

# How does isCOBOL limit the size of database query working set for the START statement?

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Question:

With ACUCOBOL-GT my program used the A4GL\_WHERE\_CONSTRAINT external variable in order to add further constraints to the SQL SELECT statement generated for the COBOL START statement.Â

For example,

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Move "fctest_key > 3 and fctest_key      A4GL_WHERE_CONSTRAINT.  
Inspect A4GL_WHERE_CONSTRAINT replacing trailing spaces by  
      low-values.  
START FTEST-FILE KEY NOT LESS FTEST-KEY.  
How can I accomplish the same thing in isCOBOL?Â
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Answer:

You can set the external variable EDBI-WHERE-CONSTRAINT, that works the same way as A4GL-WHERE-CONSTRAINT.