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NATURAL PROCESS Extends NATURAL to Operations Center



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NATURAL PROCESS, an exciting new NATURAL extension unveiled at the 17th International Users' Conference, is being formally released

this month. NATURAL PROCESS provides access to various operating system services from the NATURAL environment. This allows your application developers to build highly sophisticated applications that directly interface to entities and functions that up until now were only available from lower level languages or prepackaged utilities. In addition, your operations staff will now enjoy the benefits and productivity gains that are available with NATURAL.

NATURAL PROCESS Functions

The following is an example of what can be done from a NATURAL program using NATURAL PROCESS:

- Retrieve address space and JES information
- Retrieve spool records for a specific job
- Alter status of a job in the JES queue
- Retrieve catalog information and perform catalog maintenance
- Return information on devices

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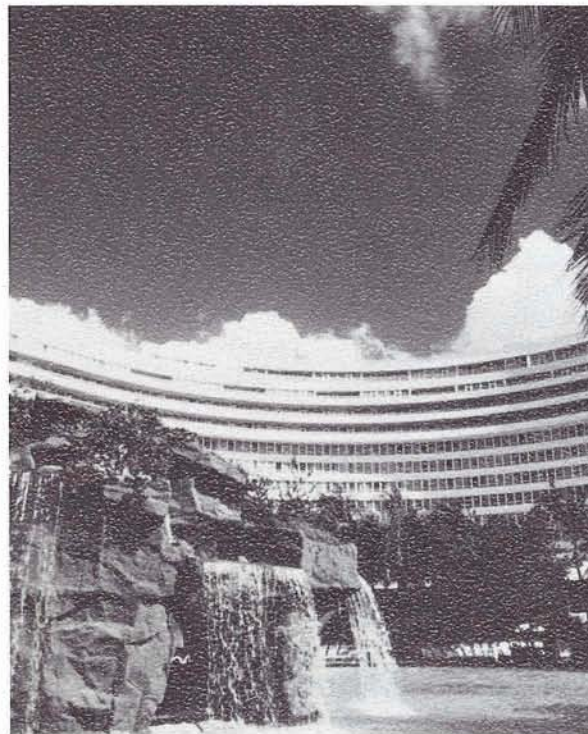
'87 Conference Makes Big Splash in Miami

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Software AG's 17th Annual International Users' Conference was held in Miami, Florida on November 1-5, 1987. The conference broke attendance records set in previous years, with approximately 2000 users and prospects convening. Users heard about Software AG's plans for the future; learned about new products and technologies; saw demonstrations of nearly 30 products; and exchanged information with other users through a variety of forums, including workshops, presentations, and meetings.

The annual Users' Conference also provides SAGGROUPE with an opportunity to elect new officers and representatives. This year, the Users elected seven people to various positions. In addition, many new Regional Representatives were elected, both in the United States and internationally. The listing of the current Executive Committee

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The Fontainebleau Hilton, Miami Beach, Florida, was the host hotel for the 1987 Users' Conference where approximately 2,000 people convened.

Conference Highlights

- 2000 attendees
- 30 products demonstrated
- Product Announcements:
 - ADABAS 5
 - NATURAL Engineering Series
 - 4 New VMS Products
- SAGGROUPE Elections
- Separate Executive Track Conference

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