

Overview

The Data Mapping Tool is a graphical user interface that allows you to generate a global format buffer (GFB) and field table (GFFT). Using the interface you can drag and drop a Natural *data definition module (DDM)* onto a target RDBMS, adjust the resulting GFB schema, and generate the GFB and GFFT. In addition, you can drag and drop individual fields from a DDM onto existing RDBMS columns to create or modify a GFB schema that maps data to existing RDBMS tables.

Natural DDMs provide a logical definition of a physical database and can be generated using Natural's SYSDDM utility or from Predict. DDMs allow convenient and transparent access of the Adabas data to different database management systems. For each physical file in a database, one or more DDMs can be defined. For complete information on generating a Natural DDM, refer to your Natural or Predict documentation.

Note:

You can also use the Event Replicator Administration with Predict to generate GFBs and the associated GFFT. For more information, read *Maintaining GFB Definitions*.