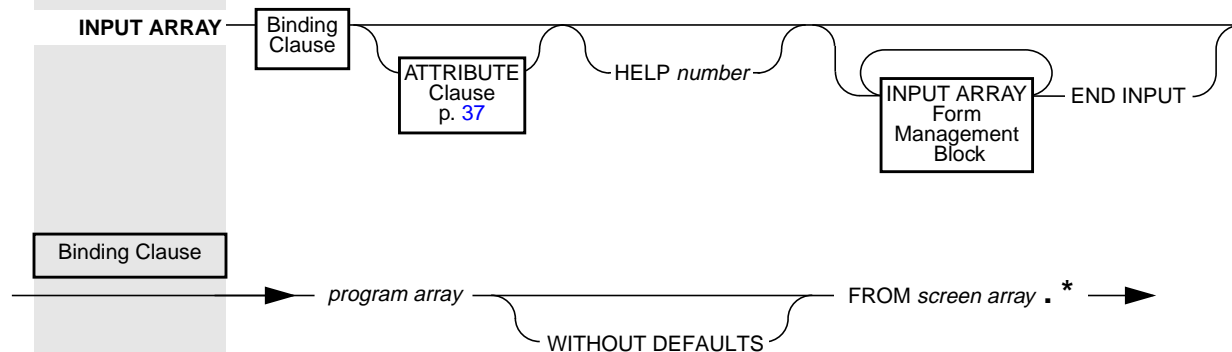


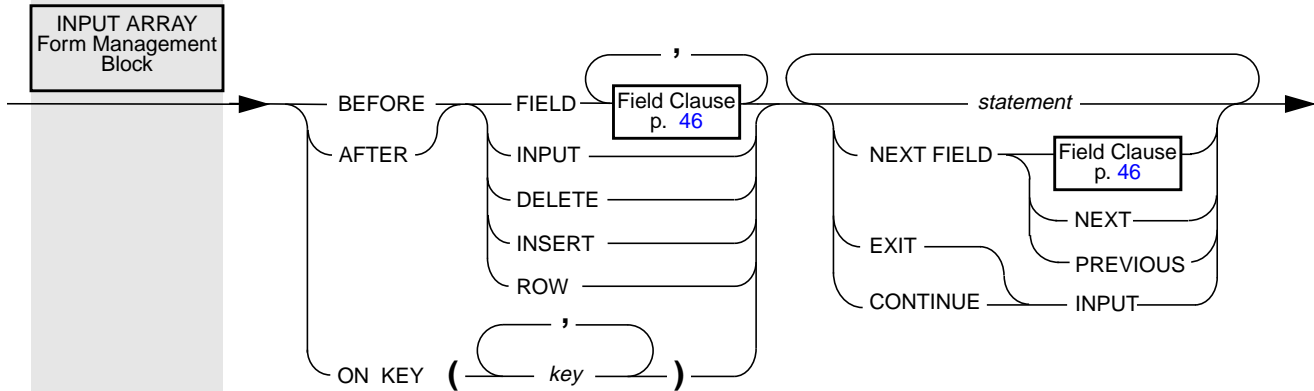
Acceptable values of *key* (in lowercase or uppercase letters) for the ON KEY block are:

ACCEPT	HELP	NEXT <i>or</i>	RETURN <i>or</i> ENTER
DELETE	INSERT	NEXTPAGE	RIGHT
DOWN	INTERRUPT	PREVIOUS <i>or</i>	TAB
ESC <i>or</i> ESCAPE	LEFT	PREVPAGE	UP
F1 through F64			
CONTROL-char (except A, D, H, I, J, L, M, R, or X)			

Built-in functions that access field buffers and keystroke buffers:

Built-In Function	Description
FIELD_TOUCHED(<i>field</i>)	Returns TRUE when the user has made a change to screen <i>field</i> .
GET_FLDBUF(<i>field-list</i>)	Returns the character values of the contents of one or more fields.
FGL_LASTKEY()	Returns an INTEGER value corresponding to the most recent keystroke.
INFIELD(<i>field</i>)	Returns TRUE if <i>field</i> is the name of the current screen field.



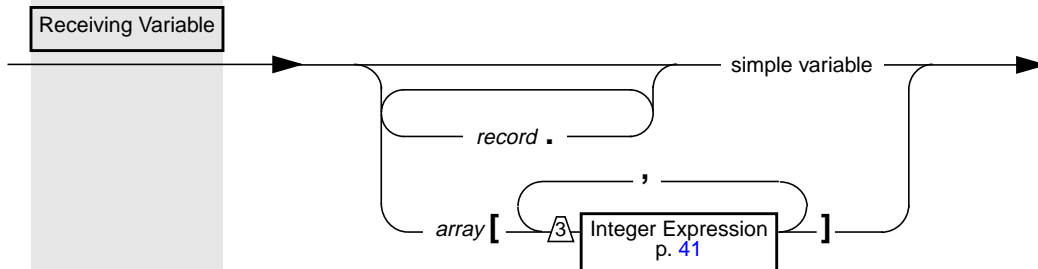
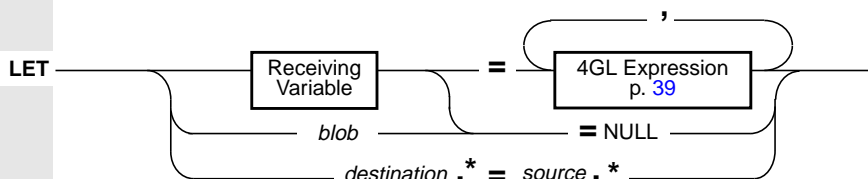


For acceptable values of *key*, see [p. 28](#). For built-in functions that access field buffers and keystroke buffers, see [p. 28](#).

Built-in functions that keep track of the relative states of the screen cursor, the program array, and the screen array:

Function	Description
ARR_CURR()	Returns the number of the <i>current record</i> of the program array.
ARR_COUNT()	Returns the current number of records in the program array.
SCR_LINE()	Returns the number of the current line within the screen array.
SET_COUNT(<i>filled-rows</i>)	Sets the initial value of ARR_COUNT() to <i>filled-rows</i> .

LABEL *label identifier* :



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LOAD FROM *"filename"* *file variable* **DELIMITER** *"character"* *delimiter* *insert variable* **INSERT Clause**

INSERT Clause

INSERT INTO *table* **Table Qualifier** *p.46* *(column)*

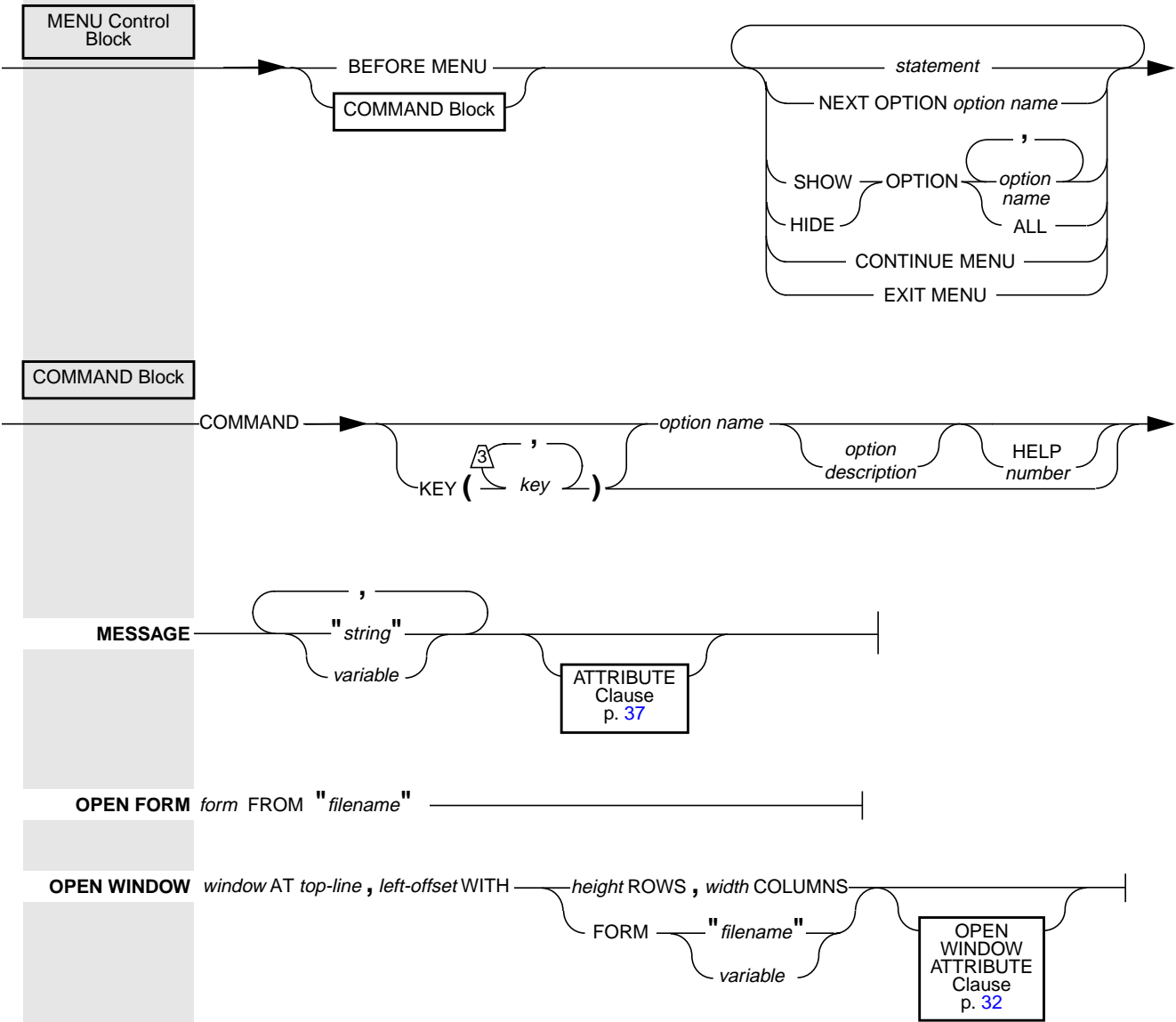
LOCATE *BYTE or TEXT Variable* **IN** **MEMORY** *FILE* *"filename"* *variable*

BYTE or TEXT Variable

variable *record* *array* *[integer]* *THROUGH* *THRU* *record* *first* *last*

MAIN *statement* **END MAIN** **DEFINE Statement** *p. 24* **DATABASE Statement** *p. 72* **EXIT PROGRAM** **DEFER Statement** *p. 24*

MENU *"title"* *variable* **MENU Control Block** **END MENU**



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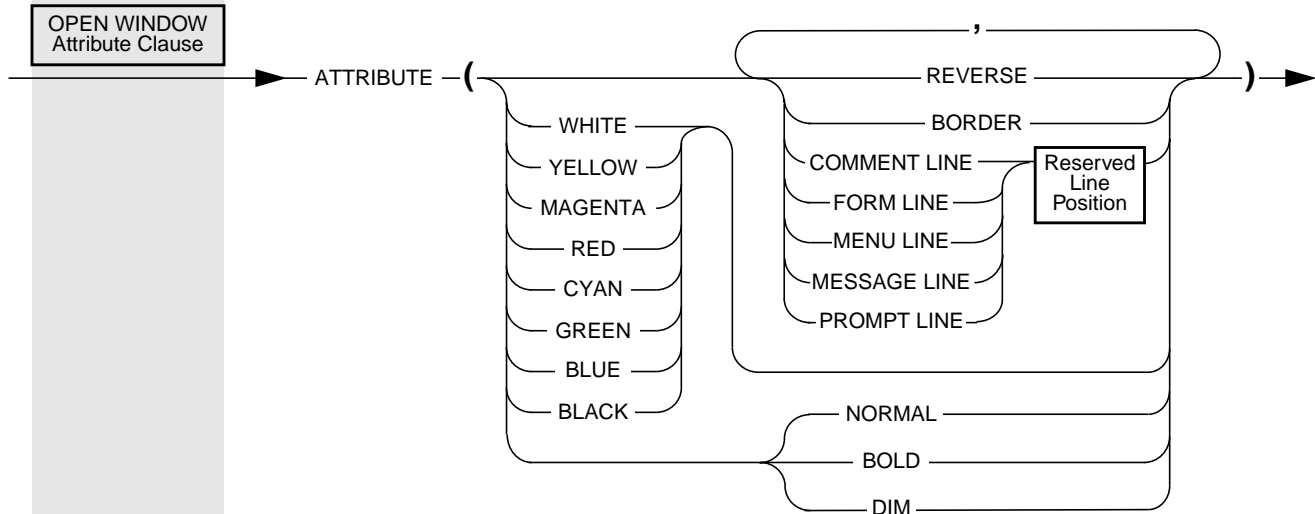
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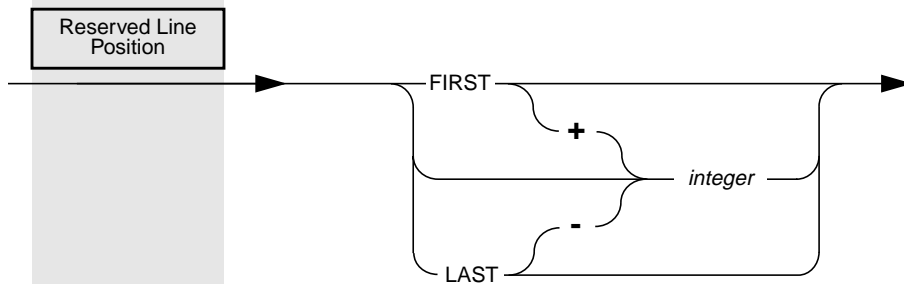
Keys

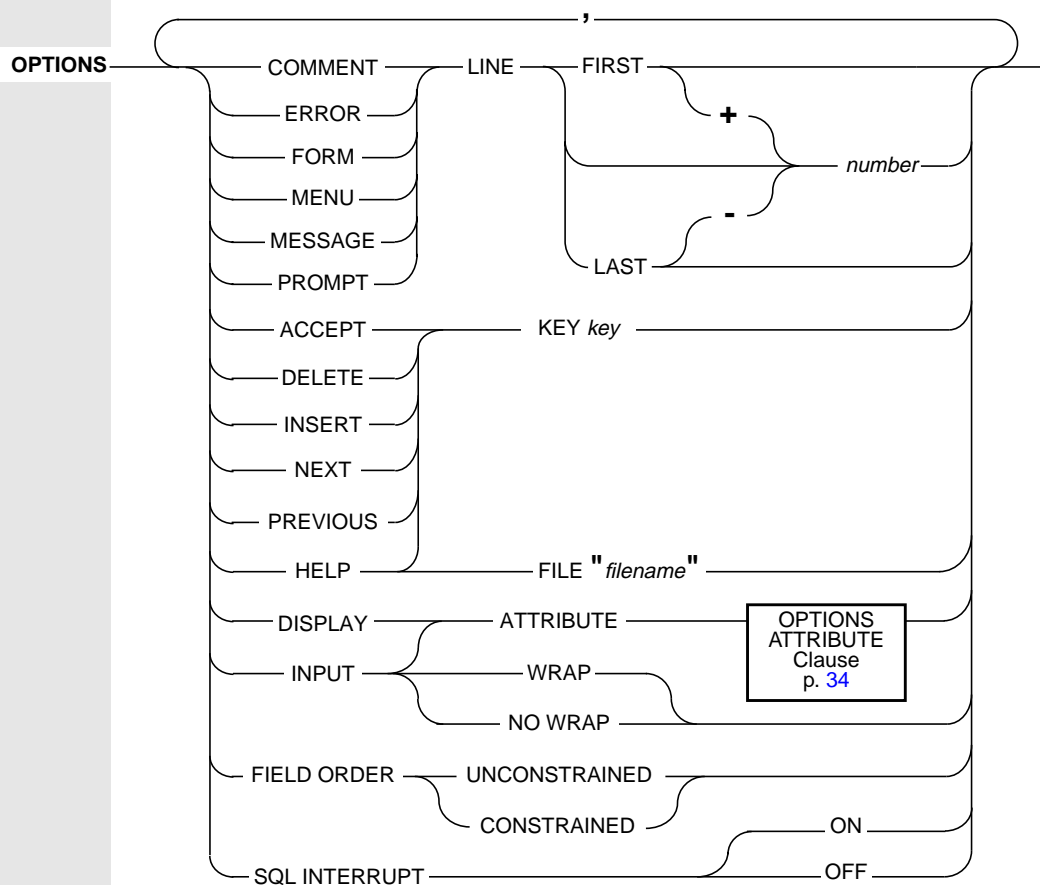
**Attribute**

color
 REVERSE
 BORDER
 PROMPT LINE *line value*
 MESSAGE LINE *line value*
 MENU LINE *line value*
 FORM LINE *line value*
 COMMENT LINE *line value*

Default Setting

Default foreground color on your terminal
 No reverse video
 No border
 FIRST (=1)
 FIRST + 1 (=2)
 FIRST (=1)
 FIRST + 2 (=3)
 LAST - 1 (*for the 4GL screen*)
 LAST (*for all other 4GL windows*)





Clause	Default
COMMENT	LAST - 1 for the 4GL screen
LINE	LAST for all other 4GL windows
ERROR LINE	LAST line of the 4GL screen
FORM LINE	FIRST + 2 or line 3 of the current 4GL window
MENU LINE	FIRST line of the 4GL window
MESSAGE LINE	FIRST + 1 or line 2 of the current 4GL window
PROMPT LINE	FIRST line of the 4GL window
ACCEPT KEY	ESCAPE
DELETE KEY	F2
INSERT KEY	F1
NEXT KEY	F3
PREVIOUS KEY	F4
HELP KEY	CONTROL-W
HELP FILE	None

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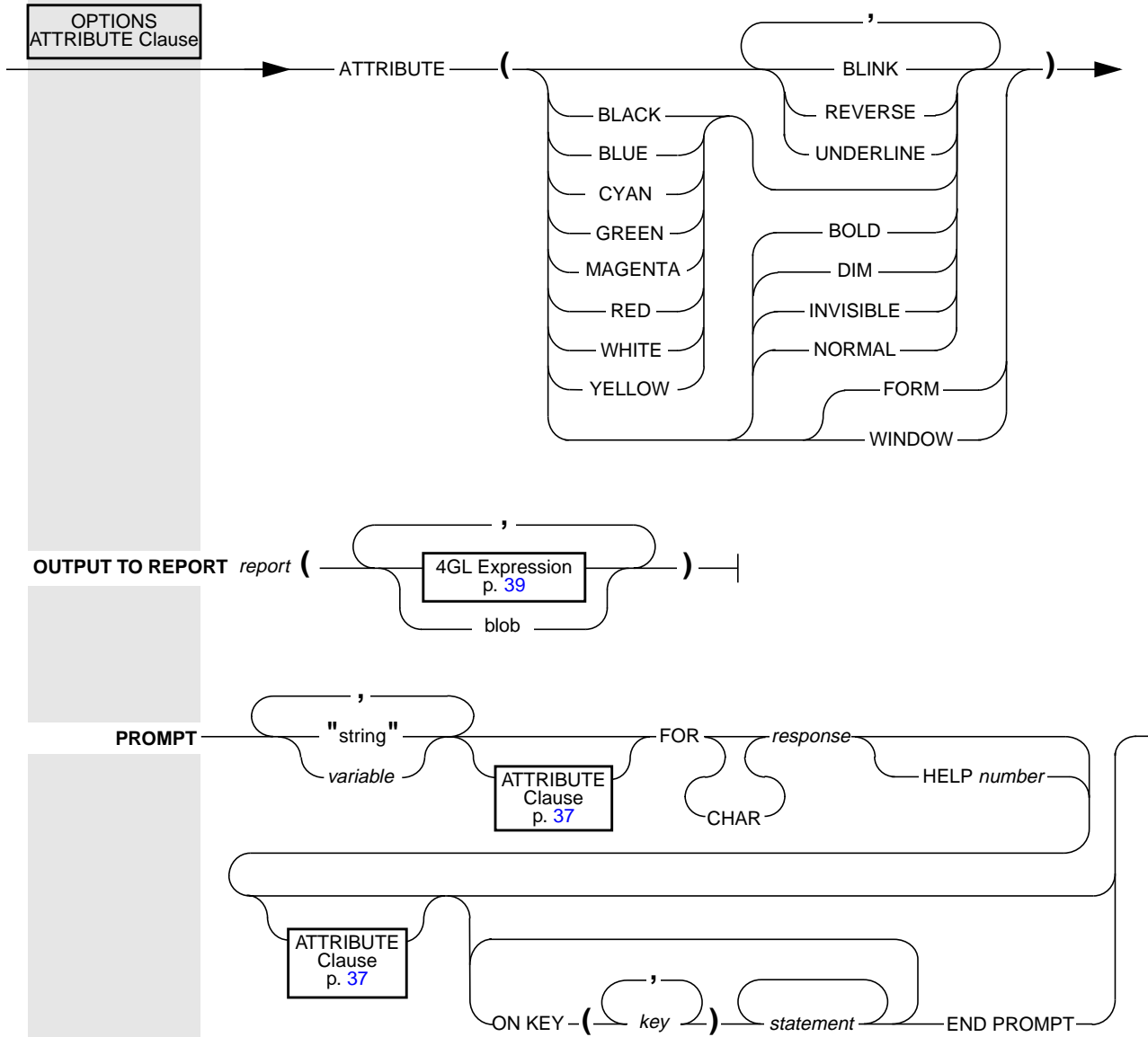
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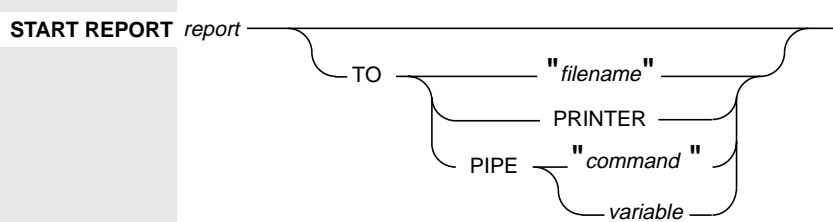
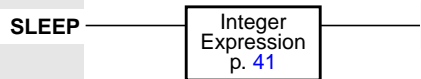
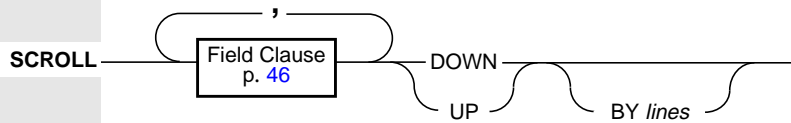
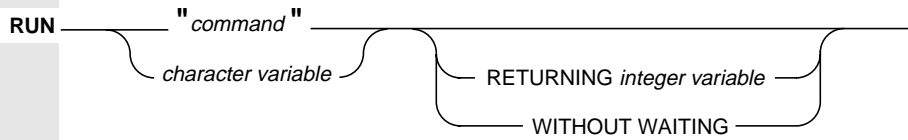
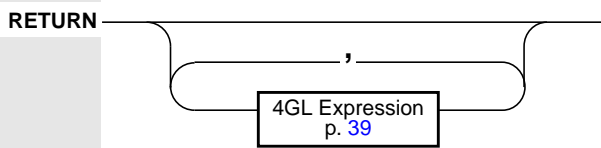
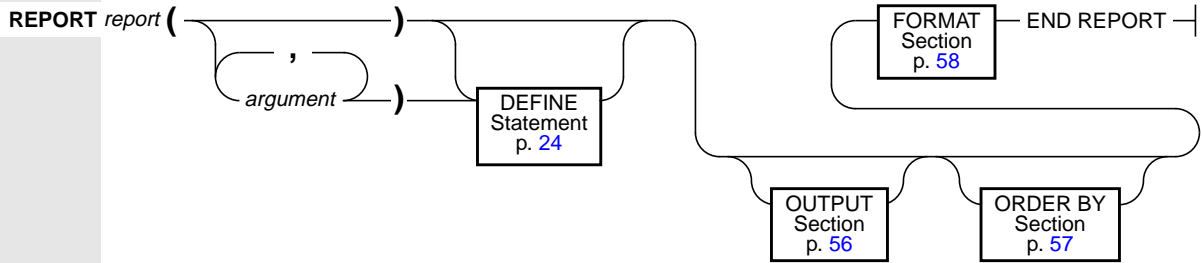
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For values for *key*, see [p. 28](#).



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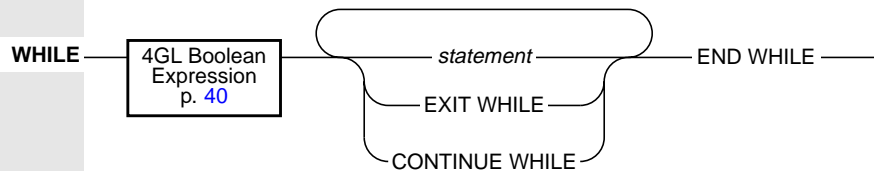
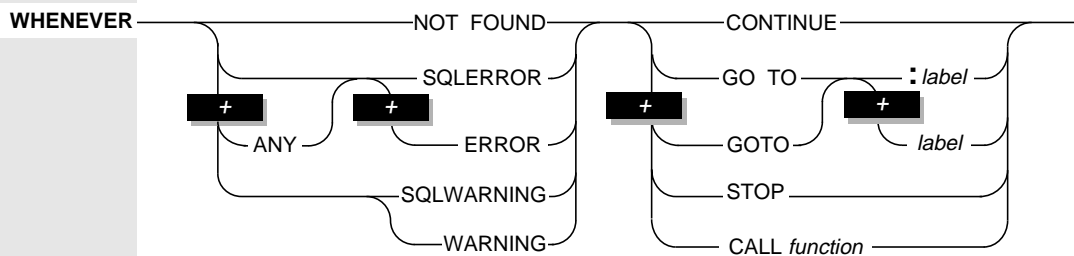
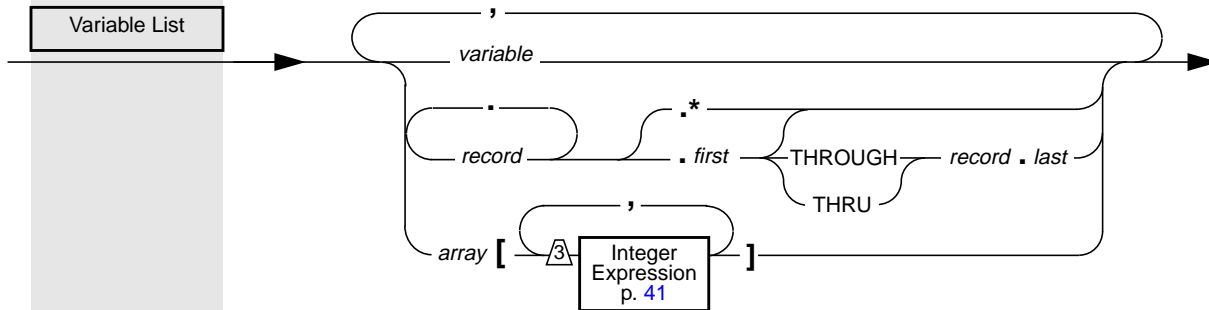
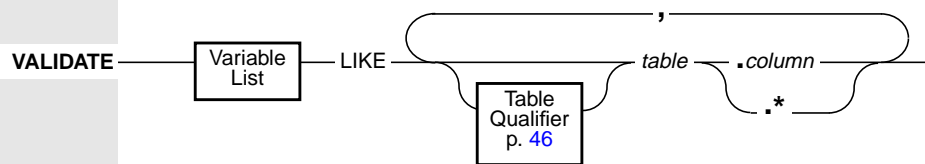
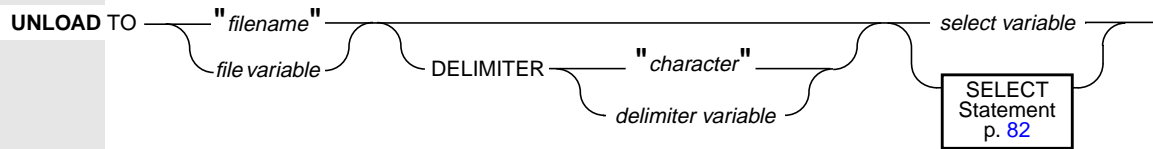
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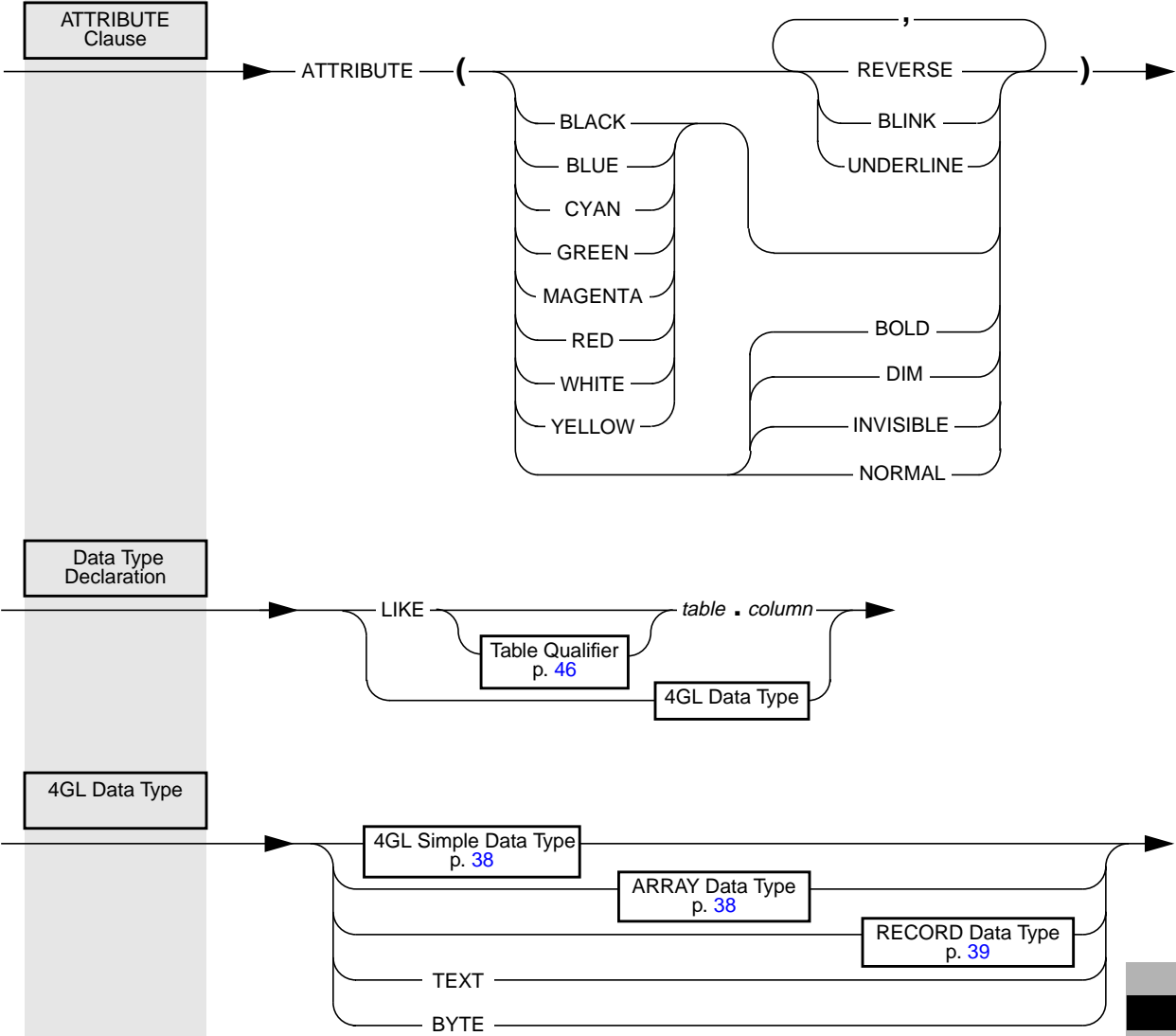
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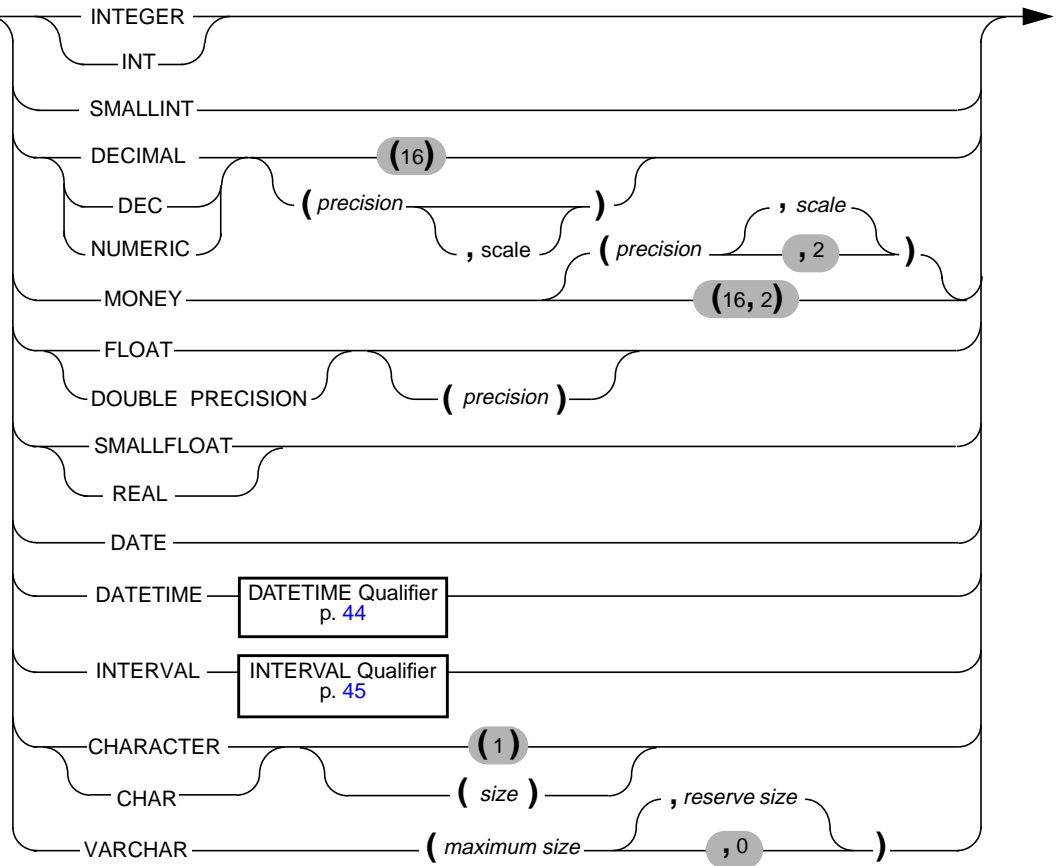
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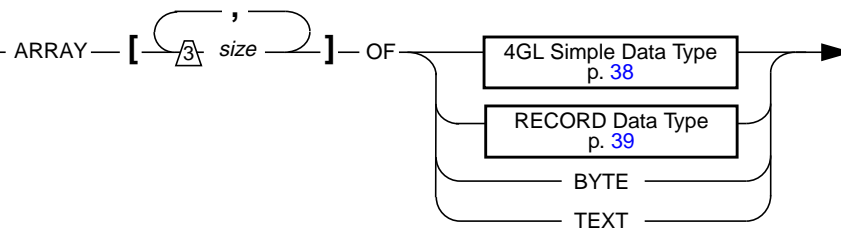
Variables

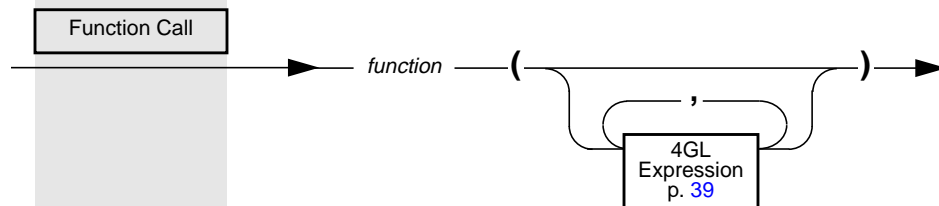
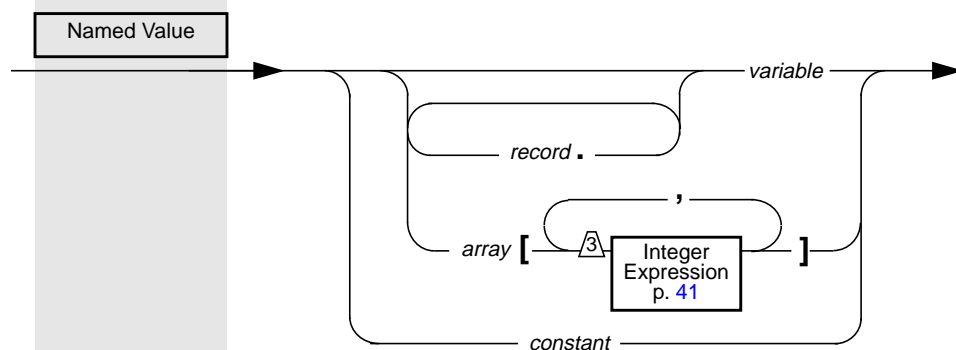
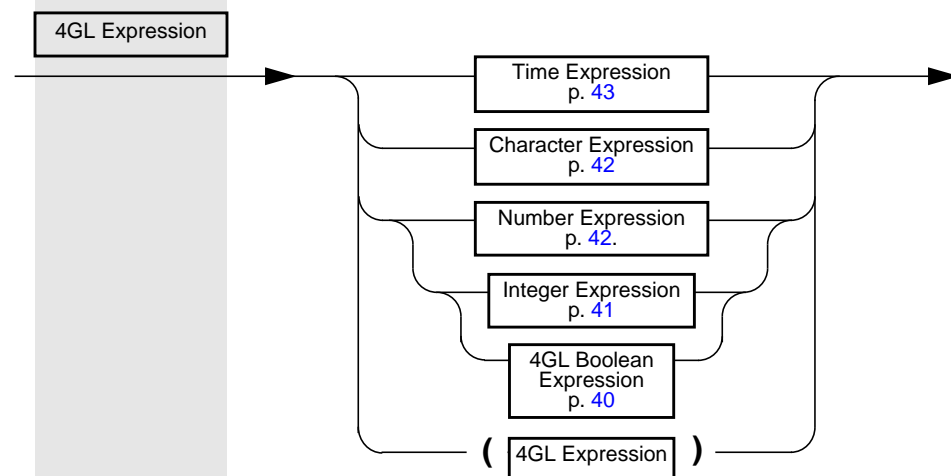
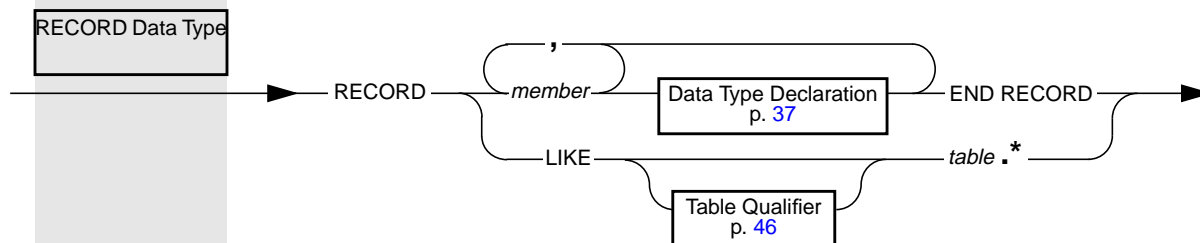
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Array Data Type





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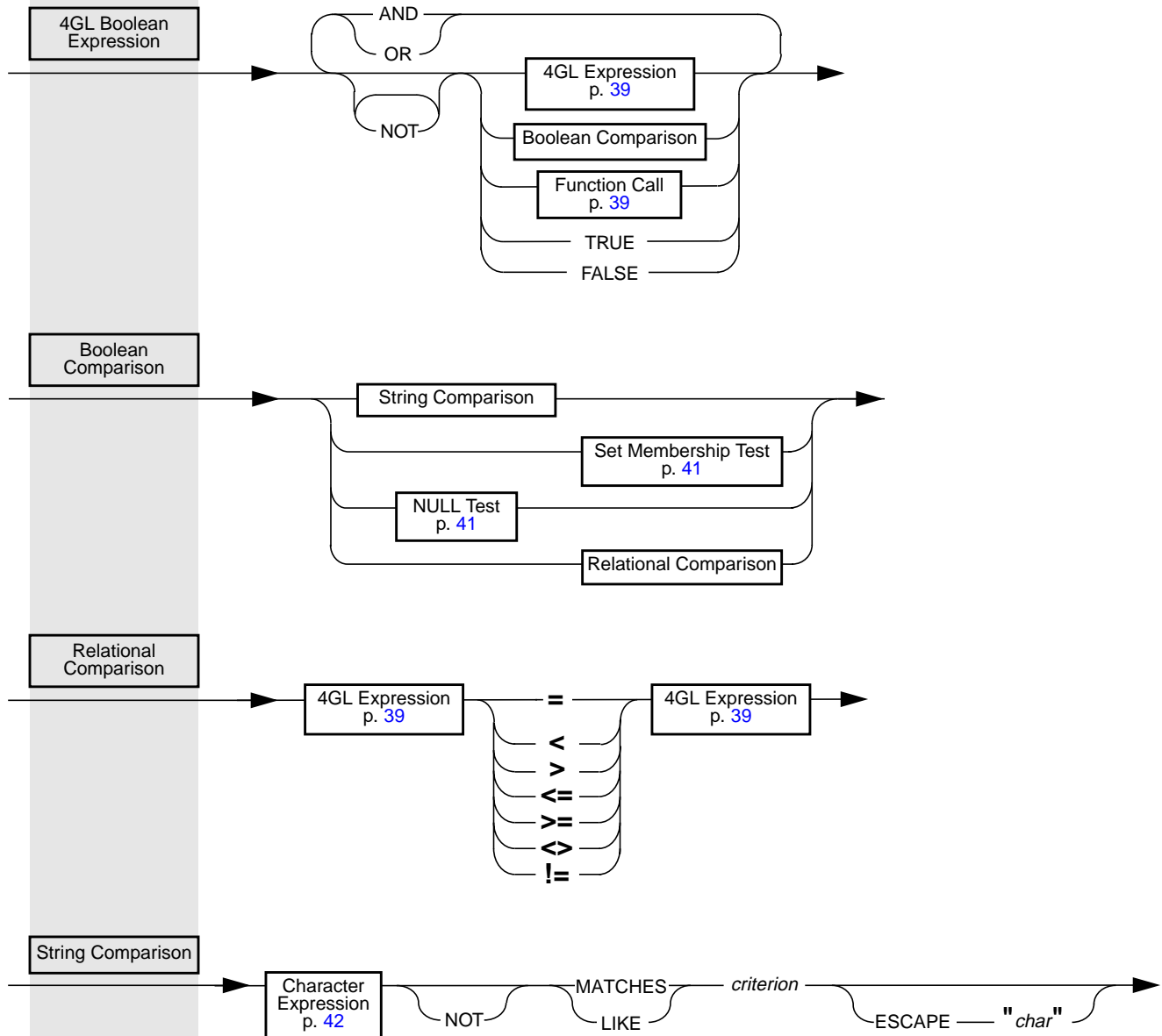
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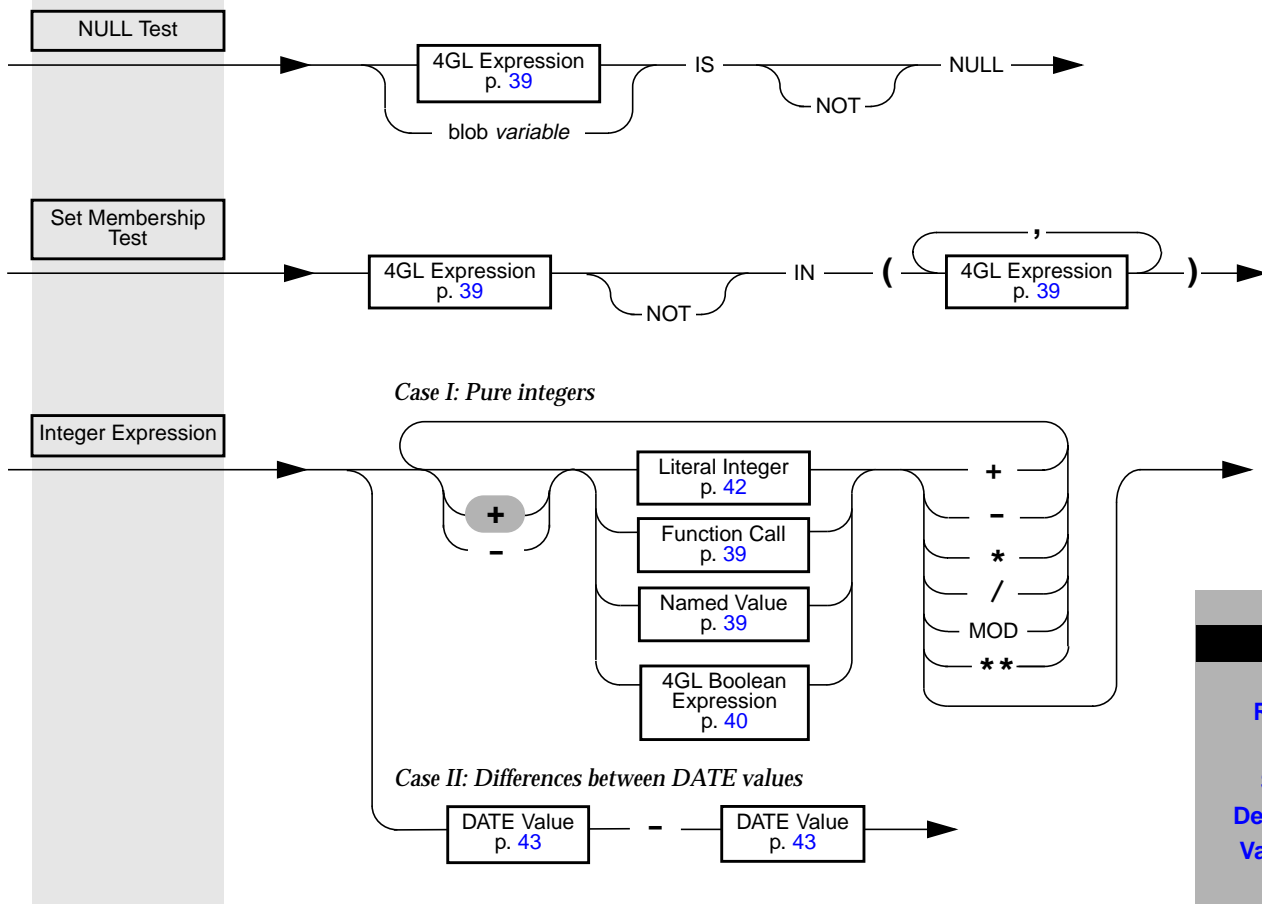


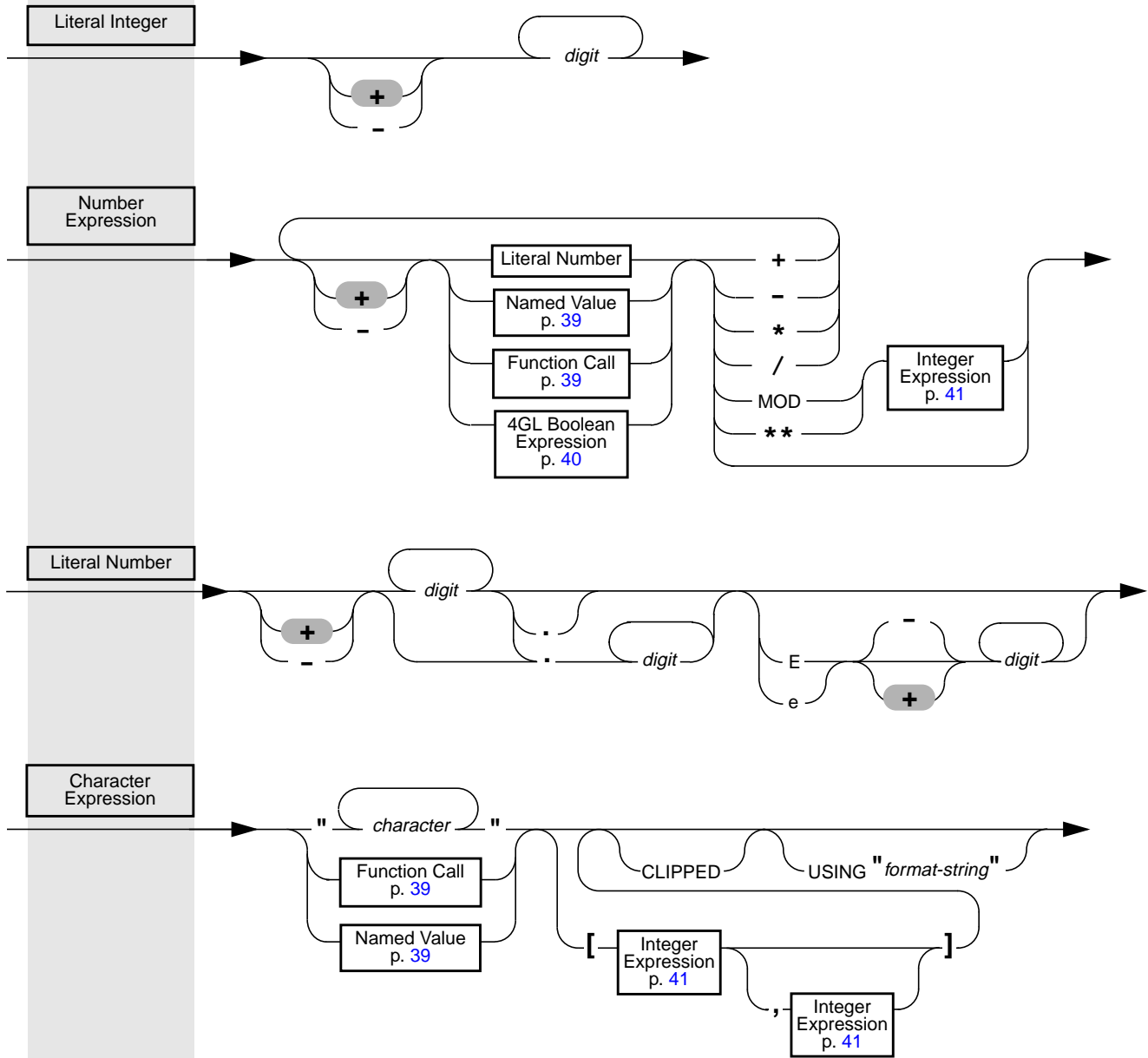
MATCHES

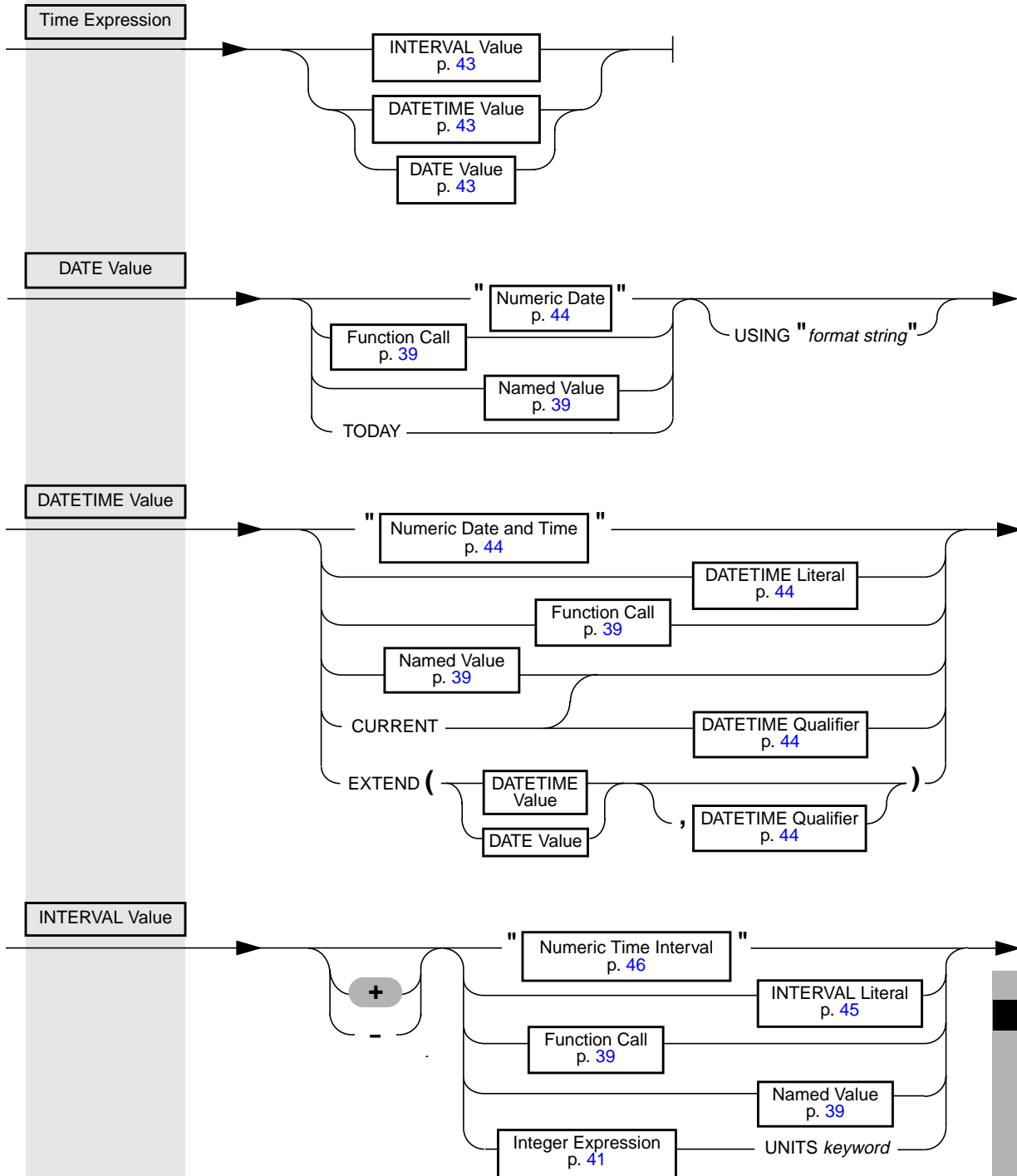
Wildcard	Effect
*	Matches a string of zero or more characters.
?	Matches any single character.
[]	Matches any of the enclosed characters.
-	Between characters in brackets means a range in the ASCII collating sequence.
^	As the first character in the brackets, matches any character that is not listed.
\	Treats the next character as a literal.

LIKE

Wildcard	Effect
%	Matches a string of zero or more characters.
_	Matches any single character.
\	Treats the next character as a literal.







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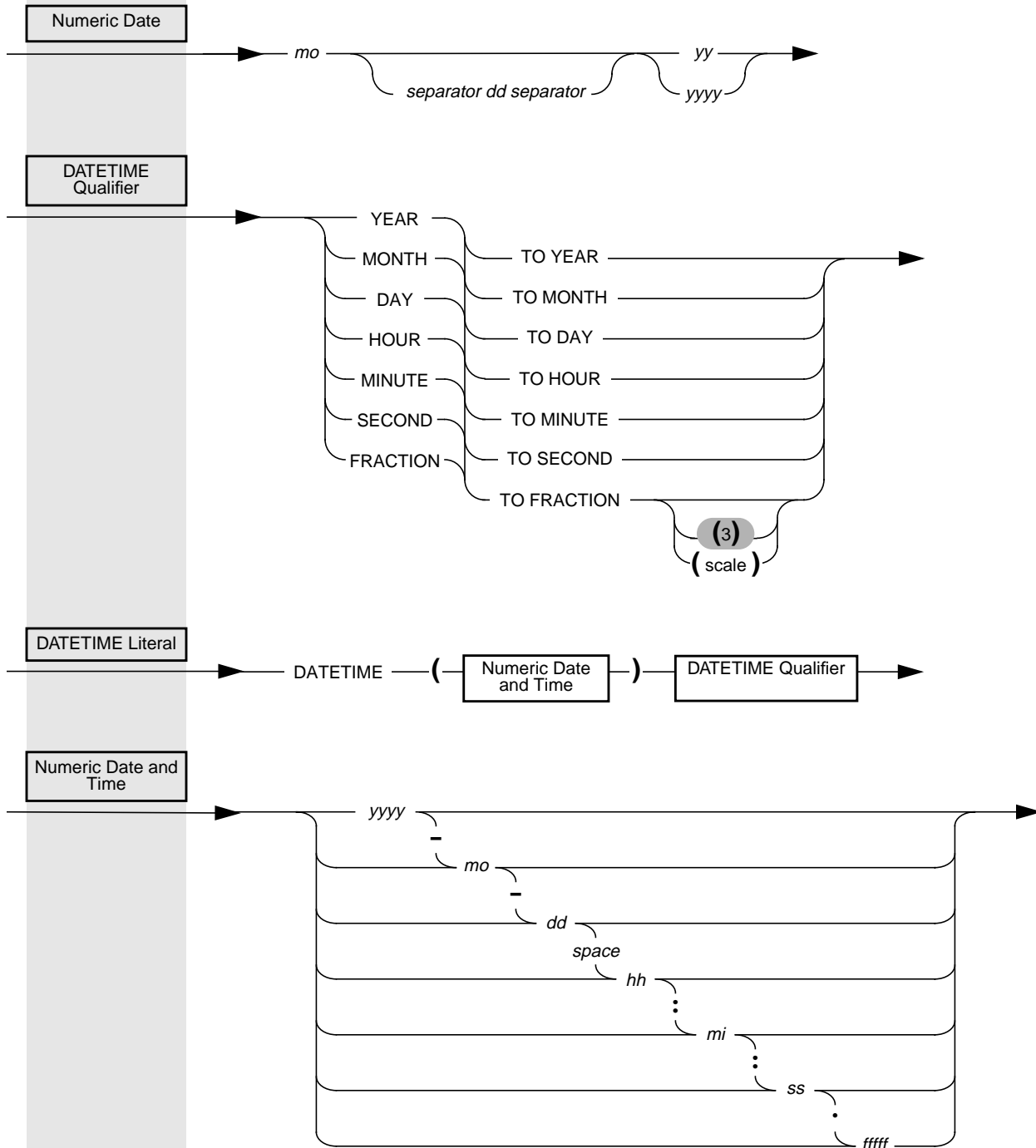
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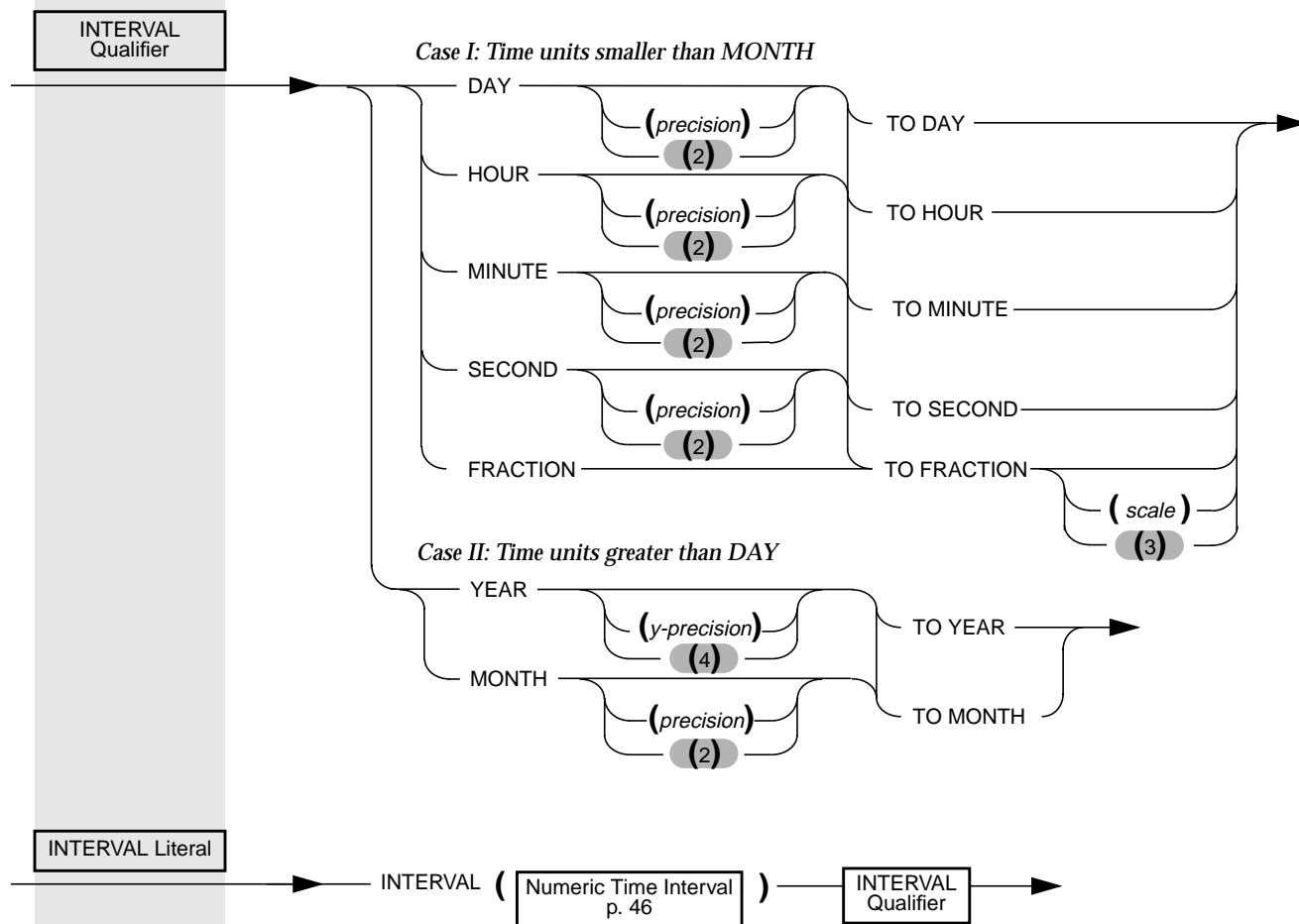
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Numeric Time Interval

*Case I: Time units smaller than MONTH**dd**space**hh**mi**ss**ffff**Case II: Time units greater than DAY**yyyy**mo*

Field Clause

*table reference**screen record**screen array**[line]**[1]*

FORMONLY

*field****THRU
Notation

Table Qualifier

OL*database**@server**owner.**"owner."*

THRU Notation

first

THROUGH

same.last

THRU

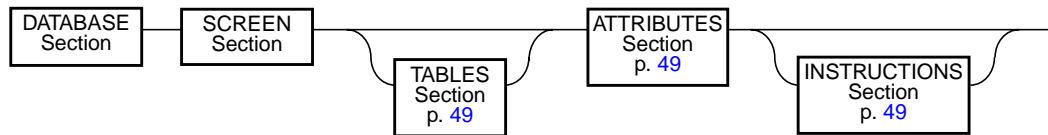
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Form Specification Syntax



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Section

DATABASE

FORMONLY

DATABASE Section
Database Reference

WITHOUT NULL INPUT

DATABASE Section
Database Reference

database

OL

database @ server

"/server/database"

SE

"/pathname/database @ server"

"/server/pathname/database"

SCREEN
Section

SCREEN

SIZE *lines*

BY *characters*

{ Screen Layout }

END

Screen Layout

[- *field-tag* -]

[- *field-tag* | - *field-tag* -]

character

TABLES
Section

TABLES

alias =Table Qualifier
p. 46*table*

END

ATTRIBUTES
Section

ATTRIBUTES

field-tag =

Field Description

;

END

Field Description

FORMONLY. *field name*

TYPE

LIKE

table.*column**data-type*

NOT NULL

,

Attributes
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INSTRUCTIONS

SCREEN RECORD

*record**array* [*size*]Field List
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END

DELIMITERS — " *opening-delimiter closing-delimiter* "Basics
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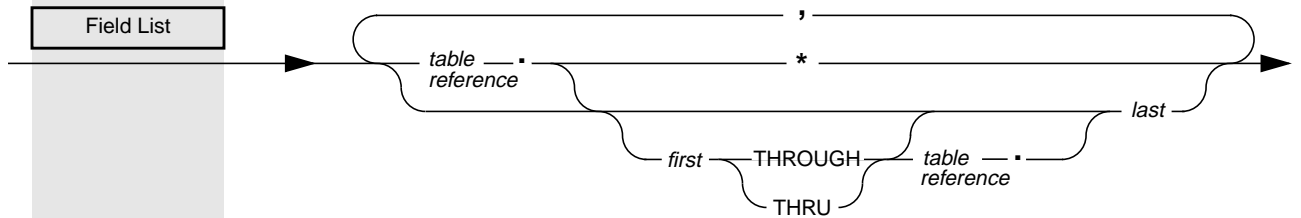
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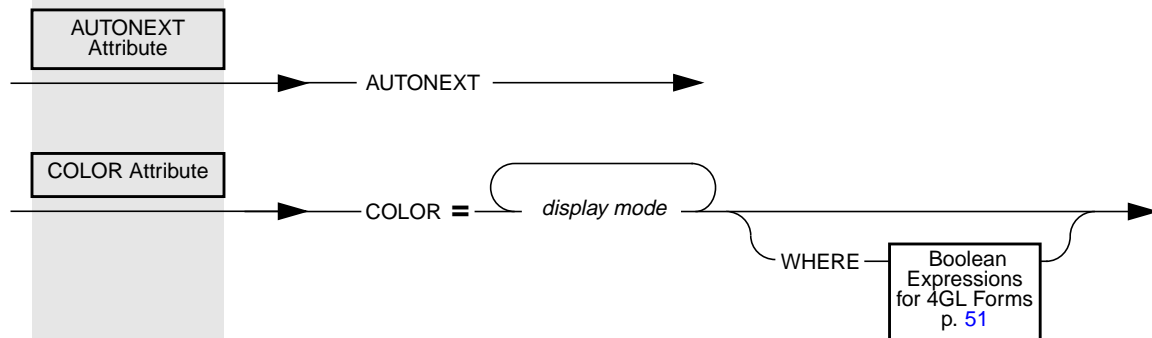
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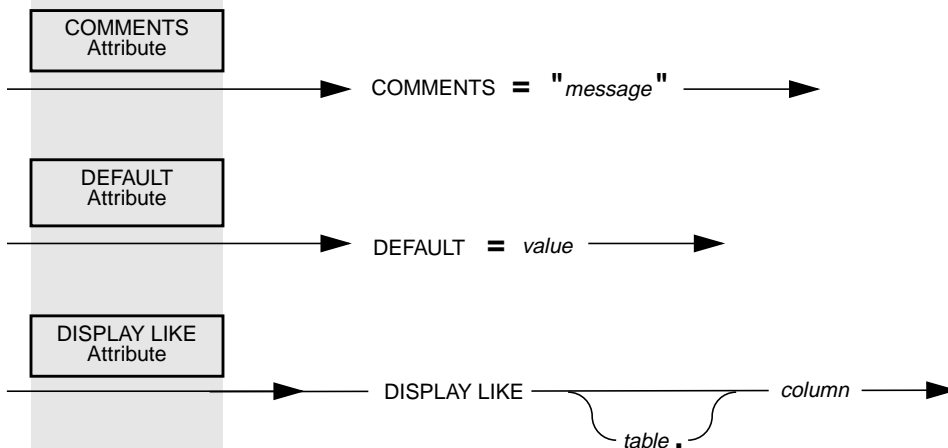
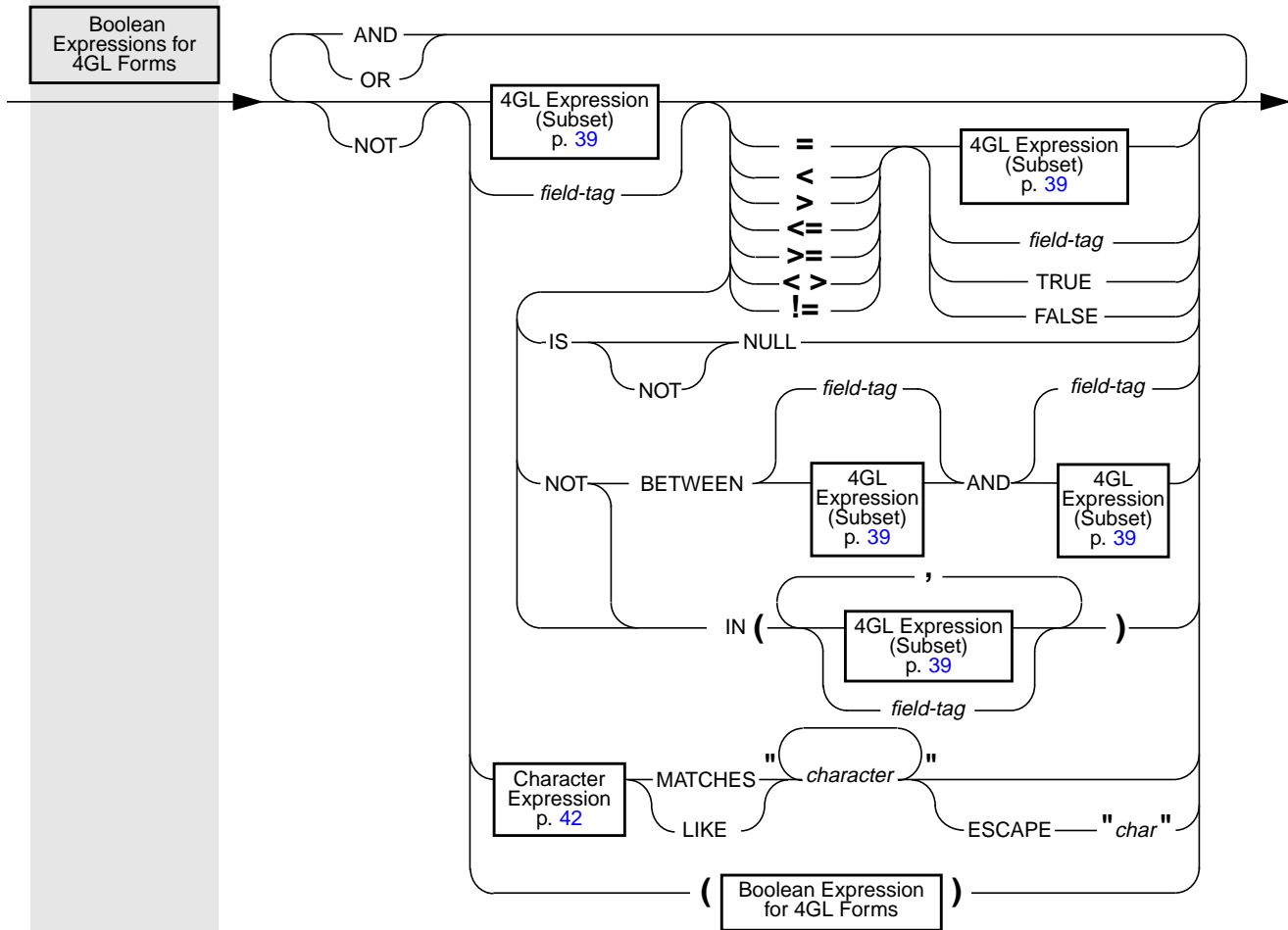
Values for *display mode* consists of zero or one *color* and zero or more *intensities*:

Color Keywords

BLACK	MAGENTA
BLUE	RED
CYAN	WHITE
GREEN	YELLOW

Intensity Keywords

REVERSE
LEFT
BLINK
UNDERLINE



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DOWNSHIFT
Attribute

DOWNSHIFT →

FORMAT
Attribute

FORMAT = "format-string" →

For DATE data types, *format-string* consists of:

**Special
Characters****Meaning**

mm	2-digit representation of the month
mmm	3-letter abbreviation of the month
dd	2-digit representation of the day of the month
ddd	3-letter abbreviation of the day of the week
yy	2-digit representation of the year, discarding the leading digits
yyyy	4-digit representation of the year

All other characters are literals.

For DECIMAL, SMALLFLOAT, or FLOAT data types, *format-string* consists of pound signs (#) to represent digits and a decimal point. If you are using NLS, the period is a placeholder for the decimal separator and the comma is a placeholder for the thousands separator.

INCLUDE Attribute

INCLUDE = (value ,)
 TO value
 NULL

INVISIBLE Attribute

INVISIBLE →

NOENTRY Attribute

NOENTRY →

PICTURE Attribute

PICTURE = "format-string" →

A *format-string* can include these three special symbols:

Symbol	Meaning
A	Any letter
#	Any digit
X	Any character

PROGRAM Attribute

PROGRAM = "command" →

REQUIRED Attribute

REQUIRED →

REVERSE Attribute

REVERSE →

UPSHIFT Attribute

UPSHIFT →

VALIDATE LIKE Attribute

VALIDATE LIKE table . column →

VERIFY Attribute

VERIFY →

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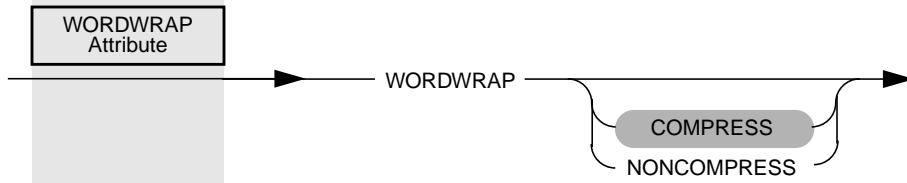
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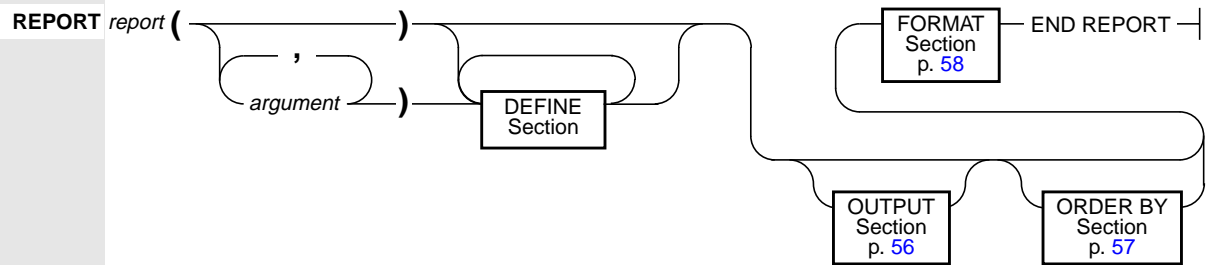
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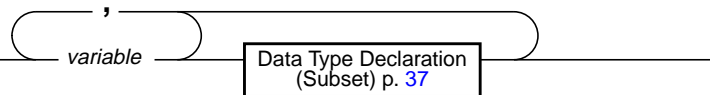
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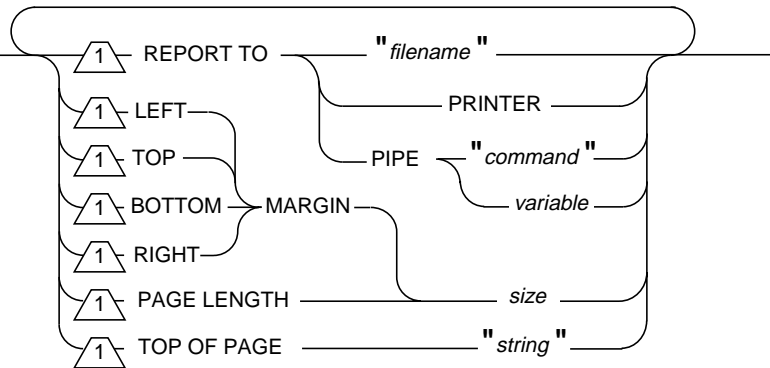
DEFINE Section

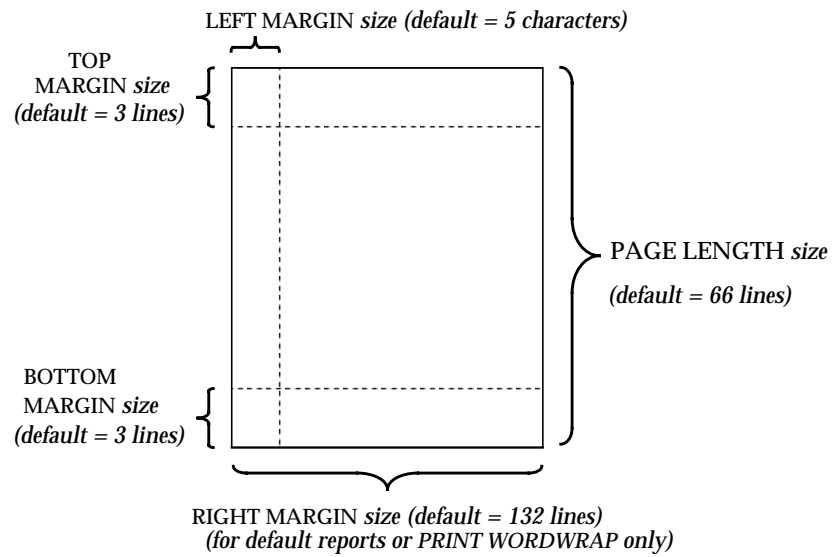
DEFINE



OUTPUT Section

OUTPUT



**ORDER BY**
Section**ORDER**

EXTERNAL

BY

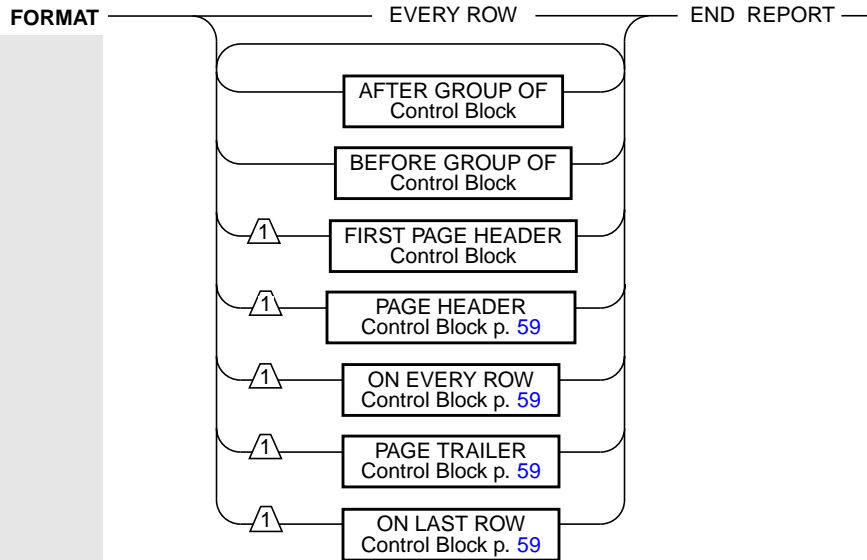
argument

ASC

DESC

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FORMAT
Section



Following is the execution sequence of report control blocks.

```

BEFORE GROUP OF a      {1}
  BEFORE GROUP OF b    {2}
    BEFORE GROUP OF c  {3}
      ON EVERY ROW     {4}
        AFTER GROUP OF c {3}
          AFTER GROUP OF b {2}
            AFTER GROUP OF a {1}

```

AFTER GROUP OF
Control Block

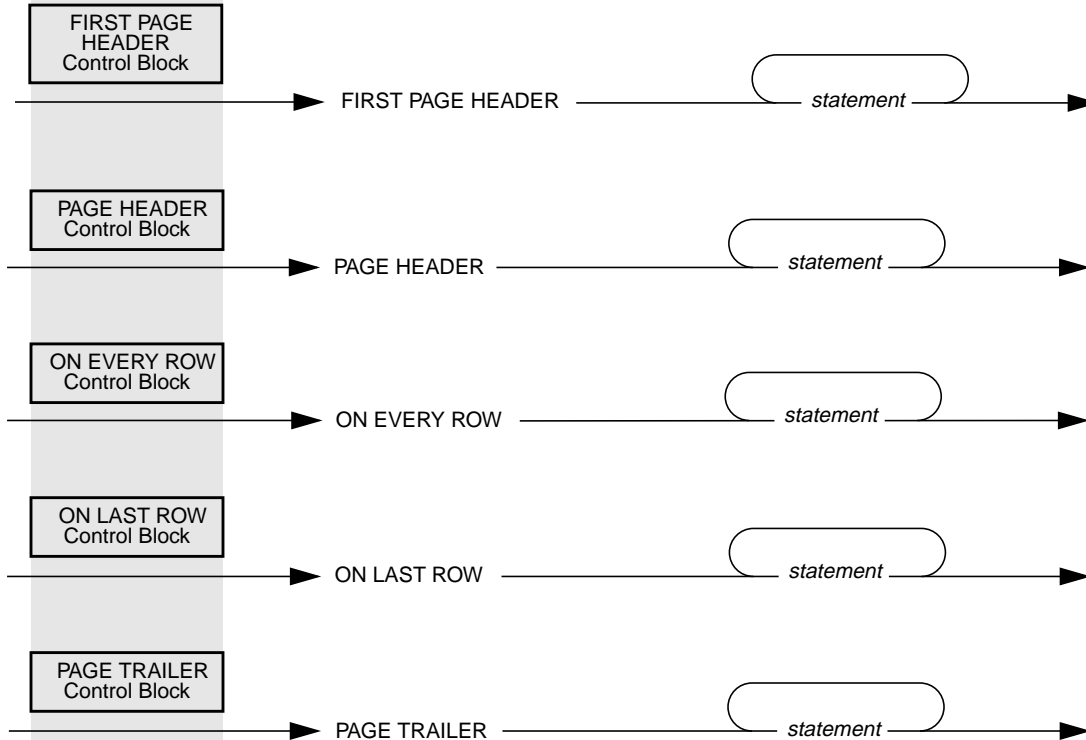
AFTER GROUP OF *variable*

statement

BEFORE GROUP
OF
Control Block

BEFORE GROUP OF *variable*

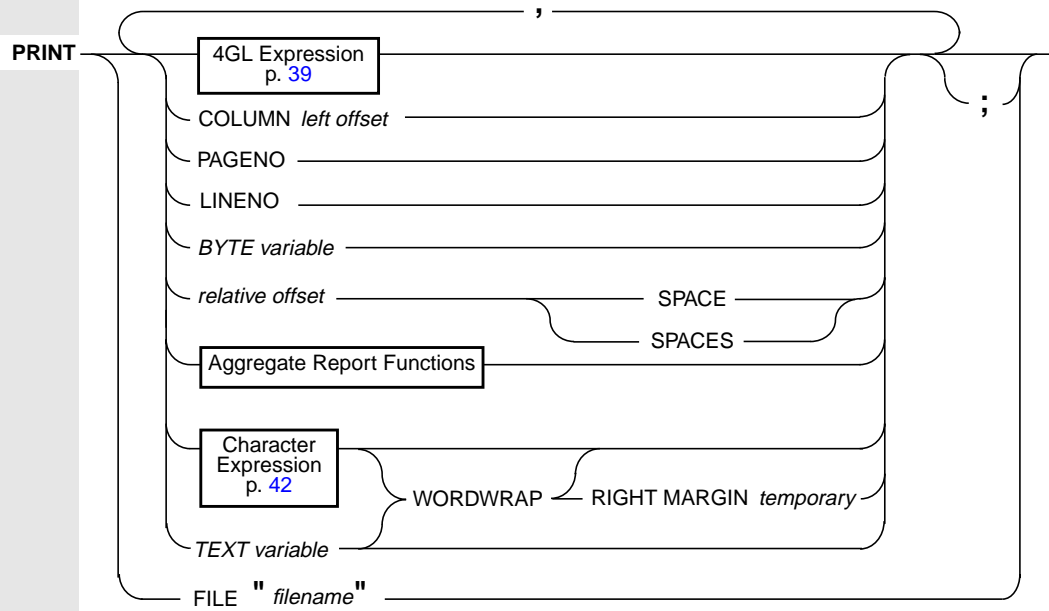
statement



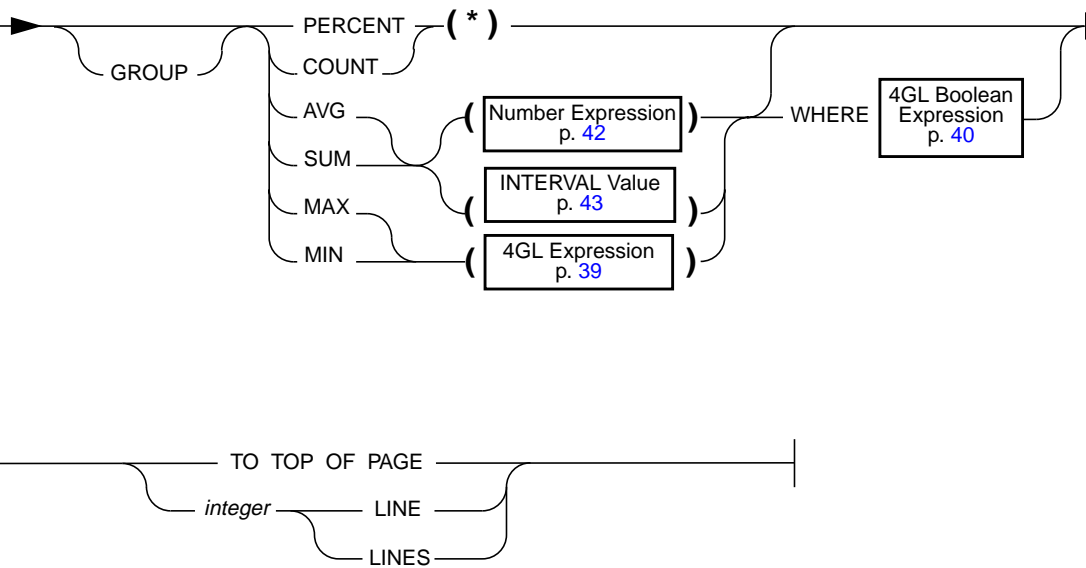
Report Execution Statements

NEED *lines* LINES —————|

PAUSE —————|
 "string"



Aggregate Report Functions



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integer

LINE

LINES

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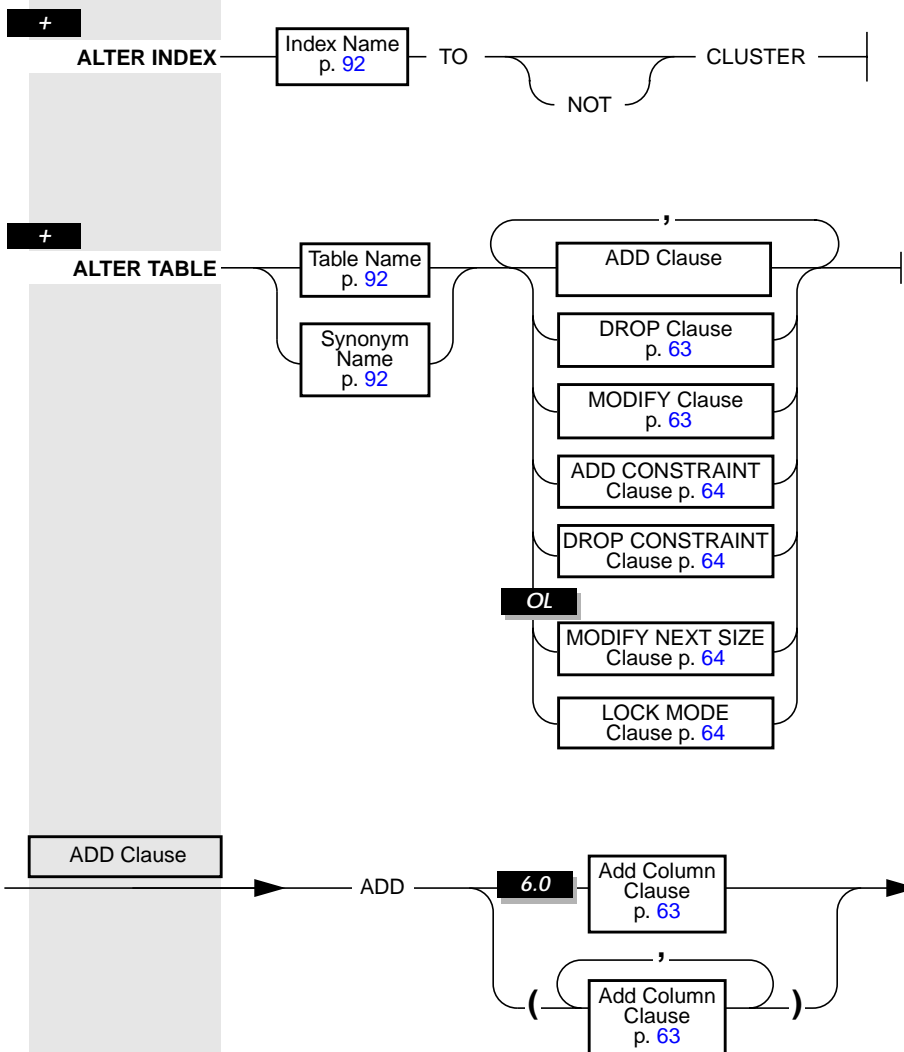
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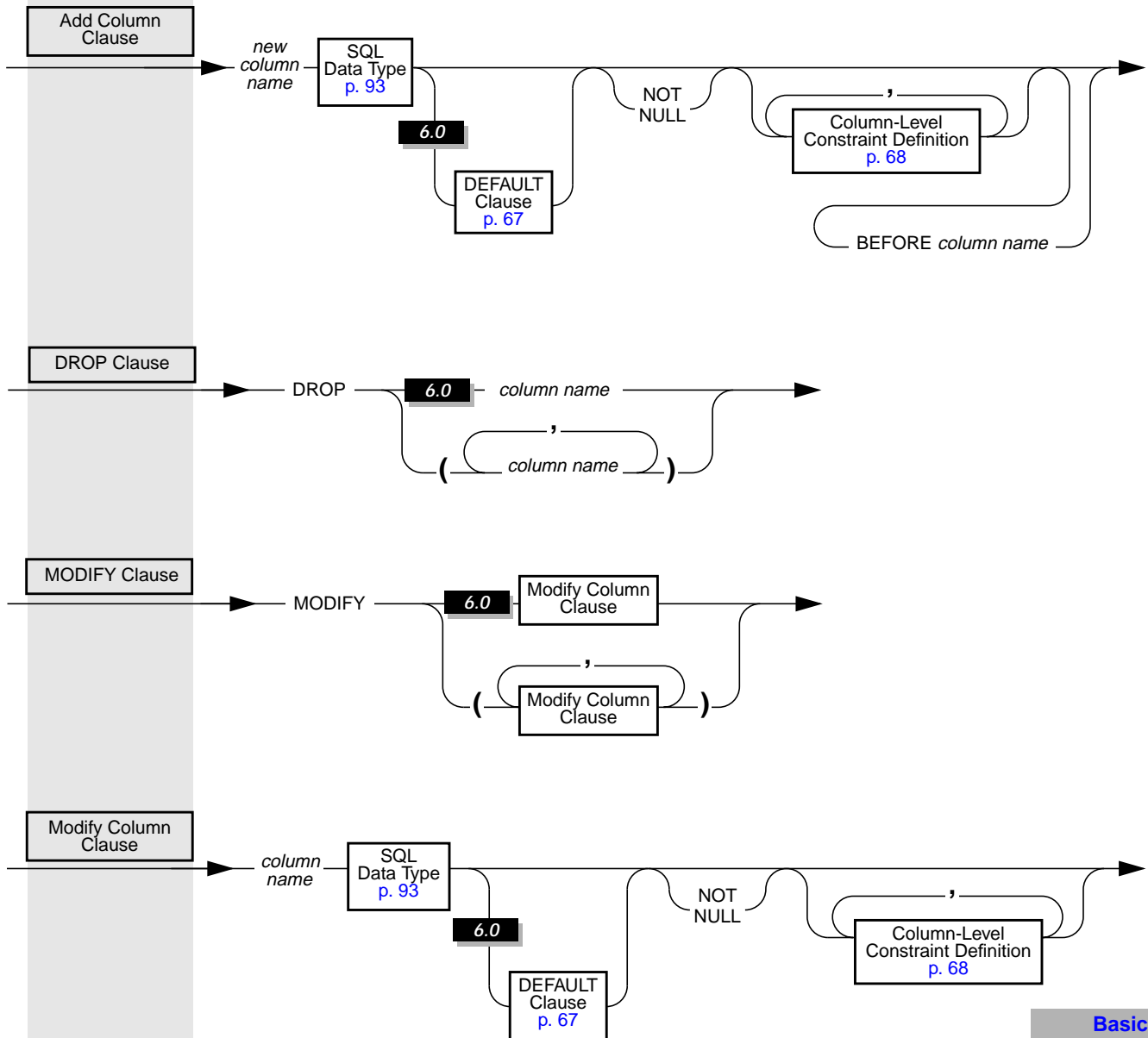
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The **4GL** source compiler does not recognize SQL statements identified in this Guide by the **6.0** icon nor SQL statements containing a clause identified by the **6.0** icon. To compile **4GL** source code containing such statements, you must do the following:

1. Store the 6.0 SQL statement as a character string.
2. Set up the statement for execution by means of the PREPARE statement (see p. 79).
3. Process the statement by means of the EXECUTE statement (see p. 75).





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CONSTRAINT
Clause

ADD CONSTRAINT

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Constraint
Definition
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,

Constraint
Definition
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DROP
CONSTRAINT
Clause

DROP CONSTRAINT

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Constraint
Name
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,

Constraint
Name
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MODIFY
NEXT SIZE
Clause

MODIFY NEXT SIZE *kbytes*

LOCK MODE
Clause

LOCK MODE

PAGE

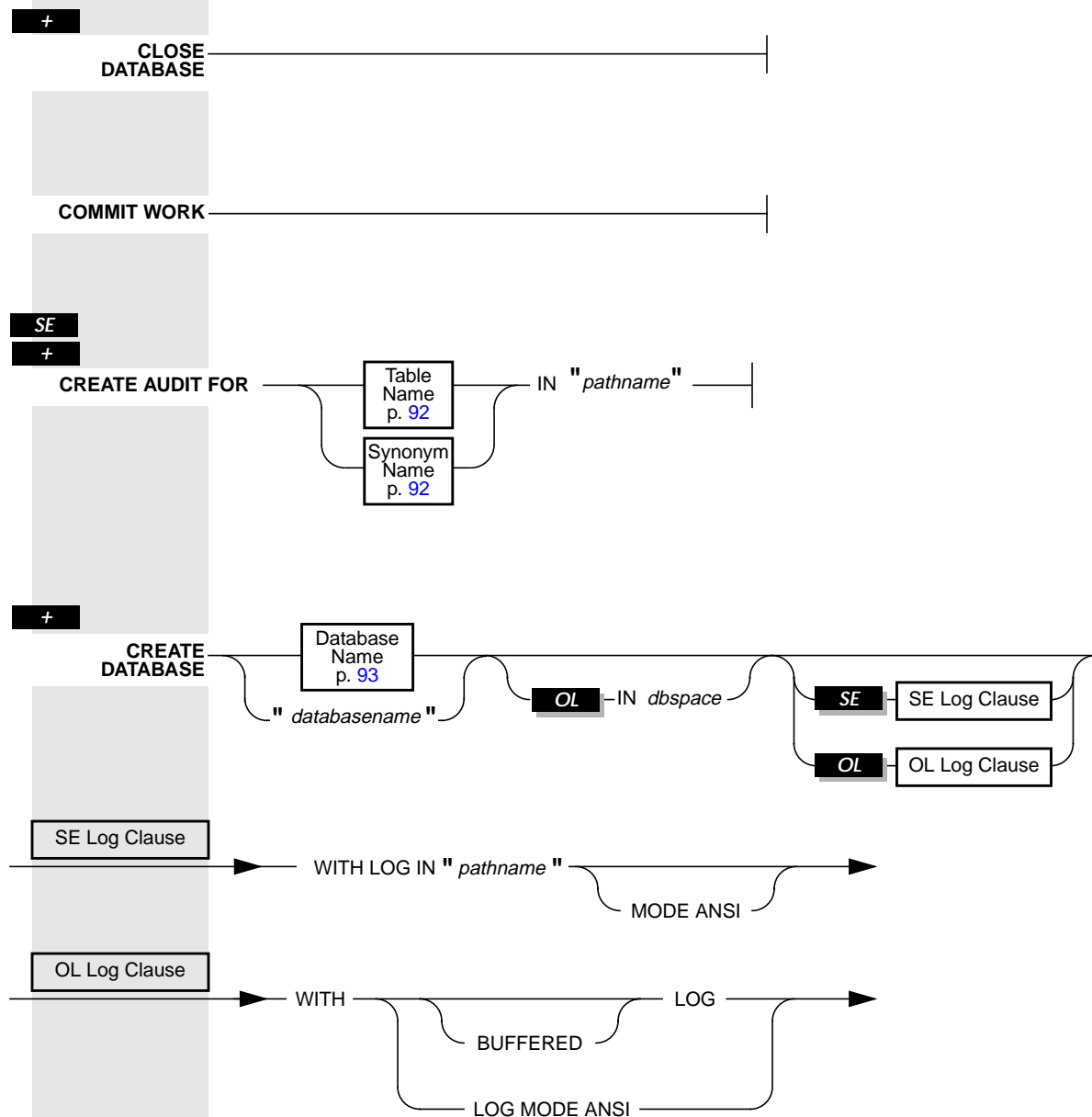
ROW

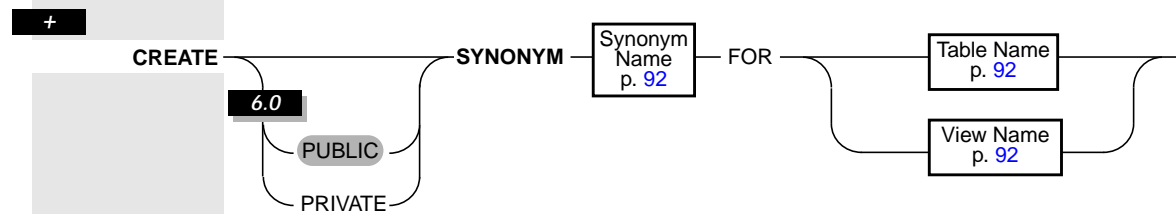
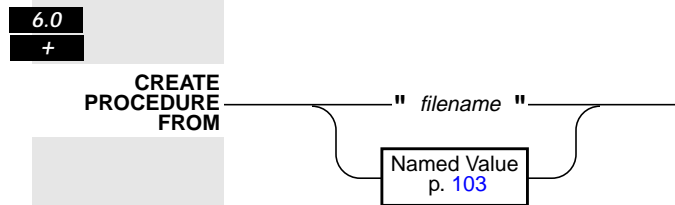
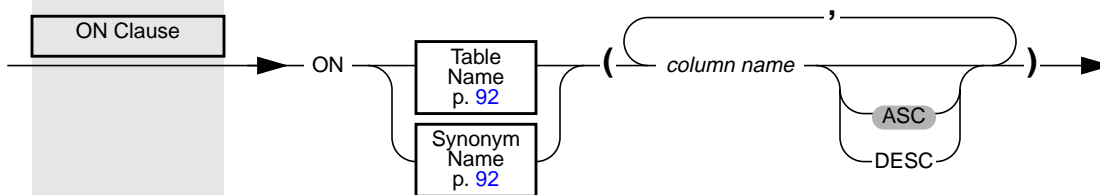
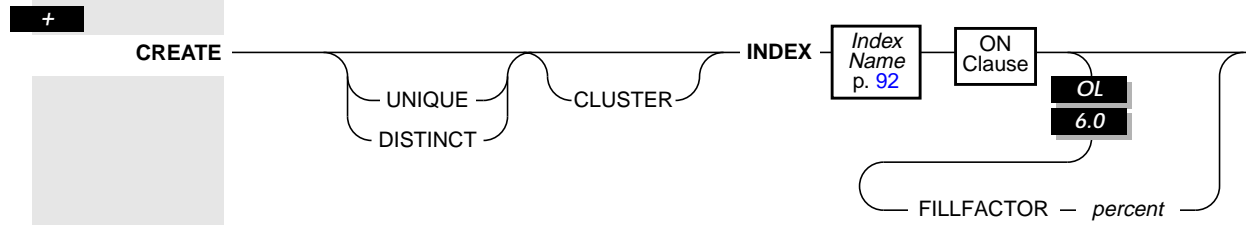
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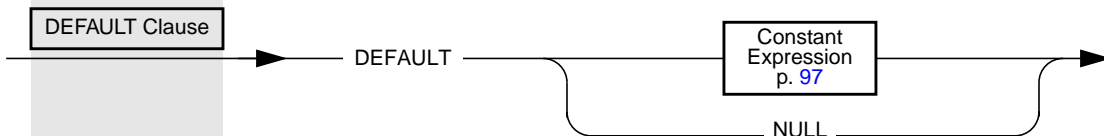
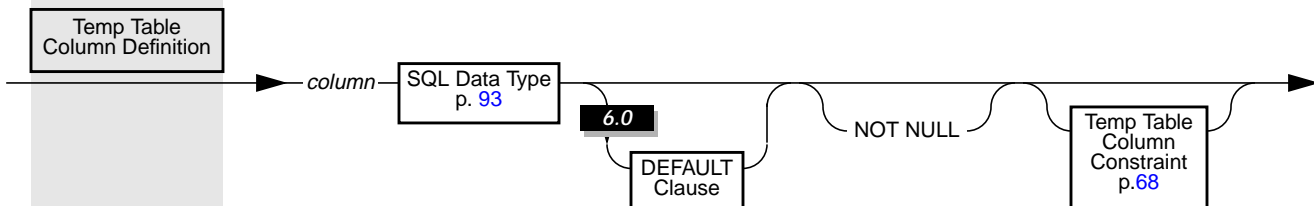
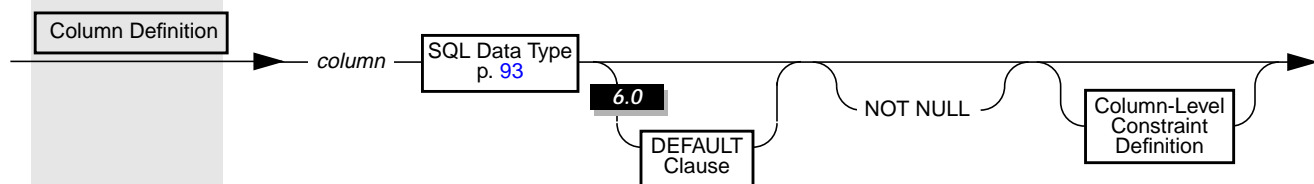
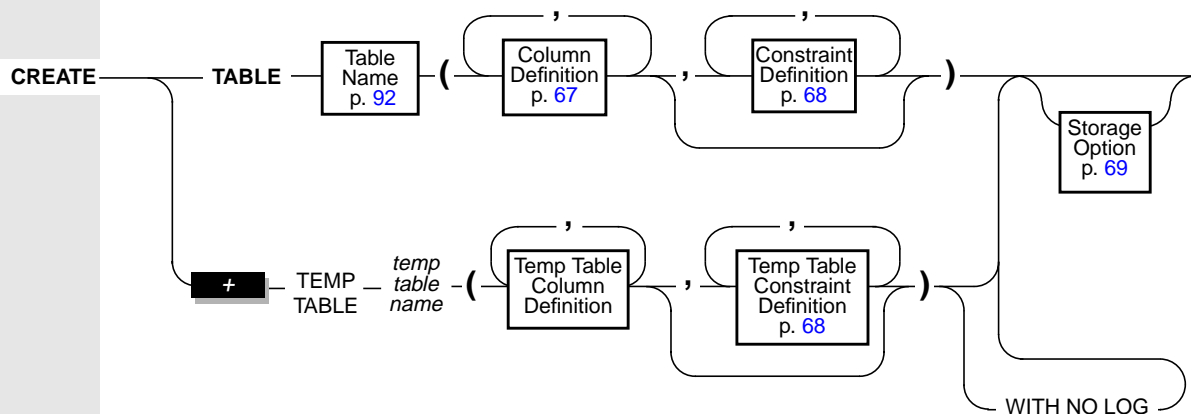
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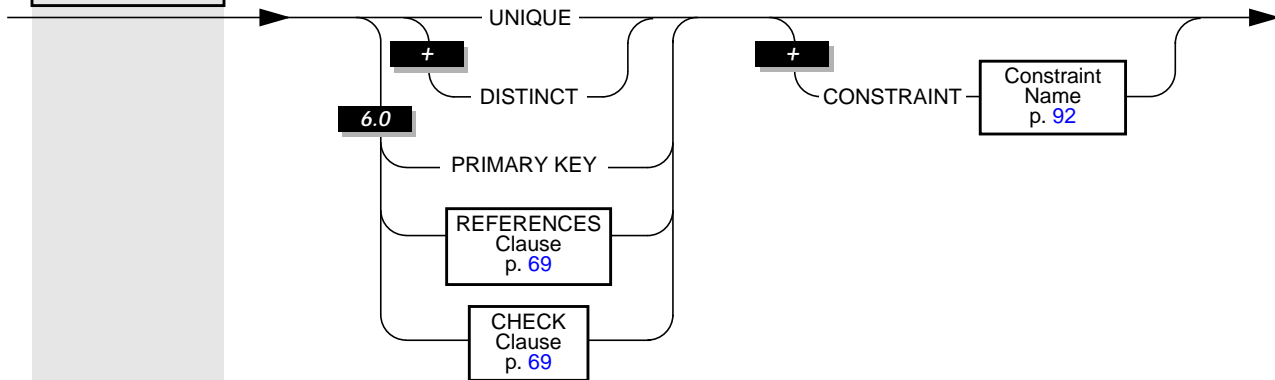
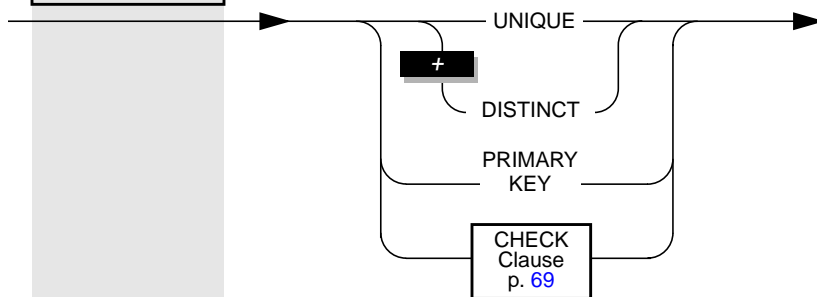
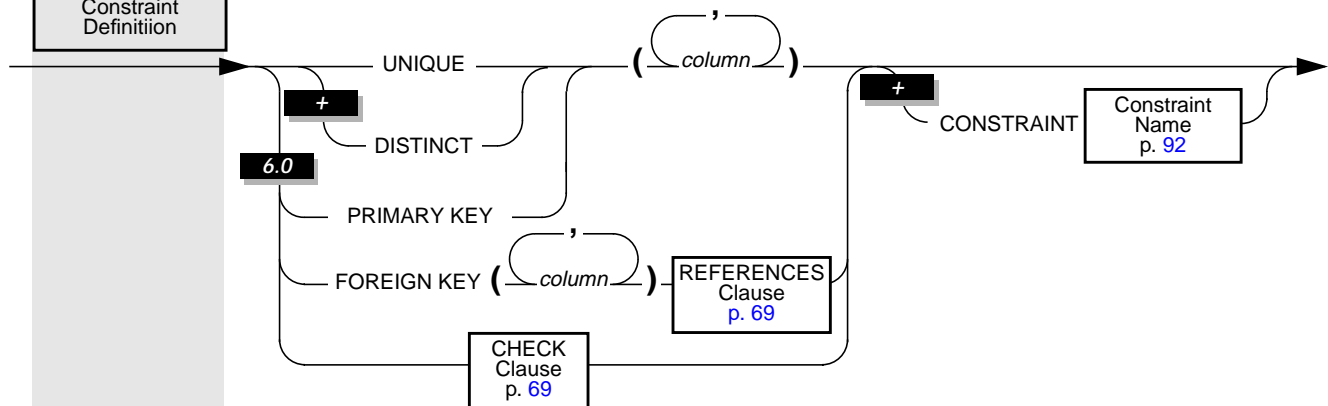
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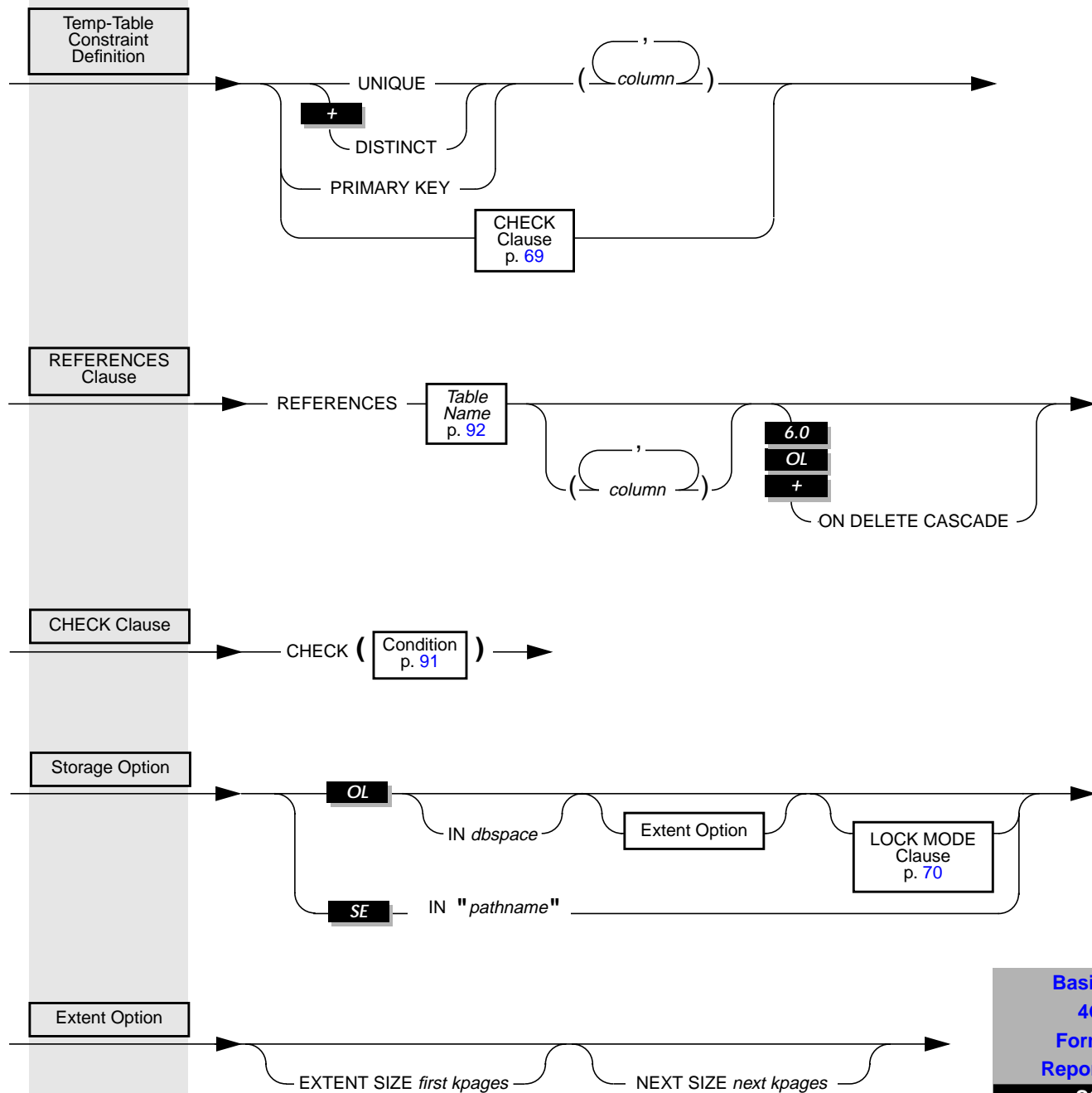
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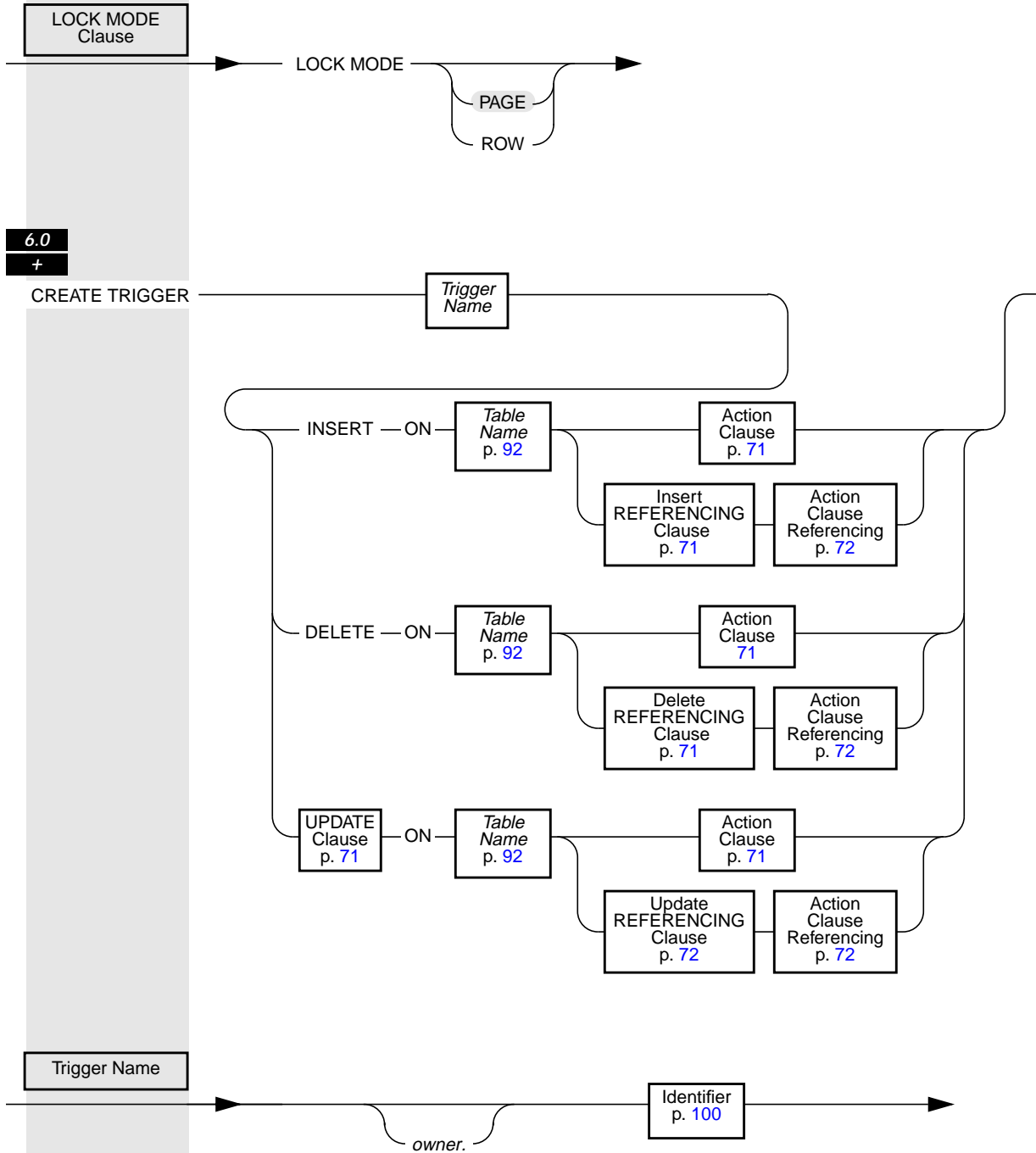


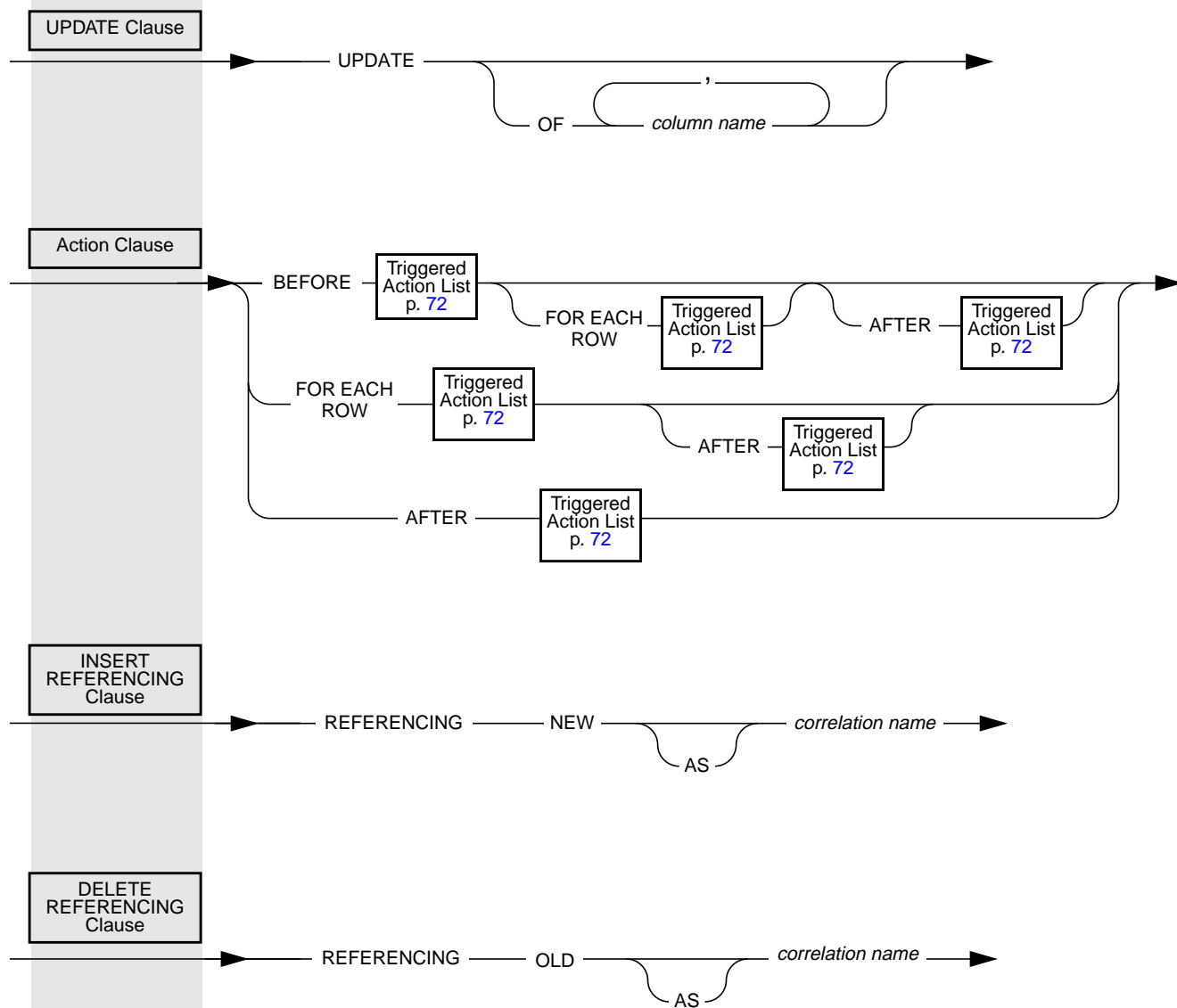


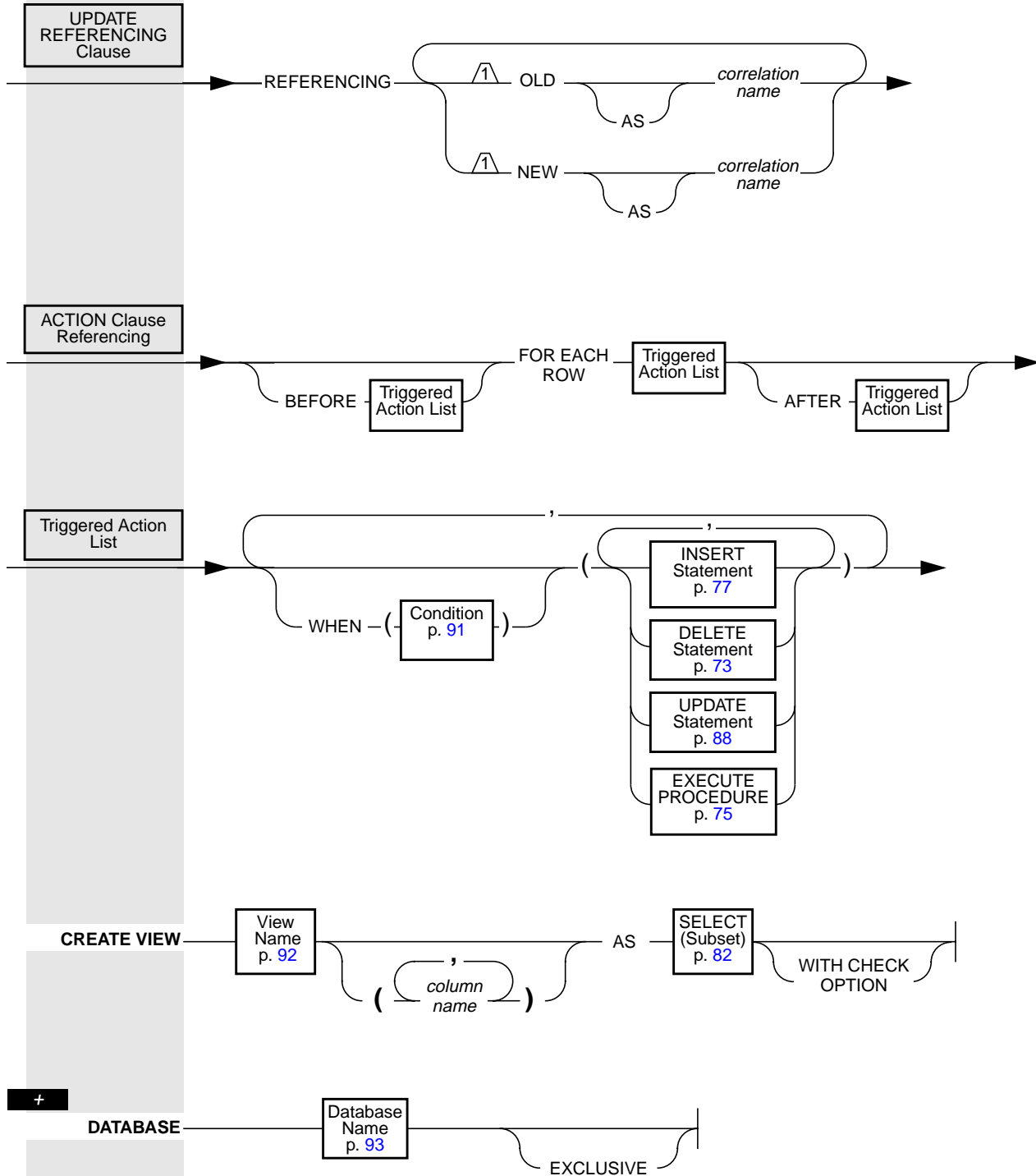


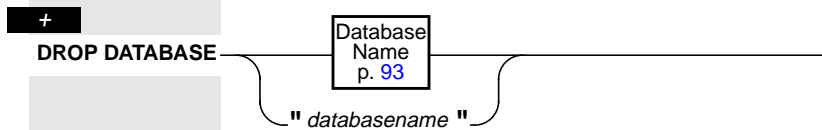
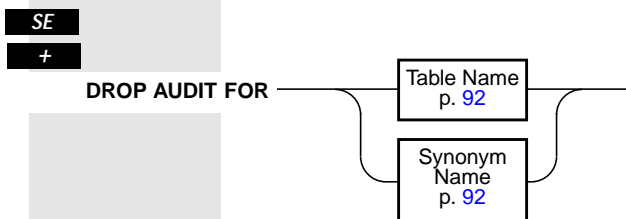
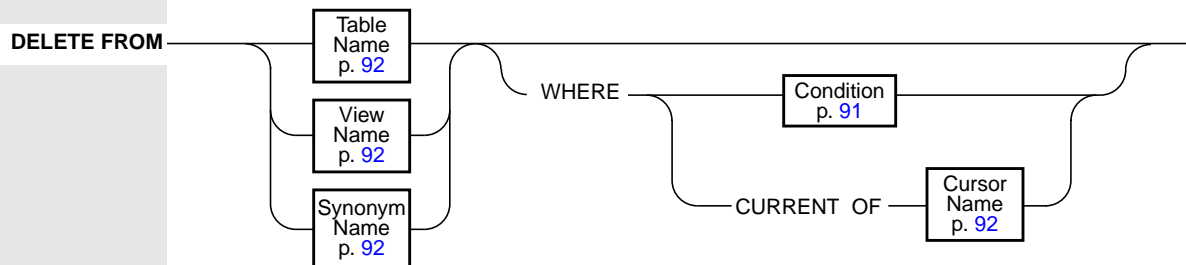
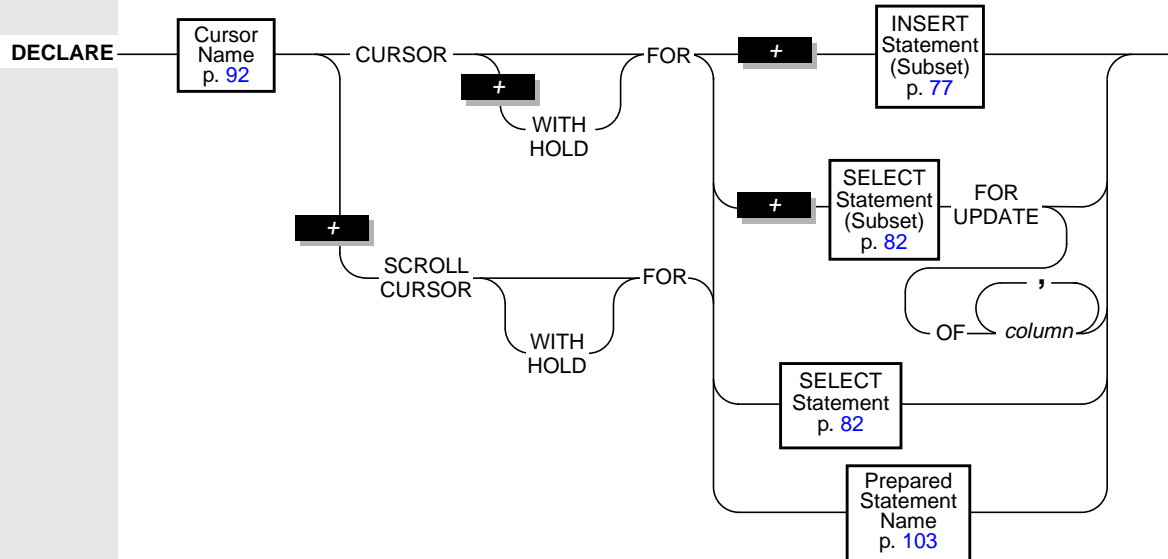
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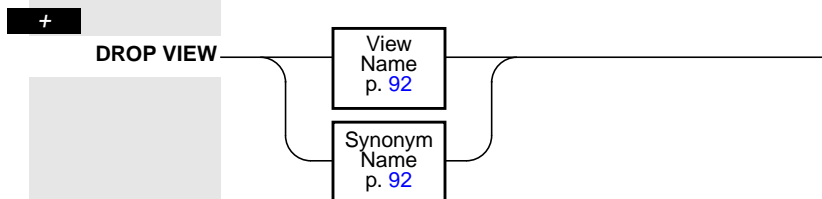
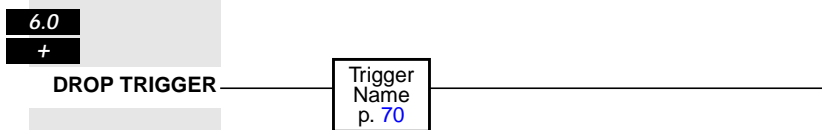
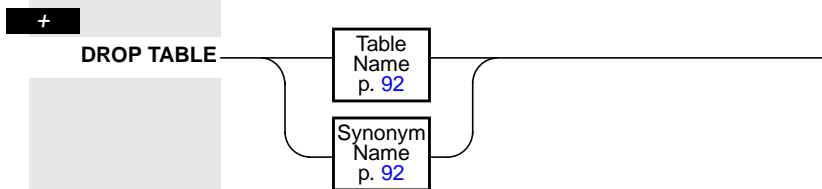
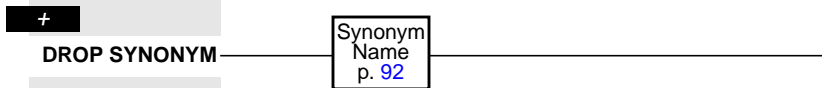
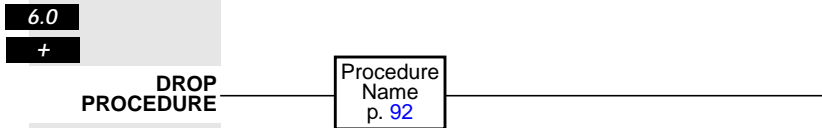
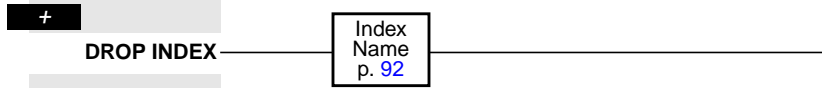












EXECUTE

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A procedure that returns no values must be executed by using PREPARE and EXECUTE. A procedure that returns values must be handled by using PREPARE and DECLARE, and then either a FOREACH loop or OPEN, FETCH, or CLOSE.

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data variable

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PREVIOUS

PRIOR

FIRST

LAST

CURRENT

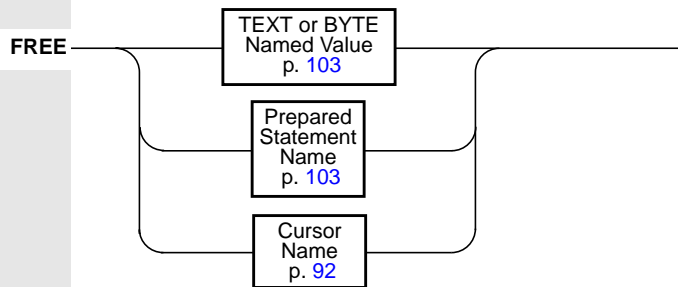
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ABSOLUTE

row position
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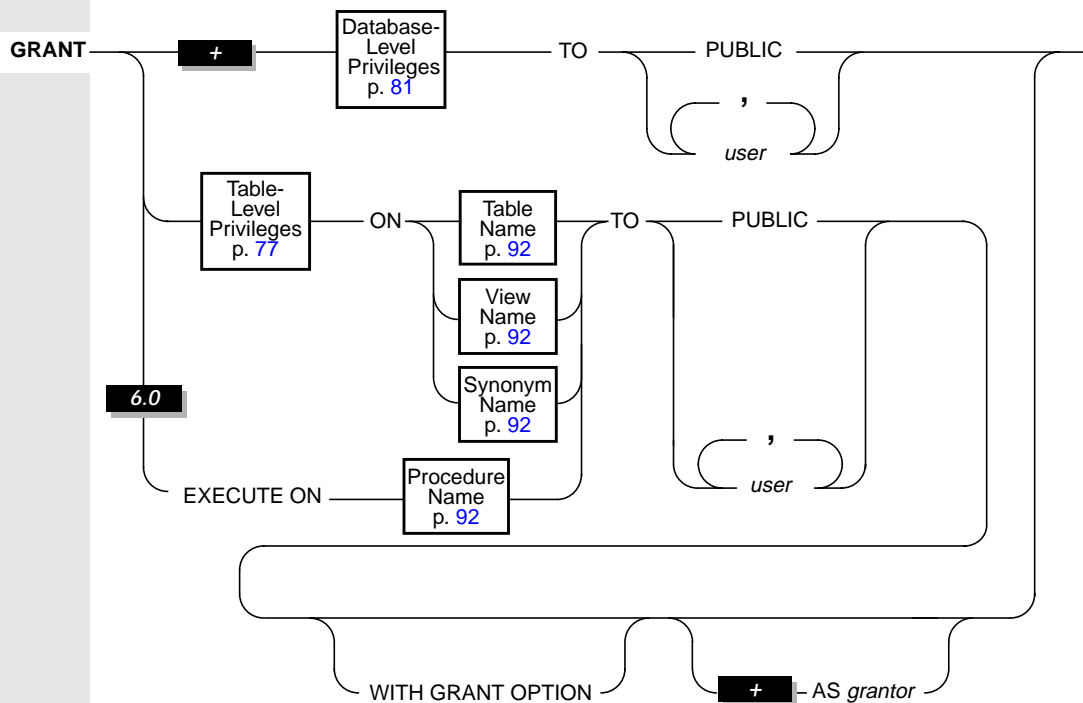
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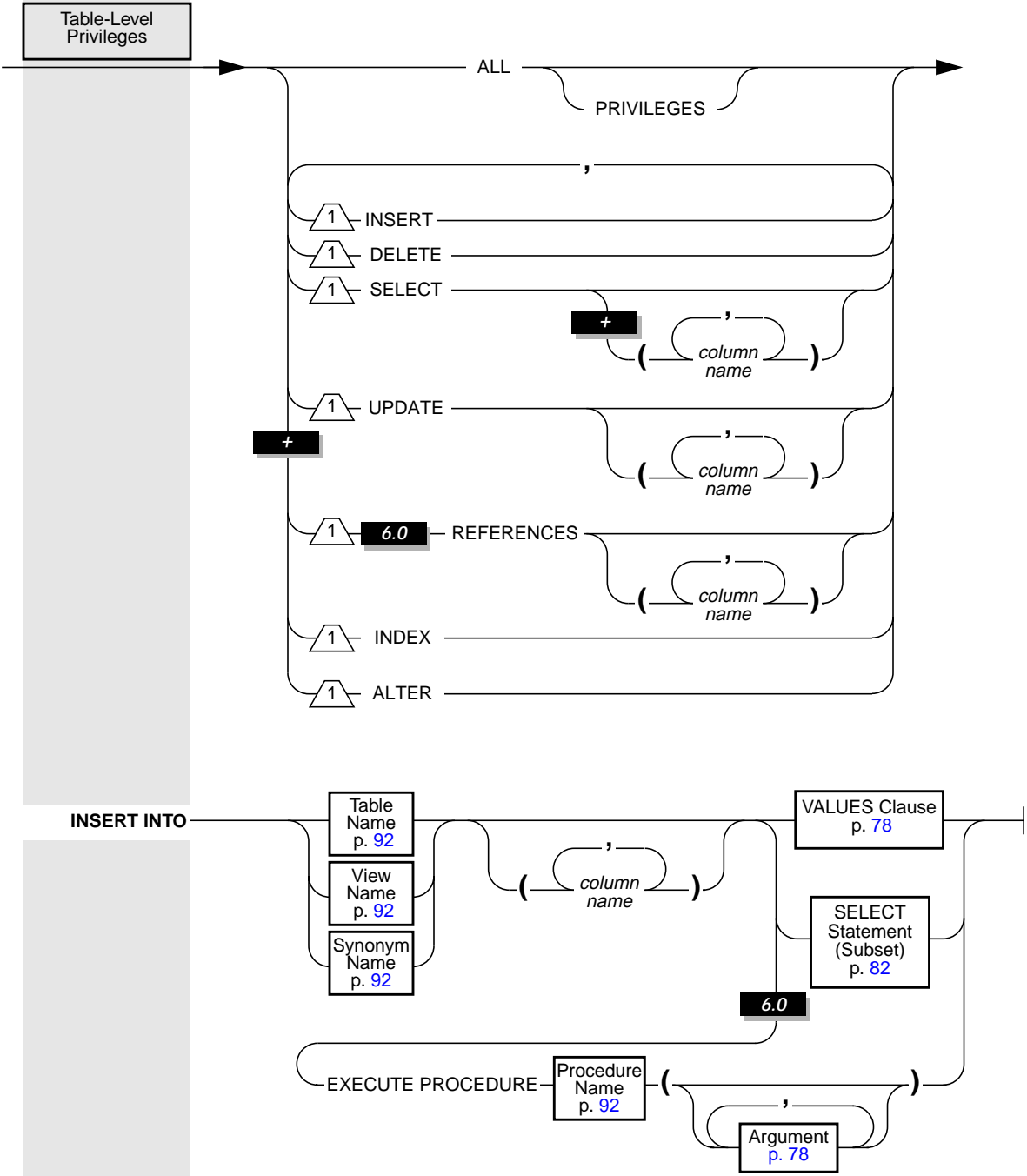
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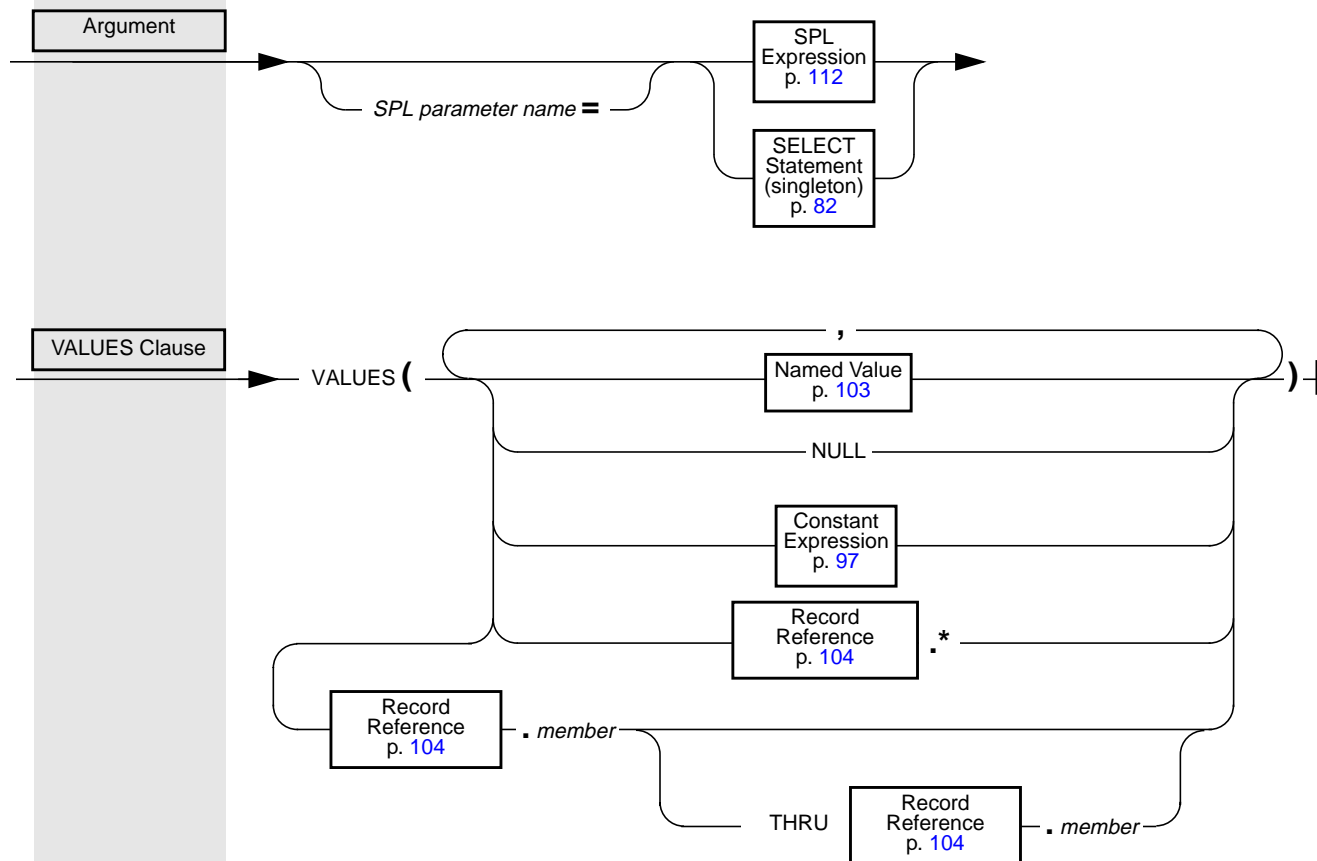


The **4GL** compiler treats the name of the object to be freed in the order shown in the diagram. In other words, the compiler looks first for a TEXT or BYTE variable having the given name; if one exists, that is the object that is freed. If no TEXT or BYTE variable having that name exists, the compiler then looks for a prepared statement or a cursor having that name and frees that.

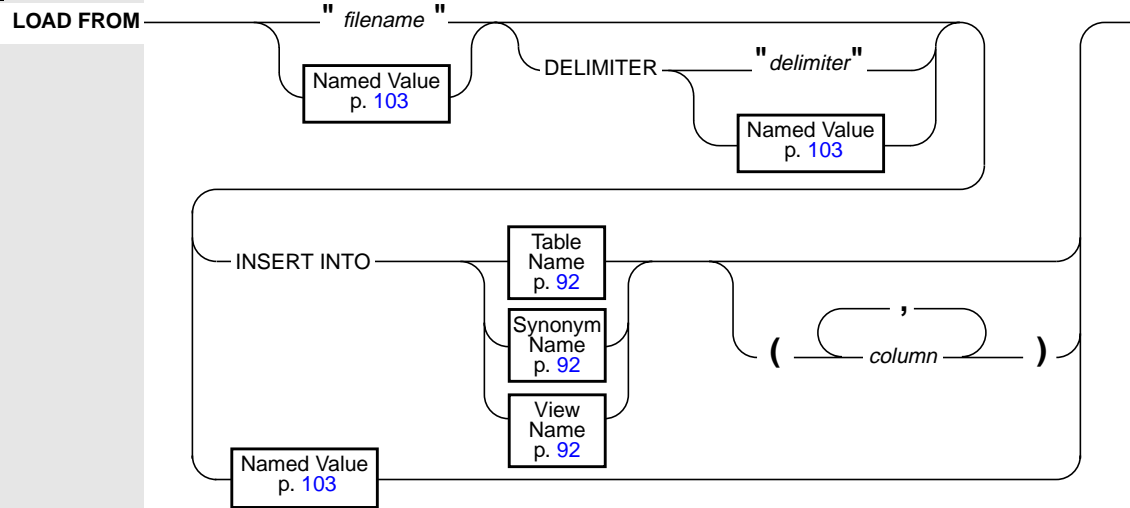
When a TEXT or BYTE variable has the same name as a prepared statement or cursor, you cannot free resources allocated to the prepared statement or to the cursor.



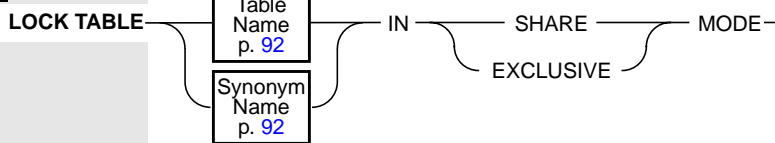
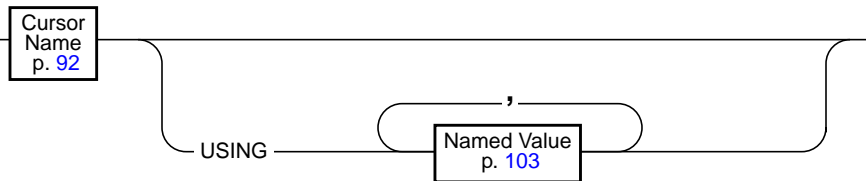
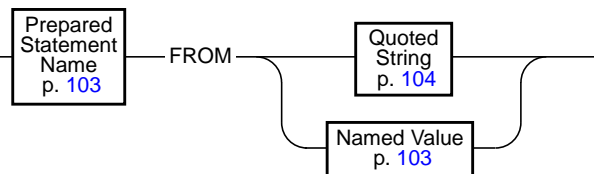




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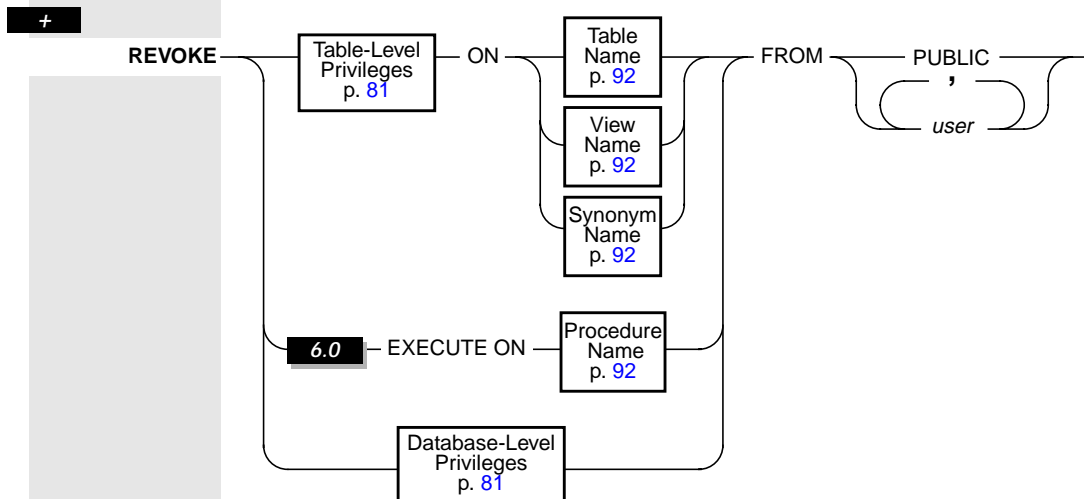
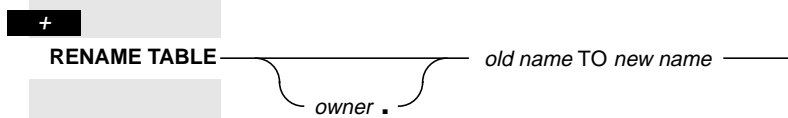
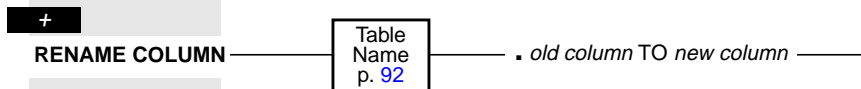
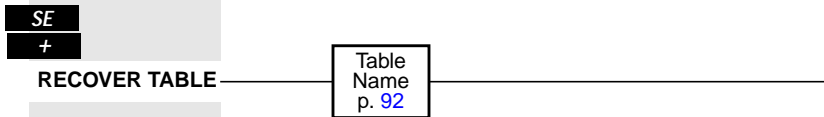
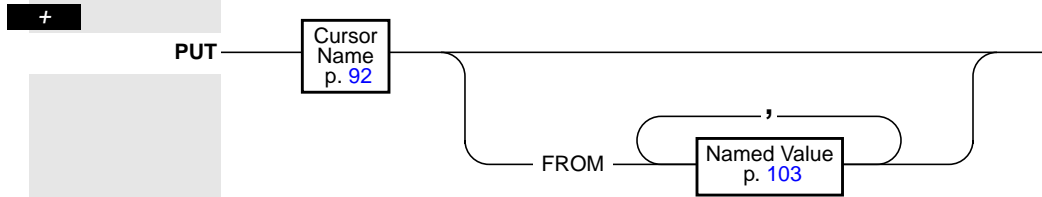
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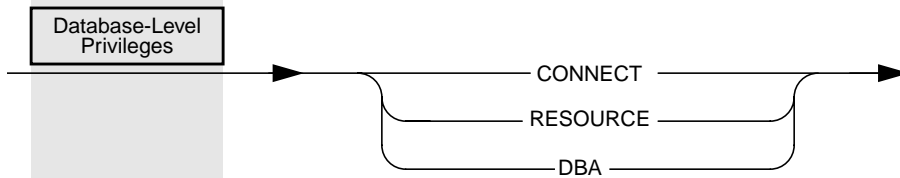
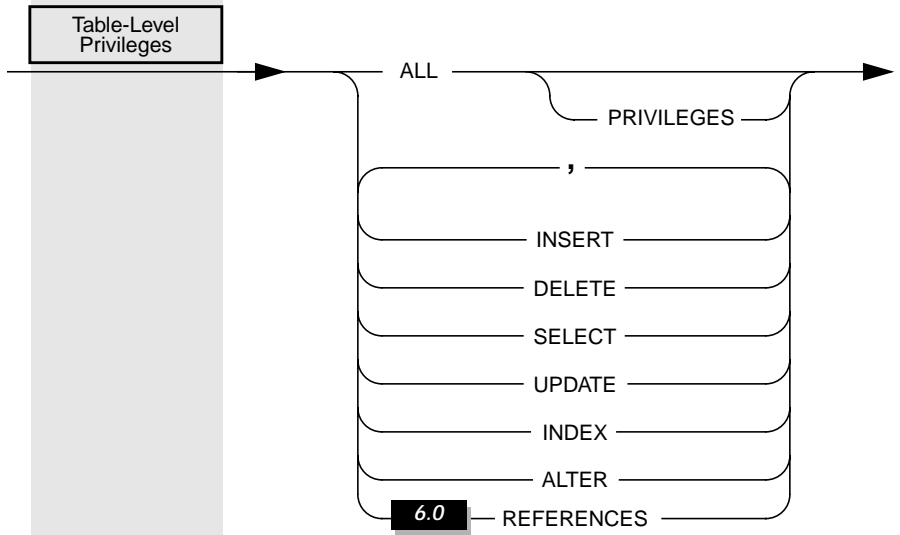
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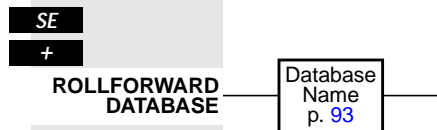
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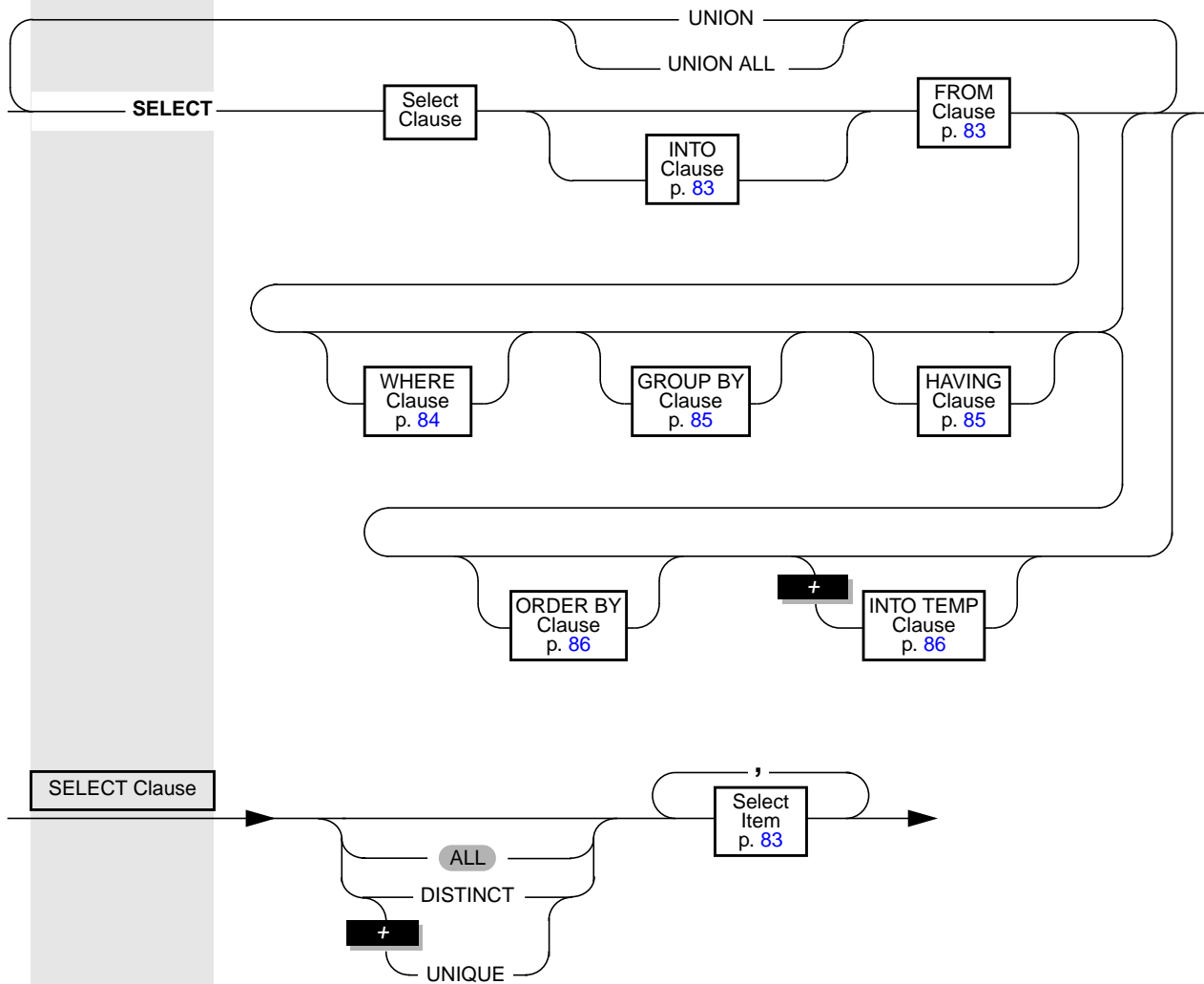
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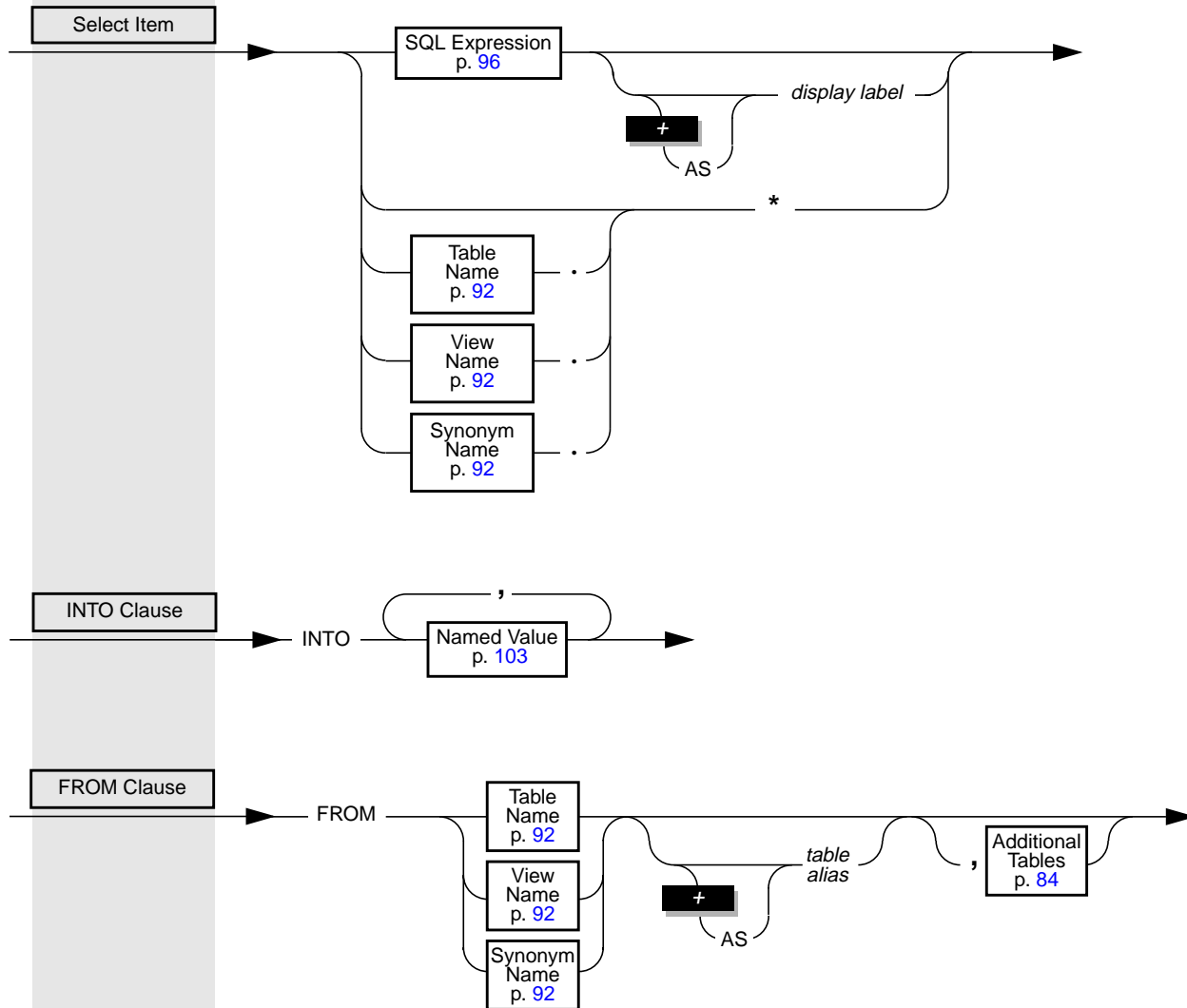


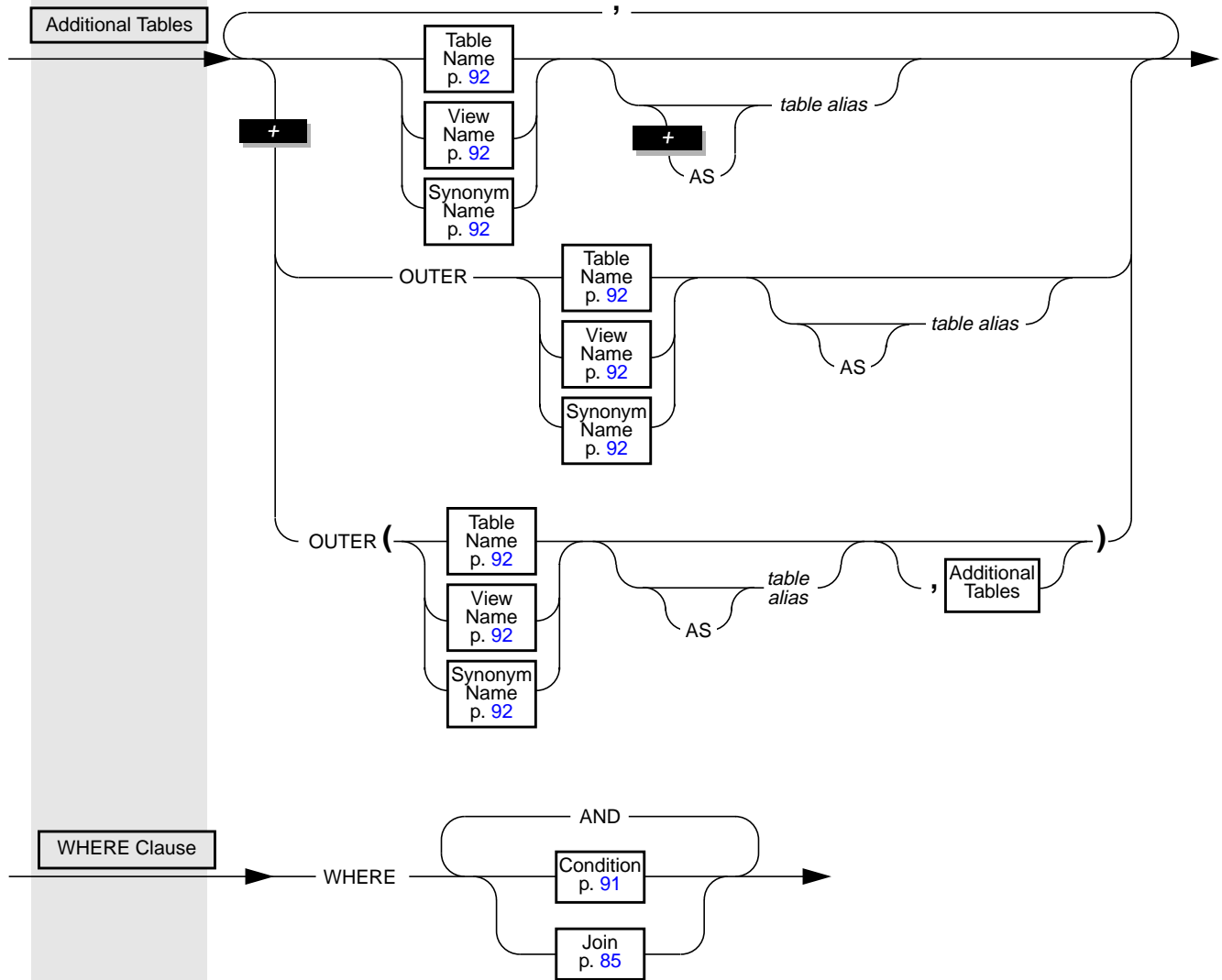


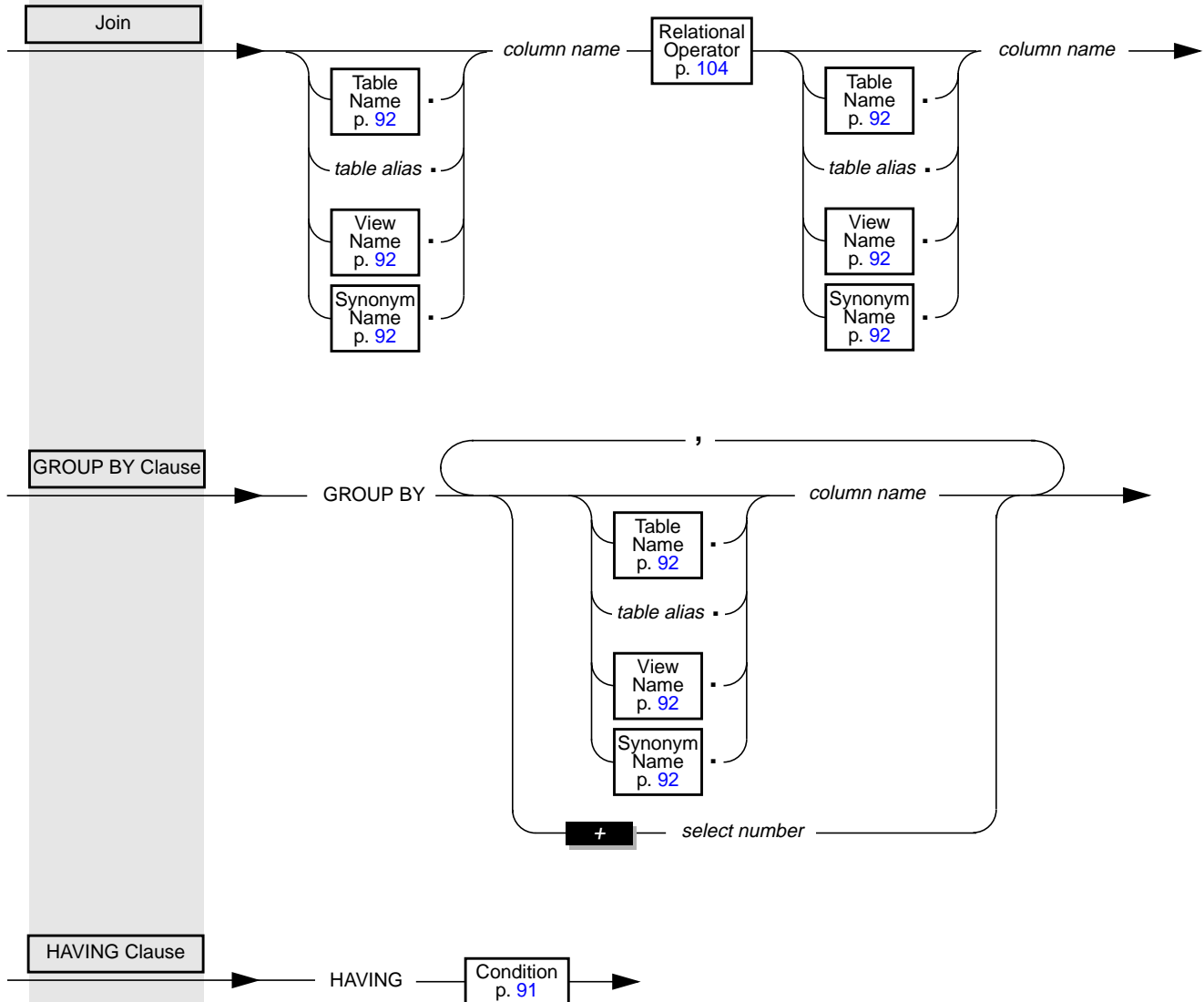
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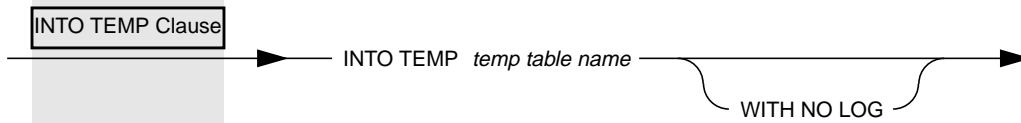
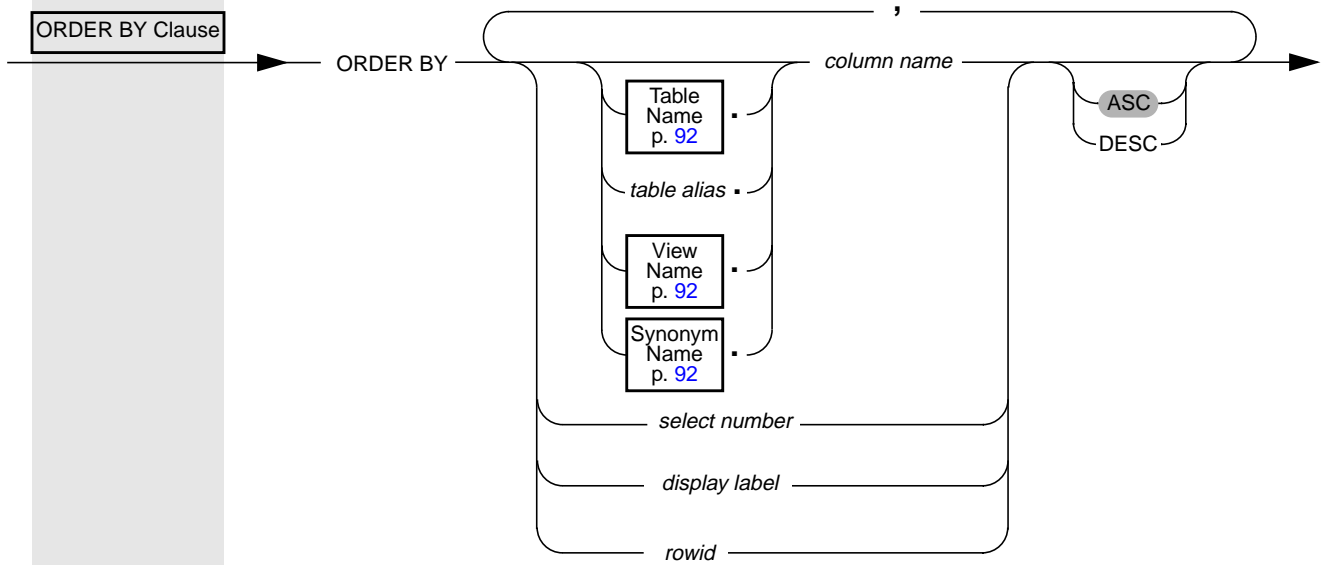








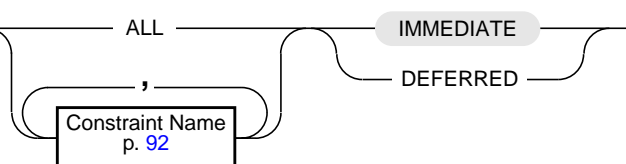




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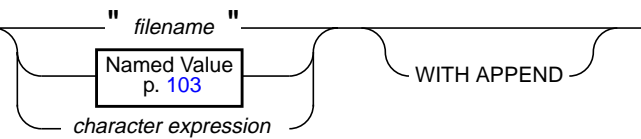
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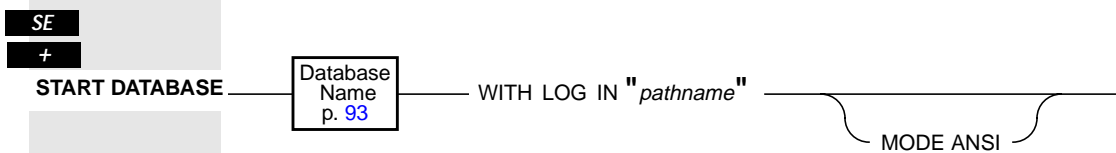
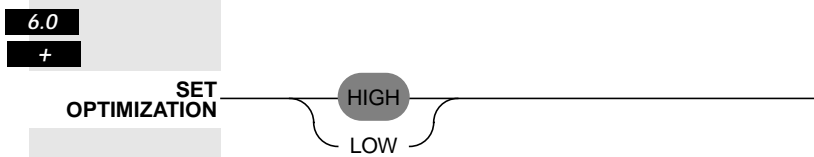
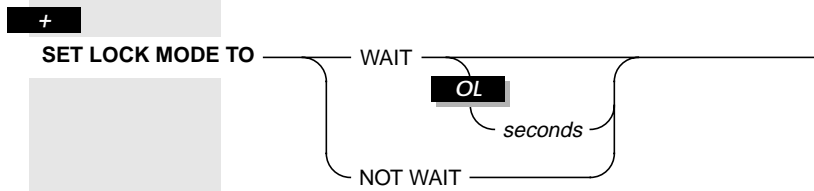
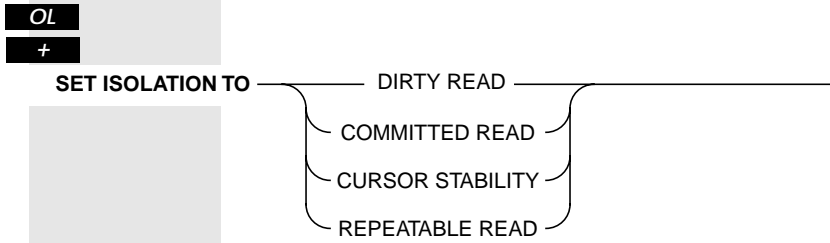
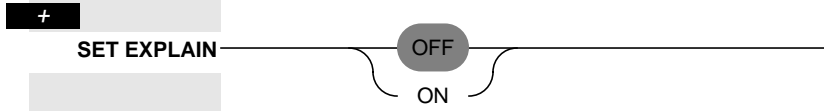
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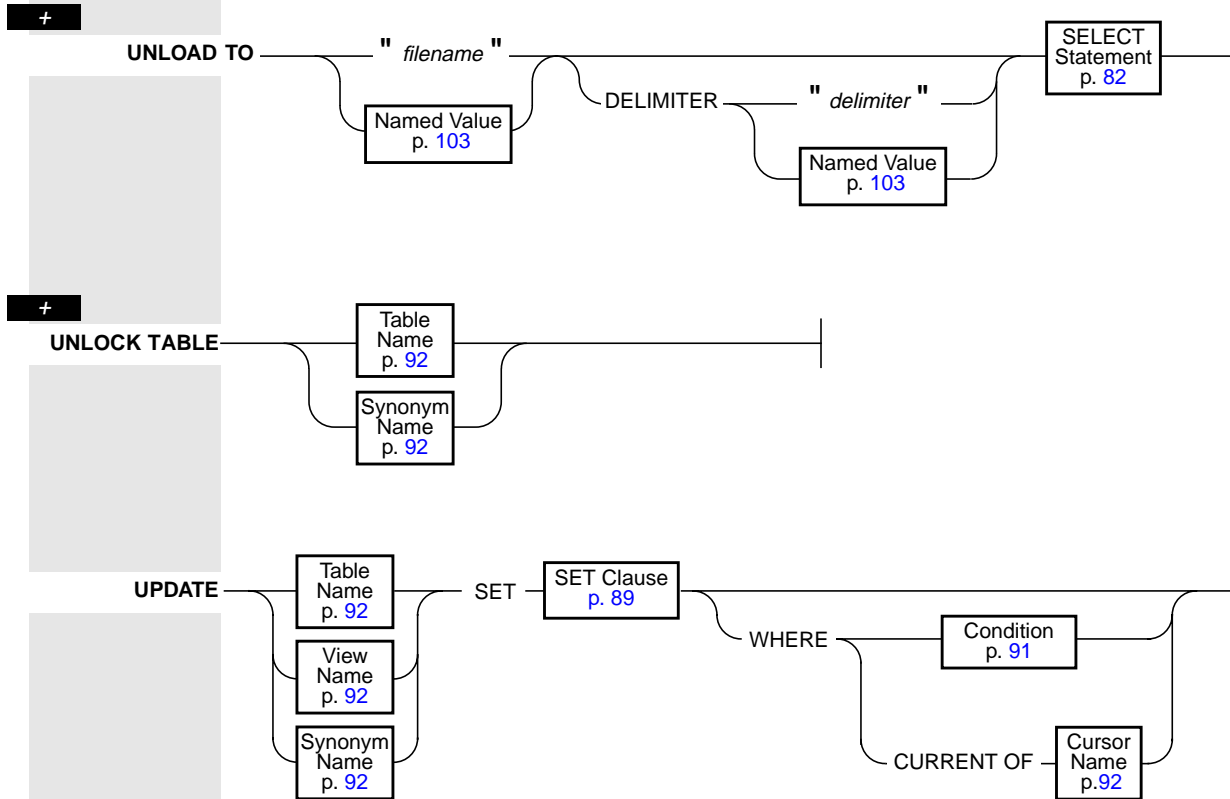
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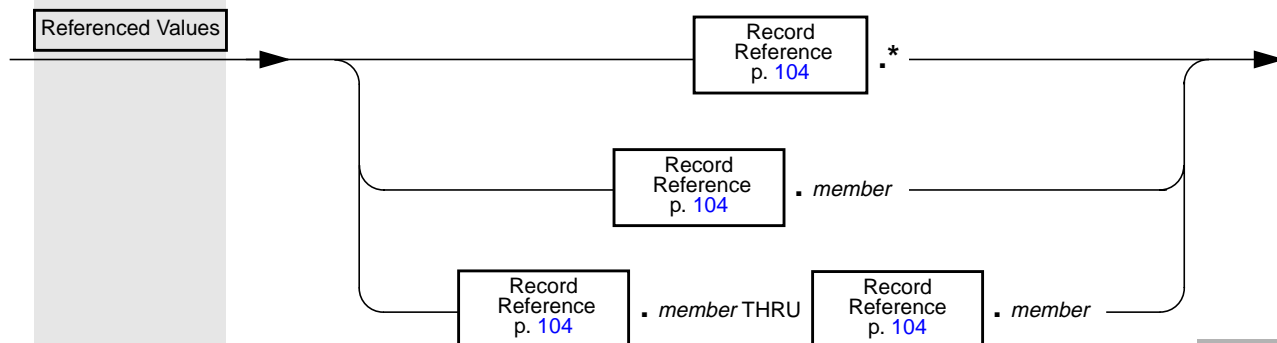
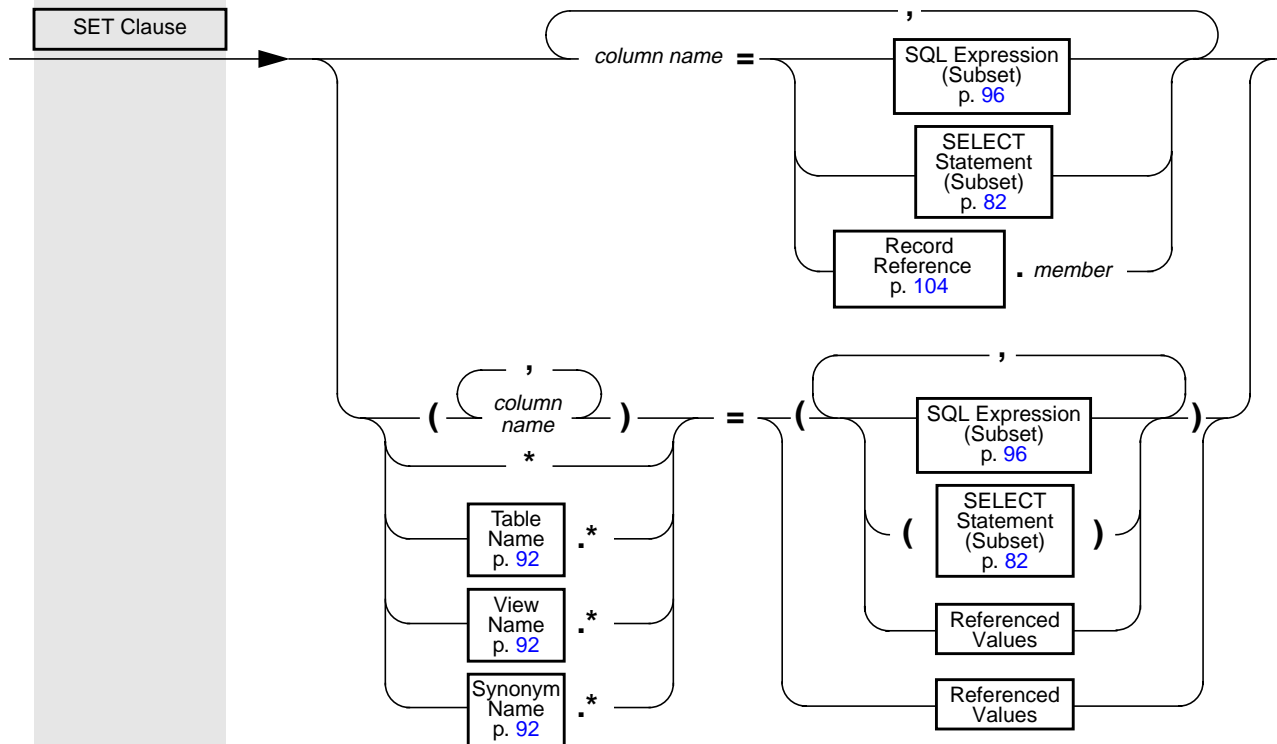


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LOW

FOR
TABLETable
Specification

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DROP DISTRIBUTIONS

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MEDIUM

FOR
TABLETable
SpecificationRESOLUTION
percent

conf

HIGH

FOR
TABLETable
Specification

RESOLUTION percent

Table Specification

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, column)

WHENEVER

NOT FOUND

CONTINUE

SQLERROR

GOTO

label

GO TO

:label

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STOP

ANY

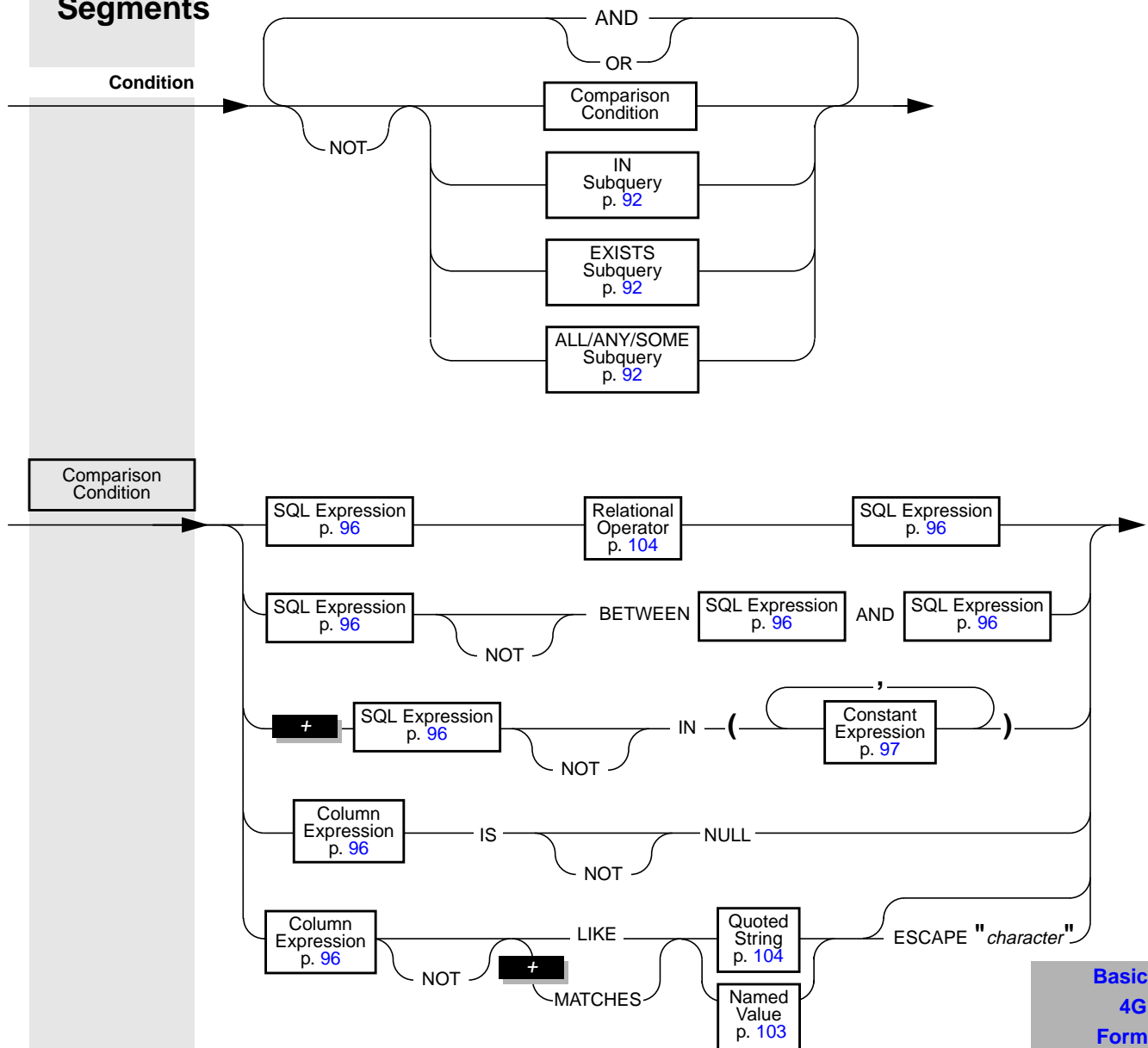
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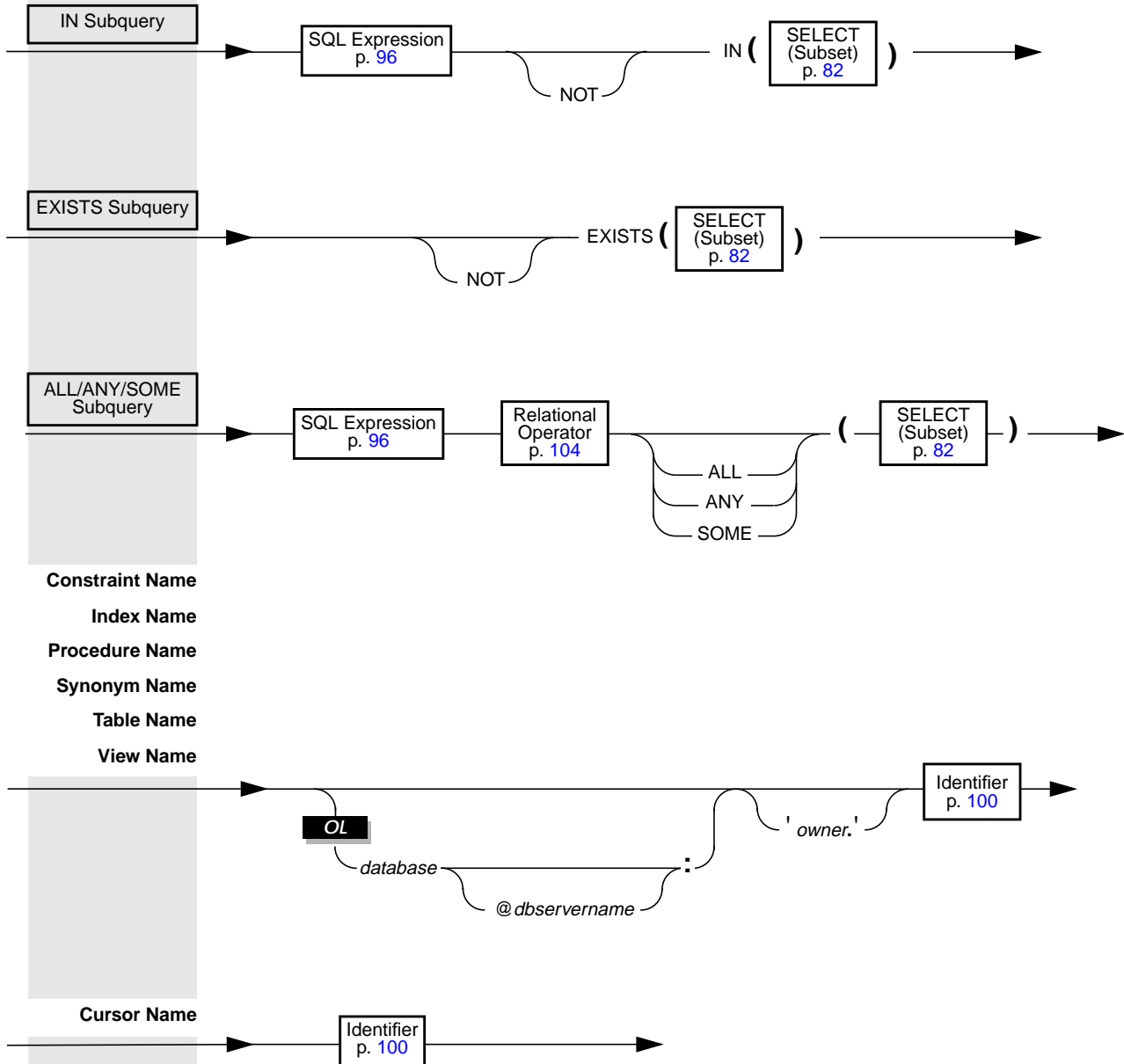
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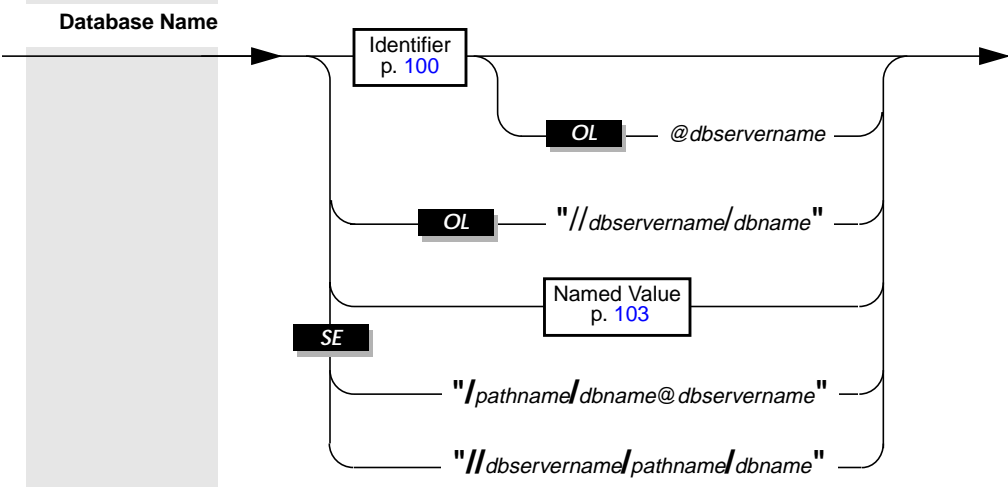
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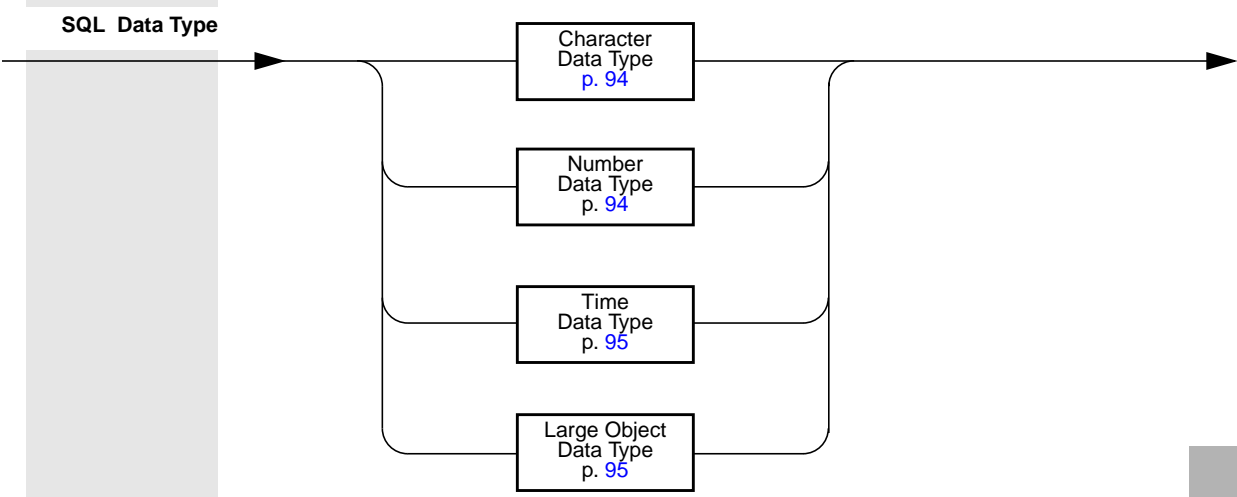


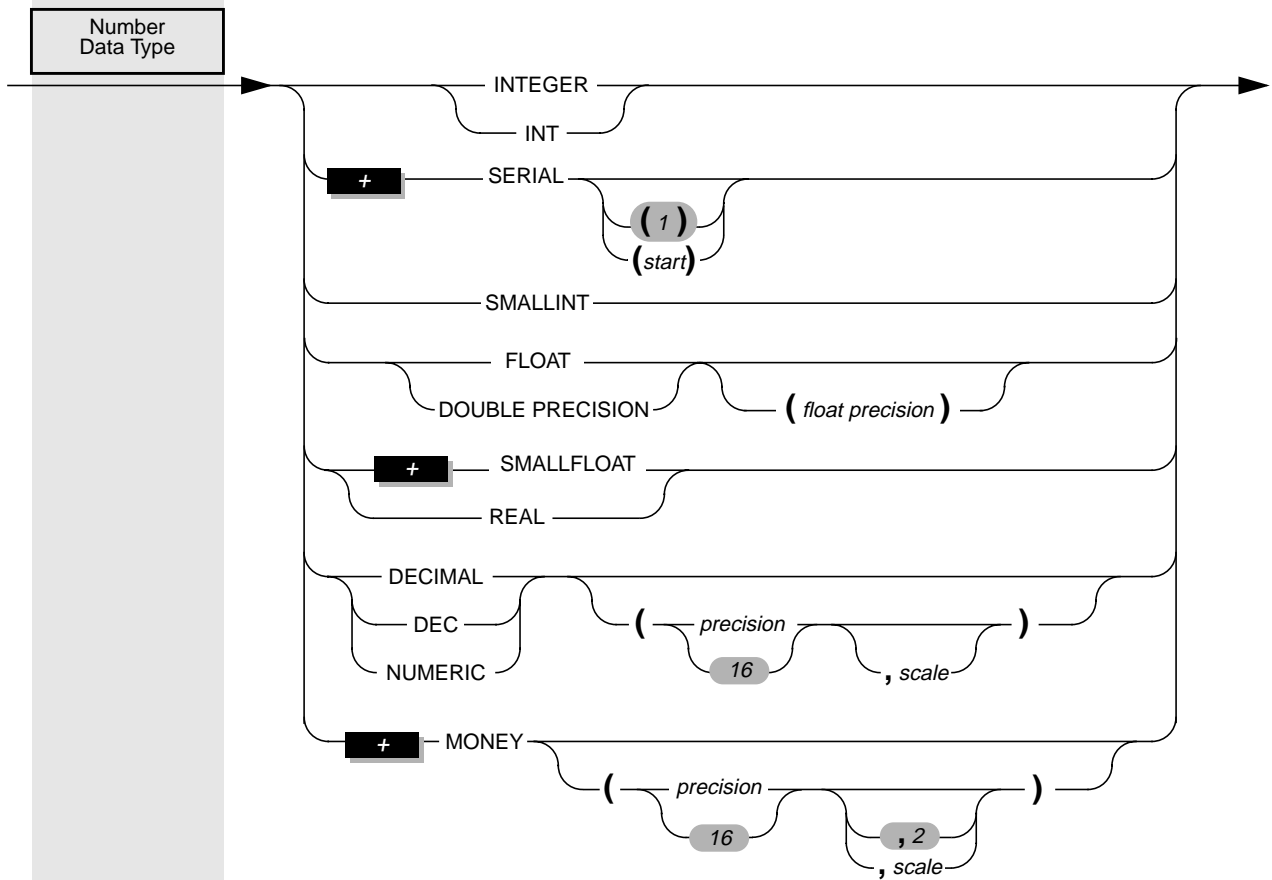
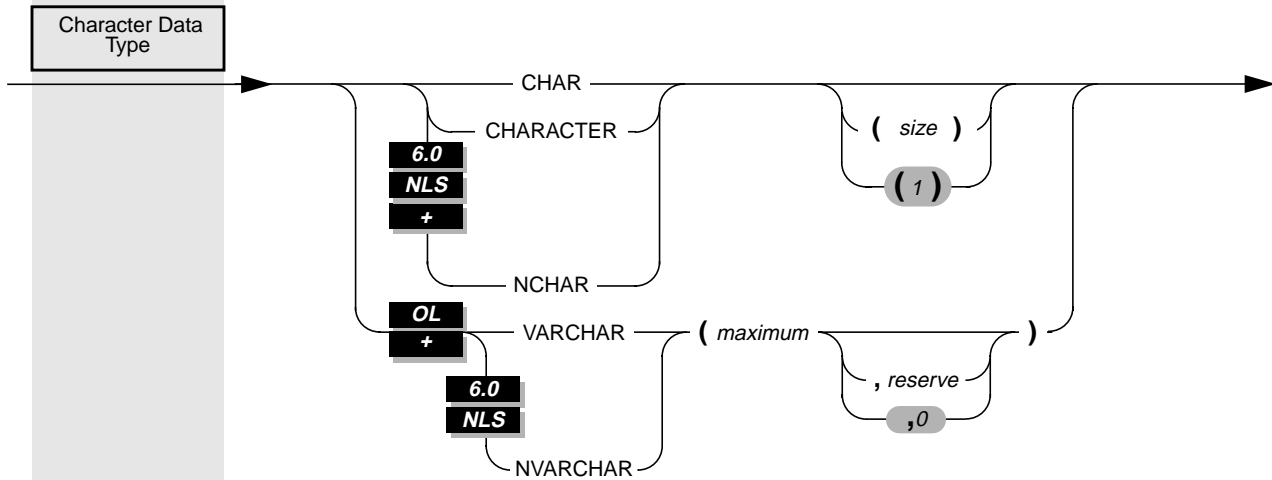


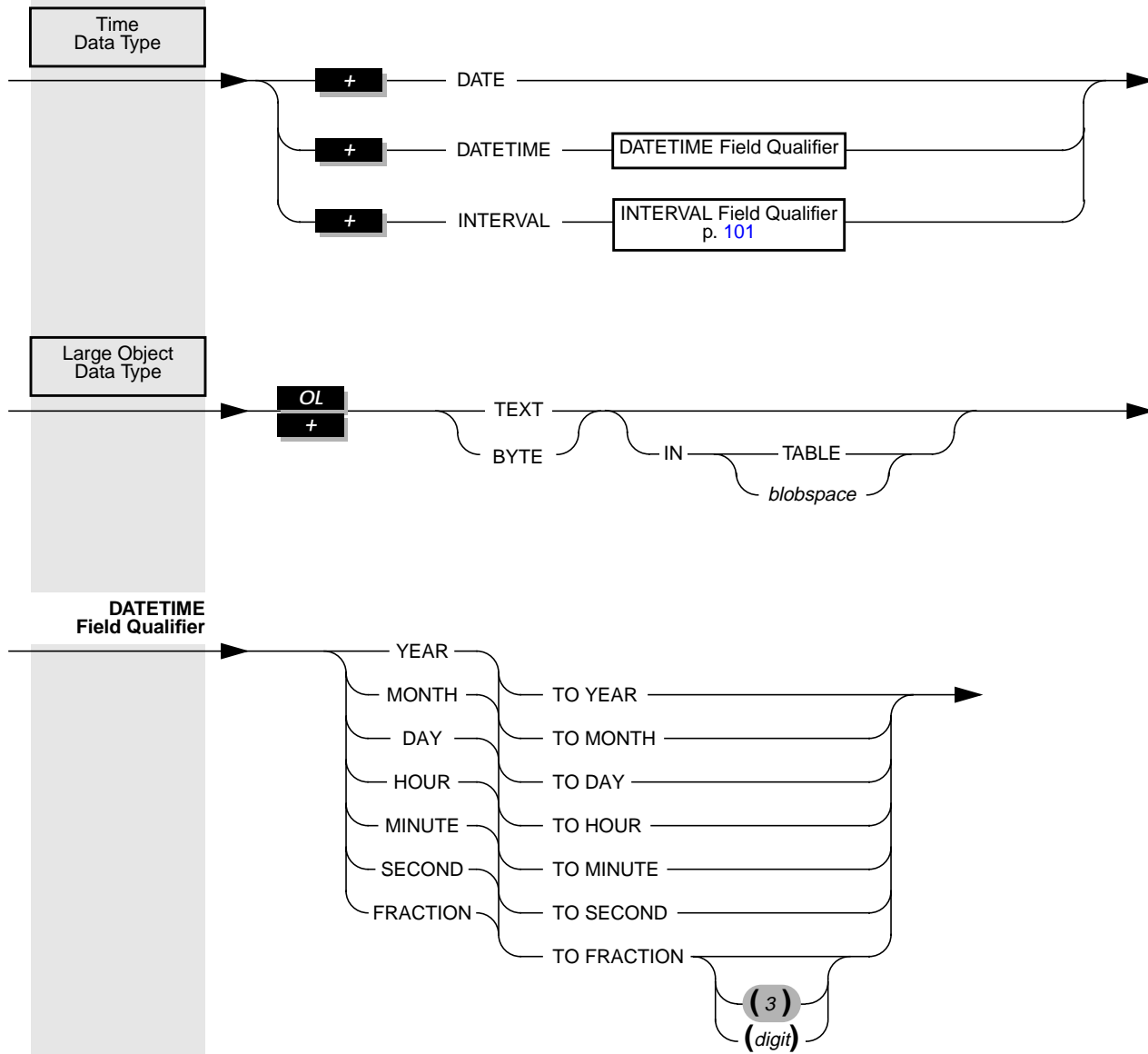


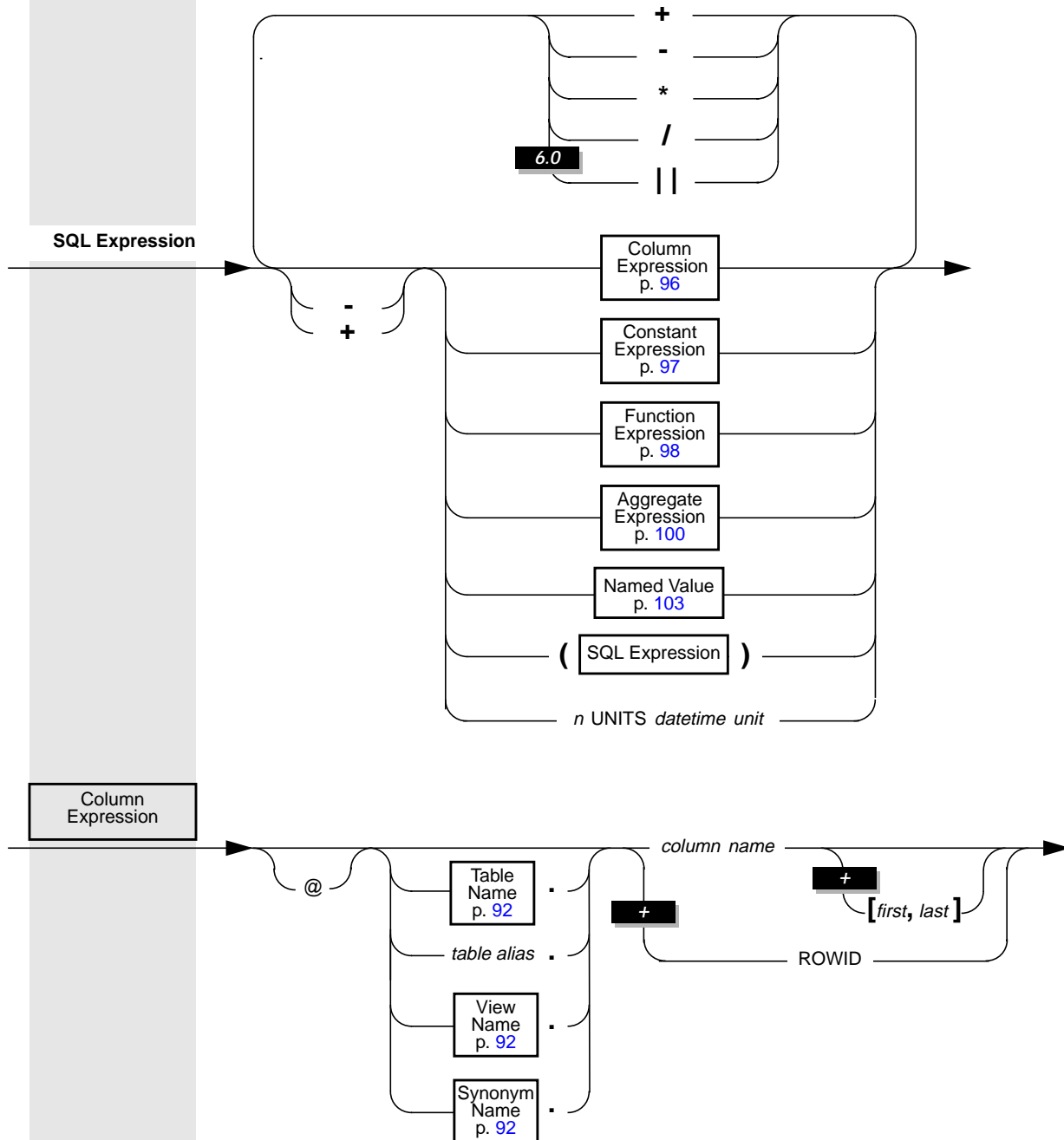
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When the identifier for a database is also the name of a **4GL** variable, the compiler uses the variable. To override this compiler action, quote the database identifier.

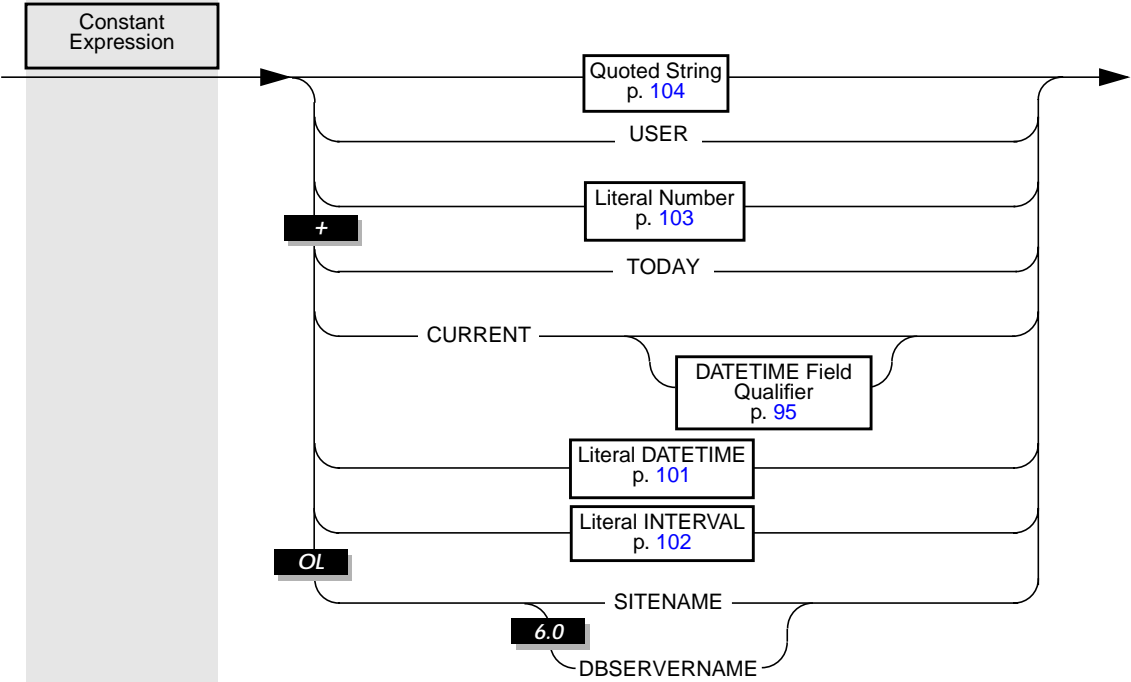


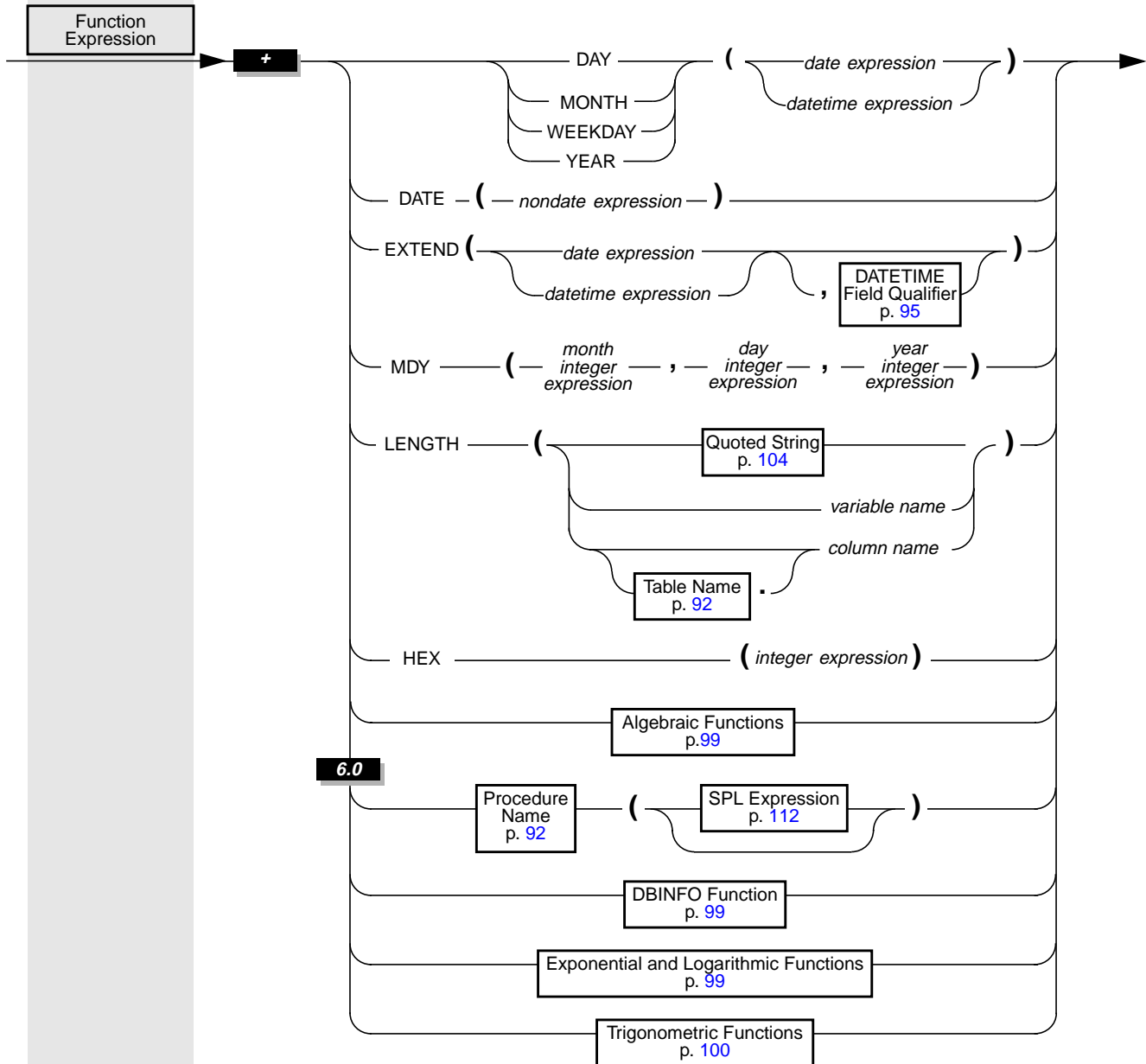




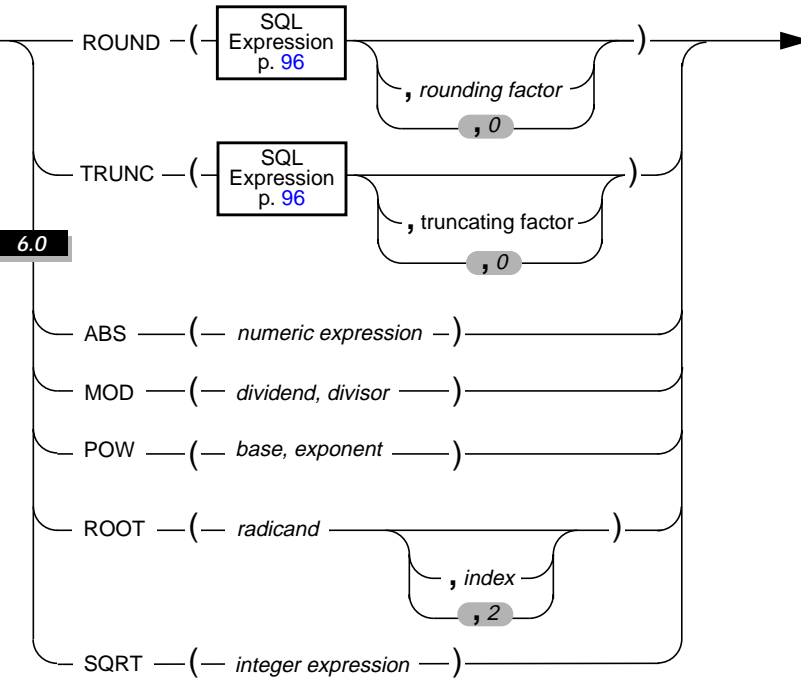


When you refer to a column whose name is identical to that of a variable, you must prefix the column name with an @ symbol; otherwise the 4GL compiler treats it as a variable.

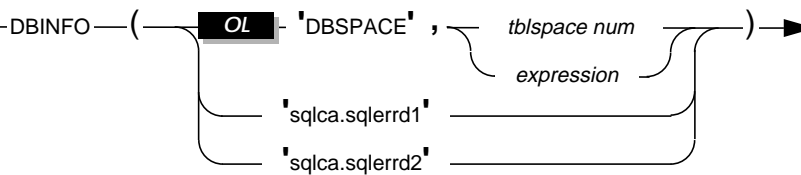




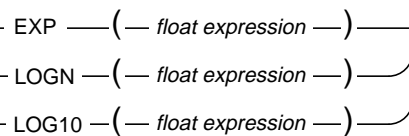
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Exponential and Logarithmic Functions



Trigonometric Functions

COS (— *radian expression* —)

SIN

TAN

ASIN (— *numeric expression* —)

ACOS

ATAN

ATAN2 (— *y, x* —)

Aggregate Expression

COUNT (*)

AVG

MAX

MIN

SUM

COUNT

DISTINCT

UNIQUE

DISTINCT

UNIQUE

Table Name
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name

AVG

MAX

MIN

SUM

ALL

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(Subset)
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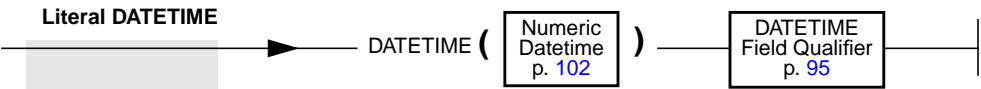
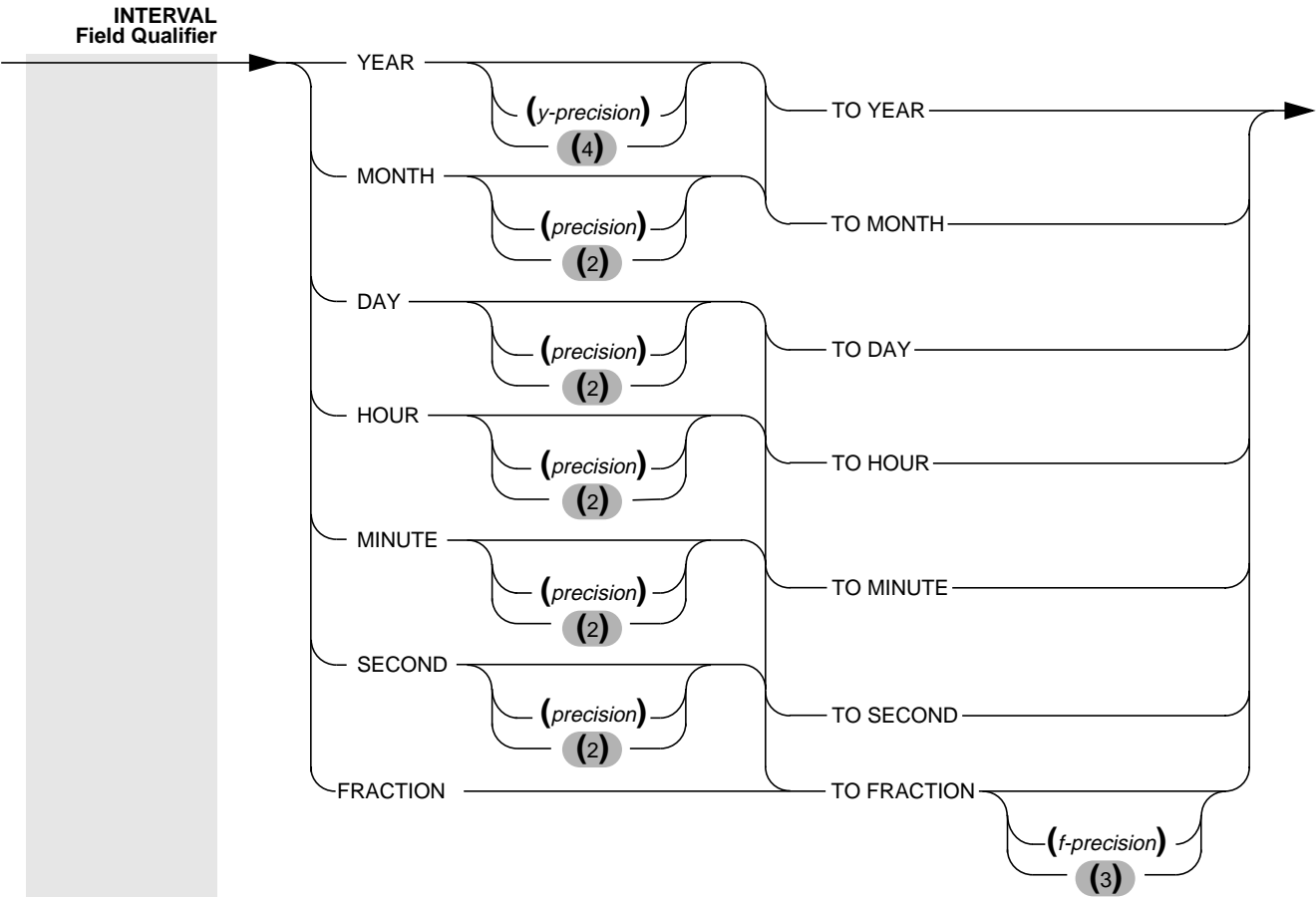
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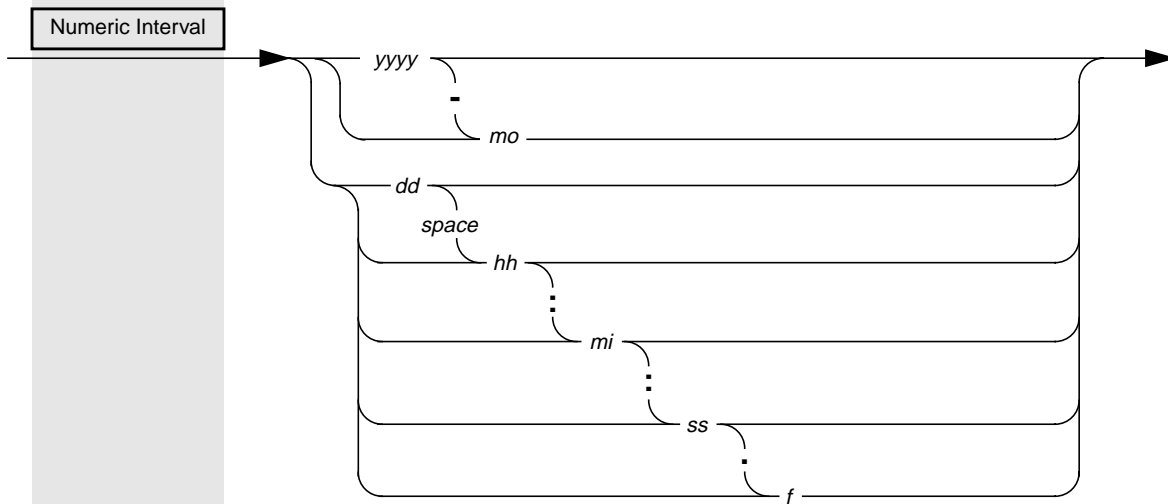
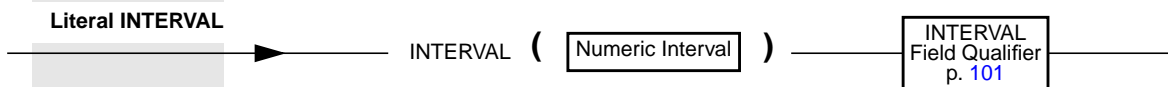
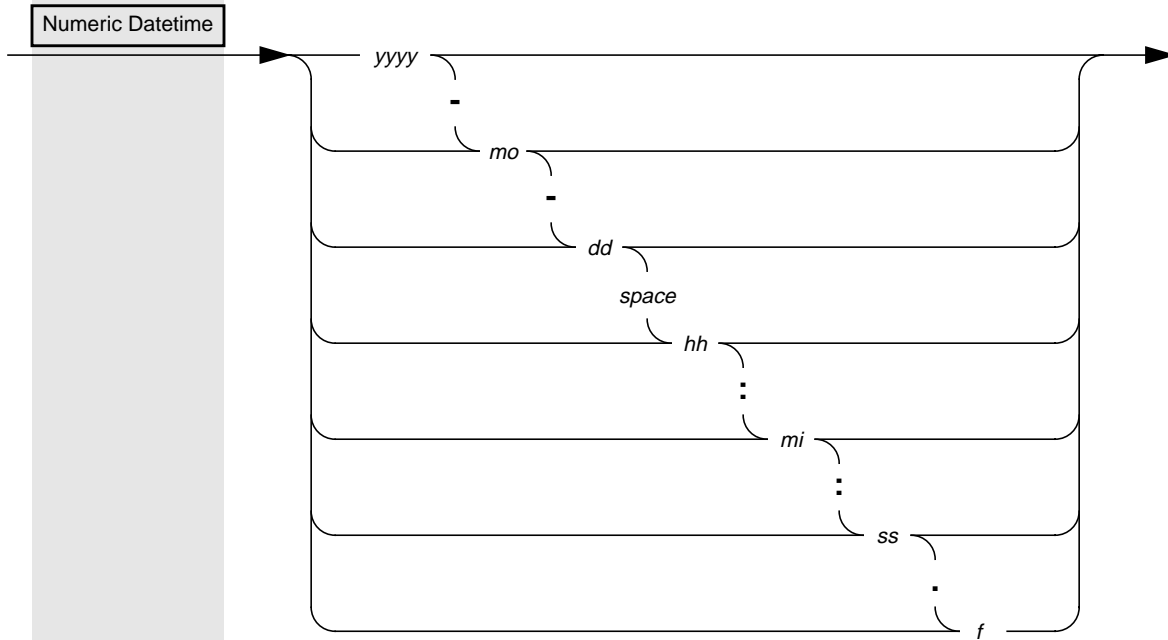
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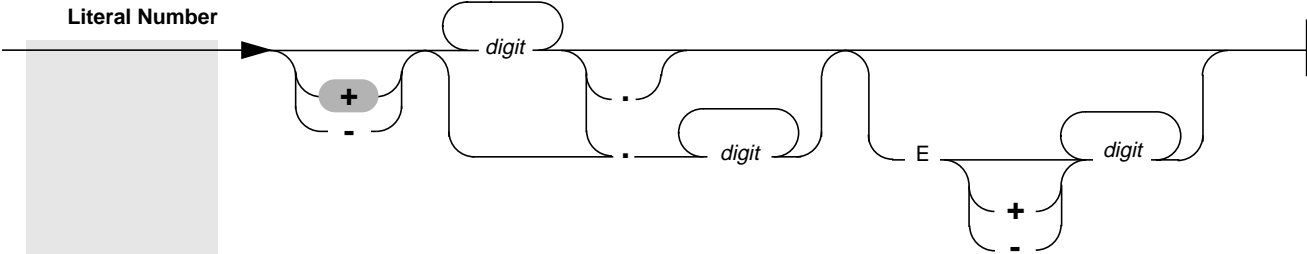
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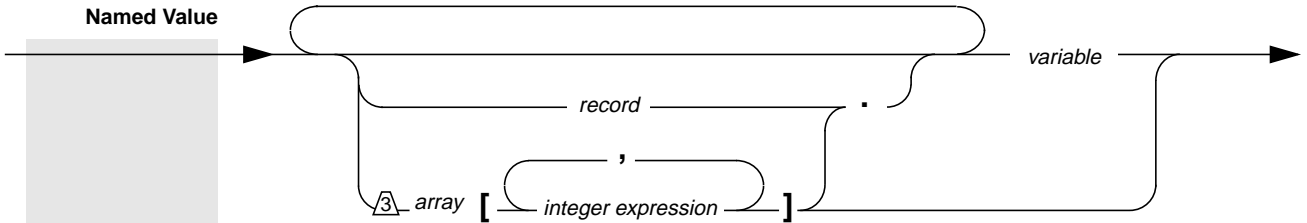




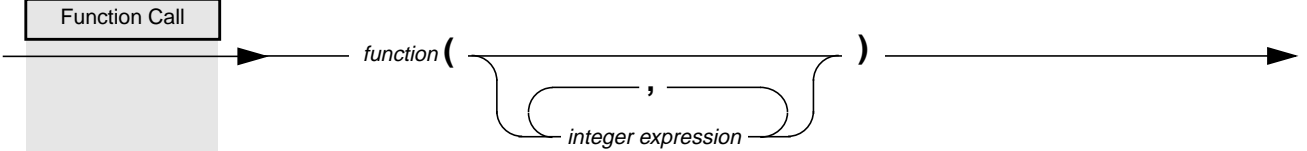
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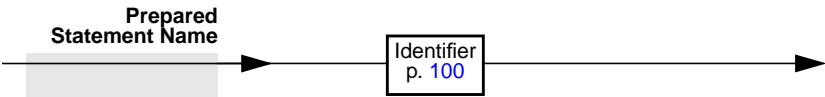
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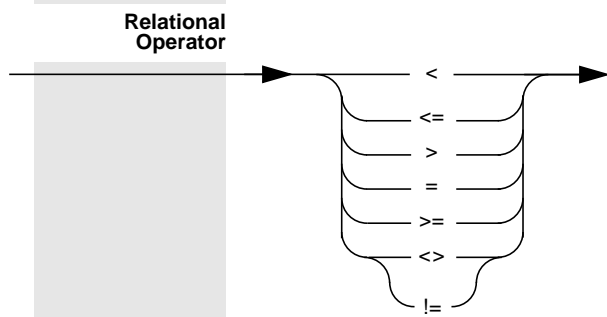
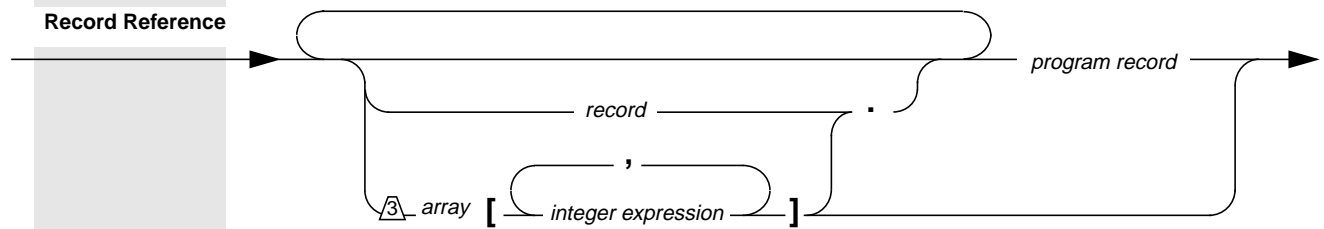
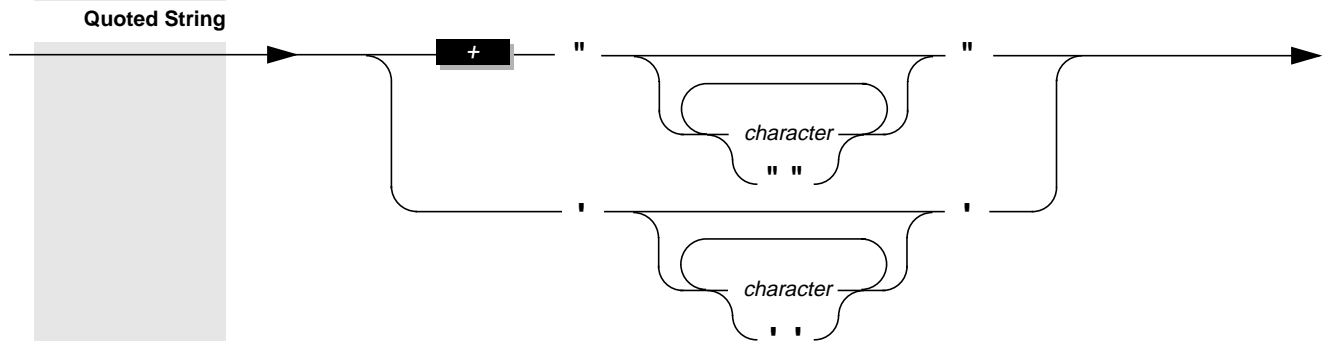


Function Call



Prepared Statement Name





Stored Procedure Language Statements

It is important to recognize that Stored Procedure Language (SPL) statements are not part of 4GL. This means that you cannot include these statements within a 4GL program. Doing so causes compile errors.

To create a stored procedure from a 4GL program, do the following:

1. Put the text of the CREATE PROCEDURE statement in a file.
2. Use a PREPARE statement to prepare a CREATE PROCEDURE FROM statement that refers to the text file created in Step 1.
3. Use an EXECUTE statement to execute the prepared statement, which then compiles the stored procedure.

Refer to the *Informix Guide to SQL: Reference*, Version 6.0 for a full description of the CREATE PROCEDURE statement.

You may explicitly invoke stored procedures from within your 4GL program by preparing and executing the following SQL statements:

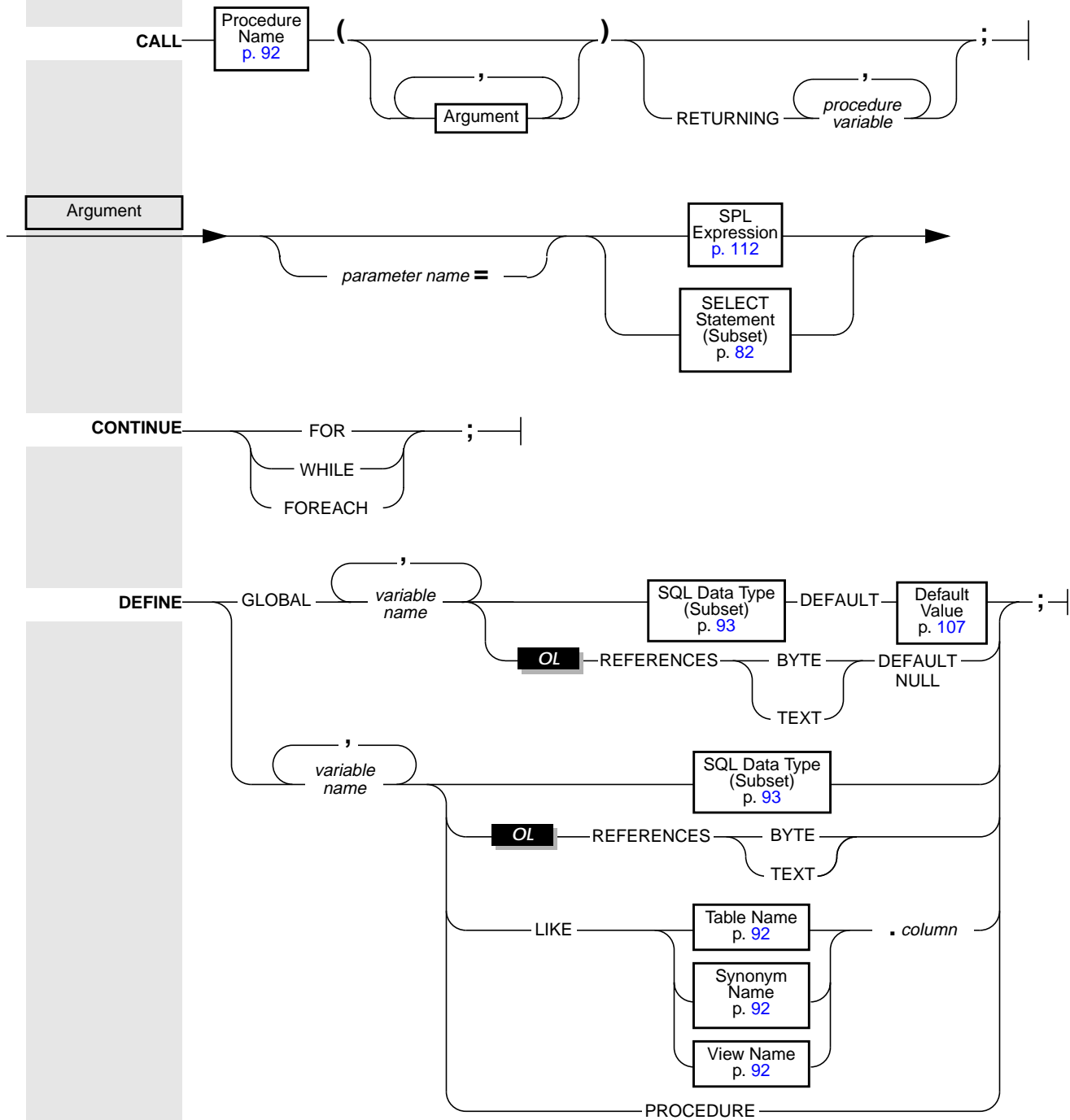
- CREATE PROCEDURE FROM
- DROP PROCEDURE
- EXECUTE PROCEDURE
- GRANT
- INSERT INTO
- REVOKE
- SET DEBUG FILE TO
- UPDATE STATISTICS

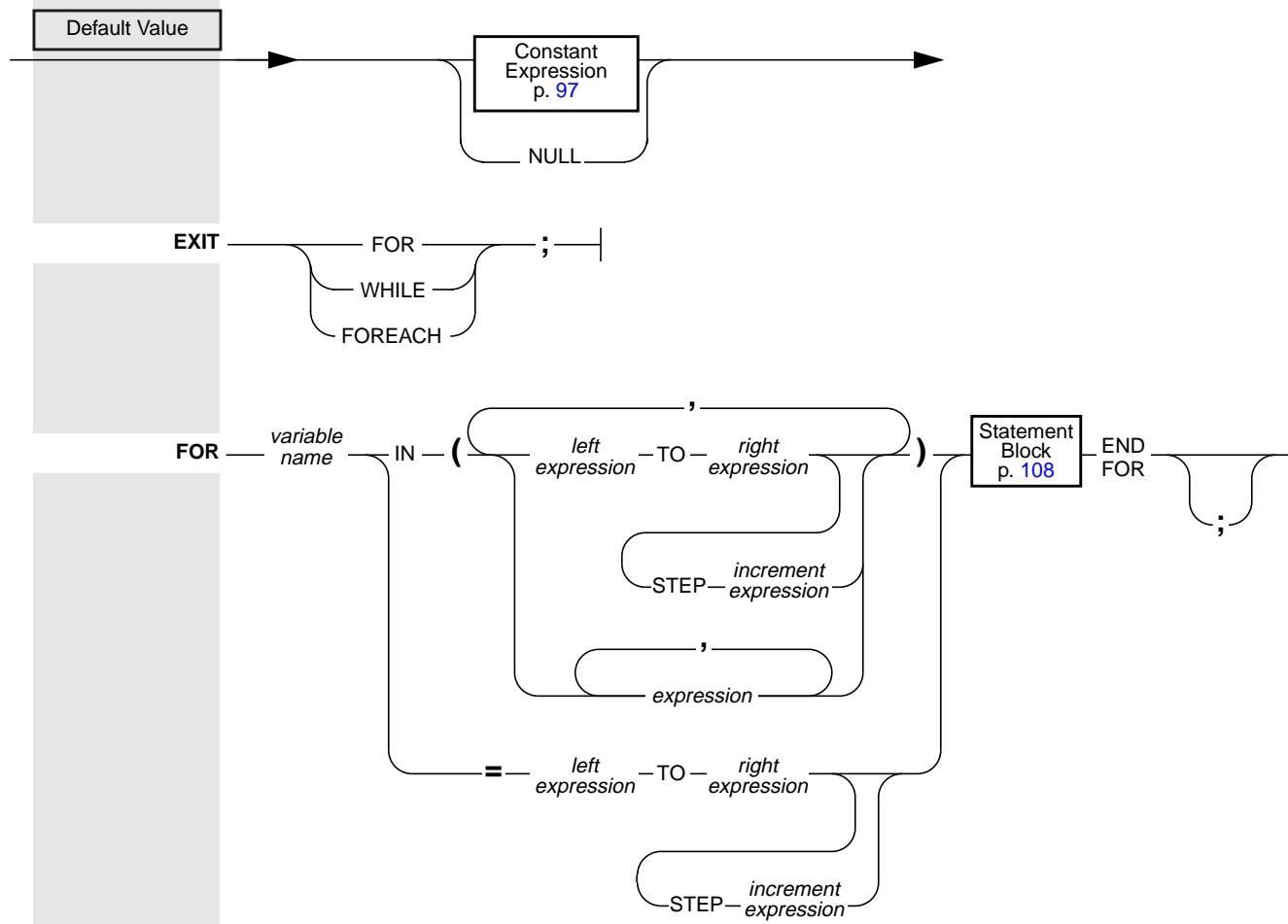
Refer to the *Informix Guide to SQL: Reference*, Version 6.0 for a description of working with dynamic SQL.

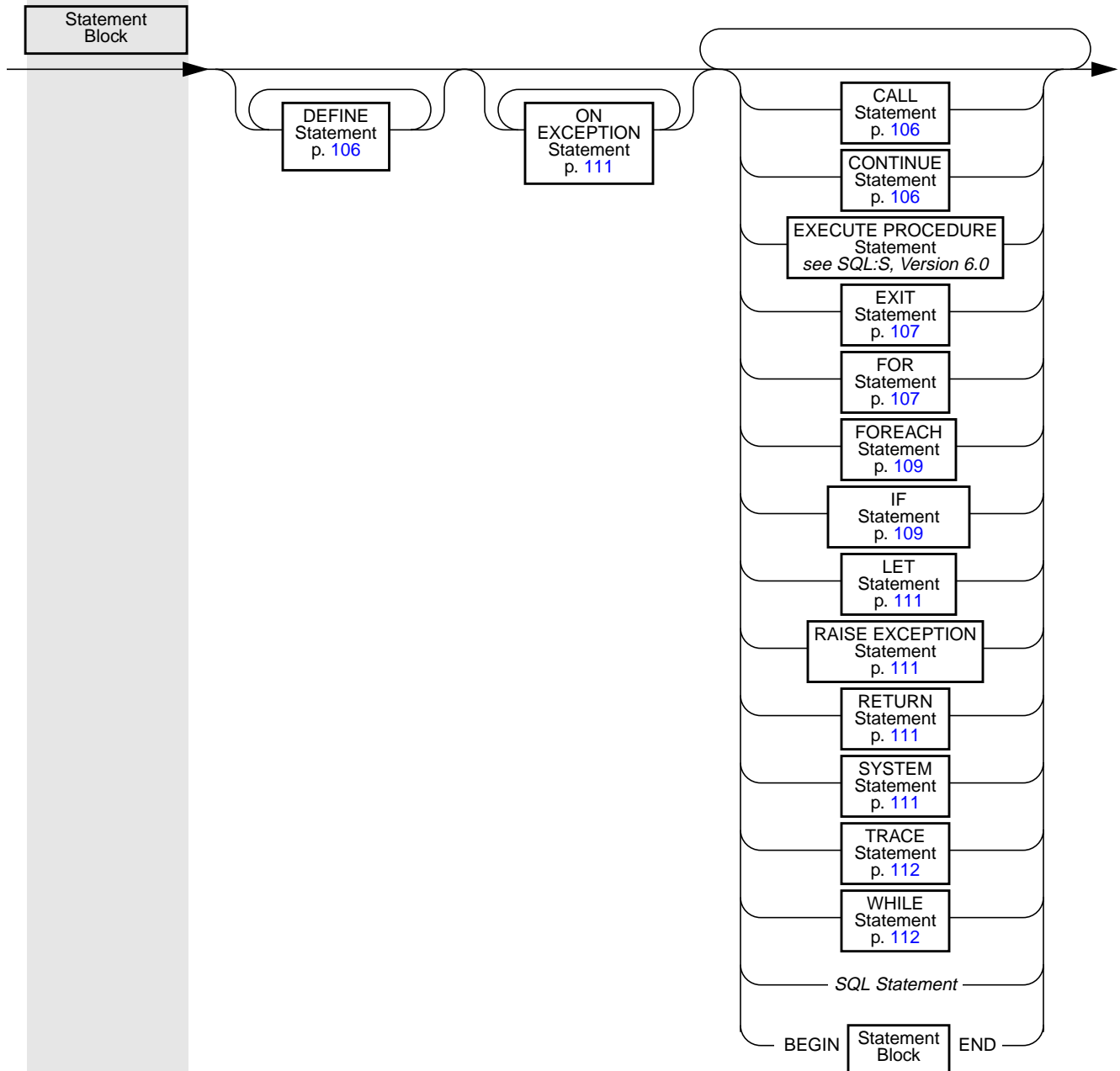
Also, you may implicitly invoke a stored procedure through a reference to that procedure within the context of an SQL expression. For example, the reference to **avg_price()** in the following SELECT statement implicitly invokes the stored procedure having the name **avg_price**:

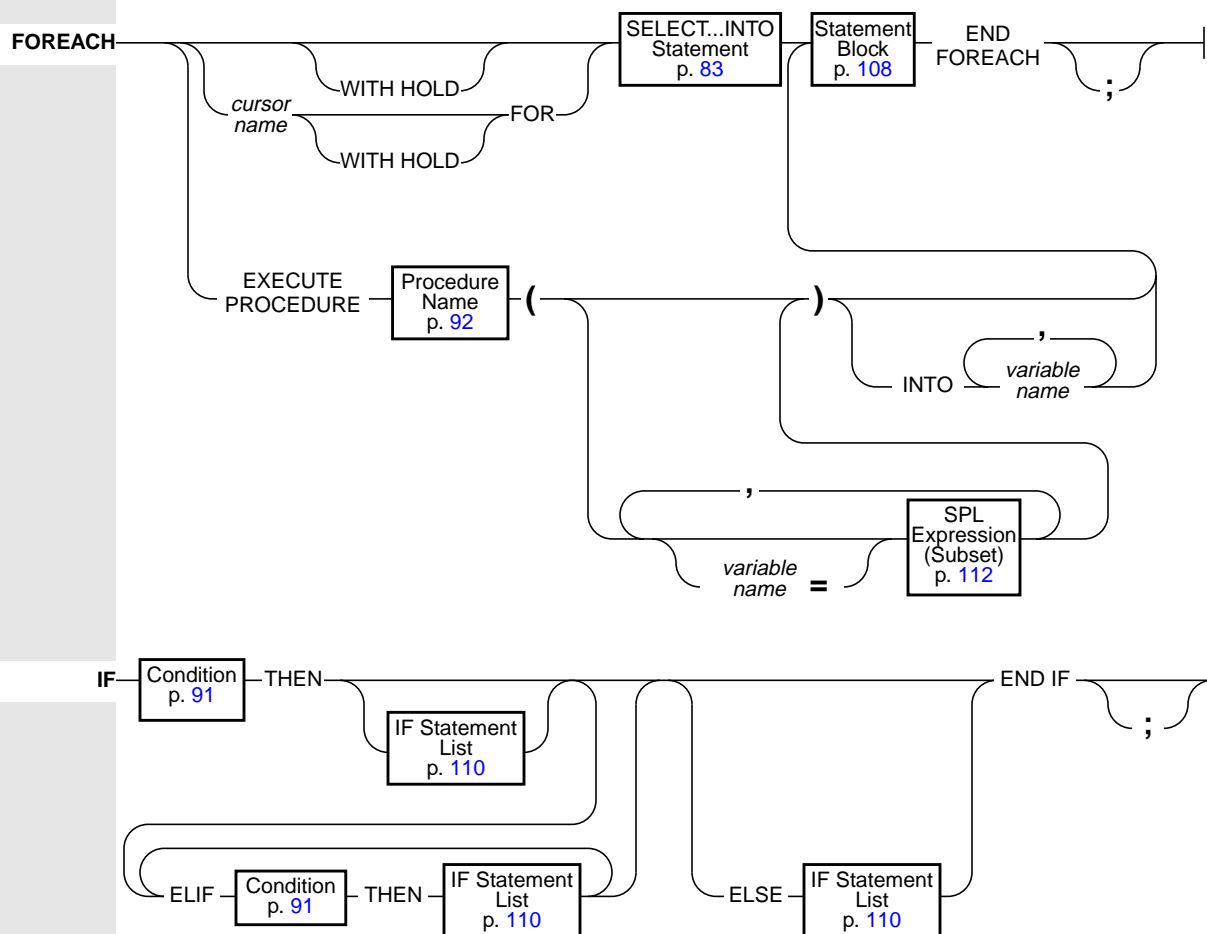
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select
    manu_code, unit_price,
    (avg_price(1) - unit_price) variance
from stock
where stock_num = 1
```

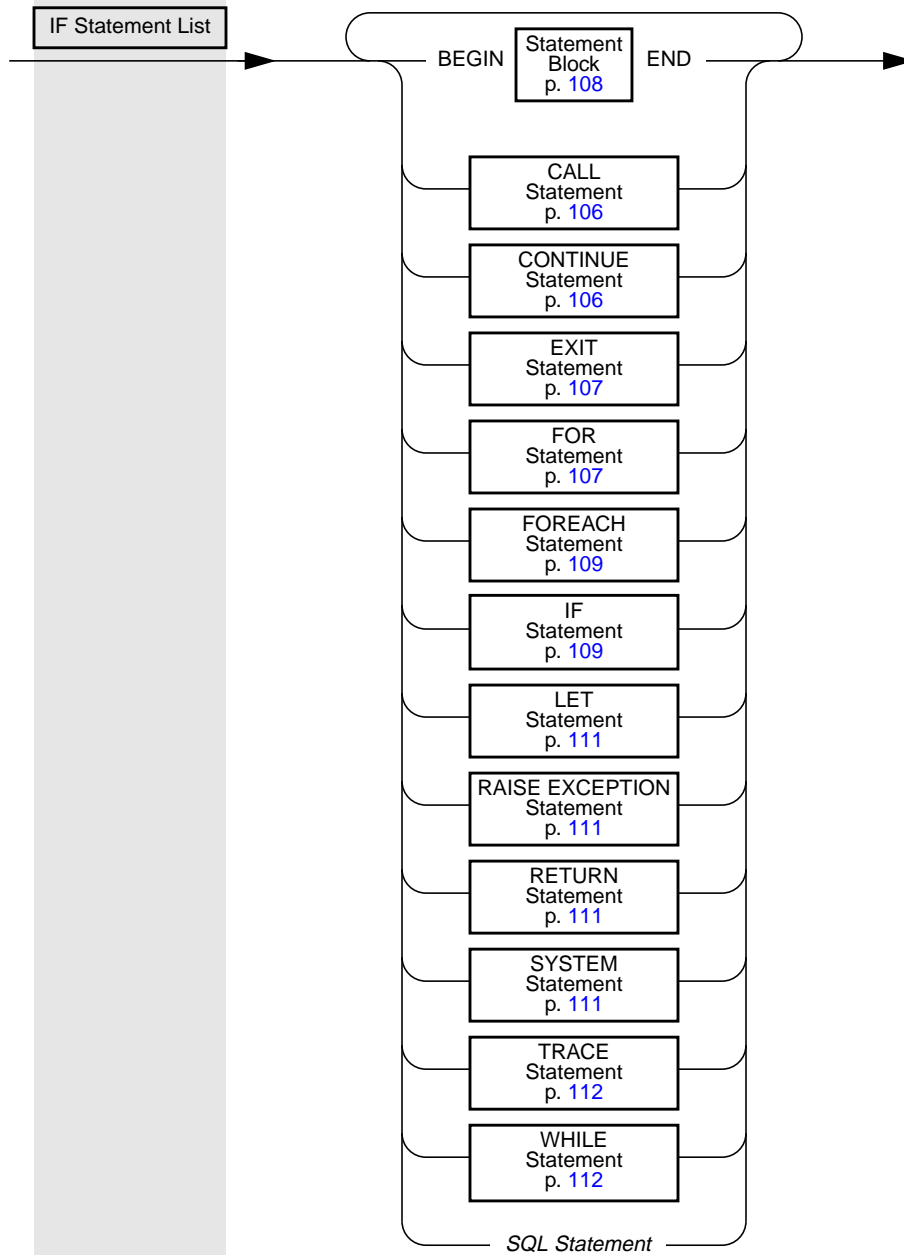
Such implicit references to stored procedures do not require the statement to be prepared.

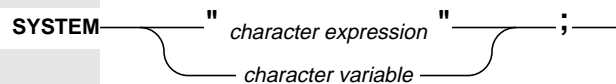
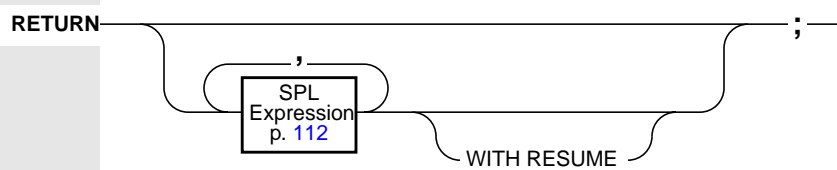
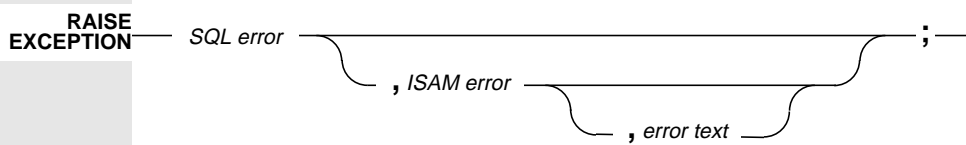
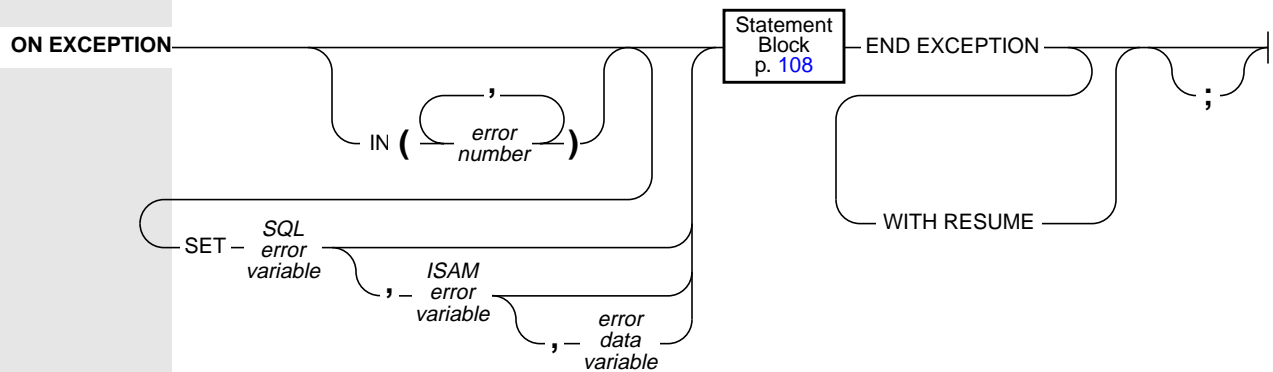
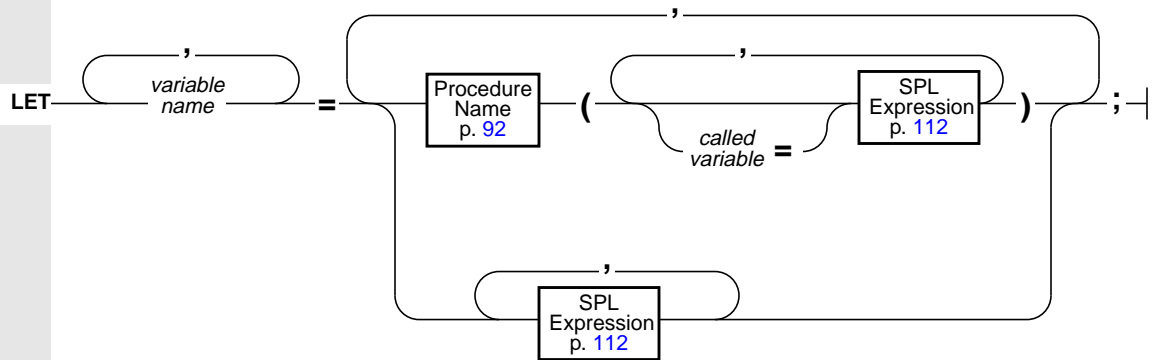


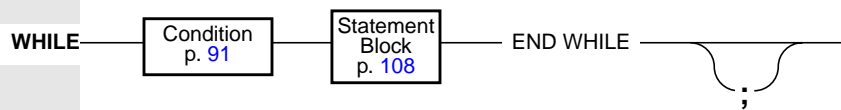
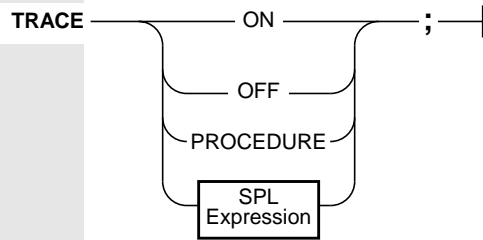
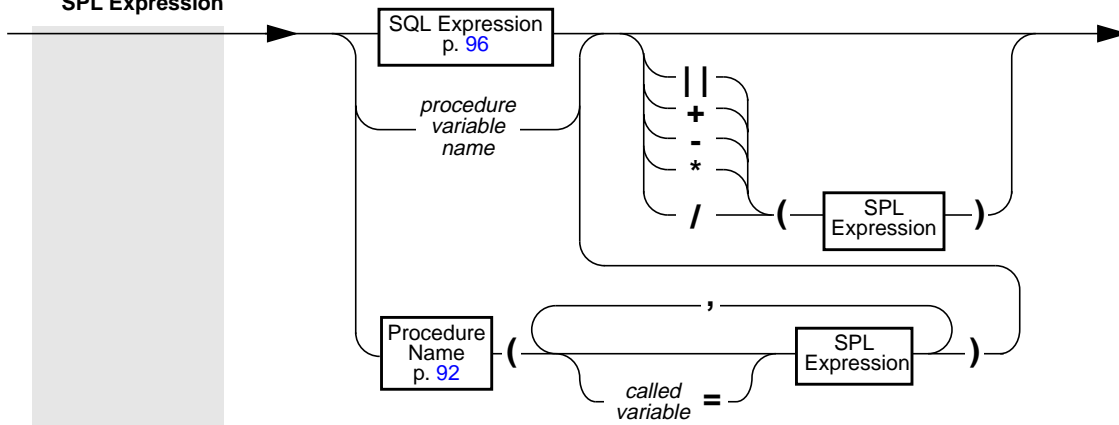










**SPL Expression**

SQLCA Record

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```

DEFINE SQLCA RECORD
  SQLCODE INTEGER,
  SQLERRM CHAR(71),
  SQLERRP CHAR(8),
  SQLERRD ARRAY [6] OF INTEGER,
  SQLAWARN CHAR (8)
END RECORD

```

Summary of fields:

Result Code	Details of Statement Execution	Special Conditions
STATUS or SQLCA.SQLCODE	SQLCA.SQLERRD[1] through SQLCA.SQLERRD[6]	SQLCA.SQLAWARN[1] through SQLCA.SQLAWARN[8]

SQLCODE indicates the result of executing an SQL statement.
It is set as follows:

- To zero for a successful execution of most statements.
- To NOTFOUND (defined as 100) for a successfully executed query that returns zero rows or for a FETCH that seeks beyond the end of an active set. (However, in an ANSI-compliant database, when an INSERT INTO/SELECT statement or a DELETE, UPDATE, or SELECT INTO TEMP statement fails to access any rows, the value of SQLCA.SQLCODE is set to NOTFOUND rather than 0.)
- To a negative value for an unsuccessful execution.

INFORMIX-4GL sets the global variable STATUS equal to SQLCODE after each SQL statement. However, any subsequent **4GL** statement can reset STATUS.

SQLERRM contains parameters for the error message.

SQLERRP is reserved for future use.

SQLERRD is an array of six integers:

- | | |
|------------|---|
| SQLERRD[1] | is the estimated number of rows returned. |
| SQLERRD[2] | is the SERIAL value returned or an error code. |
| SQLERRD[3] | is the number of rows processed. |
| SQLERRD[4] | is a weighted sum of disk accesses and total rows processed, the estimated CPU cost of the query. |
| SQLERRD[5] | is the offset of error into the SQL statement. |
| SQLERRD[6] | is the rowid of the last row processed. |

SQLAWARN is a character string of length eight whose individual characters signal various warning conditions (as opposed to errors) following the execution of an SQL statement. The characters are blank if no problems or exceptional conditions are detected.

- SQLAWARN[1]** is set to W if one or more of the other warning characters has been set to W. If SQLAWARN[1] is blank, you do not have to check the remaining warning characters.
- SQLAWARN[2]** is set to W if one or more data items were truncated to fit into a character variable or if a DATABASE statement selected a database with transactions.
- SQLAWARN[3]** is set to W if an aggregate function (SUM, AVG, MAX, or MIN) encountered a null value in its evaluation or if a DATABASE statement selected an ANSI-compliant database.
- SQLAWARN[4]** is set to W if a DATABASE statement selected an **INFORMIX-OnLine Dynamic Server<Default ¶ Fo>** database or when the number of items in the *select-list* of a SELECT clause is not the same as the number of program variables in the INTO clause. In the latter case, the number of values **INFORMIX-4GL** returns is the smaller of these two numbers.
- SQLAWARN[5]** is set to W if float-to-decimal conversion is used.
- SQLAWARN[6]** is set to W when your program executes an Informix extension to ANSI-compliant standard syntax and the DBANSIWARN environment variable is set or the **-ansi** option is specified.
- SQLAWARN[7]** is reserved for future use.
- SQLAWARN[8]** is reserved for future use.

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The following table lists the **Debugger** commands, options, and accelerators.

Command	Option	Shortest Form
?		?
/		/
ALIAS		al
APPLICATION	DEVICE	ap ap d
BREAK	IF	b b if
CALL		ca
CLEANUP	ALL	cl cl a
CONTINUE		co
DATABASE		da
DISABLE	ALL	di di all
DUMP	ALL GLOBALS	du du a du g
ENABLE	ALL	en en all
EXIT		ex
FUNCTIONS		f
GROW	SOURCE COMMAND	g g s g c
HELP	ALL	h h a
LET		le
LIST	BREAK TRACE	li li b li t
NOBREAK	ALL	nob nob all
NOTRACE	ALL	not not all
PRINT		p
READ		re
RUN		ru
STEP	INTO NOBREAK	s s i s n
TIME DELAY	SOURCE COMMAND	ti ti s ti c

Command	Option	Shortest Form
TRACE	FUNCTIONS	tr tr functions
TURN	ON OFF	tu tu on tu of
USE		us
VARIABLE	ALL GLOBALS	va va all va globals
VIEW	LINE	vi vi l
WHERE		wh
WRITE	ALIAS BREAK TRACE	wr wr a wr b wr t

After setting a breakpoint (or tracepoint), the Output text region displays:

```

reference checkpoint      line      module
number   type   function  number
  ↓       ↓       ↓         ↓
(2)    break show_menu:91 [customer.4gl]
               scope function: show_menu
                        ↑
                    checkpoint scope

```

Command-Line Syntax

To:	Type:
Escape	! command
Interrupt	CONTROL-D or Del key
Redraw	CONTROL-R
Screen	CONTROL-P
Toggle	CONTROL-T
Search for characters	/ pattern ? pattern

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I — *pattern* —————

? — *pattern* —————

ALIAS
AL — *alias name* = — *command* —————

* —————

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APPLICATION
AP ————— *break line* —————

DEVICE

BREAK
B — Checkpoint Initializaton
p. 126 — *count* ————— IF *boolean expression* —————

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These built-in operators can be used in a *boolean expression*:

CURRENT	ENTEND()	TODAY
DATE()	INTERVAL()	UNITS
DATETIME()	MDY()	WEEKDAY()
DAY()	MONTH()	YEAR()

CALL
CA — *function name* (—————) —————

argument

CLEANUP
CL

ALL

CONTINUE
CO

DATABASE
DA

database

To select a remote database, use one of the following formats:

Remote Database Engine	Format of <i>database</i> name
INFORMIX-OnLine Dynamic Server	<i>database@servername</i> or <i>//servername/database</i>
INFORMIX-SE	<i>//servername/path/database</i>

DISABLE
DI

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DUMP
DU

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ENABLE
EN

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EXIT
EX

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F

pattern

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A *pattern* is a string of no more than 50 characters and blanks or up to 80 characters if enclosed in quotation marks.

You can use the following wildcard characters within the pattern:

Pattern	Matches
?	any single character
*	zero or more characters
[characters]	one or more unseparated characters
[character-character]	characters within the range in ASCII collating sequence

GROW
G

SOURCE
COMMAND

integer

HELP
H

command
ALL

LET
LE

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variable = 4GL expression

LIST
LI

BREAK
TRACE

NOBREAK
NOB

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NOTRACE
NOT

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Identification
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PRINT
P

4GL expression

OL

PROGRAM = "program"

Output
Redirection
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These built-in operators can be used within a 4GL expression:

CURRENT	ENTEND()	TODAY
DATE()	INTERVAL()	UNITS
DATETIME()	MDY()	WEEKDAY()
DAY()	MONTH()	YEAR()

READ
RE

filename

.4db

RUN
RU

argument

To pass arguments to the p-code runner, include them on the
Debugger command line.

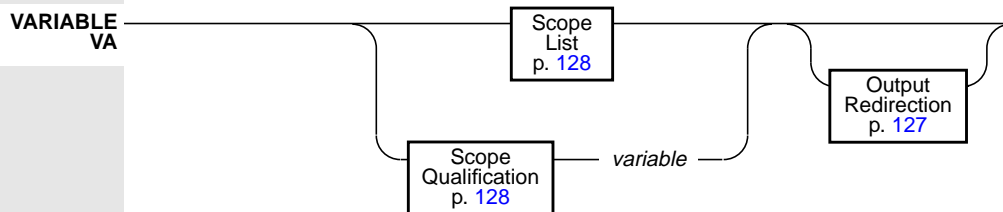
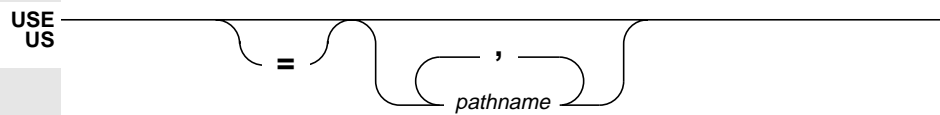
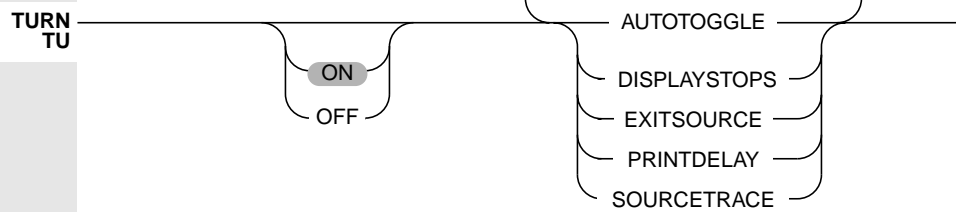
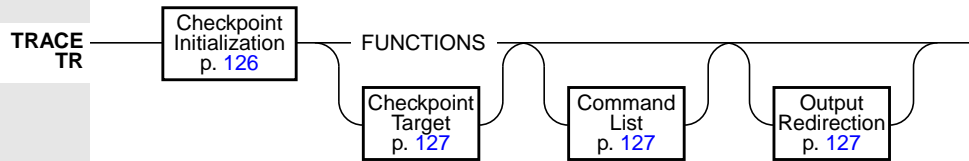
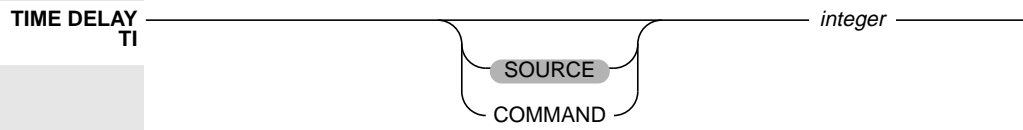
STEP
S

number

INTO

NOBREAK

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VIEW
VI*function**filename**number*

LINE

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BREAK

TRACE

ALIAS

filename

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4GL Interactive Debugger Command Segments

Checkpoint
Identification

reference number

reference name

function name

ALL

Checkpoint
Initialization

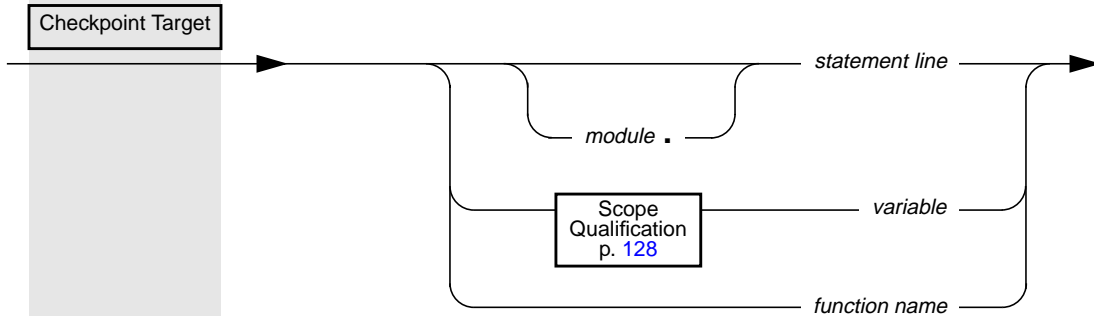
*

(*function name*)

"*reference name*"

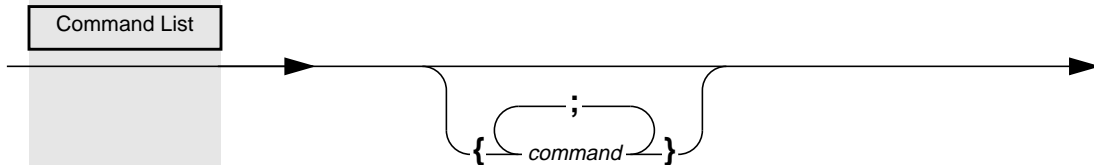
A *reference name* must:

- Be unique among other checkpoint names.
- Begin with an alphabetic character.
- Contain only letters, numbers, or the underscore (_) character.



Type	Valid Entities	Triggered When
statement	executable statements within 4GL functions	Execution completes previous statement.
variable	[†] active variables	Variable is assigned a different value.
function	4GL functions (including MAIN), 4GL reports, ESQL/C functions, C functions	Function is called.

[†]You cannot set a checkpoint on an entire array or record structure.



Scope List

GLOBALS

ALL

Scope Qualification

GLOBAL

MODULE. *module*

FUNCTION. *function*

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Logical command keys at runtime and their default assignments:

Key Name	Purpose of Key	Default Keystroke
Accept	Selects the current menu option in a MENU statement; terminates input during CONSTRUCT, INPUT and INPUT ARRAY; terminates DISPLAY ARRAY.	Escape
Interrupt	Represents the external interrupt signal; available when interrupts are deferred with the DEFER statement.	CONTROL-C
Insert	Requests insertion of a new line during INPUT ARRAY, starting execution of a BEFORE INSERT block.	F1
Delete	Requests deletion of the current line during INPUT ARRAY, starting execution of a BEFORE DELETE block.	F2
Next	Causes scrolling to the next page (group of lines) during DISPLAY ARRAY and INPUT ARRAY.	F3
Previous	Causes scrolling to the previous page (group of lines) during DISPLAY ARRAY and INPUT ARRAY.	F4
Help	Starts the display of the specified HELP message from the current help file.	CONTROL-W
Quit	Terminates the program unless DEFER QUIT is specified.	CONTROL-\

Effect of special keys on interactive 4GL statements and within 4GL menus:

Key Name	Use in CONSTRUCT, INPUT, and INPUT ARRAY	Use in MENU
CONTROL-A	Switches between overtype and insert modes.	None.
CONTROL-D	Deletes from the cursor to the end of the field.	None.
CONTROL-H (backspace)	During text entry, moves the cursor left one position (nondestructive backspace).	Moves highlight to next option left.
CONTROL-I or TAB	Cursor moves to next field; except in a WORDWRAP field, inserts a tab or skips to a tab depending on mode.	None.
CONTROL-J (Linefeed)	Cursor moves to next field; except in a WORDWRAP field, inserts a newline or moves down one line depending on mode.	Moves the highlight to the next option right.
CONTROL-L	During text entry, moves the cursor right one position.	Moves the highlight to the next option right.

Key Name	Use in CONSTRUCT, INPUT, and INPUT ARRAY	Use in MENU
CONTROL-M or RETURN	Completes entry of the current field. Cursor moves to next field if any; else same as Accept.	Accepts the option that is currently highlighted.
CONTROL-N	Cursor moves to beginning of current field.	None.
CONTROL-R	Causes the screen to be redrawn.	Causes the screen to be redrawn.
CONTROL-X	Deletes the character under the cursor.	None.
Left Arrow	Same as Backspace.	Same as Backspace.
Right Arrow	Same as CONTROL-L.	Same as CONTROL-L.
Up Arrow	Moves to previous field; except in a WORDWRAP field moves up one line in field and in an INPUT ARRAY moves to the corresponding field in the previous row.	Moves the highlight to the next option left.
Down Arrow	Moves to next field; except in a WORDWRAP field moves down one line in field and in an INPUT ARRAY moves to the corresponding field in the next row.	Moves the highlight to the next option right.

Default function key assignments in the **Debugger**:

Default Key	Equivalent Command
F1	HELP
F2	STEP
F3	STEP INTO
F4	CONTINUE
F5	RUN
F6	LIST BREAK TRACE
F7	LIST
F8	DUMP
F9	EXIT

