

AQL dialect + syntax checker

Code	Type	Description
AQL001	Syntax	Unexpected token (e.g., wrong keyword order, missing FROM).
AQL002	Syntax	Missing required clause (SELECT, FROM, etc.).
AQL005	Syntax	Malformed parameter (missing name after : or invalid characters).
AQL006	Syntax	Invalid LIMIT — must be a non-negative integer literal.
AQL011	Semantic	Unknown USING field — doesn't exist in both joined classes .
AQL012	Semantic	Ambiguous field reference — unqualified name appears in multiple joined classes .

Code	Type	Description
AQL013	Semantic	Duplicate alias — same alias defined for more than one class .
AQL014	Syntax	Empty USING () list — must specify at least one field .
AQL015	Syntax	Invalid JOIN form — only JOIN ... USING (...) allowed in this dialect.
AQL020	Semantic	Dot-notation inside OR — forbidden because dot-notation implies inner auto-joins.
AQL021	Semantic	Type mismatch — incompatible operands (checked only if type info available).

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AQL022	Syntax	Reserved word used unquoted as a class or field name (e.g., <code>User</code>).
AQL023	Syntax	Invalid parameter token — malformed <code>:param</code> or unknown shorthand.
AQL024	Semantic	Unknown field — not resolvable within current class or its SUBCLASS scope.
AQL025	Semantic	Ambiguous field — same field name visible from multiple classes (not a <code>USING</code> key).

AQL001/AQL002

Core Query Shape

A valid query looks like:

```
SELECT <fields>
FROM <object | dot path> [<alias>]
  [<JOIN ... USING (...)>]* 
[WHERE ...]
[GROUP BY ...]
[ORDER BY ...]
[LIMIT ...]
[SUBCLASS ...]
[PARTITION ...]
```

Checker rule:

- Must have SELECT and FROM.
- Clauses must appear in the correct order.
- No duplicates of the same clause type (e.g., two WHEREs).

AQL005

- AQL parameters always start with a colon (:) followed by a valid name (letters, digits, or underscore).

SELECT Name

FROM Supplier

WHERE Country = :countryParam

Incorrect or incomplete parameter examples (AQL005)

Example	What's wrong	Fix
WHERE Country = :	The colon has no name after it.	→ WHERE Country = :countryParam
WHERE Price > :123abc	Parameter names cannot start with a number.	→ WHERE Price > :priceValue
WHERE Status = :@param	Invalid character (@) in parameter name.	→ WHERE Status = :statusParam
WHERE Region = ::region	Double colons not allowed.	→ WHERE Region = :region
WHERE Code = :region-name	Hyphen not allowed in parameter names.	→ WHERE Code = :regionName

Incorrect usage (AQL006 errors)

Example	What's wrong	Fix
LIMIT -10	Negative numbers are not allowed .	→ LIMIT 10
LIMIT 10.5	Decimal numbers not supported — must be an integer.	→ LIMIT 10
LIMIT '100'	The limit is a string , not a number.	→ LIMIT 100
LIMIT :maxRows	Parameters are not allowed here (AQL requires a literal).	→ LIMIT 500
LIMIT (<i>no number</i>)	Missing value — incomplete syntax.	→ LIMIT 100

Explicit Joins (JOIN ... USING (...))

AQL011/ AQL015

Supported form

- Only **inner** joins in this tiny dialect:
- From <ClassName> [alias]
- JOIN <ClassName> [alias] USING (field1 [, field2, ...])
- [JOIN ...]*

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- USING must list ≥ 1 **field** (AQL014).
- With schema: each USING **field** must exist on **both classes**.
- After the join, each USING field appears **once** in the visible field set.
- Any other **field** name that exists in multiple joined **classes** is **ambiguous** if unqualified → require alias.Field (AQL012).
- **Aliases** must be unique per **class** reference (AQL013).

Dot-Notation Logic (Auto Joins) (AQL020)

- Writing a dotted path like Preparer.Name or "User".Roles.Permissions tells AQL to **follow relationships** between objects.
- AQL automatically brings in the related objects behind the scenes—this is an **implicit inner auto-join** (always inner when created by dot-notation).
- **Where we can use it:** SELECT, WHERE, and ORDER BY may reference dotted paths. It's just normal AQL—no explicit join keywords needed for these paths.
- **Hard rule with OR:** if a WHERE expression uses OR, **We must not use dot-notation** anywhere inside that OR tree. Because dot-notation implies inner presence of those related objects, combining them with OR will not behave like a true “either/or.”

- Reserved words: AQL reserved identifiers must be quoted. For example, always write "User" (not User). Dotted segments that are reserved should also be quoted as needed: "User".Roles.Permissions.

What the checker does (AQL logic only):

- Detects dotted paths and records an **implicit inner auto-join** for each path.
- Blocks any **dot-notation within OR** conditions.
- Ensures reserved words are **properly quoted** in any segment.

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-- OK: implicit auto-joins via dot-notation
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```
SELECT Preparer.Name, TaxAmount.Amount  
FROM ariba.procure.core.Requisition
```

```
-- NOT OK: dot-notation inside OR (checker error)
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```
SELECT "User".Name  
FROM "User"  
WHERE "User".Roles.Permissions IN (...) OR "User".Permissions IN (...)
```

WHERE Clause Logic

Expression forms

- Comparisons: =, !=, <, <=, >, >=
- Null checks: IS NULL, IS NOT NULL
- Set/range: IN (...), BETWEEN ... AND ...
- Pattern: LIKE 'pattern' (with escapes)
- Boolean: AND, OR, NOT, parentheses (...)
- Operands: FieldRef (can be dotted), literals, parameters (:name, :NUM)

Reserved Words & Identifiers