

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

## 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.

For example,

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Move "fctest_key > 3 and fctest_key < 6" to      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?

## Answer:

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

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