Introduction

This guide documents the changes made in the Firebird SQL language between InterBase 6 and Firebird 2.0.x.

It covers the following areas:

- Reserved words
- Data types and subtypes
- DDL statements (Data Definition Language)
- DML statements (Data Manipulation Language)
- Transaction control statements
- PSQL statements (Procedural SQL, used in stored procedures and triggers)
- Context variables
- Operators and predicates
- Internal functions
- UDFs (User Defined Functions, also known as external functions)

To have a complete Firebird 2.0 SQL reference, you need:

- The InterBase 6.0 beta SQL Reference (LangRef.zip and/or SQLRef.html)
- This document

Topics not discussed in this document include:

- ODS versions
- Bug listings
- Installation and configuration
- Upgrade, migration and compatibility
- Server architectures
- API functions
- Connection protocols
- Tools and utilities

Consult the Release Notes for information on these subjects. You can find the *Release Notes* and other documentation via the *Firebird Documentation Index* at https://www.firebirdsql.org/index.php?op=doc.

Versions covered

This document covers all Firebird versions up to and including 2.0.6.

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