

Backus-Naur Form (BNF)

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Backus-Naur Form or **Backus Normal Form (BNF)** is a metasyntax notation for context-free grammars, often used to describe the syntax of languages used in computing, such as computer [programming languages](#), document formats, instruction sets and communication protocols. They are applied wherever exact descriptions of languages are needed: for instance, in official language specifications, in manuals, and in textbooks on programming language theory.

Many extensions and variants of the original Backus-Naur notation are used; some are exactly defined, including extended Backus-Naur form (EBNF) and augmented Backus-Naur form (ABNF).

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