

BINARY, VARBINARY, BINARY VARYING

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Function

Alias for [CHAR](#), [VARCHAR](#), VARYING CHAR with CHARACTER SET OCTETS.

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Syntax rules

```
BINARY[ (length) ]  
VARBINARY(length)  
BINARY VARYING(length)
```

Example(s)

```
1. DECLARE VARIABLE VAR1 VARBINARY(10);  
2. CREATE TABLE TABLE1 (FIELD1 BINARY(16),  
                           FIELD2 VARBINARY(100),  
                           FIELD3 BINARY VARYING(1000));
```

Note(s)

- If length is omitted for type BINARY, it is considered to be 1.
- Can be distinguished from text types by value 1 in RDB\$FIELD_SUB_TYPE.
- Character set is set to OCTETS for backward compatibility.
- In API are similar to corresponding text types, getSubType() returns 0.

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