

DataBlock Naming Conventions

When designing a DataBlock, it's very useful to give every form object a meaningful name in the **Variable Name** field. You can use the following abbreviations for each type of form object. It's common to use CamelCase (where all the words are joined and each one is capitalized) to improve the readability of the item description.

<FormName>_<2-CHAR OBJECT TYPE>_<ItemDesc>

Example: mainForm_MC_termList

Below is a list of the commonly used **Object Types**. As new object types are added to Argos, this list will be expanded.

- QB – OLAP Cube
- MC – Multi-Column List Box
- LB – Single Column List Box
- DD – Drop Down Control
- CT – Chart
- BT – Button
- CB – Check Box
- RB – Radio Button
- DT – Date Control
- EB – Edit Box
- MB – Memo Box
- PL – Panel
- LL – Labels
- SP – Shape
- IM – Image

SQL variables should follow a similar pattern. If the SQL variable resides on a single form, then use the name of that form for the <FormName> reference. Otherwise, you can eliminate <FormName> or replace it with the name of a referring object, if there is one.

<FormName>_<OBJECT TYPE>_<ItemDesc>

Example: mainForm_SQL_getName

- SQL – SQL Select Statement
- PLSQL – Anonymous Block
- MAN – Manual Entry Variable