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## Administration Guide

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# Preface

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This documentation is intended for the Natural ISPF system administrator and describes Natural ISPF administration procedures. Separate sections explain how to set up the Natural ISPF environment according to the requirements of your site.

This documentation covers the following topics:

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>System Configuration</b>                 | Describes system configuration procedures. These include subsystem customization, activating logon screen and user exits, as well as setting some parameters for the users' working environment.   |
| <b>User Definitions</b>                     | Tells you how to create and maintain user definitions, including authorization profiles at the single user, user group and default level.  |
| <b>Menu Maintenance</b>                     | Deals with menu customization. Syntax is described with which you can modify existing menus and create new ones.   |
| <b>Site-Specific Online Information</b>     | Describes how you can write online help texts and provide other online information.  |
| <b>User Exits</b>                           | Tells how you can make use of the various user exits supplied by Software AG.  |
| <b>Buffer Pool and Recovery Files</b>       | Describes the Editor buffer pool and buffer pool recovery files, and gives instructions on how the buffer pool efficiency can be optimized. A special subsection on trouble shooting tells you what to do when certain messages are given out. |
| <b>Natural ISPF Libraries</b>               | Lists the name of the libraries as they appear on the installation medium together with their descriptive names. In all sections except in the <i>Installation</i> documentation, libraries are referred to by their descriptive names.        |
| <b>Natural ISPF Special Characters</b>      | Lists all special characters used in Natural ISPF, together with their hexadecimal values for easy translation to other keyboards.   |
| <b>Authorization Classes</b>                | Lists the available authorization classes and the Natural ISPF objects they refer to. Authorization classes are used in menu line definition, in the site control table, and in user definition.   |
| <b>Subsystems Supported by Natural ISPF</b> | Lists the available subsystems supported by Natural ISPF. Subsystems are activated by inclusion in the configuration member CONFIG, and are used in menu line definition.  |

Further customization facilities are described in the *Natural ISPF Programmer's Guide*.

## Naming Conventions

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The section *Natural ISPF Libraries* of this documentation contains a table that lists all Natural ISPF libraries as they appear after loading the installation medium, together with a descriptive name as to the library content. For example, a library named `SYSISPX` could be the Exit Library.

From the section *System Configuration* onwards, Natural ISPF libraries are referred to by their descriptive names (for example, Exit Library instead of `SYSISPX`).

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## Document Conventions

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| Convention     | Description  |
|----------------|--|
| <b>Bold</b>    | Identifies elements on a screen.   |
| Monospace font | Identifies service names and locations in the format <code>folder.subfolder.service</code> , APIs, Java classes, methods, properties.  |
| <i>Italic</i>  | Identifies:<br><br>Variables for which you must supply values specific to your own situation or environment.<br>New terms the first time they occur in the text.<br>References to other documentation sources. |
| Monospace font | Identifies:<br><br>Text you must type in.<br>Messages displayed by the system.<br>Program code.  |
| { }            | Indicates a set of choices from which you must choose one. Type only the information inside the curly braces. Do not type the { } symbols.   |
|                | Separates two mutually exclusive choices in a syntax line. Type one of these choices. Do not type the   symbol.  |
| [ ]            | Indicates one or more options. Type only the information inside the square brackets. Do not type the [ ] symbols.  |
| ...            | Indicates that you can type multiple options of the same type. Type only the information. Do not type the ellipsis (...).  |

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## System Configuration Overview

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This section tells you how to configure some items in the Natural ISPF system to suit your installation's needs. The following points are described:

- Editing the CONFIG member to:
  - customize Natural ISPF to the subsystems installed at your site (see [Defining Installed Subsystems](#));
  - activate user exits (see [Activating Natural ISPF User Exits](#));
  - activate the logon screen (see [Activating Logon Screen](#));
  - set special purpose switches (APPLYMOD parameters) (see [Special Purpose Switches](#)).
- Customizing CA Panvalet definitions (see [Editing the CA Panvalet Definition Member](#));
- Customizing CA Librarian definitions (see [Editing the CA Librarian Definition Member](#));
- Defining short names for libraries (see [Defining Short IDs for Libraries](#));
- Setting Natural ISPF system parameters (see [Natural ISPF Parameters](#));
- Generating a Natural command processor which can be used to improve performance (see [NCP Concept](#));
- Defining libraries for which versioning is to be enforced (see [Defining Versioned Libraries](#)) and maintaining versioning data (see [Maintaining Versioning Data](#));
- Defining the Entire System Server node table (for multi-CPU environments or Mainframe Navigation) (see [Entire System Server Node Table](#)).

Other configuration tasks such as user definitions and menu customization are described in separate sections.

The following subsections describe these functions in the order you are advised to follow when configuring Natural ISPF. All settings can be modified later in any order by an authorized user.

## Further Customization Using Open NSPF

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In addition to the administration functions mentioned above, you can further customize Natural ISPF to the requirements of your site using the Open NSPF facility. This allows you to:

- Define site-specific commands (for example, MAIL to check your automatic office system for a new item).
- Define site-specific objects and relate them to functions (for example, define EMPLOYEE as a new object and relate it to functions LIST, INFORMATION, DELETE).

The Open NSPF facility is described in detail in the *Natural ISPF Programmer's Guide*.

## A Note about Library Names

All Natural libraries accessed during administration functions are referred to in this section by their descriptive names. For a list of library names as they appear on the installation medium, see [Natural ISPF Libraries](#).

## Editing the Configuration Member CONFIG

Select the ADMIN option on the Main Menu. You are presented with the Administrator Menu which contains all available administration options with a short description of their meaning, for example:

```

----- ADMINISTRATOR MENU -----
OPTION  ==>
                                           User ID  FHI
                                           Time    15:38:16
_  1   CONFIG    - Configuration parameters      Terminal DAEFTCS3
_  2   USER     - User maintenance                Library  NSPF241
_  3   MENU LIST - Display N-ISPF menu list         Node    148
_  4   MENU     - Add/update N-ISPF menu
_  5   EXAMPLE  - Invoke example menu
_  6   NODES    - Update N-ISPF nodes table

_  7   SHORTLIB - Edit global shortlib member
_  8   PANDEF   - Edit PANVALET definition member
_  9   LIBDEF   - Edit LIBRARIAN definition member
_ 10  PDS VERS. - Edit PDS versioned libraries list
_ 11  NAT VERS. - Edit NAT versioned libraries list
_ 12  VERSIONS - Maintain versioning data

_ 13  BPSTAT   - Display editor BufferPool status
_ 14  BP FILES - List all BufferPool files
_ 15  BP RECS  - List all Recovery files
Enter-PF13--PF14--PF15--PF16--PF17--PF18--PF19--PF20--PF21--PF22--PF23--PF24---
      Help Relis $End !Br : t;fin !inf Up   Down  Susp; Left Right Exc :
```

Select the CONFIG option on the Administrator Menu. The Configuration Menu appears:

```

----- CONFIGURATION MENU -----
OPTION  ==>

_ 1    N-ISPF      - N-ISPF parameters
_ 2    CONFIG      - Edit Config member
_ 3    CONTROLU    - Edit Site control table
_ 4    NCP         - Use NCP command processor

User ID  FHI
Time     15:43:54
Terminal DAEFTCS3
Library  NSPF241
Node     148

Enter-PF13--PF14--PF15--PF16--PF17--PF18--PF19--PF20--PF21--PF22--PF23--PF24---
Help Relis $End !Br : t;fin !inf Up      Down  Susp; Left Right Exc :
```

This menu contains all available configuration options with a short description of their meaning.

The User Profile Library can contain the member CONFIG which defines the installed subsystems and active user exits. If you wish to activate user exits, other subsystems and/or special purpose switches, you must modify the CONFIG member.

Without the CONFIG member, there are no active user exits and the enabled subsystems are Natural and z/OS. An example of the CONFIG member is contained in the System Profile Library. You can copy this example to the User Profile Library using the SYSMAIN utility.

The CONFIG option on the Administrator Menu provides direct write access to the CONFIG member using the Editor. Any modification made to this member will take effect next time you invoke Natural ISPF. It is therefore recommended that you restart Natural ISPF after modification of the CONFIG member.

The following subsections describe how to define subsystems, activate user exits and activate the logon screen.

- [Defining Installed Subsystems](#)
- [Activating Natural ISPF User Exits](#)
- [Activating Logon Screen](#)
- [Versions File Node Number](#)
- [Special Purpose Switches - APPLYMOD Parameters Member: APPLYMOD](#)

- [Using Comment Lines](#)

## Defining Installed Subsystems

The currently available subsystems are listed in a table in [Subsystems Supported by Natural ISPF](#) at the end of this documentation.

To enable a subsystem, enter its abbreviation preceded by a plus sign + starting in Column 1 of any line in the CONFIG member. You can only enter one subsystem per line.

### Example

The following example of a CONFIG member defines a Natural ISPF system with subsystems Natural, z/OS (MVS), SAT and CA Panvalet:

```
EDIT-NAT:SYSISPFU(CONFIG)-Program->Struct-Free-45K ----- Columns 001 072
COMMAND====>                                     SCROLL====> CSR
***** ***** top of data *****
000010 * Defined subsystems
000020 *
000030 +N   - NATURAL SUBSYSTEM
000050 +M   - MVS   SUBSYSTEM
000060 +S   - SAT     SUBSYSTEM
000070 +P   - PANVALET SUBSYSTEM
***** ***** bottom of data *****
```



**Note:** The Natural ISPF menus distributed on your installation medium display the lines relevant to the subsystem(s) activated here; lines (menu options) which have been defined in these menus but which are not related to one of the activated subsystems will be invisible for all users at your site.

## Activating Natural ISPF User Exits

You can activate a user exit for a Natural ISPF object in the CONFIG member by entering a 3-character abbreviation in a line preceded by an opening parenthesis (. Multiple abbreviations separated by blanks can be entered in one line, and multiple lines are possible, all preceded by an opening parenthesis (.

You can use the following abbreviations to activate the associated exit:

| Abbreviation | Object (Member: TAB-EXIT)   |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| ACT          | Active jobs                 |
| BPF          | Buffer pool files           |
| BPR          | Buffer pool recovery files  |
| CNF          | Configuration object        |
| CON          | System console              |
| CST          | Module CSECT                |
| CTN          | Incore container file       |
| DS           | Data set                    |
| ERR          | Natural error               |
| JOB          | Job                         |
| LIB          | CA Librarian member         |
| LOG          | System log                  |
| LV           | CA Librarian member version |
| MAC          | Macro                       |
| MNU          | Natural ISPF menu           |
| MV           | Members versions            |
| NAT          | Natural object              |
| NV           | NAT member version          |
| OUT          | Work output                 |
| PAN          | CA Panvalet member          |
| PDS          | PDS member                  |
| PV           | PDS member version          |
| REC          | Recovery file               |
| SYS          | Job SYSOUT                  |
| USR          | Natural ISPF user           |
| VIW          | Database view               |
| VOL          | Volume                      |

**Other Exits**

| Abbreviation | Area of Application (Member: TAB-EXIT)  |
|--------------|---|
| HSM or HSM-S | z/OS migrated data set recall (HSM, DMS archiving facility or similar product). |
| GROUPS       | Locate group profiles that apply for users                                      |
| LOGON        | Logon procedure   |
| LOGOFF       | Logoff procedure  |
| NODE         | Access a Node   |

| Abbreviation | Area of Application (Member: TAB-EXIT) |
|--------------|--|
| PRINT        | Print                                  |
| PROFIL       | Editor profile name                    |
| RENAME       | Rename                                 |
| RESUME       | Return to Natural ISPF                 |
| SESS         | Submit or export from edit session     |
| SUSP         | Suspend Natural ISPF                   |



**Note:** See also the subsection *Special Purpose Switches* and the detailed descriptions of the user exits in section *User Exits*.

### Example

The following example of a CONFIG member activates the user exits for Natural objects and PDS members.

```

EDIT-NAT:SYSISPFU(CONFIG)-Program->Struct-Free-45K ----- Columns 001 072
COMMAND===>                                     SCROLL===> CSR
***** ***** top of data *****
000010 * Defined subsystems
000020 *
000030 +N - NATURAL SUBSYSTEM
000040 +M - MVS SUBSYSTEM
000050 +P - PANVALET
000060 *
000070 * Active user exits
000080 *
000090 (NAT PDS
***** ***** bottom of data *****

```

```

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down Swap Left Right Curso

```

This means that when a user issues a specified command for any of these object types, the related user exit is called before the command is executed. For more information on user exits, see section *User Exits*.

## Activating Logon Screen

You can add a line in the `CONFIG` member which causes a logon screen to be displayed when a user invokes Natural ISPF.

The line must start with a dollar sign (\$) in column 1 followed by the word `LOGON`:

```
$LOGON
```

You can enter up to two additional parameters in the same line, separated by blanks. The following are possible:

| Parameter                        | Meaning   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <code>PROCESS</code>             | Causes automatic logon to Entire System Server.   |
| <code>USER=<i>user-id</i></code> | Displays the logon screen only to the specified user. This feature is useful if no security check is performed at your site. The user ID specified here should be the ID passed to Natural by the TP monitor. |

## Versions File Node Number

You can optionally add the following parameter in a line of the `CONFIG` member:

```
-VERSIONS-BY-NODE
```

It is recommended that you use this parameter only if your site has several Entire System Server nodes that access *different* computers in your environment. The node number is then used as part of the identifier of versioning data.

This means that if you have more than one Entire System Server node on one computer, you are strongly advised not to use the `VERSIONS-BY-NODE` parameter.

## Special Purpose Switches - APPLYMOD Parameters Member: APPLYMOD

Natural ISPF provides some special purpose switches, which for resource reasons can be controlled by setting a switch with a value in the `CONFIG` member. The general syntax for setting a switch is:

```
APPLYMOD nn = V /* Comment
```

where:

| Parameter | Meaning   |
|-----------|---|
| <i>nn</i> | is a 1 or 2 byte numeric value identifying the particular APPLYMOD. |
| <i>V</i>  | is a value assigned to the APPLYMOD to select a particular option.  |

The special purpose switches available are described in detail in the following.

Alphabetical List of APPLYMODs:

- APPLYMOD 10
- APPLYMOD 16
- APPLYMOD 18
- APPLYMOD 22
- APPLYMOD 26
- APPLYMOD 42
- APPLYMOD 47
- APPLYMOD 53
- APPLYMOD 55
- APPLYMOD 57
- APPLYMOD 58
- APPLYMOD 59
- APPLYMOD 65
- APPLYMOD 68
- APPLYMOD 71
- APPLYMOD 75
- APPLYMOD 87
- APPLYMOD 89
- APPLYMOD 90
- APPLYMOD 91
- APPLYMOD 96
- APPLYMOD 101
- APPLYMOD 103
- APPLYMOD 104
- APPLYMOD 105
- APPLYMOD 108

- Example: CONFIG Member

## APPLYMOD 10

Activates a new syntax and semantic for specifying the `SCAN` parameter for `LIST` functions, which allows you to specify search strings containing blanks even as first or last character. The new syntax is similar to the syntax for the editor command `FIND`, this means that, if the search string contains blanks, it must be embedded in single (') or double (") quotes. Moreover, if the search string is embedded in single quotes, a single quote occurring *within* the search string must be specified as two single quotes (' ' - two characters).

Example - To search for all occurrences of Marc's (embedded in blanks), specify either:

```
SC=' Marc 's '
```

or

```
SC=" Marc's "
```



### Notes:

1. In some cases, the activation of `APPLYMOD 10` causes different results for `SCAN` operations. For example, if `APPLYMOD 10` is not activated, the command `LIST * SC='STAT'` results in a list of all members of the current library containing the string 'STAT' (embedded in single quotes). When `APPLYMOD 10` is activated, the same command will result in a list of all members containing the string `STAT`, which is consistent with the semantic of the `FIND` command, where `FIND STAT` and `FIND 'STAT'` provide identical results. To list all members containing 'STAT', you would have to specify `LIST * SC='' 'STAT''` or `LIST * SC="" 'STAT'"` in this case.
2. Setting `APPLYMOD 10` may also cause command scripts containing these kinds of `SCAN` operations to provide different results.

Possible values for `APPLYMOD 10` are:

| Parameter | Meaning  |
|-----------|--|
| (blank)   | Switch is off; <code>SCAN</code> results are identical to previous versions. |
| X         | Switch is on; new logic is enabled.  |

Default is `APPLYMOD 10 = (blank)`; i.e. switch is off.

### Usage Notes

You should set this switch if you want to enable your users to scan for strings with trailing blanks, and if there is no need for scan operations to behave consistently with previous versions of Natural ISPF.

**APPLYMOD 16**

When working with Natural members, a maximum line length of 88 bytes is used. If you need a line size greater than 88 (for example, for editing or printing), you can enter the new line size here. Possible values are:

| Parameter | Meaning                                |
|-----------|--|
| 0         | Switch is off.                         |
| <i>nn</i> | New line size in range from 88 to 233. |

Default is APPLYMOD 16 = 0 (switch is off).

**Usage Notes**

Set this switch if your Natural programs contain source lines longer than 88 bytes. Note that increasing this value means that Natural edit sessions will consume more space in the Editor Buffer Pool.

**APPLYMOD 18**

z/OS only: deactivates the selection of SYSOUT files for a specific output class. That is, all SYSOUT files for a given job are displayed in a list of SYSOUT files. Possible values are:

| Parameter | Meaning  |
|-----------|--|
| (blank)   | Switch is off. Listed SYSOUT files will be selected by job number and the assigned output class. |
| X         | Switch is on. In a list of SYSOUT files, all files of a job will be listed.                      |

Default is APPLYMOD 18 = (blank); i.e. switch is off.

**Usage Notes**

It is recommended that you set this switch only when notified by Software AG. In general, a difference between the two settings can only be seen with jobs that create output in more than one output class.

**APPLYMOD 22**

Activates the extended Natural/USPOOL interface under Com-plete. Using USPOOL functionality, for example, a logical printer driver can be invoked. Possible values are:

| Parameter | Meaning  |
|-----------|--|
| (blank)   | Switch is off. A DRIVER parameter specified with any PRINT command issued by a Natural ISPF user is interpreted as the name of a printer control character table (as defined with the NTCC macro - for further information, see the Natural documentation).  |
| X         | Switch is on. When executing under Com-plete, a DRIVER parameter specified with any PRINT command issued by a Natural ISPF user is interpreted as the name of a Logical Output driver routine for Com-plete. See the subsection <i>Logical Output Drivers in Section 3: TIBTAB-Terminal Information Block Table</i> of your <i>Com-plete System Programmer's Guide</i> . |

Default is APPLYMOD 22 = (blank); i.e. switch is off.

### Usage Notes

For installation of this feature, read also the related subsection of *Optional Interfaces to Software AG Products* in the *Installation* documentation.

### APPLYMOD 26

Use this switch to control how Natural ISPF reacts, if the Natural source area is found non-empty at the time when Natural ISPF is started, or if it is first suspended (for example, with the session command Natural) and then re-entered. Possible values are:

| Parameter | Meaning   |
|-----------|---|
| N         | Switch is off. This setting ensures that Natural ISPF acts in a way fully compatible with previous versions, this means that the source area contents are ignored in the situations described above.  |
| X         | Switch is on. Natural ISPF opens an EDIT session for the object found in the source area, without prompting. When re-entering the program in this way, Natural ISPF is suspended again as soon as the new edit session is ended (users are prompted whether this is intended). This is the default setting. |
| P         | Switch is on, but users will be prompted if it is intended to open an EDIT session for the object found in the source area.   |
| Y         | Switch is on, but suspension is performed without prompting.  |
| Z         | Switch is on, but no automatic suspension is performed.   |

Default is APPLYMOD 26 = X (switch is on).

### Usage Notes

Set this switch to N, if Natural ISPF is invoked from applications that use the source area for text generation and if you do not want users to modify the source area lines from Natural ISPF. You can also set the switch to Y or Z to suppress prompting in the situations indicated above.

**APPLYMOD 42**

Activates Con-nect Inbasket checking, when the Software AG office system is installed and the appropriate subsystem is activated in the Natural ISPF configuration member (see the subsection *Defining Installed Subsystems*). Possible values are:

| Parameter         | Meaning   |
|-------------------|---|
| 0                 | Switch is off.  |
| <i>nn</i> (<=150) | Time interval in minutes after which your Con-nect Inbasket is checked. If the number of new items in the Inbasket has changed since the last check, the user is notified by a message. No error message is issued if the user does not have a personal Con-nect cabinet. |
| <i>nn</i> (>150)  | This option is similar to the above, that is, Inbasket checking is activated, but ( <i>nn</i> -150) is used as the time interval in minutes and an error message is issued if the user does not have a personal Con-nect cabinet.   |

Default is APPLYMOD 42 = 0 (switch is off).

**Usage Notes**

Use this switch when Con-nect is installed and you want users to be notified of incoming Con-nect messages.

**APPLYMOD 47**

z/OS only: when browsing job output, this switch controls whether or not all SYSOUT data sets are shown as one file. Possible values are:

| Parameter | Meaning   |
|-----------|---|
| (blank)   | Switch is off - SYSOUT data sets are shown as separate files. |
| X         | Switch is on - SYSOUT data sets are shown as one file.        |

Default is APPLYMOD 47 = 0 (switch is off).

**Usage Notes**

Set this switch if this function is requested at your site.

**APPLYMOD 53**

Reduces Entire System Server (ESY) calls to check whether a data set is a GDG.

| Parameter | Meaning        |
|-----------|----------------|
| (blank)   | Check for GDG. |
| X         | Do not check.  |

Default is APPLYMOD 53 = (blank); i.e. check for GDG.

**Usage Notes**

Set this switch if you are not using Natural ISPF together with GDG (Generation data sets).

**APPLYMOD 55**

Avoids timeout of Editor session 40, which contains Natural ISPF internal data, by doing STATUS calls every 10 minutes. Possible values are:

| Parameter | Meaning                  |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| (blank)   | Status calls not active. |
| X         | Status calls active.     |

Default is APPLYMOD 55 = (blank), i.e. no status calls.

**Usage Notes**

Set this switch if you reduced the Delete file timeout value for the Editor Buffer Pool and some of your user get error messages like Write to BP failed.

**APPLYMOD 57**

Bypass for Adabas calls exceeded when printing empty SYSOUT data sets.

| Parameter | Meaning           |
|-----------|-------------------|
| (blank)   | Bypass not active |
| X         | Bypass active     |

Default is APPLYMOD 57 = (blank) (bypass not active).

**Usage Notes**

It is recommended that you set this switch only when notified by Software AG.

**APPLYMOD 58**

Activates a general limit for Editor `FIND` commands, when editing or browsing PDS members, sequential data sets, or `SYSOUT` data sets. A `FIND` command will then display a message after scanning 5000 records, if you want to continue the search the command `RFIND` must be entered. The limit can always be modified (see also Editor command `LIMIT`).

| Parameter | Meaning                                 |
|-----------|---|
| (blank)   | No limit for <code>FIND</code> command. |
| X         | Default limit (5000) is activated.      |

Default is `APPLYMOD 58 = (blank)` (no limit).

**Usage Notes**

Set this switch if you are working with large data sets in a TP environment and `FIND` commands consume a lot of CPU and cannot be interrupted.

**APPLYMOD 59**

Activates full expiration date checking before writing to a data set. If you are working with expiration date and a data set has not yet expired, a prompt warns you that you are going to write to this data set.

| Parameter | Meaning                                  |
|-----------|--|
| (blank)   | No expiration date checking.             |
| X         | Full expiration date checking is active. |

Default is `APPLYMOD 59 = (blank)` (no check).

**Usage Notes**

Set this switch if you are using expiration date to protect your data sets and you want to avoid overwriting and operator messages. If you are working without expiration date in most of your data sets, you should not set this `APPLYMOD`.

## APPLYMOD 65

Defines whether any fields in the user defaults cannot be inherited from a group. This means that if the field is not defined in the user profile, Natural ISPF will not read group profiles to find a value for this profile field.

To activate this switch, you should assign a numeric value lower than 64; this value will be interpreted as bit-coded. This means, that for each bit set in the binary representation of that number, Natural ISPF will not search group profiles for a definition of the corresponding profile field, as shown in the table below. Of course, any definition found in the user profile of the individual user will always be honored, regardless of the value assigned to this switch.

| Parameter | Meaning           |
|-----------|-------------------|
| .....1    | INIT-LOGON        |
| .....1.   | Default PRINTER   |
| .....1..  | Default FILE-TYPE |
| ....1...  | Default DSNAME    |
| ...1....  | Initial COMMAND   |

Default is APPLYMOD 65 = (blank) (all fields are inherited).

### Usage Notes

Set this switch, if the performance of the Natural ISPF initialization phase is dissatisfying, and if none or only some of the above-mentioned fields need to be inherited from group profiles.

### Example

```
APPLYMOD 65 = 5
```

If a user logs on to Natural ISPF and the profile does not contain a value for the fields INIT-LOGON and FILE-TYPE, Natural ISPF will not search for the group profiles of this user for these fields.

## APPLYMOD 68

Defines whether a warning is displayed whenever a user tries to access a data set which has been migrated by HSM, DMS or a similar archiving system. The user can cancel the action to avoid a RECALL or can continue processing.

| Parameter | Meaning  |
|-----------|--|
| X         | Users are prompted for confirmation before recalling a migrated data set.  |
| (blank)   | Same as X.   |
| D         | Prompting takes place <i>only</i> for data sets showing <code>ARCIVE</code> in the <code>VOLSER</code> field of the catalog entry (DMS).   |
| H         | Prompting takes place <i>only</i> for data sets showing <code>MIGRAT</code> in the <code>VOLSER</code> field of the catalog entry (HSM).   |
| N         | No warning window opens. An error message is issued which informs the user that the data set is not available.   |
| C         | Users are prompted for confirmation before recalling a migrated data set. The <code>VOLSERs</code> that indicate a migrated data set are read from the <code>CONFIG</code> member. Enter up to four <code>VOLSERs</code> preceded by an underscore ( <code>_</code> ) and set <code>APPLYMOD 68</code> to character <code>C</code> . |

Default is `APPLYMOD 68 = (blank)` (users will be prompted before recall).

### Usage Notes

1. For the default setting, it is recommended that the Entire System Server startup parameter `RECALL` be set to `NO` for performance reasons.
2. Asynchronous recalling is not part of standard Natural ISPF features but can easily be implemented by coding an appropriate job submission within the HSM user exit of Natural ISPF (see section [User Exits](#)). Do not set `APPLYMOD 68` to `N` if you have activated this user exit.
3. Set this switch to `N` (as in the example below) if you are using HSM or a similar product and you want to deny Natural ISPF users the right to recall and access migrated data sets.
4. If you are not using HSM or a similar product, setting this switch to `N` will improve performance if your Entire System Server startup parameters do not contain the recommended setting `RECALL=NO`. This is because if the default setting `RECALL=YES` is in effect, each data set must be checked for migration before its file attributes can be queried from Entire System Server.

### Example

```
APPLYMOD 68 = N
```

```
APPLYMOD 68 = C
_MIGRAT
_ARCIVE
```

**APPLYMOD 71**

Defines whether windowing is suppressed when Natural ISPF is executed in batch. When executing Natural ISPF in batch, this switch can be used to overcome some Natural problems with windowing. This switch is evaluated in batch only.

Default is APPLYMOD 71 = (blank) (windowing active in batch).

**Usage Notes**

It is recommended that you set this switch only when notified to do so by Software AG.

**Example**

```
APPLYMOD 71 = X
```

**APPLYMOD 75**

Improves performance with export PC for large data sets. Prompt for PC file name is displayed without delay in minutes.

| Parameter | Meaning   |
|-----------|---|
| (blank)   | Prompt after reading to the end of the file to determine the number of records contained. |
| X         | Prompt immediately.   |

Default is APPLYMOD 75 = (blank) (no improvement).

**Usage Notes**

Set this switch to export large data sets or members to your PC.

**APPLYMOD 87**

Modifies the header line of EDIT/BROWSE and LIST sessions. The node number is displayed in the header if it is different from the default node.

| Parameter | Meaning                               |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| (blank)   | Node will not be displayed in header. |
| X         | Node will be displayed.               |

Default is APPLYMOD 87 = (blank).

**Usage Notes**

Set this switch if you are in a multi-CPU environment with different Entire System Server nodes and you are accessing different nodes from the same Natural ISPF environment.

**APPLYMOD 89**

Makes the handling of data entered in the Natural Objects Entry Panel identical to previous versions of Natural ISPF (although different from the general logic).

| Parameter | Meaning   |
|-----------|---|
| (blank)   | Fields of the Natural Objects Entry Panel will be filled with the values contained when the user left this panel the last time.   |
| X         | Field values from the last use are filled in only if these values do not refer to a library different from the current library, as shown on the Natural ISPF Main Menu (logic compatible with ISP 1.4). |

Default is APPLYMOD 89 = (blank).

**Usage Notes**

Set this switch if your users prefer the old way of handling the Natural Objects Entry Panel.

**APPLYMOD 90**

Controls the way in which the BR-CONSOLE session is to be filled in environments where the views CONSOLE and CONSOLE-LOG are both supported (i.e. in z/OS environments). Possible values are:

| Parameter | Meaning   |
|-----------|---|
| (blank)   | Automatic selection. Natural ISPF will choose the access method which best suits the environment of the node being addressed.   |
| L         | Session is filled using the view CONSOLE-LOG. Not supported for z/OS/JES3 environments. The local command LINES is supported.   |
| N         | Session is filled using the new CONSOLE function, supported by Entire System Server version 2.1.1 onwards only for the environment z/OS/ESA SP 5.1.0 and onwards. The local command LINES is supported to extend the CONSOLE session. |
| 0         | Session is filled using old CONSOLE function, which is restricted to the size of one screen. The local command LINES is not supported.  |

Default is APPLYMOD 90 = (blank) (automatic selection).

**Usage Notes**

It is recommended that you set/modify this switch only when notified to do so by Software AG.

**APPLYMOD 91**

Controls whether or not activating the session exit `ISP--S-U` will also cause this exit to be invoked when an `EXPORT` function is about to be executed.

| Parameter | Meaning   |
|-----------|---|
| (blank)   | Exit will be invoked for <code>SUBMIT</code> functions only, as described in section <a href="#">Session Exit <code>ISP--S-U</code></a> in this documentation.  |
| X         | Exit will be invoked both for <code>SUBMIT</code> and <code>EXPORT</code> functions, thus making it possible to disallow a specific <code>EXPORT</code> operation, for example, after the size of the file being exported has been checked. |

Default is `APPLYMOD 91 = (blank)` (exit used for `SUBMIT` only).

**APPLYMOD 96**

To edit and save CA Librarian members, which contain CA Librarian control cards, starting with a hyphen (-), the hyphen must be internally replaced with an equal sign (=) in column 1 of any data line. Set this switch to activate this substitution.

Possible values are:

| Parameter | Meaning                                       |
|-----------|---|
| (blank)   | Switch is off - no substitution is performed. |
| X         | Switch is on - substitution is activated      |

Default is `APPLYMOD 96 = (blank)` (switch is off).

**Usage Notes**

Set this switch if your CA Librarian members contain data lines starting with the escape character, a hyphen (-), which is usually reserved for CA Librarian control cards.

**APPLYMOD 101**

By default in Natural ISPF group profiles are searched for with prefix logic. This switch, on the other hand, can be used to search for user group profiles that are derived from user groups defined in Natural Security.

Possible values are:

| Parameter | Meaning   |
|-----------|---|
| (blank)   | Switch is off. Group profiles are searched for with prefix logic, as in previous versions of Natural ISPF.              |
| S         | Switch is on. Group profiles are derived from Natural Security definitions (both privileged and non-privileged groups). |
| P         | Switch is on. Group profiles are derived from Natural Security definitions (from privileged groups only).               |

Default is APPLYMOD 101 = (blank) (switch is off).

### Usage Notes

Set this switch if Natural Security is installed, and if you would like profile characteristics that are not defined for a specific user to be inherited from profile definitions made for a user group that contains the specific user. Leave the switch unchanged if you would like profile characteristics defined for a matching user prefix (for example, AB\* for user ABEG) to apply for these users.



**Note:** If no matching group profile is found, but a profile definition for the default user \* exists, this definition will be inherited, regardless of the setting of the above APPLYMOD parameter.

### APPLYMOD 103

When displaying Natural map layouts with the function command `FORMAT`, the maximum line length is set to the current value of Natural's system variable `*LINESIZE`. If you need a greater line size for browsing, printing, or performing other functions on formatted maps, you can enter the new line size here.

Possible values are:

| Parameter | Meaning                                    |
|-----------|--|
| 0         | Switch is off.                             |
| <i>nn</i> | New line size in the range from 80 to 250. |

Default is APPLYMOD 103 = 0 (switch is off).

### Usage Notes

Set this switch if your Natural maps have more columns than the displayable line size in your Natural ISPF environment. You will then be able to use the scroll commands `RIGHT` and `LEFT` to display the columns which do not fit on the screen.

### APPLYMOD 104

As of Natural ISPF Version 2.4.1, the menu structure is cursor-sensitive. To select a menu item you can either mark it with an X, or simply place the cursor in front of it. To use menu screens as in earlier versions, without cursor-sensitivity, set this parameter to X.

Possible values are:

| Parameter | Meaning                         |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| (blank)   | Menus are cursor-sensitive.     |
| X         | Menus are not cursor-sensitive. |

Default is APPLYMOD 104 = (blank) (switch is off).

### APPLYMOD 105

In some cases, JES does not count all records of a SYSOUT file. This occurs if the compiler or the assembler outputs contain control records. The BOTTOM command of Natural ISPF does not point to the end of the SYSOUT file if these outputs report a record count without the control records.

This APPLYMOD instructs Natural ISPF not to rely on the record count reported by JES but to count the records themselves. Hence this may take some time, enable this switch if best performance is desired.

Possible values are:

| Parameter | Meaning                     |
|-----------|-----------------------------|
| (blank)   | Take record count from JES. |
| X         | Count all records.          |

Default is APPLYMOD 105 = (blank) (switch is off).

### APPLYMOD 108

Affects the ALLOCATE function command for z/OS data sets. The default value for the RLSE parameter is NO. If this APPLYMOD is used, the RLSE option defaults to YES instead of NO.

Possible values are:

| Parameter | Meaning                                     |
|-----------|---|
| (blank)   | Default value of the RLSE parameter is NO.  |
| X         | Default value of the RLSE parameter is YES. |

Default is APPLYMOD 108 = (blank) (switch is off).

### Example: CONFIG Member

The following is an example of the CONFIG member with the APPLYMODs entered. Note that in this example, some APPLYMODs are activated, others are commented out (see also the subsection [Using Comment Lines](#) below).

```

EDIT-CNF:SYSISPFU(CONFIG) ----- Columns 001 072
COMMAND====>                                SCROLL====> CSR
000400 * The next line will determine whether to input logon-screen at the
000410 * begining of NSPF.
000420 * PROCESS keyword is optional and means to logon to natural process
000430 * USER=xxx will ask for logon only if user = xxx
000440 * $LOGON PROCESS
000450 * APPLYMOD 16=132
000460 * APPLYMOD 18=X
000470 APPLYMOD 22=X
000480 APPLYMOD 42=5 /* Inbasket every five minutes
***** ***** bottom of data *****

```

### Using Comment Lines

You can enter comment lines in the CONFIG member to provide information or explanations of entries. Comment lines must start with an asterisk (\*) in Column 1 of the line.

To deactivate any subsystem or user exit(s), it may be useful to turn the entry in the CONFIG member into a comment by entering an asterisk (\*) in the first column of the corresponding line. This gives you a better overview of active and disabled items, and makes it easy to reactivate any available item.

When defining exits or APPLYMODs, you can enter comments at the end of the line if they are preceded by /\* (see also the example above).

## Editing the CA Panvalet Definition Member

The definitions for the Natural ISPF/CA Panvalet interface must be contained in the PANDEF member in the User Profile Library.

You can change some of these definitions. However, before you modify the PANDEF member, copy the example member from the System Profile Library to the User Profile Library. Then:

1. Enable access to CA Panvalet in the CONFIG member (see the subsection [Editing the Configuration Member CONFIG](#)).
2. Restart Natural ISPF.
3. The Administrator Menu now includes the PANDEF option. Select this option to give you direct write access to the PANDEF member.

### Defining the CA Panvalet Update Method

In the PANDEF member, you can specify how CA Panvalet members are updated. Any of the following options are possible, entered in a line of the PANDEF member starting in Column 1:

| Option       | Explanation   |
|--------------|---|
| -UPDATEMODE  | Default. An update deck containing only the modified lines of the CA Panvalet member is created and used for updates.   |
| -REPLACEMODE | The whole CA Panvalet member is replaced.   |
| -MIXMODE     | Both modes UPDATE and REPLACE are allowed. When the SAVE command is issued, Natural ISPF will select the method that will cause the fewest lines to be sent to CA Panvalet. |

### Activating the Save Exit ISPT-SVU

If your installation requires special control for all CA Panvalet updates, you can activate the ISPT-SVU user exit. This exit receives control after each successful CA Panvalet update (PAM#1), and can be used to obtain the last output from CA Panvalet.

The ISPT-SVU exit is a Natural subprogram and can access Entire System Server to obtain the CA Panvalet output, analyze it, and write it to a data base, file or SPOOL file.

A sample exit is distributed in the Natural ISPF Exit Library. To activate this exit, copy your ISPT-SVU object to SYSLIB using the utility SYSMAN and enter:

```
$SAVEEXIT
```

in Column 1 of any line of the `PANDEF` member. For a list of definable parameters, see the section [User Exits](#).

### Defining Mandatory Fields for New CA Panvalet Members

You can define which parameter fields on the CA Panvalet Entry Panel are mandatory when users add a new member to CA Panvalet (for example, the parameters `USER`, `LANG`, `COMMENT`). Users must then enter a valid value in these input fields on the CA Panvalet Entry Panel or specify the corresponding object parameters when using the `EDIT` function command syntax for a new member.

The following text entered in the `PANDEF` member starting in Column 1 defines the corresponding parameters as mandatory:

```
/USER  
/LANG  
/COMMENT
```

### CA Panvalet Language Definition

The `PANDEF` member contains language and sequence number definitions. You must ensure that the language definitions (sequence numbers and message line) correspond to your CA Panvalet definitions, as Natural ISPF uses them to create update decks (in `UPDATE` and `MIX` mode). You can check these definitions by displaying a CA Panvalet member using the Editor in `BROWSE` mode.

In the example of a `PANDEF` member that follows, these language definitions follow the fields defined as mandatory when users create new CA Panvalet members:

```

EDIT-CNF:SYSISPFC(PANDEF) ----- Columns 001 072
COMMAND===>                                SCROLL===> CSR
***** ***** top of data *****
000010 * PANVALET LANGUAGES TABLE
000020 -UPDATEMODE ( OR -REPLACEMODE -MIXMODE )
000030 * IF THE NEXT LINE STARTS WITH $ USER EXIT AFTER SAVE IS INVOKED
000040 $SAVEEXIT
000050 * THE FOLLOWING LINE CONTAIN FIELDS THAT ARE ESSENTIAL FOR ADD MEMBER
000060 /USER
000070 /LANG
000080 /COMMENT
000090 *SCREEN LANG
000100 *      !COMMAND LANG
000110 *      !          !SEQ START - END
000120 *      !          !          !GENERATED MESSAGE LINE
000130 !AUTOC!AUTOCODER!001-005!N
000140 !ASMB !BAL          !073-077!Y
000150 !COBOL!COBOL      !001-006!N
000160 !ANSCB!ANSCOBOL   !001-006!N
000170 !COB72!COBOL72   !001-006!N
000180 !FORT !FORTRAN    !073-077!N
000190 !PL/1 !PL/1       !073-077!N
Enter-PF13--PF14--PF15--PF16--PF17--PF18--PF19--PF20--PF21--PF22--PF23--PF24---
Help SORT End Suspe Rfind Rchan Up Down Swap Left Right Curso

```



**Note:** The above example was created using a German-language keyboard. For the separator (!), use the character that corresponds to X'4F'.

## Editing the CA Librarian Definition Member

The definitions for the Natural ISPF/CA Librarian interface must be contained in the LIBDEF member in the User Profile Library.

You can change some of these definitions. However, before you modify the LIBDEF member, copy the example member from the System Profile Library to the User Profile Library. Then:

1. Enable access to CA Librarian in the CONFIG member (see the subsection [Editing the Configuration Member CONFIG](#)).
2. Restart Natural ISPF.
3. The Administrator Menu now includes the LIBDEF option. Select this option to give you direct write access to the LIBDEF member.

The following topics are covered below:

- [Defining Mandatory Parameters for New or Existing CA Librarian Members](#)
- [Handling of the PROGRAMMER Attribute during Member Update](#)

- [Expansion of -INC Statements](#)
- [CA Librarian Language Definition](#)

## Defining Mandatory Parameters for New or Existing CA Librarian Members

You can define which parameter fields on the Librarian Entry Panel are mandatory when users wish to edit a CA Librarian member (for example, the parameters `PROGRAMMER` and `LANGUAGE` for new members). Users must then enter a valid value in these input fields on the Librarian Entry Panel or specify the corresponding object parameters when using the `EDIT` function command syntax for a new member.

Additionally, you can specify other mandatory parameters that do not appear on the Librarian Entry Panel, but the user is prompted by a window when requesting an edit session:

- If you specify the `DESCRIPTION` parameter, the user, when requesting to edit a new member, is prompted by a window in which he can describe the new member. This description appears on a list of members in the appropriate column.
- If you specify the `HISTORY` parameter, the user, when requesting an edit session with an existing member, is prompted by a window in which he must enter the reason for changing the member.

The following text entered in the `LIBDEF` member starting in Column 1 defines the corresponding parameters as mandatory:

| Option             | Explanation                                      |
|--------------------|--|
| <code>/PGMR</code> | <code>PROGRAMMER</code> field on Entry Panel.    |
| <code>/LANG</code> | <code>LANGUAGE</code> field on Entry Panel.      |
| <code>/DESC</code> | <code>DESCRIPTION</code> prompt.                 |
| <code>/HIST</code> | <code>HISTORY</code> prompt (reason for change). |

## Handling of the `PROGRAMMER` Attribute during Member Update

You can control the way in which a member's `PGMR` attribute is handled during update (that is, when saving the contents of an `EDIT` session) by specifying one of the following entries, instead of the entry `/PGMR` mentioned in the subsection above.



**Note:** Each of these entries must start in Column 1.

| Option          | Explanation  |
|-----------------|--|
| /PGMR=STD       | This is identical to a plain /PGMR entry, that is, the PGMR attribute is left unchanged during update (and must be specified when adding a new member).  |
| /PGMR=OPTUPDATE | Specifies similar handling for ADD (prompt, if field is empty). However, if for an update, the PGMR field is either explicitly specified by the user or supplied by an active user exit, ISPL---U, it will be passed to CA Librarian for updating. |
| /PGMR=NATUSERID | Specifies that *USER will be used as PGMR attribute both for adding new members and updating existing ones. No prompting will take place.  |
| /PGMR=NSCUNAME1 | This is like NATUSERID, but PGMR will be based on the Natural Security definition (first "word" of *USER-NAME).  |
| /PGMR=NSCUNAME2 | This is like NSCUNAME1, but the PGMR attribute will be formed from the first character plus last "word" of *USER-NAME separated by a period (.).   |

### Expansion of -INC Statements

If you wish to have -INC statements expanded by default when browsing CA Librarian members, add the following entry to the LIBDEF member:

```
/EXPAND
```

### CA Librarian Language Definition

Apart from your own site-specific definitions described above, the LIBDEF member contains language and sequence number definitions which you must not modify.

Below is an example of a LIBDEF member.

```

EDIT-NAT:SYSISPFU(LIBDEF)-Program->Struct-Free-44K -- >>> Versioning is invoked
COMMAND===>                                SCROLL===> CSR
***** ***** top of data *****
000010 * THE FOLLOWING LINES DEFINE MANDATORY FIELDS FOR NEW MEMBERS:
000020 /LANG
000030 /DESC
000040 * /HIST - THIS LINE IS INACTIVE (NOT STARTING IN COLUMN 1)
000050 *
000060 * THE FOLLOWING LINE SPECIFIES THAT PGMR WILL ALWAYS BE SET TO
000070 * THE CONTENTS OF THE NATURAL SYSTEM VARIABLE *USER:
000080 /PGMR=NATUSERID
000090 *
000100 * LIBRARIAN LANGUAGES TABLE
000110 *CODE LANG
000120 *      !SYNONYM
000130 *      !          !SEQ START - END
000140 *      !          !
000150 !ASM!ASM      !073-080
000160 !BAS!BASIC    !000-000
000170 !CMD!CLIST  !000-000
000180 !JCL!CNTL   !073-080
000190 !COB!COBOL  !001-006
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up      Down Swap Left Right Curso

```



#### Notes:

1. The above example was created using a German-language keyboard. For the separator (!), use the character that corresponds to X'4F'.
2. In the above example, the HISTORY parameter is commented out. This means that users are not prompted to give a reason for modifying a member.

## Defining Short IDs for Libraries

In the User Profile Library, you can create a text member ULIBID, in which you can define two-character abbreviations for data set names or file names.

Users can use short IDs when addressing data sets/libraries in the input fields of Entry Panels or in the object parameters of function command syntax.

The short IDs defined here are valid system-wide (global short names). However, users can define their own short IDs in their user profile, for example by using the SHORTLIB command. When a short ID is used, the user profile is searched first. For further information see the following subsections in the *Natural ISPF User's Guide*:

- description of the SHORTLIB command in section *Command Reference*;

- *Library Definition* in section *Profile Maintenance*.

To define global short library names, select the `SHORTLIB` option from the Administrator Menu. This gives direct write access to member `ULIBID` in Editor format.

Example of global short library name definitions:

```

EDIT-NAT:SYSISPFU(ULIBID)-Program->Struct-Free-45K -- >>> Versioning is invoked
COMMAND===>                                     SCROLL===> CSR
***** ***** top of data *****
000010 * table with global shortlibs
000020 SP SYSM.PROCLIB SYSXA1
000030 EL EDITOR.COMN.IV135.LOAD
000040 NL FRZ.NAT215.MVSLOAD
000050 OL OPS.SYSF.PROD.LOAD
000060 OJ OPS.COMN.JCL
000070 OA OPS.AKTUELL.LINKLIB
000080 AL OPS.SYSF.V5.ADALOAD
000090 CL PUB.SYSF.USER.LOAD
***** ***** bottom of data *****

```

```

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up      Down Swap Left Right Curso

```

Each entry consists of a two-character short name followed by a blank followed by the full library name. If the library is not cataloged, the library name must be followed by a blank and the volume serial number to eliminate the catalog request at access time.

Lines beginning with an asterisk (\*) are interpreted as comment lines.

When defining short names for libraries, it is advisable to observe naming conventions for easy identification. The following convention is suggested:

- The first character could describe the system or product, for example, A for Adabas.
- The second could describe the library type, for example, L for LOAD, S for SOURCE, J for JCL.

Using this convention, the library short name AL could easily be identified as the Adabas load library currently in use.

## Natural ISPF Parameters

You can set the default parameters for the Natural ISPF system by selecting the N-ISPF option from the Configuration Menu and then entering the required value in the following parameter table:

```

----- NSPF PARAMETERS -----
COMMAND ==>

      NATPROC DBID   148   ( Natural Process dbid)

      MACRO CHAR     $     ( Character for macro program facility)
      MACRO SMODE    S     ( Mode (Struct,Report) for non Natural macro)

      VERSIONS DBID   9     ( Versions file dbid)
      VERSIONS FNR   33    ( Versions file number)
      MAX VERSIONS   21    ( Maximum versions for member in versions file)

      PROCESSOR ID   A     ( NCP command processor id to be used)

      NOM PRINTER

                                   ( Printer handled by ENTIRE OUTPUT MANAGEMENT)

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down Swap Left  Right Curso

```

### Meaning of the Parameters

| Parameter    | Member: ISPPARAM   |
|--------------|--|
| NATPROC DBID | Entire System Server data base ID as defined in the NTDB macro in the NATPARM module. This field is for information only and cannot be modified.                       |
| MACRO CHAR   | Special character to be used for macro statements in objects that use the Macro facility.  |
| MACRO SMODE  | Defines the mode of a non-Natural object that uses the Macro facility (for example, a JCL member stored as PDS member). Possible values:<br><br>S (STRUCT), R (REPORT) |

| Parameter       | Member: ISPPARAM   |
|-----------------|--|
|                 | This system parameter cannot be modified by a user while editing.  |
| VERSIONS DBID * | Physical DBID of versioning data.  |
| VERSIONS FNR *  | File number of versioning data.  |
| MAX VERSIONS    | Maximum number of previous versions kept for any one member. At the next SAVE, the oldest version is deleted.    |
| PROCESSOR ID    | Last byte of the NCP command processor to be used. For details, see the subsection <a href="#">NCP Concept</a> . |

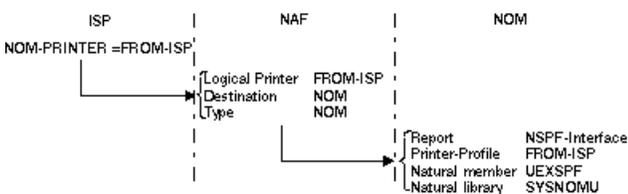
\* All versioning data (modified lines, known as “update decks”, of Natural members and PDS members) are stored in an Adabas or VSAM file. When a user selects a previous version from a list, the current object version with the appropriate update deck is displayed. You must specify the file by data base ID and file number here. You can use the Natural system file (FNAT) to store the versioning data, but it is strongly recommended that you load a separate file (see also the *Installation* documentation).

The VERSIONS DBID and VERSIONS FNR fields must be set once after the versioning file has been installed to activate versioning.



**Note:** When the NTFILE/LFILE parameter is used, regardless if with or without PASSW, the values for VERSIONS DBID and VERSIONS FNR in the Natural ISPF parameters are ignored, but some values must be set in these fields to activate versioning. It is highly recommended to use the correct numbers to prevent confusion.

| Parameter   | Meaning   |
|-------------|---|
| NOM PRINTER | To use the extended interface between Natural ISPF and Entire Output Management (NOM), enter the logical printer profile which is handled by NOM. Prerequisite is the NAF/NOM interface. Assume your NOM PRINTER is FROM-ISP. The following table shows the required definitions. |

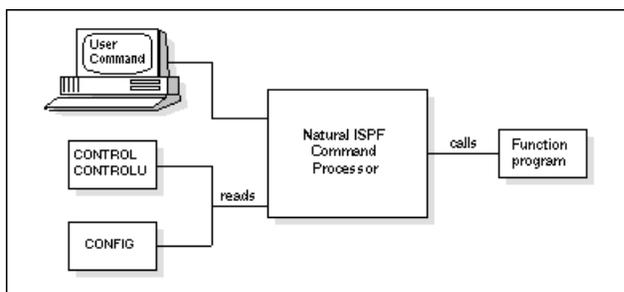


With this definition all reports created by Natural ISPF can be handled by a user routine in Entire Output Management. An example UEXSPF is delivered in the Example Library. For modification and execution it must be copied to the library SYSNOMU. For further details, see the Entire Output Management System *Programmer's* documentation, section *Printer Exits, User Separation Routines, Separator Pages*.

## NCP Concept - Member: NCPUSAGE

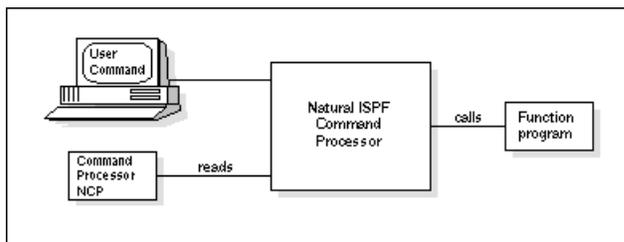
Usually Natural ISPF offers commands/functions and objects for several subsystems on z/OS. Depending on the installation, only a comparatively small subset of all functions is activated (with the subsystem definitions in the `CONFIG` member). The Natural ISPF command processor has to interpret the command entered on the screen by reading the whole `CONTROL` table, which contains commands, functions and objects and by tailoring this table with information from the `CONFIG` member.

The following figure illustrates Natural ISPF command processing:



All tables are stored in a database and are read during processing.

This overhead can be reduced by using a command processor (NCP) as illustrated below:



The command processor replaces `CONFIG` and the `CONTROL` member(s) and is stored in the Natural buffer pool improving performance of Natural ISPF command processing.

When using an NCP, which can be considered as a compiled object of the `CONTROL` and `CONFIG` tables, changes to the Natural ISPF table sources are not effective until the NCP is regenerated. For this reason the NCP should be used in stable environments, where changes to the Natural ISPF tables are infrequent.

The following changes in `CONFIG` affect the NCP:

- Activating/deactivating a subsystem
- Activating/deactivating object exits

In addition, any change to the Site Control Table `CONTROLU` affects the NCP. \*

After installation of a new Natural ISPF release or maintenance level, the NCP must be regenerated to reflect changes in tables delivered by Software AG.

\* For a detailed description of the Site Control Table, see the subsection *Defining a User Object* in section *Open NSPF* of the *Natural ISPF Programmer's Guide*.

The following topics are covered below:

- [How to Generate an NCP Object for Natural ISPF](#)
- [Activating a Specific NCP Object](#)
- [Runtime Considerations When Using NCP](#)
- [Predefined Command Processors](#)

### How to Generate an NCP Object for Natural ISPF

To generate an NCP (which is an option) enter the command `GENNCP` or select the `NCP` option from the Configuration Menu. The following window opens:

```

----- CONFIGURATION MENU -----
OPTION  ==> 4

      +-----Generation of NCP processor-----+
1  N-I !                                     !      Userid   BRY
      ! Enter processor name      : A      !      Time    14:03:46
2  CON !                                     !      Terminal DAEFTC45
      ! Select one/more functions  !      Library  NSPFHELP
3  CON ! Generate and compile      :      !      Node    148
      ! Copy processor to SYSLIB:  !
4  NCP ! Generate report           :      !
      !                               !
      +-----+
  
```

| Field                    | Meaning   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Enter processor name     | Instead of overwriting an existing NCP, you can create a new one whenever necessary. Enter a 1-byte name (x) and the generated NCP is stored in the library <code>SYSISPFU</code> with the name <code>IS-NCP-x</code> . |
| Generate and compile     | With the current contents of the Natural ISPF tables, an NCP source is generated and compiled to create an object in <code>SYSISPFU</code> .  |
| Compile only             | Mark this option if the generation of a previous execution was successful but the compilation failed.   |
| Copy processor to SYSLIB | When a compiled NCP object exists in <code>SYSISPFU</code> , it must be copied to <code>SYSLIB</code> before it can be activated.   |

| Field           | Meaning   |
|-----------------|---|
| Generate report | Mark this option to perform a report, during generation, containing a log of functions. The report will then be written to the Natural ISPF workpool. |

### Activating a Specific NCP Object

A compiled NCP object that has been copied to the library `SYSLIB` and that follows the naming pattern `IS-NCP-x` can subsequently be activated by selecting the `N-ISPF (parameters)` option from the Configuration Menu and assigning the name suffix `x` to the field `PROCESSOR ID`.

### Runtime Considerations When Using NCP

If a `NAT0888` occurs with NCP, increase the Natural parameter `DATSIZE`. If the defined NCP cannot be used by Natural ISPF (defined processor deleted or not accessible), an error message is displayed and Natural ISPF automatically invokes its standard command processing logic without NCP. A defined NCP can be deactivated by resetting its name in the NSPF Parameters screen.

### Predefined Command Processors

With Natural ISPF, the following command processors are loaded to `SYSLIB` and can be used if no user-defined objects and commands are defined and no user exits are to be activated.

| Name                  | Supported subsystems                                      |
|-----------------------|---|
| <code>IS-NCP-N</code> | Natural, Incore database                                  |
| <code>IS-NCP-M</code> | Natural, Incore database, z/OS                            |
| <code>IS-NCP-P</code> | Natural, Incore database, z/OS, CA Panvalet               |
| <code>IS-NCP-L</code> | Natural, Incore database, z/OS, CA Librarian              |
| <code>IS-NCP-A</code> | Natural, Incore database, z/OS, CA Panvalet, CA Librarian |

## Defining Versioned Libraries

The parameters for storing previous versions of some edited Natural ISPF objects are described in the subsection [Natural ISPF Parameters](#). The versioning function is activated by the user using the `VERSIONS ON` setting in the user profile. For further information, see the following subsections in the *Natural ISPF User's Guide*:

- *Versioning* in section *Useful Features*;
- section *Profile Maintenance*.

Additionally, you can enforce or exclude versioning for specific Natural libraries and partitioned organized (PO) data sets. Previous versions of members in these libraries are always stored accord-

ing to the parameters set in the Natural ISPF system parameter table, irrespective of the `VERSIONS` setting in the user profile.

Versioning for specific libraries is enforced by specifying the library names in a member in the User Profile Library. Together with the library name, you can specify whether Natural ISPF will prompt the user to give a reason for changing a member when issuing the `SAVE` or `STOW` command.

This is done by adding the keyword `REASON` to the library name (see the examples below). The reason for change is then displayed when the user requests a lists of versions for the member (see the subsection *Versioning* in section *Useful Features* in the *Natural ISPF User's Guide*).

With added keyword `NOVERSION` you can exclude versioning for specific Natural libraries and partitioned organized (PO) data sets.

### Natural Versioned Libraries

The names of all Natural libraries for which versioning is to be enforced or excluded at all times are maintained in the member `VERLSTN` in the User Profile Library. The `NAT VERS` option on the Administrator Menu gives direct write access to this member.

The following is an example of the member `VERLSTN`:

```

EDIT-CNF:SYSISPFU(VERLSTN)-Program->Struct-Free-45K ----- Columns 001 072
  COMMAND====>                                     SCROLL====> CSR
***** ***** top of data *****
000010 NSPFvrs REASON
000020 SYSISP2T NOVERSION
000030 SYSISPFU
000040 SYSISP2S
***** ***** bottom of data *****

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down  Swap  Left  Right Curso

```

Versioning is activated or excluded (`NOVERSION`) for all Natural libraries listed (one library per line). Note that when a user `SAVES` or `STOWS` a member after modification in the library `NSPFvrs` (in

the example map above, *vrs* is a placeholder for the current version, release and system maintenance level number), a prompt window allows the user to enter a reason for the change.

### PDS Versioned Libraries

The names of all data sets for which versioning is to be active or inactive (NOVERSION) at all times are maintained in member VERLSTP in the User Profile Library. The PDS VERS option on the Administrator Menu gives direct write access to this member.

The following is an example of the member VERLSTP:

```

EDIT-CNF:SYSISPFU(VERLSTP)-Program->Struct-Free-45K ----- Columns 001 072
  COMMAND===>                                     SCROLL===> CSR
***** ***** top of data *****
000010 EDITOR.SYSF.ZAPS
000020 EDITOR.COMN.SOURCE
000030 EDITOR.COMN.SYSTEM.SRCE REASON
***** ***** bottom of data *****

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down Swap Left Right Curso

```

Versioning is activated or excluded (NOVERSION) for all data sets listed (one data set per line). Note that when a user SAVES a member after modification in the library EDITOR.COMN.SYSTEM.SRCE, a prompt window allows the user to enter a reason for the change.

## Maintaining Versioning Data

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Available maintenance functions on versioning data are:

- List versioned members
- Delete versioned member

Access to versioning data is provided by the `VERSIONS` option on the Administrator Menu. If you select this option, the Versions Objects Entry Panel appears:

```
----- VERSIONS OBJECTS - ENTRY PANEL -----  
COMMAND ==>  
  
Object type ==> (NAT,PDS,* )  
DSN / Library ==>  
Member ==>  
Node ==>  
DBID ==>  
FNR ==>  
  
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---  
Help Split End Suspe Rfind Rchan Up Down Swap Left Right Curso
```

You can enter a command in the command line and specify the versioned object you wish to maintain in the parameter fields.

Meaning of the parameter fields:

| Field         | Meaning  |
|---------------|--|
| Object type   | NAT or PDS. When using the LIST function, the asterisk wildcard (*) selects all types. The list is then sorted in the sequence PDS, NAT.   |
| DSN / Library | Data set or library name of versioned object. When using the LIST function, you can enter a prefix followed by the asterisk wildcard (*). For example, enter NSPF* to list all library names starting with NSPF. |
| Member        | Name of versioned member. When using the LIST function, you can enter a prefix followed by the asterisk wildcard (*). For example, enter NAT* to list all member names starting with NAT.                        |
| Node          | Specify the Entire System Server node to be searched. If no node is specified, all nodes (from 1 to 255) are searched.   |
| DBID / FNR    | For NAT objects: when using the LIST function, you can restrict the search to a specific database ID, a file number, or both. If no DBID or FNR is specified, all are searched.                                  |

The following topics are covered below:

- [Function Commands](#)
- [Line Commands](#)
- [Local Commands](#)

## Function Commands

The following maintenance function commands are available for versioned objects:

| Command | Parameter Syntax  |
|---------|---|
| LIST    | <i>library/*(member/*) TYPE=t NODE=id DBID=db FNR=n</i> |
| DELETE  | <i>library/*(member/*) TYPE=t NODE=id DBID=db FNR=n</i> |



**Note:** If you issue any of the above function commands from outside the Versions Maintenance facility, you must specify the object-type parameter *MV* before the object parameters.

The following topics are covered below:

- [Example: LIST for TYPE=NAT](#)

- Example: LIST for TYPE=PDS

**Example: LIST for TYPE=NAT**

The following example is the result of the command:

```
LIST MV SYSISP*(*) TYPE=NAT
```

It shows all versioned members in all Natural libraries that start with SYSISP:

```
LIST-MV:NAT:SYSISP*(*)/DBID=*/FNR=* ----- Row 0 of 45 - Columns 006 076
COMMAND====>                                SCROLL====> CSR
  TYPE          LIBRARY(MEMBER)                NUM SIZE
** ***** top of list *****
  NAT          <9,80>SYSISPDB(IDBC---N)        001 0001
  NAT          <9,80>SYSISPDB(IDBI---L)        001 0001
  NAT          <9,80>SYSISPDB(IDBI---N)        001 0001
  NAT          <9,80>SYSISPE(IDB-C22N)         001 0001
  NAT          <9,80>SYSISPE(MAC-MVS4)         001 0001
  NAT          <9,80>SYSISPFU(CONFIG)          010 0010
  NAT          <9,80>SYSISPFU(ISP-LONU)        001 0001
  NAT          <9,80>SYSISPFU(LIBDEF)          003 0003
  NAT          <9,80>SYSISPFU(ULIBID)          002 0002
  NAT          <9,80>SYSISPFU(VERLSTN)         002 0002
  NAT          <9,80>SYSISPFU(VERLSTP)         002 0002
  NAT          <9,80>SYSISPH1(BJOBMENU)        001 0001
  NAT          <9,80>SYSISPH1(BS2FMENU)        004 0008
  NAT          <9,80>SYSISPH1(DOCNAME)         001 0001
  NAT          <9,80>SYSISPH1(EXAMPLE)         011 0016
  NAT          <9,80>SYSISPH1(INDEX)           001 0001
  NAT          <9,80>SYSISPH1(ISU0-9)          001 0001
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down Swap Left Right :s
```

Meaning of the column headings:

| Column          | Meaning  |
|-----------------|--|
| TYPE            | Object type.   |
| LIBRARY(MEMBER) | For Natural members, this field shows DBID, FNR, library name and member name. |
| NUM             | Number of versions of the member.  |
| SIZE            | Number of records in the versions file.  |

**Example: LIST for TYPE=PDS**

The following example is the result of the command:

```
LIST MV MBE*(*) TYPE=PDS
```

It shows all versioned members in all PDS libraries that start with MBE. Note that if the `NODE` parameter is not specified, all nodes are searched:

```
LIST-MV:PDS:MBE.COMN.SOURCE(*)/NODE=* ----- Row 0 of 6 - Columns 006 076
COMMAND===>                                SCROLL===> CSR
  TYPE          LIBRARY(MEMBER)                NUM SIZE
** ***** top of list *****
  PDS           <148>MBE.COMN.SOURCE(ISPUPSUM)  001 0016
  PDS           <148>MBE.COMN.SOURCE(PRINTER2)  002 0002
  PDS           <148>MBE.COMN.SOURCE(SCRIPT)    005 0005
  PDS           <148>MBE.COMN.SOURCE(TEST)     002 0002
  PDS           <148>MBE.COMN.SOURCE(VERSIONS)  002 0003
  PDS           <148>MBE.COMN.SOURCE(VERSIONS2) 002 ←
0001
** ***** bottom of list *****

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down Swap Left Right :s
```

Meaning of the column headings:

| Column          | Meaning  |
|-----------------|--|
| TYPE            | Object type.   |
| LIBRARY(MEMBER) | For PDS members, this field shows the node ID, library name and member name. |
| NUM             | Number of versions of the member.  |
| SIZE            | Number of records in the versions file.                                      |

## Line Commands

You select a versioned member from a list by entering a line command in the input field preceding the member name and pressing ENTER. Each line command is an abbreviation of a function command:

| Line Command | Corresponding Function Command |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| D            | DELETE                         |

## Local Commands

### In List Mode

You can use the commands ALL, LAYOUT, RELIST and SORT. For detailed information, see the subsections in section *Useful Features of the Natural ISPF User's Guide*.

## Entire System Server Node Table

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If you select the NODES option from the Administrator Menu, you can edit the table that is used to offer active help for the field NODE. This field that appears in several Natural ISPF screens is used for easy selection of a node.



**Note:** This table is required if you intend to use Mainframe Navigation functionality under Natural for Windows. In this environment, only nodes defined in this table can be accessed by Mainframe Navigation. For running Mainframe Navigation, it is important that the nodes are activated (see below). When the nodes are active, it is recommended to edit and save this table for getting the complete operating system information.

The following figure illustrates an example node table:

```

-----UPDATE-NODES-TABLE-----
COMMAND ==>

Node Description          Name
-----
148 F Maschine_____ F-MC
_68 Alsbach_____ ALSA NOT ACTIVE
_69 E Maschine_____ E-MC
_70 A Maschine_____ A-MC
____
____
____
____
____
____

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End   Suspe Rfind Rchan Up      Down Swap Left Right Curso

```

Meaning of the fields:

| Field       | Meaning                                  |
|-------------|--|
| Node        | Node number (Entire System Server DBID). |
| Description | Short description of node.               |
| Name        | Node name.                               |

If the node is not active, Entire System Server notifies you with a message. You can add, modify or delete node definitions by overtyping existing node definitions or entering data in empty input fields. To save the node table, issue the END command (usually assigned to PF3).



**Note:** User access to nodes is not restricted to the nodes that appear in this table. If you wish to restrict access to specific nodes, you can do so with user exits.



# 3 User Definitions

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A user definition consists of an authorization table in which you can authorize access to functions for classes of Natural ISPF objects, as well as of default settings on user profiles (PF key assignments, short names for libraries, magic characters, Editor profile, user defaults). All characteristics of the user profile are modifiable by the user. Authorization tables are modifiable only by authorized users.

## Types of User Definition

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Natural ISPF allows for three different types of user definition:

- **Single users:**

You can create a separate definition for a specific user ID;

- **User groups:**

You can create a definition for a group of users. You can choose one of the following methods for associating user IDs with certain groups:

- Prefix Method
- Derivation from Natural Security

These are explained in the subsection *User Group Definitions*.

- **Default definition (user '\*'):**

It is highly recommended to create a definition for the asterisk (\*). This can be seen as a definition for a null prefix: users are assigned this definition if they log on with a user ID that is not specifically defined and for which there is neither a prefix definition nor a Natural Security group definition.



**Note:** Without a default definition (\*), an undefined user ID to which no prefix definition applies is granted full authorization for the system.

In the case of the prefix method, a user is assigned the definition which most closely matches that user's ID. The following table illustrates how some example user IDs are assigned definitions:

| Definition | Assigned to user ID: |
|------------|----------------------|
| *          | U1                   |
| S*         | S1                   |
| SY*        | SY1                  |

You can modify the default user definition, and add and modify single user and group (prefix) definitions at any time.

You can enter the user definition facility in any of two ways:

- Select the `USER` option on the Administrator Menu to display the User Entry Panel. You can specify a function command in the command line and parameters in the input fields (see the following subsection);
- You can access user definitions from any Natural ISPF screen using function command syntax. See the subsection *Maintaining User Definitions with Function Commands*.

## User Group Definitions

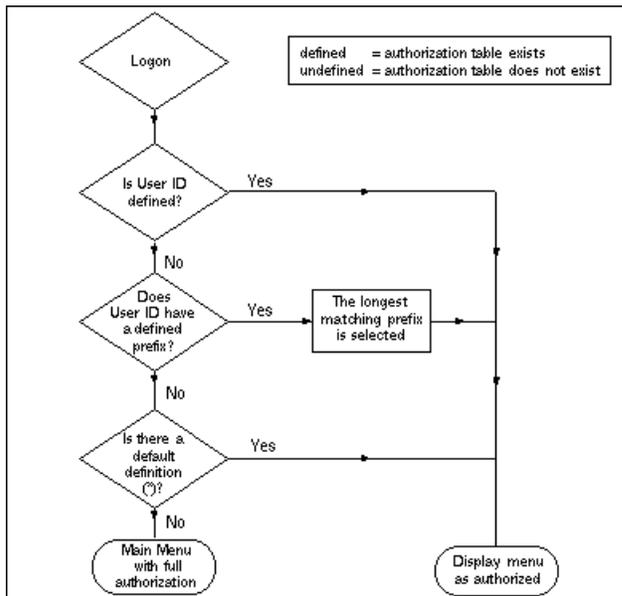
You can create a definition for a group of users. By setting `APPLYMOD 101` to an appropriate value you can select one of the following methods for associating user IDs with certain groups:

- [Prefix Method](#)
- [Derivation from Natural Security - NSC](#)

### Prefix Method

In this case, a definition for a prefix applies for all user IDs matching that prefix, except for those users for which the corresponding profile item has been defined specifically. For example, the definition for the ID `SAG*` applies to all user IDs that start with `SAG` and have no unique definition.

The following flow diagram illustrates the internal handling for the prefix method when a user logs on:



**Note:** Without a default definition (\*), an undefined user ID to which no prefix definition applies is granted full authorization for the system. When installing Natural ISPF and setting

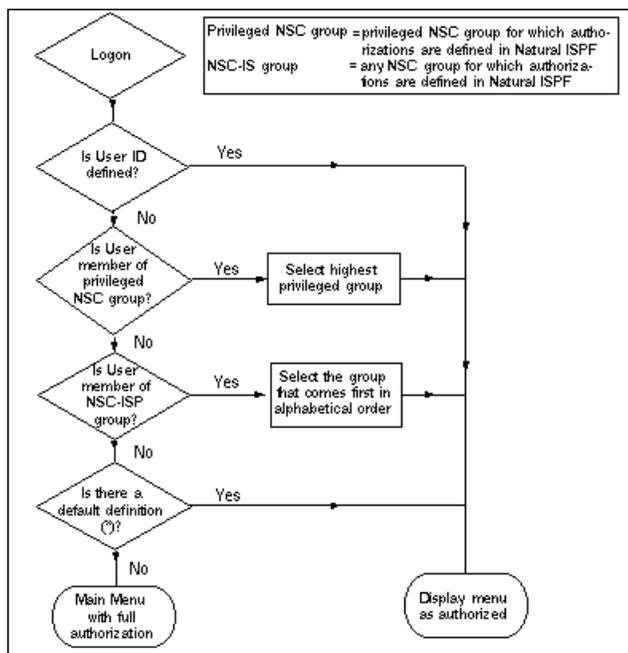
up the system, you must therefore define at least a default definition (\*) to control access to the system (see the subsection *Maintaining User Definitions*).

### Derivation from Natural Security - NSC

In this case, a definition made for an ID that has been defined as a user group in Natural Security will be used as a default definition that applies for all members of that group, except for those users for which the corresponding profile item has been explicitly defined.

If a user is a member of several groups, Natural ISPF will first search privileged groups in the specified order and then non-privileged groups in alphabetical order.

The following flow diagram illustrates the internal handling for the Natural Security (NSC) method when a user logs on:



**Note:** If a user is a member of more than 20 groups, only the first 20 will be evaluated in the above context.

## Maintaining User Definitions

If you select the `USER` option from the Administrator Menu, the User Entry Panel appears:

```

----- USER - ENTRY PANEL -----
COMMAND ==>

User          ==> *
Profile type  ==>                ( A,K,L,C,E,D,B,Y,N,O)

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down Swap Left Right Curso

```

Meaning of the input fields:

| Field        | Meaning   |
|--------------|---|
| User         | User ID of user definition to be maintained. You can also enter the asterisk wildcard (*) to list all user definitions, or ABC* to list all definitions beginning with ABC. |
| Profile type | Enter characteristic of definition to be maintained. Possible options:  |
|              | A Authorization table   |
|              | C Magic characters  |
|              | D User defaults   |
|              | E Editor profile  |
|              | K PF key assignments  |
|              | L Library short names   |
|              | N Natural defaults  |
|              | O Editor color definition   |

| Field | Meaning |  |
|-------|---------|--|
|       | Y       | Layout of object lists (COPY or DELETE only) |
|       | *       | Full profile (COPY or DELETE only)           |



**Note:** The `Profile` type field is not used as selection criterion for the `LIST` command. It is used to select sections of the user profile for `EDIT`, `DELETE` or `COPY` operations. The whole profile can be selected for `COPY` and `DELETE` operations by entering the asterisk wildcard (\*) in this field.

The user authorization table (characteristic A) can only be modified by users authorized to access configuration functions. All other characteristics are modifiable by the user and are described in detail in the section *Profile Maintenance* in the *Natural ISPF User's Guide*. You can access them here to maintain the default settings.

Once you have entered the specified user definition, you can scroll the profile sections using the `UP` and `DOWN` commands (usually assigned to `PF7` and `PF8` respectively).

## Authorization Table

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To access the user authorization table for a user profile, specify the profile name (user ID, group ID, prefix followed by the wildcard \*, or wildcard \* only) in the `User` field and A in the `Profile` type field. The authorization table for the specified definition appears, for example:

```

----- EDIT USER BRY , Byrone, Rinaldi -----
COMMAND ==>

Authorization Class      Level      Main Menu      ==>>
Natural programming     ==> 9
PDS Maintenance         ==> 9
Data Sets Maintenance   ==> 9      + --- COMMANDS LEVEL REMINDER ---- +
SYSOUTS                 ==> 9      ! Lvl   Command Abbreviation   !
System info             ==> 9      ! --- ----- !
Active jobs             ==> 9      ! 1 - L,B,ZP,XT,I,ET,DI,DF,RU,XE !
Operator commands      ==> 9      !   EX,OT,FR,DW,CR,BPSTAT      !
NSPF Administrator     ==> 9      ! 2 - E,R,SB,PL,PR,CP,A,CT,U,FL !
PANVALET               ==> 9      !   ST,CC,RL,HL,DS,UP          !
LIBRARIAN              ==> 9      ! 3 - D,PG,CH,NSPR,GENN        !
USER defined           ==> 9      ! 4 - CM,OPER                  !
                        !                               !
                        !                               !
                        !                               !
                        +-----+

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down Swap Left Right Curso

```

The above authorization table could be in place for user definitions in a z/OS environment that includes CA Panvalet.

### Explanation of the authorization table:

#### ■ Header

The header line contains the function (EDIT USER) and the user ID invoked.

#### ■ Main Menu

The field labelled `Main Menu` contains the name of the menu displayed when the user logs on to Natural ISPF. The default menu is the Main Menu, MAIN (see the section [Menu Maintenance](#)).

#### ■ Authorization class

The column headed `Authorization Class` contains a list of items that correspond to Natural ISPF objects and certain administration functions. The classes displayed correspond to the sub-system(s) installed at your site. For a list of possible classes, see [Authorization Classes](#) at the end of this documentation.

The extent to which the user is authorized for each class of objects is determined by the authorization level.

■ **Authorization level**

The column headed `Level` contains the numerical identifier of the level to which the user is authorized for the corresponding class of objects. An authorization level is a command or group of commands defined in the window headed `Commands Level Reminder`. Typing a level number against a class of objects authorizes the user to issue these commands for the class of objects. The lowest possible level is blank or 0 (zero) and means that the corresponding object option does not appear on the user's Main Menu. The highest possible level is 9 and includes all commands on Levels 1-9.

■ **Command Level Reminder**

This window tells you which commands belong to which level. The abbreviations correspond to the valid abbreviations of the respective commands as follows:

| Level 1 Abbreviation | Function    |
|----------------------|-------------|
| L                    | LIST        |
| B                    | BROWSE      |
| ZP                   | ZAPS        |
| XT                   | EXTERNS     |
| I                    | INFORMATION |
| ET                   | EXTENTS     |
| DI                   | DIFFERENCE  |
| DF                   | DEFINITION  |
| RU                   | RUN         |
| XE                   | EXECUTE     |
| EX                   | EXPORT      |
| OT                   | OUTPUT      |
| FR                   | FORMAT      |
| DW                   | DOWNLOAD    |
| CR                   | COMPARE     |
| BPSTAT               | BPSTAT      |

| Level 2 Abbreviation | Function |
|----------------------|----------|
| E                    | EDIT     |
| R                    | RENAME   |
| SB                   | SUBMIT   |
| PL                   | PLAY     |
| PR                   | PRINT    |
| CP                   | COPY     |
| A                    | ALLOCATE |
| CT                   | CATALOG  |

| Level 2 Abbreviation | Function        |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| U                    | UNCATALOG       |
| FL                   | FOLLOW          |
| ST                   | STATUS          |
| CC                   | Condition codes |
| RL                   | RELEASE         |
| HL                   | HOLD            |
| DS                   | DESCRIPTION     |
| UP                   | UPLOAD          |

| Level 3 Abbreviation | Function                   |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| D                    | DELETE                     |
| PG                   | PURGE                      |
| CH                   | CHANGE                     |
| NSPR                 | Natural ISPF parameters    |
| GENN                 | Generate command processor |

| Level 4 Abbreviation | Function                |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| CM                   | COMPRESS                |
| OPER                 | Issue operator commands |

You can update an authorization by modifying the Main Menu name and/or modifying the authorization level for one or more classes.

For example, if you type 0 in the authorization level field for the Natural class, the user cannot access Natural objects; this option will not appear on his Main Menu when he logs on, and he cannot use direct commands for Natural objects.

If you type 1 in the authorization level field for the SYSOUT class, the user can perform browse functions on job SYSOUTs, but he cannot perform any other operations. Whether the JOBS option appears on that user's Main Menu depends on the system authorization level for the option (see the section [Menu Maintenance](#)).

If an option does not appear on the user's Main Menu but the user is authorized for some functions on the object type, he or she can use appropriate direct commands.

To save user authorizations, issue the END command (usually assigned to PF3 ) after having modified any value on the screen.

Below is an example of a default authorization table (\*):

```

----- EDIT USER * -----
COMMAND ==>

Authorization Class      Level      Main Menu      ==>> NULL
Natural programming     ==>
PDS Maintenance         ==>
Data Sets Maintenance   ==>      + --- COMMANDS LEVEL REMINDER ---- +
SYSOUTS                 ==>      ! Lvl   Command Abbreviation   !
System info             ==>      ! --- ----- !
Active jobs             ==>      ! 1 - L,B,ZP,XT,I,ET,DI,DF,RU,XE !
Operator commands      ==>      !   EX,OT,FR,DW,CR,BPSTAT       !
NSPF Administrator     ==>      ! 2 - E,R,SB,PL,PR,CP,A,CT,U,FL !
PANVALET               ==>      !   ST,CC,RL,HL,DS,UP          !
LIBRARIAN              ==>      ! 3 - D,PG,CH,NSPR,GENN        !
USER defined           ==>      ! 4 - CM,OPER                  !
                        !                               !
                        !                               !
                        !                               !
                        +-----+

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down Swap Left Right Curso

```

Explanation: Since all authorization levels are blank (zeroes), undefined users who do not belong to a prefix group cannot execute any secured function, and they will be presented with menu NULL when they log on to Natural ISPF (see the section *Menu Maintenance* for an example of menu NULL).



**Notes:**

1. Functions on the user's profile, the user workpool and recovery files are not secured.
2. If you leave the above screen by issuing an END command or by pressing PF3 without having modified any of the values on the screen, the authorization table of the individual user specified will not be updated. From this scenario, you cannot even be sure if the authorization table displayed has been defined for the user explicitly or if it has been inherited from a prefix definition or from a (Natural Security-based) user group definition. To be certain that a user has an individual authorization table, look at the list of Natural ISPF users: all users with an individual authorization table will be listed with Auth next to user ID and last access date.

## Maintaining User Definitions with Function Commands

Natural ISPF users are separate objects within Natural ISPF with object type `USR`. This means that you (and other authorized users) can maintain user definitions with function command syntax entered from any system screen.

The available function commands are:

| Command | Object Parameter Syntax                                    |
|---------|--|
| LIST    | <i>user-id</i>   |
| EDIT    | <i>user-id</i> TYPE= <i>t</i>                              |
| DELETE  | <i>user-id</i> TYPE= <i>t</i>                              |
| COPY    | <i>user-id</i> TYPE= <i>t</i> , <i>target-user-id</i> ,REP |

| Parameter             | Function  |   |                          |   |                       |   |               |   |                     |   |                         |   |                                |   |                  |   |                         |   |   |   |                                      |
|-----------------------|---|---|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|---------------|---|---------------------|---|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|------------------|---|-------------------------|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| <i>user-id</i>        | Can be a specific user ID, a prefix notation or the default definition (*).   |   |                          |   |                       |   |               |   |                     |   |                         |   |                                |   |                  |   |                         |   |   |   |                                      |
| <i>t</i>              | Identifies the user characteristic to be maintained. Possible options: <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>User authorization table</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>User magic characters</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>User defaults</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>User Editor profile</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K</td> <td>User PF-key assignments</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L</td> <td>User short names for libraries</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>Natural defaults</td> </tr> <tr> <td>O</td> <td>Editor color definition</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y</td> <td>Layout of object lists (DELETE and COPY only)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>*</td> <td>Whole profile (DELETE and COPY only)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | A | User authorization table | C | User magic characters | D | User defaults | E | User Editor profile | K | User PF-key assignments | L | User short names for libraries | N | Natural defaults | O | Editor color definition | Y | Layout of object lists (DELETE and COPY only) | * | Whole profile (DELETE and COPY only) |
| A                     | User authorization table  |   |                          |   |                       |   |               |   |                     |   |                         |   |                                |   |                  |   |                         |   |   |   |                                      |
| C                     | User magic characters   |   |                          |   |                       |   |               |   |                     |   |                         |   |                                |   |                  |   |                         |   |   |   |                                      |
| D                     | User defaults   |   |                          |   |                       |   |               |   |                     |   |                         |   |                                |   |                  |   |                         |   |   |   |                                      |
| E                     | User Editor profile   |   |                          |   |                       |   |               |   |                     |   |                         |   |                                |   |                  |   |                         |   |   |   |                                      |
| K                     | User PF-key assignments   |   |                          |   |                       |   |               |   |                     |   |                         |   |                                |   |                  |   |                         |   |   |   |                                      |
| L                     | User short names for libraries  |   |                          |   |                       |   |               |   |                     |   |                         |   |                                |   |                  |   |                         |   |   |   |                                      |
| N                     | Natural defaults  |   |                          |   |                       |   |               |   |                     |   |                         |   |                                |   |                  |   |                         |   |   |   |                                      |
| O                     | Editor color definition   |   |                          |   |                       |   |               |   |                     |   |                         |   |                                |   |                  |   |                         |   |   |   |                                      |
| Y                     | Layout of object lists (DELETE and COPY only)   |   |                          |   |                       |   |               |   |                     |   |                         |   |                                |   |                  |   |                         |   |   |   |                                      |
| *                     | Whole profile (DELETE and COPY only)  |   |                          |   |                       |   |               |   |                     |   |                         |   |                                |   |                  |   |                         |   |   |   |                                      |
| <i>target-user-id</i> | New user definition to be created or replaced.  |   |                          |   |                       |   |               |   |                     |   |                         |   |                                |   |                  |   |                         |   |   |   |                                      |
| REP                   | Specify to replace target definition, if it already exists.   |   |                          |   |                       |   |               |   |                     |   |                         |   |                                |   |                  |   |                         |   |   |   |                                      |



### Notes:

1. If you issue any of the commands without parameters, Natural ISPF prompts you for valid values.
2. If you issue any of the above commands from outside the user maintenance facility, you must specify the object-type parameter `USR` after the command keyword.

The following examples are provided below:

- Example: EDIT
- Example: DELETE
- Example: COPY
- Example: LIST

### Example: EDIT

The command:

```
EDIT USR SAG* TYPE=K
```

displays the PF key table assigned to all users with prefix SAG. You can modify this table. The update is performed every time you press the ENTER key, provided the screen contains valid update data. You can leave the screen with the command END (usually assigned to PF3).

### Example: DELETE

The command:

```
DELETE USR *
```

deletes the default definition (\*). Note that without a default definition, any undefined user for whom there is no prefix definition receives full authorization at logon.

### Example: COPY

The command:

```
COPY USR MBE TYPE=Y
```

can be used to copy the layout definition of object lists from one user to another. The following window opens:

```
+-----+
!
! Copy User MBE          Section: LAYOUT
! to User
! Replace NO
! Enter to perform , PF3 to exit
!
+-----+
```

Enter the user ID of the recipient user in the to User input field to copy the layout definitions from user MBE. All list layouts defined by user MBE are copied. For details on list layout, see the section *LAYOUT Command for Lists* in the section *Useful Features of the Natural ISPF User's Guide*.

**Example: LIST**

The command:

```
LIST USR *
```

lists all Natural ISPF users, for example:

```
LIST-USR:* ----- Row 0 of 15 - Columns 010 076
COMMAND===>                                     SCROLL===> CSR
  USER                DATE      DEFINED CHARACTERISTICS
** ***** top of list *****
  *          *Edited          Auth,Edit,Default,Char,
  BRY                94/12/13  Auth,Edit,Key,Natural,
  GW                 94/12/08
  HHH                Edit,
  JWO                94/12/13  Auth,Edit,Default,Char,Key,Color,Natural,Lib,
  JWOAB              Default,
  MAK                94/11/12  Default,Key,
  MSE                94/12/09
  MZC                94/12/13  Auth,Edit,Default,Char,Key,Layout,Natural,Lib,
  MZCC              94/10/27  Auth,Edit,Default,Char,Key,Lib,
  SML                94/12/09
  UHE                94/10/11  Auth,
  WHE                94/10/17
  WKK                94/12/01
  WOS                94/11/23
** ***** bottom of list *****

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down Swap Left  Right Curso
```

The list contains all users who have logged on Natural ISPF, as well as all defined user definitions (authorization tables and profile sections).

Meaning of the column headings:

| Column                  | Meaning  |                          |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| USER                    | User ID, user prefix or *. Each user appears in the list after first logon |                          |
| DATE                    | Date the user logged on to Natural ISPF last.                              |                          |
| DEFINED CHARACTERISTICS | Characteristics which are specifically defined. Possible values:           |                          |
|                         | Auth   | User authorization table |
|                         | Char   | User magic characters    |
|                         | Color  | User color definitions   |
|                         | Default  | User system defaults     |

| Column | Meaning  |                          |
|--------|--|--------------------------|
|        | Edit   | User Editor profile      |
|        | Key  | User PF-key table        |
|        | Layout   | User layout for lists    |
|        | Lib  | User library short names |
|        | Natural  | User Natural defaults    |
|        | For any characteristic not in the list, the user is assigned the values defined for the appropriate prefix definition or, if no prefix matches the user ID, the values defined for the default definition (*). |                          |

A user characteristic attains *defined* status when you create or modify it for the user ID, or when a user modifies any characteristic in his or her user profile while working with Natural ISPF.

You can select any user or definition from the list with the E (EDIT), CP (COPY) or D (DELETE) line command entered in the input field preceding the user ID. The EDIT option allows you to modify the user's command authorization table as described above, and any profile setting as described in the section *Profile Maintenance* in the *Natural ISPF User's Guide*.

# 4 Menu Maintenance

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Menu maintenance means customizing system menus to the requirements of your installation. You can add menus, and modify or delete existing ones.



**Note:** As of Natural ISPF Version 2.4.1, the menu structure has changed. If you wish to use the former menu structure, define the menu MAIO as main menu and/or set the parameter APPLYMOD 104 to X. See the subsections [Authorization Table](#) and [APPLYMOD 104](#).

## Starting a Menu Edit Session

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Natural ISPF offers three options for starting a menu edit session:

- The MENU option on the Administration Menu prompts you for a menu name; enter a menu name to start an edit session with the menu definition (see the subsection [Syntax of Menu Definition](#));
- The MENU LIST on the Administration Menu prompts you for a prefix to list all menus with that prefix (enter the asterisk wildcard (\*) in this window and press ENTER to list all menus); see the example list in the subsection [Maintaining Menus with Function Commands](#).
- You can also start an edit session using function commands entered from any system screen, addressing object-type MNU. Available function commands are LIST, EDIT, and DELETE. See the subsection [Maintaining Menus with Function Commands](#).

## Syntax of Menu Definition

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Below is a typical Natural ISPF Main Menu:

```

----- NATURAL / NATURAL ISPF Main Menu -----
OPTION  ==>

User ID  FHI
Time    15:47:27
Terminal DAEFTCS3
Library NSPF241
Node    148

_ 1  NATURAL  - Development Functions
_ 2  NATURAL  - Development Environment Settings
_ 3  NATURAL  - Maintenance and Transfer Utilities
_ 4  NATURAL  - Debugging and Monitoring Utilities
_ 5  NAT/NSPF - Example Libraries

_ 6  SAG      - SAG    Products
_ 7  SYSTEM   - System Products

_ 8  NSPF     - NSPF Administration

_ 9  NSPF     - NSPF Changes

_ HELP HELP   - NSPF   Help System
_ NHLP HELP   - NATURAL Help System
_ END  EXIT   - Exit NATURAL ISPF

Enter-PF13--PF14--PF15--PF16--PF17--PF18--PF19--PF20--PF21--PF22--PF23--PF24---
      Help Relis $End !Br : t;fin !inf Up    Down Susp; Left Right Exc :

```

If you select the MENU option on the Administrator Menu and enter the menu name MAIN in the prompt window, the associated menu definition appears in Editor format in EDIT mode:

```

EDIT-MNU:MAIN ----- Columns 001 072
COMMAND===>                                SCROLL===> CSR
***** ***** top of data *****
000010 HDR =NATURAL ISPF MAIN MENU
=cols> ----+----1----+----2----+----3----+----4----+----5----+----6----+----7--
000020 HELP=MAIN
000030 LINE=0     MENU PROF      PROFILE   - Profile maintenance
000040 LINE=#     ENTRY NAT     NN1 NATURAL - Work with NATURAL objects
000050 LINE=#     ENTRY VIW     NN1 VIEWS  - Definition, content of NATURAL Vi
000060 LINE=#     ENTRY ERR     NN1 ERROR  - Work with NATURAL error messages
000070 LINE=#     ENTRY PRD     NN1 PREDICT - Work with PREDICT descriptions
000080 LINE=#     ENTRY OUT      WORKPOOL  - Listing user output
000090 LINE=#     ENTRY CTN     0  CONTAINER - Incore database container file
000100 ****=
000110 LINE=#     ENTRY JOB     MJ1 JOBS   - Display JOBS status and data (MVS
000120 LINE=#     ENTRY PDS     MP1 PDS    - Work with PDS members
000130 LINE=#     ENTRY DS      MD1 DATA SETS - Maintain data sets
----- 13 line(s) not displayed
000270 LINE=#     MENU SAT      S  SAT      - System Automation Tools
000280 LINE=NEWS NEWS          CHANGES - New features in NATURAL ISPF
000290 LINE=END          EXIT      - Exit NATURAL ISPF
000300 LINE=HELP          HELP      - Display help information
000310 CMD =X          END
000320 CMD =x          END
    
```

The type of line in the menu is specified by the label starting in Column 1 of each line. The fields in each line must be coded in a specific range of columns (see the columns line in the above figure).

The following table explains the lines in the menu:

| Line   | Meaning  |
|--|--|
| HDR= <i>text</i> (A50)   | Defines the menu header to be displayed at the top of the screen.  |
| HELP= <i>member</i> (A8)                                       | Name of the member containing the help text for the screen. Help texts supplied by Software AG are stored in the System Help Library. You can define site-specific help texts and store them in the User Help Library. When a user issues the HELP command, the User Help Library is always searched first for a specific help member, then the Software AG library is searched. See also the section <a href="#">Site-Specific Online Information</a> . |
| LINE=# ENTRY NAT NN1<br>Natural - Work with<br>Natural objects | This line is an example of an option to appear on the menu. The detailed syntax is explained in the table on the following page.   |
| ****= <i>text</i>  | Defines a text line to be displayed on the menu. No text specifies a blank line.   |
| CMD= <i>synonym command</i>                                    | Where:<br><br><i>synonym</i> is a command synonym (A11).<br><br><i>command</i> can be any Natural ISPF command (A50).  |

| Line | Meaning  |
|------|--|
|      | This line defines a command synonym; this can be an abbreviation of a Natural ISPF command which the user enters in the command line, or the synonym can be used in a menu option line if the available 12 bytes are too short for the original command. The above example menu defines X in upper case and lower case as a synonym for the END command. |

The number of displayable menu options is limited to 18. This means that the sum of `LINE=` and `***=` lines to be displayed must not exceed 18.

## Detailed Syntax of a Menu Option

```
LINE=# ENTRY NAT NN1 Natural - Work with Natural objects
```

The items must be written in the appropriate column number as shown below:

| Parameter (Format)  | Meaning  |                    |                       |                   |                                  |                |  |                             |  |
|---|--|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| <i>opt</i> (A4) (# in example above)<br>(Columns 6 to 9)      | Automatic numeration of the option. The special character # assigns the next number following on from the previous option. The first option line can contain a real number (in the above example, the first option is 0 (zero)). The default is 1. Alternatively, you can specify a character string for the option.   |                    |                       |                   |                                  |                |  |                             |  |
| <i>command</i> (A12)(ENTRY NAT in example) (Columns 11 to 22) | Valid Natural ISPF command or command synonym. This command is executed when the user selects this option. When defining your own menus or modifying existing ones, the following commands are available: <table border="1" data-bbox="592 1108 1479 1402"> <tbody> <tr> <td>MENU <i>mymenu</i></td> <td>Displays menu MYMENU.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NAT <i>myprog</i></td> <td>Executes Natural program MYPROG.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>synonym</i></td> <td>Executes the command assigned to the synonym (see the description of the CMD line on the previous page).</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Natural-ISPF-command</i></td> <td>Executes the specified Natural ISPF command.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | MENU <i>mymenu</i> | Displays menu MYMENU. | NAT <i>myprog</i> | Executes Natural program MYPROG. | <i>synonym</i> | Executes the command assigned to the synonym (see the description of the CMD line on the previous page). | <i>Natural-ISPF-command</i> | Executes the specified Natural ISPF command. |
| MENU <i>mymenu</i>  | Displays menu MYMENU.  |                    |                       |                   |                                  |                |  |                             |  |
| NAT <i>myprog</i>   | Executes Natural program MYPROG.   |                    |                       |                   |                                  |                |  |                             |  |
| <i>synonym</i>  | Executes the command assigned to the synonym (see the description of the CMD line on the previous page).   |                    |                       |                   |                                  |                |  |                             |  |
| <i>Natural-ISPF-command</i>                                   | Executes the specified Natural ISPF command.   |                    |                       |                   |                                  |                |  |                             |  |
| <i>S</i> (A1) (first N in example)<br>(Column 23)             | Signifies the subsystem. For example, N for Natural. For a list of possible options, see <a href="#">Subsystems Supported by Natural ISPF</a> at the end of this documentation. The menu line is only displayed if the specified subsystem is activated in the CONFIG member.  |                    |                       |                   |                                  |                |  |                             |  |
| <i>C</i> (A1) (second N in example)<br>(Column 24)            | Denotes the authorization class as listed in the user authorization table, for example, N for Natural. If the menu option is site-defined, use the equal sign (=) here. The authorization codes are also used in the site control table (see the section <i>Open NSPF</i> in the <i>Natural ISPF Programmer's Guide</i> ). For a list of possible values, see <a href="#">Authorization Classes</a> at the end of this documentation.  |                    |                       |                   |                                  |                |  |                             |  |
| <i>L</i> (N1) (1 in example) (Column 25)                      | Denotes the authorization level for the class. Possible options are 1-9. The option line will appear on a user's menu only if the level specified here is equal to or lower than the authorization level for the same class in the user's authorization table. The above example specifies Level 1 for class Natural.  |                    |                       |                   |                                  |                |  |                             |  |

| Parameter (Format)  | Meaning  |
|---|--|
|   | To bar a user from using the Natural option, the user must have Level 0 in his or her authorization table. If you specify 2 here and the user is authorized for Natural with Level 1, he or she will not see the option on his or her menu, but can execute Level 1 functions using function commands on the corresponding object types. See also the subsection <i>Authorization Table</i> in the section <i>User Definitions</i> . |
| <i>descriptive-text</i> (A50)<br>(Natural -Work with<br>Natural objects in<br>example) (Columns 27 to 76) | Description of the menu option to appear in the menu line.   |

## Customizing Menus

Use the Editor to customize menus. To create a new menu from scratch, or adapt an existing menu for your site's purposes, you are strongly advised to use an existing menu as a model for the new one.

The easiest way of doing this is to work in multi-session mode: start an edit session with a new menu name in one session and an Editor session with an existing menu in another. Use cross-section copying with two Editor line commands `CC` to mark the block of the existing menu to be copied, and an Editor line command `A` in the edit session with the new menu to mark the place where the menu lines are to be inserted (see also the subsection *Multi-Session Operations* in the section *Useful Features* of the *Natural ISPF User's Guide*).

This subsection provides some typical examples of customized menus:

- [Example 1: Menu to Extend Menu Structure](#)
- [Example 2: Menu to Invoke Natural Programs/Applications](#)
- [Example 3: Menu to Submit Batch Jobs](#)
- [Example 4: Menu to Execute Commands](#)
- [Example 5: Menu to Provide Example Menu Options](#)

- [Example 6: Menu NULL for Unauthorized Users](#)

### Example 1: Menu to Extend Menu Structure

The following menu named SAG invokes other menus, using the MENU command:

```

----- Software AG MENU -----
OPTION  ==>

          Userid  MBE
          Time    17:52:12
          Terminal DAEDC617
          Library  MBE
          Node

1  ISPF      - New features and functions
2  ISPF      - Error messages and comments
3  BATCH    - Batch utilities menu
4  NATURAL   - NATURAL utilities menu

5  JCL       - for NATURAL ISPF
S  SDSF      - System display/search facility

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down  Swap  Left  Right Curso

```

The following is the corresponding menu definition:

```

EDIT-MNU:SAG ----- Columns 001 072
COMMAND===>                                SCROLL===> CSR
***** ***** top of data *****
000010 HDR =Software AG MENU
000020 HELP=SAGHELP
=cols> ----+----1----+----2----+----3----+----4----+----5----+----6----+----7--
000030 LINE=#    NEWS          ISPF          - New features and functions
000040 LINE=#    ERRM          A4 ISPF          - Error messages and comments
000050 LINE=#    MENU BTCH    =4 BATCH          - Batch utilities menu
000060 LINE=#    MENU UTIL    NATURAL          - NATURAL utilities menu
000070 ****=
000080 LINE=#    MENU ISPF    JCL          - for NATURAL ISPF
000090 LINE=S    MENU SDSF    SDSF          - System display/search facility
000100 ****=
000110 CMD =ERRM list pds nn(v2*)
***** ***** bottom of data *****

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down Swap Left Right Curso
    
```

**Explanation**

The line:

```
HELP=SAGHELP
```

invokes help member SAGHELP in the User Help Library when a user issues the HELP command from this menu.

The line:

```
LINE=S    MENU SDSF    SDSF          - System display/search facility
```

defines an option S, which, when selected, displays the menu named SDSF. Since no subsystem and authorization codes are specified in this line, the option is subsystem-independent and will appear on this menu for all users. Only access to the options invoked by the ERRM and MENU BTCH commands are subject to authorization.

The command ERRM is a synonym for a command sequence, defined by the line:

```
CMD =ERRM list pds nn(v2*)
```

If you wish to make this menu available from any menu at your site, you must add the following line to the options on that menu definition:

```
LINE=# MENU SAG SAG - Software AG menu
```

## Example 2: Menu to Invoke Natural Programs/Applications

The following menu invokes Natural programs or applications:

```
----- Natural ISPF Utility Menu -----
OPTION ==>

                                Userid  BRY
                                Time    10:48:43
                                Terminal DAEFTC10
                                Library  BRY
                                Node

TP  SYSTP      - NATURAL TP monitor specifics
PROD SYSPROD  - Installed products
FIL  SYSPROF   - Files information
BPM  SYSBPM    - NATURAL Buffer pool
LOG  DBLOG     - Trace Database calls
DBA  SYSDBA    - DBA utilities
CAT  CATAL    - Catalog NATURAL Library
DIC  PREDICT   - PREDICT Dictionary
XREF XREF      - Active References

SEC  SYSSEC    - NATURAL Security
ERR  SYSERR    - NATURAL Error messages
CP   SYSMAIN   - NATURAL Copy utility

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down Swap Left Right Curso
```

The menu is created by the following definition:

```

EDIT-MNU:UTIL ----- Columns 001 072
COMMAND===>                                SCROLL===> CSR
***** ***** top of data *****
000010 HDR =NATURAL ISPF Utility Menu
=cols> ----+----1----+----2----+----3----+----4----+----5----+----6----+----7--
000020 LINE=TP    SYSTP      N1 SYSTP      - NATURAL TP monitor specifics
000030 LINE=PROD  NAT SYSPROD N1 SYSPROD  - Installed products
000040 LINE=FIL    NAT SYSPROF N1 SYSPROF  - Files information
000050 LINE=BPM    APP SYSBPM  N1 SYSBPM   - NATURAL Buffer pool
000060 LINE=LOG    TDBLOG     N1 DBLOG    - Trace Database calls
000070 LINE=DBA    SYSDBA     N1 SYSDBA   - DBA utilities
000080 LINE=CAT    NAT CATALL  N1 CATALL   - Catalog NATURAL Library
000090 LINE=DIC    APP SYSDIC  N1 PREDICT   - PREDICT Dictionary
000100 LINE=XREF   NAT L X     N1 XREF     - Active References
000110 *****=
000120 LINE=SEC    SYSSEC     N3 SYSSEC   - NATURAL Security
000130 LINE=ERR    SYSERR     N1 SYSERR   - NATURAL Error messages
000140 LINE=CP     APP SYSMAIN N1 SYSMAIN  - NATURAL Copy utility
000150 *****=
000160 CMD =SYSTP  APP SYSTP  MENU
000170 CMD =SYSDBA APP SYSDBA MENU
000180 CMD =TDBLOG NAT TEST  DBLOG ?
000190 CMD =SYSERR APP SYSERR MENU
000200 CMD =SYSSEC APP SYSSEC MENU
    
```

**Explanation**

The line:

```

LINE=XREF   NAT L X     N1 XREF     - Active References
    
```

invokes Natural system command LIST with parameter XREF. This option is subsystem-independent with Authorization Level 1.

If you wish to add a site-specific option that invokes a different application, you must add a menu line similar to the following:

```

LINE=#      APP MYAPPL  =3 MYAPPL  - Natural my application
    
```

This example assumes that the application MYAPPL is terminated with the command RETURN on the stack.

This menu option adds a subsystem-independent option MYAPPL to the menu. The authorization class is user-defined (=) with Level 3, which means that a user must be authorized with at least Level 3 in his authorization table to see the option on his or her menu.

The line:

```
CMD =SYSERR APP SYSERR MENU
```

defines SYSERR as a synonym for the command sequence APPLICATION SYSERR MENU and is used in the SYSERR menu option to invoke the Natural error message maintenance facility.

If you wish to make the above menu available at your site, you must add the following line to the options on that menu definition:

```
LINE=# MENU UTIL UTIL - Natural ISPF Utilities
```

### Example 3: Menu to Submit Batch Jobs

The selection of an option on the following menu results in the submission of a Batch job:

```
----- Batch Utilities Menu -----
OPTION  ==>

          Userid  MBE
          Time    17:52:12
          Terminal DAEDC617
          Library  MBE
          Node

1  IEBCOPY  - Online input for IEBCOPY
2  ADAREP   - ADABAS Database Report
3  TAPE     - Tape creation
4  NATBAT   - NATURAL Batch execution

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down  Swap  Left  Right Curso
```

The following is the menu definition:

```

EDIT-MNU:BTCH ----- Columns 001 072
  COMMAND==>                                SCROLL==> CSR
***** ***** top of data *****
000010 HDR =Batch Utilities Menu
000020 HELP=MAIN
=cols> ----+----1----+----2----+----3----+----4----+----5----+----6----+----7--
000030 LINE=#      IEBCOPY          IEBCOPY      - Online input for IEBCOPY
000040 LINE=#      ADAREP            ADAREP      - ADABAS Database Report
000050 LINE=#      TAPE              TAPE        - Tape creation
000060 LINE=#      NATBAT            NATBAT      - NATURAL Batch execution
000070 ****=
000080 CMD =IEBCOPY SUBMIT PDS JWO.COMN.SOURCE(EXSUBMIT)
000090 CMD =ADAREP SUBMIT PDS JWO.COMN.SOURCE(EXADAREP)
000100 CMD =TAPE SUBMIT MACRO EXMAC2
000110 CMD =TAPE2 SUBMIT NAT NSPF1200(EXTAPENA)
000120 CMD =NATBAT SUBMIT PDS JWO.COMN.SOURCE(EXNATBAT)
***** ***** bottom of data *****

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down Swap Left Right Curso

```

## Explanation

All options have no subsystem or authorization restrictions.

Please note the use of command synonyms in this example. For example, the line:

```
CMD =ADAREP SUBMIT PDS JWO.COMN.SOURCE(EXADAREP)
```

defines ADAREP as synonym for the command string:

```
SUBMIT PDS JWO.COMN.SOURCE(EXADAREP)
```

Selecting the ADAREP option on the menu submits JCL member EXADAREP in the PDS library JWO.COMN.SOURCE. JCL can also be contained in a Natural member (see the TAPE2 synonym).

The members submitted in this way can also make use of the Natural ISPF macro facility as described in section *Macro Facility* in the *Natural ISPF Programmer's Guide*. For example, submission of JCL could result in a window being displayed in which you enter variable parameters before the job is submitted. Alternatively, for faster processing, you can submit compiled macros by submitting a macro object (see the TAPE option and synonym).

If you wish to make the above menu available from any menu at your site, you must add the following line to the options on that menu definition:

---

```
LINE=#  MENU BTCH  BATCH  - Batch Utilities
```

#### Example 4: Menu to Execute Commands

For repetitive use of similar commands with different parameters, it may be useful to define a menu with options that reflect certain command sequences. This is done using the synonym feature. For example, the following menu provides a number of system monitoring functions (it may look familiar to you):

```
----- 'like SDSF' primary option menu -----
OPTION  ==>

                                Userid  MBE
                                Time    18:04:16
                                Terminal DAEDC617
                                Library  MBE
                                Node

LOG  - Display the system log
DA   - Display active users of the system
I    - Display jobs in JES input queue
O    - Display jobs in JES output queue
H    - Display jobs in JES held output queue

ST   - Display status of jobs in JES queues
INIT - Display JES initiators on this system

END  - Exit 'like SDSF'
HELP - Display help information

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up   Down  Swap  Left  Right Curso
```

This menu is created by the following menu definition:

```

EDIT-MNU:SDSF ----- Columns 001 072
  COMMAND===>                                SCROLL===> CSR
***** ***** top of data *****
000010 HDR ='like SDSF' primary option menu
000020 HELP=MAIN
=cols> ----+----1----+----2----+----3----+----4----+----5----+----6----+----7--
000030 LINE=LOG  LOG          - Display the system log
000040 LINE=DA   UQ          - Display active users of the system
000050 LINE=I    QQ          - Display jobs in JES input queue
000060 LINE=O    QO          - Display jobs in JES output queue
000070 LINE=H    QH          - Display jobs in JES held output queue
000080 ****=
000090 LINE=ST    QS          - Display status of jobs in JES queues
000100 LINE=INIT  QX          - Display JES initiators on this system
000110 ****=
000120 LINE=END                      - Exit 'like SDSF'
000130 LINE=HELP                      - Display help information
000140 CMD =X                          END
000150 CMD =x                          END
000160 CMD =QQ list job * QUEUE=I
000170 CMD =QO list job * QUEUE=O
000180 CMD =QX list ACT * TYPE=I
000190 CMD =QH list job * QUEUE=H
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up      Down Swap Left Right Curso

```

### Explanation

The options have no subsystem or authorization restrictions. Note the use of command synonyms.

If you wish to make this menu available from any menu at your site, you must add the following line to the options on that menu definition:

```
LINE=#/ MENU SDSF SDSF - SDSF-like options
```

### Example 5: Menu to Provide Example Menu Options

The following example menu illustrates how standard utilities and functions can be integrated into the Natural ISPF environment by defining them as menu options:

```

----- NATURAL ISPF example menu -----
OPTION ==>

                                Userid   MBE

                                Time     13:02:26
                                Terminal DAELC521
                                Library  MBE
                                Node     148

1  Integrate menus
2  NATURAL   - Utilities
2  SDSF     - SDSF entry panel
   Integrate NATURAL programs/applications
3  SYSPROD  - Installed products
4  PREDICT   - PREDICT Dictionary
   Integrate Batch jobs
5  ADAREP   - ADABAS Database Report
6  TAPE     - Tape creation
   Use TSO Batch interface
7  TSO HELP - Display Help for TSO commands
8  TSO MENU - Use real TSO
   Use internal command
9  CON-NECT - List CON-NECT inbasket

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down Swap Left Right :s

```

The example menu definition looks as follows:

```

EDIT-MNU:EXAM ----- Columns 001 072
COMMAND==>                                SCROLL==> CSR
***** ***** top of data *****
000010 HDR =NATURAL ISPF example menu
000020 HELP=MAIN
000030 ****=Integrate menus
000040 LINE=#   MENU UTIL  NN1 NATURAL   - Utilities
000050 LINE=#   MENU SDSF   M   SDSF     - SDSF entry panel
000060 ****=Integrate NATURAL programs/applications
000070 LINE=#   NAT SYSPROD NN1 SYSPROD  - Installed products
000080 LINE=#   APP SYSDIC  NN1 PREDICT   - PREDICT Dictionary
000090 ****=Integrate Batch jobs
000100 LINE=#   ADAREP     M   ADAREP    - ADABAS Database Report
000110 LINE=#   TAPE      M   TAPE      - Tape creation
000120 ****=Use TSO Batch interface
000130 LINE=#   TSOH      M31 TSO HELP   - Display Help for TSO commands
000140 LINE=#   MENU TSO  M   TSO MENU   - Use real TSO
000150 ****=Use internal command
000160 LINE=#   POST      C   CON-NECT   - List CON-NECT inbasket
000170 CMD =X           END
000180 CMD =x           END
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down Swap Left Right :s

```

Issue the DOWN command (usually assigned to PF8) to display the rest of the menu definition:

```
EDIT-MNU:EXAM ----- Columns 001 072
COMMAND===>                                SCROLL===> CSR
000200 CMD =POST LS DOC * FO=POSTEINGANG FI=NEU
000210 CMD =ADAREP SUBMIT PDS SAG.ISP141.SRCE(EXADAREP)
000220 CMD =TAPE SUBMIT MACRO SYSISPE(MAC-MVS4)
000230 CMD =TSOH SUBMIT MACRO SYSISPE(MAC-TS01),TYPE=TSO
***** ***** bottom of data *****
```

```
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End Suspe Rfind Rchan Up Down Swap Left Right :s
```

### Explanation

The menu options speak for themselves. Note the use of command synonyms to submit specific objects using a single simple command. In this way, site-specific functions can be made easy to use, for example, the command `POST` has been defined to check the Con-nect Inbasket.

If you wish to make this menu available from any menu at your site, you must add the following line to the options on that menu definition:

```
LINE=# MENU EXAM A1 EXAMPLE - Invoke example menu
```

### Example 6: Menu NULL for Unauthorized Users

If you wish to deny access to undefined users for whom there is no prefix authorization, you can define a menu similar to the following to be displayed when the user logs on:

```
----- NATURAL ISPF -----
OPTION  ==>

                                Userid  MBE
                                Time    17:52:12
                                Terminal DAEDC617
                                Library  MBE
                                Node

    You are not authorized to use NATURAL ISPF,
    please contact your ISPF administrator, who
    will give you access to the system.

1  Terminate NATURAL ISPF

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down  Swap  Left  Right Curso
```

The menu definition looks like the following:

```

EDIT-MNU:NULL ----- Columns 001 072
COMMAND===>                                SCROLL===> CSR
***** ***** top of data *****
000010 HDR =NATURAL ISPF
=cols> ----+----1----+----2----+----3----+----4----+----5----+----6----+----7--
000020 ****=
000030 ****=You are not authorized to use NATURAL ISPF,
000040 ****=please contact your ISPF administrator, who
000050 ****=will give you access to the system.
000060 ****=
000070 ****=
000080 LINE=#      END                Terminate NATURAL ISPF
***** ***** bottom of data *****

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down Swap Left Right Curso
    
```

You must specify menu name NULL as Main Menu in the authorization table of the default definition (\*) which is assigned to undefined users for whom there is no prefix (group) definition (see the section [User Definitions](#)).

## Maintaining Menus with Function Commands

Natural ISPF menus are separate objects within Natural ISPF with object type MNU. This means that you (and other authorized users) can maintain menu definitions with function command syntax entered from any system screen.

The available function commands are:

| Command | Object Parameter Syntax |
|---------|-------------------------|
| LIST    | <i>prefix</i>           |
| EDIT    | <i>menuname</i>         |
| DELETE  | <i>menuname</i>         |

where *prefix* is a prefix notation followed by the asterisk wildcard (\*) to select only those menus that start with that prefix. The default is the asterisk wildcard (\*) for a list of all menus.



**Note:** If you issue any of the commands without parameters, Natural ISPF prompts you for valid values.

The following examples are provided below:

- [Example: EDIT](#)
- [Example: LIST](#)

### Example: EDIT

The command:

```
EDIT MNU MAIN
```

displays the Main Menu definition in Editor format. You can modify the menu and save it with the command `SAVE`.



**Note:** If you delete the modified menu, you only back out your changes: you cannot delete a system menu supplied by Software AG.

### Example: LIST

The command:

```
LIST MNU *
```

lists all defined menus in the same format as when you select the `MENU LIST` option from the Administrator Menu, for example:

```

LIST-MNU:* ----- Row 0 of 13 - Columns 006 051
COMMAND===>                                SCROLL===> CSR
MENU          TYPE HEADER
** ***** top of list *****
ADMN          SYS  CONFIGURATION MENU
BTCH          USER Batch Utilities Menu
DOC           USER NATURAL ISPF doctest
ISPF          USER JCL for ISPF development and ins
MAIN          USER NATURAL ISPF MAIN MENU
NULL          USER Sorry you are not authorized to
MPAN          SYS  NSPF MAIN MENU
SAG           USER Software AG MENU
PROF          SYS  PROFILES MENU
SDSF          USER 'like SDSF' primary option menu
TEST          USER 'LIKE SDSF' PRIMARY OPTION MENU
SYS           SYS  SYSTEM FACILITIES
UTIL          USER NATURAL ISPF Utility Menu
** ***** bottom of list *****

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down Swap Left Right Curso
    
```

Meaning of the column headings:

| Column | Meaning  |
|--------|--|
| MENU   | Name of menu.  |
| TYPE   | Type of menu. Possible values:<br><br>SYS System menu copied from installation medium as delivered by Software AG.<br><br>USER Modified or new menus defined by authorized users.<br><br>When your Natural ISPF system is upgraded by a later version, only SYS-type menus are overwritten by the new menus from the installation medium (see note below). |

You can select any menu from the list with the E (EDIT) or D (DELETE) line command entered in the input field preceding the menu name. The EDIT option allows you to modify the menu definition.

 **Note:** When modifying a SYS-type menu, you actually create a new USER-type copy of it. If you delete this menu later, only the USER-type version is deleted, and the old SYS-type menu is displayed again. It is not possible to delete SYS-type menus.

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You can make site-specific information available online to Natural ISPF users in either of two ways:

- As menu-related online help texts displayed when the user issues the `HELP` command from a particular menu. See the subsection [Site-Specific Help](#);
- As text presented in screens organized in a tree structure through which the user can navigate. The first (root) screen is displayed when the user issues the `UINFO` command. See the subsection [Site-Specific Information - UINFO](#).

You can write both types of text with the Editor using the same syntax.

The subsection [Text Syntax](#) contains a full description of the definition syntax.

## Site-Specific Help

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All help texts are usually stored as Natural members in the `FNAT` system file. Texts supplied by Software AG are stored in the System Help Library. You must not modify these texts. If you wish to create your own help texts, you must use the User Help Library.

The following topics are covered below:

- [Overwriting Existing Help](#)
- [Defining New Help Texts](#)

### Overwriting Existing Help

Overwriting an existing help text means creating a member in the User Help Library with the same name as a member in the System Help Library. When a user invokes the help text with the `HELP` command, the text is searched first in the User Help Library. Only if the member is not found there is the help text supplied by Software AG in the System Help Library displayed.

The member name of each existing help text is displayed at the end of the command line of the help screen.

For example, if you issue the command:

```
HELP SPLIT
```

the Software AG help screen explaining the `SPLIT` command is displayed:

```

HELP----- SESSION COMMANDS (working with N-ISPF) SPLIT ----->>> continued
COMMAND ==>                                             SPLIT

SPLIT          Splits the screen to start a new Natural ISPF
                session. The screen
                is split at cursor position. The new session is started
                in the lower part of your terminal screen.
                You can change the size of the screen portions devoted
                to each session by moving the cursor to where
                you require the screen division and repeating the SPLIT
                command.

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Split End   Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down  Swap  Left  Right Curso

```

The member name in the System Help Library is `SPLIT`, displayed top right in the command line. If you wish to create a different help text for the `SPLIT` command, create the member `SPLIT` in the User Help Library.

### Defining New Help Texts

You can write new help texts as members in the User Help Library. Typically, you will write new help texts for `USER`-type menus. To display the member as the result of the `HELP` command, you must specify the member name of the help text in the `HELP=` line of the menu definition, or reference the member in another help member (see the subsection [Text Syntax](#)).

For examples of help text definitions, see any member in the System Help Library.

## Site-Specific Information - UINFO

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Site-specific information texts can be any information of interest to the user. The first information screen is displayed when the user issues the command `UINFO`.

You must define the first (root) screen in the member `UINFO` in the User Information Library. The syntax of the text definition is the same as for site-specific help texts (see the subsection [Text Syntax](#)). You can define information screens in a tree structure.



**Note:** When defining information members, you are advised to use a naming convention. For example, you could name each member according to its level and number within the tree structure using the same prefix (the root member is always `UINFO`). Alternatively, you could use the prefix `ISPU` and use the remaining 4 bytes for a self-explanatory indication of the member contents.

An example of site-specific information is contained in the following subsection.

## Text Syntax

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Information and help text members consist of two types of lines: lines of text to be displayed and special lines for blank lines and navigational purposes.

Text lines can contain special characters to start and end text attributes:

| Character | Explanation  |
|-----------|--|
| #         | Starts highlighting (number sign, hexadecimal 7B).   |
| +         | Activates reverse video: use this attribute for words for which there is a separate help text. |
| @         | Deactivates attributes (commercial at, hexadecimal 7C).  |



**Note:** See [Special Characters](#) at the end of this documentation for a list of special characters with their hexadecimal values.

The special lines are defined by an ampersand (&) in Column 1 followed by a character and navigational instructions. The following table lists all available options including their format and maximum length:

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| &H <i>header</i> (A50)              | Where the string <i>header</i> is displayed in the header line of the information screen.   |
| &L                                  | Creates a blank line in the information screen.   |
| &F <i>member</i> (A08)              | Where <i>member</i> is the name of the member to be displayed when the end of the current text is reached and the user presses the ENTER key or issues the command DOWN (PF8).  |
| &B <i>member</i> (A08)              | Where <i>member</i> is the name of the member to be displayed when the user issues the command UP (PF7) from the top of the member.   |
| &U <i>member</i> (A08)              | Where <i>member</i> is the name of the member to be displayed when the user issues the command UP LEVEL (L + PF7) from the top of the member, or the command BACK.  |
| &S <i>navigation-command member</i> | Where <i>navigation-command</i> invokes the <i>member</i> when the user enters the navigation command in the command line of the current screen. Navigation commands can consist of up to 4 characters and provide a menu-like selection mechanism to the user to display information from the next level in the information screen tree structure. |

## Example

Below is an example of a UINFO member definition:

```

EDIT-NAT:SYSISPIU(UINFO)-Program->Struct-Free-45K --- >>> Versioning is invoked
COMMAND===>                                SCROLL===> CSR
***** ***** top of data *****
000010 &H Demo site info system
000020 &S 0 ISPUNET
000030 &S 1 ISPUPROD
000040 &S 2 ISPUBAT
000050 &L
000060     Please select whatever you like
000070 &L
000080     #0@ Demo site NETWORK
000090     #1@ Installed products
000100     #2@ Batch job limits
***** ***** bottom of data *****

```

```

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down Swap Left Right Curso

```

Note that the numbers 0, 1 and 2 are defined as navigation commands that invoke the corresponding members when the user enters these numbers in the command line. This means that member ISPUNET contains information on option Demo site NETWORK, member ISPUPROD contains information on option Installed products and member ISPUBAT offers information on option Batch job limits.

When a user issues the command UINFO, the following screen is displayed:

```
INFO----- Demo site info system -----
COMMAND ==>                                     UINFO

Please select whatever you like

0  Demo site NETWORK
1  Installed products
2  Batch job limits

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up    Down Swap Left Right Cursor
```

The user can display information on the displayed items by entering Option Number 0, 1 or 2 in the command line.

For examples of site-specific help texts, see the member NEWS and related members in the System Help Library. This member defines the help screen displayed as a result of the command NEWS, which is handled similarly to the command UINFO.

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Natural ISPF provides a number of user exits written in Natural. The sources are delivered in the Exit Library. Before modifying any of these programs, you must copy them to one of your Natural libraries, as any subsequent INPL from the installation medium overwrites the Exit Library. Useful examples for user exits can be found in the Example Library.

After successful modification of an exit, you must copy the module to library SYSLIB, and activate the exit as described in the section [System Configuration](#).

The various types of provided exits are described in the following subsections.

## Object Exits

A user exit is provided for each Natural ISPF object type (for example, PDS members, Natural objects, views, jobs, etc.).

Whenever a user issues a specified function command for a certain object, the corresponding user exit is called before the command is executed. A user exit can check whether the function, object type and parameters are valid for the user and can react in any of the following ways:

- Deny access to the function and return an error message;
- Return a warning message;
- Modify invalid function parameters;
- Allow access to the function.

## Data Parameters

The data parameters you can define for object exits are the same for each object type:

| Parameter | Format | Type | Meaning (Member: TAB-FUNC)  |                    |    |             |
|-----------|--------|------|---|--------------------|----|-------------|
| #FUNCTION | (A2)   | I    | Contains a 2-character abbreviation of the function to be executed. Possible options: |                    |    |             |
|           |        |      | --  | ENTRY              | FR | FORMAT      |
|           |        |      | -2  | Target of COPY     | HL | HOLD        |
|           |        |      | AL  | ALLOCATE           | IN | INFORMATION |
|           |        |      | BR  | BROWSE             | LS | LIST        |
|           |        |      | CC  | Condition codes    | OT | OUTPUT      |
|           |        |      | CH  | CHANGE             | PG | PURGE       |
|           |        |      | CM  | COMPRESS           | PL | PLAY        |
|           |        |      | CP  | COPY <i>source</i> | PR | PRINT       |
|           |        |      | CR  | COMPARE            | RL | RELEASE     |

| Parameter   | Format      | Type | Meaning (Member: TAB-FUNC)   |    |         |    |        |    |            |    |     |    |            |    |        |    |        |    |        |    |          |    |           |    |             |    |        |    |      |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |        |    |      |    |        |  |  |
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| CT          | CATALOG     | RN   | RENAME   |    |         |    |        |    |            |    |     |    |            |    |        |    |        |    |        |    |          |    |           |    |             |    |        |    |      |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |        |    |      |    |        |  |  |
| DF          | DEFINITION  | RU   | RUN  |    |         |    |        |    |            |    |     |    |            |    |        |    |        |    |        |    |          |    |           |    |             |    |        |    |      |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |        |    |      |    |        |  |  |
| DI          | DIFFERENCE  | SB   | SUBMIT   |    |         |    |        |    |            |    |     |    |            |    |        |    |        |    |        |    |          |    |           |    |             |    |        |    |      |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |        |    |      |    |        |  |  |
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| DS          | DESCRIPTION | UP   | UPLOAD   |    |         |    |        |    |            |    |     |    |            |    |        |    |        |    |        |    |          |    |           |    |             |    |        |    |      |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |        |    |      |    |        |  |  |
| ED          | EDIT        | XE   | EXECUTE  |    |         |    |        |    |            |    |     |    |            |    |        |    |        |    |        |    |          |    |           |    |             |    |        |    |      |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |        |    |      |    |        |  |  |
| ET          | EXTENTS     | XT   | EXTERNS  |    |         |    |        |    |            |    |     |    |            |    |        |    |        |    |        |    |          |    |           |    |             |    |        |    |      |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |        |    |      |    |        |  |  |
| EX          | EXPORT      | ZP   | ZAPS   |    |         |    |        |    |            |    |     |    |            |    |        |    |        |    |        |    |          |    |           |    |             |    |        |    |      |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |        |    |      |    |        |  |  |
| FL          | FOLLOW      |      |  |    |         |    |        |    |            |    |     |    |            |    |        |    |        |    |        |    |          |    |           |    |             |    |        |    |      |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |        |    |      |    |        |  |  |
|             |             |      | <b>Note:</b> Not all functions are valid for all object types. See the <i>Natural ISPF User's Guide</i> .  |    |         |    |        |    |            |    |     |    |            |    |        |    |        |    |        |    |          |    |           |    |             |    |        |    |      |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |        |    |      |    |        |  |  |
| #SES-DATA   | (A253)      | I/O  | Contains object-specific parameters; you must redefine these according to the object type. A parameter data area is delivered in source form for this redefinition.  |    |         |    |        |    |            |    |     |    |            |    |        |    |        |    |        |    |          |    |           |    |             |    |        |    |      |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |        |    |      |    |        |  |  |
| #ERROR-CODE | (N3)        | 0    | Function will be denied if an error code greater than 0 (zero) is received.  |    |         |    |        |    |            |    |     |    |            |    |        |    |        |    |        |    |          |    |           |    |             |    |        |    |      |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |        |    |      |    |        |  |  |
| #ERROR-NR   | (N4)        | 0    | Error number for SYSERR, the errors greater than 9000 in the System Profile Library are not used by Software AG and you can therefore define them (currently, 9001 and 9002 are used for example exit ISPN---U, but these can be overwritten). If this field is set and ERROR-CODE is zero, the message will be displayed as a warning, unless more important messages (like FOLLOW) have to be displayed.   |    |         |    |        |    |            |    |     |    |            |    |        |    |        |    |        |    |          |    |           |    |             |    |        |    |      |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |        |    |      |    |        |  |  |
| #ERROR-PARM | (A75)       | 0    | Parameters for the error message can be passed to the Natural ISPF error handler, multiple parameters must be separated by a semicolon (;). They replace :1:, :2:, :3:, etc. parameters in the error text.   |    |         |    |        |    |            |    |     |    |            |    |        |    |        |    |        |    |          |    |           |    |             |    |        |    |      |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |        |    |      |    |        |  |  |
| #OPTIONS    | (A20)       | I/O  | <p>Global data which can be shared by all user exits and by all Open NSPF subprograms. Can also be used to transfer control to another object (also an Open NSPF object). This is useful if a user-written routine handles functions for existing objects. The syntax is:</p> <pre>'OBJECT = xx'</pre> <p>where: xx is the object code as defined in the CONTROLS table. The field is cleared by Natural ISPF when transferring control to the new object.</p> <p>Example:</p>   |    |         |    |        |    |            |    |     |    |            |    |        |    |        |    |        |    |          |    |           |    |             |    |        |    |      |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |        |    |      |    |        |  |  |

| Parameter | Format | Type | Meaning (Member: TAB-FUNC)     |
|-----------|--------|------|--------------------------------|
|           |        |      | MOVE 'OBJECT = -7' TO #OPTIONS |

### Table of Exits and Object Abbreviations

This table lists all object-related user exits provided, as well as the data areas used by them, and an abbreviation of the object valid for the `OBJECT` parameter.

The data areas are also delivered in source form, the fields used have meaningful names and are documented in the data area source itself.

| Exit Name | Data Area | Object (Member: TAB-EXIT)  | Object Abbreviation |
|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| ISIC---U  | ISIC---L  | Incore container files     | CTN                 |
| ISPA---U  | ISPA---L  | z/OS active jobs           | A                   |
| ISPB---U  | ISPB---L  | Buffer Pool files          | BPF                 |
| ISPC---U  | ISPC---L  | Console                    | CON                 |
| ISPD---U  | ISPD---L  | z/OS data sets             | D                   |
| ISPE---U  | ISPE---L  | Recovery files             | R                   |
| ISPF---U  | ISPN---L  | ISPF configuration         | F                   |
| ISPG---U  | ISPJ---L  | Syslog                     | LOG                 |
| ISPJ---U  | ISPJ---L  | z/OS Jobs                  | J                   |
| ISPK---U  | ISPP---L  | CSECT                      | CST                 |
| ISPL---U  | ISPL---L  | CA Librarian               | LIB                 |
| ISPM---U  | ISPM---L  | ISPF Menus                 | MNU                 |
| ISPN---U  | ISPN---L  | Natural                    | N                   |
| ISPO---U  | ISPO---L  | Output (workpool entries)  | O                   |
| ISPP---U  | ISPP---L  | PDS members                | P                   |
| ISPR---U  | ISPR---L  | PDS member versions        | PV                  |
| ISPS---U  | ISPJ---L  | z/OS SYSOUT files          | S                   |
| ISPT---U  | ISPT---L  | CA Panvalet                | PAN                 |
| ISPU---U  | ISPU---L  | ISPF users                 | U                   |
| ISPV---U  | ISPV---L  | Views                      | V                   |
| ISPX---U  | ISPN---L  | Macro                      | MAC                 |
| ISPY---U  | ISPY---L  | Natural errors             | E                   |
| ISPZ---U  | ISPP---L  | z/OS volumes               | VOL                 |
| ISP1---U  | ISP1---L  | Member versions            | MV                  |
| ISP2---U  | ISP2---L  | Natural versions           | NV                  |
| ISP4---U  | ISPE---L  | Buffer Pool Recovery files | BPR                 |

| Exit Name | Data Area | Object (Member: TAB-EXIT) | Object Abbreviation |
|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| ISP5---U  | ISPL---L  | CA Librarian versions     | LV                  |

## Examples of Object Exits

### Example 1: Exit for Natural

The following program is invoked when a user issues an `EDIT` command for a Natural object. It restricts write access to objects in Natural library `NSPFWORK` to users `JW0`, `GW1` and `MBE`. The program warns these specified users to be careful, and unauthorized users are presented with an error message.

```
* JOB USER EXIT
*
* List JOB queue without selection criteria is not allowed.
* exit modifies the selection criteria and puts first 3 characters of
* user-id into it.
*
DEFINE DATA PARAMETER
1 #FUNCTION(A2)
PARAMETER USING ISPJ---L
PARAMETER
1 #ERROR-CODE(N3)
1 #ERROR-NR (N4)
1 #ERROR-PARM(A75)
1 #OPTIONS (A20)
LOCAL
1 #A3 (A3)
END-DEFINE
*
DECIDE ON FIRST VALUE OF #FUNCTION
VALUE 'LS'
IF #JOBNAME = ' ' OR = '*'
MOVE *USER TO #A3
COMPRESS #A3 '*' INTO #JOBNAME LEAVING NO
END-IF
NONE IGNORE
END-DECIDE
END
```

## Example 2: Exit for JOBS

This exit is invoked when a user issues the LIST command on object type JOBS. It does not allow a list request without selection criteria and writes the first three characters of the user ID to the job name parameter:

```
* JOB USER EXIT
*
* List JOB queue without selection criteria is not allowed.
* exit modifies the selection criteria and puts first 3 characters of
* user-id into it.
*
DEFINE DATA PARAMETER
1 #FUNCTION(A2)
PARAMETER USING ISPJ---L
PARAMETER
1 #ERROR-CODE(N3)
1 #ERROR-NR (N4)
1 #ERROR-PARM(A75)
1 #OPTIONS (A20)
LOCAL
1 #A3 (A3)
END-DEFINE
*
DECIDE ON FIRST VALUE OF #FUNCTION
VALUE 'LS'
IF #JOBNAME = ' ' OR = '*'
MOVE *USER TO #A3
COMPRESS #A3 '*' INTO #JOBNAME LEAVING NO
END-IF
NONE IGNORE
END-DECIDE
END
```

## CA Panvalet Save Exit ISPT-SVU

---

This exit is called after each successful save of a CA Panvalet member. The exit must be activated by the definitions in the PANDEF member (see the section [System Configuration](#)).

An example program is delivered in the User Exit Library. It illustrates how to access the output from PAM#1 and displays the output on the screen.

The following table lists all definable parameters:

| Parameter   | Format | Type  | Meaning  |
|-------------|--------|-------|--|
| P1          | (A250) | I / 0 | Exit control block has to be redefined with the following definitions. |
| FILLER-1    | (A12)  |       |  |
| EX - RNUM   | (B4)   | I     | Number of records (saved).   |
| EX - RLEN   | (B2)   | I     | Record length.   |
| FILLER-2    | (A2)   |       |  |
| EX - ECODE  | (B2)   | 0     | Error code.  |
| FILLER-3    | (A10)  |       |  |
| EX - ETEXT  | (A64)  | 0     | Error text.  |
| FILLER-4    | (A4)   |       |  |
| EX - DSNAME | (A44)  | I     | CA Panvalet data set name.   |
| FILLER-5    | (A10)  |       |  |
| EX - MEMBER | (A10)  | I     | CA Panvalet member name.   |
| EX - VOLSER | (A6)   | I     | Volume serial number.  |
| EX - PASSWD | (A8)   | I     | Password.  |
| FILLER-6    | (A1)   |       |  |
| EX - NODE   | (B1)   | I     | Entire System Server node.   |

## Logon Exit ISP-LONU

This exit is called when the user logs on to Natural ISPF. It is executed after standard logon handling, and can be used to issue a command to Natural ISPF directly at logon. Any valid Natural ISPF command is possible; for example, this could be a `PLAY` command.

In addition to the standard [data parameters](#) described above, you must define the following data in the exit:

| Parameter | Format | Type  | Meaning  |
|-----------|--------|-------|--|
| #USER     | (A8)   | I     | User ID of the user for whom the exit is to be executed. |
| #COMMAND  | (A50)  | I / 0 | Natural ISPF command sequence to be executed at logon.   |

## Logoff Exit ISP-LOFU

This exit is called when the user logs off from Natural ISPF. It is executed after standard logoff handling, and can be used to issue a command to Natural directly at logoff. Any valid Natural command is possible.

In addition to the standard [data parameters](#) described above, you must define the following data in the exit:

| Parameter | Format | Type | Meaning  |
|-----------|--------|------|--|
| #USER     | (A8)   | I    | User ID of the user for whom the exit is to be executed. |
| #COMMAND  | (A50)  | I/O  | Natural ISPF command sequence to be executed at logon.   |

### Example

The following example logoff exit issues the FIN (FINISH) command to Natural after user JW0 logs off from Natural ISPF: the user is returned to the TP environment directly, bypassing Natural.

```
* LOGOFF USER EXIT
*
* SKIP NATURAL AT LOGOFF
* DEFINE DATA PARAMETER
1 #USER(A8)
1 #COMMAND(A50)
1 #ERROR-CODE(N3)
1 #ERROR-NR (N4)
1 #OPTIONS(A20)
END-DEFINE
*
IF #USER EQ 'JW0'
  MOVE 'FIN' TO #COMMAND
END-IF
*
END
```

## Print User Exit ISP-PRTU

When this exit is activated in the Natural ISPF configuration member by entering (PRINT, it is called twice whenever a user invokes the Natural ISPF print function.

The exit is invoked before the printer is opened, with FC=0. The following actions can be performed:

- **DEFINE PRINTER** (for Printer 2): A printer can be opened with the **PROFILE** parameter to activate specific profiles; **#FC** must be **RESET** in this case, no define printer will be executed by the caller;
- Abort print function by returning an error-code, error number and parameters.
- Modify printer and number of lines per page;
- Return an escape sequence to be printed as first line of the printout;
- Define whether the escape sequence has to be printed on printer **CCONTROL**;

The exit is also invoked before the printer is closed, with FC=C. The following action can be performed:

- **DEFINE/CLOSE PRINTER** for Printer (2). **#FC** must be **RESET** in this case, no close printer will be executed by the caller;
- Return an escape sequence to be printed as last line of the printout;
- Define whether the escape sequence has to be printed on Printer **CCONTROL**.

The following is an example of a customized user print exit: **ISP-PRTU, Lib.NSPFEXAM**.

```

* ***** ** *****
DEFINE DATA PARAMETER
* ***** ** *****
1 #FC      (A1)      /* I/O  Function-Code: 0=open,C=Close
                        /*      when reset to ' '
                        /*      no Open/Close will be done by caller
1 #PRINTER (A8)      /* I/O  Printer id
1 #OBJECT  (A2)      /* I      Object type to be printed
1 #SES-DATA (A200)   /* I      Session data for object
1 #RECLEN  (N4)      /* I      Length of records to be printed
1 #CCONTROL (N1)     /* 0      CCONTROL available:
                        /*      0 = no
                        /*      1 = yes
                        /*      2 = yes and printer can handle MCC
                        /*      (machine code control chars) for future use
1 #PROFILE (A8)      /* 0      Printer profile for future use
1 #ESC-SEQ (A80)     /* 0      Esc-sequence to be printed:
                        /*      #FC='0' before the first line
                        /*      #FC='C' after the last line
1 #NO-LINES (N3)     /* I/O  No of lines per page

```

```

1 #REFRESH-SCREEN(L) /* 0      True if screen has to be refreshed
                        /*      Must be set if this exit does any
                        /*      terminal I-O
1 #ERROR-CODE (N3) /* 0      AS USUAL
1 #ERROR-NUMBER(N4) /* 0      AS USUAL
1 #ERROR-PARM(A75) /* 0      AS USUAL
1 #OPTIONS(A20) /* I/O      FFU
1 #WORK (A20) /* I/O      Internal work area
LOCAL
1 #START-SEQ
  2 #S-B (A17) INIT <' &%21,132;99,999&'>
  2 #S-P (A63) INIT <'!R! SPO L; FONT 23; SCPI 14; SLPI 9; EXIT;'>
1 REDEFINE #START-SEQ
  2 #START (A80)
1 #END-SEQ
  2 #E-B (A17) INIT <'&%21,80;99,999&'>
  2 #E-P (A63) INIT
    <' !R! SPO P; FONT 8; SCPI 12; SLPI 6; UNIT I; SLM 1; EXIT;'>
1 REDEFINE #END-SEQ
  2 #END (A80)
1 #LANDS (A1)
END-DEFINE
*
DEFINE WINDOW WIND1 SIZE 04 * 30
  BASE 04/25
  CONTROL WINDOW
  FRAMED ON
*
*
IF #PRINTER = 'EDITOR' OR = 'WORKPOOL'
  OR #RECLLEN LE 80
  ESCAPE ROUTINE
END-IF
*
*
* If the printer is called 'EXIT' then Open/Close is done
* by this routine (and not by ISPF)
*
IF #PRINTER EQ 'EXIT'
  DECIDE ON FIRST VALUE OF #FC
    VALUE 'O' /* open call
      DEFINE PRINTER (2) OUTPUT 'MYPRINT'
      RESET #FC /* open done
    VALUE 'C' /* close call
      DEFINE PRINTER (2) OUTPUT 'MYPRINT' /* valid for nat21
      RESET #FC /* close done
  NONE IGNORE
END-DECIDE
  ESCAPE ROUTINE
END-IF
*
*
```

```

* This example sets landscape mode on kyocera printer, if
* the records to be printed contain more than 80 bytes.
*
IF #PRINTER EQ 'DAEPRT14' OR          /* kyocera printers
    #PRINTER EQ SCAN 'TEMP'
    DECIDE ON FIRST VALUE OF #FC
        VALUE 'O'                      /* open call
            SET WINDOW 'WIND1'
            INPUT 'Mark for Landscape' #LANDS(AD=MI)
            MOVE TRUE TO #REFRESH-SCREEN
            RESET #WORK
            MOVE #LANDS TO #WORK
            IF #LANDS NE ' '
                MOVE #START TO #ESC-SEQ      /* set landscape mode
                CALLNAT 'ISP-C22N' #NAT22
                IF #NAT22                    /* if executing under NAT22
                    MOVE 1 TO #CCONTROL      /* print on CCONTROL
                END-IF
            END-IF
        VALUE 'C'                        /* close call
            MOVE #WORK TO #LANDS
            IF #LANDS NE ' '
                MOVE #END TO #ESC-SEQ      /* set mode back
            END-IF
        NONE IGNORE
    END-DECIDE
END-IF
END

```

## Import/Export Exits

Natural ISPF provides exits that are required when you wish to change the default work file number for the IMPORT/EXPORT PC function. The default work file number is 7. These routines contain all READ/WRITE operations. You can adapt the source to enforce use of another work file.

After each source change, you must recompile the programs and copy them to the SYSLIB library. Note especially, that if you change one program, you must change them all accordingly.

The import/export exits are:

```

ISP-SEPU
ISP-SE2U
ISP-SE3U
ISP-SE4U
ISP-SIMU
ISP-UPBU
ISP-DLBU

```

ISP-SECU  
ISP-SEWU

## Color Settings Exit ISP-ECLU

---

This exit is always called whenever Natural ISPF is invoked or suspended. It can be used to modify Natural color settings when leaving or entering Natural ISPF.

The following parameters are passed to the exit:

| Parameter | Format | Type | Meaning   |
|-----------|--------|------|---|
| #FC       | (A1)   | I    | I = when entering Natural ISPF. Any other value = when suspending Natural ISPF. |
| #USER-ID  | (A8)   | I    | User ID of the user for whom the exit is to be executed.                        |

## Resume Exit ISP-RESU

---

This program can be invoked when returning to Natural ISPF after execution of the command NATURAL or APPLICATION. This program can be used to display messages to the user.

To invoke this resume exit, you must enter (RESUME in the CONFIG member.

In addition to the standard [data parameters](#) described above, you must define the following data in the exit:

| Parameter | Format | Type | Meaning  |
|-----------|--------|------|--|
| #USER     | (A8)   | I    | User ID of the user for whom the exit is to be executed. |
| #COMMAND  | (A50)  | I/O  | Command to be executed.                                  |

### Example

The following example program checks for new messages in the user's Inbasket in Con-nect, Software AG's Office system:

```

* USER EXIT TO BE INVOKED WHEN resuming NSPF
* ***** ** *****
DEFINE DATA PARAMETER
* ***** ** *****
1 #USER(A8)          /* I
1 #COMMAND(A50)      /* I/O  command to be executed
1 #ERROR-CODE(N3)    /* 0    GT ZERO  command will not be executed
1 #ERROR-NUMBER(N4) /* 0    AS USUAL
1 #ERROR-PARM(A75)
1 #OPTIONS(A20)      /* I/O  FFU
LOCAL
*
* example to check con-nect inbasket items
*
1 #RETURN-CODE (N2)
1 #CABINET (A8)
1 #PASSWORD (A8)
1 #NEW-PHONE (P8)
1 #NEW-MAIL (P8)
1 #NEW-INVIT (P8)
1 #OPEN-MAIL (P8)
1 #POST-MAIL (P8)
1 #MAIL-SUM (P8)
1 #MARK (A1)
END-DEFINE
*
DEFINE WINDOW WIND1 SIZE 06 * 30
  BASE 09/25
  CONTROL WINDOW
  FRAMED ON
SET WINDOW 'WIND1'
SET CONTROL 'Y45'
INPUT (AD=IM) 'Mark for mail check: ' #MARK
IF #MARK NE ' '
  MOVE #USER TO #CABINET
  CALLNAT 'Z-INBKT'
  #RETURN-CODE #CABINET #PASSWORD
  #NEW-PHONE #NEW-MAIL #NEW-INVIT
  #OPEN-MAIL #POST-MAIL
  IF #RETURN-CODE EQ 0
    COMPUTE #MAIL-SUM = #NEW-PHONE + #NEW-MAIL + #NEW-INVIT
    IF #MAIL-SUM GT 0
      MOVE #MAIL-SUM TO #ERROR-PARM
      MOVE 9004 TO #ERROR-NUMBER
    END-IF
  END-IF
END-IF
END-IF
*
END

```

## Suspend Exit ISP-SUSU

This program can be invoked when suspending Natural ISPF before execution of the command NATURAL or APPLICATION. For example, the program can be used to prohibit execution of these commands by setting an error code.

To invoke this suspend exit, you must enter (SUSP in the CONFIG member.

In addition to the standard [data parameters](#) described above, you must define the following data in the exit:

| Parameter | Format | Type | Meaning  |
|-----------|--------|------|--|
| #USER     | (A8)   | I    | User ID of the user for whom the exit is to be executed. |
| #COMMAND  | (A50)  | I    | Command to be executed (APPLICATION/ NATURAL).           |
| #PARM     | (A78)  | I    | Parameters to be passed with the command.                |

### Example of Data Parameters

```
* User exit to be invoked when ISPF is suspended
* .i.e before the commands NAT or APPL are executed
* ***** ** *****
DEFINE DATA PARAMETER
* ***** ** *****
1 #USER(A8)          /* I
1 #COMMAND(A50)     /* I
1 #PARM (A78)       /* I
1 #ERROR-CODE(N3)   /* 0      GT ZERO  command will not be executed
1 #ERROR-NUMBER(N4) /* 0      AS USUAL
1 #ERROR-PARM(A75)
1 #OPTIONS(A20)     /* I/O    FFU
END-DEFINE
*
IF *USER EQ 'JW0'
  IF #COMMAND EQ SCAN 'HUGO' OR
    #PARM      EQ SCAN 'HUGO'
    MOVE 1 TO #ERROR-CODE          /* not allowed
    MOVE 9001 TO #ERROR-NUMBER
  END-IF
END-IF
*
END
```

## Session Exit ISP--S-U

The session exit is invoked when a `SUBMIT` command has been entered in an edit or browse session. This exit can be used to disallow the submit function.

To invoke this exit, you must enter `(SESS` in the `CONFIG` member. For using this exit in the context of `EXPORT` operations, see the description of [APPLYMOD 91](#).

In addition to the standard [data parameters](#) described above, you must define the following data in the exit:

| Parameter | Format | Type | Meaning   |
|-----------|--------|------|---|
| #OBJECT   | (A2)   | I    | Identifies the object type to be submitted (for example, P for PDS member). For a list of possible values, see <a href="#">Table of Exits and Object Abbreviations</a> .  |
| #SES-DATA | (A200) | I    | Parameters for this object. The session data is used differently for every object type. The correct redefinitions can be found in the data areas for the object, see also <a href="#">Table of Exits and Object Abbreviations</a> . |
| #OPTIONS  | (A20)  | 0    | Current SAG Editor session number in format 'SES= <i>n</i> ' or 'SES= <i>nn</i> ' where <i>n</i> is a one-digit and <i>nn</i> a two-digit session number.   |

### Example of Data Parameters

```
* Session user EXIT
*
DEFINE DATA PARAMETER
1 #OBJECT (A2)
1 #SES-DATA(A200)
1 #FUNCTION-DATA(A64)
1 #FUNCTION(A2)
1 #ERROR-CODE(N3)
1 #ERROR-NR (N4)
1 #ERROR-PARM(A75)
1 #OPTIONS (A20) /* I/O for future use
```

## Rename Function Exit ISP-RN-U

The rename exit is invoked when a RENAME command has been entered. The exit is invoked by the new name and can check whether the new name is valid.

To invoke this rename exit, you must enter (RENAME in the CONFIG member.

In addition to the standard [data parameters](#) described above, you must define the following data in the exit:

| Parameter      | Format | Type | Meaning   |
|----------------|--------|------|---|
| #OBJECT        | (A2)   | I    | Identifies the object type to be renamed (for example, P for PDS member). For a list of possible values, see <a href="#">Table of Exits and Object Abbreviations</a> .  |
| #SES-DATA      | (A200) | I    | Parameters for this object. The session data is used differently for every object type. The correct redefinitions can be found in the data areas for the object, see also <a href="#">Table of Exits and Object Abbreviations</a> . |
| #FUNCTION-DATA | (A64)  | I    | Contains the function parameters, in this case the new name of the object to be renamed.  |

### Example

The following little example program reports new name ANTON as invalid.

```
* RENAME function user exit
*
DEFINE DATA PARAMETER
1 #OBJECT (A2)
1 #SES-DATA(A200)
1 #FUNCTION-DATA(A64)
1 #ERROR-CODE(N3)
1 #ERROR-NR (N4)
1 #ERROR-PARM(A75)
1 #OPTIONS (A20) /* I/O for future use
LOCAL USING ISP-RN-L
LOCAL
END-DEFINE
MOVE #FUNCTION-DATA TO #FUNC-DATA-RN
SET CONTROL 'WB'
DISPLAY #OBJECT #NEWNAME
IF #NEWNAME EQ 'ANTON'
MOVE 1 TO #ERROR-CODE
MOVE 6800 TO #ERROR-NR
END-IF
*
END
```

## User Library Exit ISP-PRFU

User-specific data such as profiles and menus is stored in the User Profile Library, which is called `SYSISPFU` and resides on the `FNAT` system file.

With this exit, the names of all user-specific libraries can be changed. If the modified library name does not start with `SYS`, the data will be stored and subsequently read from the `FUSER` system file. This exit is always invoked when a user library is accessed.

If you want to change the library name, modify the program accordingly, compile it and copy it to `SYSLIB` to activate it.

| Parameter | Format | Meaning   |  |
|-----------|--------|---|--|
| #LIBRARY  | (A8)   | The name of the library. <code>SYSxxx</code> libraries are read from <code>FNAT</code> , others from <code>FUSER</code> . |  |
| #TYPE     | (A1)   | Library type. Possible values:  |  |
|           |        | ' '   | Profile library. Default: <code>SYSISPFU</code>  |
|           |        | 'H'   | Help text library. Default: <code>SYSISPHU</code>  |
|           |        | 'N'   | News text library (usually identical with the help text library). Default: <code>SYSISPHU</code> |
|           |        | 'U'   | Uinfo library. Default: <code>SYSISPIU</code>  |

This subroutine can be modified by the user. It can be used to modify the Natural library names, where site-specific Natural ISPF data is stored

If the standard library names (on the `FNAT` system file) are acceptable, do not modify this program.

## User Group Exit ISP-UGRU

When activated, this exit receives control each time a profile item is to be located within the User Profile Library.

With this exit, the sequence of user names or group names to be checked for existing profile definitions can be modified before accessing the database to search for them. In particular, the exit can erase some of the array entries from the array of group names passed to the exit, thus reducing the number of database calls required to locate a profile definition.

To make use of this option, modify the program accordingly, compile it and copy it to `SYSLIB`. To activate the user group exit, you must enter `(GROUPS` in the `CONFIG` member. In addition to the standard [data parameters](#) described above, you must define the following data in the exit:

| Parameter      | Format    | Type | Explanation   |
|----------------|-----------|------|---|
| #S-OPTION      | (A1)      | I    | Search option in use: Contains T if APPLYMOD 101 is set to S.<br><br>Contains Q if " " is set to P.<br><br>Contains D in all other cases.   |
| #USER-ID       | (A8)      | I    | User ID of current session or of the user being edited (if invoked in the context of user maintenance).   |
| #PROFCHAIN     | (A253)    | I/O  | To be redefined with the following array:   |
| #CHAIN-GROUPID | (A8/1:23) |      | Array of user IDs, group IDs or prefixes to be searched for. This array will be filled by Natural ISPF before calling the exit, in the manner specified by <a href="#">APPLYMOD 101</a> . |

### Example

```

DEFINE DATA
PARAMETER
1 #S-OPTION          (A1)      /* IN : search option derived
*                    /* from APPLYMOD / global flag
*                    = C: compatibility mode:
*                    use old prefix logic
*                    = D: like C, but invoke user exit
*                    = S: search all NSC groups
*                    (first priviledged,then others)
*                    = T: like S, but invoke user exit
*                    = P: serach priviledged NSC groups
*                    only
*                    = Q: like P, but invoke user exit
*                    ISP-UGRU after building chain
1 #USER-ID          (A8)      /* IN : User-Id (from GDA)
1 #PROFCHAIN        (A253)   /* OUT:chain of profiles to be searched
1 REDEFINE #PROFCHAIN
2 CHAIN-GROUPID     (A8/1:23) /* WARNING: you are advised NOT to
*                    /* extend the length of this array !
*                    /* NOTE: adding array entries will
*                    /* slow down performance, removing
*                    /* entries will speed up NATURAL ISPF

1 #ERROR-CODE(N3)
1 #ERROR-NR (N4)
1 #ERROR-PARM(A75)
1 #OPTIONS (A20)      /* I/O for future use
*
LOCAL
1 #I (N2)
END-DEFINE
*
* Example: If in your environment, only department ids consisting of
*          2 characters are used for defining group profiles, you can

```

```

*      reduce the number of array entries in the following way:
*      IN: FIAA068,FIAA06*,FIAA0*,FIAA*,FIA*,FI*,F*,*
*      OUT:FIAA068,FI*,*
FOR #I = 1 TO 23
  IF CHAIN-GROUPID(#I) = MASK (XX'*) #USER-ID
    CHAIN-GROUPID(2) := CHAIN-GROUPID(#I)
    CHAIN-GROUPID(3) := '*'
    RESET CHAIN-GROUPID(4:23)
    ESCAPE ROUTINE
  END-IF
END-FOR
*
END

```

## Node Exit ISP-NODU

This exit can be used to check whether access to a specific node is allowed. It is invoked whenever a user enters a Natural ISPF function or command, which needs access to an Entire System Server node.

By setting `#ERROR-CODE` and `#ERROR-NUMBER` access to a specific node can be disallowed. If the exit permits access to a specific node, this information is stored in Natural ISPF and the exit is not called any more with the same node ID.

To invoke the node exit, you must enter `(NODE` in the `CONFIG` member.

In addition to the standard [data parameters](#) described above, you must define the following data in the exit:

| Parameter | Format | Type | Meaning                |
|-----------|--------|------|------------------------|
| #NODE     | (N5)   | I    | Node ID to be checked. |

### Example

```

DEFINE DATA PARAMETER
1 #NODE      (N5)      /* I      Node ID to be checked. Note: N5 format.
1 #ERROR-CODE (N3)
1 #ERROR-NR   (N4)
1 #ERROR-PARM (A75)
1 #OPTIONS    (A20)    /* I/O    for future use
END-DEFINE
*
* Restrict access to node 148
*
IF #NODE NE 148

```

```

#ERROR-CODE := 1      /* set return code
#ERROR-NR   := 7009   /* and message number (e.g. Invalid node)
END-IF
END

```

## HSM - Hierarchical Storage Manager Exit ISP-HSMU

This exit is invoked (if activated in `CONFIG`) whenever a migrated data set has to be recalled before Natural ISPF recalls the data set.

This exit can recall the data set by submitting a batch job and inform the user to try again later. A special `DELETE` handling for migrated data sets can also be coded within this exit.

To invoke the HSM exit, you must enter either `(HSM` or `(HSM-S` in the `CONFIG` member:

- `(HSM`  
Setting the option `(HSM` in the `CONFIG` member causes the user exit to be invoked after the user has been prompted by Natural ISPF and has confirmed recall of the data set.
- `(HSM-S`  
Setting the option `(HSM-S` activates the user exit in “silent mode”, that is, Natural ISPF's prompting is suppressed: the exit will be invoked without any prompting, whenever a user-initiated function refers to a migrated data set. This option is useful when you want the user exit to set up its own customized prompting dialog.

In addition to the standard [data parameters](#) described above, you must define the following data in the exit:

| Parameter      | Format   | Type | Meaning   |   |  |   |  |   |   |   |  |
|----------------|--|------|---|---|--|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| ISPD---L       |  | I    | Contains session data including the field <code>#DSNAME</code> .  |   |  |   |  |   |   |   |  |
| #RECALL-STATUS | (N1)   | 0    | Possible options: <table border="1" data-bbox="511 1381 1385 1841"> <tbody> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>Exit did not start RECALL. RECALL will be performed by caller.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>RECALL terminated successfully. Caller will continue processing.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>RECALL started but not yet terminated. Caller will abort processing and inform user to try again later.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>DELETE operation has been initiated or completed (valid only if <code>#OPTIONS='FCT=DELETE'</code>). Caller will abort processing and signal deletion with appropriate message.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | 0 | Exit did not start RECALL. RECALL will be performed by caller. | 1 | RECALL terminated successfully. Caller will continue processing. | 2 | RECALL started but not yet terminated. Caller will abort processing and inform user to try again later. | 3 | DELETE operation has been initiated or completed (valid only if <code>#OPTIONS='FCT=DELETE'</code> ). Caller will abort processing and signal deletion with appropriate message. |
| 0              | Exit did not start RECALL. RECALL will be performed by caller.   |      |   |   |  |   |  |   |   |   |  |
| 1              | RECALL terminated successfully. Caller will continue processing.   |      |   |   |  |   |  |   |   |   |  |
| 2              | RECALL started but not yet terminated. Caller will abort processing and inform user to try again later.  |      |   |   |  |   |  |   |   |   |  |
| 3              | DELETE operation has been initiated or completed (valid only if <code>#OPTIONS='FCT=DELETE'</code> ). Caller will abort processing and signal deletion with appropriate message. |      |   |   |  |   |  |   |   |   |  |

| Parameter | Format | Type | Meaning  |
|-----------|--------|------|--|
|           |        |      | 9<br>RECALL rejected by user or user exit. Makes sense mainly in “silent mode”, that is, with (HSM-S in CONFIG member. Caller will abort processing.   |
| #OPTIONS  | (A20)  | I/O  | This field usually contains blanks. If it contains FCT=DELETE, this indicates that the exit is being invoked while handling a DELETE-DATASET command issued by the user. The exit can either ignore this information, or else it can set appropriate actions to delete the data set from archive without recalling it. In the latter case, #RECALL-STATUS must be set to 3.<br><br><b>Caution:</b> At the time when the exit is invoked, Natural ISPF has not yet prompted for a confirmation of file deletion. If desired, this prompting has to be performed by the user exit. |

### Example

```

DEFINE DATA PARAMETER
    USING ISPD---L      /* Contains session data including
PARAMETER             /* field #DSNAME
1 #ERROR-CODE(N3)
1 #ERROR-NR (N4)
1 #ERROR-PARM(A75)
1 #RECALL-STATUS (N1)
1 #OPTIONS (A20)      /* I/O
END-DEFINE
*
RESET #RECALL-STATUS
END
↵

```

## Editor Profile Exit ISP-ED-U

When activated, this exit is invoked before an edit session is opened in Natural ISPF. The exit can change the list of profile names requested for this edit session.

To invoke this exit, you must enter (PROFIL in the CONFIG member.

In addition to the standard [data parameters](#) described above, you must define the following data in the exit:

| Parameter     | Format  | Type | Meaning                  |
|---------------|---------|------|--------------------------|
| #SES-DATA     | (A200)  | I    | Session data for object. |
| #PROFILE-NAME | (A8/10) | I/O  | Profile names.           |

### Example

```

DEFINE DATA PARAMETER
* ***** ** *****
1 #OBJECT (A2) /* I Object type for the session
1 #FUNCTION (A2) /* I Function entered by user
1 #SES-DATA (A200) /* I Session data for object
1 #PROFILE-NAME(A8/10) /* I/O Profile names
END-DEFINE
*
END
    
```

## Incore Database Defaults Exit IDB-USRN

This exit is invoked whenever the EDIT/BROWSE function is invoked in the Incore database. It can be used to define application-specific defaults and return language-dependent data.

Before modifying the exit, copy it to the application library which uses the Incore database, then make the changes and recompile it.

| Parameter                            | Format   | Type | Meaning  |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------|--|
| #LANGUAGE                            | (A1)     | I/O  | Requested language *                               |
| #DEFAULT-SCROLL                      | (A4)     | 0    | Scroll value MOVE 'CSR' TO #DEFAULT-SCROLL         |
| <b>Language-dependent constants:</b> |          |      |  |
| #-ROW                                | (A4)     | 0    | Row MOVE 'Row' TO #-ROW                            |
| #-OF                                 | (A4)     | 0    | Of MOVE 'of' TO #-OF                               |
| #-COMMAND                            | (A10)    | 0    | Command MOVE 'COMMAND==>' TO #-COMMAND             |
| #-SCROLL                             | (A9)     | 0    | Scroll MOVE 'SCROLL==>' TO #-SCROLL                |
| <b>PF keys:</b>                      |          |      |  |
| #PF-KEY                              | (A50/24) | 0    | Contents ASSIGN #PF-KEY(1)=':I'                    |
| #PF-NAME                             | (A5/24)  | 0    | Language dependent name ASSIGN #PF-NAME(1)='Insrt' |

\* Possible values for #LANGUAGE when used as an output parameter:

- The value 'H' indicates that additional calls to Natural's text translation module NATPM are to be made to support inverted terminal display for Middle Eastern countries during the functions

EDIT and BROWSE. When #LANGUAGE='H' is specified, the NATPM module must be specified as CSTATIC in your Natural parameter module.

- Any character other than H causes the screen to be displayed in the normal mode, without invoking the NATPM module.

## Container File Access Exit IDBC---U

This exit is invoked whenever the Incore database container file is accessed. It can be used to restrict access to the container file

Before modifying the exit, copy it to the application library which uses the Incore database container file. You can then make the changes and recompile the exit.

| Parameter   | Format | Type | Meaning  |                             |
|-------------|--------|------|--|-----------------------------|
| #ACTION     | (A8)   | I    | Access type for incore file. Valid actions:                                      |                             |
|             |        |      | ' '  | Directory from container.   |
|             |        |      | DELETE   | Delete file from container. |
|             |        |      | RETRIEVE   | Read from container.        |
|             |        |      | STORE  | Write to container.         |
| T#TYPE      | (A8)   | I    | Identification of container file consists of the #TYPE, #GROUP and #NAME fields. |                             |
| #GROUP      | (A48)  | I    |  |                             |
| #NAME       | (A32)  | I    |  |                             |
| #ERROR-CODE | (N3)   | 0    | Access denied if this field is anything but zero.                                |                             |
| #ERROR-TEXT | (A75)  | 0    | Optional message text.   |                             |



# 7 Buffer Pool And Recovery Files

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This chapter describes maintenance functions you can perform on the Editor buffer pool and user recovery files. These refer to the `BPSTAT`, `BP FILES` and `BP RECS` options on the Administrator Menu.

The following description is not intended to give full technical details on the buffer pool, but provides a rough outline of its function.

The buffer pool software enables you to allocate space to which users perform read and write operations.

The buffer pool consists of area in the memory and a container file. The area is divided into memory blocks of fixed length. The buffer pool manager reads blocks from the memory and writes blocks to it. If the buffer pool is full, it tries to release other blocks by writing them to the container file. In the normal case, however, most blocks in use will be in the memory.

## Buffer Pool Maintenance

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The `BPSTAT` option on the Administrator Menu (or the `BPSTAT` session command) invokes the Natural utility `SYSEDT` with the General Information function (`SYSEDT` Function Code G).

The General Information screen provides an overview of the current status of the editor buffer pool.

For further information, see the description of the `SYSEDT` utility in the Natural documentation.

## Optimizing the Buffer Pool

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Optimizing the buffer pool means modifying certain parameters to increase buffer pool efficiency. To modify a parameter, use the Natural utility `SYSEDT` or refer to the section *Installing the Software AG Editor* in the Natural *Installation* documentation.

## Buffer Pool Files

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The `BP FILES` option on the Administrator Menu invokes the Natural utility `SYSEDT` with the Logical Files function (`SYSEDT` Function Code F).

The Logical Files screen provides information such as file number, user ID, logical file type, pool blocks, file records, last access.

In addition, the first column contains an input field labeled **M** for Mark. If you enter a question mark (?) in this field, a window is displayed, which shows you the codes that are valid input for this field.

Enter the code in the Mark field to perform functions such as selecting the logical file of a user, deleting a logical file.



**Note:** It is recommended that you delete only *unused* sessions. If you delete a buffer pool file for an Editor session that is in use, the results of the Editor session are unpredictable. (Typically, the user will receive the message: Session does not exist).

You can invoke the above display directly using a function command from a Natural ISPF session. You must address the object type **BPF** in the command syntax:

```
LIST BPF
```

For further information, see the description of the **SYSEDT** utility in the Natural documentation.

## Recovery Files

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Recovery files are checkpoints which are written during an edit session and deleted when the edit session is terminated normally. If the edit session is terminated abnormally, the checkpoint files are stored in the Editor work file indefinitely or until the user selects the file for recovery.

The **BP RECS** option on the Administrator Menu invokes the Natural utility **SYSEDT** with the Logical Files function (**SYSEDT** Function Code **R**).

The Recovery Files screen provides the information such as Natural user ID, library member name, library name, library type, number of recovery records per recovery file, creation date and time of the recovery file.

For each recovery file listed, you can execute a line command, for example, to select the recovery file of this user, or to delete the recovery file. You enter a line command in the **C** column, next to the user required.

To invoke a list of recovery files using a function command from a Natural ISPF session, address the object type **BPR** in the command syntax:

LIST BPR

## Troubleshooting

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This subsection lists messages that may appear in the message line of a Natural ISPF screen concerning the Editor buffer pool. Related messages are grouped together, and corrective action is suggested.

- [Installation Errors](#)
- [Editor Work File, Editor Auxiliary Buffer Pool and Timeout Parameters](#)
- [Internal ISPF/Editor Problems](#)
- [I/O Problems on Editor Work File or Volume](#)
- [Other Inconsistencies](#)

### Installation Errors

#### Message:

```
SSIZE too small
```

#### Explanation / Action:

Modify your NATPARM module using SSIZE=64.

#### Message:

```
DBID of Natural PROCESS is missing
```

#### Explanation / Action:

The DBID of Entire System Server (formerly Natural Process) is missing in the Natural ISPF configuration. See the section [System Configuration](#).

#### Messages:

```
Checkpoint file not active'  
-caution- profile changed to "recovery off" (from "recovery on") because checkpoint ←  
file not active' (in Editor session)
```

**Explanation / Action:**

The Editor work file was not formatted correctly, no space was reserved for the checkpoint file. Check your job that allocates the work file.

**Message:**

```
NSPF FAILURE IN OPEN BUFFERS
```

**Explanation / Action:**

The allocation of the Editor area failed or was not sufficient (SSIZE buffer). Check the SSIZE parameter. If the parameter has a value of at least 64, you can either increase the MSIZE parameter, or decrease the size value of other buffers you do not need, for example CSIZE, FSIZE or TSIZE (see the Natural *Parameter Reference* documentation). In some environments, you can use the Natural command SYSBUS to check the allocations in effect.

**Message:**

```
BP not active
```

**Explanation / Action:**

The buffer pool was not initialized correctly. See the section *Installing the Software AG Editor* in the Natural *Installation* documentation.

**Editor Work File, Editor Auxiliary Buffer Pool and Timeout Parameters****Messages:**

```
Checkpoint of file failed
No space for data block
No space for index block
Cannot allocate BP file
-caution- profile changed to "recovery off" (from "recovery on") because checkpoint ↵
file is full (in Editor session)
-caution- profile changed to "log off" (from "log on") because log file is full ↵
(undo command not active) (in Editor session)
Buffer pool is full
Cannot allocate BP block
Cannot allocate checkpoint block
Suspending of a session failed
```

**Explanation / Action:**

If you get one of these messages your current activity might not be finished correctly. You should leave N-ISPF and finish the Natural session.

These messages indicate one of the following reasons:

- The Software AG Editor work file is too small. You must increase the work file size.
  -  **Note:** The record length of data sets or PDS members, which will be edited with Natural ISPF, cannot be larger as the record length of this editor work file.
- The Software AG Editor auxiliary buffer pool defined by the profile parameter EDPSIZE is too small. You must increase the EDPSIZE.
- The timeout parameter values are too large, causing data to be kept in the buffer pool too long. You must decrease the timeout parameter values.

**Message:**

```
Activation of a session failed
```

**Explanation / Action:**

The session has been deleted due to a buffer pool timeout. Restart the session.

**Internal ISPF/Editor Problems**

The following messages are not usually displayed. They appear in the rare case of some internal problem.

**Messages:**

```
Some data may be ignored  
Session does not exist  
Cannot free BP block  
Log error
```

**Explanation / Action:**

Contact your Software AG support representative.

**I/O Problems on Editor Work File or Volume****Messages:**

```
I/O ERROR
Cannot read index block
Write to BP failed
Read from BP failed
Read failed
Error reading log block
Cannot read checkpoint block
Cannot write checkpoint block
Recovery of file failed
```

**Explanation / Action:**

Check the work file. If the error persists, reallocate the file on another volume.

**Other Inconsistencies****Message:**

```
Error in getting lines
```

**Explanation / Action:**

The Natural source area is corrupted, for example if Natural ISPF is aborted by %% and the source area was modified.

**Message:**

```
Getting text failed
```

**Explanation / Action:**

The Editor message table is inconsistent.

**Message:**

Invalid printer reference number

**Explanation / Action:**

The requested printer has no corresponding definition in the NATPARM module. Note that with PRINTER=OFF in the NATPARM module, the WORKPOOL, BROWSE-VIEW and COMPARE functionality is disabled.

# 8 Natural ISPF Libraries

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This section lists all Natural ISPF libraries together with a description of their contents. In the description of installation and administration functions, libraries are referred to by their description.

| Library Name | Description                           |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| SYSISPS1     | ISPF system tables / menus / profiles |
| SYSISPFU     | ISPF user tables / menus / profiles   |
| SYSISPH1     | ISPF system help texts                |
| SYSISPDB     | ISPF Incore database modules          |
| SYSISPX      | ISPF exit sources                     |
| SYSISPXC     | ISPF user exits for Com-plete.        |
| SYSISPE      | ISPF example library                  |
| SYSISPI      | ISPF system interface library         |
| SYSISPXU     | ISPF user-defined exit sources        |
| SYSISPHU     | ISPF user-defined help texts          |
| SYSISPIU     | ISPF user-defined information (UINFO) |



## 9 Natural ISPF Special Characters

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Some special characters used in Natural ISPF depend on the keyboard used in your country or at your installation. The table below lists the special characters by their hexadecimal values and the characters to which they correspond on some national keyboards:

| Hexadecimal | English Keyboard | German Keyboard |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 50          | &                | &               |
| 61          | /                | /               |
| 4F          |                  | !               |
| 4A          | ¢                | Ä               |
| 5A          | !                | Ü               |
| 5B          | \$               | \$              |
| 5E          | ;                | ;               |
| 5F          | :                | ^               |
| 6B          | ,                | ,               |
| 7B          | #                | #               |
| 7C          | @                | §               |
| 7E          | =                | =               |



# 10 Authorization Classes

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This section lists the available authorization classes and the Natural ISPF objects they refer to.

- Authorization classes as they appear in the `Class` column of the table are assigned authorization levels in user definitions.
- The codes in the `Code` column of the table are used in menu lines in menu definitions, as well as in the site control table. The site control table is described in the section *Open NSPF* in the *Natural ISPF Programmer's Guide*.

| Code | Class                | Natural ISPF Objects                      |
|------|----------------------|---|
| N    | Natural programming  | Natural objects, views and error messages |
| P    | PDS maintenance      | PDS members and previous versions         |
| D    | Data set maintenance | z/OS data sets and volumes                |
| J    | SYSOUTS              | z/OS jobs and SYSOUT files                |
| S    | System info          | System operations                         |
| 3    | Active jobs          | Active z/OS jobs                          |
| 9    | Operator commands    | Use of operator commands                  |
| A    | NSPF Administrator   | Configuration operations                  |
| T    | CA Panvalet          | CA Panvalet members and previous versions |
| L    | CA Librarian         | CA Librarian members and versions         |
| =    | USER defined         | Site-specific objects and menu options    |



# 11 Subsystems Supported By Natural ISPF

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This section lists all available subsystems supported by Natural ISPF.

- The subsystem abbreviation preceded by the plus sign (+) is used when activating the subsystem for your site in the CONFIG member.
- The subsystem abbreviation shown in the right-hand column of the table is used in menu lines in menu definition, and in the Site Control Table when defining new objects or commands using the Open NSPF facility.

| Subsystem in CONFIG             | Abbreviation in CONFIG member | Abbreviation |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Natural                         | +N                            | N            |
| OS/390                          | +M                            | M            |
| CA Librarian                    | +L                            | L            |
| CA Panvalet                     | +P                            | P            |
| Con-nect *                      | +C                            | C            |
| SAT * (System Automation Tools) | +S                            | S            |
| Incore Database                 | +O                            | O            |

\* See following note:



**Note:** Con-nect (Software AG's office management system) is a separate product of Software AG. SAT (System Automation Tools) is a technical product delivered together with all of the following products: Entire Operations, Entire Output Management, Entire Event Management and Mainframe Navigation. It is recommended that the subsystems C and S be activated if the related products are installed in your system environment. The functions made available by activating subsystem C are described in the subsection *Con-nect Documents* in section *Common Objects* of the *Natural ISPF User's Guide*. For a description of the functions related to subsystem S, see the subsection *Define SAT, Natural, Product Parameters* in the *System Automation Tools* documentation.

See also:

- Entire Operations *Installation and Operations* documentation
- Entire Output Management *Installation and Customization* documentation
- Entire Event Management *Installation and Customization on Mainframes* documentation and
- Mainframe Navigation *Installation* documentation.