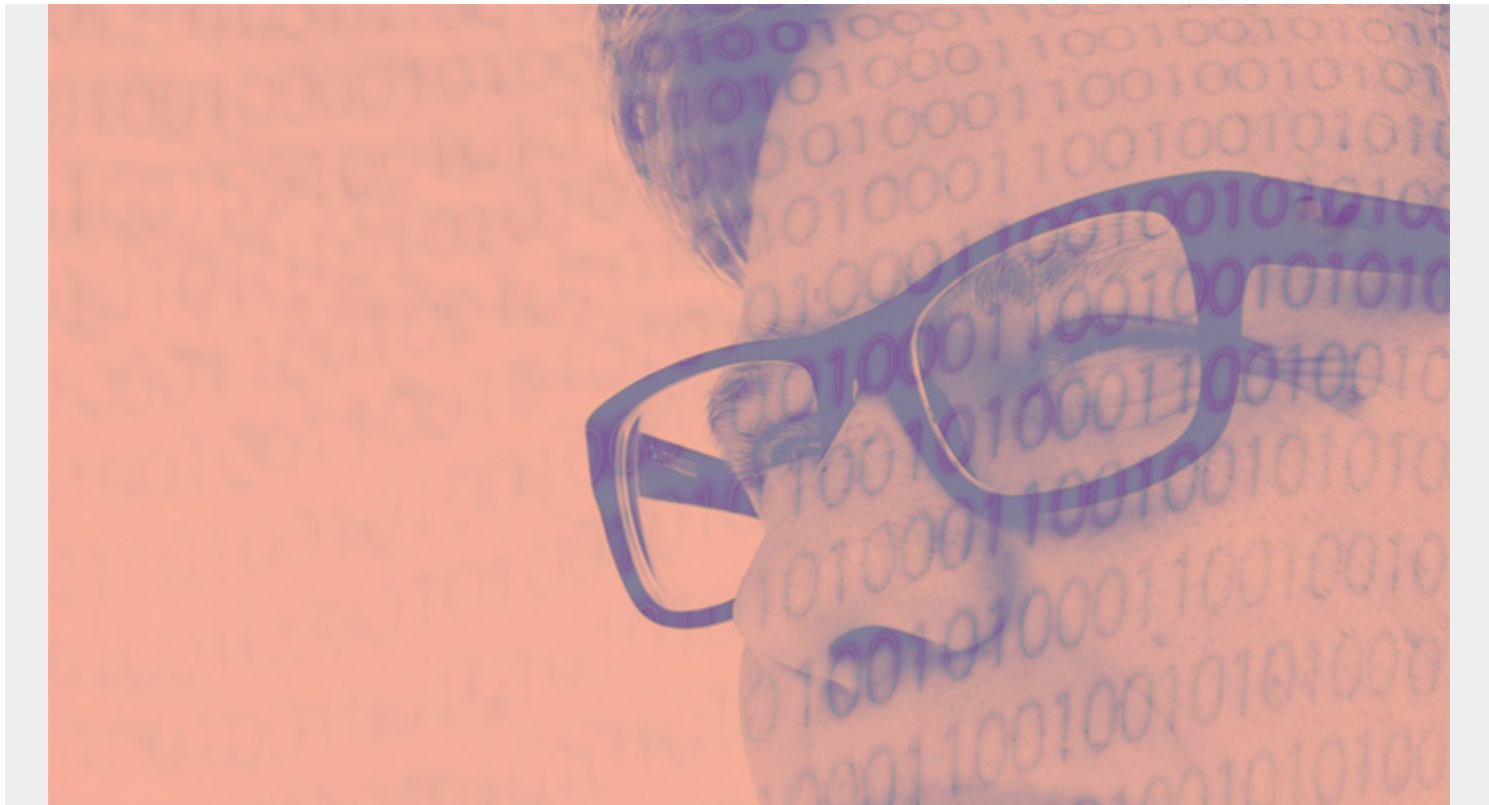


HOW TO READ IBM[®] SYNTAX DIAGRAMS FOR DB2 12



Read the syntax diagrams from left to right, from top to bottom, following the path of the line.

The >>--- symbol indicates the beginning of the statement

The ---> symbol indicates that the statement syntax is continued on the next line

The >--- symbol indicates that a statement is continued from the previous line

The --->< symbol indicates the end of a statement

Diagrams of syntactical units other than complete statements start with the >--- symbol and end with the ---> symbol.

Required items appear on the horizontal line (the main path).

```
>>__required_item_____
____><
```

Optional items appear below the main path.

```
>>__required_item_____
____><
      |_optional_item_|
```

If an optional item appears above the main path, that item has no effect on the execution of the

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