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**Advantage™ VISION:Inquiry® for IMS**  
**Version 6.5**  
**Product Announcement**

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**Advantage™ VISION:Inquiry®** is an online, command-driven, fourth-generation, interactive, intelligent, immediate response inquiry and reporting system retrieving information from IMS databases, VSAM files and/or DB2 tables for the end user.

### **Operating Environment**

IBM and IBM-compatible enterprise servers — z/OS

Operates within all standard teleprocessing environments, IMS TM, TSO/ISPF, and also BMP and Batch

Supports IMS databases and VSAM files (KSDS, ESDS and RRDS)

Optional support for DB2 available

### **Highlights**

- You may enter free-form, English-like statements or use an existing stored query to tell Advantage VISION:Inquiry what output you want and let the program select the formatting details, or format the output yourself using the User-Defined Output (UDO) facility.
- Output can be sent to the originating terminal, another terminal or a printer.
- You can access information in up to 16 databases/files simultaneously and transparently in one query.
- The user has immediate online response to inquiries using the Automatic Query Facility (AQF), a complete menu-driven system with fill-in-the-blank specifications.
- Other features of Advantage VISION:Inquiry are:
  - An easy-to-learn, free-form, natural inquiry language
  - Modifiable inquiry language vocabulary
  - Access to multiple IMS databases, DB2 tables/views and VSAM data sets, or a combination of the three
  - Access to DB2 tables using embedded SQL statements
  - Arithmetic commands and functions
  - Logical commands
  - Report summary commands
  - An interactive capability for creating and storing inquiries
  - Complete text-editing capabilities for stored inquiries
  - Conversational mode or continuous mode of operation
  - Built-in data security

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Availability: General Availability Status



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## Major Enhancements

- **Partial Matching in IF Selection.** A new operator, LIKE, is added to the IF selection logic for partial matching of character strings. The “%” character is used to stand for zero or more characters in the search pattern, while the “\_” character stands for exactly one character in the field’s value.
- **New Command for Stored Queries.** A new command is introduced to display the name of the stored query, the database name, the terminal that defined the query, the date and time on one line, and the comment on the following line. In case of no comment in the stored query, a blank line follows the stored query name line.
- **AQF Stored Query Panel Enhancement.** The existing AQF stored query panel is changed to allow PF10 key to switch to a new panel that displays the comments associated with the stored queries as well as the other statistics. On the new panel, there are two lines for every stored query. The first line shows the stored query information as it appeared in prior releases and the comment associated with the stored query will appear on the second line. A blank line is displayed if there is no comment in the stored query.
- **Title in Non-UDO Queries.** The Non-UDO query is enhanced to allow one or two title lines (up to 70 characters, 60 characters in AQF) at the top of each page of the report.
- **LMP Support.** Advantage VISION:Inquiry for IMS Version 6.5 uses the Computer Associates License Management Program (LMP), which provides a standardized and automated approach to the tracking of licensed software.
- **SMP/E Support.** Advantage VISION:Inquiry now utilizes IBM’s SMP/E facilities for installation of the product.

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