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Database Management System Interfaces

This documentation provides an overview of the Natural database management system interfaces and a short summary of their functions.

The following topics are covered:

Natural for Db2	The Natural interface to Db2 enables Natural users to access data in a Db2 database. Natural for Db2 is supported under the TP monitors Com-plete, CICS, IMS TM, in batch mode, and TSO.
Natural for Db2 for zIIP	The Natural for Db2 for zIIP interface enables Natural users to run Db2 workloads on IBM System z Integrated Information Processors (zIIP).
Natural for VSAM	The Natural interface to VSAM enables Natural users to access data stored in VSAM files.



Note: See also *Database Access* (in the *Programming Guide*) on how to access data in Adabas.

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Document Conventions

Convention	Description
Bold	Identifies elements on a screen.
Monospace font	Identifies service names and locations in the format <i>folder.subfolder.service</i> , APIs, Java classes, methods, properties.
<i>Italic</i>	Identifies: Variables for which you must supply values specific to your own situation or environment. New terms the first time they occur in the text. References to other documentation sources.
Monospace font	Identifies: Text you must type in. Messages displayed by the system. 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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Natural for Db2

This documentation describes the functionality and the use of Natural for Db2, which is a Natural interface required to access data in a Db2 database.

General Information	Information such as purpose, environment-specific considerations, integration with Software AG's Data Dictionary Predict, incompatibilities and constraints, error messages related to Db2, and terms used in this documentation.
Accessing a Db2 Table	Enable access to a Db2 table with a Natural program.
Using Natural Tools for Db2	Invoke Natural Tools for Db2 to maintain Db2-specific objects and SQL statements.
Application Plan Maintenance	Maintain Db2 application plans online.
Catalog Maintenance	Maintain the Db2 catalog.
Interactive SQL	Process SQL statements that are not embedded.
Retrieval of System Tables	Display/print Db2 objects and user authorizations.
Environment Setting	Execute SQL statements and display special register values.
Explain PLAN_TABLE	Interpret your PLAN_TABLE.
File Server Statistics	Display statistics on the generation and use of the file server.
Issuing Db2 Commands from Natural	Issue Db2 commands from Natural.
Using Natural System Commands for Db2	Use Natural system commands that have been incorporated into the Natural Tools for Db2.
Generating Natural Data Definition Modules (DDMs)	Generation of Natural data definition modules (DDMs) using the <i>SQL Services</i> function of the Natural SYSDDM utility.
Dynamic and Static SQL Support	Internal handling of dynamic statements, creation and execution of static DBRMs, mixed dynamic/static mode, and application plan switching in the various supported environments.
Using Natural Statements and System Variables	Special considerations on Natural DML statements, Natural SQL statements, and Natural system variables with Db2. In addition, the Natural for Db2 enhanced error handling is discussed.
Processing Natural Stored Procedures and UDFs	Processing Natural stored procedures and Natural user-defined functions (UDFs).

Interface Subprograms	Several Natural and non-Natural subprograms to be used for various purposes.
Natural File Server for Db2	Description of the Natural File Server for Db2 in the various supported environments.
Tracing Dynamic SQL Statements	Dynamic SQL Trace into shared memory object above the bar.

Related Documentation

For installation instructions and a description of the Natural for Db2 parameter module, refer to *Installing Natural for Db2* in the *Installation for z/OS* documentation.

For the various aspects of accessing data in a database with Natural, see also *Database Access* in the *Natural Programming Guide*.

For information on logging SQL statements contained in a Natural program, refer to *DBLOG Trace Screen for SQL Statements* in the *DBLOG Utility* documentation.

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Purpose

Natural for Db2 is a Natural interface designed to access data in a Db2 database.

In general, there is no difference between using Natural with Db2 and using it with Adabas or VSAM. The Natural interface to Db2 allows Natural programs to access Db2 data, using the same Natural native data manipulation (DML) statements that are available for Adabas and VSAM. Therefore, programs written for Db2 tables can also be used to access Adabas or VSAM databases. In addition, Natural SQL DML statements are available.

All operations requiring interaction with Db2 are performed by Natural for Db2.

Environment-Specific Considerations

Natural for Db2 is supported in the following environments:

- [Natural for Db2 under Com-plete](#)
- [Natural for Db2 under CICS](#)
- [Natural for Db2 under IMS TM](#)
- [Natural for Db2 under TSO](#)
- [Natural for Db2 Using CAF](#)

Natural for Db2 under Com-plete

Db2 is supported by Com-plete. Programs running under Com-plete can access Db2 databases through the Db2 Call Attachment Facility (CAF). This facility, together with the Com-plete interface to Db2, allows fully conversational access to Db2 tables.

If the Db2 plan created during the installation process is not specified in your Db2 `SERVER` parameter list for Com-plete, you must explicitly call `NATPLAN` before the first SQL call to allocate this plan.

Natural for Db2 under CICS

CICS/Db2 Attachment Facility

Under CICS, Natural uses the CICS/Db2 Attachment Facility to access Db2. Therefore, ensure that this attachment is started. If not, the Natural session is abnormally terminated with the CICS abend code `AEY9`, which leads to the Natural error message `NAT0954` if the Natural profile parameter `DU` is set to `OFF`.

CICS Db2 Plan Selection

If the Natural CICS transaction ID is not assigned to any Db2 plan in the RCT by `DB2ENTRY` and `DB2TRAN` definitions, you must explicitly execute `NATPLAN` before the first SQL call to specify the required Db2 plan and define `NDBUEXT` as dynamic plan selection exit (`PLANEXIT` attribute). The actual plan allocation is performed by the dynamic plan selection exit.

CICS Pseudo-Conversational Mode

Under CICS, a Natural program usually runs in pseudo-conversational mode (Natural profile parameter `PSEUDO` set to `ON`, default value). In this case, at the end of the CICS transaction, the Db2 transaction is committed and all open Db2 cursors are closed implicitly and there is usually no way to resume open Natural `FIND/SELECT` database access loops after the terminal I/O.

To circumvent the problem of CICS terminating a pseudo-conversational transaction during loop processing and thus causing Db2 to close all cursors and lose all selection results, Natural for Db2 uses the file server to support the Natural transaction logic. If you intend to operate in CICS pseudo-conversational mode, set the keyword subparameter `FSERV` of Natural profile parameter `DB2` to `ON` and provide a file server file in the CICS region.

CICS Conversational Mode

If you do not provide a file server file in the CICS region and the keyword subparameter `CONVERS` of Natural profile parameter `DB2` is set to `ON`, Natural for Db2 switches to conversational mode whenever a terminal I/O takes place during an open database loop. This means the CICS transaction is spawned across terminal I/O as long as there are open database loops. This could cause Db2 deadlocks, as Db2 resources are allocated across terminal I/Os.

CICS Conversational Mode 2

In order to support applications, which do not deploy the implicit commit at CICS terminal I/O and which instead code explicit `ROLLBACK` or `COMMIT` to end their database transaction, a conversational mode 2 has been introduced.

Conversational mode 2 means that a Db2 update transaction is spawned across CICS terminal I/Os until an explicit `COMMIT` or `ROLLBACK` is issued.

Conversational mode 2 could be requested by setting the keyword subparameter `CONVRS2` of Natural profile parameter `DB2` to `ON` or rest by calling the `CALLNAT` program `NDBCONV`.



Caution: These kinds of application tend to tie up CICS and Db2 resources, as the resources are not freed across terminal I/O!

File Server under CICS

The usage of the file server depends on the `FSERV` parameter in the `NTDB2` macro.

In a CICS environment, the file server is an optional feature to relieve the problems of switching to conversational processing. Before a screen I/O, Natural detects if there are any open cursors and if so, saves the data contained by these cursors into the file server. With the file server, database loops can be continued across terminal I/Os, but database modifications made before a terminal I/O can no longer be backed out.

For a detailed description of the file server, refer to the section [Natural File Server for Db2](#).

Natural for Db2 under IMS TM

Under IMS TM, Natural uses the IMS Db2 Attachment Facility to access Db2. Therefore, ensure that this attachment is started.

In IMS TM transaction processing environments, Db2 closes all cursors and thereby loses all selection results whenever the program returns to the terminal to send a reply message. This operation mode is different from the way Db2 works in CICS conversational mode or TSO environments, where cursors can remain open across terminal communication and therefore selected rows can be retained for a longer time.

File Server under IMS TM MPP

The usage of the file server depends on the `FSErv` parameter in the `NTDB2` macro.

The file server is required to support the Natural for Db2 cursor management, while IMS TM issues an implicit end-of-transaction to Db2 after each terminal I/O operation. With the file server, database loops can be continued across terminal I/Os, but database modifications made before a terminal I/O can no longer be backed out.

For a detailed description of the file server, refer to the section [Natural File Server for Db2](#).

Natural for Db2 under TSO

Natural for Db2 can run under TSO without requiring any changes to the Natural/TSO interface.

Apart from z/OS Batch, the batch environment for Natural can also be the TSO background, which invokes the TSO terminal monitor program by an `EXEC PGM=IKJEFT01` statement in a JCL stream.

Both TSO online or batch programs can be executed either under the control of the DSN command or by using the Call Attachment Facility (CAF); the CAF interface is required if plan switching is to be used.

File Server under TSO

The usage of the file server depends on the `FSErv` parameter in the `NTDB2` macro.

In a TSO environment, the file server is an optional feature to be able to emulate during development status a future CICS or IMS TM production environment.

With each terminal I/O, Natural issues a `COMMIT WORK` command to simulate CICS or IMS TM Syncpoints. Therefore, database modifications made before a terminal I/O can no longer be backed out.

For a detailed description of the file server, refer to the section [Natural File Server for Db2](#).

Natural for Db2 Using CAF

If you run Natural for Db2 under TSO or in batch mode and use the CAF interface, you must explicitly call `NATPLAN` before the first SQL call to allocate the required Db2 plan.

`NATPLAN` can be edited to specify the appropriate Db2 subsystem ID.

Integration with Predict

Predict, Software AG's open, operational data dictionary for fourth-generation-language development with Natural, is a central repository of application metadata and provides documentation and cross-reference features. Predict lets you automatically generate code from definitions, enhancing development and maintenance productivity.

Since Predict supports Db2, direct access to the Db2 catalog is possible via Predict and information from the Db2 catalog can be transferred to the Predict dictionary to be integrated with data definitions for other environments.

Db2 databases, tables and views can be incorporated and compared, new Db2 tables and views can be generated, and Natural DDMs can be generated and compared. All Db2-specific data types and the referential integrity of Db2 are supported. See the relevant Predict documentation for details.

In addition, the Predict active references support static SQL for Db2 as described in [WITH XREF Option](#) in [Preparing Programs for Static Execution](#).

Integration with Natural Security

When run in an environment that is controlled by Natural Security, the use of certain features of Natural for Db2 can be restricted by the security administrator, for example:

■ Natural Tools for Db2

- Access to the Natural system library `SYSDB2`

- Individual functions

■ Static SQL

Static generation can be disallowed by

- restricting access to the Natural system library `SYSDb2`,
- disallowing the module `CMD`,
- restricting access to the libraries that contain the relevant Natural objects,
- disallowing one of the Natural system commands `CATALOG` or `STOW` for a library that contains relevant Natural objects.

If a library is defined in Natural Security and the `DBID` and `FNR` of this library are different from the default specifications, the static generation procedure automatically switches to the `DBID` and `FNR` specifications defined in Natural Security.

For further information, ask your security administrator.

Incompatibilities and Constraints

This section shows the known incompatibilities and constraints against Db2 when using Natural for Db2 to access data from Db2.

- [Data Type DECIMAL or NUMERIC](#)

Data Type DECIMAL or NUMERIC

Most SQL database systems support packed decimal numbers with a maximal precision of 31 digits and a scale (fractional part of the number) of up to 31 digits. The scale has to be positive and not greater than the precision. Natural allows precision and scale of up to 29 digits.

Messages Related to Db2

The message number ranges of Natural system messages related to Db2 are 3275 - 3286, 3700-3749, and 7386-7395.

For a list of error messages that may be issued during static generation, see *Static Generation Messages and Codes Issued under NDB* in the *Natural Messages and Codes* documentation.

Terms Used in this Documentation

Term	Explanation
Db2	Db2 refers to IBM's Db2 UDB for z/OS.
DBRM	Database request module
DDM	Data definition module.
DML	Data manipulation language (Natural).
File Server	In this document, the term “file server” refers to the Natural file server for Db2.
NDB	This is the product code of Natural for Db2. In this documentation the product code is often used as prefix in the names of data sets, modules, etc.

3 Accessing a Db2 Table

» To enable access to a Db2 table with a Natural program

- 1 Use the Natural Tools for Db2 to define a Db2 table; see [Using Natural Tools for Db2](#).
- 2 Use Predict or the [SQL Services](#) function of the Natural SYSDDM utility to create a Natural data definition module (DDM) of the defined Db2 table.
- 3 Once you have defined a DDM for a Db2 table, you can access the data stored in this table by using a Natural program.

Natural for Db2 translates the statements of a Natural program into SQL statements.

Natural automatically provides for the preparation and execution of each statement. In dynamic mode, a statement is only prepared once (if possible) and can then be executed several times. For this purpose, Natural internally maintains a table of all prepared statements (see *Statement Table* in [Internal Handling of Dynamic Statements](#)).

Almost the full range of possibilities offered by the Natural programming language can be used for the development of Natural applications which access Db2 tables. For a number of Natural DML statements, however, there are certain restrictions and differences as far as their use with Db2 is concerned; see [Using Natural Native DML Statements](#). In the *Statements* documentation, you can find notes on Natural usage with Db2 attached to the descriptions of the Natural DML statements concerned.

As there is no Db2 equivalent to Adabas internal sequence numbers (ISNs), any Natural features which use ISNs are not available when accessing Db2 tables with Natural.

For SQL databases, in addition to the Natural native DML statements, Natural provides Natural SQL statements; see [Using Natural SQL Statements](#). They are listed and explained in the *Statements* documentation.

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Using Natural Tools for Db2

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This section describes how to invoke Natural Tools for Db2 and maintain Db2-specific objects and SQL statements. In addition, this section provides information on global PF-key settings and global maintenance commands within Natural Tools for Db2.

**Notes:**

1. See also *Special Requirements for Natural Tools for Db2* in *Installing Natural for Db2 on z/OS*.
2. If you have created a new SYSDb2 library when installing Natural for Db2, ensure that it contains all Predict interface programs necessary to run the Natural Tools for Db2. These programs are loaded into SYSDb2 at Predict installation time (see the relevant *Predict* documentation).

Invoking Natural Tools for Db2

➤ To invoke Natural Tools for Db2

- Enter the Natural system command SYSDb2

The Natural Tools for Db2 **Main Menu** is displayed, which offers you the functions listed below.

```
15:04:05          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-11-27
                      - Main Menu -

                                Code Function

                                A   Application Plan Maintenance
                                C   Catalog Maintenance
                                I   Interactive SQL
                                R   Retrieval of System Tables
                                S   Environment Setting
                                X   Explain PLAN_TABLE
                                F   File Server Statistics
                                D   DB2 Commands Execution
                                ?   Help
                                .   Exit

                                Code .. _

Command ==>

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit                                         Canc  ␣
```


Main Menu Functions

Function	Description
Application Plan Maintenance	Maintain Db2 application plans online.
Catalog Maintenance	Maintain the Db2 catalog.
Interactive SQL	Process SQL statements that are not embedded.
Retrieval of System Tables	Display/print Db2 objects and user authorizations.
Environment Setting	Execute SQL statements and display special register values.
Explain PLAN_TABLE	Interpret your PLAN_TABLE.
File Server Statistics	Display statistics on the generation and use of the file server.
Db2 Commands Execution	Issue Db2 commands from Natural.

Editing within the Natural Tools for Db2

The free-form editor available within the Natural Tools for Db2 requires that the Software AG Editor is installed. The main and line commands available for use within the Natural Tools for Db2 are a subset of those available within this editor.

Both main commands and line commands are described in detail as part of the Natural Tools for Db2 online help facility, which is invoked by pressing PF1 (Help). For further details, please refer to the Software AG Editor documentation.

Overview of Editor Main Commands

Main commands are entered in the command line of the editor screen. The most important main commands are:

Command	PF Key	Description
<u>B</u> OTTOM (++)		Positions to the bottom of the data.
<u>C</u> HANGE		Scans for a specified string and replaces each such string found with another specified string.
<u>C</u> LEAR		Clears the editor source area.
<u>D</u> ELETE		Deletes the line(s) containing a given string according to the specified selection operands.
<u>D</u> OWN (+)	PF8	Scrolls the specified scroll amount downwards.
<u>F</u> IND		Finds a string specified by command operands at the location(s) specified by selection operands.
<u>L</u> EFT	PF10	Scrolls the specified scroll amount to the left.
<u>L</u> IMIT <i>n</i>		Sets a limit for the FIND command; <i>n</i> lines are processed.
<u>P</u> RINT		Prints the data displayed.

Command	PF Key	Description
RESET		Resets all pending line commands.
R FIND	PF5	Repeats the last FIND command.
RIGHT	PF11	Scrolls the specified scroll amount to the right.
TOP (-)		Positions to the top of the data.
UP (-)	PF7	Scrolls the specified scroll amount upwards.

The scroll amount for the UP, DOWN, LEFT, and RIGHT commands is specified in the SCROLL field at the top right corner of the list screen. Valid values for the scroll amount are:

Value	Explanation
CSR	Scroll amount is determined by cursor position
DATA	Scroll amount equals the page size less one line
HALF	Scroll amount is half the page size
MAX	Scroll amount equals the amount of data to the bottom/top
PAGE	Scroll amount is equal to the page size
<i>n</i>	Scroll amount is equal to <i>n</i> lines

Overview of Editor Line Commands

Line commands are entered in the editor prefix area of the corresponding statement line. The most important line commands are:

Command	Description
A	Inserts line(s) to be moved or copied after the current line.
B	Inserts line(s) to be moved or copied before the current line.
C	Copies the current line.
CC	Marks the beginning and end of a block of lines to be copied.
D	Deletes the current line.
DD	Marks the beginning and end of a block of lines to be deleted.
I <i>nn</i>	Inserts <i>nn</i> new lines after the current line.
M	Moves the current line.
MM	Marks the beginning and end of a block of lines to be moved.

Global PF-Key Settings

Within the Natural Tools for Db2, the following global PF-key settings apply:

Key	Setting	Description
PF1	Help	Pressing PF1 invokes the Natural Tools for Db2 online help system from any screen within the Natural Tools for Db2.
PF3	Exit	Pressing PF3 always takes you to the previous screen or function. When pressed on an editor screen where modifications have been made, the Exit Function window is displayed (as described in Exit Function in the sections Program Editor and Data Area Editor in the <i>Natural Editors</i> documentation). When you press PF3 on the Main Menu, you leave the Natural Tools for Db2.
PF12	Canc	Pressing PF12 always takes you back to the menu from where the current screen has been invoked. When you press PF12 on the Main Menu , you leave the Natural Tools for Db2.

Global Maintenance Commands

Within the Natural Tools for Db2, the following global maintenance commands apply:

Command	Description
<u>C</u> OPY <i>name</i>	Copies the specified member from the current library into the editor, after (A) or before (B) the current line.
<u>L</u> IBRARY <i>name</i>	Specifies the Natural library <i>name</i> as current library.
<u>L</u> IST <i>name</i> *	Lists all members from the current library whose names start with <i>name</i> . From the list, you can select a member by marking it with "S".
<u>P</u> URGE <i>name</i>	Purges the specified member from the current library.
<u>R</u> EAD <i>name</i>	Reads the specified member from the current library into the editor. The current name is set to <i>name</i> .
<u>S</u> AVE [<i>name</i>]	Saves the generated code as the member <i>name</i> in the current library. If no name is specified, the current name is taken. Current library and member names are displayed above the Command line.

Member and library names must correspond to the Natural naming conventions: see *Object Naming Conventions* and *Library Naming Conventions* in *Using Natural*. Members can be JCL members, SQL members, or output members.

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Application Plan Maintenance

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Introduction

The application plan maintenance part of the Natural Tools for Db2 is used to generate JCL code to:

- create database request modules (DBRMs) from your Natural programs,
- maintain Db2 application plans and packages from within your Natural environment.

Two modes of operation are available: fixed mode and free mode.

Fixed Mode

In fixed mode, maintenance screens with syntax graphs help you to specify the correct commands. Complete JCL members can be generated using predefined job profiles. You simply enter the required data in input maps. The data are checked to ensure that they comply with the correct syntax. Then JCL members are generated from these data. The members can be submitted directly by pressing PF4 (Submi). But you can also switch to free mode by pressing PF5 (Free).

Free Mode

Pressing PF5 in fixed mode invokes the free-mode editor, which can be used to modify JCL code generated in fixed mode, without the syntactical restrictions imposed. In free mode you can submit the JCL member currently in the source area by pressing PF4 (as in fixed mode).

Invoking the Application Plan Maintenance Function

➤ To invoke the Application Plan Maintenance function

- On the [Natural Tools for Db2 Main Menu](#), enter function code A.

The **Application Plan Maintenance** menu is displayed:


```

16:14:02          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
          - Application Plan Maintenance -

          Code Function          Parameter

          PP  Prepare Job Profile
          CD  Create DBRMs          Lib
          BI  Bind          Lib, Obj
          RB  Rebind          Lib, Obj
          FR  Free          Lib, Obj
          LJ  List JCL          Lib, JCL
          JO  Display Job Output    Node
          ?   Help
          .   Exit

          Code .. _  Object ..... _
                   Library ..... SAG _
                   JCL Member .. _
                   Node ..... 148

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
          Help          Exit                                Logn          Canc

```

The following functions are available:

Code	Description
PP	Defines job profiles for DBRM creation and plan/package maintenance; see Prepare Job Profiles .
CD	Generates JCL to create database request modules.
BI	Generates JCL to bind a plan or package.
RB	Generates JCL to rebind a plan or package.
FR	Generates JCL to free a plan or package.
LJ	Invokes the free-mode editor.
JO	Displays job output.
	Note: This function only applies if the Entire System Server is installed.

In addition, four parameters are available, which must be specified according to the selected function:

Parameter	Description
Object	Specifies whether to maintain a plan (PLAN or PL) or a package (PACKAGE or PK).
Library	Specifies the name of a Natural source library. All existing libraries except the ones beginning with SYS can be specified; a library must be specified for JCL maintenance. The library name is preset with your Natural user ID.
JCL Member	If a valid member name is specified, the corresponding JCL member is displayed. If a value is specified followed by an asterisk (*), all JCL members in the specified library whose names begin with this value are listed. If asterisk notation is specified only, a selection list of all JCL members in the specified library is displayed. If the JCL Member field is left blank, the empty free-mode editor screen is displayed.
Node	Specifies the number of the node to be used by the Entire System Server. The default number "148" can be overwritten.

Commands and PF-Key Settings

Within the maintenance screens in fixed mode, various windows can be invoked. These windows are accessed via 1-byte control fields.

➤ To invoke a window

- Enter S in the corresponding control field.

If the control field displays an X, data have already been entered in the corresponding window.

In addition, the following PF-key settings apply in fixed mode:

Key	Function
PF4	Generates JCL code and submits it.
PF5	Generates JCL code and enters free mode.
PF6	Scrolls to the top of a window.
PF7	Scrolls backwards in windows.
PF8	Scrolls forwards in windows.
PF9	Scrolls to the bottom of a window.
PF10	Either shows the previous screen (<) or displays a Entire System Server Logon window (Logn).
PF11	Shows the next screen.

In free mode, JCL code can be edited and submitted. Editing of JCL code is done via edit and line commands; see [Editing within the Natural Tools for Db2](#).

Generated JCL code is submitted by pressing PF4.

Apart from being submitted, JCL code can also be copied, listed, purged, retrieved from, or saved in a Natural library. All this is done via maintenance commands; see [Global Maintenance Commands](#).

Prepare Job Profile

If you want to generate JCL to create a DBRM or to bind, free, or rebind a plan or package, you have to specify a job name, job cards, and the name of a job profile. Thus, you have to prepare the job profiles first. Once your job profiles are defined, you can always immediately select the corresponding function if you want to create a new DBRM or if you want to bind, free, or rebind an a plan or package using your predefined job profiles.

» To define a job profile

- 1 On the **Natural Tools for Db2 Main Menu**, enter function code A.

The **Application Plan Maintenance** menu is displayed.

- 2 On the **Application Plan Maintenance** menu, invoke the **Prepare Job Profile** function by entering function code PP.

The **Prepare Job Profile** menu is displayed.

Prepare Job Profile Menu

```

16:14:33          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                    - Prepare Job Profile -

                                Code Function

                                J   Default Job Cards
                                D   Profile for Create DBRM Job
                                P   Profile for DSN Jobs
                                ?   Help
                                .   Exit

                                Code .. _   Profile .. _____

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit                                     Canc

```

Code	Description
J	Defines user-specific default job cards.
D	Defines job profiles for the DBRM creation function.
P	Defines job profiles for the plan or package maintenance functions.

In addition, the parameter `Profile` is available, which is relevant to function codes `D` and `P` only. With function code “J”, `Profile` corresponds to `USER`.

Parameter	Description
Profile	<p>Specifies the name of an already existing job profile.</p> <p>If a valid profile name is specified, the free-mode editor with the specified job profile is invoked, where the profile can be modified and saved.</p> <p>If a value is specified followed by an asterisk (*), all existing job profiles whose names begin with this value are listed.</p> <p>If asterisk notation is specified only, a selection list of all existing job profiles is displayed.</p> <p>If the field is left blank, the corresponding fixed-mode profile screen is invoked, where a new job profile can be created. To save the new profile, you have to switch to free mode.</p>

Job profiles can be maintained (that is, copied, listed, purged, retrieved from, or saved in a Natural library) via maintenance commands; see [Global Maintenance Commands](#).



Note: Job profiles are saved on the Natural system file `FNAT`.

Default Job Cards

All jobs generated by the **Application Plan Maintenance** function require job cards. With the **Default Job Cards** function, you can define a default job card for each user. The default job cards apply to all function screens on which you can generate JCL. Default job cards can be invoked and modified on all these screens. Asterisk notation (*) can be used to select the desired job card from a list.

➤ To define a default job card

- On the **Prepare Job Profile** menu, enter function code J and press ENTER.

The **Default Job Cards** screen is displayed.

```

16:14:33          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                      - Default Job Cards -

Read, Save, List or Purge Default Job Cards _      User ID .. _____

Job Name ... _____
Job Cards ..
//          JOB _____
// _____
// _____
// _____
// _____

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
          Help          Exit                                Canc

```

On this screen, you can create and save your user-specific job cards. To do so, you can also read (directly or from a list) and modify an already existing default job card. Existing job cards can be purged, too.



Note: All other function screens used to specify jobs contain the same two fields - **Job Name** and **Job Cards** - as the **Default Job Cards** screen. Thus, it is possible to override the default job cards in each of these screens, too.

➤ To modify the job name

- Enter the new job name in the **Job Name** field and press ENTER.

➤ **To modify the job cards**

- In the **Job Cards** field, enter an S and press ENTER.

A window is displayed where you can modify all the job cards.

Profile for Create DBRM Job

The **Profile for Create DBRM Job** function enables you to define profiles for the **Create DBRMs** functions. Job profiles for DBRM creation consist of JCL which includes the following predefined set of substitution parameters:

Parameter	Description
@JOBCARDS	Is replaced by the job cards entered on the Create DBRMs screen (up to five lines). You can also code the job cards in the profile and omit the job cards modifier.
@COMMAND	Is replaced by the string CREATE DBRM.
@DBRMNAME	Is replaced by the name of the DBRM, which can be up to eight characters long.
@CREATE-DBRM	Is replaced by the command input for the static generation step. This parameter must be placed <i>after</i> the //CMSYNIN card and must comply with the Assembler naming conventions.
@COMMAN2	Is replaced by the string MODIFY.
@MODIFY	Is replaced by the command input for the static modification step.
@XR-START @XR-END	Both mark the JCL to contain the Natural Assembler XREF data; if no XREF option is specified, the JCL is deleted again.

➤ **To modify or rename a job profile for DBRM creation**

- 1 On the **Prepare Job Profile** menu, invoke the **Profile for Create DBRM Job** function by entering function code D.
- 2 In the **Profile** field, specify a valid profile name and press ENTER.

The free-mode editor containing the specified profile is invoked, where you can modify, save, and rename the displayed profile.

➤ **To create a job profile for DBRM creation**

- 1 On the **Prepare Job Profile** menu, enter function code D.
- 2 Leave the **Profile** field blank, and press ENTER.

The **Profile for Create DBRM Job** screen is invoked, which helps you in creating a new profile.


```

16:15:18          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                      - Profile for Create DBRM Job -

+----- NATURAL Parameters -----+
! Name of Batch NATURAL      : _____ ↵
!
! NATURAL Parameter          : _____ !
! STEPLIB DD                  : _         ↵
!
+----- Precompile Parameters -----+
! DBRMLIB DD                  : _____ !
! STEPLIB DD                  : _         ↵
!
+----- Ass-Nat-Xref-Library -----+
! CMWKFO2 DD                  : _____ !
+-----+

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help      Exit      Free      Canc

```

➤ To save the newly created job profile

- Switch to free mode by pressing PF5.

Profile for DSN Jobs

The **Profile for DSN Jobs** function enables you to define profiles for the **Bind**, **Rebind**, and **Free** functions. The same profiles can be used for each of the three functions.

Profiles for DSN jobs consist of JCL which includes the following predefined set of substitution parameters:

Parameter	Description
@JOBCARDS	Is replaced by the current job cards; you can also code the job cards in the profile and omit the job cards modifier.
@DSNCMD	Is replaced by the command input for the bind, rebind or free function.
@PLANNAME	For the bind function, it is replaced by the name of the plan or package. For the rebind and free functions, it is set to blank.
@COMMAND	Is replaced by the string BIND, REBIND or FREE, respectively.

➤ **To modify or rename a profile for DSN jobs**

- 1 On the **Prepare Job Profile** menu, enter function code P.
- 2 In the **Profile** field, specify a valid profile name, and press ENTER.

The free-mode editor containing the specified profile is invoked, where you can modify, save, and rename the displayed profile

➤ **To create a new profile for DSN jobs**

- 1 On the Prepare Job Profile menu, enter function code P.
- 2 Leave the **Profile** field blank, and press ENTER.

The **Profile for DSN Jobs** screen is invoked, which helps you in creating a new profile for DSN jobs.

```
16:15:18          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Profile for DSN Jobs -

DB2 System .. _____ Retries .. ____

+----- Steplibs for DSN Jobs -----+
! STEPLIB      DD      : _____ !
!              : _____ !
!              : _____ !
!              : _____ !
!              : _____ !
+-----+

+----- DBRM Libraries for Bind -----+
! DBRMLIB      DD      : _____ !
!              : _____ !
!              : _____ !
!              : _____ !
!              : _____ !
+-----+

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help      Exit      Free      Canc
```

➤ **To save the newly created job profile**

- Switch to free mode by pressing PF5.

Loading Job Profiles

Job profiles for DBRM creation and plan/package maintenance are loaded from the data set CMWKF01 in batch mode.

➤ To load a job profile

- 1 Logon to library SYSDB2.
- 2 In the command line, issue the command LOADPROF.

The **Load Job Profiles** menu is displayed.

```

16:53:20          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                      - Load Job Profiles -

                                Code Function
                                -----
                                D   Load Profile for Create DBRM
                                B   Load Profile for DSN Jobs
                                .   Exit
                                -----
Code .. _   Profile .. _____
              Replace .. N

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
              Exit                                          Canc

```

The following functions are available:

Code	Description
D	Serves to load job profiles for DBRM creation.
B	Serves to load job profiles for plan or package maintenance.

The following parameters apply:

Parameter	Description	
Profile	Specifies the name of the profile to be loaded. This parameter must be specified.	
Replace	Specifies whether it is to be replaced or not if a profile with the specified name already exists.	
	Y	An already existing profile is replaced.
	N	An already existing profile is <i>not</i> replaced. This parameter is optional; the default setting is N.

Unloading Job Profiles

Job profiles for DBRM creation and plan/package maintenance are unloaded and written to the data set CMWKF01 in batch mode.

➤ To unload a job profile

- 1 Logon to library SYSDB2.
- 2 In the command line, issue the command UNLDPROF.

The **Load Job Profiles** menu is displayed.

```
16:53:20          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                                Load Job Profiles

                                Code Function

                                D   Unload Profile for Create DBRM
                                B   Unload Profile for DSN Jobs
                                .   Exit

                                Code .. _   Profile .. _____

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
                                Exit                                Canc
```

The following functions are available:

Code	Description
D	Unloads job profiles for DBRM creation.
B	Unloads job profiles for plan or package maintenance.

The following parameter applies:

Parameter	Description
Profile	Specifies the name of the profile to be unloaded.
	This parameter must be specified.

Create DBRMs

To create a DBRM, you have to generate JCL for DBRM creation.

➤ To create a DBRM

- 1 On the **Application Plan Maintenance** menu, enter function code **CD**, and press **ENTER**.

The **Create DBRM** screen is displayed where, in addition to a job name, your user-specific default job cards, and the desired job profile, you can specify all necessary information for the **CREATE DBRM** and **MODIFY** commands; see also [Generation Procedure: CMD CREATE Command](#) and [Modification Procedure: CMD MODIFY Command](#) in the section *Preparing Programs for Static Execution*.


```

16:15:44                ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****               2009-10-30
                               - Create DBRM -

Job Name ... DBRMJOB_           Job Cards .. X                 Profile ..EXDBRM__

>>-- CREate DBRM -- DBRM1____ -- USing --+--- _ -- PREDict DOcumentation --+-->
                                   +--- _ -- INput DATA -----+

>-+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
   +- With XRef - _____ -+      +- LIBrary - _____ -+          +- FS - ____ -+
         ( NO, YES, FORCE )              !                            ( ON, OFF )

>-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
       +---- _ --- NAT Library , NAT Member +-----+--+
                                           + , excl.Member+

>>-----MODify+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
                                +- _ - XRef -+

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
        Help             Exit  Submi Free                                     Canc
```

- 2 In the **Job Name** field, a valid job name must be specified. If you only want to change the name of the job, you can do this using the **Job Name** field, too.
- 3 Via the **Job Cards** field, you can override your default job cards. To do so, enter an S in the **Job Cards** field.

A window containing your job cards is displayed.

An “X” in the **Job Cards** field indicates that job cards for DBRM creation are defined. A blank **Job Cards** field indicates that no job cards are defined.

- 4 In the **Profile** field, you can specify the name of a valid job profile for DBRM creation. If a value is specified followed by an asterisk (*), all existing job profiles whose names begin with this value are listed. If asterisk notation is specified only, a selection list of all available job profiles is displayed.
- 5 If you use the **INput DAta** option, a window is displayed, where you have to specify the Natural libraries and programs (members) to be contained in the DBRM.


```

23:16:38          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Bind Plan -

Job Name ... BINDJOB_          Job Cards .. X          Profile .. EXBIND1_

>>- BIND +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+>
          !                !!                !!                ←
!
      + PLAN ( TESTPLAN )+ + OWNER ( _____ )+ + QUALIFIER ( _____ )+
          plan-name          auth-id          qualifier-name

>+>- MEMBER +- X ---(member name)-----+-----+-----+-----+
          !                !                !!
          !                +- LIBRARY -- _ --(library name)-+ !
          !
+>- PKLIST -- X --(+-----+-----+collection-id.package-id)-----+>
          +-location-name.-+

      Read member name/package list from PREDICT?  N (Y/N)  DONE

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help          Exit  Submi Free          Next  Canc

```

- 2 Apart from the [specifications](#) to be made in the **Job Name**, **Job Cards**, and **Profile** fields, to bind a plan, you have to specify the name of the plan and all DBRMs and/or packages that are to be bound into the specified plan.
- 3 You invoke the window to specify the DBRM members and/or package lists by entering an S in the **MEMBER** and/or **PKLIST** field respectively. Either or both windows must be invoked; otherwise, you are prompted by the system to do so.

Within the windows for DBRM and package specification, you can scroll using PF6 (--), PF7 (-), PF8 (+), or PF9 (++) .

- 4 If Predict is installed and a plan is documented in Predict, the DBRM members and/or package lists assigned to a plan in Predict can be read by entering Y for this option (default is N). A maximum of 50 DBRM members and/or 20 package lists can be read.

If you use this option and DBRM members and/or package lists have been successfully read, the **MEMBER** and **PKLIST** selection fields are marked with X, and DONE is displayed next to the (Y/N) input field; FAILED is displayed if:

- inconsistencies in the member/package list definition were detected,
- over 50 DBRM members or more than 20 package lists were defined for the specified plan,
- no members or package lists were defined for the specified plan,
- the plan was not documented in Predict at all.



Note: If Predict is not installed, the field **Read member name / package list from Predict?** does not appear on the above screen.

- 5 Pressing PF11 (Next) takes you to a second **Bind Plan** screen, where you can specify further options of the Db2 BIND command.

A keyword is generated by entering its first letter in the corresponding input field; the default values are highlighted.

```

16:17:05          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Bind Plan -

>---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
      !               ! !               ! !               !
      +- _____ --( PREPARE )-+ +- FLAG --( _ )-+ +- EXPLAIN --( ____ )-+
      ( NODEFER or DEFER)          ( I, W, E or C)          ( YES or NO )
>---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
      !               ! !               ! !               !
      +- VALIDATE ( ____ )-+ +- ISOLATION ( ____ )-+ +- CACHESIZE ( ____ )+
      ( RUN or BIND )          ( RR, UR or CS )          ( 0 - 4096 )
>---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
      !               ! !               ! !               !
      +--- ACQUIRE --( _____ )-----+ +--- RELEASE --( _____ )-----+
      ( USE or ALLOCATE )          ( COMMIT or DEALLOCATE )
>---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
      !               ! !               ! !               !
      +- CURRENTSERVER ( _____ )-+ +- CURRENTDATA ( ____ )-+
      location-name                  ( NO or YES )

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit  Submi Free                                Prev Next Canc

```

Pressing PF10 (Prev) takes you back to the previous screen.

- 6 Pressing PF11 (Next) takes you to a third **Bind Plan** screen, where you can again specify further options of the Db2 BIND command.


```

16:17:18          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Bind Plan -
>-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
!
+-- ACTION --+---- _ (REPLACE) --+-----+-----+-----+-----+
!
+---- _ (ADD) -----+
>-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
!
+-- DYNAMICRULES - _ ( RUN or BIND ) -----+
!
>+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+<
!
+-- _ - ENABLE ----- (*) -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
!
+-- _ - ENABLE --+-- _ -(con.-types)-+ +--> DLIBATCH- _ -(con.-names)-+
+-- _ - DISABLE --+                    +--> CICS ---- _ -(applids)-----+
+-- _ - DISABLE --+                    +--> IMSBMP -- _ -(imsids)-----+
+-- _ - DISABLE --+                    +--> IMSMPP -- _ -(imsids)-----+
Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit  Submi Free                                Prev Next Canc

```

- 7 Pressing PF11 (Next) takes you to a fourth **Bind Plan** screen, where you can again specify further options of the Db2 BIND command.

```

16:17:38          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Bind Plan -
>-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
!
+-- DEGREE --- ____ ---+      +-- SQLRULES --- ____ ---+
!
+-- ( 1 or ANY )      +-- ( DB2 or STD )
!
>-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
!
+-- DISCONNECT -----+---- _ - ( EXPLICIT ) -----+-----+-----+
!
+---- _ - ( AUTOMATIC ) -----+
+---- _ - ( CONDITIONAL) ----+
!
Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit  Submi Free                                Prev      Canc

```


- 8 The generated JCL code can be either edited and/or saved in free mode by pressing PF5 (Free), or submitted immediately by pressing PF4 (Submi).

Rebind Plan

To generate JCL to rebind a plan, you have to invoke the **Rebind** function. All parameters necessary to rebind a plan are entered in three screens, which show the syntax of the Db2 REBIND PLAN command.

➤ To generate JCL to rebind a plan

- 1 On the **Application Plan Maintenance** menu, enter function code RB.

In the **Object** field, enter PLAN or PL, and press ENTER.

The first **Rebind Plan** screen is displayed, where all necessary information must be specified.

```

19:17:55          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Rebind Plan -

Job Name ... FREEJOB_          Job Cards .. X          Profile .. EXBIND1_

>>- REBIND PLAN ----->

>+-(plan names)- X -+-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
!                   !!                   !!                   !
+-- (*) -- _ -----+-- OWNER ( _____ )-+ +- QUALIFIER ( _____ )-+
                                   auth-id          qualifier-name

>---+-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
!                                     !
+-- PKLIST ---- _ --(+-----+collection-id.package-id)---+
!                               +-location-name.-+          !
+-- NOPKLIST -- _ -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help      Exit  Submi Free                                Next  Canc

```

- 2 Apart from the **specifications** to be made in the **Job Name**, **Job Cards**, and **Profile** fields, you have to specify the names of the plans to be rebound in a window. If you specify asterisk notation (*), all existing plans are rebound.

- 3 Pressing PF11 (Next) takes you to a second **Rebind Plan** screen, where you can specify further options of the Db2 REBIND command.

A keyword is generated by entering its first letter in the corresponding input field; the default values are highlighted.

```
16:18:15          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Rebind Plan -

>---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
      !               ! !               ! !               !
      +- _____ --( PREPARE )-+ +- FLAG --( _ )-+ +- EXPLAIN --( ____ )-+
      ( NODEFER or DEFER)          ( I, W, E or C)          ( YES or NO )
>---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
      !               ! !               ! !               !
      +- VALIDATE ( ____ )-+ +- ISOLATION ( ____ )-+ +- CACHESIZE ( ____ )+
      ( RUN or BIND )          ( RR, CS or UR )          ( 0 - 4096 )
>---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
      !               ! !               !
      +--- ACQUIRE --( _____ )-----+ +--- RELEASE --( _____ )-----+
      ( USE or ALLOCATE )          ( COMMIT or DEALLOCATE )
>---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
      !               ! !               !
      +- CURRENTSERVER ( _____ )-+ +- CURRENTDATA ( ____ )--+
      location-name                  ( NO or YES )
Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit  Submi Free                                Prev Next Canc
```

Pressing PF10 (Prev) takes you back to the previous screen.

- 4 Pressing PF11 (Next) takes you to a third **Rebind Plan** screen, where you can again specify further options of the Db2 REBIND command.


```

16:18:38          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Rebind Plan -

>+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
!           !           !           !           !           !
+- DEGREE - ____ -+++- +- SQLRULES - ____ -+++- +- DYNAMICRULES - ____ -++-
      ( 1 or ANY )      ( DB2 or STD )      ( RUN or BIND )

>+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
+- DISCONNECT --+-- _ --( EXPLICIT ) -----+
      +-- _ --( AUTOMATIC ) -----+
      +-- _ --( CONDITIONAL ) ----+

>+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
!                                           !
+-+ _ - ENABLE ----- (*) -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
!                                           ! +-> DLIBATCH- _ -(con.-names)-+
+- _ - ENABLE --+ _ -(con.-types)-+ +-> CICS ---- _ -(applids)----+
+- _ - DISABLE -+                +-> IMSBMP -- _ -(imsids)-----+
                                           +-> IMSMPP -- _ -(imsids)-----+

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help      Exit  Submi Free                                Prev      Canc

```

- 5 The generated JCL code can be either edited and/or saved in free mode by pressing PF5 (Free), or submitted immediately by pressing PF4 (Submi).

Free Plan

A free plan can be generated with the **Free** function of the **Application Plan Maintenance** menu.

➤ To generate JCL to free a plan

- 1 On the **Application Plan Maintenance** menu, enter function code FR.

In the Object field, enter PLAN or PL, and press ENTER.

The **Free Plan** screen is displayed, where all necessary information must be specified.


```
16:19:35          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Free Plan -

Job Name ... FREEJOB_          Job Cards .. X          Profile .. EXBIND1_

>>----- FREE PLAN -----+---(plan name)--- X -----+----->
                        !                               !
                        +----- (*) ----- _ -----+

>-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
                        !                               !
                        +--- FLAG -----( _ )-----+
                                (I, W, E or C)

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help      Exit  Submi Free                                Canc
```

- 2 Apart from the [specifications](#) to be made in the **Job Name**, **Job Cards**, and **Profile** fields, all parameters necessary to free a plan are entered in a screen showing the syntax of the Db2 `FREE PLAN` command. The names of the plans to be freed are entered in a window. If you specify asterisk notation (*), all plans are freed.
- 3 The generated JCL code can be either edited and/or saved in free mode by pressing PF5 (Free), or submitted immediately by pressing PF4 (Submi).

Bind Package

Packages can be bound with the `Bind` function of the **Application Plan Maintenance** menu. All parameters necessary to bind a package are entered on three screens, which show the syntax of the Db2 `BIND PACKAGE` command.

➤ To generate JCL to bind a package

- 1 On the **Application Plan Maintenance** menu, enter function code “BI”.

In the **Object** field, enter `PACKAGE` or `PK`, and press `ENTER`.

The first **Bind Package** screen is displayed, where all necessary information must be specified.


```

16:20:05          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                      - Bind Package -

>-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
      !           !           !           !
    +- SQLERROR ( _____ )-+      +- FLAG --( _ )-+
      ( NOPACKAGE or CONTINUE )      ( I, W, E or C )
>-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
      !           !           !           !
    +- EXPLAIN --( ____ )-+      +- VALIDATE ( ____ )-+
      ( NO or YES )      ( RUN or BIND )
>-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
      !           !           !           !
    +- ISOLATION ( ____ )-+      +- RELEASE -( _____ )-+
      ( RR, RS, CS, UR or NC)      ( COMMIT or DEALLOCATE )
>-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
      !           !           !           !
    +- CURRENTDATA ( ____ )-+      +- DYNAMICRULES --( ____ )-+
      ( NO or YES )      ( RUN or BIND )

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit  Submi Free                                Prev Next Canc

```

Pressing PF10 (Prev) takes you back to the previous screen.

- 4 Pressing PF11 (Next) takes you to a third **Bind Package** screen, where you can again specify further options of the Db2 BIND command.

5 The generated JCL code can be either edited and/or saved in free mode by pressing PF5 (Free),
or submitted immediately by pressing PF4 (Submi).

➤ **To generate JCL to rebind a package**

- The first Rebind Package screen is displayed, where all necessary information must be specified.


```

16:20:55          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Rebind Package -

Job Name ... FREEJOB_          Job Cards .. X          Profile .. EXBIND2_

>>- REBIND PACKAGE ----->

>+---- _ ----- (*) -----+>
!
+--- _ -(+-----+collection-id.package-id+-----)+
      +-location-name.-+          +-. (version-id)-+

>-----+-----+-----+-----+>
          !          !!          !
      +- OWNER ( _____ )-+ +- QUALIFIER ( _____ )-+
                        auth-id          qualifier-name

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit  Submi Free                                Next  Canc

```

- 2 Apart from the **specifications** to be made in the **Job Name**, **Job Cards**, and **Profile** fields, you have to specify the names of the packages to be rebound in a window. If you specify asterisk notation (*), all locally existing packages are rebound.
- 3 Pressing PF11 (Next) takes you to a second **Rebind Package** screen, where you can specify further options of the Db2 REBIND command.

A keyword is generated by entering its first letter in the corresponding input field; the default values are highlighted.


```

16:21:21          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Rebind Package -

>-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
      !               !               !               !
    +- FLAG  -----( _ )---+          +- DEGREE --( ____ )---+
      ( I, W, E or C )          ( 1 or ANY )
>-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
      !               !               !               !
    +- EXPLAIN --( ____ )--+        +- VALIDATE ( ____ )--+
      ( NO or YES )          ( RUN or BIND )
>-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
      !               !               !               !
    +- ISOLATION ( ____ )--+    +- RELEASE -( _____ )--+
      ( RR, RS, CS, UR or NC )    ( COMMIT or DEALLOCATE )
>-----+-----+-----+-----+----->
      !               !               !               !
    +- CURRENTDATA ( ____ )--+  +- DYNAMICRULES -( ____ )--+
      ( NO or YES )          ( RUN OR BIND )

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit  Submi Free                                Prev Next Canc

```

Pressing PF10 (Prev) takes you back to the previous screen.

- 4 Pressing PF11 (Next) takes you to a third **Rebind Package** screen, where you can again specify further options of the Db2 REBIND command.


```

16:21:38                ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****                2009-10-30
                                - Rebind Package -

>+-----+><
!
+-+ _ - ENABLE ----- (*) -----++
!                               ! +->- DLIBATCH- _ -(con.-names)-+
+- _ - ENABLE --+- _ -(con.-types)+ +->- CICS ---- _ -(applids)----+
+- _ - DISABLE -+               +->- IMSBMP -- _ -(imsids)-----+
                                   +->- IMSMPP -- _ -(imsids)-----+
                                   +->- REMOTE -- _ -(loc/lu-name)+

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help           Exit   Submi Free                                     Prev          Canc

```

- 5 The generated JCL code can be either edited and/or saved in free mode by pressing PF5 (Free), or submitted immediately by pressing PF4 (Submi).

Free Package

A package can be freed with the **Free Package** function of the **Application Plan Maintenance** menu.

> To generate JCL to free a package

- 1 On the **Application Plan Maintenance** menu, enter function code FR.

In the **Object** field, enter `PACKAGE` or `PK`, and press `ENTER`.

The Free Package screen is displayed, where all necessary information must be specified.


```

16:22:05          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Free Package -

Job Name ... FREEJOB_          Job Cards .. X          Profile .. EXBIND2_

>>-- FREE PACKAGE ----->
>--+ _ ----- (*) -----+-->
!                                     !
+- _ --(+-----+collection-id.+----- (*) -----+)-+
      +location-name.+          +package-id+-----++
                                   +.---- (*) ----+
                                   +.(version-id)+

>-----+-----+-----><
!                                     !
+--- FLAG -----( _ )-----+
              ( I, W, E or C )

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help          Exit  Submi Free                                Canc

```

- 2 Apart from the [specifications](#) to be made in the **Job Name**, **Job Cards**, and **Profile** fields, all parameters necessary to free a package are entered in a screen showing the syntax of the Db2 `FREE PACKAGE` command. The names of the packages to be freed are entered in a window. If you specify asterisk notation (*), all local packages are freed.
- 3 The generated JCL code can be either edited and/or saved in free mode by pressing PF5 (Free), or submitted immediately by pressing PF4 (Submi).

List JCL Function

The **List JCL** function serves to invoke the free-mode editor via the **Application Plan Maintenance** menu.

➤ To invoke the List JCL function

- 1 On the **Application Plan Maintenance** menu, enter function code LJ.
 - If you leave the **JCL Member** field blank and press ENTER, the empty free-mode editor is invoked.
 - If you specify a value followed by an asterisk, or specify asterisk notation only and press ENTER, a list of JCL members is displayed for selection.

- If you specify a valid member name and press ENTER, the invoked free-mode editor contains the corresponding JCL.

```

16:18:18          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****                2009-10-30
APM - free mode    TESTLIB(TESTPLAN)    S 01- -----Columns 001 072
=====>                                           Scroll ==> PAGE
***** ***** top of data *****
00001 //BINDJOB   JOB TESTPLAN,CLASS=K,MSGCLASS=X
00002 //*****
00003 //* EXAMPLE JOB PROFILE FOR BIND, FREE AND REBIND          *
00004 //*                                                    *
00005 //* BIND PLAN                                              *
00006 //*****
00007 //BINDJOB   EXEC PGM=IKJEFT01,DYNAMNBR=20,REGION=4096K
00008 //STEPLIB   DD DSN=DB2.Vnnn.DSNLOAD,DISP=SHR
00009 //DBRMLIB   DD DSN=DB2.Vnnn.DBRMLIB.DATA,DISP=SHR
00010 //SYSTSPT   DD SYSOUT=*
00011 //SYSPRINT  DD SYSOUT=*
00012 //SYSUDUMP  DD SYSOUT=*
00013 //SYSTSIN   DD *
00014 DSN SYSTEM (DB2)
00015     BIND PLAN (PLAN1)
00016     MEMBER ( DBRM1)
00017 END

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit  Submi Rfind Rchan -      +      <      >      Canc

```

Within the free-mode editor, JCL members can be copied, listed, purged, retrieved from, or saved in a Natural library. All this is done via maintenance commands; see [Global Maintenance Commands](#).

- 2 Press PF4 (Submi) to submit JCL code listed in the editor, press PF5 (Fix) to switch to fixed mode.

Display Job Output

The **Display Job Output** function can be used to display the output of a JCL member.



Note: The Display Job Output function is available only if the Entire System Server is installed.

➤ To display the output of a JCL member

- 1 On the **Application Plan Maintenance** menu, enter function code J0.

In the Node field, the default node number (148) for Entire System Server can be modified.

A screen is displayed, where you can specify the desired job name and job number, as well as the numbers of the SYSOUT types.

```

16:20:05          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                  - Application Plan Maintenance -

Job Name ..... _____
Job Number ..... _____
Sysout Type ..... ____ ( CC,JL,SI,SM,SO      )
Sysout Number ... ____ ( Sysout file number )
Node ..... 148

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help      Exit                                  Logn      Canc

```

- 2 In the **Job Name** field, a valid job name can be specified.
 - If you specify a value followed by an asterisk (*), or specify asterisk (*) notation only, a list of job output members is displayed for selection. In a job output member selection list, you can mark an output member with either B to display the member only, or L to display a list of all the job output's SYSOUT data sets, which in turn can be marked with B for display.
 - If you leave the **Job Name** field blank, you must specify a job number.
- 3 In the **Job Number** field, you can specify a unique job number. Only if a unique job number has been specified, specifications can be made in the **Sysout Type** and **Sysout Number** fields, too.
- 4 In the **Sysout Type** field, you can specify the type of SYSOUT data set of the job with the specified job number to be displayed. The following codes apply:

Code	SYSOUT Type
CC	Condition Code
JL	Job Listing
SI	System Input
SM	System Message
SO	System Output

- 5 In the **Sysout Number** field, you can specify a file number to display a specific SYSOUT data set of the type specified in the Sysout type field.

If you leave the **Sysout Number** field blank, all SYSOUT data sets of the specified type are displayed.

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Catalog Maintenance

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The **Catalog Maintenance** part of the **Natural Tools for Db2** enables you to generate SQL statements to maintain the Db2 catalog (that is, Db2 tables and other Db2 objects) without leaving your development environment.

The **Catalog Maintenance** function incorporates an SQL generator that automatically generates from your input the SQLCODE required to maintain the desired Db2 object. You can display, modify, save, and retrieve the generated SQLCODE.

The DDL/TML definitions are stored in the current Natural library.

Fixed Mode and Free Mode

The catalog maintenance function offers two modes of operation: fixed mode and free mode.

➤ To switch from fixed mode to free mode

- Press PF5 (Free).

➤ To return from free mode to fixed mode

- Press PF3 (Exit) in free mode.

Fixed Mode

In fixed mode, input screens with syntax graphs help you to specify correct SQLCODE. You simply enter the required data in the input screens, and the data are automatically checked to ensure that they comply with the Db2 SQL syntax. If the input is incomplete, you are prompted for the missing data. Then, SQL members are generated from the entered data. The members can be executed directly by pressing PF4 (Submi). But you can also press PF5 (Free) to switch to free mode, where the generated SQLCODE can be modified.

After the execution of an SQL statement, a message is returned, which indicates that the statement has been successfully executed. If an error occurred, the resulting Db2 error message can be displayed by pressing PF2 (Error), which executes the `SQLERR` command.

Input screens consist of various kinds of input fields. There are:

- fields to enter Db2 object names,
- fields to invoke windows,
- fields to be marked for selection,
- fields to enter keywords,
- fields to specify numeric values,

- fields to enter string constants.

For each field where a window can be invoked, you can specify an S. When you press ENTER, the window appears and you can select or enter the necessary information. If such a selection is required, an S is already preset when the corresponding screen is invoked.

When you press ENTER again, the window closes and if data have been entered, the field is marked with X instead of S. If not, the field is left blank or marked with S again.

This will continue each time you press ENTER until no S remains. To redisplay a window where data have been entered, you change its X mark back to S.

If another letter or character is used, an error message appears on the screen.

Mark field with S to show window.

The wrong character is automatically replaced by an S and if you press ENTER again, the corresponding window appears.

In fields where keywords are to be entered, you must enter one of the keywords displayed beneath the field. Default keywords are highlighted.

Free Mode

When free mode is invoked from fixed mode (by pressing PF5 (Free)), the data that were entered in fixed mode are shown as generated SQLCODE which can be saved for later use or modification.

If you modify an SQL member in free mode, this has no effect on the fixed-mode version of the member. You can save your modified code in free mode, but when you return to fixed mode, the original data appear again. Thus, both original and modified data are available.

In free mode you can execute the member currently in the source area by pressing PF4 (Submi), as in fixed mode.

Execution of SQL statements automatically switches to the output screen, which shows the SQL return code of the executed commands.

See the list of the SQLCODE maintenance commands available in free mode in the section [Global Maintenance Commands](#).

Invoking the Catalog Maintenance Function

➤ To invoke the Catalog Maintenance function

- On the **Natural Tools for Db2 Main Menu**, enter function code C, and press ENTER.

The **Catalog Maintenance** menu is displayed:

```
16:03:13          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                    - Catalog Maintenance -

      Code  Maintenance  Parameter      Code  Authorization  Parameter
      CR    CREATE      Object          GR    GRANT          Object
      AL    ALTER       Object          RE    REVOKE         Object
      DR    DROP
      SC    SET SQLID      LO    LOCK TABLE

      Code  Description  Parameter      Code  Function      Parameter
      EN    EXPLAIN
      CO    COMMENT ON
      LB    LABEL ON      F    Free Mode      Member
                        ?    Help
                        .    Exit

      Code .. __  Object .... _____
                        Library ... _____
                        Member .... _____

      Command ==>
      Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
            Help      Exit                                     Canc
```

On the **Natural Tools for Db2 Main Menu**, enter function code C, and press ENTER.

In the **Code** field, the function code assigned to the desired function can be specified, together with the desired **Object**, **Library**, and/or **Member** name.

If you switch to **free mode** and enter a valid member name, you can read this member from the Natural library specified with the **Library** parameter. The **Library** parameter is preset with your Natural user ID.

With the `CREATE VIEW` and `EXPLAIN` functions, a subselect or an explainable SQL statement must be entered, respectively. Both can be done in a separate editor session, where previously saved members can be used. The editor is invoked by entering an S in the appropriate field.

With the functions `CREATE`, `ALTER`, `GRANT`, and `REVOKE`, an object code must be specified, for example, `TB` for `TABLE`. If you leave the object field blank, a window is displayed which shows you a list of all available objects together with their object codes.

If you enter for example the `CREATE` function without specifying an object, a window is invoked which prompts you for the type of object to be created:

```

16:03:13          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Catalog Maintenance -

      Code  +-----+
            ! CREATE
      CR    !
      AL    ! AL    ALIAS
      DR    ! DB    DATABASE
      SC    ! IX    INDEX
            ! ST    STOGROUP
      Code  ! SY    SYNONYM
            ! TB    TABLE
      EN    ! TS    TABLESPACE
      CO    ! VI    VIEW
      LB    ! .    Exit
            !
      Code .. ! __ .. Enter Object
            !
            +-----+

      Command ==>
      Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
            Help          Exit                                Cancell

```

In the following section some examples illustrate how to use the **Catalog Maintenance** function in fixed mode.

Create Table Function

➤ To invoke the Create Table function

- 1 In the `CREATE` function, enter the object code `TB`, and press `ENTER`.

The first **Create Table** syntax input screen is displayed.

You can enter the creator and table names on this screen, as well as the individual column names, formats, and lengths, as shown below:



```

09:47:19          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Create Table -                          1 / 9

>>- CREATE TABLE - SAG_____ . DEMOTABLE_____ ----->
                        <creator.>table-name
>+--- LIKE ----- _____ . _____ +-----+--+>
!                        <creator.>table/view-name  +- _ - INCLUDING IDENTITY +-+
!
!
+ ( COL1_____ CHAR_____ ( 20_____ ) _ - _ - _ - _ - _ - , +
+- COL2_____ INTEGER_____ ( _____ ) _ - NN - _ - 2_ - _ , +
+- COL3_____ SMALLINT_____ ( _____ ) _ - NN - _ - 1_ - _ , +
+- COL4_____ CHAR_____ ( 2_____ ) S - _ - _ - _ - _ - , +
+- COL5_____ VARCHAR_____ ( 30_____ ) _ - NN - _ - 3_ - _ , +
+- COL6_____ DECIMAL_____ ( 2,5_____ ) _ - _ - X - _ - _ - , +
+- COL7_____ FLOAT_____ ( _____ ) _ - NN - _ - _ - _ - , +
+- COL8_____ DATE_____ ( _____ ) _ - _ - _ - _ - _ - , +
+- COL9_____ TIME_____ ( _____ ) _ - _ - _ - _ - _ - , +
+- _____ ( _____ ) _ - _ - _ - _ - _ - , +
      column-name      format      length      S/M  NN  fld  PK/  R/C
                                   B      proc UK  D/G

Command ===>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec  Free  --    -    +    ++          Next  Canc

```

 **Note:** Since the specification of any special characters as part of a Natural field or DDM name does not comply with Natural naming conventions, any special characters allowed within Db2 should be avoided. The same applies to Db2 delimited identifiers, which are not supported by Natural.

In the top right-hand corner of the screen, the index of the top most column (1), and the total number of columns specified (9) is displayed. If you want to specify more columns than fit on one terminal screen, press PF8 (+) to scroll one page forward.

An S in the **S/M/B** field of column 4 means that the FOR SBCS DATA option is selected for this column. Other possible values for this field are M (FOR MIXED DATA) and B (FOR BIT DATA).

Columns 3, 2, and 5 form the primary key, in the specified order. Primary key columns must be selected with an S or ordered by specifying appropriate numbers between 1 and 16. In the present example, all primary key columns are defined as NOT NULL. In addition, column 7 is specified as NOT NULL.

For column 6, a field procedure has been entered in a window invoked by S. The window has been closed again, and the **fld proc** field is now marked with X.

- 2 If you enter an R in the **R/C/D/G** field for a given column and press ENTER, a window is displayed, in which you can specify a references clause, which identifies this column as a foreign key of a referential constraint.


```

+-----+
! References-Clause for Column: COL1      !
!                                         !
! >--- REFERENCES ---- . ---- -->      !
!                                     !
!                                     <creator.>table-name      !
! >+-----+-----+-----+----->      !
! +- ON DELETE --+-- _ - RESTRICT --+      !
!               +- _ - CASCADE ---+      !
!               +- _ - SET NULL --+      !
!               +- _ - NO ACTION -+      !
!                                         !
+-----+

```

You must specify the name (with an optional creator name) of the parent table to be referenced. In addition, you must specify the action to be taken when a row in the referenced table is deleted. The following options are provided:

- **RESTRICT** or **NO ACTION** prevents the deletion of the parent row until all dependent rows are deleted.
 - **CASCADE** deletes all dependent rows, too.
 - **SET NULL** sets to null all columns of the foreign key in each dependent row that can contain null values.
 - A key that consists of more than one column must be defined by a **FOREIGN KEY** clause.
- 3 If you enter a **C** in the **R/C/D/G** field for a given column and press **ENTER**, a window is displayed, in which you can specify a check constraint for this column.


```

16:08:09          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Create Table -                          1 / 9

>>--- CREATE TABLE ----- SAG_____ . DEMOTABLE_____ >
                        <creator.>table-name
>+----- LIKE ----- _____ . _____ >+
!                        <creator.>table/view-name !
+( COL1_____ - CHAR_____ ( 20___ ) - _ - _ -- _ - _ - C ,+
+-----+
! --- check-constraint for Column: COL1 ----- <
!
! <
!
! >+-----+-----+ CHECK ( _____ !
! ! ! _____ !
! +- CONSTRAINT - _____ -+ _____ !
! constraint-name _____ !
! _____ !
! _____ !
! _____ <
! _____ <
! _____
+-----+

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12--
Exit Canceled

```

You must specify a column check condition. A check condition is a search condition with various restrictions which are described in detail in the relevant Db2 literature by IBM. In addition, you may specify a name for the check constraint.

- 4 If you enter a **D** in the **R/C/D/G** field for a given column and press **ENTER**, a window is displayed, in which you can specify a default value other than the system default value for this column.


```

10:14:04          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Create Table -                          1 / 9

+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
!      Default-Clause for Column: COL1                          !
!                                                                !
! >--- _ - WITH DEFAULT ----->                               !
! >+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----> !
! +- _____ ( +- +--- _ - USER -----+ + ) +           !
!      cast-function-name      +--- _ - CURRENT SQLID -----+ !
!                               +--- _ - NULL -----+         !
!                               _____                     !
!                               _____                     !
!                               _____                     !
!                               _____                     !
!                               _____                     !
!                               constant                         !
!                                                                !
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
                                                                B      proc UK  D/G
Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12--
Exit                                           Canc

```

One of the following types of default values can be specified:

- **USER:** an execution-time value of the special register USER.
- **CURRENT SQLID:** the SQL authorization ID.
- **NULL:** the null value.
- **constant:** a constant which names the default value for the column.

For further information on default values, refer to the relevant Db2 literature by IBM.

- 5 If you enter a G in the **R/C/D/G** field for a given column and press ENTER, a window is displayed, in which you can define the **GENERATED-Clause** for this column.


```

10:18:29          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Create Table -                          1 / 9

>>- CREATE TABLE - SAG_____ . DEMOTABLE_____ ----->
+-----+
!      GENERATED-Clause for Column: COL1                      !
!                                                                !
! >----- GENERATED -----+- _ ALWAYS -----+->          !
!                               +- _ BY DEFAULT ----+          !
! >+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+>          !
! +- _ AS IDENTITY +-+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ !
!                               +- ( +- _ START WITH --- 1_____ +-+ ) +- !
!                               +- _ INCREMENT BY - 1_____ +-+ !
!                               +- _ NO CACHE -----++ !
!                               +- _ CACHE ----- 20_____ +- !
!                                                                !
+-----+
+- _____ ( _____ ) _ - _ - _ - _ - _ , +
   column-name      format      length      S/M  NN  fld  PK/  R/C
                                   B          proc UK  D/G

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12--
                               Exit                               Canc

```

GENERATED can only be defined if the column has a ROWID data type (or a distinct type that is based on a ROWID data type), or if the column is to be an identity column.

For further information on the *GENERATED-Clause*, refer to the relevant Db2 literature by IBM.

- 6 Windows like the one below may help you in making a valid selection. They are invoked by entering the help character (?) in the appropriate field on the screen:


```

10:23:44          +-----+
! I      INTEGER          !
! S      SMALLINT        !
>>- CREATE TABLE - SAG_ ! F      FLOAT(integer)      ! ----->
! RE      REAL            !
>+--- LIKE ----- ! DO      DOUBLE            ! -----++>
! DE      DECIMAL(integer,integer) ! DING IDENTITY ++
! N      NUMERIC(integer,integer) !
+ ( COL1_____ ! CH      CHAR(integer)          ! - _ - _ - _ , +
+- COL2_____ ! VARC     VARCHAR(integer)          ! - _ - 2_ - _ , +
+- COL3_____ ! CL      CLOB(integer)           ! - _ - 1_ - _ , +
+- COL4_____ ! B       BLOB(integer)            ! - _ - _ - _ , +
+- COL5_____ ! G       GRAPHIC(integer)          ! - _ - 3_ - _ , +
+- COL6_____ ! VARG     VARGRAPHIC(integer)        ! - _ - _ - _ , +
+- COL7_____ ! DB      DBCLOB(integer)           ! - _ - _ - _ , +
+- COL8_____ ! DA      DATE                      ! - _ - _ - _ , +
+- COL9_____ ! TIME     TIME                     ! - _ - _ - _ , +
+- _____ ! TIMES    TIMESTAMP                ! - _ - _ - _ , +
! column-name      ! f1d  PK/ R/C
! R0      ROWID      ! proc UK D/G
!
Command ==>      ! .. Enter Value      !
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3-- +-----+ F10--PF11--PF12---
! Help Error Exit Exec Free -- - + ++ Next Canc

```

In the case of complex SQL statements, more than one input screen may be required. If so, you can switch to the following screen by pressing PF11 (Next), or return to the previous screen by pressing PF10 (Prev).

As you can see on the above screen, the beginning of the syntax specification for an SQL statement is always indicated by >>.

- 7 Since the syntax of the CREATE TABLE statement is a rather complex one, three more screens are required. Once all necessary information has been entered on the first screen, you press PF11 (Next) to display the next **Create Table** input screen, where you can specify additional optional parameters.


```

10:31:51          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Create Table -                          1 / 0

+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
>+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
!
+- , - FOREIGN KEY ----- _____ ----- _ --- (column-name) -> !
                        <constraint-name>                             !
!
>----- REFERENCES ----- _____ . _____ -----> !
                        <creator.>table-name                         !
!
>+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
+- _ --- (column-name) -----+ ON DELETE +- S - RESTRICT -++
+- _ --- (column-name) -----+ +- _ - CASCADE --+
+- _ --- (column-name) -----+ +- _ - SET NULL +-
+- _ --- (column-name) -----+ +- _ - NO ACTION +

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec  Free  --    -    +    ++    Prev Next  Canc

```

On this screen, you can specify a referential constraint to another table. To do so, enter an S in the **column-name** field. A list of all columns available in the current table (dependent table) is displayed, where you can select the column(s) to comprise the foreign key related to another table (parent table). You can also specify a name for the constraint. If not, the constraint name is derived from the first column of the foreign key.

A foreign key consists of one or more columns in a dependent table that together must take on a value that exists in the primary key of the related parent table.

In the **REFERENCES** part, you must specify the table name (with an optional creator name) of the parent table which is to be affected by the specified constraint. In addition, you must specify the action to be taken when a row in the referenced parent table is deleted.

The following options are provided:

- **RESTRICT** or **NO ACTION** prevents the deletion of the parent row until all dependent rows are deleted.
- **CASCADE** causes all dependent rows to be deleted, too.
- **SET NULL** sets to null all columns of the foreign key in each dependent row that can contain null values.

In the top right-hand corner of the screen, the index of the currently displayed referential constraint block (1) and the total number of referential constraint blocks defined (0) is displayed.

When all information has been entered, you can press either PF10 (Prev) to return to the previous screen or PF11 (Next) to go to the last syntax input screen.

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10:47:02          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Create Table -

>-----+ IN ----- . ----- +----->
      !           <database-name.>tablespace-name           !
      +- IN DATABASE ----- +-----+
                        database-name

>----- EDITPROC ----- . ----- VALIDPROC -- . ----->

>----- AUDIT ----- . ----- OBJID ----- integer ----->
      ( NONE, CHANGES, ALL )

>----- DATA CAPTURE -- . ----- CCSID ----- integer ----->
      ( NONE, CHANGES )      ( ASCII, EBCDIC )

>----- WITH RESTRICT ON DROP -- _ ----->

>----- CHECK ----- _ -----><
      check-condition

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec  Free                                Prev      Canc

```

If you press PF10 (Prev) on this screen, you return to the previous screen.

As you can see on the above screen, the end of the syntax specification for an SQL statement is always indicated by ><.

An active help facility that consists of selection lists in windows is available for all fields referencing existing database objects. Selection lists are invoked by entering either an asterisk (*) or part of an object name followed by an asterisk in the corresponding input field.

If, for example, you enter D* in the “database-name” field of the above screen, a window appears where you can check your selection criteria. When you press ENTER, a list of all databases whose names begin with D appears.


```

10:47:02          ***** NATURAL TO +-----+          2009-10-30
                        - Create ! Database Tablespace !
                        ! D*_____ . _____ !
>-----+ IN ----- d*_____ . ! -----+----->
      !          <database-name.> +-----+          !
      +- IN DATABASE ----- ! Select ==> ____ ! -----+
                        dat !
                        ! 1 DSNDB04 ALLDATA0 !
>----- EDITPROC ----- _____ -- ! 2 DSNDB04 CANTABRD ! ____ ----->
                        ! 3 DSNDB04 CDBPRO6 !
>----- AUDIT ----- _____ --- ! 4 DSNDB04 DATEGRP ! ----->
                        ( NONE, CHANGES, AL ! 5 DSNDB04 DECIMALR !
>----- DATA CAPTURE -- _____ --- ! 6 DSNDB04 DEMO !
                        ( NONE, CHANGES ! 7 DSNRGFDB DSNRGFTS ! _ ----->
                        ! 8 DSNRLST DSNRLS01 ! CDIC )
>----- WITH RESTRICT ON DROP -- _ ! 9 DB27WRK DSN32K01 ! ----->
                        ! 10 DB27WRK DSN4K01 !
>----- CHECK ----- _ ----- ! 11 DSN8D71L DSN8S71B ! -----><
                        check-condition ! 12 DSN8D71P DSN8S71C !
                        +-----+
Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help Error Exit Exec Free                               Prev Canc

```

Within the selection list, you can scroll up (PF6 / "--" or PF7 / "-") or down (PF8 / "+" or PF9 / "+"), and select the desired database. The name of the selected database is copied to the corresponding field in your input screen.

- 10 When all information has been entered, you can either switch to free mode (PF5) or submit the created member directly to Db2 for execution (PF4). If execution is successful, you receive the message:

```
Statement(s) successful, SQLCODE = 0
```

If not, an error code is returned.

In free mode, the following editor screen displays the generated SQLCODE:


```
10:53:50          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
FREE - Input      SAG          S 01- -----Columns 001 072
=====>                                         Scroll ==> PAGE
***** ***** top of data *****
00001 CREATE TABLE SAG.DEMOTABLE
00002   (COL1              CHAR(20),
00003    COL2              INTEGER          NOT NULL,
00004    COL3              SMALLINT        NOT NULL,
00005    COL4              CHAR(2)         FOR SBCS DATA,
00006    COL5              VARCHAR(30)    NOT NULL,
00007    COL6              DECIMAL(2,5)
00008    FIELDPROC PROGNAME
00009    ('STRING1','STRING2'),
00010    COL7              FLOAT            NOT NULL,
00011    COL8              DATE,
00012    COL9              TIME,
00013    PRIMARY KEY (COL3,              COL2,
00014                COL5)
00015  )
00016  IN DSNCB04.DEMO;
***** ***** bottom of data *****

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Setup Exit  Exec  Rfind Rchan -      +      Outpu      Canc
```

The free-mode editor is an adapted version of the Software AG Editor. It is almost identical to the interactive **ISQL - Input** screen. However, no **SELECT** statements can be issued from free mode.

For further details, please refer to the relevant *Software AG Editor* documentation.

Create Tablespace Function

➤ To invoke the **Create Tablespace** function

- 1 On the **Catalog Maintenance** screen, enter the code **CR**.

In the **Object** field, enter **TS** and press **ENTER**.

The first **Create Tablespace** syntax input screen is displayed:


```

16:08:09          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Create Tablespace -

>>-- CREATE TABLESPACE ----- TS1_____ IN ----->
                        tablespace-name          database-name

      +- VCAT ----->
>- USING +-          catalog-name          +->
      +- STOGROUP- _____ - PRIQTY _____ - SECQTY _____ - ERASE _____ +->
                        stogroup-name          integer          integer ( YES or NO )

>--- FREEPAGE ----- _____ PCTFREE -- _____ COMPRESS _____ --->
                        integer          integer          ( YES or NO )

>--- Numparts ----- _____ PART ----->
                        integer

>--- SEGSIZE ----- _____>
                        integer

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec  Free                                Next  Canc

```

- 2 Once you have entered all necessary information, press PF11 (Next) to go to the next screen:


```

16:08:09                ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****                2009-10-30
                                - Create Tablespace -

>---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+<
!                                     !
+-- BUFFERPOOL ----- _____ -----+
!                               bufferpool-name                             !
+-- LOCKSIZE  +----- _____ -----+-----+
!               !( ANY, TABLE, TABLESPACE )                          !
!               +----- _____ -----+--+                         !
!               ( ROW or PAGE )!                                         !
!                                   +- LOCKMAX -- _____ --+       !
!                                   ( SYSTEM or integer )                 !
+-- CLOSE ----- _____ -----+
!               ( YES or NO )                                           !
+-- DSETPASS ----- _____ -----+
!                               password                                  !

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help Error Exit Exec Free                                     Prev Cancell
```

On the second **Create Tablespace** syntax input screen, you can now specify additional buffer pool names as well as the LOCKSIZE option with the LOCKMAX clause.

If you enter an S in the **bufferpool-name** field and press ENTER, a window is displayed, in which you can specify additional buffer pool names.

Refer to the relevant Db2 literature by IBM for further details on the COMPRESS, LOCKSIZE and LOCKMAX clauses.

Alter Table Function

The following example illustrates the use of the **Alter Table** syntax input screen.

> **To invoke the Alter Table function**

- 1 On the **Catalog Maintenance** screen, enter the code AL.

In the **Object** field, enter TB and press ENTER.

The **Alter Table** screen is displayed, where you can specify the following:


```

11:01:47          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Alter Table -

>>-- ALTER TABLE ----->
                        <creator.>table-name
>+- ALTER ----- -- SET DATA TYPE - VARCHAR - ( ----- ) --+>
!      column-name                                length      !
>+- ADD ----- ( ----- ) - _ -- _ - _ -->
!      column-name      format      length      S/M/B  NN  UK/PK
!      +--<
!      +>- _ ----- _ ----- _ ----- _ -----+>
!      field-proc default  check-constr  reference-constr  GENERATED-Clause!
!
>+- VALIDPROC ----->
!      program-name or NULL
+- AUDIT -----+
!      ( NONE, CHANGES, ALL )
+- DATA CAPTURE -----+
!      ( NONE, CHANGES )

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec  Free                                Next  Canc

```

- 2 If you enter an S in the **field-proc** input field and press ENTER, a window is displayed, in which you can specify a field procedure to be executed for this column:


```

11:05:47          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Alter Table -

>>-- ALTER TABLE -----<creator.>table-name ----->
>+- ALTER ----- -- SET DATA TYPE - VARCHAR - ( ----- ) --+>
!      column-name                length                !
>+- ADD ----- ( ----- ) - _ -- _ - _ -->
!      column-name      format      length      S/M/B  NN  UK/PK
!      +--<      +-----+
!      +>- S ----- _ -- !      1 / 0      ! ----- _ -----+>
!      field-proc default ! --- FIELDPROC ---- ! -constr  GENERATED-Clause!
!      !      !      !      !      !
!      VALIDPROC ----- !      program-name      ! -----+>
!      !      !      !      !      !
!      + AUDIT ----- !      ( ----- ,      ! -----+
!      !      !      !      !      !
!      + DATA CAPTURE ----- !      (constants,)      ! -----+
!      !      !      !      !      !
!      +-----+
Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
Exit                                           Canc

```

- 3 If you enter an S in the **default** field and press ENTER, a window is displayed, in which you can specify a default value other than the system default value for this column:


```

11:07:31          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Alter Table -

+-----+
! >--- _ - WITH DEFAULT -----> !
! >+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+----->< !
! +- _____ ( +- +--- _ - USER -----+ + ) + !
!      cast-function-name      +- _ - CURRENT SQLID -----+ !
!                               +- _ - NULL -----+ !
!                               _____ !
!                               _____ !
!                               _____ !
!                               _____ !
!                               constant !
!                               _____ !
!                               _____ !
!                               _____ !
!                               _____ !
+-----+

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
Exit                                           Canc

```

One of the following types of default values can be specified:

- **USER:** an execution-time value of the special register `USER`.
- **CURRENT SQLID:** the SQL authorization ID.
- **NULL:** the null value.
- **constant:** a constant which names the default value for the column.

For further information on default values, refer to the relevant Db2 literature by IBM.

- 4 If you enter an **S** in the **check-constraint** field and press **ENTER**, a window is displayed, in which you can specify a check constraint for this column:


```

11:09:02          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Alter Table -

>>-- ALTER TABLE ----- . ----->
                        <creator.>table-name
>+- ALTER ----- -- SET DATA TYPE - VARCHAR - ( ----- ) --+>
!      column-name                                length      !
>+- ADD ----- ( ----- ) - _ -- _ - _ -->
!      column-name          format          length      S/M/B  NN  UK/PK
!      +--<
!      +>- _ ----- _ ----- S ----- _ ----- +>
!      field-proc default  check-constr  reference-constr  GENERATED-Clause!
+-----+
! >+-----+ CHECK ( ----- !
!      !                                ! ----- !
!      +- CONSTRAINT - ----- +- ----- !
!      constraint-name ----- !
! ----- !
! ----- !
! ----- !
! ----- !
+-----+
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
                        Exit                                Canc

```

You must specify a column check condition. A check condition is a search condition with various restrictions which are described in detail in the relevant Db2 literature by IBM. In addition, you may specify a name for the check constraint.

- 5 If you enter an S in the **reference-constraint** field and press ENTER, a window is displayed, in which you can specify a references clause, which identifies this column as a foreign key of a referential constraint:


```

11:10:36          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Alter Table -

>>-- ALTER TABLE ----- <creator.>table-name ----->
>-- ALTER      <creator.>table-name      -- SET DATA TYPE - VARCHAR - (      ) -->
!               column-name               length               !
>-- ADD      <creator.>table-name      (      ) - _ -- _ - _ -->
!               column-name      format      length      S/M/B  NN  UK/PK
!      +--<
!      +>- _ ----- _ ----- _ ----- S ----- _ ----->
!      field-proc default  check-constr  reference-constr  GENERATED-Clause!
!      +-----+-----+-----+-----+
>-- VALID ! >--- REFERENCES ---- <creator.>table-name --> ! ----->
!               <creator.>table-name               !               !
+-- AUDIT ! >+-----+-----+-----+-----+> ! -----+
!               +- ON DELETE --+- _ - RESTRICT --+ !               !
+-- DATA !               +-- _ - CASCADE ---+ ! -----+
!               +-- _ - SET NULL --+ !
!               +-- _ - NO ACTION --+ !
!               ! !
Command == ! !
Enter-PF1- ! ! -PF12---
+-----+-----+-----+-----+ Canc

```

You must specify the name (with an optional creator name) of the parent table to be referenced. In addition, you must specify the action to be taken when a row in the referenced table is deleted. The following options are provided:

- **RESTRICT** or **NO ACTION** prevents the deletion of the parent row until all dependent rows are deleted.
- **CASCADE** deletes all dependent rows, too.
- **SET NULL** sets to null all columns of the foreign key in each dependent row that can contain null values.

6 Once you have entered your column definitions, press PF11 (Next).

A screen is invoked in which you can add or drop primary and/or foreign keys:


```

11:14:42          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Alter Table -

>--+--- ADD ----- PRIMARY KEY ----- _ -- (column-name) ---+
!
+--- DROP ----- PRIMARY KEY ----- _ -----+-->

>--+>- ADD ----- FOREIGN KEY --- _____ _ -- (column-name) -->
!
! constraint-name
! >- REFERENCES ----> _____ . _____ ----->
!
! <creator.>table-name
! >+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
! +- _ -- (column-name) ---+ +- _ - CASCADE --+ !
!                                     +- _ - SET NULL --+ !
!                                     +- _ - NO ACTION + !
+>- DROP ----- FOREIGN KEY --- _____ -----+
!
! constraint-name

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec  Free                                Prev Next Canc

```

- 7 Once you have entered the required information for adding and/or dropping primary and/or foreign keys, press PF11 (Next). A screen is invoked, in which you can specify a RESTRICT ON DROP clause, add or drop a CHECK constraint, and/or drop any constraint:


```

12:20:24          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Alter Table -

>---+-- ADD --- _ --+----- RESTRICT ON DROP ----->
      !               !
      +-- DROP -- _ --+

>----- ADD CHECK ----- _ ----->
                        check-condition

>----- DROP CHECK ----- _____>
                        constraint-name

>----- DROP CONSTRAINT ----- _____>
                        constraint-name

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec  Free                               Prev      Canc

```

Alter Tablespace Function

The following example illustrates the use of the **Alter Tablespace** syntax input screen.

➤ To invoke the Alter Tablespace function

- 1 On the **Catalog Maintenance** screen, enter the code AL.

In the **Object** field, enter TS and press ENTER.

The **Alter Tablespace** screen is displayed, where you can specify the following:


```

12:20:24          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Alter Tablespace -

>>----- ALTER TABLESPACE -- _____ . _____ ----->
                        <database-name.>tablespace-name

      +-->- BUFFERPOOL ----- _____ -----+
      !                               bufferpool-name                               !
>-----+-->- CLOSE ----- _____ -----+----->
      !                               ( YES or NO )                               !
      +-->- DSETPASS ----- _____ -----+
      !                               password                               !
      +-->- PART ----- _____ -----+
      !                               integer                               !
      +-->- FREEPAGE ----- _____ -----+
      !                               integer                               !
      +-->- PCTFREE ----- _____ -----+
      !                               integer                               !
      +-->- COMPRESS ----- _____ -----+
                        ( YES or NO )

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec  Free                                Next  Canc

```

- 2 If you enter an S in the **bufferpool-name** field and press ENTER, a window is displayed, in which you can specify additional buffer pool names:


```

12:20:24          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Alter Tablespace -
                                +-----+
>>----- ALTER TABLESPACE -- _____ !                               ↵
!
                                <database-na !      Valid values for       ↵
!
                                !      bufferpool-name:                  ↵
!
      +-->- BUFFERPOOL ----- S_____ ! ----- ↵
!
      !                                bufferpool-n !                   ↵
!
>-----+-->- CLOSE ----- ____ --- ! - 4KB buffer pools - ↵
!
      !                                ( YES or NO ! BP0, BP1, BP2, ..., BP49 ↵
!
      +-->- DSETPASS ----- _____ !                               ↵
!
      !                                passwor ! - 32KB buffer pools - ↵
!
      +-->- PART ----- ____ ---- ! BP32K, BP32K1, ..., BP32K9 ↵
!
      !                                integer !                           ↵
!
      +-->- FREEPAGE ----- ____ --- ! _____ Selection ↵
!
      !                                integer !                           ↵
!
      +-->- PCTFREE ----- ____ -----+-----+
      !                                integer                                !
      +-->- COMPRESS ----- ____ -----+
      !                                ( YES or NO )
!
Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
Exit                                                                    Canc

```

- Once you are back in the first **Alter Tablespace** syntax input screen, press PF11 (Next) to go to the next screen:


```

12:20:24          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                      - Alter Tablespace -

          +- VCAT -----
+-->- USING +-      catalog-name +-----+
!          +- STOGROUP - ----- !
!          stogroup-name          !
>-----+-->- PRIQTY -----+-----><
!          integer              !
+-->- SECQTY -----+-----+
!          integer              !
+-->- ERASE -----+-----+
!          (YES or NO)          !
+-->- LOCKMAX -----+-----+
!          (SYSTEM or integer)  !
+-->- LOCKSIZE ---+----- --- LOCKMAX - ---+
!          ! (PAGE or ROW) (SYSTEM or integer)!
+-----+-----+
          (ANY, TABLE or TABLESPACE)

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec  Free                                Prev      Canc

```

- 4 On the second **Alter Tablespace** syntax input screen, you can now specify the **LOCKMAX** and **LOCKSIZE** options.

Refer to the relevant Db2 literature by IBM for further details on the **COMPRESS**, **LOCKSIZE** and **LOCKMAX** clauses.

SQL Skeleton Members

SQL skeleton members are provided for processing the following SQL statements that are not supported by the **Catalog Maintenance** function:

- CREATE AUXILIARY TABLE
- CREATE DISTINCT TYPE
- CREATE TRIGGER
- GRANT ALTERIN
- REVOKE ALTERIN

An SQL skeleton member is a Natural text object that contains an SQL skeleton that complies with the Db2 SQL syntax rules as described in the relevant IBM literature. The replaceable items in the

SQL skeleton shown in lower-case characters must be filled with user input so that the skeleton becomes a valid SQL statement that can be executed in free mode (see [Free Mode](#)) or ISQL (see [Interactive SQL](#)). The skeleton text objects are delivered in the Natural system library `SYSDDB2`, along with example SQL text objects.

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Interactive SQL

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The **Interactive SQL** function of the **Natural Tools for Db2** enables you to execute SQL statements dynamically.

Invoking the Interactive SQL Function

➤ To invoke the Interactive SQL function

- On the **Natural Tools for Db2 Main Menu**, enter function code I.

The **Interactive SQL** screen is displayed:

```
16:21:04          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                      - Interactive SQL -

                                Code  Function
                                ----  -
                                I    SQL Input Member
                                0    Data Output Member
                                ?    Help
                                .    Exit
                                ----  -
Code.. _   Library .. SAG_____
           Member ... _____

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help      Exit                                     Canc
```

The following functions are available:

Code	Description
I	Displays SQL members (text objects) in the interactive SQL input screen.
0	Displays output members (text objects) in the interactive SQL output screen.

The following parameters can be specified:

Parameter	Description
Library	Specifies the name of the current Natural library which contains the specified input/output members (text objects). Specification of libraries whose names begin with SYS is not allowed. The library name is preset with your Natural user ID.
Member	<p>If a valid member name is specified, the corresponding member is displayed.</p> <p>If a value is specified followed by an asterisk (*), all input/output members in the current library whose names begin with this value are listed.</p> <p>If asterisk notation is specified only, a selection list of all input/output members in the current library is displayed.</p> <p>If the Member field is left blank, the empty SQL input/output screen is displayed.</p>

SQL Input Members

➤ To invoke the SQL Input Member function

- On the **Interactive SQL** screen, enter function code I and press ENTER.

Depending on what member (text object) name you have specified, different screens are displayed.

These screens are explained in the following sections.

ISQL Input Screen

If you leave the **Member** field blank, the empty **ISQL - Input** screen is invoked:


```

16:21:56          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
ISQL - Input      SAG          S 01- -----Columns 001 072
====>                               Scroll ==>  PAGE
***** ***** top of data *****
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***** ***** bottom of data *****

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Setup Exit  Exec  Rfind Rchan -    +    Outpu          Canc

```

The **ISQL - Input** screen is a free-mode editor (see [Editing within the Natural Tools for Db2](#)) which provides a functionality similar to the one of the Software AG Editor. Using the editor you can enter or edit SQL statements via editor main and line commands. You can execute the SQL statements immediately from within the editor by pressing PF4 (Exec), or you can save them as an SQL member (text object) in a Natural library for later execution.

For information on the PF keys available, see [PF Key Settings](#).



Note: The PRINT command is not available in the SQL input screen.

Apart from the editor main and line commands, SQLCODE maintenance commands are also available to maintain SQL members in a Natural library; see [Global Maintenance Commands](#). With these maintenance commands, input members can be listed, retrieved, saved in a Natural library, copied, and purged. They are entered in the command line of the input screen.

You can also obtain a list of the available maintenance commands by entering the help character, that is, a question mark (?), in the command line of the input screen. A window is displayed from which the desired command can be selected. The window can be scrolled forwards by pressing PF8, or backwards by pressing PF7.


```

12:22:12          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
ISQL - Input      SAG          S 01- -----Columns 001 072
====> ?          Scroll ==> PAGE
***** ***** +-----+*****
!               !
!  _ List <*,member>      !
!  _ READ <member>        !
!  _ SAVE <member>        !
!  _ COPY <member>        !
!  _ Purge <member>       !
!  _ LIBrary <library>    !
!  _ SElect <TB,C0> name1 name2 !
!               !
+-----+
***** ***** bottom of data *****

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help  Setup Exit  Exec  Rfind Rchan -      +      Outpu      Canc

```

To assist you in coding your SQL member, existing Db2 tables and columns can be listed using the **SELECT** command. From the list, you can include table and column names into the editor.

The **SELECT** command is available for table and column selection:

Command	Description
<u>S</u> EL <u>E</u> CT <u>T</u> ABLE [<i>creator.</i>] <i>name</i>	<p>Selects all tables with the specified creator (optional) and name.</p> <p>For both <i>creator</i> and <i>name</i>, you can specify a value followed by an asterisk (*), and all tables whose names begin with this value are selected.</p> <p>.</p> <p>If you specify asterisk notation only, all existing tables are selected.</p> <p>If you specify a table name without a creator, all tables with the specified name are selected, regardless of their creator.</p>
<u>S</u> EL <u>E</u> CT <u>C</u> OL <u>U</u> MN <i>creator.name</i>	<p>Selects all columns of the table <i>creator.name</i>.</p> <p>Since the table must be uniquely identified, asterisk notation cannot be used.</p>

Sample Input Screen with Table Listing Window

```

12: +-----+
ISQ ! Tab: !
===== ! SYSIBM.* !
*** ! Table Name Creator !
''' ! _ SYSDATABASE SYSIBM !
''' ! _ SYSDATATYPES SYSIBM !
''' ! _ SYSDBAUTH SYSIBM !
''' ! _ SYSDBRM SYSIBM !
''' ! _ SYSDUMMY1 SYSIBM !
''' ! _ SYSDUMMYA SYSIBM !
''' ! _ SYSDUMMYE SYSIBM !
''' ! _ SYSDUMMYU SYSIBM !
''' ! _ SYSFIELDS SYSIBM !
''' ! _ SYSFORIGNKEYS SYSIBM !
''' ! _ SYSINDEXES SYSIBM !
''' ! _ SYSINDEXES_HIST SYSIBM !
''' ! _ SYSINDEXPART SYSIBM !
''' ! _ SYSINDEXPART_HIST SYSIBM !
''' ! _ SYSINDEXSTATS SYSIBM !
''' ! _ SYSINDEXSTATS_HIST SYSIBM !
*** ! _ SYSJARCLASS_SOURCE SYSIBM !
! _ SYSJARCONTENTS SYSIBM !
Ente !
+-----+

```

From the table list, you can select a table for display of its columns by marking it with C in front of the table name. The columns of a table are listed together with their type and length. A creator or table name longer than 32 characters will be truncated. This will be indicated by a > symbol at the end of the creator or table name.

Sample Input Screen with Column Listing Window

```

12:27:08          ** +-----+
ISQL - Input      GGS ! Tab: SYSIBM.SYSTABLES      !
=====>          !                               !
***** ***** ! Column Name                      Type      Len  !
A      SELECT   ! M NAME                          VARCHAR  128  !
00002  SYSIBM.SYSTABLES ! M CREATOR      VARCHAR  128  !
***** ***** ! M TYPE                          CHAR       1   !
          ! M DBNAME                          VARCHAR   24   !
          ! M TSNAME                          VARCHAR   24   !
          ! _ DBID                          SMALLINT   2   !
          ! _ OBID                          SMALLINT   2   !
          ! _ COLCOUNT                     SMALLINT   2   !
          ! _ EDPROC                         VARCHAR   24   !
          ! _ VALPROC                        VARCHAR   24   !
          ! _ CLUSTERTYPE                     CHAR       1   !
          ! _ CLUSTERRID                     INTEGER    4   !
          ! _ CARD                          INTEGER    4   !
          ! _ NPAGES                         INTEGER    4   !
          ! _ PCTPAGES                       SMALLINT   2   !
          ! _ IBMREQD                         CHAR       1   !
          ! _ REMARKS                        VARCHAR  762  !
          ! _ PARENTS                        SMALLINT   2   !
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---P !                               !
      Help  Setup Exit  E +-----+

```

If you want to copy table or column names from a selection list into the editor, mark the corresponding table or column with M as shown on the previous screen. The table or column names are copied either after or before the line marked with an A or a B respectively, or to the top of the displayed data.

Sample Input Screen with Copied Column Names

```
12:29:44          ** +-----+
ISQL - Input      GGS ! Tab: SYSIBM.SYSTABLES      !
=====>          !                               !
***** ***** ! Column Name                      Type      Len !
A      SELECT    ! _ NAME                          VARCHAR  128 !
00002  NAME      ! _ CREATOR                        VARCHAR  128 !
00003  , CREATOR ! _ TYPE                          CHAR      1  !
00004  , TYPE     ! _ DBNAME                        VARCHAR   24 !
00005  , DBNAME   ! _ TSNAME                        VARCHAR   24 !
00006  , TSNAME   ! _ DBID                          SMALLINT   2  !
00007  SYSIBM.SYSTABLES ! _ OBID                        SMALLINT   2  !
***** ***** ! _ COLCOUNT                      SMALLINT   2  !
          ! _ EDPROC                        VARCHAR   24 !
          ! _ VALPROC                        VARCHAR   24 !
          ! _ CLUSTERTYPE                     CHAR      1  !
          ! _ CLUSTERRID                     INTEGER    4  !
          ! _ CARD                          INTEGER    4  !
          ! _ NPAGES                        INTEGER    4  !
          ! _ PCTPAGES                      SMALLINT   2  !
          ! _ IBMREQD                       CHAR      1  !
          ! _ REMARKS                       VARCHAR  762 !
          ! _ PARENTS                      SMALLINT   2  !
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---P !
      Help  Setup Exit  E +-----+
```

Fixed Mode with Interactive SQL

All fixed-mode input screens from the *Catalog Maintenance* part of the **Natural Tools for Db2** are available as help maps within the *Interactive SQL* part.

To invoke this help facility, enter the name of the SQL statement you want to create in the command line of your **ISQL - Input** screen, for example, CREATE TABLE or CR TB for the CREATE TABLE command.

The same command abbreviations apply as with the **Catalog Maintenance** function.

If you enter CREATE TABLE or CR TB, the **Create Table** screen is invoked:


```

01:22:12          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Create Table -                          1 / 9

>>- CREATE TABLE - SAG_____ . DEMOTABLE_____ ----->
                        <creator.>table-name
>+--- LIKE ----- _____ . _____ +-----+--+>
!                        <creator.>table/view-name +- _ - INCLUDING IDENTITY ++
!
+( COL1_____ CHAR_____ ( 20_____ ) _ - _ - _ - _ - _ , +
+- COL2_____ INTEGER_____ ( _____ ) _ - NN - _ - 2_ - _ , +
+- COL3_____ SMALLINT_____ ( _____ ) _ - NN - _ - 1_ - _ , +
+- COL4_____ CHAR_____ ( 2_____ ) S - _ - _ - _ - _ , +
+- COL5_____ VARCHAR_____ ( 30_____ ) _ - NN - _ - 3_ - _ , +
+- COL6_____ DECIMAL_____ ( 2,5_____ ) _ - _ - X - _ - _ , +
+- COL7_____ FLOAT_____ ( _____ ) _ - NN - _ - _ - _ , +
+- COL8_____ DATE_____ ( _____ ) _ - _ - _ - _ - _ , +
+- COL9_____ TIME_____ ( _____ ) _ - _ - _ - _ - _ , +
+- _____ ( _____ ) _ - _ - _ - _ - _ , +
      column-name      format      length      S/M  NN  fld  PK/  R/C
                        B          proc  UK  D/G

Command ===>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec  Free  --      -      +      ++          Next  Canc

```

If you have entered data for a complete SQL statement, you can generate an SQL statement from the entered data and include it into the **ISQL - Input** screen.

Using PF4 (Incl), you include the generated SQLCODE and remain on the **Create Table** screen.

Using PF5 (IBack), you include the generated SQLCODE and return to the **ISQL - Input** screen.

Retrieve an SQL Member

If you specify a unique member (text object) name in the **Member** field of the **Interactive SQL** screen, the corresponding SQL member is listed on the input screen. If no member exists with the specified name, a corresponding message is returned.

Sample SQL Member Listed in Input Screen

```

01:03:23          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
ISQL - Input      SAG(TESTSEQ)          S 01- -----Columns 001 072
=====>                               Scroll ==>  PAGE
***** ***** top of data *****
00001 CREATE TABLE DEMOTABLE
00002   (COL1              CHAR(8),
00003    COL2              INTEGER
00004   ) IN DATABASE DEMO;
00005 INSERT INTO DEMOTABLE
00006   VALUES ('AAAAA',1);
00007 * INSERT INTO DEMOTABLE
00008 *   VALUES ('BBBBB',2);
00009 SELECT FROM DEMOTABLE;
00010 DROP TABLE DEMOTABLE;
***** ***** bottom of data *****

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Setup Exit  Exec  Rfind Rchan -      +      Outpu      Canc

```

Listed SQL members can be purged, modified, executed, or saved.

An asterisk (*) in front of a statement line turns this line into a comment line, which means that the corresponding SQLCODE is not considered for execution.

List of SQL Members

If you specify a value followed by an asterisk (*) in the **Member** field of the **Interactive SQL** screen, a list of all SQL input members (text objects) in the current library whose names begin with this value is displayed.

If you specify an asterisk (*), a list of all SQL input members in the current library is displayed.

Sample SQL Input Member Selection List

15:06:14	***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****				2009-10-30
Select Member					
C	Member	Type	User	Date	Time
-	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
—	CRAXTB	SQL	SAG	2009-10-30	13:48:53
—	CRDITY	SQL	SAG	2009-10-30	13:39:14
—	CRPRQE	SQL	SAG	2009-10-30	13:54:21
—	CRTB	SQL	SAG	2009-10-30	13:48:14
—	CRTRIG	SQL	SAG	2009-10-30	13:53:01
—	CRTRIG2	SQL	SAG	2009-10-30	13:14:10
—	DRPRQE	SQL	SAG	2009-10-30	13:55:04
—	DRPRQE2	SQL	SAG	2009-10-30	13:50:30
—	GGSDTYPE	SQL	SAG	2009-10-30	13:52:10
—	GRSHPR	SQL	SAG	2009-10-30	13:28:01
—	RESHPR	SQL	SAG	2009-10-30	13:31:05
—	SELPROCS	SQL	SAG	2009-10-30	13:09:05
—	SELTABS	SQL	SAG	2009-10-30	13:56:22
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---					
Cont	Exit			>	Canc

From the input screen selection list, SQL members can be selected for display by marking them with an S.

If the list has been invoked by a PURGE command, members can be purged by marking them with a P.

By pressing PF11 (>), you can switch from the default view of the **Select Member** screen as shown above to the extended view with the first line of each member displayed in the **Description** column:


```

15:09:17          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        Select Member

      C      Member      Description (first line of member)
      -      -
      -      CRXTB       CREATE AUXILIARY TABLE aux-table-name
      -      CRDITY       CREATE DISTINCT TYPE distinct-type-name
      -      CRPRQE       * ALL PROCEDURES FROM QARNDB31(10,110), WHICH HAVE 'C
      -      CRTB         CREATE TABLE NEWTYPE
      -      CRTRIG       CREATE TRIGGER trigger-name NO CASCADE BEFORE|
      -      CRTRIG2      CREATE TRIGGER trigger-name (NO CASCADE BEFORE|
      -      DRPRQE       * ALL PROCEDURES FROM QARNDB31(10,110), WHICH HAVE 'C
      -      DRPRQE2      DROP PROCEDURE CALLN2 RESTRICT;
      -      GGSdtype     SELECT COLTYPE,LENGTH,LENGTH2,DATATYPEID,SOURCETYPEID
      -      GRSHPR       GRANT ALTERIN [, CREATEIN] [, DROPIN]
      -      RESHPR       REVOKE ALTERIN [, CREATEIN] [, DROPIN]
      -      SELPROCS     SELECT * FROM SYSIBM.SYSPROCEDURES
      -      SELTABS      SELECT * FROM SYSIBM.SYSTABLES

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
Cont          Exit                                <          Canc

```

The first line of a member can be the first line of an SQL statement or a comment line which provides more information on the member.

Data Output Members

➤ To invoke the Data Output Member function

- On the **Interactive SQL** screen, enter function code 0 and press ENTER.

Depending on what member (text object) name you have specified, different screens are displayed.

These screens are explained in the following sections.

Data Output Screen

If you leave **Member** field of the [Interactive SQL](#) screen blank, the empty **ISQL - Output** screen is invoked.

```

15:19:15          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
ISQL - Output      SAG                      S 02- -----Columns 001 072
=====>                                     Scroll ==>  PAGE
***** ***** top of data *****
***** ***** bottom of data *****

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit      Rfind Rchan -      +      <      >      Canc

```

From the data output screen you have access to output data members only. Output members consist of data retrieved from the database as a result of executed SQL statements. These data can be browsed and saved for later use as output members on the Natural system file `FUSER`. In addition to the data retrieved from the database, output members also contain Db2 status information, and the executed SQL member.

If you execute an SQL statement, the results are automatically shown on the output screen. Thus, you can enter the interactive SQL output screen also by executing an SQL statement from the input screen. From the output screen you can return to the input screen by pressing `PF3` (Exit).

For information on the other PF keys available, see [PF Key Settings](#).

The maintenance commands available for output members can be displayed and selected in a window, too; see [Global Maintenance Commands](#). The window is invoked by entering the help character, that is, a question mark (?), in the command line of the output screen.


```

15:57:59          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
ISQL - Output      SAG          S 02- -----Columns 001 072
====> ?          Scroll ==> PAGE
***** ***** +-----+*****
***** ***** !*****
!      - List <*,member>      !
!      - READ <member>      !
!      - SAve <member>      !
!      - Purge <member>      !
!      - LIBrary <library>    !
!                               !
+-----+

```

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---

Help Exit Rfind Rchan - + < > Canc

Apart from the maintenance commands, only browse commands are available (see [Editing within the Natural Tools for Db2](#)), since output members cannot be modified. Both browse and maintenance commands are entered in the command line of the output screen.

If an output member is too large to fit on your terminal screen, you can use the `FIX ON n` command to keep the first *n* characters on the screen when scrolling to the left or to the right.

Retrieve an Output Member

If you specify a unique member name in the **Member** field of the [Interactive SQL](#) screen, the corresponding output member is listed on the output screen. If no member exists with the specified name, a corresponding message is returned.

Sample Output Member Listed in Output Screen

```

16:27:12          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
ISQL - Output      SAG(TESTSEQ0)          S 02- -----Columns 001 072
=====>                               Scroll ==>  PAGE
***** ***** top of data *****
00001 CREATE TABLE DEMOTABLE
00002   (COL1              CHAR(8),
00003    COL2              INTEGER
00004   ) IN DATABASE DEMO
00005 -----
00006 STATEMENT WAS SUCCESSFUL, SQLCODE = 0
00007 -----
00008 INSERT INTO DEMOTABLE
00009   VALUES ('AAAAA',1)
00010 -----
00011 STATEMENT WAS SUCCESSFUL, SQLCODE = 0
00012 -----
00013 SELECT FROM DEMOTABLE
00014 -----
00015 COL1          COL2
00016 -----
00017 AAAAA          1

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit      Rfind Rchan -      +      <      >      Canc

```

List of Output Members

If you specify a value followed by an asterisk (*) in the **Member** field of the [Interactive SQL](#) screen, a list of all data output members in the current library whose names begin with this value is displayed.

If you specify asterisk notation only, a list of all data output members in the current library is displayed.

Sample Data Output Member Selection List

16:24:02	***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****				2009-10-30
	Select Member				
C	Member	Type	User	Date	Time
-	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
—	AAAA	SQL-RESULT	SAG	2009-10-30	13:54:54
—	ADEVIEW	SQL-RESULT	SAG	2009-10-30	14:01:09
—	AIRCRAFT	SQL-RESULT	SAG	2009-10-30	10:01:32
—	BBBB	SQL-RESULT	SAG	2009-10-30	15:25:14
—	BSP1	SQL-RESULT	SAG	2009-10-30	14:57:11

From the output member selection list, output members can be selected for display by marking them with an S.

If the list has been invoked by a PURGE command, members can be purged by marking them with a P.

Processing SQL Statements

SQL input members (text objects) can only be accessed from the **ISQL - Input** screen. They are executed from the input screen against Db2 by pressing PF4 (Exec).

After execution, the data output screen appears which contains the results of the executed SQL member.

If an SQL member consists of more than one SQL statements, the individual statements must be separated by a semicolon. They can be executed one by one or all together at the same time.

To choose the form of execution, a window is provided which can be invoked by pressing PF2 (Setup).


```

16:29:12          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
ISQL - Input      SAG(TESTSEQ)          S 01- -----Columns 001 072
=====>
***** ***** ! !
00001 CREATE TABLE DEMOTABLE ! _ Execute statements one by one !
00002 (COL1 CHAR(8 ! X Execute all statements together !
00003 COL2 INTEGE ! !
00004 ) IN DATABASE DEMO; ! _ Optional Commit/Rollback !
00005 INSERT INTO DEMOTABLE ! X Automatic Commit/Rollback !
00006 VALUES ('AAAAA',1); ! !
00007 * INSERT INTO DEMOTABLE ! _ Ignore positive SQLCODEs !
00008 * VALUES ('BBBBB',2); ! !
00009 SELECT FROM DEMOTABLE; ! Text for NULL values : <NULL>__ !
00010 DROP TABLE DEMOTABLE; ! Sql termination character : ; !
***** ***** b ! Maximum length of columns : _____ !
! Maximum number of rows : _____ !
! DB2 cost limit : _____ !
! !
! Database type(DB2,CNX) : DB2 !
! Header Line every 15____ Data Lines !
! Record Length Data Session: _250 !
! !
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF+-----+
Help Setup Exit Exec Rfind Rchan - + Output Canc

```

Below is information on the options provided:

- [Execute Statements One By One](#)
- [Execute All Statements Together](#)
- [Automatic Commit/Rollback](#)
- [Optional Commit/Rollback](#)
- [Text For NULL Values](#)
- [SQL Termination Character](#)
- [Maximum Length of Columns](#)
- [Maximum Number of Rows](#)
- [Db2 Cost Limit](#)
- [Header Line Every n Data Lines](#)

- [Record Length Data Session](#)

Execute Statements One By One

After each SQL statement the output screen is shown. From the output screen, you can either execute the next SQL statement from the input screen by pressing PF4 (Next), or skip the remaining SQL statements and return to the input screen immediately by pressing PF3 (Exit).

Execute All Statements Together

All statements are executed immediately one after the other. The output screen shows the results of all statements together.

Statements containing cursor names, host variables, or parameter markers cannot be executed with interactive SQL. Also not executed are statements available as embedded SQL only; that is, statements whose functions are automatically performed by Natural.

These statements are:

CLOSE
CONNECT
DECLARE
DELETE WHERE CURRENT OF CURSOR
DESCRIBE
EXECUTE
FETCH
INCLUDE
OPEN
PREPARE
SELECT INTO
SET <i>host-variable</i>
SET CURRENT PACKAGESET
UPDATE WHERE CURRENT OF CURSOR
WHenever

Automatic Commit/Rollback

If you select **Automatic Commit/Rollback**, each modification of the database is automatically either committed or rolled back, depending on whether all the SQL statements involved execute successfully. If so, an `SQL COMMIT WORK` command is executed; if not, an `SQL ROLLBACK` command backs out all database modifications since the last commit point.

Optional Commit/Rollback

If you select **Optional Commit/Rollback**, a window is invoked after each SQL statement, offering you the option to either commit or roll back the resulting database modifications shown on the screen.



Note: Since under CICS and IMS TM each terminal I/O results in a `SYNCPOINT`, the optional commit/rollback feature only applies in a TSO environment.

In all environments, you can include `SQL COMMIT` and `ROLLBACK` commands in your input member, too. Under CICS and IMS TM, however, these commands are translated into the corresponding TP-monitor calls.

Text For NULL Values

The text that is to be shown for `NULL` values can be specified here; the default string is `---`.

SQL Termination Character

If you enter multiple SQL statement, they need to be separated. The default statement termination character is the semi-colon (;).

Maximum Length of Columns

Limits the length for a single column to *n* characters. This limit only applies to character data. `DATE`, `TIME`, or `NUMERIC` columns are not truncated. The value 0 indicates that no limit exists.

Maximum Number of Rows

Limits the number of rows returned by one `SELECT` statement. The value 0 indicates that no limit exists.

Db2 Cost Limit

Sets a limit for the Db2 cost estimate. `SELECT` statements which exceed this limit are not executed. The value 0 indicates that no limit exists.

Header Line Every *n* Data Lines

For `SELECT` statements, you can specify that every *n* data lines a header line is inserted with the names of the selected columns. If *n* is set to 0, only one header line is displayed at the top of the data.

Record Length Data Session

The record length (*n*) for the output session can be specified. If the specified record length is smaller than the record length of the output data, the output records are truncated accordingly. The truncation of records is indicated by a greater than character (>) as the leftmost character in the first line beneath each header line. The default value for *n* is 250 bytes.

PF-Key Settings

The following PF-key settings apply to the **ISQL - Input** screen:

Key	Setting	Function
PF2	Setup	Invokes a window with further processing options.
PF4	Exec	Executes the SQL member (text object) currently on the input screen.
PF5	Rfind	Repeats the last executed <code>FIND</code> command.
PF6	Rchan	Repeats the last executed <code>CHANGE</code> command.
PF7	-	Scrolls the display one page backward.
PF8	+	Scrolls the display one page forward.
PF9	Output	Invokes the output member (text object) selection list directly from within the input screen.

Apart from PF2 (Setup), PF4 (Exec), and PF9 (Output), the same PF-key settings apply to the **ISQL - Output** screen, too. In addition, the following PF-key settings are available:

Key	Setting	Function
PF4	Next	Executes the next SQL statement if an SQL member consists of more than one statement, and if you have chosen to execute them one after the other. If not, the setting for PF4 is left blank.
PF10	<	Scrolls the display of the output screen to the left.
PF11	>	Scrolls the display of the output screen to the right.

Unloading Interactive SQL Results

Results from interactive SQL are unloaded and written to a data set referred to by DD name CMWKF01 in batch mode using the UNLDDATA command.

CMWKF01 should be of variable record format; the record length depends on the size of the SQL output member (text object) and can range from 250 to 4000 bytes.

➤ To unload results from interactive SQL

- 1 Logon to the Natural system library SYSDB2.
- 2 In the command line, enter the command UNLDDATA and press ENTER.

The **Unload SQL Results** menu is displayed:

```

16:53:20          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Unload SQL Results -

                                Code Function
                                -----
                                U   Unload SQL Results
                                .   Exit
                                -----
Code .. _   Library .. _____
              Member ... _____

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
Exit                                                                    Canc
  
```

The following function is available:

Code	Description
U	Unloads results from interactive SQL execution.

The following parameters apply:

Parameter	Description
Library	Specifies the name of the Natural library from which the specified output members are to be unloaded. You cannot specify libraries whose names begin with SYS. This parameter must be specified.
Member	Specifies the name(s) of the output member(s) to be unloaded. This parameter must be specified.

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Retrieval of System Tables

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Important: Before you use the **Retrieval of System Tables** function, refer to *LISTSQL and Explain Functions* in the section *Special Requirements for Natural Tools for Db2* in *Installing Natural for Db2 on z/OS*.

The Db2 system tables provide information on the contents of your Db2 system. The **Retrieval of System Tables** function enables you to:

- display information on Db2 objects without coding SQL queries;
- easily access related objects, such as indexes of a table.

The Db2 objects supported by the **Retrieval of System Tables** function are database, tablespace, table, index, column, plan, check constraints, statistic tables, package, and DBRM (database request module), as well as access rights to and relationships between these objects.

Db2 objects are presented in one of the following two ways:

- As selection lists, where all objects are of the same type, and where commands can be issued to display related objects.
- You can list databases, tables, plans, and packages by name. From the database listings, you can invoke listings of the tablespaces or tables of a database. From the table listing, you can invoke listings of the columns and indexes of a table. From the plan listing, you can invoke listings of the DBRMs of a plan, of the package list of a plan, of the tables and indexes used by a plan, and of the systems which are enabled or disabled for a plan. From the package listing, you can invoke listings of the tables and indexes used in a package and of the systems which are enabled or disabled for a package. From the database, table, plan, or package listings, you can also investigate who is authorized to access a Db2 object. In addition, the **User Authorization** menu enables you to list all existing access rights by user ID.
- As reports, which merely contain information on different types of Db2 objects, and where only browse commands can be issued.

The most important browse commands can also be issued via PF keys; see [Editing within the Natural Tools for Db2](#).

This section covers the following topics:

Invoking the Retrieval of System Tables Function

➤ To invoke the Retrieval of System Tables function

- On the [Natural Tools for Db2 Main Menu](#), enter function code R.

The **Retrieval of System Tables** screen is displayed:


```

16:31:56          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-05-25
                    - Retrieval of System Tables -

                Code  Function                Parameter

                D    List Databases            Database
                K    List Packages            Collection, Name
                P    List Plans                Plan
                T    List Tables              Tbreator, Tbname
                U    User Authorizations
                S    Statistic Tables
                ?    Help
                .    Exit

        Code .. _   Database Name ..... _____
                   Package Collection .. _____
                   Package Name ..... _____
                   Plan Name ..... _____
                   Table Creator ..... _____
                   Table Name ..... _____

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
        Help  Setup Exit                                     Canc

```

With PF2 (Setup) the maximum length of one column and the number of fixed characters when scrolling left may be specified. The default values for both parameters may be changed in the CONFIG subprogram in library SYSDB2.

When a column value is longer than the maximum length, it will be truncated and marked with a greater than sign (>) in the case of strings truncated at the right end or a less than sign (<) in the case of numbers truncated at the left end.

Note, that for further commands on a line, for example, the line command I, only the visible value can be taken as input. This means that commands on lines will fail, when values for further processing are truncated.


```

16:31:56          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2007-10-05
                  - Retrieval of System Tables -

Code  Function      Parameter
      +-----Retrieval of System Tables-----+
D    List Dat !
K    List Pac ! Maximum length of columns ... ____8 !
P    List Pla ! Number of fixed characters .. ____0 !
T    List Tab !
U    User Aut !
S    Statisti +-----+
?    Help
.    Exit

Code .. _   Database Name .....
           Package Collection ..
           Package Name .....
           Plan Name .....
           Table Creator .....
           Table Name .....

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11--PF12---
          Help  Setup Exit                               Canc

```

The following functions are available:

Code	Description
D	Lists databases defined in the Db2 catalog.
K	Lists packages defined in the Db2 catalog.
P	Lists plans defined in the Db2 catalog.
S	Statistic tables.
T	Lists tables defined in the Db2 catalog.
U	Provides information on which user(s) can access which Db2 objects.

The following parameters must be specified as selection criteria:

Parameter	Description
Database Name	The name of the database to be listed. Asterisk notation (*) for range specification is possible. The Database Name parameter is relevant to the List Databases function only.
Package Collection	The collection of the package to be listed. Asterisk notation (*) for range specification is possible. The Package Collection parameter is relevant to the List Packages function only.

Parameter	Description
Package Name	The name of the package to be listed. Asterisk notation (*) for range specification is possible. The Package Name parameter is relevant to the List Packages function only.
Plan Name	The name of the plan to be listed. Asterisk notation (*) for range specification is possible. The Plan Name parameter is relevant to the List Plans function only.
Table Creator	The name of the creator of the table(s) to be listed. Asterisk notation (*) for range specification is possible. The Table Creator parameter is relevant to the List Tables function only.
Table Name	The name of the table to be listed. Asterisk notation (*) for range specification is possible. The Table Name parameter is relevant to the List Tables function only.

List Databases

➤ To invoke the List Databases function

- 1 On the **Retrieval of System Tables** screen, enter function code D.
- 2 Specify the name of the database(s) to be listed.
 - If a value followed by an asterisk is specified, all databases defined in the Db2 catalog whose names begin with this value are listed.
 - If asterisk notation is specified only, all databases defined in the Db2 catalog are listed.


```

16:32:24          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2007-10-05
DATABASES *          S 01          Row 0 of 25 Columns 001 059
====>          Scroll ==> PAGE
  DATABASE CREATOR      STOGROUP BP00L      DBID CREATEDBY ROSHARE TIMESTAMP GR
** ***** top of data *****
__ DEMO      DEFAULT      SYSDEFLT BP0      269 DEFAULT      0001-01-0>
__ DEMODB    SAG2      SYSDEFLT BP0      273 SAG2      0001-01-0>D8
__ DEVELOP   SAG      DEVELOP BP0      260 SAG      0001-01-0>DB
__ ECHDB01   SAG2      SYSDEFLT BP0      272 SAG2      0001-01-0>
__ EFGDB     SAG      SYSDEFLT BP0      263 SAG      0001-01-0>
__ HBUTST    SAG2      SYSDEFLT BP0      275 SAG2      0001-01-0>
__ PLANTAB   SAG2      SYSDEFLT BP0      270 SAG2      0001-01-0>
__ Predict   SAG2      SYSDEFLT BP0      262 SAG2      0001-01-0>
__ QA        SAG2      SYSDEFLT BP0      265 SAG2      0001-01-0>
__ SAGDB04   SYSIBM      SYSDEFLT BP0      4 SYSIBM      0001-01-0>
__ SAGDB06   SYSIBM      SYSDEFLT BP0      6 SYSIBM      0001-01-0>
__ SAGDB07   SAG1      SYSDEFLT BP0      7 SAG1      0001-01-0>
__ SAGDDF    SAG1      SYSDEFLT BP0      257 SAG1      0001-01-0>
__ SAGRLST   SAG1      SYSDEFLT BP0      256 SAG1      0001-01-0>
__ SAG8D22A  SAG1      SAG8G220 BP0      258 SAG1      0001-01-0>
__ SAG8D22P  SAG1      SAG8G220 BP0      259 SAG1      0001-01-0>

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit      Rfind      -      +      <      >      Canc

```

The following line commands are available on the database listing screen. Line commands are entered in front of the desired database(s):

Command	Description
I	Displays information on a database.
S	Selects a database to be used with main commands (see below).
U	Unselects a database.
AU	Displays information on access rights to a database.
TB	Displays all tables defined in a database.
TS	Displays all tablespaces defined in a database.

The listings of tables or tablespaces displayed as a result of the TB or TS command can be used for further processing, whereas the contents of the screens displayed as a result of the AU or I command are for information purposes only.

A list of all line commands available with the **List Database** function can be invoked as a window by entering the help character, that is, a question mark (?), in front of any of the listed databases.

The commands AU, TB, and TS can also be used as main commands. Main commands are entered in the command line of the database list screen and apply to all databases previously selected with the line command S.

A further main command is the `INFO` command, which is the equivalent of the `I` line command, but displays information on all previously selected databases. Instead of being displayed, all information resulting from the `I` or `INFO` commands can also be marked for printing. Even if already displayed, information can be printed by issuing the `PRINT` command.

```

16:32:24          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2007-10-05
DATABASES *          S 01          Row 0 of 25 Columns 001 059
====>          Scroll ==> PAGE
    DATABASE CREATOR      STOGROUP BP00L      DBID CREATEDBY ROSHARE TIMESTAMP GR
** **** +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ *****
I_ DEMO !                                     ! 01-01-0>
__ DEMO !          Select what to display          ! 01-01-0>D8
__ DEVE !                                     ! 01-01-0>DB
__ ECHD !                                     ! 01-01-0>
__ EFGD !          _ authorizations for database    ! 01-01-0>
__ HBUT !          _ tablespaces in database        ! 01-01-0>
__ PLAN !          _ tables      in database        ! 01-01-0>
__ PRED !                                     ! 01-01-0>
__ QA  !                                     ! 01-01-0>
__ SAGD !                                     ! 01-01-0>
__ SAGD !          Mark _ to print output          ! 01-01-0>
__ SAGD !                                     ! 01-01-0>
__ SAGD +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 01-01-0>
__ SAGRLST SAG1      SYSDEFLT BP0      256 SAG1      0001-01-0>
__ SAG8D22A SAG1      SAG8G220 BP0      258 SAG1      0001-01-0>
__ SAG8D22P SAG1      SAG8G220 BP0      259 SAG1      0001-01-0>

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit      Rfind      -      +      <      >      Canc

```

A list of all main commands available with the **List Database** function can be invoked as a window by entering the help character, that is, a question mark (?), in the command line of the database list screen.

List Tablespaces

The function to list tablespaces is not part of the **Retrieval of System Tables** main menu.

> To list tablespaces

- Issue the “TS” command on the database listing screen only.

A tablespace listing screen is displayed, for example:


```
16:35:07          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-05-25
TABLESPACES IN DATABASE DB2DEMO          S 02          Row 0 of 2 Columns 032 075
====>                                     Scroll ==>  PAGE
  DATABASE NAME          CREATOR  BPOOL    PGSIZE PARTITIONS NTABLES SEGSIZE LO
** ***** top of data *****
__ DB2DEMO  AUTOMOBIL     SAG      BP0      4        0        1        0 A
__ DB2DEMO  EMPLOYEE      SAG      BP0      4        0        1        0 A
** ***** bottom of data *****
```

The following line commands are available on the tablespace listing screen. Line commands are entered in front of the desired tablespace(s):

Command	Description
I	Displays information on a tablespace.
S	Selects a tablespace to be used with main commands.
U	Unselects a tablespace.
PT	Displays all partitions of a tablespace.
TB	Displays all tables defined in a tablespace.

The **listings of tables** displayed as a result of the TB command can be used for further processing, whereas the listings resulting from the I and PT commands are for information purposes only.

A list of all line commands available on the tablespace listing screen can be invoked as a window by entering the help character, that is, a question mark (?), in front of any of the listed tablespaces.

The commands PT and TB can also be used as a main commands entered on the command line of the tablespace listing screen. Main commands apply to all tablespaces previously selected with the line command S.

A further main command is the INFO command, which is the equivalent of the I line command, but displays information on all previously selected tablespaces. Instead of being displayed, all information resulting from the I or INFO commands can also be marked for printing. Even if already displayed, information can be printed by issuing the PRINT command.


```
16:35:07          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-05-25
TABLESPACES IN DATABASE DB2DEMO          S 02          Row 0 of 2 Columns 032 075
====>                                     Scroll ==> PAGE
  DATABASE NAME          CREATOR BP00L    PGSIZE PARTITIONS NTABLES SEGSIZE LO
** **** +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
  DB2D !                                     !          0 A
  DB2D !                                     !          0 A
** **** !                                     ! *****
      !                                     !
      !                                     !
      !          _ partitions of tablespace          !
      !          _ tables      in tablespace          !
      !                                     !
      !                                     !
      !          Mark _ to print output              !
      !                                     !
      +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit      Rfind      -      +      <      >      Canc
```

A list of all main commands available on the tablespace listing screen can be invoked as a window by entering the help character, that is, a question mark (?), in the command line of the screen.

List Plans

> To invoke the List Plans function

- On the **Retrieval of System Tables** screen, enter function code P.

The name of the plan(s) to be listed must be specified.

- If a value followed by an asterisk is specified, all plans defined in the Db2 catalog whose names begin with this value are listed.
- If asterisk notation is specified only, all plans defined in the Db2 catalog are listed.

Press Enter.

16:37:59	***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****							2007-10-05	
PLAN *	S 01		Row 0 of 80 Columns 023 075						
====>								Scroll ==> PAGE	
PLAN	CREATOR	VALIDATE	ISO	ACQUIRE	REL	VALID	OPER	EXPLAIN	PLSIZE
** ***** top of data *****									
___ CAFPLAN	SAG3	R	S	U	C	Y	Y	N	2472
___ SAGEDCL	SAG1	R	S	U	C	Y	Y	N	1992
___ SAGESPCS	SAG1	R	S	U	C	Y	Y	N	1992
___ SAGESPRR	SAG1	R	R	U	C	Y	Y	N	1992
___ SAGTIA22	SAG1	R	S	U	C	Y	Y	N	1992
___ SAG8BH22	SAG1	R	S	U	C	Y	Y	N	2296
___ SAG8CC22	SAG1	R	S	U	C	Y	Y	N	4376
___ SAG8IC22	SAG1	R	S	U	C	Y	Y	N	4264
___ SAG8SC22	SAG1	R	S	U	C	Y	Y	N	2296
___ SAGPLA	SAG	R	S	U	C	Y	Y	N	2648
___ TREPH01	SAG4	B	S	U	C	A	Y	N	2168
___ TREPLANC	SAG2	R	S	U	C	N	Y	N	4560
___ TREPLANG	SAG2	R	S	U	C	N	Y	N	8976
___ TREPLANO	SAG2	R	S	U	C	N	Y	N	8976
___ TREPLANT	SAG2	R	S	U	C	Y	Y	N	2472
___ TREPLAN1	SAG2	R	S	U	C	N	Y	N	3248
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---									
Help		Exit		Rfind		-		+	
						<		>	
								Canc	

Commands Allowed on Plans

The following line commands are available on the plan listing screen. Line commands are entered in front of the desired plan(s):

Command	Description
I	Displays information on a plan.
S	Selects a plan to be used with main commands.
U	Unselects a plan.
AU	Displays information on access rights to a plan.
DR	Displays all DBRMs contained in a plan.
IX	Displays all indexes used by a plan.
PK	Displays the package list of a plan.
SY	Displays the systems enabled or disabled for a plan.
TB	Displays tables used in a plan.

The listing displayed as a result of the DR, IX, PK, or TB command can be used for further processing, whereas the contents of the screens displayed as a result of the I, AU, or SY command are for information purposes only.

A list of all line commands available with the **List Plans** function can be invoked as a window by entering the help character “?” in front of any of the listed plans.

The commands AU, DR, IX, PK, SY, and TB can also be used as main commands, which are entered on the command line of the plan listing screen and apply to all plans previously selected with the line command S.

The INFO main command, which is the equivalent of the I line command, displays information on the DBRMs and their SQL statements contained in the plans previously selected. As with the **List Database** function, information resulting from the I or INFO commands can be printed, too.

```

16:37:59          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2007-10-05
PLAN *              S 01      Row 0 of 80 Columns 023 075
====>              Scroll ==> PAGE
PLAN      CREATOR    VALIDATE ISO ACQUIRE REL VALID OPER EXPLAIN    PLSIZE
** ***** +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
I_ CAFP !                                     !      2472
__ SAGE !               Select what to display          !      1992
__ SAGE !                                     !      1992
__ SAGE !               _ DBRMs of plan                  !      1992
__ SAGT !               _ package list of plan           !      1992
__ SAG8 !               _ systems enabled or disabled for plan !      2296
__ SAG8 !               _ tables referenced in plan      !      4376
__ SAG8 !               _ indexes used in plan           !      4264
__ SAG8 !               _ authorizations for plan        !      2296
__ SAGP !                                     !      2648
__ TREP !               Mark _ to print output          !      2168
__ TREP !                                     !      4560
__ TREP +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 8976
__ TREPLANO SAG2        R          S  U          C  N          Y  N          8976
__ TREPLANT SAG2        R          S  U          C  Y          Y  N          2472
__ TREPLAN1 SAG2        R          S  U          C  N          Y  N          3248

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help      Exit      Rfind      -      +      <      >      Canc

```

A list of all main commands available with the **List Plans** function can be invoked as a window by entering the help character, that is, a question mark (?), in the command line of the plan list screen.

DBRMs of Plan

If you issue the `DR` command on the plan listing screen, a list of all DBRMs bound into the selected plan(s) is displayed.

```
16:40:56          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2007-10-05
DBRMS OF PLAN SAGTEST          S 02          Row 0 of 3 Columns 033 075
=====>          Scroll ==>  PAGE
PLAN      DBRM      TIMESTAMP      CREATOR  TIME      DATE      PDS NAME QUOTE CO
** ***** top of data *****
__ SAGTEST  TEST1    148C251A1>    SAG      16:24:10 07-10-05 DB2.V42.>N    N
__ SAGTEST  TEST2    148C251A1>    SAG      16:24:42 07-10-05 DB2.V42.>N    N
__ SAGTEST  TEST3    148C251A1>    SAG      16:25:15 07-10-05 DB2.V42.>N    N
** ***** bottom of data *****
```

Commands Allowed on DBRMs

The following line commands are available on the DBRM listing screen. Line commands are entered in front of the desired DBRM(s):

Command	Description
I	Displays information on a DBRM.
S	Selects a DBRM to be used with main commands.
U	Unselects a DBRM.

A list of all line commands available on the DBRM listing screen can be invoked as a window by entering the help character, that is, a question mark (?), in front of any of the listed DBRMs.

The only main command that applies to DBRMs is the `INFO` command, which is the equivalent of the `I` line command, but displays information on all previously selected DBRMs. Instead of being displayed, all information resulting from the `I` or `INFO` commands can also be marked for printing. Even if already displayed, information can be printed by issuing the `PRINT` command.


```

16:40:56          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2007-10-05
DBRMS OF PLAN SAGTEST          S 02          Row 0 of 3 Columns 033 075
====>          Scroll ==> PAGE
PLAN          DBRM          TIMESTAMP          CREATOR          TIME          DATE          PDS NAME QUOTE CO
** **** +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
I_ SAGT !
_ SAGT !          Select what to display          ! .>N          N
_ SAGT !          ! .>N          N
** **** !          ! .>N          N
          !          !*****
          !          !
          !          _ Plans referencing DBRM          !
          !          _ SQL statements of DBRM          !
          !          !
          !          !
          !          Mark _ to print output          !
          !          !
          +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
          Help          Exit          Rfind          -          +          <          >          Canc

```

Indexes Used in Plan

If you issue the IX command on either the [plan listing screen](#) or the [table listing screen](#), a list of all indexes used in the selected plan(s) or table(s) is displayed.

```

16:40:56          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2007-10-05
INDEXES OF PLAN SAGTEST          S 02          Row 0 of 3 Columns 033 075
====>          Scroll ==> PAGE
CREATOR  INDEX NAME          CREATOR  TABLE NAME COLCNT UNIQ CLSTRNG CLSTRD -RATI
** ***** top of data *****
_ SAGCRE  XDEPT1          SAGCRE  DEPT          1 P          N          Y          10
_ SAGCRE  XEMP1          SAGCRE  EMP          1 P          Y          Y          10
_ SAGCRE  XEMP2          SAGCRE  EMP          1 D          N          N          4
** ***** bottom of data *****

```

Commands Allowed on Indexes

The following line commands are available on the index listing screen. Line commands are entered in front of the desired index(es):

Command	Description
I	Displays information on an index.
S	Selects an index to be used with main commands.
U	Unselects an index.
C0	Displays all columns of an index.
PT	Displays the partitions of an index.

The listings of columns displayed as a result of the C0 or PT command cannot be used for further processing. Like the display resulting from the I command, they are for information purposes only.

A list of all line commands available on the index listing screen can be invoked as a window by entering the help character "?" in front of any of the listed indexes.

The commands C0 and PT can be used as main commands, too, and entered in the command line of the index listing screen. If so, all columns of all indexes previously selected with the line command S are displayed.

A further main command is the INFO command, which is the equivalent of the line command I, but displays information on all previously selected indexes. Instead of being displayed, all information resulting from the I or INFO commands can also be marked for printing. Even if already displayed, information can be printed by issuing the PRINT command.

```

16:40:56          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2007-10-05
INDEXES OF PLAN SAGTEST          S 02          Row 0 of 3 Columns 033 075
=====>          Scroll ==> PAGE
  CREATOR  INDEX NAME    CREATOR  TABLE NAME COLCNT UNIQ CLSTRNG CLSTRD -RATI
** **** +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
I_ SAGC !                                     !                10
_ SAGC !          Select what to display    !                10
_ SAGC !                                     !                4
** **** !                                     ! *****
      !          _ columns of index          !
      !          _ portions of index         !
      !          _ plans using index         !
      !          _ packages using index      !
      !                                     !
      !          Mark _ to print output      !
      !                                     !
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help      Exit      Rfind      -      +      <      >      Canc

```


A list of all main commands available on the index listing screen can be invoked as a window by entering the help character “?” in the command line of the screen.

Package List of Plan

If you issue the PK command on the plan listing screen, a list of all entries in the package list of the selected plan(s) is displayed.

```

16:40:56          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2007-10-05
PACKAGE LIST FOR PLAN SAGTEST          S 02          Row 0 of 3 Columns 033 075
=====>                                     Scroll ==> PAGE
      PLANNAME LOCATION COLLID      NAME      SEQNO  TIMESTAMP IBM
** ***** top of data *****
__ SAGTEST          SAGCOLLE>  *          1  2007-10-0>N
__ SAGTEST          SAG_STAT>  *          2  2007-10-0>N
** ***** bottom of data *****

```

Commands Allowed on Package List Entries

The following line commands are available on the package list screen. Line commands are entered in front of the desired package list entry:

Command	Description
I	Displays information on a package list entry.
S	Selects a package list entry to be used with main commands.
U	Unselects a package list entry.
PK	Displays all packages of a package list entry.

The [listing of packages](#) as a result of the PK command can be used for further processing, whereas the display resulting from the I command is for information purposes only.

A list of all line commands available with a package list can be invoked as a window by entering the help character, that is, a question mark (?), in front of any of the listed entries.

The command PK can also be used as main command, which is entered in the command line of the above screen and applies to all package list entries previously selected with the line command S.

List Packages

➤ To invoke the List Packages function

- On the **Retrieval of System Tables** screen, enter function code K.

The collection and name of the package(s) to be listed can be specified.

If a value followed by an asterisk is specified, all packages defined in the Db2 catalog whose collections/names begin with this value are listed.

If asterisk notation is specified only, all packages defined in the Db2 catalog are listed.

Press Enter.

```
11:06:11          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2007-10-05
PACKAGE *.*          S 01      Row 34 of 65 Columns 041 075
=====>          Scroll ==>  PAGE
  COLLID  NAME          CONTOKEN CONTOKEN (HEX) OWNER          CREATOR  QUALIFIER
___ SAGQCATV SAGQVPLN    ? 1?F  148C409316C673>SAG    SAG      SAG
___ SAGQCATV SAGQVPPA    ?k ? ?? 149270680F77E0>SAG    SAG      SAG
___ SAGQCATV SAGQVRAS    ? ??=? 148C409B09097E>SAG    SAG      SAG
___ SAGQCATV SAGQVREL    ? ??y0 148C409C06DFA8>SAG    SAG      SAG
___ SAGQCATV SAGQVREV    ? ? ?v? 148CDFAD16A51F>SAG    SAG      SAG
___ SAGQCATV SAGQVRIL    ? s ?B  148C40A20329C2>SAG    SAG      SAG
___ SAGQCATV SAGQVROO    ? ? A y 148CDFAF03C18E>SAG    SAG      SAG
___ SAGQCATV SAGQVSCA    ? u??S 148C40A409DEE2>SAG    SAG      SAG
___ SAGQCATV SAGQVSQL    ? ??? 148C40AB001D3F>SAG    SAG      SAG
___ SAGQCATV SAGQVSTM    ? ? 7q 148C40AD078CF7>SAG    SAG      SAG
___ SAGQCATV SAGQVSTO    ? ? ? 148C40B409681E>SAG    SAG      SAG
___ SAGQCATV SAGQVTAB    ? ? +U 148C40B61F024E>SAG    SAG      SAG
___ SAGQCATV SAGQVTAS    ? ? d 148C40B80874FF>SAG    SAG      SAG
___ SAGQCATV SAGQVTBA    ? ? ? 148C40BB1854EC>SAG    SAG      SAG
___ SAGQCATV SAGQVTBC    ? ?d ? 148C40BD1684EC>SAG    SAG      SAG
___ SAGQCATV SAGQVTBP    ? ? 148C40BF07AE9D>SAG    SAG      SAG
___ SAGQCATV SAGQVTBS    ? ?? 148C40CA034928>SAG    SAG      SAG

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit      Rfind      -      +      <      >      Canc
```

Commands Allowed on Packages

The following line commands are available on the package listing screen. Line commands are entered in front of the desired package(s):

Command	Description
I	Displays information on a package.
S	Selects a package to be used with main commands.
U	Unselects a package.
AU	Displays information on access rights to a package.
IX	Displays all indexes used by a package.
SY	Displays all systems enabled or disabled for a package.
TB	Displays all tables used by a package.

The listings of **indexes** or **tables** displayed as a result of the IX or TB command can be used for further processing, whereas the displays resulting from the AU, SY, or I command are for information purposes only.

A list of all line commands available with the **List Packages** function can be invoked as a window by entering the help character, that is, a question mark (?), in front of any of the listed packages.

The commands AU, IX, SY, and TB can also be used as main commands, which are entered in the command line of the table listing screen and apply to all tables previously selected with the line command S.

The INFO main command, which is the equivalent of the I line command, displays information on all tables previously selected. All information resulting from the I or INFO commands can also be printed.


```
11:06:11          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2007-10-05
PACKAGE *.*          S 01      Row 34 of 65 Columns 041 075
====>          Scroll ==> PAGE
  COLLID   NAME          CONTOKEN CONTOKEN (HEX) OWNER    CREATOR  QUALIFIER
i_ SAGQ +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ G
__ SAGQ !                                     ! G
__ SAGQ !          Select what to display          ! G
__ SAGQ !                                     ! G
__ SAGQ !          _ systems enabled or disabled for package ! G
__ SAGQ !          _ tables referenced in package      ! G
__ SAGQ !          _ indexes used in package          ! G
__ SAGQ !          _ statements of package            ! G
__ SAGQ !          _ authorizations on package        ! G
__ SAGQ !                                     ! G
__ SAGQ !          Mark _ to print output            ! G
__ SAGQ !                                     ! G
__ SAGQ +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ G
__ SAGQCATV SAGQVTBC    ?   ?d ? 148C40BD1684EC>SAG      SAG      SAG
__ SAGQCATV SAGQVTBP    ?   ?   148C40BF07AE9D>SAG      SAG      SAG
__ SAGQCATV SAGQVTBS    ?   ?? 148C40CA034928>SAG      SAG      SAG

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit      Rfind      -      +      <      >      Canc
```

A list of all main commands available with the **List Packages** function can be invoked as a window by entering the help character, that is, a question mark (?), in the command line of the packages list screen.

List Tables

➤ To invoke the List Tables function

- On the **Retrieval of System Tables** screen, enter function code T.

The creator and name of the table(s) to be listed can be specified.

- If a value followed by an asterisk is specified, all tables defined in the Db2 catalog whose creator/name begins with this value are listed.
- If asterisk notation is specified only, all tables defined in the Db2 catalog are listed.

Press Enter.


```

16:42:58          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2007-10-05
TABLE SAG*.*          S 01   Row 34 of 361 Columns 036 075
====>          Scroll ==>  PAGE
CREATOR  TABLE NAME  TYPE COLCOUNT KEYCOLS RECLEN DATABASE TSNAME
C
** ***** top of data *****
___ SAGCRE  ACT          T          3          1          38 SAG8D22A ACT
___ SAGCRE  DEPT         T          4          1          59 SAG8D22A SAG8S2
___ SAGCRE  EACT         T          5          0          54 SAG8D22A SAG8S2
___ SAGCRE  EDEPT        T          6          0          75 SAG8D22A SAG8S2
___ SAGCRE  EEMP          T         16          0         123 SAG8D22A SAG8S2
___ SAGCRE  EEPa          T          8          0          52 SAG8D22A SAG8S2
___ SAGCRE  EMP           T         14          1         107 SAG8D22A SAG8S2
___ SAGCRE  EMPPROJACT    T          6          0          36 SAG8D22A EMPPRO
___ SAGCRE  EPROJ         T         10          0          86 SAG8D22A SAG8S2
___ SAGCRE  EPROJACT      T          7          0          45 SAG8D22A SAG8S2
___ SAGCRE  PROJ          T          8          1          70 SAG8D22A PROJ
___ SAGCRE  PROJACT       T          5          3          29 SAG8D22A PROJAC
___ SAGCRE  TCONA         T          5          0         4056 SAG8D22P SAG8S2
___ SAGCRE  TDSPTXT       T          3          0          91 SAG8D22P SAG8S2
___ SAGCRE  TOPTVAL       T         11          0         354 SAG8D22P SAG8S2
___ SAGCRE  VACT          V          3          0          0 SAG8D22A ACT

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit      Rfind      -      +      <      >      Canc

```

Commands Allowed on Tables

The following line commands are available on the table listing screen. Line commands are entered in front of the desired table(s):

Command	Description
I	Displays information on a table.
S	Selects a table to be used with main commands.
U	Unselects a table.
AU	Displays information on access rights to a table.
C0	Displays all columns of a table.
IX	Displays all indexes on a table.
CC	Checks constraints.

The [listings of indexes](#) displayed as a result of the IX command can be used for further processing, whereas the listings of columns resulting from the C0 command, as well as the displays resulting from the AU or I command, are for information purposes only.

A list of all line commands available with the **List Tables** function can be invoked as a window by entering the help character, that is, a question mark (?), in front of any of the listed tables.

The commands AU, CO, and IX can also be used as main commands, which are entered in the command line of the table listing screen and apply to all tables previously selected with the line command S.

The INFO main command, which is the equivalent of the I line command, displays information on all tables previously selected. All information resulting from the I or INFO commands can also be printed.

```
16:42:58          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2007-10-05
TABLE SAG*.*          S 01   Row 34 of 361 Columns 036 075
====>                      Scroll ==>  PAGE
  CREA +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ C
** **** !                      ! *****
I_ SAGC !                      !
__ SAGC !                      ! Select what to display          ! S2
__ SAGC !                      ! S2
__ SAGC ! _ columns of table/view _ referential constraints ! S2
__ SAGC ! _ synonyms of table/view _ authorized users      ! S2
__ SAGC ! _ plans using table/view                          ! S2
__ SAGC ! _ packages using table/view _ indexes of table    ! S2
__ SAGC ! _ views using table/view _ columns of indexes     ! R0
__ SAGC ! _ base tables of view _ plans using indexes       ! S2
__ SAGC ! _ definition of view _ packages using indexes     ! S2
__ SAGC ! _ check conditions of table                      !
__ SAGC !                      ! AC
__ SAGCR!                      ! Mark _ to print output      ! S2
__ SAGCR+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ S2
__ SAGCRE   TOPTVAL      T      11      0      354 SAG8D22P SAG8S2
__ SAGCRE   VACT        V       3       0       0 SAG8D22A ACT

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help      Exit      Rfind      -      +      <      >      Canc
```

A list of all main commands available with the **List Tables** function can be invoked as a window by entering the help character, that is, a question mark (?), in the command line of the table listing screen.

User Authorizations

➤ To invoke the User Authorization function

- On the **Retrieval of System Tables** screen, enter function code U and press Enter.

The **Retrieval of User Authorizations** menu is displayed:


```

16:44:51          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2007-10-05
          - Retrieval of User Authorizations -

          Code Function          Parameter

          C   Column   Authorizations Grantee
          D   Database Authorizations Grantee
          K   Package  Authorizations Grantee
          P   Plan     Authorizations Grantee
          R   Resource Authorizations Grantee
          T   Table    Authorizations Grantee
          U   User      Authorizations Grantee
          ?   Help
          .   Exit

          Code .. _   Grantee .. _____

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
          Help          Exit                                Canc

```

The following functions are available:

Code	Description
C	Displays the columns which can be accessed by the specified grantee.
D	Displays the databases which can be accessed by the specified grantee.
K	Displays the packages which can be accessed by the specified grantee.
P	Displays the plans which can be accessed by the specified grantee.
R	Displays the resources which can be accessed by the specified grantee.
T	Displays the tables which can be accessed by the specified grantee.
U	Displays the system privileges of the specified grantee.

The following parameter must be specified:

Parameter	Description
Grantee	A list of all existing Db2 objects of the specified object type to which the specified grantee has access is displayed.

List Statistic Tables

> To invoke the List Statistic Tables function

- On the **Retrieval of System Tables** screen, enter function code S and press Enter.

The **Retrieval of Statistic Tables** menu is displayed:

```
16:38:47          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2007-10-05
          - Retrieval of Statistic Tables -

          Code Function          Parameter

          C   List SYSCOLSTATS    Creator, Name
          D   List SYSCOLDISTSTATS Creator, Name
          I   List SYSINDEXSTATS  Index Owner, Name
          T   List SYSTABSTATS    Creator, Name
          ?   Help
          .   Exit

          Code .. _   Index Owner .....
                   Index Name .....
                   Table Creator .....
                   Table Name .....

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12--
      Help      Exit                                     Canc
```

The following functions are available:

Code	Description
C	Displays the partitioned statistics for columns in a partitioned table space.
D	Displays the distribution of the values of the first column of a partitioned index.
I	Displays the statistics for a partitioned index.
T	Displays the statistics for a partitioned table space.

The following parameters must be specified:

Parameter	Description
Table Creator	The name of the creator of the table for which the statistics are to be displayed.
Table Name	The name of the table for which the statistics are to be displayed.
Index Owner	The name of the owner of the index for which the index statistics are to be displayed.
Index Name	The name of the index for which the index statistics are to be displayed.

9

Environment Setting

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The **Environment Setting** facility of the **Natural Tools for Db2** allows you to issue special SQL statements interactively.

For details on the SQL statements described in this section, see the relevant Db2 literature by IBM.

Invoking the Environment Setting Facility

➤ To invoke the Environment Setting facility

- On the **Natural Tools for Db2 Main Menu**, enter function code S and press Enter.

The **Environment Setting** screen is displayed.

```
15:01:49          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-07
          - Environment Setting -

      Code Function                                Code Function SET CURRENT

      CO  CONNECT                                SS  SQLID
      RE  RELEASE (connection)                   SP  PACKAGESET
      SC  SET CONNECTION                         SD  DEGREE
      SY  SET ENCRYPTION PASSWORD                SU  RULES
      SR  Display SPECIAL REGISTER               SO  OPTIMIZATION HINT
      ?   Help                                  SL  LOCALE LC_CTYPE
      .   Exit                                  SA  PATH
                                              SE  PRECISION
                                              SM  MAINTAINED TABLE TYPES FOR OPT
                                              SB  PACKAGE PATH
                                              SF  REFRESH AGE
                                              SH  SCHEMA
                                              SN  APPLICATION ENCODING SCHEME

Code .. __

Command ===>
```

This screen offers you the following functions:

CO	Specifies and executes the SQL statement CONNECT.
RE	Specifies and executes the SQL statement RELEASE.
SC	Specifies and executes the SQL statement SET CONNECTION.
SS	Specifies and executes the SQL statement SET CURRENT SQLID.
SP	Specifies and executes the SQL statement SET CURRENT PACKAGESET.
SD	Specifies and executes the SQL statement SET CURRENT DEGREE.
SU	Specifies and executes the SQL statement SET CURRENT RULES.

SO	Specifies and executes the SQL statement SET CURRENT OPTIMIZATION HINT.
SL	Specifies and executes the SQL statement SET CURRENT LOCALE LC_CTYPE.
SA	Specifies and executes the SQL statement SET CURRENT PATH.
SE	Specifies and executes the SQL statement SET CURRENT PRECISION.
SM	Specifies and executes the SQL statement SET CURRENT MAINTAINED TABLE TYPE FOR OPTIMIZATION.
SB	Specifies and executes the SQL statement SET CURRENT PACKAGE PATH.
SF	Specifies and executes the SQL statement SET CURRENT REFRESH AGE.
SH	Specifies and executes the SQL statement SET CURRENT SCHEMA.
SN	Specifies and executes the SQL statement SET CURRENT APPLICATION ENCODING SCHEME.
SY	Specifies and executes the SQL statement SET ENCRYPTION PASSWORD.
SR	Displays the current values of the supported special registers.

Connect

➤ To invoke the Connect function

- On the **Environment Setting** screen, enter function code C0 and press Enter.

The **Connect** screen is displayed:


```

14:23:29          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-04-13
                      - Connect -

>>---- CONNECT ---+-- _ -----+-----><
                        !                               !
                        !                               !
                    +-- _ --- TO ---- (location name) ---+
                        !                               !
                        !                               !
                    +-- _ --- RESET -----+

Current Server Version _____

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec                               Canc

```

The **Connect** function connects the current application to a designated server. This server is the current server, which is displayed in the **Current Server Version** field.

On the **Connect** screen, you identify the current server by specifying a location name. The identified server must be known to the local Db2 subsystem.

Release

➤ To invoke the Release function

- On the **Environment Setting** screen, enter function code RE and press Enter.

The **Release** screen is displayed:


```

14:24:29          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-04-13
                      - Release -

>>--- RELEASE -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----><
                        !      location-name      !
                        !                          !
+-- _ --- CURRENT -----+
!
!-- _ --- ALL SQL -----!
!
+-- _ --- ALL PRIVATE -----+

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec                                Cancell

```

The **Release** function places one or more connections in the release pending state.

Set Connection

➤ To invoke the Set Connection function

- On the **Environment Setting** screen, enter function code SC and press Enter.

The **Set Connection** screen is displayed:


```

14:23:47          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-04-13
                    - Set Connection -

>>--- SET CONNECTION ----- _____ -----><
                                location-name

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec                                Canc

```

On the **Set Connection** screen, you identify a server by specifying a location name. The identified server must be known to the local Db2 subsystem.

Set Current SQLID

➤ To invoke the **Set Current SQLID** function

- On the **Environment Setting** screen, enter function code SS and press Enter.

The **Set Current SQLID** screen is displayed:


```

14:23:47          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-04-13
                    - Set Current SQLID -

>>--- SET CURRENT SQLID = -----<
                        ( USER,
                          string-constant)

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec  Free                                Canc

```

The **Set Current SQLID** function changes the value of the SQL authorization identifier. With SQL statements that use unqualified table names, Db2 uses the SQLID as an implicit table qualifier. This enables you to access identical tables with the same table name but with different creator names.

On the **Set Current SQLID** screen, you can replace the value of `CURRENT SQLID` by the value of the special register `USER` or by a string constant. The string constant can be up to 8 characters long.

In all supported TP-monitor environments, the SQLID can then be kept across terminal I/Os until its resetting or the end of the session.

Set Current Packageset

➤ To invoke the Set Current Packageset function

- On the **Environment Setting** screen, enter function code `SP` and press `Enter`.

The **Set Current Packageset** screen is displayed:


```

09:39:07          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-04-18

          - Set Current Packageset -

>>--- SET CURRENT PACKAGESET = ----->

>+-- _ - USER -----+--><

!                                     !

+-- _____ !

          (string-constant)          !

_____ -+

          (string-constant cont.)

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec                               Canc

```

The SET CURRENT PACKAGESET statement assigns a value to the special register CURRENT PACKAGESET.

On the **Set Current Packageset** screen, you can replace the value of CURRENT PACKAGESET by the value of the special register USER or by a string constant of up to 18 characters.

Set Current Degree

➤ To invoke the Set Current Degree function

- On the **Environment Setting** screen, enter function code SD and press Enter.

The **Set Current Degree** screen is displayed:


```

14:23:58          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-04-13
                    - Set Current Degree -

>>--- SET CURRENT DEGREE ----- ____ -----><
                                   ( 1 or ANY )

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec                               Canc

```

CURRENT DEGREE specifies the degree of parallelism for the execution of queries that are dynamically prepared by the application process.

Set Current Rules

> To invoke the Set Current Rules function

- On the **Environment Setting** screen, enter function code SU and press Enter.

The **Set Current Rules** screen is displayed:


```

14:23:58          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-04-13
                    - Set Current Rules -

>>--- SET CURRENT RULES ----- ____ -----><
                                ( DB2 or STD )

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec                                Canc

```

CURRENT RULES specifies whether certain SQL statements are executed in accordance with Db2 rules or the rules of the SQL standard.

Set Current Optimization Hint

➤ To invoke the Set Current Optimization Hint function

- On the **Environment Setting** screen, enter function code S0 and press Enter.

The **Set Current Optimization Hint** screen is displayed:


```

09:41:43          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-04-18
          - Set Current Optimization Hint -

>>--- SET CURRENT OPTIMIZATION HINT ----->

>--- _____
              (string-constant)
_____ ---><
              (string-constant cont.)

Command ==>

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec                               Canc

```

CURRENT OPTIMIZATION HINT specifies the user-defined optimization hint that Db2 should use to generate the access path for dynamic statements.

Set Current Locale LC_CType

➤ To invoke the Set Current Locale LC_CType function

- On the **Environment Setting** screen, enter function code SL and press Enter.

The **Set Current Locale LC_CType** screen is displayed:


```

14:58:12          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-04-13
          - Set Current Locale LC_CType -

>>--- SET CURRENT LOCALE LC_CTYPE ----->
>----- (string-constant) -----><

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec                               Canc

```

CURRENT LOCALE LC_CTYPE specifies the LC_CTYPE locale that will be used to execute SQL statements that use a built-in function that references a locale.

Set Current Path

> To invoke the et Current Path function

- On the **Environment Setting** screen, enter function code SA and press Enter.

The **Set Current Path** screen is displayed:


```

09:42:09          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-04-18

          - Set Current Path -

>>- SET CURRENT PATH ----->

+-----<--( , )-----+
!                               !
>--++----- _ -----++><
!          (schema-name<,schema-name,...>)          !
!                               !
+- _ ----- SYSTEM PATH -----+
!                               !
+- _ ----- USER -----+
!                               !
+- _ ----- CURRENT PATH -----+
!                               !
+- _ ----- CURRENT PACKAGE PATH -----+

Command==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec                               Canc

```

CURRENT PATH specifies the SQL path used to resolve unqualified data type names and function names in dynamically prepared SQL statements.

Set Current Precision

➤ To invoke the Set Current Precision function

- On the **Environment Setting** screen, enter function code SE and press Enter.

The **Set Current Precision** screen is displayed:

```
15:01:17          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-04-13
                  - Set Current Precision -

>>--- SET CURRENT PRECISION ----- DEC15 -----><
                        (DEC15,DEC31,15,31,
                        D15.1 - D15.9,D31.1 - D31.9)

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec                                Canc
```

CURRENT PRECISION specifies the rules to be used when both operands in a decimal operation have precisions of 15 or less.

Set Current Maintained Types for Optimization

➤ To invoke the Set Current Maintained Types function

- On the **Environment Setting** screen, enter function code SM and press Enter.

The **Set Current Maintained Types for Optimization** screen is displayed:


```

09:36:51          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-04-18

          - Set Current Maintained Types -

>>--- SET CURRENT MAINTAINED TYPES --- SYSTEM -----><

          ( ALL, NONE, SYSTEM or USER )

Command ==>

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec                               Canc

```

CURRENT MAINTAINED TABLE TYPES FOR OPTIMIZATION specifies a value that identifies the types of objects that can be considered to optimize the processing of dynamic SQL queries. This register contains a keyword representing table types.

Set Current Package Path

➤ To invoke the Set Current Package Path function

- On the **Environment Setting** screen, enter function code SB and press Enter.

The **Set Current Package Path** screen is displayed:


```

09:37:22          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-04-18
          - Set Current Package Path -

>> - SET CURRENT PACKAGE PATH ----->

      +-----< --( , )-----+
      !                               !
> ++----- _ -----++><
      !               (collection-id< ,collection-id,...> )       !
      !                               !
      +- _ ----- USER -----+
      !                               !
      +- _ ----- CURRENT PATH -----+
      !                               !
      +- _ ----- CURRENT PACKAGE PATH -----+

Command ==>

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec                               Canc

```

CURRENT PACKAGE PATH specifies a value that identifies the path used to resolve references to packages that are used to execute SQL statements.

Set Current Refresh Age

➤ To invoke the Set Current Refresh Age function

- On the **Environment Setting** screen, enter function code SF and press Enter.

The **Set Current Refresh Age** screen is displayed:


```

09:37:40          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-04-18

          - Set Current Refresh Age -

>> --- SET CURRENT REFRESH AGE -----><
          ( 0 or ANY/99999999999999.000000 )

Command ==>

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec                               Canc

```

CURRENT REFRESH AGE specifies a timestamp duration value with a data type of DECIMAL.

Set Current Schema

➤ To invoke the Set Current Schema function

- On the **Environment Setting** screen, enter function code SH and press Enter.

The **Set Current Schema** screen is displayed:


```

09:38:01          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-04-18

          - Set Current Schema -

>>- SET CURRENT SCHEMA ----->

>--+-----+--+>
!                (schema-name)                !
!                                                !
+- _ ----- USER -----+
!                                                !
+- _ ----- DEFAULT -----+
!                                                !
+- -----+
                (string-constant)

Command ==>

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec                                Canc

```

The `CURRENT SCHEMA`, or equivalently `CURRENT_SCHEMA`, special register specifies the schema name used to qualify unqualified database object references in dynamically prepared SQL statements.

Set Current Application Encoding Scheme

➤ To invoke the **Set Current Application Encoding Scheme** function

- On the **Environment Setting** screen, enter function code SN and press Enter.

The **Set Current Application Encoding Scheme** screen is displayed:

```

09:38:21          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-04-18

          - Set Current Application Encoding Scheme -

>>--- SET CURRENT APPLICATION ENCODING SCHEME ----->

>----->
( ASCII, EBCDIC, UNICODE
or 1 - 65533)

Command ==>

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec                                Canc

```

CURRENT APPLICATION ENCODING SCHEME specifies which encoding scheme is to be used for dynamic statements. It allows an application to indicate the encoding scheme that is used to process data.

Set Encryption Password

➤ To invoke the **Set Encryption Password** function

- On the **Environment Setting** screen, enter function code *SY* and press **Enter**.

The Set Encryption Password screen is displayed:


```

09:36:13          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-04-18

          - Set Encryption Password -

>>--- SET ENCRYPTION PASSWORD ----->

>--- _____
                (password-string-constant)
_____ ----->
                (password-string-constant cont.)

>+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
!                                                         !
+--- WITH HINT --- _____ -----+
                (hint-string-constant)

Command ==>

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Exec                                     Canc

```

The **Set Encryption Password** function sets the value of the encryption password and, optionally, the password hint.

Display Special Registers

➤ To invoke the Display Special Registers function

- On the **Environment Setting** screen, enter function code SR and press Enter.

The **Display Special Registers** screen is displayed:

```
15:18:07          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-04-13
                  - Display Special Registers -

Current
+Client_Acctng .....
+Client_ApplName .....
+Client_UserID .....
+Client_WrkStnName .....
  Appl.Encoding Scheme .. EBCDIC
  Date ..... 13.04.2006
  Degree ..... 1
  LC_CType .....
+Maintained Types ..... SYSTEM

  Member ..... DB28
+Optimization Hint .....

+Package Path .....

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Updat                                Next  Canc
```

When you press PF11, the next screen of Special Register values is displayed.


```

15:31:20          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2006-04-13
                    - Display Special Registers -

Current
+PackageSet .....

+Path ..... "SYSIBM","SYSFUN","SYSPROC","GGS"

Precision ..... DEC15
Refresh Age .....
Rules ..... DB2
+Schema ..... GGS

Server ..... DAEFDB28
SQLID ..... GGS
Time ..... 15.31.20
TimeStamp ..... 2006-04-13-15.31.20.948481
TimeZone ..... 10000
User ..... GGS

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Error Exit  Updat                               Prev      Canc

```

When you press PF10, the previous screen of Special Register values is displayed.

The **Display Special Registers** screens show you the current values of the Special Registers of Db2 supported by Natural for Db2.

Fields, which are prefixed with a plus sign (+), may contain more data than displayed on the screen. You can display the full contents either when you position the cursor on the field (description or data) and press ENTER, or when you enter the abbreviation of the field (which are the capital letters of the description) prefixed by the plus sign (+) in the command line. For example, +PS shows a window with the full value of the **Current Package Set**.

10

Explain PLAN_TABLE

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Important: Before you use the **Explain PLAN_TABLE** function, refer to *LISTSQL and Explain Functions* in the section *Special Requirements for Natural Tools for Db2 in Installing Natural for Db2 on z/OS*.

The **Explain PLAN_TABLE** facility of the **Natural Tools for Db2** interprets the results of SQL EXPLAIN commands from your PLAN_TABLE. The information contained in your PLAN_TABLE is represented in so-called explanations.

Explanations of a PLAN_TABLE describe the access paths chosen by Db2 to execute SQL statements.

An SQL statement is executed by Db2 in one or more steps. For each execution step, one row is inserted into the PLAN_TABLE. All rows together describing the access path for one SQL statement are called an explanation.

The explanations are identified in the PLAN_TABLE by a combination of either plan name, DBRM (database request module) name, and query number or collection name, package name, and query number.

EXPLAIN Modes

Db2 provides three ways to explain SQL statements:

- [Dynamic EXPLAIN](#)
- [Bind Plan EXPLAIN](#)
- [Bind Package EXPLAIN](#)

Depending on the way the identifications of the explanations differ.

Dynamic EXPLAIN

Executes an SQL EXPLAIN command dynamically, where the explanation is inserted into the PLAN_TABLE of your current SQLID.

The EXPLAIN command can be issued within the [Catalog Maintenance](#) and [Interactive SQL](#) facilities of the **Natural Tools for Db2**. In addition, the Natural LISTSQL command can be used to extract SQL statements from cataloged Natural programs, and to issue the SQL EXPLAIN command for the extracted SQL statements.

If you issue the SQL EXPLAIN command dynamically, you should specify a query number to help identify the explanation in the PLAN_TABLE. The same query number should be used for related statements.

Depending on the method with which the DBRM used by the dynamic SQL processor is bound into the plan, Db2 uses two different ways to identify rows in the PLAN_TABLE:

- [Dynamic Mode](#)
- [Package Mode](#)

Dynamic Mode

The DBRM is bound directly into the plan.

When an explanation is inserted, the plan name, the DBRM name, and the query number are determined by Db2 as follows:

Parameter	Description
plan name	is left blank;
DBRM name	is the name of the DBRM used by the dynamic SQL processor;
query number	is equal to the query number you specified with the EXPLAIN command (the default query number is 1).

This explanation mode is called dynamic mode.

Package Mode

The DBRM is bound as package into the plan.

When an explanation is inserted, the collection name, the package name, and the query number are determined by Db2 as follows:

Parameter	Description
collection name	is the name of the collection that contains the package;
package name	is the name of the package used by the dynamic SQL processor;
query number	is equal to the query number you specified with the EXPLAIN command (the default query number is 1).

This explanation mode is called package mode.

Bind Plan EXPLAIN

Binds an application plan with the option **EXPLAIN YES**, where the explanation is inserted into the PLAN_TABLE of the owner of the plan. When an explanation is inserted, the plan name, the DBRM name, and the query number are determined by Db2 as follows:

Parameter	Description
plan name	is the name of the plan;
DBRM name	is the name of the DBRM that contains the SQL statement;
query number	is equal to the statement number (<i>stmtno</i>), which is generated by the Db2 precompiler.

Bind Package EXPLAIN

Binds a package with the option **EXPLAIN YES**, where the explanation is inserted into the `PLAN_TABLE` of the owner of the package. When an explanation is inserted, the collection name, the package name, and the query number are determined by Db2 as follows:

Parameter	Description
collection name	is the name of the collection that contains the package;
package name	is the name of the package that contains the SQL statement;
query number	is equal to the statement number (<i>stmtno</i>), which is generated by the Db2 precompiler.

Invoking the EXPLAIN_TABLE Function

Explanations can be selected by either plan name, DBRM name, and query number or collection name, package name, and query number. If you issue an `EXPLAIN` command various times, it is possible that multiple explanations are identified by a given combination of these selection fields. Thus, you can select either all explanations or only the most recent one. A list with all selected explanations is displayed, from which you can select individual rows for a more detailed description.

The individual rows of a `PLAN_TABLE` are displayed one row per line. Rows that describe the same SQL statement are shown together as one explanation. Different explanations, are separated by empty lines. You can browse through the list and select a detailed report for individual explanations. If rows have been inserted into your `PLAN_TABLE` as a result of a Natural system command `LISTSQL`, the names of the Natural library and program are also displayed.

➤ To invoke the Explain PLAN_TABLE facility

- On the **Natural Tools for Db2 Main Menu**, enter function code X.

The **Explain PLAN_TABLE** screen is displayed:


```

16:45:35          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Explain PLAN_TABLE -

                                Code Function

                                L   List PLAN_TABLE - Latest Explanations
                                A   List PLAN_TABLE - All   Explanations
                                D   Delete from PLAN_TABLE
                                ?   Help
                                .   Exit

                                Code .. _   Mode ..... DYNAMIC_ ( Dynamic, Plan, Package )
                                           Plan ..... _____
                                           Collection .. _____
                                           DBRM/Package _____
                                           Queryno ..... _____ - _____

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help  Setup Exit                                           Canc

```

With PF2 (Setup) the maximum length of one column and the number of fixed characters when scrolling left may be specified. The default values for both parameters may be changed in the CONFIG subprogram in library SYSDB2.

When a column value is longer than the maximum length, it will be truncated and marked with a greater than symbol (>), which means that strings are truncated at the right end, or a or a less than symbol (<), which means that numbers are truncated at the left end. Note, that for further commands on a line, for example, the line command I, only the visible value can be taken as input. This means that commands on lines will fail, when values for further processing are truncated.


```

16:45:35          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - Explain PLAN_TABLE -

                                Code Function      +-----Explain PLAN_TABLE-----+
                                                !                                     !
L   List PLAN_T ! Maximum length of columns ... ____12 !
A   List PLAN_T ! Number of fixed characters .. ____0 !
D   Delete from !                                     !
?   Help       !                                     !
.   Exit       +-----+
                                Code .. _   Mode ..... DYNAMIC_ ( Dynamic, Plan, Package )
                                Plan ..... _____
                                Collection .. _____
                                DBRM/Package _____
                                Queryno ..... _____ - _____

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11--PF12---
      Help  Setup Exit                                     Canc

```

The following functions are available:

Code	Description
L	The List PLAN_TABLE - Latest Explanations function lists the last explanation for any combination of the parameters described below.
A	The List PLAN_TABLE - All Explanations function lists all explanations for any combination of the parameters described below.
D	The Delete from PLAN_TABLE function deletes the specified explanations from your PLAN_TABLE.

The following parameters can be specified:

Parameter	Description
Mode	Specifies the explanation mode (Dynamic, Plan, or Package).
Plan <i>plan-name</i>	Specifies a valid plan name. The parameter Plan is only required in Plan mode.
Collection <i>collection-name</i>	Specifies a valid collection name. The parameter Collection is only required in Package mode.
DBRM/Package <i>dbrm/package-name</i>	In Plan mode, specifies a valid DBRM name. In Package mode, specifies a valid package name.

Parameter	Description
	<p>In dynamic mode, specifies the DBRM used by the dynamic SQL processor.</p> <p>If a value followed by an asterisk (*) is specified, all DBRMs/packages of the specified plan/collection whose names start with the specified value are considered.</p> <p>If asterisk notation is specified only, all DBRMs/packages of the specified plan/collection are considered.</p> <p>The DBRM/Package parameter is used to limit the display to individual DBRMs/packages.</p>
Queryno <i>no.1</i> - <i>no.2</i>	<p>This parameter specifies a valid range of query numbers, where the following rules apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ If no query number is specified, all query numbers are displayed; ■ If only the first query number is specified, only this query number is displayed; ■ If only the second query number is specified, all query numbers up to and including the second query number are displayed; ■ If both query numbers are specified, all query numbers between and including the first and the second query number are displayed.

List PLAN_TABLE - Latest Explanations

This function only lists the most recent explanation for any specified combination of either plan name, DBRM name, and query number or package name, collection name and query number.

List PLAN_TABLE - All Explanations

This function lists all explanations for any combination of either plan name, DBRM name, and query number or package name, collection name and query number. The query number parameters are interpreted as above.

Sample Listing of Explanations

```
11:04:04          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2007-09-05
Plan TESTPLAN          S 01      Row 0 of 152 Columns 032 075
=====>
                                Scroll ==> PAGE
  DBRM      QNO      ME ACC      MA IO      PRE SORTN SORTC TCREATOR TABLENAME
** ***** top of data *****
__ TEST      722      I      1 -      ---- ---- SAGCRE  DEPT
__ TEST      722      1 I      1 -      ---- ---- SAGCRE  EMP
__ TEST      722      3      -      ---- --0-
__ TEST      722      I      1 -      ---- ---- SAGCRE  DEPT
__ TEST      722      I      1 Y      ---- ---- SAGCRE  EMP
__ TEST      722      I      1 -      ---- ---- SAGCRE  DEPT

__ TEST      761      I      1 -      ---- ---- SAGCRE  EMP
__ TEST      761      1 I      1 -      ---- ---- SAGCRE  DEPT
__ TEST      761      3      -      ---- --0-
__ TEST      761      I      1 -      ---- ---- SAGCRE  EMP
__ TEST      761      I      1 Y      ---- ---- SAGCRE  DEPT

__ TEST      793      I      1 -      ---- ---- SAGCRE  DEPT
__ TEST      793      1 I      1 -      ---- ---- SAGCRE  EMP
__ TEST      793      1 I      1 -      ---- ---- SAGCRE  EMP

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit      Rfind      -      +      <      >      Canc
```

Commands Available

The following line commands are available within listings of the **Explain PLAN_TABLE** facility. Line commands are entered in front of any of the rows of the desired explanation(s).

Command	Description
I	Displays a window where additional information about an explanation can be selected
S	Selects an explanation to be used with the INFO command described below.
U	Unselects an explanation for use with the INFO command.

A list of the line commands available can be invoked as a window by entering the help character, that is a question mark (?), in front of any of the listed rows.

Apart from the line commands, the INFO command can be specified, too. The INFO command must be entered in the command line of the listing screen and is the equivalent of the line command I. INFO displays a window where additional information can be selected on all explanations previously selected by the line command S.

In Plan mode, the following window is displayed, where you can select which additional information you want to be displayed or printed.


```

16:48:24          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
Plan TESTPLAN          S 01          Row 0 of 82 Columns 048 100
=====>          Scroll ==> PAGE
  DBRM      QNO    ME ACC MA IO      PRE SORTN SORTC TCREATOR TABLENAME
** **** +-----+*****
__ TEST !
__ TEST !          Select what to display          !
__ TEST !
__ TEST !          _ information about plan          !
__ TEST !          _ statements of plan          !
__ TEST !          _ data from PLAN_TABLE          !
__      !          _ evaluation of PLAN_TABLE          !
__ TEST !          _ catalog statistics          !
__ TEST !          _ columns of used indexes          !
__ TEST !          Mark _ to print output          !
__ TEST !
__      +-----+
__ TEST      793      I  1  -          ----  ----  SAGCRE  DEPT
__ TEST      793      1  I  1  -          ----  ----  SAGCRE  EMP
__ TEST      793      1  I  1  -          ----  ----  SAGCRE  EMP

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help      Exit      Rfind      -      +      <      >      Canc

```

Accordingly, the following window is displayed in Package mode:

```

16:48:24          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
Package TESTPACK          S 01          Row 0 of 82 Columns 048 100
=====>          Scroll ==> PAGE
  DBRM +-----+
** **** !
__ TEST !
__ TEST !          Select what to display          ! ES
__ TEST !
__ TEST !          _ information about package          ! ES
__ TEST !          _ statements of package          ! ES
__ TEST !          _ data from PLAN_TABLE          ! ES
__      !          _ evaluation of PLAN_TABLE          ! ES
__ TEST !          _ catalog statistics          ! ES
__ TEST !          _ columns of used indexes          ! ES
__ TEST !          Mark _ to print output          ! ES
** **** +-----+*****

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help      Exit      Rfind      -      +      <      >      Canc

```


Browsing of data displayed is performed with browse commands, of which the most important can also be issued via PF keys; see *Editing within the Natural Tools for Db2*.

Option	Description
Information about plan/package	If a plan/package name has been specified, this option includes information from the Db2 catalog, such as date and time of the bind, as well as several bind options. In Dynamic mode, this option is not available.
Statements of plan/package	If a plan/package name has been specified, this option provides information on the explained SQL statements contained in this package. This information is taken from the Db2 catalog. In Dynamic mode, this option is not available.
Data from PLAN_TABLE	This option provides information from the PLAN_TABLE about the selected rows.
Evaluation of PLAN_TABLE	This option provides a description of the PLAN_TABLE. For each execution step, it describes: the locks chosen by Db2, whether a join operation is performed, whether the data is sorted and why the sort is performed, the access path in detail.
Catalog statistics	This option provides statistical information from the Db2 catalog.
Columns of used indexes	This option provides the columns of used indexes including catalog statistics on this columns.

Delete from PLAN_TABLE

The **Delete from PLAN_TABLE** function is also used to select PLAN_TABLE explanations depending on the specified combination of either plan name, DBRM name, and query number or collection name, package name, and query number. This time, however, the selected PLAN_TABLE explanations are not displayed but deleted.

The **Delete from PLAN_TABLE** function is useful to delete old data before either binding or re-binding a plan, or before executing an SQL EXPLAIN command.

To prevent PLAN_TABLE explanations from being deleted unintentionally, you are prompted for confirmation:


```

16:50:23          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                    - Delete from PLAN_TABLE -

The SQL Command

      DELETE FROM PLAN_TABLE
      WHERE APPLNAME = ' '
      AND COLLID = 'OLD'
      AND PROGNAME LIKE 'ANY%'
      AND QUERYNO BETWEEN 1 AND 2

will be executed.

Press PF5 to delete the data from the PLAN_TABLE or
      PF3 to return to the menu without deleting data

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help           Exit           Del                               Canc

```

Apart from the [global PF-key settings](#), with the **Delete from PLAN_TABLE** function of the [Explain PLAN_TABLE](#) facility, PF5 (Del) is used to confirm the deletion of previously selected explanations.

Explain PLAN_TABLE Facility for Mass and Batch Processing

An adapted version of the [Explain PLAN_TABLE](#) facility is also available for online mass processing and for batch mode execution.

EXPLAINB for Mass Processing

For online mass processing, a modified version of the [Explain PLAN_TABLE](#) facility is available.

➤ To invoke the modified version of the Explain PLAN_TABLE facility

- 1 Logon to the Natural system library SYSDB2.
- 2 In the command line, enter the command `EXPLAINB` and press `ENTER`.

The following screen is displayed:


```

16:45:35          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                    - Explain PLAN_TABLE -

                                Code Function

                                L   List PLAN_TABLE - Latest Explanations
                                A   List PLAN_TABLE - All   Explanations
                                O   Output Options
                                .   Exit

                                Code .. _   Mode ..... DYNAMIC_ ( Dynamic, Plan, Package )
                                           Plan ..... _____
                                           Collection .... _____
                                           DBRM/Package .. _____
                                           Queryno ..... _____ - _____

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help          Exit                                          Canc

```

In addition to function codes L (**List PLAN_TABLE - Latest Entries** function) and A (**List PLAN_TABLE - All Entries** function), function code O (**Output Options**) is available.

The **Output Options** function enables you to restrict the output of information on PLAN_TABLE entries. The various options are listed in a window invoked by entering function code O on the above **Explain PLAN_TABLE** menu. The window is similar to the one invoked by the online I or INFO commands.


```

16:53:20          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                    - Explain PLAN_TABLE -

+-----+
|!|                                     |!|
|!|                                     |!|
|!|          Select what to display  |!|
|!|                                     |!|
|!|          _ information about plan/package |!|
|!|          _ statements of plan/package  |!|
|!|          _ data from PLAN_TABLE        |!|
|!|          _ evaluation of PLAN_TABLE    |!|
|!|          _ catalog statistics          |!|
|!|          _ columns of used indexes     |!| kage )
|!|                                     |!|
+-----+

Queryno .....  -  -

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
Exit                                                    Canc

```

If the **Output Options** function has been selected, only information covered by the options marked for output are printed.

If function code 0 has not been selected, all information on PLAN_TABLE entries covered by the options listed in the above window are printed.

In both cases, you are prompted for a printer.

EXPLAINB in Batch Mode

Apart from being used for online mass processing, the functionality of EXPLAINB is especially intended for batch processing. If EXPLAINB is used in batch mode, output is sent to a data set referred to by DD name CMPRT01 (logical printer 1).

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File Server Statistics

If a file server has been installed, the file server statistics part of the **Natural Tools for Db2** is used to display statistics on the use of the file server.

➤ **To invoke the File Server Statistics function**

- On the **Natural Tools for Db2 Main Menu**, enter function code F and press ENTER

The **File Server - Generation Statistics** screen is displayed:

```
16:53:20          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
          - File Server - Generation Statistics -

File Server Dataset Name .....: SAG.N2122.FSERV
Enqueue Resource Name .....: FSERVV609
Total Number of File Server Blocks .....: 1000
File Server Block Size .....: 4080
Number of Space Map Blocks .....: 2
Number of Global Directory Blocks .....: 1
                                   Entries .....: 203
User Space Allocation Quantities Primary ....: 50
                                   Secondary ..: 10
Total Number of Blocks permitted per User ...: 200

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help           Exit                               Dire           Next  Canc
```


This screen provides information on parameters that must be specified when generating the file server.

If the file server storage medium is the Software AG Editor buffer pool, the **File Server - Generation Statistics** screen looks as follows:

```
16:53:20          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
          - File Server - Generation Statistics -

File Server Dataset Name .....: STORAGE MEDIUM IS EDITOR BUFFER POOL
Enqueue Resource Name .....:
Total Number of File Server Blocks .....: 0
File Server Block Size .....: 4088
Number of Space Map Blocks .....: 0
Number of Global Directory Blocks .....: 0
                                   Entries .....: 0
User Space Allocation Quantities Primary ....: 20
                                   Secondary ...: 10
Total Number of Blocks permitted per User ...: 100

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit                                  Next  Canc
```

If you press PF11 (Next), a second screen is displayed, the **File Server - User Statistics** screen, showing statistics that have been kept since the file server was installed - **Statistics since Generation -**, and statistics about the current Natural session - **Current Session Statistics**.


```

16:53:20          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
          - File Server - User Statistics -

Statistics since Generation:

Active Users - Maximum Number: 3          Current Number: 1
Maximum Number of used Blocks for single User .....: 200
              for all Users .....: 200
Number of Block Allocations PRIMARY .....: 13
              SECONDARY .....: 17
Number of free Blocks .....: 997
Number of INIT SESSION Calls .....: 65

Current Session Statistics:

Total Number of Blocks .....: 0
              Free Blocks .....: 0
              Secondary Allocations .....: 0
VSAM I/O Buffer inside DB2AREA .....: YES   (Yes/No)

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit                                Dire Prev      Canc

```

If you press PF10 (Prev), you are returned to the **File Server - Generation Statistics** screen.

Statistics are updated, each time you press ENTER, PF10, or PF11.

If the file server storage medium is the Software AG Editor buffer pool, the **File Server - User Statistics** screen looks as follows:


```

16:53:20          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
          - File Server - User Statistics -

Statistics since Generation:

Active Users - Maximum Number: 3          Current Number: 0
Maximum Number of used Blocks for single User .....: 0
                  for all Users .....: 0
Number of Block Allocations PRIMARY .....: 0
                  SECONDARY .....: 0
Number of free Blocks .....: 0
Number of INIT SESSION Calls .....: 0

Current Session Statistics:

Total Number of Blocks .....: 20
                  Free Blocks .....: 20
                  Secondary Allocations .....: 0
VSAM I/O Buffer inside DB2AREA .....: YES   (Yes/No)

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
          Help          Exit                                Prev          Canc

```

Note that the section **Statistics since Generation** could not be provided by this display.

For file server VSAM files, Natural for Db2 also provides file server directory display and maintenance.

If you press PF9 (Dire), the active directory entries are listed showing the session identifiers and their allocated file server blocks. The display looks like the following:

12:47:40		***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****					2009-11-03	
User XYZ		- File Server - Directory Entries -					TID TCD4	
C	No	Tpsessid	Birth	1st Block	Last Block	Blocks	Comment	

	0	Free	Chn	826	964	597	Checked	
—	1	TCKK	pre NDB43	902	951	50	Checked	
—	2	TCLB	pre NDB43	50	99	50	Checked	
—	3	TCR0	pre NDB43	301	250	50	Checked	
—	4	TCR7	pre NDB43	251	350	50	Checked	
—	5	TCDW	pre NDB43	604	503	50	Checked	
—	6	TCEX	pre NDB43	504	653	50	Checked	
—	7	TCBW	2009-09-25	957	374	50	Checked	
—	8	TC42	2009-10-15	357	993	50	Checked	
—	9	- free -		0	0	0	Empty Chain	
—	10	- free -		0	0	0	Empty Chain	
Command ==>								
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---								
Cont Help Exit List Pos -- - + ++ Delet Fresh Canc ↵								
↵								

Birth denotes a rough creation date of the file server session, if it was created by Natural for Db2 Version 4.3. If the file server session was created by an earlier version of Natural for Db2, the birthday of the file server session appears as pre NDB43.

The **Directory Entries** screen provides the functionality to scroll through the directory entries and to position a particular entry to the top of the screen.

In addition, **Directory Entries** allows you to list all file server block numbers of a directory entry (PF4, line command L) or to delete a directory entry from the file server (PF10, line command D). You should only delete directory entries, if you are sure the associated Natural session is no longer alive, otherwise the deletion could destroy the file server structure.

Directory Entries reflects the file server sessions at one particular point in time. By pressing PF11, the display will be refreshed from the file at another (actual) point in time.

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Issuing Db2 Commands from Natural

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The **Db2 Command** part of the **Natural Tools for Db2** enables you to issue Db2 commands from a Natural environment.

A file is maintained for each user on the system file FUSER. This file is stored under the object name DB2\$CMD in the Natural library of the current user.

You can select a command and submit it, save the command file and save and/or print the output report.

Invoking the Db2 Command Part

➤ To invoke the Interactive SQL function

- On the **Natural Tools for Db2 Main Menu**, enter function code D and press ENTER.

The **Execute Db2 Command** screen is displayed:

```
16:07:56          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                      - Execute DB2 Command -

                                Code  Function
                                C    Display Commands
                                O    Display Output
                                ?    Help
                                .    Exit

                                Code .. _   Library .. DBA_____

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
      Help           Exit                                           Canc
```

The following functions are available:

Code	Description
C	Displays your command file. If you have not saved a command file yet, a default file is displayed.
0	If an output file exists, the output report is displayed.

The following parameter can be specified:

Parameter	Description
Library	You can enter a user name or library. The default is the current user ID.

Displaying the Command File

> To display the command file

- On the **Execute DB2 Command** menu, enter function code C and press ENTER.

The **DB2 Commands** screen is displayed:

```

16:12:11          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                      - DB2 Commands -

Mark the line of the command you want to execute with 'S' and press PF4

Cmd 1   _   -DISPLAY THREAD (*).....
Cmd 2   _   -DISPLAY LOCATION.....
Cmd 3   _   -DISPLAY DATABASE(*) LIMIT(2500).....
          .....
Cmd 4   _   -DISPLAY PROCEDURE (*).....
          .....
Cmd 5   _   -DISPLAY DATABASE(DSNDB04) LIMIT (*).....
          .....
Cmd 6   _   .....
          .....
Cmd 7   _   .....
          .....
Cmd 8   _   .....
          .....

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
                      Exit  Subm  Save                               Next  Canc

```

Use PF11 (Next) to scroll to the next page.

You can modify the command file. Save your modifications with PF5 (Save).

➤ To execute a command

- Mark the command with an S and press PF4 (Subm).

The results are displayed on the **DB2 Commands Output** screen:

```

16:13:23          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - DB2 Commands Output -

Command:          -DISPLAY DATABASE(DSNDB04) LIMIT (*)
Return Code 1:    00000000          Return Code 2:    00000000
Length of Output: 00001AFB

DSNT360I - *****
DSNT361I - *   DISPLAY DATABASE SUMMARY
          *   GLOBAL
DSNT360I - *****
DSNT362I -      DATABASE = DSNDB04  STATUS = RW
          DBD LENGTH = 72674

DSNT397I -
NAME      TYPE PART STATUS          PHYERRLO PHYERRHI CATALOG  PIECE
-----
ADRESSE   TS      RW
ALIASRBY  TS      RW
ALLDATA0  TS      RW

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
                        Exit      Save  --    -    +    ++          Canc

```

➤ To save the command file

- 1 Press PF5 (Save).

The output file is stored under the object name DB2\$OUT in the Natural library of the current user.

- 2 Press PF3 (Exit) to return to the command file.

You can submit further commands.

Displaying the Output Report

➤ To display the last output record

- On the **Execute DB2 Command** menu, enter function code 0 and press ENTER.

The **DB2 Commands Output** screen is displayed:

```

16:13:57          ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****          2009-10-30
                        - DB2 Commands Output -

Command:          -DISPLAY DATABASE(*) LIMIT(2500)
Return Code 1:    00000000          Return Code 2:    00000000
Length of Output: 00007468

DSNT360I - *****
DSNT361I - *   DISPLAY DATABASE SUMMARY   *
          *   GLOBAL                     *
DSNT360I - *****
DSNT362I -      DATABASE = DSNDB01  STATUS = RW
          DBD LENGTH = 8000

DSNT397I -
NAME      TYPE PART STATUS          PHYERRLO PHYERRHI CATALOG  PIECE
-----
DBD01     TS      RW
SPT01     TS      RW
SCT02     TS      RW

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10---PF11---PF12---
          Exit      Print --      -      +      ++                      Canc

```

To print the output record, press PF5 (Print).

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Using Natural System Commands for Db2

The following Natural system commands have been incorporated into the **Natural Tools for Db2**:

Natural System Command	Explanation
LISTSQL	Lists Natural DML statements and their corresponding SQL statements.
LISTSQLB	Provides explanations of SQL statements for a specific object.
SQLERR	Provides information of the SQLCA on a Db2 error.
SQLDIAG	Provides diagnostic information about the last SQL statement (other than a GET DIAGNOSTICS statement) that was executed.
LISTDBRM	Displays either a list of DBRMs (database request modules) for a particular Natural program or a list of Natural programs that reference a particular DBRM.
LISTPROF	Displays either a list of SQLJ profiles (created by NDZ static generation) for a particular Natural program or a list of Natural programs that reference a particular SQLJ profile.

For a description of these commands, follow the links leading to the *Natural System Commands* documentation.

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Generating Natural Data Definition Modules (DDMs)

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To enable Natural to access a Db2 table, a logical Natural data definition module (DDM) of the table must be generated. This is done either with Predict (see the relevant Predict documentation for details) or with the Natural utility `SYSDDM`; see also *SYSDDM Utility* in the *Natural Editors* documentation.

If you do not have Predict installed, use the `SYSDDM` function [SQL Services](#) to generate Natural DDMs from Db2 tables. This function is invoked from the main menu of `SYSDDM` and is described on the following pages.

For further information on Natural DDMs, see *Data Definition Modules - DDMs* in the *Natural Programming Guide*.

SQL Services (NDB)

The **SQL Services (NDB)** function of the Natural `SYSDDM` utility (see *Using SYSDDM Maintenance and Service Functions* in the *Natural Editors* documentation) is used to access Db2 tables. You access the catalog of the Db2 server to which you are connected, for example, by using the [Environment Setting](#) function as described in *Natural Tools for Db2*, or by entering the name of a server in the **Server Name** field on the **SQL Services Menu**. The name of the Db2 server to which you are connected is then displayed in the top left-hand corner of the screen **SQL Services Menu**. You can access any Db2 server that is located on either a mainframe (z/OS) or a Linux platform if the servers have been connected via DRDA (Distributed Relational Database Architecture). For further details on connecting Db2 servers and for information on binding the application package (`SYSDDM` uses I/O module [NDBIOM0](#)) to access data on remote servers, refer to the relevant IBM literature.

The **SQL Services** function determines whether you are connected to a mainframe Db2 or a Linux Db2, access the appropriate Db2 catalog and performs the functions listed below.



Note: If you use `SYSDDM SQL Services` in a CICS environment without file server, specify `CONVERS=ON` in the `NTDB2` macro; otherwise you might get `SQLCODE -518`.

- [Using SQL Services](#)
- [Select SQL Table from a List](#)
- [Generate DDM from an SQL Table](#)
- [List Columns of an SQL Table](#)

- [Making a User Exit Routine Available](#)

Using SQL Services

➤ To invoke the SQL Services function

- 1 In the command line, enter the Natural system command `SYSDDM` and press `Enter`.

Or:

1. From the Natural main menu, choose **Maintenance and Transfer Utilities** to display the **Maintenance and Transfer Utilities** menu.
2. From the **Maintenance and Transfer Utilities** menu, choose **Maintain DDMs**.

The menu of the `SYSDDM` utility is displayed. The fields and functions provided on the `SYSDDM` utility menu are explained in the section *Using SYSDDM Maintenance and Service Functions*.

- 2 In the **Code** field of the Natural `SYSDDM` utility **Menu**, enter code `B` and press `Enter`.

The **SQL Services Menu** is displayed.

```

11:31:39          ***** NATURAL SYSDDM UTILITY *****          2009-11-27
Server DAEFDB29          - SQL Services: Menu -

                                Code  Function

                                S    Select SQL Table from a List
                                G    Generate DDM from an SQL Table
                                L    List Columns of an SQL Table
                                ?    Help
                                .    Exit

                                Code ... _
Table name ... _____
Creator ..... _____
Replace ..... N (Y,N)          DDM Name with Creator .. Y (Y/N)
Server name .. DAEFDB29_____
Remark ..... 0 (Overwrite/SQL/Comment)

Command ==>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help      Exit                                  Canc

```


The functions available on this screen are described in the corresponding sections.

Select SQL Table from a List

This function is used to select a Db2 table from a list for further processing.

➤ To invoke the Select SQL Table from a List function

- On the **SQL Services Menu**, enter Function Code S.
 - If you enter the function code only, you obtain a list of all tables defined to the Db2 catalog.
 - If you do not want a list of all tables but would like only a certain range of tables to be listed, you can, in addition to the function code, specify a value in the **Table Name** and/or **Creator** fields. You can use asterisk notation (*) or the greater-than character (>) for a start value.

Press ENTER.

The **Select SQL Table From A List** screen is invoked displaying a list of all Db2 tables requested. On the list, you can mark a Db2 table with a function code:

Code	Function	Description
G	Generate DDM from an SQL Table	This function can be used to generate a Natural DDM from a Db2 table, based on the definitions in the Db2 catalog.
L	List Columns of an SQL Table	This function lists all columns of a specific Db2 table.

Generate DDM from an SQL Table

This function is used to generate a Natural DDM from a Db2 table, based on the definitions in the Db2 catalog.

The following topics are covered below:

- [Invoking the Generate DDM from an SQL Table function](#)
- [Assigning Default Values - Generating DDMs in Batch](#)
- [DBID/FNR Assignment](#)
- [Long Field Generation](#)
- [Length Indicator for Variable Length Fields: VARBINARY, VARCHAR, LONG VARCHAR, VARGRAPHIC, LONG VARGRAPHIC, BLOB, CLOB, DBCLOB](#)
- [Null Values](#)

- [Locator Field for LOB Column](#)

Invoking the Generate DDM from an SQL Table function

» To invoke the function

- On the **SQL Services Menu**, enter function code **G** along with the name and creator of the table for which you wish a DDM to be generated.
 - If you do not know the table name/creator, you can use the function **Select SQL Table from a List** to choose the table you want.
 - If you do not want the creator of the table to be part of the DDM name, enter an **N** (No) in the field **DDM Name with Creator**. The default setting is **Y** (Yes).
 - If you wish to generate a DDM for a table for which a DDM already exists and you want the existing one to be replaced by the newly generated one, enter a **Y** (Yes) in the **Replace** field.

By default, **Replace** is set to **N** (No) to prevent an existing DDM from being replaced accidentally.

- In the **Remark** field you can specify the contents of the DDM **Remark** column. Enter:
 - 0** (Overwrite) for SQL column remarks if defined, overwritten by field information generated by Natural if available. This is the default setting;
 - S** (SQL) for SQL column remarks if defined and blank otherwise;
 - C** (Comment) for field information generated by Natural if available. SQL column remarks will be copied to a separate DDM comment line.

By default, **Remark** is set to **0** (Overwrite).

- To define or alter a default value for the fields **Code**, **Table Name**, **Creator**, **Replace**, **DDM Name with Creator** or **Remark** use user exit **NDBDDM-2** and its data area **NDBDDM-L** provided in library **SYSDB2**. See [Making a User Exit Routine Available](#). For detailed information on how to handle **NDBDDM-2**, refer to the remarks in its source.



Important: Since the specification of any special characters as part of a field or DDM name does not comply with Natural naming conventions, any special characters allowed within Db2 must be avoided. Db2 delimited identifiers must be avoided, too.

Assigning Default Values - Generating DDMs in Batch

To avoid user interaction popup windows during DDM field generation, the user exit `NDBDDM-1` and its data area `NDBDDM-L` provided in library `SYSDB2` can be used. For detailed information on how to handle `NDBDDM-1`, refer to the remarks in its source. See also [Making a User Exit Routine Available](#).

DBID/FNR Assignment

When the **Generate DDM from an SQL Table** function is invoked for a table for which a DDM is to be generated for the first time, the **DBID/FNR Assignment** screen is displayed. If a DDM is to be generated for a table for which a DDM already exists, the existing DBID and FNR are used and the **DBID/FNR Assignment** screen is suppressed.

On the **DBID/FNR Assignment** screen, enter one of the database IDs (DBIDs) chosen at Natural installation time, and the file number (FNR) to be assigned to the Db2 table. Natural requires these specifications for identification purposes only.

The range of DBIDs which is reserved for Db2 tables is specified in the `NTDB` macro of the Natural parameter module (see the Natural *Parameter Reference* documentation) for the database type Db2. Any DBID not within this range is not accepted. The FNR can be any valid file number within the database (between 1 and 65535).

After a valid DBID and FNR have been assigned, a DDM is automatically generated from the specified table.

Long Field Generation

The maximum field length supported by Natural is 1 GB-1 (1073741823 bytes). If a Db2 table contains a column which is longer than 253 bytes or if a Db2 column is defined as a Db2 LOB field, the pop-up window Long Field Generation will be invoked automatically. A Db2 LOB field may be defined as a simple Natural variable with a maximum length of 1GB-1, or as a dynamic Natural variable.

A field which is longer than 253 bytes and which is not a Db2 LOB field may be defined as a simple Natural field with a maximum length of 1GB-1, or as an array. In the DDM, such an array is represented as a multiple-value variable.

If, for example, a Db2 column has a length of 2000 bytes, you can specify an array element length of 200 bytes, and you receive a multiple-value field with 10 occurrences, each occurrence with a length of 200 bytes.

Since generated long fields are not multiple-value fields in the sense of Natural, the Natural C* notation makes no sense here and is therefore not supported.

When such a generated long field is defined in a Natural view to be referenced by Natural SQL statements (that is, by host variables which represent multiple-value fields), both when defined

and when referenced, the specified range of occurrences (index range) must always start with occurrence 1. If not, a Natural syntax error is returned.

Example:

```
UPDATE table SET varchar = #arr(*)
SELECT ... INTO #arr(1:5)
```



Note: When such a generated long field is updated with the Natural DML `UPDATE` statement, care must be taken to update each occurrence appropriately.

Length Indicator for Variable Length Fields: VARBINARY, VARCHAR, LONG VARCHAR, VARGRAPHIC, LONG VARGRAPHIC, BLOB, CLOB, DBCLOB

For each of the column types listed above, an additional length indicator field (format/length I2 or I4 for LOB fields) is generated in the DDM. The length is always measured in number of characters, not in bytes. To obtain the number of bytes of a VARGRAPHIC, LONG VARGRAPHIC or DBCLOB field, the length must be multiplied by 2.

The name of a length indicator field begins with L@ followed by the name of the corresponding field. The value of the length indicator field can be checked or updated by a Natural program.

If the length indicator field is not part of the Natural view and if the corresponding field is a re-defined long field, the length of this field with `UPDATE` and `STORE` operations is calculated without trailing blanks.

Null Values

With Natural, it is possible to distinguish between a null value and the actual value zero (0) or blank in a Db2 column.

When a Natural DDM is generated from the Db2 catalog, an additional `NULL` indicator field is generated for each column which can be `NULL`; that is, which has neither `NOT NULL` nor `NOT NULL WITH DEFAULT` specified.

The name of the `NULL` indicator field begins with N@ followed by the name of the corresponding field.

When the column is read from the database, the corresponding indicator field contains either zero (0) (if the column contains a value, including the value 0 or blank) or -1 (if the column contains no value).

Example:

The column `NULLCOL CHAR(6)` in a Db2 table definition would result in the following view fields:


```
NULLCOL      A 6.0
N@NULLCOL    I 2.0
```

When the field `NULLCOL` is read from the database, the additional field `N@NULLCOL` contains:

- 0 (zero) if `NULLCOL` contains a value (including the value 0 or blank),
- -1 (minus one) if `NULLCOL` contains no value.

A null value can be stored in a database field by entering -1 as input for the corresponding `NULL` indicator field.



Note: If a column is `NULL`, an implicit `RESET` is performed on the corresponding Natural field.

Locator Field for LOB Column

For each `LOB` column, an additional locator field will be generated in the `I4` format.

A `LOB` locator may be used to reference a `LOB` value in the Db2 database server, when a `LOB` value is not needed locally in a program.

List Columns of an SQL Table

This function lists all columns of a specific Db2 table.

> To invoke the List Columns function

- On the [SQL Services Menu](#), enter function code `L` along with the name and creator of the table whose columns you wish to be listed, and press `Enter`.

The **List Columns** screen for this table is invoked, which lists all columns of the specified table and displays the following information for each column:

Variable	Content	
Name	The Db2 name of the column.	
Type	The column type.	
Length	The length (or precision if type is <code>DECIMAL</code>) of the column as defined in the Db2 catalog.	
Scale	The decimal scale of the column (only applicable if type is <code>DECIMAL</code>).	
Update	Y	The column can be updated.
	N	The column cannot be updated.
Nulls	Y	The column can contain null values.
	N	The column cannot contain null values.

Variable	Content
Not	<p>A column whose scale length or whose type is not supported by Natural is marked with an asterisk (*). For such a column, a view field cannot be generated. The maximum scale length supported is 7 bytes.</p> <p>The following SQL types are supported:</p> <p>BIGINT, BINARY, VARBINARY, DECFLOAT, XML</p> <p>CHAR, VARCHAR, LONG VARCHAR, GRAPHIC, VARGRAPHIC, LONG VARGRAPHIC, DECIMAL, INTEGER, SMALLINT, DATE, TIME, TIMESTAMP, FLOAT, ROWID, BLOB, CLOB and DBCLOB.</p>

The data types DATE, TIME, TIMESTAMP, FLOAT and ROWID are converted into numeric or alphanumeric fields of various lengths: DATE is converted into A10, TIME into A8, TIMESTAMP into A26, FLOAT into F8 and ROWID into A40. DATE and TIME could be mapped alternatively to Natural DATE and Natural TIME respectively.

For Db2, Natural provides a Db2 TIMESTAMP column as an alphanumeric field (A26) in the format YYYY-MM-DD-HH.II.SS.MMMMMM. Alternatively, you can generate the Natural TIME field (data format T) as Db2 TIMESTAMP data type if the DBTSTI option of the COMPOPT system command is set to ON (see the *System Commands* documentation).

You can use the Natural subprogram [NDBSTMP](#) to compute TIMESTAMP (A26) fields.

Making a User Exit Routine Available

You can customize the **Generating Natural Data Definition Modules (DDMs)** map with user exit routine NDBDDM-1 or NDBDDM-2.

➤ To make user exit routine NDBDDM-1 or NDBDDM-1 available

- 1 Catalog the NDBDDM-*num* source object under the name NDBDDMU*num* in library SYSDB2.



Note: The names of the source object and the cataloged object of the user exit routine must be different to ensure that the overwriting of the source object during an update installation does not affect the cataloged object.

- 2 Copy NDBDDMU*num* to steplib SYSLIBS.

A subprogram used by SYSDDM searches for NDBDDMU*num* in steplib SYSLIBS.

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Dynamic and Static SQL Support

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This section describes the dynamic and static SQL support provided by Natural.

Related Documentation

- For a list of error messages that may be issued during static generation, see *Static Generation Messages and Codes Issued under NDB* in the *Natural Messages and Codes* documentation.
- For information on Static SQL with Natural Security, see [Integration with Natural Security](#).

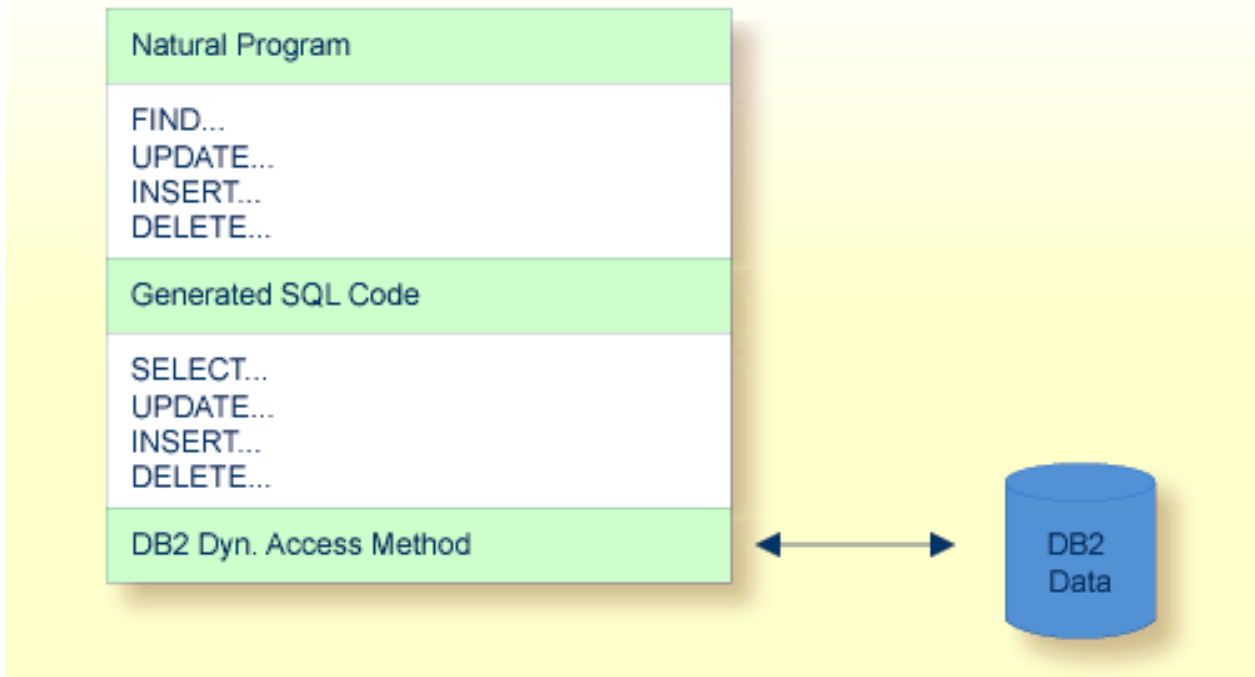
SQL Support - General Information

The SQL support of Natural combines the flexibility of dynamic SQL support with the high performance of static SQL support.

In contrast to static SQL support, the Natural dynamic SQL support does not require any special consideration with regard to the operation of the SQL interface. All SQL statements required to execute an application request are generated automatically and can be executed immediately with the Natural `RUN` command. Before executing a program, you can look at the generated `SQLCODE`, using the `LISTSQL` command.

Access to Db2 through Natural has the same form whether dynamic or static SQL support is used. Thus, with static SQL support, the same SQL statements in a Natural program can be executed in either dynamic or static mode. An SQL statement can be coded within a Natural program and, for testing purposes, it can be executed using dynamic SQL. If the test is successful, the SQL statement remains unchanged and static SQL for this program can be generated.

Thus, during application development, the programmer works in dynamic mode and all SQL statements are executed dynamically, whereas static SQL is only created for applications that have been transferred to production status.



Internal Handling of Dynamic Statements

Natural automatically provides for the preparation and execution of each SQL statement and handles the opening and closing of cursors used for scanning a table.

The following topics are covered:

- [I/O Module NDBIOMO for Dynamic SQL Statement Execution](#)
- [Statement Table](#)
- [Processing of SQL Statements Issued by Natural](#)

I/O Module NDBIOMO for Dynamic SQL Statement Execution

As each dynamic execution of an SQL statement requires a statically defined `DECLARE STATEMENT` and `DECLARE CURSOR` statement, a special I/O module named `NDBIOMO` is provided which contains a fixed number of these statements and cursors. This number is specified during the generation of the `NDBIOMO` module in the course of the Natural for Db2 installation process.

Statement Table

If possible, an SQL statement is only prepared once and can then be executed several times if required. For this purpose, Natural internally maintains a table of all SQL statements that have been prepared and assigns each of these statements to a `DECLARED STATEMENT` in the module `NDBIOM0`. In addition, this table maintains the cursors used by the SQL statements `SELECT`, `FETCH`, `UPDATE` (positioned), and `DELETE` (positioned).

Each SQL statement is uniquely identified by:

- the name of the Natural program that contains this SQL statement,
- the line number of the SQL statement in this program,
- the name of the Natural library into which this program was stowed,
- the time stamp when this program was stowed.

Once a statement has been prepared, it can be executed several times with different variable values, using the dynamic SQL statement `EXECUTE USING DESCRIPTOR` or `OPEN CURSOR USING DESCRIPTOR`.

When the full capacity of the statement table is reached, the entry for the next prepared statement overwrites the entry for a free statement whose latest execution is the least recent one.

When a new `SELECT` statement is requested, a free entry in the statement table with the corresponding cursor is assigned to it and all subsequent `FETCH`, `UPDATE`, and `DELETE` statements referring to this `SELECT` statement will use this cursor. Upon completion of the sequential scanning of the table, the cursor is released and free for another assignment. While the cursor is open, the entry in the statement table is marked as used and cannot be reused by another statement.

If the number of nested `FIND (SELECT)` statements reaches the number of entries available in the statement table, any further SQL statement is rejected at execution time and a Natural error message is returned.

The size of the statement table depends on the size specified for the module `NDBIOM0`. Since the statement table is contained in the Db2 buffer area, the setting of Natural profile parameter `DB2SIZE` (see also *Natural Parameter Modifications for Natural for Db2* in *Installing Natural for Db2 on z/OS* in the *Installation* documentation) may not be sufficient and may need to be increased.

Processing of SQL Statements Issued by Natural

The embedded SQL uses cursor logic to handle `SELECT` statements. The preparation and execution of a `SELECT` statement is done as follows:

1. The typical `SELECT` statement is prepared by a program flow which contains the following embedded SQL statements (note that `X` and `SQLOBJ` are SQL variables, not program labels):

```
DECLARE SQLOBJ STATEMENT
DECLARE X CURSOR FOR SQLOBJ
INCLUDE SQLDA (copy SQL control block)
```

Then, the following statement is moved into `SQLSOURCE`:

```
SELECT PERSONNEL_ID, NAME, AGE
FROM EMPLOYEES
WHERE NAME IN (?, ?)
AND AGE BETWEEN ? AND ?
```



Note: The question marks (?) above are parameter markers which indicate where values are to be inserted at execution time.

```
PREPARE SQLOBJ FROM SQLSOURCE
```

2. Then, the `SELECT` statement is executed as follows:

```
OPEN X USING DESCRIPTOR SQLDA
FETCH X USING DESCRIPTOR SQLDA
```

The descriptor `SQLDA` is used to indicate a variable list of program areas. When the `OPEN` statement is executed, it contains the address, length, and type of each value which replaces a parameter marker in the `WHERE` clause of the `SELECT` statement. When the `FETCH` statement is executed, it contains the address, length, and type of all program areas which receive fields read from the table.

When the `FETCH` statement is executed for the first time, it sets the Natural system variable `*NUMBER` to a non-zero value if at least one record is found that meets the search criteria. Then, all records satisfying the search criteria are read by repeated execution of the `FETCH` statement.

To help improve performance, especially when using distributed databases, the Db2-specific `FOR FETCH ONLY` clause can be used. This clause is generated and executed if rows are to be retrieved only; that is, if no updating is to take place.

3. Once all records have been read, the cursor is released by executing the following statement:

[CLOSE](#) [X](#)

Preparing Programs for Static Execution

This section describes how to prepare Natural programs for static execution.

The following topics are covered:

- [Basic Principles](#)
- [Generation Procedure: CMD CREATE Command](#)
- [Precompilation of the Generated Assembler Program](#)
- [Modification Procedure: CMD MODIFY Command](#)
- [Modification Procedure: CMD MODIFYZ Command](#)
- [BIND of the Precompiled DBRM](#)
- [Impact of the DB2 MF parameter](#)

For an explanation of the symbols used in this section to describe the syntax of Natural statements, see *Syntax Symbols* in the *Statements* documentation.

Basic Principles

Static SQL is generated in Natural batch mode for one or more Natural applications which can consist of one or more Natural object programs. The number of programs that can be modified for static execution in one run of the generation procedure is limited to 999.

During the generation procedure, the database access statements contained in the specified Natural objects are extracted, written to work files, and transformed into a temporary Assembler program. If no Natural program is found that contains SQL access or if any error occurs during static SQL generation, batch Natural terminates and condition code 40 is returned, which means that all further JCL steps must no longer be executed.

The Natural modules `NDBCHNK` and `NDBSTAT` must reside in a steplib of the generation step. Both are loaded dynamically during the execution of the generation step.

The temporary Assembler program is written to a temporary file (the Natural work file `CMWKF06`) and precompiled. The size of the workfile is proportional to the maximum number of programs, the number of SQL statements and the number of variables used in the SQL statements. During the precompilation step, a database request module (DBRM) is created, and after the precompilation step, the precompiler output is extracted from the Assembler program and written to the corresponding Natural objects, which means that the Natural objects are modified (prepared) for static execution. The temporary Assembler program is no longer used and deleted.

A static database request module is created by using either the sample job provided on the installation medium or an appropriate job created with the [Create DBRM](#) function.

Generation Procedure: CMD CREATE Command

The following topics are covered:

- [Generating Static SQL for Natural Programs](#)
- [Static Name](#)
- [USING Clause](#)

Generating Static SQL for Natural Programs

➤ To generate static SQL for Natural programs

- 1 Logon to the Natural system library SYSDb2.

Since a new SYSDb2 library has been created when installing Natural for Db2, ensure that it contains all Predict interface programs necessary to run the static SQL generation. These programs are loaded into SYSDb2 at Predict installation time (see the relevant *Predict* product documentation).

- 2 Specify the CMD CREATE command and the Natural input necessary for the static SQL generation process; the CMD CREATE command has the following syntax:

```
CMD CREATE DBRM static-name USING using-clause
{ application-name, object-name, excluded-object }
:
:
```

The generation procedure reads but does not modify the specified Natural objects. If one of the specified programs was not found or had no SQL access, return code 4 is returned at the end of the generation step.

Static Name

Static-name either specifies the name of the DBRM to be created by the static generation for NDB or the name of the SQLJ profile to be created by the static generation of NDZ.

If the [PREDICT DOCUMENTATION](#) option is to be used, a corresponding Predict static SQL entry must be available and the *static-name* must correspond to the name of this entry. In addition, the *static-name* must correspond to the name of the DBRM to be created during precompilation. The *static-name* can be up to 8 characters long and must conform to Assembler naming conventions.

USING Clause

The *using-clause* specifies the Natural objects to be contained in the DBRM. These objects can either be specified explicitly as `INPUT DATA` in the JCL or obtained as `PREDICT DOCUMENTATION` from Predict.

<code>{</code> <code>INPUT DATA</code> <code>PREDICT</code> <code>DOCUMENTATION</code> <code>}</code>	<code>[</code> <code>WITH</code> <code>XREF</code> <code>]</code>	<code>{</code> <code>YES</code> <code>NO</code> <code>FORCE</code> <code>}</code>	<code>[</code> <code>FS</code> <code>]</code>	<code>{</code> <code>OFF</code> <code>ON</code> <code>}</code>	<code>[LIB</code> <code>lib-name</code> <code>]</code>	<code>[</code> <code>DCTODP</code> <code>]</code>	<code>{</code> <code>OFF</code> <code>ON</code> <code>}</code>	<code>]</code>
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If the parameters to be specified do not fit in one line, specify the command identifier (CMD) and the various parameters in separate lines and use both the input delimiter (as specified with the Natural profile/session parameter `ID` - default is a comma (,) - and the continuation character indicator - as specified with the Natural profile/session parameter `CF`; default is a percent (%) - as shown in the following example:

Example:

```
CMD
CREATE,DBRM,static,USING,PREDICT,DOCUMENTATION,WITH,XREF,NO,%
LIB,library
```

Alternatively, you can also use abbreviations as shown in the following example:

Example:

```
CMD CRE DBRM static US IN DA W XR Y FS OFF LIB library
```

The sequence of the parameters `USING`, `WITH`, `FS`, and `LIB` is optional.

INPUT DATA

As input data, the applications and names of the Natural objects to be included in the DBRM must be specified in the subsequent lines of the job stream (*application-name, object-name*). A subset of these objects can also be excluded again (*excluded-objects*). Objects in libraries whose names begin with `SYS` can be used for static generation, too.

The applications and names of Natural objects must be separated by the input delimiter - as specified with the Natural profile parameter `ID`; default is a comma (,). If you wish to specify all objects whose names begin with a specific string of characters, use an *object-name* or *excluded-objects* name that ends with asterisk notation (*). To specify all objects in an application, use asterisk notation only.

Example:


```
LIB1,ABC*
LIB2,A*,AB*
LIB2,*
:
.
```

The specification of applications/objects must be terminated by a line that contains a period (.) only.

PREDICT DOCUMENTATION

Since Predict supports static SQL for Db2, you can also have Predict supply the input data for creating static SQL by using already existing `PREDICT DOCUMENTATION`.

WITH XREF Option

Since Predict Active References supports static SQL for Db2, the generated static DBRM can be documented in Predict, and the documentation can be used and updated with Natural.

`WITH XREF` is the option which enables you to store cross-reference data for a static SQL entry in Predict each time a static DBRM is created (`YES`). You can instead specify that no cross-reference data are stored (`NO`) or that a check is made to determine whether a Predict static SQL entry for this static DBRM already exists (`FORCE`). If so, cross-reference data are stored; if not, the creation of the static DBRM is not allowed. For more detailed information on Predict Active References, refer to the relevant Predict documentation.

When `WITH XREF (YES/FORCE)` is specified, `XREF` data are written for both the Predict static SQL entry (if defined in Predict) and each generated static Natural program. However, static generation with `WITH XREF (YES/FORCE)` is possible only if the corresponding Natural programs have been cataloged with `XREF ON`.

`WITH XREF FORCE` only applies to the `USING INPUT DATA` option.



Note: If you do not use Predict, the `XREF` option must be omitted or set to `NO` and the module `NATXRF2` need not be linked to the Natural nucleus.

FS Option

If the `FS` (file server) option is set to `ON`, a second `SELECT` is generated for the [Natural file server for Db2](#). `ON` is the default setting.

If the `FS` option is set to `OFF`, no second `SELECT` is generated, which results in less SQL statements being generated in your static DBRM and thus in a smaller DBRM.

LIB Option

With the `LIB` (library) option, a Predict library other than the default library (`*SYSSTA*`) can be specified to contain the Predict static SQL entry and `XREF` data. The name of the library can be up to eight characters long.

DCTODP Option

The DCTODP option is only relevant if you are doing a static generation for programs which have been catalogued with Natural parameter DC=','.

By the DCTODP parameter it can be determined whether the static generation will change decimal literals in SQL statements by replacing the decimal character comma ',' by the decimal character period '.' in the generated static SQL assembler program. This will be necessary since the Db2 precompiler does not support decimal point comma in decimal literals.

When DCTODP OFF is specified no conversion of decimal point comma to decimal point period will take place. DCTODP OFF is the default value.

When DCTODP ON is specified static generation will convert decimal point comma to decimal point period.

If DCTODP ON is used, you should be sure your programs are coded unambiguously when using the comma as separator in function calls and various SQL clauses like IN or ORDER BY so that the comma as separator in element lists can't be misinterpreted as decimal point of a decimal literal

For instance, if you code a SQL IN clause while using DC=',' like

Column-name IN (10,20,30,40).

Static generation with DCTODP ON change the IN clause to

Column-name IN (10,20 , 30,40).

IN list contains two values 10.20 and 30.40.

The same IN clause in static generation with DCTODP OFF (default value) will be changed to

Column-name IN (10,20 , 30,40).

IN list contains four values 10 , 20 , 30 and 40.

If you had coded

Column-name IN (10 , 20 , 30 , 40).

Static generation will always generate the IN clause with DCTODP either ON or OFF to

Column-name IN (10 , 20 , 30 , 40).

Precompilation of the Generated Assembler Program

In this step, the precompiler is invoked to precompile the generated temporary Assembler program. The precompiler output consists of the DBRM and a precompiled temporary Assembler program which contains all the database access statements transformed from SQL into Assembler statements.

Later, the DBRM serves as input for the `BIND` step and the Assembler program as input for the modification step.

Modification Procedure: `CMD MODIFY` Command

The modification procedure modifies the Natural objects involved by writing precompiler information into the object and by marking the object header with the *static-name* as specified with the `CMD CREATE` command.

In addition, any existing copies of these objects in the Natural global buffer pool (if available) are deleted and `XREF` data are written to Predict (if specified during the generation procedure).

➤ To perform the modification procedure

- 1 Logon to the Natural system library `SYSDB2`.
- 2 Specify the `CMD MODIFY` command which has the following syntax:

```
CMD MODIFY [XREF]
```

The input for the modify step is the precompiler output which must reside on a data set defined as the Natural work file `CMWKF01`.

The output consists of precompiler information which is written to the corresponding Natural objects. In addition, a message is returned telling you whether it was the first time an object was modified for static execution (modified) or whether it had been modified before (re-modified).

Assembler/Natural Cross-References

If you specify the `XREF` option of the `CMD MODIFY` command, an output listing is created on the work file `CMWKF02`, which contains the DBRM name and the Assembler statement number of each statically generated SQL statement together with the corresponding Natural source code line number, program name, library name, database ID and file number.

DBRMNAME	STMTNO	LINE	NATPROG	NATLIB	DB	FNR	COMMENT	
TESTDBRM	000627	0390	TESTPROG	SAG	010	042	INSERT	....
	000641	0430					INSERT	....
	000652	0510					SELECT	....
	000674	0570					SELECT	....
	000698	0570					SELECT	2ND
	000728	0650					UPD/DEL	....
	000738	0650					UPD/DEL	2ND
	000751	0700					SELECT	....
	000775	0700					SELECT	2ND

Column	Explanation
DBRMNAME	Name of the DBRM which contains the static SQL statement.
STMTNO	Assembler statement number of the static SQL statement.
LINE	Corresponding Natural source code line number.
NATPROG	Name of the Natural program that contains the static SQL statement.
NATLIB	Name of the Natural library that contains the Natural program.
DB / FNR	Natural database ID and file number.
COMMENT	Type of SQL statement, where 2ND indicates that the corresponding statement is used for a reselection; see also the Concept of the File Server .

Modification Procedure: CMD MODIFYZ Command

The modification procedure modifies the Natural objects involved by writing the SQLJ profile sequence number into the object and by marking the object header with the *static-name of the SQLJ profile* as specified with the CMD CREATE command.

In addition, any existing copies of these objects in the Natural global buffer pool (if available) are deleted and XREF data is written to Predict (if specified during the generation procedure).

➤ To perform the modification procedure

- 1 Logon to the Natural system library SYSD2.
- 2 Specify the CMD MODIFYZ command which has the following syntax:

CMD MODIFYZ [XREF]

The input for the modifyz step is the generated SQL Assembler program by CMD CREATE DBRM command output which resides on a data set defined as the Natural work file CMWKF01.

The output consists of SQLJ information which is written to the corresponding Natural objects. In addition, a message is returned telling you whether it was the first time an object was modified for static execution (modified) or whether it had been modified before (remodified).

Assembler/Natural Cross-References

If you specify the XREF option of the CMD MODIFYZ command, an output listing is created on the work file CMWKF02, which contains the DBRM name and the Assembler statement number of each statically generated SQL statement together with the corresponding Natural source code line number, program name, library name, database ID, and file number.

SQLJPROF	SQLJNO	LINE	NATPROG	NATLIB	DB	FNR	COMMENT	.....
TESTDBRM	000000	0390	TESTPROG	SAG	010	042	INSERT	.....
	000001	0430					INSERT	.....
	000002	0510					SELECT	.....
	000003	0570					SELECT	.....
	000004	0570					SELECT 2ND	.....
	000005	0650					UPD/DEL	.....
	000006	0650					UPD/DEL 2ND	.....
	000007	0700					SELECT	.....
	000008	0700					SELECT 2ND	.....

Column	Explanation
SQLJPROF	Name of the SQLJ profile which contains the static SQL statement.
SQLJNO	SQLJ Assembler statement number of the static SQL statement.
LINE	Corresponding Natural source code line number.
NATPROG	Name of the Natural program that contains the static SQL statement.
NATLIB	Name of the Natural library that contains the Natural program.
DB / FNR	Natural database ID and file number.
COMMENT	Type of SQL statement, where 2ND indicates that the corresponding statement is used for a reselection; see also the Concept of the File Server .

BIND of the Precompiled DBRM

We recommend that you execute the Db2 `BIND` command *after* the `CMD MODIFY` command.

The Db2 `BIND` command binds the DBRM into a Db2 package. You can bind one or more Db2 packages into a Db2 application plan. In addition to the packages of static DBRMs created with the `CMD CREATE` command, this application plan can also contain the package of the DBRM of the `NDBIOMO` module Natural provides for dynamic SQL execution.

A DBRM can be bound into any number of packages and the packages can be bound into any number of application plans where required. A plan is physically independent of the environment where the program is to be run. However, you can group your packages logically into plans which are to be used for either batch or online processing, where the same package can be part of both a batch plan and an online plan.

Unless you are using plan switching, only one plan can be executed per Natural session. Thus, you must ensure that the plan name specified in the `BIND` step is the same as the one used to execute Natural.

Impact of the DB2 MF parameter

The DB2 MF parameter setting of the Natural session that performs the static generation, determines whether the `DECLARE CURSOR` statements of the generated static program contain the `WITH ROWSET POSITIONING` clause.

The `WITH ROWSET POSITIONING` clause enables the static program to use multi-fetching.

Code	Explanation
MF>0	<code>WITH ROWSET POSITIONING</code> clause is added to the <code>DECLARE CURSOR</code> statements. Multi-fetching will be used with the value of the MF parameter at execution time.
MF=0	No <code>WITH ROWSET POSITIONING</code> clause is added to the <code>DECLARE CURSOR</code> statements. Multi-fetching is not possible, regardless how the MF parameter is set at execution time. The generated static program can only operate with single-fetching.

Execution of Natural in Static Mode

To be able to execute Natural in static mode, all users of Natural must have the Db2 `EXECUTE PLAN/PACKAGE` privilege for the plan created in the `BIND` step.

To execute static SQL, start Natural and execute the corresponding Natural program. Internally, the Natural runtime interface evaluates the precompiler data written to the Natural object and then performs the static accesses.

To the user there is no difference between dynamic and static execution.

Mixed Dynamic/Static Mode

It is possible to operate Natural in a mixed static and dynamic mode where for some programs static SQL is generated and for some not.

The mode in which a program is run is determined by the Natural object program itself. If a static DBRM is referenced in the executing program, all statements in this program are executed in static mode.



Note: Natural programs which return a runtime error do not automatically execute in dynamic mode. Instead, either the error must be corrected or, as a temporary solution, the Natural program must be recataloged to be able to execute in dynamic mode.

Within the same Natural session, static and dynamic programs can be mixed without any further specifications. The decision which mode to use is made by each individual Natural program.

Messages and Codes

For a list of error messages that may be issued during static generation, refer to *Static Generation Messages and Codes Issued under NDB* in the *Natural Messages and Codes* documentation.

Application Plan Switching

This section describes how to switch application plans within the same Natural session in different TP-monitor environments or in batch mode.

The following topics are covered:

- [Basic Principles of Plan Switching](#)
- [Plan Switching under CICS](#)
- [Plan Switching under Com-plete](#)
- [Plan Switching under IMS TM](#)

- [Plan Switching under TSO and in Batch Mode](#)

Basic Principles of Plan Switching

When using application plan switching, you can switch to a different application plan within the same Natural session.

If a second application plan is to be used, this can be specified by executing the Natural program NATPLAN. NATPLAN is contained in the Natural system library SYSDB2 and can be invoked either from within a Natural program or dynamically by entering the command NATPLAN at the NEXT prompt. The only input value required for NATPLAN is an eight-character plan name. If no plan name is specified, you are prompted by the system to do so.

Before executing NATPLAN, ensure that any open Db2 recovery units are closed.

Since the NATPLAN program is also provided in source form, user-written plan switching programs can be created using similar logic.

The actual switch from one plan to another differs in the various environments supported. The feature is available under Com-plete, CICS, and IMS TM MPP. When using the Call Attachment Facility (CAF) or Resource Recovery Services Attachment Facility (RRSAF), it is also available in TSO and batch environments.

In some of these environments, a transaction ID or code must be specified instead of a plan name.

Plan Switching under CICS

Under CICS, you have the option of using either plan switching by transaction ID (default) or dynamic plan selection exit routines. Thus, by setting the field #SWITCH-BY- TRANSACTION-ID in the NATPLAN program to either TRUE or FALSE, either the subroutine CMTRNSET or the desired plan name is written to temporary storage queue.

For more information on activating plan switching under CICS, see *Installation Steps Specific to CICS* in the *Installing Natural for Db2 on z/OS* documentation.

Below is information on:

■ Plan Switching by CICS/Db2 Exit Routine

Plan Switching by CICS/Db2 Exit Routine

If `#SWITCH-BY-TRANSACTION-ID` is set to `FALSE`, the desired plan name is written to a temporary storage queue for a CICS/Db2 exit routine specified as `PLANExit` attribute of a `DB2ENTRY`, or of the `DB2CONN` definition, the `NATPLAN` program must be invoked before the first Db2 access. Natural for Db2 provides `NDBUEXT` as CICS Db2 plan selection exit program. For additional information on CICS/Db2 exit routines, refer to the relevant IBM literature.

The name of the temporary storage queue is `PLANsssstttt`, where `ssss` is the remote or local CICS system identifier and `tttt` the CICS terminal identifier.

When running in a CICSplex environment, the CICS temporary storage queue `PLANsssstttt` containing the plan name must be defined with `TYPE=SHARED` or `TYPE=REMOTE` in a CICS TST.

For each new Db2 unit of recovery, the appropriate plan selection exit routine is automatically invoked. This exit routine reads the temporary storage record and uses the contained plan name for plan selection.

When no temporary storage record exists for the Natural session, a default plan name contained in the plan exit can be used. If no plan name is specified by the exit, the name of the plan used is the same as the name of the static program (DBRM) issuing the SQL call. If no such plan name exists, an SQL error results.

Plan Switching under Com-plete

In Com-plete environments, plan switching is accomplished by using the Call Attachment Facility (CAF), which releases the thread in use and attaches another one that has a different plan name.

Once the Db2 connection has been established, the same plan name continues to be used until the plan is explicitly changed with IBM's call attachment language interface (`DSNALI`). For additional information on the CAF interface, refer to the relevant IBM literature.

Under Com-plete, the `NATPLAN` program first issues an `END TRANSACTION` statement and then invokes an Assembler routine by using `DB2SERV`.

The assembler routine performs the actual switching. It issues a `CLOSE` request to `DSNALI` to terminate the Db2 connection (if one exists). It then issues an `OPEN` request to re-establish the Db2 connection and to allocate the resources needed to execute the specified plan.

If `NATPLAN` has not been executed before the first SQL call, the default plan used is the one defined in the Com-plete startup parameters. Once a plan has been changed using `NDBPLAN`, it remains scheduled until another plan is scheduled by `NDBPLAN` or until the end of the Natural session.

Plan Switching under IMS TM

In an IMS MPP environment, the switch is accomplished by using direct or deferred message switching. As a different application plan is associated with each IMS application program, message switching from one transaction code to another automatically switches the application plan being used.

Since Natural applications can perform direct or deferred message switches by calling the appropriate supplied routines, use of the `NATPLAN` program for plan switching is optional.

`NATPLAN` calls the Assembler routine `CMDEFSW`, which sets the new transaction code to be used with the next following terminal I/O.

Plan Switching under TSO and in Batch Mode

In the TSO and batch environments, plan switching is accomplished by using the Call Attachment Facility (CAF) or the Resource Recovery Services Attachment Facility (RRSAF). Either facility releases the thread in use and attaches another one that has a different plan name.

Below is information on:

- [Plan Selection with CAF](#)
- [Plan Selection with RRSAF](#)

Plan Selection with CAF

Initial connection and plan setting can be done using the subparameters `DB2PLAN` and `DB2SSID` of the `NTDB2` macro or of the `DB2` profile parameter without using the `NATPLAN` program. However, the initial settings could be overwritten by using the `NATPLAN` program.

When using the Call Attachment Facility (CAF), plan selection is either implicit or explicit. If no Db2 connection has been made before the first SQL call, a plan name is selected by Db2. If so, the plan name used is the same as the name of the program (DBRM) issuing the SQL call.

Once the Db2 connection has been established, the plan name is retained until explicitly changed by IBM's call attachment language interface (`DSNALI`). For additional information on the CAF interface, refer to the relevant IBM literature.

Under TSO and in batch mode, the `NATPLAN` program first issues an `END TRANSACTION` statement and then invokes an Assembler routine by using `DB2SERV`.



Note: Modify the `NATPLAN` program by setting the `#SSM` field to the current Db2 subsystem name; the default name is Db2.

The assembler routine performs the actual switching. It issues a `CLOSE` request to `DSNALI` to terminate a possible Db2 connection. It then issues an `OPEN` request to re-establish the Db2 connection and to allocate the resources needed to execute the specified plan.

If NATPLAN has not been executed before the first SQL call, plan selection is done by DSNALI. If so, the plan name used is the same as the name of the program issuing the SQL call. The subsystem ID used is the one specified during the Db2 installation. If no such plan name or subsystem ID exists, a Natural error message is returned.

If a static DBRM issues the SQL call, a plan name must exist with the same name as the one of the static DBRM.

If dynamic SQL is used, a Db2 plan must exist which contains a package with the DBRM of the NDBIOM0 module. If the name of the Db2 plan has neither been defined in the NATPLAN program nor with the DB2PLAN keyword subparameter, the Db2 Call Attachment Facility (CAF) uses the name of the NDBIOM0 DBRM as the default plan name.



Note: To avoid any confusion concerning the chosen plan name and/or subsystem ID, always call NATPLAN before the first SQL call.

Plan Selection with RRSF

Initial connection and plan setting can be done using the keyword subparameters DB2COLL, DB2GROV, DB2PLAN, DB2SSID and DB2XID of the NTDB2 macro or of the DB2 profile parameter without using the NATPLAN program. However, the initial settings can be overwritten by using the NATPLAN program.

When using the Resource Recovery Services Attachment Facility (RRSAF), plan selection is explicit.

RRSAF is used if IBM's DSNRLI interface module is linked to Natural. Once the Db2 connection has been established, the plan name is retained until explicitly changed with RRSF. For additional information on RRSF, refer to the relevant IBM literature.

The NATPLAN program performs the actual switching. It issues a TERMINATE IDENTIFY request to DSNRLI to terminate a possible Db2 connection. NATPLAN then issues an IDENTIFY request to re-establish the Db2 connection. This request is followed by SIGNON and CREATE THREAD requests.

In an RRSF environment, up to four of the following parameters can be specified in NATPLAN where #PLAN is mandatory:

Parameter	Default Value	Format	Explanation
#PLAN	None	A8	Name of the plan used for SQL processing in the thread created (CREATE THREAD).
#SSM	DB2	A4	Subsystem ID of the Db2 server connected (IDENTIFY).
#COLLID	COLLID	A18	Only used if the first character of #PLAN is a question mark (?). Collection ID used for SQL processing in the thread created (CREATE THREAD).
#XID	1	I4	Indicates that a global transaction ID is used. If set to 0 (SIGNON), no global transaction ID is used.

Example of Plan Selection with RRSF under TSO

The example below demonstrates plan selection under TSO by using RRSF.

```
NATPLAN
<Enter>
Please enter new plan name  NDBPLAN4
                        ,SUB SYSTEM ID DB27
                        ,COLLECTION ID
                        ,global XID (0/1) _____1
<Enter>
```

Example of Plan Selection with RRSF in Batch Mode

The example below demonstrates plan selection in batch mode by using RRSF:

```
NATPLAN NDBPLAN4,DB27, ,1
```


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This section contains special considerations when using Natural native DML statements and Natural system variables with Natural SQL statements and Db2.

It mainly consists of information also contained in the Natural basic documentation set where each Natural statement and variable is described in detail.

For an explanation of the symbols used in this section to describe the syntax of Natural statements, see *Syntax Symbols* in the *Statements* documentation.

For information on logging SQL statements contained in a Natural program, refer to *DBLOG Trace Screen for SQL Statements* in the *DBLOG Utility* documentation.

Db2 Special Register Consideration

NDB refreshes the following Db2 special registers automatically to the values, which applied to the least previous executed transaction.

- CURRENT SQLID
- CURRENT SCHEMA
- CURRENT PATH
- CURRENT PACKAGE PATH

NDB refreshes the following Db2 special registers only automatically to the values, which applied to the least previous executed transaction, if the parameter `REFRESH=ON` is set.

- CURRENT PACKAGESET
- CURRENT SERVER

Those special registers are refreshed regardless whether the previously executed transaction was rolled back or was committed.

All other special registers are not implicitly manipulated by NDB.

Using Natural Native DML Statements

This section summarizes particular points you have to consider when using Natural data manipulation language (DML) statements with Db2. Any Natural statement not mentioned in this section can be used with Db2 without restriction.

Below is information on the following Natural DML statements:

- [BACKOUT TRANSACTION](#)

- DELETE
- END TRANSACTION
- FIND
- HISTOGRAM
- READ
- STORE
- UPDATE

BACKOUT TRANSACTION

The Natural native DML statement `BACKOUT TRANSACTION` undoes all database modifications made since the beginning of the last logical transaction. Logical transactions can start either after the beginning of a session or after the last `SYNCPOINT`, `END TRANSACTION`, or `BACKOUT TRANSACTION` statement.

How the statement is translated and which command is actually issued depends on the TP-monitor environment:

- If this command is executed within a Natural stored procedure or Natural user-defined function (UDF), Natural for Db2 executes the underlying rollback operation. This sets the caller into a must-rollback state. If this command is executed within a Natural stored procedure or UDF for Natural error processing (implicit `ROLLBACK`), Natural for Db2 does not execute the underlying rollback operation, thus allowing the caller to receive the original Natural error.
- Under CICS, the `BACKOUT TRANSACTION` statement is translated into an `EXEC CICS ROLLBACK` command. However, in pseudo-conversational mode, only changes made to the database since the last terminal I/O are undone. This is due to CICS-specific transaction processing, see [Natural for Db2 under CICS](#).



Note: Be aware that with terminal input in database loops, Natural switches to conversational mode if no file server is used.

- In batch mode and under TSO, the `BACKOUT TRANSACTION` statement is translated into an SQL `ROLLBACK` command.



Note: If running in a DSNMTV01 environment, the `BACKOUT TRANSACTION` statement is ignored if the used PSB has been generated without the `CMPAT=YES` option.

- Under IMS TM, the `BACKOUT TRANSACTION` statement is translated into an IMS Rollback (`ROLB`) command. However, only changes made to the database since the last terminal I/O are undone. This is due to IMS TM-specific transaction processing, see [Natural for Db2 under IMS TM](#).

As all cursors are closed when a logical unit of work ends, a `BACKOUT TRANSACTION` statement must not be placed within a database loop; instead, it has to be placed outside such a loop or after the outermost loop of nested loops.

If an external program written in another standard programming language is called from a Natural program, this external program must not contain its own ROLLBACK command if the Natural program issues database calls, too. The calling Natural program must issue the `BACKOUT TRANSACTION` statement for the external program.

If a program tries to backout updates which have already been committed, for example by a terminal I/O, a corresponding Natural error message (NAT3711) is returned.

DELETE

The Natural native DML statement `DELETE` is used to delete a row from a table which has been read with a preceding `FIND`, `READ`, or `SELECT` statement. It corresponds to the SQL statement `DELETE WHERE CURRENT OF cursor-name`, which means that only the row which was read last can be deleted.

Example:

```
FIND EMPLOYEES WITH NAME = 'SMITH'
      AND FIRST_NAME = 'ROGER'
DELETE
```

Natural would translate the above Natural statements into SQL and assign a cursor name (for example, `CURSOR1`) as follows:

```
DECLARE CURSOR1 CURSOR FOR
SELECT FROM EMPLOYEES
  WHERE NAME = 'SMITH' AND FIRST_NAME = 'ROGER' FOR UPDATE OF NAME
DELETE FROM EMPLOYEES
  WHERE CURRENT OF CURSOR1
```

Both the `SELECT` and the `DELETE` statement refer to the same cursor.

Natural translates a Natural native DML `DELETE` statement into a Natural SQL `DELETE` statement in the same way it translates a Natural native DML `FIND` statement into a Natural SQL `SELECT` statement.

A row read with a `FIND SORTED BY` cannot be deleted due to Db2 restrictions explained with the `FIND` statement. A row read with a `READ LOGICAL` cannot be deleted either.

DELETE when Using the File Server

If a row rolled out to the file server is to be deleted, Natural rereads automatically the original row from the database to compare it with its image stored in the file server. If the original row has not been modified in the meantime, the `DELETE` operation is performed. With the next terminal I/O, the transaction is terminated, and the row is deleted from the actual database.

If the `DELETE` operates on a scrollable cursor, the row on the file server is marked as `DELETE` hole and is deleted from the base table.

However, if any modification is detected, the row will not be deleted and Natural issues the NAT3703 error message for non-scrollable cursors.

If the `DELETE` operates on a scrollable cursor, Natural for Db2 simulates `SQLCODE -224 THE RESULT TABLE DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE BASE TABLE USING` for Db2 compliance.

If the `DELETE` operates on a scrollable cursor and the row has become a hole, Natural for Db2 simulates `SQLCODE -222 AN UPDATE OR DELETE OPERATION WAS ATTEMPTED AGAINST A HOLE`.

Since a `DELETE` statement requires that Natural rereads a single row, a unique index must be available for the respective table. All columns which comprise the unique index must be part of the corresponding Natural view.

END TRANSACTION

The Natural native DML statement `END TRANSACTION` indicates the end of a logical transaction and releases all Db2 data locked during the transaction. All data modifications are committed and made permanent.

How the statement is translated and which command is actually issued depends on the TP-monitor environment:

- If this command is executed from a Natural stored procedure or user defined function (UDF), Natural for Db2 does not execute the underlying commit operation. This allows the stored procedure or UDF to commit updates against non Db2 databases.
- Under CICS, the `END TRANSACTION` statement is translated into an `EXEC CICS SYNCPOINT` command. If the file server is used, an implicit end-of-transaction is issued after each terminal I/O. This is due to CICS-specific transaction processing in pseudo-conversational mode, see [Natural for Db2 under CICS](#).
- In batch mode and under TSO, the `END TRANSACTION` statement is translated into an `SQL COMMIT WORK` command.



Note: If running in a DSNMTV01 environment the `END TRANSACTION` statement is ignored if the used PSB has been generated without the `CMPAT=YES` option.

- Under IMS TM, the `END TRANSACTION` statement is not translated into an IMS `CHKP` call, but is ignored. Due to IMS TM-specific transaction processing (see [Natural for Db2 under IMS TM](#)), an implicit end-of-transaction is issued after each terminal I/O.

Except when used in combination with the `SQL WITH HOLD` clause (see [SELECT - SQL](#) in [Using Natural SQL Statements](#)), an `END TRANSACTION` statement must not be placed within a database loop, since all cursors are closed when a logical unit of work ends. Instead, it has to be placed outside such a loop or after the outermost loop of nested loops.

If an external program written in another standard programming language is called from a Natural program, this external program must not contain its own `COMMIT` command if the Natural program issues database calls, too. The calling Natural program must issue the `END TRANSACTION` statement on behalf of the external program.



Note: With Db2, the `END TRANSACTION` statement cannot be used to store transaction data.

FIND

The Natural native DML statement `FIND` corresponds to the Natural SQL statement `SELECT`.

Example:

Natural native DML statements:

```
FIND EMPLOYEES WITH NAME = 'BLACKMORE'
    AND AGE EQ 20 THRU 40
OBTAIN PERSONNEL_ID NAME AGE
```

Equivalent Natural SQL statement:

```
SELECT PERSONNEL_ID, NAME, AGE
FROM EMPLOYEES
WHERE NAME = 'BLACKMORE'
    AND AGE BETWEEN 20 AND 40
```

Natural internally translates a `FIND` statement into an SQL `SELECT` statement as described in *Processing of SQL Statements Issued by Natural* in the section *Internal Handling of Dynamic Statements*. The `SELECT` statement is executed by an `OPEN CURSOR` statement followed by a `FETCH` command. The `FETCH` command is executed repeatedly until either all records have been read or the program flow exits the `FIND` processing loop. A `CLOSE CURSOR` command ends the `SELECT` processing.

The `WITH` clause of a `FIND` statement is converted to the `WHERE` clause of the `SELECT` statement. The basic search criterion for a Db2 table can be specified in the same way as for an Adabas file. This implies that only database fields which are defined as descriptors can be used to construct basic search criteria and that descriptors cannot be compared with other fields of the Natural view (that is, database fields) but only with program variables or constants.



Note: As each database field (column) of a Db2 table can be used for searching, any database field can be defined as a descriptor in a Natural DDM.

The `WHERE` clause of the `FIND` statement is evaluated by Natural *after* the rows have been selected via the `WITH` clause. Within the `WHERE` clause, non-descriptors can be used and database fields can be compared with other database fields.



Note: Db2 does not have sub-, super-, or phonetic descriptors.

A `FIND NUMBER` statement is translated into a `SELECT` statement containing a `COUNT(*)` clause. The number of rows found is returned in the Natural system variable `*NUMBER` as described in the *Natural System Variables* documentation.

The `FIND UNIQUE` statement can be used to ensure that only one record is selected for processing. If the `FIND UNIQUE` statement is referenced by an `UPDATE` statement, a non-cursor (Searched) `UPDATE` operation is generated instead of a cursor-oriented (Positioned) `UPDATE` operation. Therefore, it can be used if you want to update a Db2 primary key. It is, however, recommended to use the Natural SQL Searched `UPDATE` statement to update a primary key.

In static mode, the `FIND NUMBER` and `FIND UNIQUE` statements are translated into a `SELECT SINGLE` statement as described in the section *Using Natural SQL Statements*.

The `FIND FIRST` statement cannot be used. The `PASSWORD`, `CIPHER`, `COUPLED` and `RETAIN` clauses cannot be used either.

The `SORTED BY` clause of a `FIND` statement is translated into the SQL `SELECT ... ORDER BY` clause, which follows the search criterion. Because this produces a read-only result table, a row read with a `FIND` statement that contains a `SORTED BY` clause cannot be updated or deleted.

A limit on the depth of nested database loops can be specified at installation time. If this limit is exceeded, a Natural error message is returned.



Notes:

1. If a processing limit is specified as a constant integer number, for example, `FIND (5)`, the limitation value will be translated into a `FETCH FIRST integer ROWS ONLY` clause in the generated SQL string.
2. Natural for Db2 supports Db2 multiple row processing on behalf of the `MULTIFETCH` clause of the `FIND` statement.

FIND when using the File Server

As far as the file server is concerned, there are no programming restrictions with selection statements. It is, however, recommended to make yourself familiar with its functionality considering performance and file server space requirements.

HISTOGRAM

The Natural DML statement `HISTOGRAM` returns the number of rows in a table which have the same value in a specific column. The number of rows is returned in the Natural system variable `*NUMBER` as described in the Natural *System Variables* documentation.

Example:

Natural native DML statements:

```
HISTOGRAM EMPLOYEES FOR AGE  
OBTAIN AGE
```

Equivalent Natural SQL statement:

```
SELECT COUNT(*), AGE FROM EMPLOYEES  
WHERE AGE > -999  
GROUP BY AGE  
ORDER BY AGE
```

Natural translates the `HISTOGRAM` statement into an SQL `SELECT` statement, which means that the control flow is similar to the flow explained for the [FIND](#) statement.



Note: With Universal Database Server for z/OS Version 8, Natural for Db2 supports Db2 multiple row processing on behalf of the `MULTIFETCH` clause of the `HISTOGRAM` statement.

READ

The Natural native DML statement `READ` can also be used to access Db2 tables. Natural translates a `READ` statement into an SQL `SELECT` statement.

`READ PHYSICAL` and `READ LOGICAL` can be used; `READ BY ISN`, however, cannot be used, as there is no Db2 equivalent to Adabas ISNs. The `PASSWORD` and `CIPHER` clauses cannot be used either.

Since a `READ LOGICAL` statement is translated into a `SELECT ... ORDER BY` statement, which produces a read-only table, a row read with a `READ LOGICAL` statement cannot be updated or deleted (see Example 1). The start value can only be a constant or a program variable; any other field of the Natural view (that is, any database field) cannot be used.

A `READ PHYSICAL` statement is translated into a `SELECT` statement without an `ORDER BY` clause and can therefore be updated or deleted (see Example 2).

Example 1:

Natural native DML statements:


```
READ PERSONNEL BY NAME
OBTAIN NAME FIRSTNAME DATEOFBIRTH
```

Equivalent Natural SQL statement:

```
SELECT NAME, FIRSTNAME, DATEOFBIRTH FROM PERSONNEL
WHERE NAME >= ' '
ORDER BY NAME
```

Example 2:

The Natural native DML statements:

```
READ PERSONNEL PHYSICAL
OBTAIN NAME
```

Equivalent Natural SQL statement:

```
SELECT NAME FROM PERSONNEL
```

If the READ statement contains a WHERE clause, this clause is evaluated by the Natural processor *after* the rows have been selected according to the descriptor value(s) specified in the search criterion.

Processing Limit

If a processing limit is specified as a constant integer number, for example, READ (5), in the SQL string generated, the value that defines the limitation will be translated into the clause

```
FETCH FIRST integer ROWS ONLY
```

Cursors for Db2 Clauses

Natural for Db2 uses insensitive scrollable cursors to process the following READ statement:

```
READ .. [IN] [LOGICAL] VARIABLE/DYNAMIC operand5 [SEQUENCE]
```

Natural for Db2 uses insensitive scrollable cursors to process the READ statement below. If relating to a Positioned UPDATE or Positioned DELETE statement, Natural for Db2 uses insensitive static cursors.


```
READ .. [IN] [PHYSICAL] DESCENDING/VARIABLE/DYNAMIC operand5 [SEQUENCE]
```

operand5

Value A will be translated into a FETCH FIRST/NEXT Db2 access, and value D into a FETCH LAST/PRIOR Db2 access.



Note: Natural for Db2 supports Db2 multiple row processing on behalf of the MULTIFETCH clause of the READ statement.

READ when Using the File Server

As far as the file server is concerned there are no programming restrictions with selection statements. It is, however, recommended to make yourself familiar with its functionality considering performance and file server space requirements.

STORE

The Natural native DML statement STORE is used to add a row to a Db2 table. The STORE statement corresponds to the SQL statement INSERT.

Example:

The Natural native DML statement:

```
STORE RECORD IN EMPLOYEES
  WITH PERSONNEL_ID = '2112'
      NAME           = 'LIFESON'
      FIRST_NAME     = 'ALEX'
```

Equivalent Natural SQL statement:

```
INSERT INTO EMPLOYEES (PERSONNEL_ID, NAME, FIRST_NAME)
VALUES ('2112', 'LIFESON', 'ALEX')
```

The PASSWORD, CIPHER and USING/GIVING NUMBER clauses of the STORE statement cannot be used.

UPDATE

The Natural native DML statement `UPDATE` updates a row in a Db2 table which has been read with a preceding `FIND`, `READ`, or `SELECT` statement. It corresponds to the SQL statement `UPDATE WHERE CURRENT OF cursor-name` (Positioned `UPDATE`), which means that only the row which was read last can be updated.

UPDATE when Using the File Server

If a row rolled out to the file server is to be updated, Natural automatically rereads the original row from the database to compare it with its image stored in the file server. If the original row has not been modified in the meantime, the `UPDATE` operation is performed. With the next terminal I/O, the transaction is terminated and the row is definitely updated on the database.

If the `UPDATE` operates on a scrollable cursor, the row on the file server and the row in the base table are updated. If the row no longer qualifies for the search criteria of the related `SELECT` statement after the update, the row is marked as `UPDATE hole` on the file server.

However, if any modification is detected, the row will not be updated and Natural issues the NAT3703 error message for non-scrollable cursors.

If the `UPDATE` operates on a scrollable cursor, Natural for Db2 simulates SQLCODE -224 THE RESULT TABLE DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE BASE TABLE USING for Db2 compliance.

If the `UPDATE` operates on a scrollable cursor and the row has become a hole, Natural for Db2 simulates SQLCODE -222 AN UPDATE OR DELETE OPERATION WAS ATTEMPTED AGAINST A HOLE.

Since an `UPDATE` statement requires rereading a single row by Natural, a unique index must be available for this table. All columns which comprise the unique index must be part of the corresponding Natural view.

UPDATE with FIND/READ

As explained with the Natural native DML statement `FIND`, Natural translates a `FIND` statement into an SQL `SELECT` statement. When a Natural program contains a DML `UPDATE` statement, this statement is translated into an SQL `UPDATE` statement and a `FOR UPDATE OF` clause is added to the `SELECT` statement.

Example:


```
FIND EMPLOYEES WITH SALARY < 5000
  ASSIGN SALARY = 6000
  UPDATE
```

Natural would translate the above Natural statements into SQL and assign a cursor name (for example, CURSOR1) as follows:

```
DECLARE CURSOR1 CURSOR FOR
SELECT SALARY FROM EMPLOYEES WHERE SALARY < 5000
  FOR UPDATE OF SALARY
UPDATE EMPLOYEES SET SALARY = 6000
  WHERE CURRENT OF CURSOR1
```

Both the `SELECT` and the `UPDATE` statement refer to the same cursor.

Due to Db2 logic, a column (field) can only be updated if it is contained in the `FOR UPDATE OF` clause; otherwise updating this column (field) is rejected. Natural includes automatically all columns (fields) into the `FOR UPDATE OF` clause which have been modified anywhere in the Natural program or which are input fields as part of a Natural map.

However, an Db2 column is not updated if the column (field) is marked as “not updateable” in the Natural DDM. Such columns (fields) are removed from the `FOR UPDATE OF` list without any warning or error message. The columns (fields) contained in the `FOR UPDATE OF` list can be checked with the `LISTSQL` command.

The Adabas short name in the Natural DDM determines whether a column (field) can be updated.

The following table shows the ranges that apply:

Short-Name Range	Type of Field
AA - N9	non-key field that can be updated
Aa - Nz	non-key field that can be updated
OA - O9	primary key field
PA - P9	ascending key field that can be updated
QA - Q9	descending key field that can be updated
RA - X9	non-key field that cannot be updated
Ra - Xz	non-key field that cannot be updated
YA - Y9	ascending key field that cannot be updated
ZA - Z9	descending key field that cannot be updated
1A - 9Z	non-key field that cannot be updated
1a - 9z	non-key field that cannot be updated

Be aware that a primary key field is never part of a `FOR UPDATE OF` list except when the compiler option `DB2PKYU` is set to `ON`. If `DB2PKYU` is set to `OFF`, which is its default value, you can only update

a primary key field by using a non-cursor `UPDATE` operation. For more information, see also Natural SQL `UPDATE` statement in the section *Using Natural SQL Statements*.

A row read with a `FIND` statement that contains a `SORTED BY` clause cannot be updated (due to Db2 limitations as explained with the `FIND` statement). A row read with a `READ LOGICAL` statement cannot be updated either (as explained with the `READ` statement).

If a column is to be updated which is redefined as an array, it is strongly recommended to update the whole column and not individual occurrences; otherwise, results are not predictable. To do so, in reporting mode you can use the `OBTAIN` statement, which must be applied to all field occurrences in the column to be updated. In structured mode, however, all these occurrences must be defined in the corresponding Natural view.

The data locked by an `UPDATE` statement are released when an `END TRANSACTION (COMMIT WORK)` or `BACKOUT TRANSACTION (ROLLBACK WORK)` statement is executed by the program.



Note: If a length indicator field or `NULL` indicator field is updated in a Natural program without updating the field (column) it refers to, the update of the column is not generated for Db2 and thus no updating takes place.

UPDATE with SELECT

In general, the Natural native DML statement `UPDATE` can be used in both structured and reporting mode. However, after a `SELECT` statement, only the syntax defined for Natural structured mode is allowed:

```
UPDATE [RECORD] [IN] [STATEMENT] [(r)]
```

This is due to the fact that in combination with the `SELECT` statement, the Natural native DML `UPDATE` statement is only allowed in the special case of:

```
...
SELECT ...
  INTO VIEW view-name
...
```

Thus, only a whole Natural view can be updated; individual columns (fields) cannot.

Example:


```
DEFINE DATA LOCAL
01 PERS VIEW OF SQL-PERSONNEL
  02 NAME
  02 AGE
END-DEFINE

SELECT *
  INTO VIEW PERS
  FROM SQL-PERSONNEL
  WHERE NAME LIKE 'S%'

  IF NAME = 'SMITH'
    ADD 1 TO AGE
  UPDATE
  END-IF

END-SELECT
...
```

In combination with the Natural native DML `UPDATE` statement, any other form of the `SELECT` statement is rejected and an error message is returned.

In all other respects, the Natural native DML `UPDATE` statement can be used with the `SELECT` statement in the same way as with the Natural `FIND` statement.

Using Natural SQL Statements

This section covers points you have to consider when using Natural SQL statements with Db2. These Db2-specific points partly consist in syntax enhancements which belong to the Extended Set of Natural SQL syntax. The Extended Set is provided in addition to the Common Set to support database-specific features; see *Common Set and Extended Set* in the *Statements* documentation.

For information on logging SQL statements contained in a Natural program, refer to *DBLOG Trace Screen for SQL Statements* in the *DBLOG Utility* documentation.

Below is information on the following Natural SQL statements and on common syntactical items:

- [Syntactical Items Common to Natural SQL Statements](#)
- [CALLDBPROC - SQL](#)
- [COMMIT - SQL](#)
- [DELETE - SQL](#)
- [INSERT - SQL](#)
- [MERGE - SQL](#)
- [PROCESS SQL](#)
- [READ RESULT SET - SQL](#)
- [ROLLBACK - SQL](#)
- [SELECT - SQL](#)

- UPDATE - SQL

Syntactical Items Common to Natural SQL Statements

The following common syntactical items are either Db2-specific and do not conform to the standard SQL syntax definitions (that is, to the Common Set of Natural SQL syntax) or impose restrictions when used with Db2 (see also *Using Natural SQL Statements* in the *Statements* documentation).

Below is information on the following common syntactical items:

- atom
- comparison
- factor
- scalar-function
- column-function
- scalar-operator
- special-register
- units
- case-expression

atom

An atom can be either a parameter (that is, a Natural program variable or host variable) or a constant. When running dynamically, however, the use of host variables is restricted by Db2. For further details, refer to the relevant Db2 literature by IBM.

comparison

The comparison operators specific to Db2 belong to the Natural Extended Set. For a description, refer to *Comparison Predicate* in *Search Conditions* in the *Statements* documentation.

factor

The following factors are specific to Db2 and belong to the Natural SQL Extended Set:

```
special-register  
scalar-function(scalar-expression, ...)  
scalar-expression unit  
case-expression
```


scalar-function

A scalar function is a built-in function that can be used in the construction of scalar computational expressions. Scalar functions are specific to Db2 and belong to the Natural SQL Extended Set.

The scalar functions Natural for Db2 supports are listed below in alphabetical order:

A - H	I - R	S - Z
ABS	IDENTITY_VAL_LOCAL	SCORE
ABSVAL	IFNULL	SECOND
ACOS	INSERT	SIGN
ADD_DAYS	INSTR	SIN
ADD_MONTHS	INTEGER	SINH
AI_ANALOGY	JULIAN_DAY	SMALLINT
AI_SEMANTIC_CLUSTER	LAST_DAY	SOAPHTTPC
AI_SIMILARITY	LCASE	SOAPHTTPV
ASIN	LEAST	SOAPHTTPNC
ASCII	LEFT	SOAPHTTPNV
ASCII_CHR	LENGTH	SOUNDEX
ASCII_STR	LN	SPACE
ATAN	LOCATE	SQRT
ATAN2	LOCATE_IN_STRING	STRIP
ATANH	LOG	STRLEFT
BIGINT	LOG10	STPOS
BINARY	LOWER	STRIGHT
BLOB	LPAD	SUBSTR
CCSID_ENCODING	LTRIM	SUBSTRING
CEIL	MAX	TAN
CEILING	MICROSECOND	TANH
CHAR	MIDNIGHT_SECONDS	TIME
CHARACTER_LENGTH	MIN	TIMESTAMP
CHAR_LENGTH	MINUTE	TIMESTAMPADD
CLOB	MOD	TIMESTAMP_FORMAT
COALESCE	MONTH	TIMESTAMP_ISO
COLLATION_KEY	MONTHS_BETWEEN	TIMESTAMP_TZ
COMPARE_DECFLOAT	MQPUBLISH	TO_CHAR
CONCAT	MQPUBLISHXML	TO_CLOB
CONTAINS	MQREAD	TO_DATE
COS	MQREADCLOB	TO_NUMBER
COSH	MQREADXML	TO_TIMESTAMP
DATE	MQRECEIVE	TOTALORDER
DAY	MQRECEIVECLOB	TRANSLATE
DAYOFMONTH	MQRECEIVEXML	TRUNC
DAYOFWEEK	MQSEND	TRUNC_TIMESTAMP
DAYOFWEEK_ISO	MQSENDXML	TRUNCATE
DAYOFYEAR	MQSENDXMLFILE	UCASE
DAYS	MQSENDXMLFILECLOB	UNICODE
DBCLOB	MQSUBSCRIBE	UNICODE_STR

A - H	I - R	S - Z
DEC	MQUNSUBSCRIBE	UNISTR
DECFLOAT	MULTIPLY_ALT	UPPER
DECFLOAT_SORTKEY	NEXT_DAY	VALUE
DECIMAL	NORMALIZE_DECFLOAT	VARBINARY
DECRYPT_BIT	NORMALIZE_STRING	VARCHAR
DECRYPT_CHAR	NULLIF	VARCHAR_FORMAT
DECRYPT_DB	OVERLAY	VARGRAPHIC
DECRYPT_DATAKEY_BIT	POSSTR	WEEK
DECRYPT_DATAKEY_BIGINT	POW	WEEK_ISO
DECRYPT_DATAKEY_CLOB	POWER	XMLATTRIBUTES
DECRYPT_DATAKEY_DBCLOB	QUANTIZE	XMLCONCAT
DECRYPT_DATAKEY_DECIMAL	QUARTER	XMLCOMMENT
DECRYPT_DATAKEY_INTEGER	RADIANS	XMLDOCUMENT
DECRYPT_DATAKEY_VARCHAR	RAISE_ERROR	XMLELEMENT
DECRYPT_DATAKEY_VARGRAPHIC	RAND	XMLFOREST
DEGREES	RANDOM	XMLMODIFY
DIFFERENCE	REAL	XMLNAMESPACES
DIGITS	REGEXP_COUNT	XMLPARSE
DOUBLE	REGEXG_INSTR	XMLPI
DOUBLE_PRECISION	REGEXP_LIKE	XMLQUERY
DSN_XMLVALIDATE	REGEXP_REPLACE	XMLSERIALIZE
EBCDIC_CHR	REGEXP_SUBSTR	XMLTEXT
EBCDIC_STR	REPEAT	XMLXSROBJECTID
ENCRYPT_DATAKEY	REPLACE	YEAR
ENCRYPT_TDES	RID	
ENCRYPT	RIGHT	
EXP	ROUND	
EXTRACT	ROUND_TIMESTAMP	
FLOAT	ROWID	
FLOOR	RPAD	
GRAPHIC	RTRIM	
GENERATE_UNIQUE		
GETHINT		
GETVARIABLE		
GREATEST		
HASH		
HASH_CRC32		
HASH_MD5		
HASH_SHA1		
HASH_SHA256		
HEX		
HOUR		

Each scalar function is followed by one or more scalar expressions in parentheses. The number of scalar expressions depends upon the scalar function. Multiple scalar expressions must be separated from one another by commas.

Example:


```
SELECT NAME  
  INTO NAME  
  FROM SQL-PERSONNEL  
  WHERE SUBSTR ( NAME, 1, 3 ) = 'Fri'  
      ...
```

column-function

A column function returns a single-value result for the argument it receives. The argument is a set of like values, such as the values of a column. Column functions are also called aggregating functions.

The following column functions conform to standard SQL. They are not specific to Db2:

AVG
COUNT
MAX
MIN
SUM

The following column functions do not conform to standard SQL. They are specific to Db2 and belong to the Natural SQL Extended Set.

COUNT_BIG
CORRELATION
COVARIANCE
COVAR_POP
COVARIANCE_SAMP
LISTAGG
MEDIAN
PERCENTILE_CONT
PERCENTILE_DISC
REGR_AVGX
REGR_AVGY
REGR_COUNT
REGR_ICPT
REGR_INTERCEPT
REGR_R2
REGR_SLOPE
REGR_SXX
REGR_SXY
REGR_SYY
STDDEV
STDDEV_POP
STDDEV_SAMP
VAR
VAR_POP

VAR_SAMP
VARIANCE
VARIANCE_SAMP
XMLAGG

scalar-operator

The concatenation operator (CONCAT or ||) does not conform to standard SQL. It is specific to Db2 and belongs to the Natural Extended Set.

special-register

With the exception of USER, the following special registers do not conform to standard SQL. They are specific to Db2 and belong to the Natural SQL Extended Set:

CURRENT APPLICATION COMPATIBILITY
CURRENT APPLICATION ENCODING SCHEME
CURRENT CLIENT_ACCNTG
CLIENT ACCNTG
CURRENT CLIENT_APPLNAME
CLIENT APPLNAME
CURRENT CLIENT_USERID
CLIENT USERID
CURRENT CLIENT_WRKSTNNAME
CLIENT WRKSTNNAME
CURRENT DATE
CURRENT_DATE
CURRENT DEBUG MODE
CURRENT DECFLOAT ROUNDING MODE
CURRENT DEGREE
CURRENT FUNCTION PATH
CURRENT GET_ACCEL_ARCHIVE
CURRENT_LC_CTYPE
CURRENT LC_CTYPE
CURRENT LOCALE LC_CTYPE
CURRENT LOCK TIMEOUT
CURRENT MAINTAINED TABLE TYPES FOR OPTIMIZATION
CURRENT_MEMBER
CURRENT OPTIMIZATION HINT
CURRENT PACKAGE PATH
CURRENT PACKAGESET
CURRENT_PATH
CURRENT PRECISION
CURRENT QUERY ACCELERATION
CURRENT QUERY ACCELERATION WAITFORDATA

CURRENT REFRESH AGE
CURRENT ROUTINE VERSION
CURRENT RULES
CURRENT SCHEMA
CURRENT SERVER
CURRENT_SERVER
CURRENT SQLID
CURRENT TEMPORAL BUSINESS_TIME
CURRENT TEMPORAL_SYSTEM_TIME
CURRENT TIME
CURRENT_TIME
CURRENT TIMESTAMP
CURRENT TIMEZONE
CURRENT_TIMEZONE
CURRENT_TIMEZONE USER
SESSION TIME ZONE
SESSION_USER
USER

A reference to a special register returns a scalar value.

Using the command `SET CURRENT SQLID`, the creator name of a table can be substituted by the current `SQLID`. This enables you to access identical tables with the same table name but with different creator names.

units

Units, also called “durations”, are specific to Db2 and belong to the Natural SQL Extended Set.

The following units are supported:

DAY
DAYS
HOUR
HOURS
MICROSECOND
MICROSECONDS
MINUTE
MINUTES
MONTH
MONTHS
SECOND
SECONDS
YEAR
YEARS

case-expression

$\text{CASE } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{searched-when-clause} \\ \dots \\ \text{simple-when-clause} \end{array} \right\} \left[\text{ELSE } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{NULL} \\ \text{scalar expression} \end{array} \right\} \right] \text{END}$

Case-expressions do not conform to standard SQL and are therefore supported by the Natural SQL Extended Set only.

Example:

```

DEFINE DATA LOCAL
  01 #EMP
  02 #EMPNO (A10)
  02 #FIRSTNME (A15)
  02 #MIDINIT (A5)
  02 #LASTNAME (A15)
  02 #EDLEVEL (A13)
  02 #INCOME (P7)
END-DEFINE
SELECT EMPNO, FIRSTNME, MIDINIT, LASTNAME,
      (CASE WHEN EDLEVEL < 15 THEN 'SECONDARY'
            WHEN EDLEVEL < 19 THEN 'COLLEGE'
            ELSE 'POST GRADUATE'
            END ) AS EDUCATION, SALARY + COMM AS INCOME
INTO
  #EMPNO, #FIRSTNME, #MIDINIT, #LASTNAME,
  #EDLEVEL, #INCOME
FROM DSN8510-EMP
WHERE (CASE WHEN SALARY = 0 THEN NULL
          ELSE SALARY / COMM
          END ) > 0.25

DISPLAY #EMP
END-SELECT
END

```

CALLDBPROC - SQL

The Natural SQL statement `CALLDBPROC` is used to call Db2 stored procedures. It supports the result set mechanism of Db2 and it enables you to call Db2 stored procedures. For further details and statement syntax, see *CALLDBPROC (SQL)* in the *Statements* documentation.

The following topics are covered below:

- [Static and Dynamic Execution](#)
- [Result Sets](#)
- [List of Parameter Data Types](#)
- [CALLMODE=NATURAL](#)

■ Example of CALLDBPROC/READ RESULT SET

Static and Dynamic Execution

If the `CALLDBPROC` statement is executed dynamically, all parameters and constants are mapped to the variables of the following Db2 SQL statement:

```
CALL :hv USING DESCRIPTOR :sqlda statement
```

`:hv` denotes a host variable containing the name of the procedure to be called and `:sqlda` is a dynamically generated `sqlda` describing the parameters to be passed to the stored procedure.

If the `CALLDBPROC` statement is executed statically, the constants of the `CALLDBPROC` statement are also generated as constants in the generated assembler SQL source for the Db2 precompiler.

Result Sets

If the `SQLCODE` created by the `CALL` statement indicates that there are result sets (`SQLCODE` +466 and +464), Natural for Db2 runtime executes a `DESCRIBE PROCEDURE :hv INTO :sqlda` statement in order to retrieve the result set locator values of the result sets created by the invoked stored procedure. These values are put into the `RESULT SETS` variables specified in the `CALLDBPROC` statement. Each `RESULT SETS` variable specified in a `CALLDBPROC` for which no result set locator value is present is reset to zero. The result set locator values can be used to read the result sets by means of the `READ RESULT SET` statement as long as the database transaction which created the result set has not yet issued a `COMMIT` or `ROLLBACK`.

If the result set was created by a cursor `WITH HOLD`, the result set locator value remains valid after a `COMMIT` operation.

Unlike other Natural SQL statements, `CALLDBPROC` enables you (optionally!) to specify an `SQLCODE` variable following the `GIVING` keyword which will contain the `SQLCODE` of the underlying `CALL` statement. If `GIVING` is specified, it is up to the Natural program to react on the `SQLCODE` (error message NAT3700 is not issued by the runtime).

List of Parameter Data Types

Below are the parameter data types supported by the `CALLDBPROC` statement:

Natural Format/Length	Db2 Data Type
<i>An</i>	CHAR(<i>n</i>)
B2	SMALLINT
B4	INT
<i>Bn</i> (<i>n</i> = not equal 2 or 4)	CHAR(<i>n</i>)
F4	REAL

Natural Format/Length	Db2 Data Type
F8	DOUBLE PRECISION
I2	SMALLINT
I4	INT
Nnn.m	NUMERIC (nn+m, m)
Pnn.m	NUMERIC (nn+m, n)
Gn	GRAPHIC (n)
An/1:m	VARCHAR (n*m)
D	DATE
T	TIME Note: The Natural format T has a wider data range than the equivalent Db2 TIME data type. Compared with Db2 TIME, in addition, the Natural T variable has a date fraction (year, month, day) and the tenths of a second. As a result, when converting a Natural T variable into a Db2 TIME value, Natural for Db2 cuts off the date fraction and the tenths of a second part. When converting Db2 TIME into Natural T format, the date fraction is reset to 0000-01-02 and the tenths of a second part is reset to 0 in Natural.

CALLMODE=NATURAL

This parameter is used to invoke Natural stored procedures defined with `PARAMETER STYLE GENERAL/WITH NULL`.

If the `CALLMODE=NATURAL` parameter is specified, an additional parameter describing the parameters passed to the Natural stored procedure is passed from the client, that is, caller, to the server, that is, the Natural for Db2 server stub. The parameter is the Stored Procedure Control Block (STCB; see also [STCB Layout](#) in [PARAMETER STYLE](#) in the section [Processing Natural Stored Procedures and UDFs](#)) and has the format `VARCHAR` from the viewpoint of Db2. Therefore, every Natural stored procedure defined with `PARAMETER STYLE GENERAL/WITH NULL` has to be defined with the `CREATE PROCEDURE` statement by using this `VARCHAR` parameter as the first in its `PARMLIST` row.

From the viewpoint of the caller, that is, the Natural program, and from the viewpoint of the stored procedure, that is, Natural subprogram, the STCB is invisible. It is passed as first parameter by the Natural for Db2 runtime and it is used as on the server side to build the copy of the passed data in the Natural thread and the corresponding `CALLNAT` statement. Additionally, this parameter serves as a container for error information created during execution of the Natural stored procedure by the Natural runtime. It also contains information on the library where you are logged on and the Natural subprogram to be invoked.

Example of CALLDBPROC/READ RESULT SET

Below is a sample program for issuing CALLDBPROC and READ RESULT SET statements:

```
DEFINE DATA LOCAL
  1 ALPHA          (A8)
  1 NUMERIC        (N7.3)
  1 PACKED         (P9.4)
  1 VCHAR          (A20/1:5) INIT    <'DB25SGCP'>
  1 INTEGER2       (I2)
  1 INTEGER4       (I4)
  1 BINARY2        (B2)
  1 BINARY4        (B4)
  1 BINARY12       (B12)
  1 FLOAT4         (F4)
  1 FLOAT8         (F8)
  1 INDEX-ARRAY   (I2/1:11)
  1 INDEX-ARRAY1  (I2)
  1 INDEX-ARRAY2  (I2)
  1 INDEX-ARRAY3  (I2)
  1 INDEX-ARRAY4  (I2)
  1 INDEX-ARRAY5  (I2)
  1 INDEX-ARRAY6  (I2)
  1 INDEX-ARRAY7  (I2)
  1 INDEX-ARRAY8  (I2)
  1 INDEX-ARRAY9  (I2)
  1 INDEX-ARRAY10 (I2)
  1 INDEX-ARRAY11 (I2)
  1 #RESP         (I4)
  1 #RS1          (I4) INIT <99>
  1 #RS2          (I4) INIT <99>
LOCAL
  1 V1 VIEW OF SYSIBM-SYSTABLES
  2 NAME
  1 V2 VIEW OF SYSIBM-SYSPROCEDURES
  2 PROCEDURE
  2 RESULT_SETS
  1 V (I2) INIT <99>
END-DEFINE
CALLDBPROC 'DAEFDB25.SYSPROC.SNGSTPC' DSN8510-EMP
ALPHA INDICATOR :INDEX-ARRAY1
NUMERIC INDICATOR :INDEX-ARRAY2
PACKED INDICATOR :INDEX-ARRAY3
VCHAR(*) INDICATOR :INDEX-ARRAY4
INTEGER2 INDICATOR :INDEX-ARRAY5
INTEGER4 INDICATOR :INDEX-ARRAY6
BINARY2 INDICATOR :INDEX-ARRAY7
BINARY4 INDICATOR :INDEX-ARRAY8
BINARY12 INDICATOR :INDEX-ARRAY9
FLOAT4 INDICATOR :INDEX-ARRAY10
FLOAT8 INDICATOR :INDEX-ARRAY11
```



```

RESULT SETS #RS1 #RS2
CALLMODE=NATURAL
READ (10) RESULT SET #RS2 INTO VIEW V2 FROM SYSIBM-SYSTABLES
WRITE 'PROC F RS  :' PROCEDURE 50T RESULT_SETS
END-RESULT
END

```

COMMIT - SQL

The Natural SQL `COMMIT` statement indicates the end of a logical transaction and releases all Db2 data locked during the transaction. All data modifications are made permanent. For further details and statement syntax, see *COMMIT (SQL)* in the *Statements* documentation.

`COMMIT` is a synonym for the Natural native DML statement `END TRANSACTION` as described in the section [Using Natural Native DML Statements](#).

No transaction data can be provided with the `COMMIT` statement.

If this command is executed from a Natural stored procedure or user-defined function (UDF), Natural for Db2 does not execute the underlying commit operation. This allows the Natural stored procedure or UDF to commit updates against non Db2 databases.

Under CICS, the `COMMIT` statement is translated into an `EXEC CICS SYNCPOINT` command. If the file server is used, an implicit end-of-transaction is issued after each terminal I/O. This is due to CICS-specific transaction processing in pseudo-conversational mode, see [Natural for Db2 under CICS](#).

Under IMS TM, the `COMMIT` statement is not translated into an `IMS CHECKPOINT` command, but is ignored. An implicit end-of-transaction is issued after each terminal I/O. This is due to IMS TM-specific transaction processing, see [Natural for Db2 under IMS TM](#).

Unless when used in combination with the `WITH HOLD` clause (see *Syntax 1 - Cursor-Oriented Selection* in *SELECT (SQL)* in the *Statements* documentation), a `COMMIT` statement must not be placed within a database loop, since all cursors are closed when a logical unit of work ends. Instead, it has to be placed outside such a loop or after the outermost loop of nested loops.

If an external program written in another standard programming language is called from a Natural program, this external program must not contain its own `COMMIT` command if the Natural program issues database calls, too. The calling Natural program must issue the `COMMIT` statement on behalf of the external program.

DELETE - SQL

Both the cursor-oriented or Positioned `DELETE`, and the non-cursor or Searched `DELETE` statements are supported as part of Natural SQL; the functionality of the Positioned `DELETE` statement corresponds to that of the Natural DML `DELETE` statement. For further details and statement syntax, see *DELETE (SQL)* in the *Statements* documentation.

With Db2, a table name in the *FROM Clause* of a Searched `DELETE` statement can be assigned a *correlation-name*. This does not correspond to the standard SQL syntax definition and therefore belongs to the Natural SQL Extended Set.

The Searched `DELETE` statement must be used, for example, to delete a row from a self-referencing table, since with self-referencing tables a Positioned `DELETE` is not allowed by Db2.

INSERT - SQL

The Natural SQL `INSERT` statement is used to add one or more new rows to a table.

Since the `INSERT` statement can contain a select expression, all the Db2-specific [common syntactical items](#) described above apply.

For further details and statement syntax, see *INSERT (SQL)* in the *Statements* documentation.

MERGE - SQL

The `MERGE` statement is a hybrid SQL statement consisting of an `UPDATE` component and an `INSERT` component. It allows you either to insert a row into a Db2 table or to update a row of a Db2 table if the input data matches an already existing row of a table.

The `MERGE` statement belongs to the SQL Extended Set.

For further details and statement syntax, see *MERGE (SQL)* in the *Statements* documentation.

PROCESS SQL

The Natural `PROCESS SQL` statement is used to issue SQL statements to the underlying database. The statements are specified in a *statement-string*, which can also include constants and parameters. The set of statements which can be issued is also referred to as Flexible SQL and comprises those statements which can be issued with the SQL statement `EXECUTE`.

In addition, Flexible SQL includes the following Db2-specific statements:

```
CALL  
CONNECT  
GET DIAGNOSTICS  
SET APPLICATION ENCODING SCHEME  
SET CONNECTION
```



```

SET CURRENT DEGREE
SET CURRENT LC_CTYPE
SET CURRENT OPTIMIZATION HINT
SET CURRENT MAINTAINED TABLE TYPES FOR OPTIMIZATION
SET CURRENT PACKAGE PATH
SET CURRENT PACKAGESET
SET CURRENT PATH
SET CURRENT PRECISION
SET CURRENT REFRESH AGE
SET CURRENT RULES
SET CURRENT SCHEMA
SET CURRENT SQLID
SET ENCRYPTION PASSWORD
SET host-variable=special-register
RELEASE

```



Notes:

1. SQL statements issued by `PROCESS SQL` are skipped during static generation. Thus they are always executed dynamically via `NDBIOM0`.
2. To avoid transaction synchronization problems between the Natural environment and Db2, the `COMMIT` and `ROLLBACK` statements must not be used within `PROCESS SQL`.

For further details and statement syntax, see *PROCESS SQL* in the *Statements* documentation.

READ RESULT SET - SQL

The Natural SQL `READ RESULT SET` statement reads a result set created by a Natural stored procedure that was invoked by a `CALLDBPROC` statement. For details on how to specify the scroll direction by using the variable `scroll-hv`, see the `SELECT` statement.

For further details and statement syntax, see *READ RESULT SET (SQL)* in the *Statements* documentation.

ROLLBACK - SQL

The Natural SQL `ROLLBACK` statement undoes all database modifications made since the beginning of the last logical transaction. Logical transactions can start either after the beginning of a session or after the last `COMMIT/END TRANSACTION` or `ROLLBACK/BACKOUT TRANSACTION` statement. All records held during the transaction are released.

For further details and statement syntax, see *ROLLBACK (SQL)* in the *Statements* documentation.

`ROLLBACK` is a synonym for the Natural statement `BACKOUT TRANSACTION` as described in the section [Using Natural Native DML Statements](#).

If this command is executed from a Natural stored procedure or user-defined function (UDF), Natural for Db2 executes the underlying rollback operation. This sets the caller into a must-rollback state. If this command is executed by Natural error processing (implicit `ROLLBACK`), Natural for Db2 does not execute the underlying rollback operation, thus allowing the caller to receive the original Natural error.

Under CICS, the `ROLLBACK` statement is translated into an `EXEC CICS ROLLBACK` command. However, if the file server is used, only changes made to the database since the last terminal I/O are undone. This is due to CICS-specific transaction processing in pseudo-conversational mode, see [Natural for Db2 under CICS](#).

Under IMS TM, the `ROLLBACK` statement is translated into an IMS Rollback (`ROLB`) command. However, only changes made to the database since the last terminal I/O are undone. This is due to IMS TM-specific transaction processing, see [Natural for Db2 under IMS TM](#).

As all cursors are closed when a logical unit of work ends, a `ROLLBACK` statement must not be placed within a database loop; instead, it has to be placed outside such a loop or after the outermost loop of nested loops.

If an external program written in another standard programming language is called from a Natural program, this external program must not contain its own `ROLLBACK` command if the Natural program issues database calls, too. The calling Natural program must issue the `ROLLBACK` statement on behalf of the external program.

SELECT - SQL

The Natural SQL `SELECT` statement supports both the cursor-oriented selection, which is used to retrieve an arbitrary number of rows and the non-cursor selection (Singleton `SELECT`), which retrieves at most one single row.

For full details and statement syntax, see *SELECT (SQL)* in the *Statements* documentation.

SELECT - Cursor-Oriented

Like the Natural native DML `FIND` statement, the cursor-oriented `SELECT` statement is used to select a set of rows (records) from one or more Db2 tables, based on a search criterion. Since a database loop is initiated, the loop must be closed by a `LOOP` statement (in reporting mode) or by an `END-SELECT` statement (in structured mode). With this construction, Natural uses the same loop processing as with the `FIND` statement. In addition, no cursor management is required from the application program; it is automatically handled by Natural.

For further details and syntax, see *Syntax 1 - Cursor-Oriented Selection* in *SELECT (SQL)* in the *Statements* documentation.

SELECT SINGLE - Non-Cursor-Oriented

The Natural SQL statement `SELECT SINGLE` provides the functionality of a non-cursor selection (Singleton `SELECT`); that is, a select expression that retrieves at most one row without using a cursor.

Since Db2 supports the Singleton `SELECT` command in static SQL only, in dynamic mode, the Natural `SELECT SINGLE` statement is executed in the same way as a set-level `SELECT` statement, which results in a cursor operation. However, Natural checks the number of rows returned by Db2. If more than one row is selected, a corresponding error message is returned.

For further details and syntax, see *Syntax 2 - Non-Cursor Selection* in *SELECT (SQL)* in the *Statements* documentation.

UPDATE - SQL

Both the cursor-oriented or Positioned `UPDATE` and the non-cursor or Searched `UPDATE` statements are supported as part of Natural SQL. Both of them reference either a table or a Natural view.

With Db2, the name of a table or Natural view to be referenced by a Searched `UPDATE` can be assigned a *correlation-name*. This does not correspond to the standard SQL syntax definition and therefore belongs to the Natural Extended Set.

The Searched `UPDATE` statement must be used, for example, to update a primary key field, since Db2 does not allow updating of columns of a primary key by using a Positioned `UPDATE` statement.



Note: If you use the `SET *` notation, all fields of the referenced Natural view are added to the `FOR UPDATE OF` and `SET` lists. Therefore, ensure that your view contains only fields which can be updated; otherwise, a negative `SQLCODE` is returned by Db2.

For further details and syntax, see *UPDATE (SQL)* in the *Statements* documentation.

Using Natural System Variables

When used with Db2, there are restrictions and/or special considerations concerning the following Natural system variables:

- `*ISN`
- `*NUMBER`
- `*ROWCOUNT`

For information on restrictions and/or special considerations, refer to the section *Database-Specific Information* in the corresponding system variable documentation.

Multiple Row Processing

This section describes the multiple row functionality for Db2 databases.

You have to operate against Db2 for z/OS Version 8 or higher to use these features.

Natural for Db2 provides two kinds of multiple row processing features:

■ **Standard multiple row processing**

- This feature does not influence the program logic. Although the Natural native DML and Natural SQL DML provide clauses for specification of the multi-fetch-factor, the Natural program operates with one database row and from the program point of view only one row is received from or is send to the database.

■ **Advanced multiple row processing**

This feature is only available with Natural SQL DML and has a lot of impact on the program logic, as it allows the retrieval of multiple rows from the database into the program storage by a single Natural SQL `SELECT` statement into a set of arrays. Additionally it is possible to insert multiple rows into the database from a set of arrays by the Natural SQL `INSERT` statement.

Below is information on the following topics:

- [Purpose of Multi-Fetch Feature \(Standard\)](#)
- [Considerations for Multi-Fetch Usage \(Standard\)](#)
- [Size of the Multi-Fetch Buffer \(Standard\)](#)
- [Support of TEST DBLOG Q \(Standard\)](#)
- [Multiple Rows to Program \(Advanced\)](#)
- [Multiple Rows from Program \(Advanced\)](#)

Purpose of Multi-Fetch Feature (Standard)

In standard mode, Natural does not read multiple records with a single database call; it always operates in a one-record-per-fetch mode. This kind of operation is solid and stable, but can take some time if a large number of database records are being processed.

To improve the performance of those programs, you can use the Multi-Fetch Clause in the Natural DML `FIND`, `READ` or `HISTOGRAM` statements. This allows you to specify the number of records read per database access.

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{FIND} \\ \text{READ} \\ \text{HISTOGRAM} \end{array} \right\}$	$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{MULTI-FETCH} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ON} \\ \text{OFF} \\ \text{OF } multi\text{-fetch-factor} \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right]$
--	--

Where the *multi-fetch-factor* is either a constant or a variable with a format integer (I4).

To improve the performance of the Natural SQL SELECT statements, you can use the WITH ROWSET POSITIONING FOR Clause to specify a multi-fetch-factor.

$\left[\text{WITH ROWSET POSITIONING FOR} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [:] row_hv \\ integer \end{array} \right\} \text{ ROWS} \right]$

At statement execution time, the runtime checks if a *multi-fetch-factor* greater than 1 is supplied for the database statement.

If the *multi-fetch-factor* is

less than or equal to 1	the database call is continued in the usual one-record-per-access mode.
greater than 1	the database call is prepared dynamically to read multiple records (e.g. 10) with a single database access into an auxiliary buffer (multi-fetch buffer). If successful, the first record is transferred into the underlying data view. Upon the execution of the next loop, the data view is filled directly from the multi-fetch buffer, without database access. After all records are fetched from the multi-fetch buffer, the next loop results in the next record set being read from the database. If the database loop is terminated (either by end-of-records, ESCAPE, STOP, etc.), the content of the multi-fetch buffer is released.

Considerations for Multi-Fetch Usage (Standard)

- The program does not receive “fresh” records from the database for every loop, but operates with images retrieved at the most recent multi-fetch access.
- If a dynamic direction change (IN DYNAMIC...SEQUENCE) is coded for a Natural DML READ or HISTOGRAM statement, the multi-fetch feature is not possible and leads to a corresponding syntax error at compilation.
- The size occupied by a database loop in the multi-fetch buffer is determined according to the rule:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{header} + \text{sqldaheader} + \text{columns} * (\text{sqlvar} + \text{lise}) + \text{mf} * (\text{udind} + \text{sum}(\text{collen}) + \text{sum}(\text{LF}(\text{columns}) + \\ & \text{sum}(\text{nullind})) \\ & = \\ & 32 + 16 + \text{columns} * (44 + 12) + \text{mf} * (1 + \text{sum}(\text{collen}) + \text{sum}(\text{LF}(\text{column})) + \text{sum}(2)) \end{aligned}$$

where

- header denotes the length of the header of a entry in the Db2 multifetch buffer, that is, 32
- sqldaheader denotes the length of the header of a sqlda, that is, 16
- columns denotes the number of receiving fields of a SQL request
- sqlvar denotes the length of a sqlvar, that is, 44
- lise denotes the length of a Natural for Db2 specific sqlvar extension
- mf denotes the multifetch factor, that is, the number of rows fetched by one database call
- collen denotes the length of the receiving field
- LF(column) denotes the size of the length field of the receiving field, that is, 0 for fixed length fields, 2 for variable length fields, and 4 for large object columns (LOBs)
- nullind denotes the length of a null indicator, that is, 2

Size of the Multi-Fetch Buffer (Standard)

The multifetch buffer is released at terminal i/o in pseudo conversational mode. Therefore there is no size limitation for the Db2 multifetch buffer (DB2SIZE6). The buffer will be automatical enlarged if necessary.

Support of TEST DBLOG Q (Standard)

When multi-fetch is used, real database calls are only submitted to get a new set of records.

The TEST DBLOG Q facility is also called from the Natural for Db2 multi fetch handler for every rowset fetch from Db2 and for every record moved from the multi fetch buffer to the program storage. The events are distinguished by the literal MULTI FETCH ... and <BUFF FETCH ...

Example: TEST DBLOG List Break-Out

```

10:51:57          ***** NATURAL Test Utilities *****          2006-01-27
User HGK          - DBLOG Trace -          Library NDB42
M No   R SQL Statement (truncated)  CU SN SREF M Typ SQLC/W Program Line LV
-   1   SELECT EMPNO,FIRSTNME,LASTNAM 01 01 0260 D DB2      MF000001 0260 01
-   2   MULTI FETCH NEX                01 01 0260 D DB2      MF000001 0260 01
-   3   <BUFF FETCH NEX                00 00 0260 D DB2      MF000001 0260 01
-   4   <BUFF FETCH NEX                00 00 0260 D DB2      MF000001 0260 01
-   5   <BUFF FETCH NEX                00 00 0260 D DB2      MF000001 0260 01
-   6   <BUFF FETCH NEX                00 00 0260 D DB2      MF000001 0260 01
-   7   <BUFF FETCH NEX                00 00 0260 D DB2      MF000001 0260 01
-   8   <BUFF FETCH NEX                00 00 0260 D DB2      MF000001 0260 01
-   9   <BUFF FETCH NEX                00 00 0260 D DB2      MF000001 0260 01
-  10   <BUFF FETCH NEX                00 00 0260 D DB2      MF000001 0260 01
-  11   <BUFF FETCH NEX                00 00 0260 D DB2      MF000001 0260 01
-  12   <BUFF FETCH NEX                00 00 0260 D DB2      MF000001 0260 01
-  13   <BUFF FETCH NEX                00 00 0260 D DB2      MF000001 0260 01
-  14   <BUFF FETCH NEX                00 00 0260 D DB2      MF000001 0260 01
-  15   <BUFF FETCH NEX                00 00 0260 D DB2      MF000001 0260 01
-  16   <BUFF FETCH NEX                00 00 0260 D DB2      MF000001 0260 01
-  17   <BUFF FETCH NEX                00 00 0260 D DB2      MF000001 0260 01
Command ==>

```

where column **No** represents the following:

1	is a open cursor Db2 call.
2	is a “real” database call that reads a set of records via multi-fetch (see MULTI FETCH NEX in column SQL Statement).
3-17	are “no real” database calls, but only entries that document that the program has received these records from the multi-fetch buffer (see <BUFF FETCH NEX in column SQL Statement).

Multiple Rows to Program (Advanced)

The feature allows programs to retrieve multiple rows from Db2 into arrays.

This feature is only available with the **SELECT** statement.

- [Prerequisites](#)
- [DB2ARRAY=ON](#)
- [INTO Clause](#)
- [WITH ROWSET POSITIONING Clause](#)
- [ROWS_RETURNED Clause](#)
- [Restrictions and Constraints](#)

■ File Server Usage and Positioned UPDATE and DELETE

Prerequisites

» To use this feature

- 1 Set the compiler option `DB2ARRY=ON` (by using an `OPTIONS` statement or the `COMPOPT` command or the `CMPO` profile parameter).
- 2 Specify a list of receiving arrays in the `INTO` clause (see *into-clause*) of the `SELECT` statement.
- 3 Specify the number of rows to be retrieved from the database by a single `FETCH` operation via the `WITH ROWSET POSITIONING` Clause.
- 4 Specify a variable receiving the number of rows retrieved from the database via the `ROWS_RETURNED` Clause.

DB2ARRY=ON

`DB2ARRY=ON` is necessary to allow the specification of arrays in the `INTO` clause (see *into-clause*). `DB2ARRY=ON` also prevents the usage of arrays as sending or receiving fields for Db2 `CHAR/VARCHAR/GRAPHIC/VARGRAPHIC` columns. Instead Natural scalar fields with the appropriate length have to be used.

INTO Clause

Each array specified in the `INTO` clause (see *into-clause*) has to be contiguous (one occurrence following immediately by another, this is expected by Db2) and has to be one-dimensional. The arrays are filled from the first occurrence (low) to last occurrence (high). The first array occurrences compose the first row of the received rowset, the second array occurrences compose the second row of the received rowset. The array occurrences of the *n*th index compose the *n*th row returned from Db2. If an *LINDICATOR Clause* or *INDICATOR Clause* is used in the `INTO` clause for arrays, the specified length indicators or null indicators have also to be arrays. The number of occurrences of `LINDICATOR` and `INDICATOR` arrays have to equal or greater than the number of occurrences of the master array.

WITH ROWSET POSITIONING Clause

The `WITH_ROWSET_POSITIONING` Clause is used to specify the number of rows to be retrieved from the database by one processing cycle. The specified number has to be equal or smaller than the minimum of occurrences of all specified arrays. If a variable, not a constant, is specified the actual content of the variable will be used during each processing cycle. The specified number has to be greater 0 and smaller than 32768.

ROWS_RETURNED Clause

The ROWS_RETURNED Clause is used to specify a variable, which will contain the number of rows read from the database during the actual fetch operation. The format of the variable has to be I4.

Restrictions and Constraints

Natural Views: It is not possible to use Natural arrays of views in the INTO clause (see *into-clause*), that is, the use of keyword VIEW is not possible.

File Server Usage and Positioned UPDATE and DELETE

The purpose of this feature is to reduce the number of database and database interface calls for bulk batch processing. Therefore it is not recommended to use this kind of programming in online CICS or IMS environments, when terminal I/Os occur within open cursor loops; that is, the file server is used. A fortiori it is not possible to perform a Positioned UPDATE or Positioned DELETE statement after terminal I/O.

Example:

```

DEFINE DATA LOCAL
01 NAME          (A20/1:10)
01 ADDRESS       (A100/1:10)
01 DATEOFBIRTH   (A10/1:10)
01 SALARY        (P4.2/1:10)
01 L$ADDRESS     (I2/1:10)
01 ROWS          (I4)
01 NUMBER        (I4)
01 INDEX         (I4)
END-DEFINE
OPTIONS DB2ARRAY=ON
ASSIGN NUMBER := 10
SEL.
SELECT NAME, ADDRESS , DATEOFBIRTH, SALARY
      INTO :NAME(*),                /* <-- ARRAY
           :ADDRESS(*) LINDICATOR :L$ADDRESS(*), /* <-- ARRAY
           :DATEOFBIRTH(1:10),      /* <-- ARRAY
           :SALARY(01:10)           /* <-- ARRAY
      FROM NAT-DEMO
      WHERE NAME > ' '
      WITH ROWSET POSITIONING FOR :NUMBER ROWS /* <-- ROWS REQ
      ROWS_RETURNED :ROWS                  /* <-- ROWS RET
      IF ROWS > 0
      FOR INDEX = 1 TO  ROWS STEP 1
      DISPLAY
          INDEX (EM=99) *COUNTER (SEL.) (EM=99) ROWS (EM=99)
          NAME(INDEX)
          ADDRESS(INDEX) (AL=20)
          DATEOFBIRTH(INDEX)

```



```
SALARY ( INDEX )  
END- FOR  
END- IF  
END- SELECT  
END
```

Multiple Rows from Program (Advanced)

The feature allows programs to insert multiple rows into a Db2 table from arrays.

This feature is only available with the Natural SQL `INSERT` statement.

Prerequisites

➤ To use this feature

- 1 Set the compiler option `DB2ARRAY=ON` (by using an `OPTIONS` statement or the `COMPOPT` command or the `CMPO` profile parameter).
- 2 Specify a list of sending arrays in the *VALUES Clause* of the Natural SQL `INSERT` statement.
- 3 Specify the number of rows to be inserted into the database by a single Natural SQL `INSERT` statement via the *FOR n ROWS Clause*.

DB2ARRAY=ON

`DB2ARRAY=ON` is necessary to allow the specification of arrays in the *VALUES Clause*. `DB2ARRAY=ON` also prevents the usage of arrays as sending or receiving fields for Db2 `CHAR/VARCHAR` /`GRAPHIC/VARGRAPHIC` columns. Instead Natural scalar fields with the appropriate length have to be used.

VALUES Clause

Each array specified in the *VALUES Clause* has to be contiguous (one occurrence following immediately by another, this is expected by Db2) and has to be one-dimensional. The arrays are read from the first occurrence (low) to last occurrence (high). The first array occurrences compose the first row inserted into the database, the second array occurrences compose the second row inserted into the database. The array occurrences of the *n*th index compose the *n*th row inserted into the database. If an *LINDICATOR Clause* or *INDICATOR Clause* is used in the *VALUES Clause* for arrays, the specified length indicators or null indicators have also to be arrays. The number of `LINDICATOR` and `INDICATOR` array occurrences has to be equal or greater than the number of occurrences of the master array.

FOR n ROWS Clause

The *FOR n ROWS Clause* is used to specify how many rows are to be inserted into the database table by one `INSERT` statement. The specified number has to be equal or smaller than the minimum of occurrences of all specified arrays in the *VALUES Clause*. The specified number has to be greater than 0 and smaller than 32768.

Restrictions and Constraints

■ Natural Views

It is not possible to use Natural arrays of views in the *VALUES Clause*, that is, the use of keyword `VIEW` is not possible.

■ Static Execution

Due to Db2 restrictions it is not possible to execute multiple row inserts in static mode. Therefore, multiple row inserts are not generated static and are always dynamically prepared and executed by Natural for Db2. The Natural for Db2 static generation creates an assembler language SQL program, which is precompiled by the Db2 precompiler, which in turn creates a DBRM necessary for static execution. However, the Db2 assembler precompiler has no support for host variable arrays. They can only be used when specified in a `SQLDA` structure, which has to be build at execution time. But a static `INSERT` with a multiple-row-insert *VALUES* clause does not allow the specification of an `SQLDA`, but only host-variable arrays, which are not supported by the Db2 assembler precompiler.

It is not possible to use Natural arrays of views in the `INTO` clause (see *into-clause*), that is, the use of keyword `VIEW` is not possible.

Example:

```
DEFINE DATA LOCAL
01 NAME          (A20/1:10)  INIT <'ZILLER1','ZILLER2','ZILLER3','ZILLER4'
                                , 'ZILLER5','ZILLER6','ZILLER7','ZILLER8'
                                , 'ZILLER9','ZILLERA'>
01 ADDRESS        (A100/1:10) INIT <'ANGEL STREET 1','ANGEL STREET 2'
                                , 'ANGEL STREET 3','ANGEL STREET 4'
                                , 'ANGEL STREET 5','ANGEL STREET 6'
                                , 'ANGEL STREET 7','ANGEL STREET 8'
                                , 'ANGEL STREET 9','ANGEL STREET 10'>
01 DATENATD (D/1:10)  INIT <D'1954-03-27',D'1954-03-27',D'1954-03-27'
                                ,D'1954-03-27',D'1954-03-27',D'1954-03-27'
                                ,D'1954-03-27',D'1954-03-27',D'1954-03-27'
                                ,D'1954-03-27'>
01 SALARY          (P4.2/1:10) INIT <1000,2000,3000,4000,5000
                                ,6000,7000,8000,9000,9999>
01 SALARY_N        (N4.2/1:10) INIT <1000,2000,3000,4000,5000
                                ,6000,7000,8000,9000,9999>
01 L$ADDRESS       (I2/1:10)  INIT <14,14,14,14,14,14,14,14,14,14,15>
```



```
01 N$ADDRESS (I2/1:10) INIT <00,00,00,00,00,00,00,00,00,00>
01 ROWS      (I4)
01 INDEX     (I4)
01 V1 VIEW OF NAT-DEMO_ID
02 NAME
02 ADDRESS   (EM=X(20))
02 DATEOFBIRTH
02 SALARY
01 ROWCOUNT (I4)
END-DEFINE
OPTIONS DB2ARRY=ON /* <-- ENABLE DB2 ARRAY
ROWCOUNT := 10
INSERT INTO NAT-DEMO_ID
  (NAME,ADDRESS,DATEOFBIRTH,SALARY)
  VALUES
    (:NAME(*), /* <-- ARRAY
    :ADDRESS(*) /* <-- ARRAY
    INDICATOR :N$ADDRESS(*) /* <-- ARRAY
    LINDICATOR :L$ADDRESS(*), /* <-- ARRAY DB2 VCHAR
    :DATENATD(1:10), /* <-- ARRAY NATURAL DATES
    :SALARY_N(01:10) /* <-- ARRAY NATURAL NUMERIC
  )
  FOR :ROWCOUNT ROWS
SELECT * INTO VIEW V1 FROM NAT-DEMO_ID WHERE NAME > 'Z'
DISPLAY V1 /* <-- VERIFY INSERT
END-SELECT
BACKOUT
END
```

Error Handling

In contrast to the normal Natural error handling, where either an `ON ERROR` statement is used to intercept execution time errors or standard error message processing is performed and program execution is terminated, the enhanced error handling of Natural for Db2 provides an application controlled reaction to the encountered SQL error.

Two Natural subprograms, [NDBERR](#) and [NDBNOERR](#), are provided to disable the usual Natural error handling and to check the encountered SQL error for the returned SQLCODE. This functionality replaces the `E` function of the `DB2SERV` interface, which is still provided but no longer documented.

For further information on Natural subprograms provided for Db2, see the section [Interface Subprograms](#).

Example:


```

DEFINE DATA LOCAL
  01 #SQLCODE          (I4)
  01 #SQLSTATE         (A5)
  01 #SQLCA            (A136)
  01 #DBMS             (B1)
END-DEFINE
*
*           Ignore error from next statement
*
CALLNAT 'NDBNOERR'
*
*           This SQL statement produces an SQL error
*
INSERT INTO SYSIBH-SYSTABLES (CREATOR, NAME, COLCOUNT)
  VALUES ('SAG', 'MYTABLE', '3')
*
*           Investigate error
*
CALLNAT 'NDBERR' #SQLCODE #SQLSTATE #SQLCA #DBMS
*
IF #DBMS NE 2                                /* not DB2
  MOVE 3700 TO *ERROR-NR
END-IF
*
DECIDE ON FIRST VALUE OF #SQLCODE
  VALUE 0, 100                                /* successful execution
    IGNORE
  VALUE -803                                /* duplicate row
    /* UPDATE existing record
    /*
    IGNORE
  NONE VALUE
    MOVE 3700 TO *ERROR-NR
END-DECIDE
*
END

```


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Natural for Db2 supports the writing and executing of Natural stored procedures and Natural user-defined functions (Natural UDFs).

Natural stored procedures are user-written programs that are invoked by the SQL statement `CALL` and executed by Db2 in the SPAS (Stored Procedure Address Space). SPAS is a separate address space reserved for stored procedures.

A function is an operation denoted by a function name followed by zero or more operands that are enclosed in parentheses. A function represents a relationship between a set of input values and a set of result values. If a function has been implemented by a user-written program, Db2 refers to it as a user-defined function (UDF).

The following topics are covered below:

Types of Natural UDF

There are two types of Natural used defined functions (UDF):

■ Scalar UDF

The scalar UDF accepts several input arguments and returns one output value. It can be invoked by any SQL statement like a Db2 built-in-function.

■ Table UDF

The table UDF accepts several input arguments and returns a set of output values comprising one table row during each invocation.

You invoke a table UDF with a Natural SQL `SELECT` statement by specifying the table-function name in the *FROM Clause*. A table UDF performs as a Db2 table and is invoked for each `FETCH` operation for the table-function specified in the `SELECT` statement.

PARAMETER STYLE

The `PARAMETER STYLE` identifies the linkage convention used to pass parameters to a Db2 stored procedure or a Db2 user defined functions (UDFs).

This section describes the `PARAMETER STYLES` and the STCB Natural for Db2 uses for processing Natural for Db2 stored procedures or Natural UDFs.



Note: `PARAMETER STYLE GENERAL` (or `GENERAL WITH NULL`) and **STCB Layout** only apply to Natural stored procedures.

- **GENERAL and GENERAL WITH NULL**

- [STCB Layout](#)
- [DB2SQL](#)

GENERAL and GENERAL WITH NULL



Note: Only applies to Natural stored procedures.

A Natural stored procedure defined with `PARAMETER STYLE GENERAL` only receives the user parameters specified.

A Natural stored procedure defined with `PARAMETER STYLE GENERAL WITH NULL` receives the user parameters specified and, additionally, a `NULL` indicator array that contains one `NULL` indicator for each user parameter.

Natural stored procedures defined with `PARAMETER STYLE GENERAL/PARAMETER STYLE GENERAL WITH NULL`, require that the definition of the stored procedure within the Db2 catalog includes one additional parameter of the type `VARCHAR` in front of the user parameters of the stored procedure.

This parameter in front of the parameters is the Stored Procedure Control Block (STCB); see also [STCB Layout](#) below.

Below is information on:

- [Stored Procedure Control Block](#)
- [Example of PARAMETER STYLE GENERAL](#)
- [Example of GENERAL WITH NULL](#)

Stored Procedure Control Block

The Stored Procedure Control Block (STCB) contains information the Natural for Db2 server stub uses to execute Natural stored procedures, such as the library and the subprogram to be invoked. It also contains the format descriptions of the parameters passed to the stored procedure.

The STCB is invisible to the Natural stored procedure called. The STCB is evaluated by the Natural for Db2 server stub and stripped off the parameter list that is passed to the Natural stored procedure.

If the caller of a Natural stored procedure defined with `PARAMETER STYLE GENERAL/PARAMETER STYLE GENERAL WITH NULL` is a Natural program, the program must use a Natural SQL `CALLDBPROC` statement with the keyword `CALLMODE=NATURAL`.

If the caller of the Natural stored procedure is *not* a Natural program, the caller has to set up the STCB for the Db2 `CALL` statement and pass the STCB as the first parameter.

If an error occurs during the execution of a Natural stored procedure defined with `PARAMETER STYLE GENERAL/PARAMETER STYLE GENERAL WITH NULL`, the error message text is returned to the STCB.

If the caller is a Natural program that uses `CALLDBPROC` and `CALLMODE=NATURAL`, the Natural for Db2 runtime will wrap up the error text in the NAT3286 error message.

Example of `PARAMETER STYLE GENERAL`

In the Natural stored procedure, define the parameters as shown in the example program below:

```
DEFINE DATA PARAMETER
01 P1 ...
01 P2 ...
...
...
01 Pn ...
LOCAL
...
...
END-DEFINE
```

Example of `GENERAL WITH NULL`

In the Natural stored procedure, define the parameters as shown in the example program below:

```
DEFINE DATA PARAMETER
01 P1 ...
01 P2 ...
...
...
01 Pn ...
01 NULL-INDICATOR-ARRAY (I2/1:n)
LOCAL
...
...
END-DEFINE
```

STCB Layout



Note: Only applies to Natural stored procedures.

The following table describes the first parameter passed between the caller and the Natural stored procedure if `CALLMODE=NATURAL` is specified in a Natural SQL `CALLDBPROC` statement.

Name	Format	Processing Mode Server
STCBL	I2	Input (size of following information)
Procedure Information		
STCBLENG	A4	Input (printable STCBL)
STCBID	A4	Input (STCB)
STCBVERS	A4	Input (version of STCB 310)
STCBUSER	A8	Input (user ID)
STCBLIB	A8	Input (library)
STCBPROG	A8	Input (calling program)
STCBPSW	A8	Unused (password)
STCBSTNR	A4	Input (CALLDBPROC statement number)
STCBSTPC	A8	Input (procedure called)
STCBPANR	A4	Input (number of parameters)
Error Information		
STCBERNR	A5	Output (Natural error number)
STCBSTAT	A1	Unused (Natural error status)
STCBLIB	A8	Unused (Natural error library)
STCBPRG	A8	Unused (Natural error program)
STCBLVL	A1	Unused (Natural error level)
STCBOTP	A1	Unused (error object type)
STCBEDYL	A2	Output (error text length)
STCBEDYT	A88	Output (error text)
	A100	Reserved for future use
Parameter Information		
STCBPADE	A variable	Input. See also <i>PARAMETER DESCRIPTION (STCBPADE)</i> below.

PARAMETER DESCRIPTION (STCBPADE)

PARAMETER DESCRIPTION contains a description for each parameter passed to the Natural stored procedure consisting of parameter type, format specification and length. Parameter type is the AD attribute of the Natural CALLNAT statement as described in the *Statements* documentation.

Each parameter has the following format description element in the STCBPADE string

*a**t**l*,*p*[,*d**l*]. . . .

where

- *a* is an attribute mark which specifies the parameter type:

Mark	Type	Equivalent AD Attribute	Equivalent Db2 Clause
M	modifiable	AD=M	INOUT
0	non-modifiable	AD=0	IN
A	input only	AD=A	OUT

- t is one of the following Natural format tokens:

t	Description	l	p	$d1$	Example
A	Alphanumeric	1-253	0	1-32767 or -	A30,0 or A30,0,10
N	Numeric unpacked	1-29	0-7	-	N10,3
P	Packed numeric	1-29	0-7	-	P13,4
I	Integer	2 or 4	0	-	I2,0
F	Floating point		0	-	I4,0
B	Binary		0	-	B23,0
D	Date	6	0	-	D6
T	Time	12	0	-	T12
L	Logical (unsupported)				

- l is an integer denoting the length/scale of the field. For numeric and packed numeric fields, l denotes the total number of digits of the field that is, the sum of the digits left and right of the decimal point. The Natural format N7.3 is, for example, represented by N10.3. See also the [table](#) above.
- p is an integer denoting the precision of the field. It is usually 0, except for numeric and packed fields where it denotes the number of digits right of the decimal point. See also the table above.
- $d1$ is also an integer denoting the occurrences of the alphanumeric array (alphanumeric only). See also the [table](#) above.

This descriptive/control parameter is invisible to the calling Natural program and to the called Natural stored procedure, but it has to be defined in the parameter definition of the stored procedure row with the CREATE PROCEDURE statement and the Db2 PARAMETER STYLE GENERAL/PARAMETER STYLE GENERAL WITH NULL.

The following table shows the number of parameters which have to be defined with the CREATE PROCEDURE statement for a Natural stored procedure defined with PARAMETER STYLE GENERAL depending on the number of user parameters and whether the client (that is, the caller of a stored procedure for Db2) and the server (that is, the stored procedure for Db2) is written in Natural or in another standard programming host language. n denotes the number of user parameters.

Client\Server	Natural	not Natural
Natural	$n + 1$	n (CALLMODE=NONE)
non-Natural	$n + 1$	n

DB2SQL



Note: PARAMETER DB2SQL applies to Natural stored procedures and Natural UDFs.

A Natural stored procedure or Natural user defined function (UDF) with PARAMETER STYLE DB2SQL first receives the user parameters specified and then the parameters listed below, under *Additional Parameters Passed*. For a Natural UDF, the input parameters are passed before the output parameters.

Additional Parameters Passed:

- A NULL indicator for each user parameter of the CALL statement,
- the SQLSTATE to be returned to Db2,
- the qualified name of the Natural stored procedure or UDF,
- the specific name of the Natural stored procedure or UDF,
- the SQL DIAGNOSE field with a diagnostic string to be returned to Db2.

The SQLSTATE, the qualified name, the specific name and the DIAGNOSE field are defined in the Natural parameter data area (PDA) DB2SQL_P which is supplied in the Natural system library SYSDB2.

If the optional feature SCRATCHPAD *nnn* is specified additionally in the CREATE FUNCTION statement for the Natural UDF, the SCRATCHPAD storage parameter is passed to the Natural UDF.

Use the following definitions:

```
01 SCRATCHPAD A(4+nnn)
01 REDEFINE SCRATCHPAD
02 SCRATCHPAD_LENGTH(I4)
02 ...
```

Redefine the SCRATCHPAD in the Natural UDF according to your requirements.

The first four bytes of the SCRATCHPAD area contain an integer length field. Before initially invoking the Natural UDF with an SQL statement, Db2 resets the SCRATCHPAD area to x'00' and sets the size *nnn* specified for the SCRATCHPAD into the first four bytes as an integer value.

Thereafter, Db2 does not reinitialize the SCRATCHPAD between the invocations of the Natural UDF for the invoking SQL statement. Instead, after returning from the Natural UDF, the contents of the SCRATCHPAD is preserved and restored at the next invocation of the Natural UDF.

Below is information on:

- [Parameter CALL TYPE](#)
- [Parameter DBINFO](#)
- [Determining Library, Subprogram and Parameter Formats](#)
- [Invoking a Natural Stored Procedure](#)
- [Error Handling](#)
- [Lifetime of Natural Session](#)
- [Example of DB2SQL - Natural Stored Procedure](#)
- [Example of DB2SQL - Natural UDF](#)

Parameter CALL TYPE



Note: This parameter is optional and only applies to Natural UDFs.

The `CALL TYPE` parameter is passed if the `FINAL CALL` option is specified for a Natural scalar UDF, or if the Natural UDF is a table UDF. The `CALL TYPE` parameter is an integer indicating the type of call Db2 performs on the Natural UDF. See the *Db2 SQL GUIDE* for details on the parameter values provided in the `CALL_TYPE` parameter.

Parameter DBINFO

This parameter is optional.

If the option `DBINFO` is used, the `DBINFO` structure is passed to the Natural stored procedure or UDF. The `DBINFO` structure is described in the Natural PDA `DBINFO_P` supplied in the Natural system library `SYSDB2`.

Determining Library, Subprogram and Parameter Formats

The Natural for Db2 server stub determines the subprogram and the library from the qualified and specific name of the Natural stored procedure or UDF. The `SCHEMA` name is used as library name, and the procedure or function name is used as subprogram name.

The `ROUTINEN` subprogram is supplied in the Natural system library `SYSDB2`. This subprogram is used to access the Db2 catalog to determine the formats of the user parameters defined for the Natural stored procedure or UDF. After the formats have been determined, they are stored in the Natural buffer pool. During subsequent invocations of the Natural stored procedure, the formats are then retrieved from the Natural buffer pool. This requires that at least `READS SQL DATA` is specified for Natural stored procedures or UDFs with `PARAMETER STYLE DB2SQL`.

The `ROUTINEN` subprogram is generated statically. The DBRM of `ROUTINEN` is bound as package in the `COLLECTION SAGNDBROUTINENPACK`. Before starting to access the Db2 catalog, the subprogram will save the `CURRENT PACKAGESET` and set `SAGNDBROUTINENPACK` to `CURRENT PACKAGESET`. After processing, the `ROUTINEN` subprogram will restore the `CURRENT PACKAGESET` saved.

Invoking a Natural Stored Procedure

If the caller of the Natural stored procedure with `PARAMETER STYLE DB2SQL` is a Natural program, the caller must use the Natural SQL `CALLDBPROC` statement with the specification `CALLMODE=NATURAL`, which is the default.

Error Handling

If a Natural runtime error occurs during the execution of a Natural stored procedure or UDF with `PARAMETER STYLE DB2SQL`, `SQLSTATE` is set to `38N99` and the diagnostic string contains the text of the Natural error message.

If an error occurs in the Natural for Db2 server stub during the execution of the Natural stored procedure or UDF with `PARAMETER STYLE DB2SQL`, the `SQLSTATE` is set to `38S99` and the diagnostic string contains the text of the error message.

If the application wants to raise an error condition during the execution of a Natural stored procedure or UDF, the `SQLSTATE` parameter must be set to a value other than `'00000'`. See the *Db2 SQL Guide* for specifications of user errors in the `SQLSTATE` parameter.

Additionally, a text describing the errors can be placed in the `DIAGNOSE` parameter.

If a Natural table UDF wants to signal to Db2 that it has found no row to return, `'02000'` must be returned in the `SQLSTATE` parameter.

Lifetime of Natural Session

For a Natural UDF that contains the attributes `DISALLOW PARALLEL` and `FINAL CALL`, the Natural for Db2 server stub retains the Natural session allocated earlier. This Natural session will then be reused by all subsequent UDF invocations until Natural encounters the final call.

Example of DB2SQL - Natural Stored Procedure

In a Natural stored procedure, define the parameters as shown in the example program below:

```
DEFINE DATA PARAMETER
01 P1 ...
01 P2 ...
...
...
01 PN ...
01 N1 (I2)
01 N2 (I2)
...
...
01 N
  n (I2)
PARAMETER USING DB2SQL_P
```



```
[ PARAMETER USING DBINFO_P ]    /* only if DBINFO is defined
LOCAL
...
...
END-DEFINE
```

Example of DB2SQL - Natural UDF

In a Natural UDF, define the parameters as shown in the example program below:

```
DEFINE DATA PARAMETER
01 PI1 ...    /* first input parameter
01 PI2 ...
...
...
01 PIn ...    /* last input parameter
01 RS1...    /* first result parameter
...
...
01 RSn ...    /* last result parameter
01 N_PI1 (I2) /* first NULL indicator
01 N_PI2 (I2)
...
...
01 N_Pin (I2)
01 N_RS1 (I2)
...
...
01 N_RSn (I2) /* last NULL indicator
PARAMETER USING DB2SQL_P /* function, specific, sqlstate, diagnose
PARAMETER
01 SCRATCHPAD A(4+nnn) /* only if SCRATCHPAD nnn is specified
    01 REDEFINES SCRATCHPAD
02 SCRATCHPAD_LENGTH (I4)
02 ...
01 CALL_TYPE (I4) /* --- only if FINAL CALL is specified or table UDF

PARAMETER USING DBINFO_P    /* ---- only if DBINFO is specified
LOCAL
...
...
END-DEFINE
```


Writing a Natural Stored Procedure

This section provides a general guideline of how to write a Natural Stored Procedure and what to consider when writing it.

➤ To write a Natural stored procedure

- 1 Determine the format and attributes of the parameters that are passed between the caller and the stored procedure. Consider creating a Natural parameter data area (PDA). Stored procedures do not support data groups and redefinition within their parameters.
- 2 Determine the `PARAMETER STYLE` of the stored procedure: `GENERAL`, `GENERAL WITH NULL` or `DB2SQL`.
 - If you use `GENERAL WITH NULL`, append the parameters to the Natural stored procedure by defining a `NULL` indicator array that contains a `NULL` indicator (I2) for each other parameter.
 - If you use `DB2SQL`, append the parameters of the Natural stored procedure by defining `NULL` indicators (one for each parameter), include the PDA `DB2SQL_P` and the PDA `DBINFO_P` (only with `DBINFO` specified), if desired. See also the relevant Db2 literature by IBM.
- 3 Decide which and how many result sets the stored procedure will return to the caller.
- 4 Code your stored procedure as a Natural subprogram.

■ Returning result sets

To return result sets, code a Natural SQL `SELECT` statement with the `WITH RETURN` option.

To return the whole result set, code an `ESCAPE BOTTOM` statement immediately after the `SELECT` statement.

To return part of the result set code, an `IF *COUNTER = 1 ESCAPE TOP END-IF` immediately following the `SELECT` statement. This ensures that you do not process the first empty row that is returned by the `SELECT WITH RETURN` statement. To stop row processing, execute an `ESCAPE BOTTOM` statement.

If you do not leave the processing loop initiated by the `SELECT WITH RETURN` via `ESCAPE BOTTOM`, the result set created is closed and nothing is returned to the caller.

■ Attention when accessing other databases

You can access other databases (for instance Adabas) within a Natural stored procedure. However, keep in mind that your access to other databases is synchronized neither with the updates done by the caller of the stored procedure, nor with the updates done against Db2 within the stored procedure.

■ **Natural for Db2 handling of COMMIT and ROLLBACK statements**

Db2 does not allow a stored procedure to issue Natural SQL `COMMIT` or `ROLLBACK` statements (the execution of those statements puts the caller into a must-rollback state). Therefore, the Natural for Db2 runtime handles those statements as follows when they are issued from a stored procedure:

`COMMIT` against Db2 will be skipped. This allows the stored procedure to commit Adabas updates without getting a must-rollback state from Db2.

`ROLLBACK` against Db2 will be skipped if it is created by Natural itself.

`ROLLBACK` against Db2 will be executed if it is user-programmed. Thus, after a Natural error, the caller receives the Natural error information and not the unqualified must-rollback state. Additionally, this function ensures that, if the user program backs out the transaction, every database transaction of the stored procedure is backed out.

- 5 **For Db2 UDB:** Issue a `CREATE PROCEDURE` statement that defines your stored procedure, for example:

```
CREATE PROCEDURE <PROCEDURE>
  (INOUT STCB          VARCHAR(274+13*N),
   INOUT <PARM1>       <FORMAT>,
   INOUT <PARM2>       <FORMAT>,
   INOUT <PARM3>       <FORMAT>
  .
 )
  DYNAMIC RESULT SET <RESULT_SETS>
  EXTERNAL NAME <LOADMOD>
  LANGUAGE ASSEMBLE
  PROGRAM TYPE <PGM_TYPE>
  PARAMETER STYLE GENERAL <WITH NULLS depending on LINKAGE>;
```

The data specified in angle brackets (<>) correspond to the data listed in the [table](#) above, `PARM1 - PARM3` and `FORMAT` depend on the call parameter list of the stored procedure. See also [Example Stored Procedure NDBPURGN](#), Member `CR6PURGN`.

- 6 Code your Natural program invoking the stored procedure via the Natural SQL `CALLDBPROC` statement.

Code the parameters in the `CALLDBPROC` statement in the same sequence as they are specified in the stored procedure. Define the parameters in the calling program in a format that is compatible with the format defined in the stored procedure.

If you use result sets, specify a `RESULT SETS` clause in the `CALLDBPROC` statement followed by a number of result set locator variables of `FORMAT (I4)`. The number of result set locator variables should be the same as the number of result sets created by the stored procedure. If you specify fewer than are created, some result sets are lost. If you specify more than are

created, the remaining result set locator variables are lost. The sequence of locator variables corresponds to the sequence in which the result sets are created by the stored procedure.

Keep in mind that the fields into which the result set rows are read have to correspond to the fields used in the `SELECT WITH RETURN` statement that created the result set.

Writing a Natural UDF

This section provides a general guideline of how to write a Natural user defined function (UDF) and what to consider when writing it.

See also the section [Writing a Natural Stored Procedure](#).

➤ To write a Natural UDF

- 1 Determine the format and attributes of the parameters, which are passed between the caller and the stored procedure.
- 2 Create a Natural parameter data area (PDA).
- 3 Append the parameter definitions of the Natural UDF by defining `NULL` indicators (one for each parameter) and include the PDA `DB2SQL_P`.
- 4 If required, code a `SCRATCHPAD` area in the parameter list.
- 5 If required, code a call-type parameter. If you have specified `DBINFO`, include the PDA `DBINFO_P`. See also the relevant Db2 literature by IBM.
- 6 Code your UDF as a Natural subprogram and consider the following:

■ Attention when accessing other databases

You can access other databases (for example, Adabas) within a Natural UDF. However, keep in mind that your access to other databases is synchronized neither with the updates done by the caller of the stored procedure, nor with the updates done against Db2 within the stored procedure.

■ Natural for Db2 handling of `COMMIT` and `ROLLBACK` statements

Db2 does not allow a stored procedure to issue `COMMIT` or `ROLLBACK` statements; the execution of these statements results in a must-rollback state. If a Natural stored procedure issues a `COMMIT` or `ROLLBACK`, the Natural for Db2 runtime processes these statements as follows:

`COMMIT` against Db2 is skipped. This allows the stored procedure to commit Adabas updates without entering a must-rollback state by Db2.

`ROLLBACK` against Db2 is skipped if it is implicitly issued by the Natural runtime.

`ROLLBACK` against Db2 is executed if it is user-programmed. Thus, after a Natural error, the caller receives a corresponding Natural error message text, but does not enter an unqualified

must-rollback state. Additionally, this reaction ensures that every database transaction the stored procedure performs is backed out if the user program backs out the transaction.

- 7 Issue a `CREATE FUNCTION` statement that defines your UDF, for example:

```
CREATE FUNCTION <FUNCTION>
  ([PARM1]    <FORMAT>,
   [PARM2]    <FORMAT>,
   [PARM3]    <FORMAT>

  )
  RETURNS <FORMAT>

  EXTERNAL NAME <LOADMOD>
  LANGUAGE ASSEMBLE
  PROGRAM TYPE <PGM TYPE>
  PARAMETER STYLE DB2SQL
.
.
.;
```

In the example above, the variable data are enclosed in angle brackets (<>) and refer to the keywords preceding the brackets. Specify a valid value, for example:

`LOADMOD` denotes the Natural for Db2 server stub module, for example, `NDBvrSRV`, where *vr* stands for the Natural version number. `PARM1` - `PARM3` and `FORMAT` relate to the call parameter list of the UDF. See also the [Example Natural User Defined Function](#).

- 8 Code a Natural program containing SQL statements that invoke the UDF.

Specify the parameters of the Natural UDF invocation in the same sequence as specified in the Natural UDF definition. The format of the parameters in the calling program must be compatible with the format defined in the Natural UDF.

Example Stored Procedure

This section describes the example stored procedure `NDBPURGN`, a Natural subprogram which purges Natural objects from the buffer pool used by the Natural stored procedures server.

The following topics are covered below:

- [Objects of NDBPURGN](#)

■ Defining the Stored Procedure NDBPURGN

Objects of NDBPURGN

The example stored procedure NDBPURGN comprises the following text objects (members) which are stored in the Natural system library SYSDB2:

Object	Explanation
CR6PURGN	Input member (text object) for SYSDB2 ISQL. Contains SQL statements used to declare NDBPURGN in Db2.
NDBPURGP	The client (Natural) program which <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Requests the name of the program to be purged and the library where it resides, ■ Invokes the stored procedure NDBPURGN and ■ Reports the outcome of the request. <p>Ensure that the Db2 special register PATH contains the schema name of the stored procedure NDBPURGN created by CR6PURGN. This can be achieved with the SQL statement <code>SET PATH schema-name</code>. If the schema name is missing, SQLCODE-440 can be returned.</p>
NDBPURGN	The stored procedure which purges objects from the buffer pool. NDBPURGN invokes the application programming interface USR0340N supplied in the Natural system library SYSEXT. Therefore, USR0340N must be available in the library defined as the steplib for the execution environment.

Defining the Stored Procedure NDBPURGN

➤ To define the example stored procedure NDBPURGN

- 1 Define the stored procedure in the Db2 catalog by using the SQL statements provided as text objects CR5PURGN (for Db2 Version 5) and CR6PURGN (for Db2 Version 6).
- 2 Specify the name of the Natural stored procedure stub (here: NDB vr SRV, where vr stands for the Natural version number) as LOADMOD (V5) or EXTERNAL NAME (V6). The Natural stored procedure stub is generated during the installation by assembling the NDBSTUB macro.
- 3 As the first parameter, pass the internal Natural parameter STCB to the stored procedure. The STCB parameter is a VARCHAR field which contains information required to invoke the stored procedure in Natural:
 - The program name of the stored procedure and the library where it resides,
 - The description of the parameters passed to the stored procedure and
 - The error message created by Natural if the stored procedure fails during the execution.

The STCB parameter is generated automatically by the `CALLMODE=NATURAL` clause of the Natural SQL `CALLDBPROC` statement and is removed from the parameters passed to the Natural stored procedure by the server stub. Thus, STCB is invisible to the caller and the stored procedure. However, if a non-Natural client intends to call a Natural stored procedure, the client has to pass the STCB parameter explicitly. See also *Stored Procedure Control Block* below.

Stored Procedure Control Block (STCB)

Below is the Stored Procedure Control Block (STBC) generated by the `CALLMODE=NATURAL` clause as generated by the stored procedure `NDBPURGN` *before* and *after* execution. Changed values are emphasized in boldface:

STCB before Execution:

004C82	0132F0F3	F0F6E2E3	C3C2F3F1	F040C8C7	*..0306STCB310 HG*	11097D42
004C92	D2404040	4040C8C7	D2404040	4040D5C4	*K SAG ND*	11097D52
004CA2	C2D7E4D9	C7D74040	40404040	4040F0F5	*BPURGP 05*	11097D62
004CB2	F7F0D5C4	C2D7E4D9	C7D5F0F0	F0F6 F0F9	*70NDBPURGN0006 09 *	11097D72
004CC2	F9F9F9 40	40404040	40404040	40404040	* 999 *	11097D82
004CD2	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	* *	11097D92
004CE2	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	* *	11097DA2
004CF2	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	* *	11097DB2
004D02	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	* *	11097DC2
004D12	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	* *	11097DD2
004D22	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	* *	11097DE2
004D32	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	* *	11097DF2
004D42	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	* *	11097E02
004D52	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	* *	11097E12
004D62	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	* *	11097E22
004D72	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	* *	11097E32
004D82	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	* *	11097E42
004D92	40404040	D4C1F86B	F0D4C1F4	F06BF0D4	* MA8,OMA40,OM*	11097E52
004DA2	C2F26BF0	D4C2F26B	F0D4C9F2	6BF0D4C9	*I2,OMI2,OMI2,OMI*	11097E62
004DB2	F26BF04B				*2,0. *	11097E72

STCB after Execution:

004C82	0132F0F3	F0F6E2E3	C3C2F3F1	F040C8C7	*..0306STCB310 HG*	11097D42
004C92	D2404040	4040C8C7	D2404040	4040D5C4	*K SAG ND*	11097D52
004CA2	C2D7E4D9	C7D74040	40404040	4040F0F5	*BPURGP 05*	11097D62
004CB2	F7F0D5C4	C2D7E4D9	C7D5F0F0	F0F6 F0F0	*70NDBPURGN0006 00 *	11097D72
004CC2	F0F0F0 40	40404040	40404040	40404040	* 000 *	11097D82
004CD2	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	* *	11097D92
004CE2	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	* *	11097DA2
004CF2	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	* *	11097DB2
004D02	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	* *	11097DC2
004D12	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	* *	11097DD2
004D22	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	* *	11097DE2
004D32	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	* *	11097DF2
004D42	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	* *	11097E02

004D52	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	*	*	11097E12
004D62	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	*	*	11097E22
004D72	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	*	*	11097E32
004D82	40404040	40404040	40404040	40404040	*	*	11097E42
004D92	40404040	D4C1F86B	F0D4C1F4	F06BF0D4	*	MA8,0MA40,0M*	11097E52
004DA2	C2F26BF0	D4C2F26B	F0D4C9F2	6BF0D4C9	*	I2,0MI2,0MI2,0MI*	11097E62
004DB2	F26BF04B				*	2,0.	11097E72

Example Natural User Defined Function

This section describes the example user-defined function (UDF) NAT.DEM2UDFN, a Natural subprogram used to calculate the product of two numbers.

The example UDF NAT.DEM2UDF comprises the following objects that are supplied in the Natural system library SYSDB2:

Object	Explanation
DEM2CUDF	Contains SQL statements used to create DEM2UDFN (see below).
DEM2UDFP	The client (Natural) program that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Fetches rows from the UDF NAT.DEMO table, ■ invokes the NAT.DEM2UDFN (see below) in the WHERE clause, and ■ Displays the rows fetched.
DEM2UDFN	The UDF that builds the product of two numbers. DEM2UDFN has to be copied to the Natural library NAT on the Natural system file FUSER in the executing environment.

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Several Natural and non-Natural subprograms are available to provide you with internal information from Natural for Db2 or specific functions for which no equivalent Natural statements exist.

This section covers the following topics:

- *Natural Subprograms*
- *DB2SERV Interface*

Natural Subprograms

The following Natural subprograms are provided:

Subprogram	Function
NDBCONV	Sets or resets conversational mode 2.
NDBDBRM	Checks whether a Natural program contains SQL access and whether it has been modified for static execution.
NDBDBR2	Checks whether a Natural program contains SQL access and whether it has been modified for static execution.
NDBDBR3	Checks whether a Natural program contains SQL access, whether it has been modified for static execution, and whether it can be generated as static.
NDBDBRZ	Checks whether a Natural program contains SQL access, whether it has been modified for NDZ static execution, and whether it can be generated as static.
NDBERR	Provides diagnostic information on the most recently executed SQL call.
NDBISQL	Executes SQL statements in dynamic mode.
NDBISQLD	Executes SQL statements in dynamic mode, using dynamic variables.
NDBNOERR	Suppresses normal Natural error handling.
NDBNROW	Obtains the number of rows affected by a Natural SQL statement.
NDBSTMP	Provides a Db2 <code>TIMESTAMP</code> column as an alphanumeric field and vice versa.

All these subprograms are provided in the Natural system library `SYSDB2` and the Natural library `SYSTEM` on the system file `FNAT`.

In addition, the Natural library `SYSTEM` in the `FNAT` system file contains the subprogram `DBTLIB2N` and the subroutine `DBDL219S`. They are used by `NDBDBRM` and `NDBDBR2`. The corresponding parameters must be defined in a `DEFINE DATA` statement.

The Natural subprograms `NDBDBRM`, `NDBDBR2` and `NDBDBR3` allow the optional specification of the database ID, file number, password and cipher code of the library file containing the program to be examined.

If these parameters are not specified, either the actual `FNAT` file or the `FUSER` file is used to locate the program to be examined depending on whether the library name begins with "SYS" or not.

Programs invoking `NDBDBRM`, `NDBDBR2` or `NDBDBR3` without these parameters will also work like before this change as the added parameters are declared as optional.

For detailed information on these subprograms, follow the links shown in the table above and read the description of the call format and of the parameters in the text object provided with the subprogram (*subprogram-name*T).

Invoking Subprograms from within a Natural Program

- Natural subprograms are invoked with the Natural `CALLNAT` statement.
- Non-Natural subprograms are invoked with the Natural `CALL` statement.

NDBCONV Subprogram

The Natural subprogram `NDBCONV` is used to either set or reset the conversational mode 2 in CICS environments. Conversational mode 2 means that update transactions are spawned across terminal I/Os until either a `COMMIT` or `ROLLBACK` has been issued (Caution Db2 and CICS resources are kept across terminal I/Os!). This means conversational mode 2 has the same effect as the Natural profile parameter `PSEUDO=OFF`, except that the conversational mode is entered after an Db2 update statement (`UPDATE`, `DELETE`, `INSERT`) and left again after a `COMMIT` or `ROLLBACK`, while `PSEUDO=OFF` causes conversational mode for the total Natural session.

A sample program called `CALLCONV` is provided in library `SYSDb2`; it demonstrates how to invoke `NDBCONV`. A description of the call format and of the parameters is provided in the text object `NDBCONVT`.

The calling Natural program must use the following syntax:

```
CALLNAT 'NDBCONV' #CONVERS #RESPONSE
```

The various parameters are described in the following table:

Parameter	Format/Length	Explanation
#CONVERS	I1	Contains the desired conversational mode (input)
#RESPONSE	I4	Contains the response of <code>NDBCONV</code> (output)

The `#CONVERS` parameter can contain the following values:

Code	Explanation
0	The conversational mode 2 has to be reset.
1	The conversational mode 2 has to be set.

The `#RESPONSE` parameter can contain the following response codes:

Code	Explanation
0	The conversational mode 2 has been successfully set or reset.
-1	The specified value of <code>#CONVERS</code> is invalid, the conversational mode has not been changed.
-2	NDBCONV is called in a environment, which is not a CICS environment, where the conversational mode 2 is not supported.

NDBDBRM Subprogram

The Natural subprogram `NDBDBRM` is used to check whether a Natural program contains SQL access and whether it has been modified for static execution. It is also used to obtain the corresponding DBRM (database request module) name from the header of a Natural program generated as static (see also [Preparing Programs for Static Execution](#)).

A sample program called `CALLDBRM` is provided on the installation medium; it demonstrates how to invoke `NDBDBRM`. A description of the call format and of the parameters is provided in the text object `NDBDBRMT`.

The calling Natural program must use the following syntax:

```
CALLNAT 'NDBDBRM' #LIB #MEM #DBRM #RESP #DBID #FILENR #PASSWORD #CIPHER
```

The various parameters are described in the following table:

Parameter	Format/Length	Explanation
<code>#LIB</code>	A8	Contains the name of the library of the program to be checked.
<code>#MEM</code>	A8	Contains the name of the program (member) to be checked.
<code>#DBRM</code>	A8	Returns the DBRM name.
<code>#RESP</code>	I2	Returns a response code. The possible codes are listed below.
<code>#DBID</code>	N5	Optional. Database ID of library file.
<code>#FILENR</code>	N5	Optional. File number of library file.
<code>#PASSWORD</code>	A8	Optional. Password of library file.
<code>#CIPHER</code>	N8	Optional. Cipher code of library file.

The `#RESP` parameter can contain the following values:

Code	Explanation
0	The member #MEM in library #LIB has SQL access; it is static if #DBRM contains a value.
-1	The member #MEM in library #LIB has no SQL access.
-2	The member #MEM in library #LIB does not exist.
-3	No library name has been specified.
-4	No member name has been specified.
-5	The library name must start with a letter.
>-5	Further negative response codes correspond to error numbers of Natural error messages.
>0	Positive response codes correspond to error numbers of Natural Security messages.

NBDBR2 Subprogram

The Natural subprogram NBDBR2 is used to check whether a Natural program contains SQL access and whether it has been modified for static execution. It is also used to obtain the corresponding DBRM (database request module) name from the header of a Natural program generated as static (see also [Preparing Programs for Static Execution](#)) and the time stamp generated by the precompiler.

A sample program called CALLDBR2 is provided on the installation medium; it demonstrates how to invoke NBDBR2. A description of the call format and of the parameters is provided in the text object NBDBR2T.

The calling Natural program must use the following syntax:

```
CALLNAT 'NBDBR2' #LIB #MEM #DBRM #TIMESTAMP #PCUSER #PCRELLEV #ISOLLEVL #DATEFORM ↵
#TIMEFORM #RESP #DBID #FILENR #PASSWORD #CIPHER
```

The various parameters are described in the following table:

Parameter	Format/Length	Explanation
#LIB	A8	Contains the name of the library of the program to be checked.
#MEM	A8	Contains the name of the program (member) to be checked.
#DBRM	A8	Returns the DBRM name.
#TIMESTAMP	B8	Consistency token generated by precompiler.
#PCUSER	A8	Unsupported parameter; retained for compatibility reasons. only.
#PCRELLEV	A1	Unsupported parameter; retained for compatibility reasons only.
#ISOLLEVL	A1	Unsupported parameter; retained for compatibility reasons only.
#DATEFORM	A1	Unsupported parameter; retained for compatibility reasons only.
#TIMEFORM	A1	Unsupported parameter; retained for compatibility reasons only.

Parameter	Format/Length	Explanation
#RESP	I2	Returns a response code. The possible codes are listed below.
#DBID	N5	Optional. Database ID of library file.
#FILENR	N5	Optional. File number of library file.
#PASSWORD	A8	Optional. Password of library file.
#CIPHER	N8	Optional. Cipher code of library file.

The #RESP parameter can contain the following values:

Code	Explanation
0	The member #MEM in library #LIB has SQL access; it is static if #DBRM contains a value.
-1	The member #MEM in library #LIB has no SQL access.
-2	The member #MEM in library #LIB does not exist.
-3	No library name has been specified.
-4	No member name has been specified.
-5	The library name must start with a letter.
> -5	Further negative response codes correspond to error numbers of Natural error messages.
> 0	Positive response codes correspond to error numbers of Natural Security messages.

NDBDBR3 Subprogram

The Natural subprogram NDBDBR3 is used to check whether a Natural program contains SQL access (#RESP 0), whether the Natural program contains solely SQL statements, which are dynamically executable (#RESP 0, #DBRM '*DYNAMIC') and whether it has been modified for static execution (#RESP 0, #DBRM *dbrmname*). It is also used to obtain the corresponding DBRM (database request module) name from the header of a Natural program generated as static (see also [Preparing Programs for Static Execution](#)) and the time stamp generated by the precompiler.

A sample program called CALLDDBR3 is provided on the installation medium; it demonstrates how to invoke NDBDBR3. A description of the call format and of the parameters is provided in the text object NDBDBR3T.

The calling Natural program must use the following syntax:


```
CALLNAT 'NDBDBR3' #LIB #MEM #DBRM #TIMESTAMP #PCUSER #PCRELLEV #ISOLLEVL #DATEFORM ↵
#TIMEFORM #RESP #DBID #FILENR #PASSWORD #CIPHER
```

The various parameters are described in the following table:

Parameter	Format/Length	Explanation
#LIB	A8	Contains the name of the library of the program to be checked.
#MEM	A8	Contains the name of the program (member) to be checked.
#DBRM	A8	Returns the DBRM name. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Space, if program has SQL access, ■ *DYNAMIC, if program contains only dynamically executable SQL, ■ DBRM name, if program has been generated static.
#TIMESTAMP	B8	Consistency token generated by precompiler.
#PCUSER	A8	Unsupported parameter; retained for compatibility reasons only.
#PCRELLEV	A1	Unsupported parameter; retained for compatibility reasons only.
#ISOLLEVL	A1	Unsupported parameter; retained for compatibility reasons only.
#DATEFORM	A1	Unsupported parameter; retained for compatibility reasons only.
#TIMEFORM	A1	Unsupported parameter; retained for compatibility reasons only.
#RESP	I2	Returns a response code. The possible codes are listed below.
#DBID	N5	Optional. Database ID of library file.
#FILENR	N5	Optional. File number of library file.
#PASSWORD	A8	Optional. Password of library file.
#CIPHER	N8	Optional. Cipher code of library file.

The #RESP parameter can contain the following values:

Code	Explanation
0	The member #MEM in library #LIB has SQL access; it is static if #DBRM contains a value other than space and *DYNAMIC.
-1	The member #MEM in library #LIB has no SQL access.
-2	The member #MEM in library #LIB does not exist.
-3	No library name has been specified.
-4	No member name has been specified.
-5	The library name must start with a letter.
>-5	Further negative response codes correspond to error numbers of Natural error messages.
>0	Positive response codes correspond to error numbers of Natural Security messages.

NDBDBRZ Subprogram

The Natural subprogram NDBDBRZ is used to check whether a Natural program contains SQL access (#RESP 0), whether the Natural program contains solely SQL statements, which are dynamically executable (#RESP 0, #SQLJPROF '*DYNAMIC') and whether it has been modified for NDZ static execution (#RESP 0, #SQLJPROF *SQLJ profile name*). It is also used to obtain the corresponding SQLJ profile name from the header of a Natural program generated as static (see also [Preparing Programs for Static Execution](#)).

A sample program called CALLDBRZ is provided on the installation medium and it demonstrates how to invoke NDBDBRZ. A description of the call format and of the parameters is provided in the text object NDBDBRZT.

The calling Natural program must use the following syntax:

```
CALLNAT 'NDBDBRZ' #LIB #MEM #SQLJPROF #RESP #DBID #FILENR #PASSWORD #CIPHER
```

The various parameters are described in the following table:

Parameter	Format/Length	Explanation
#LIB	A8	Contains the name of the library of the program to be checked.
#MEM	A8	Contains the name of the program (member) to be checked.
#SQLJPROF	A8	Returns the SQLJ profile name. <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Space, if program has SQL access,■ *DYNAMIC, if program contains only dynamically executable SQL,■ SQLJ profile name, if program has been generated static.
#RESP	I2	Returns a response code. The possible codes are listed below.
#DBID	N5	Optional. Database ID of library file.
#FILENR	N5	Optional. File number of library file.
#PASSWORD	A8	Optional. Password of library file.
#CIPHER	N8	Optional. Cipher code of library file.

The #RESP parameter can contain the following values:

Code	Explanation
0	The member #MEM in library #LIB has SQL access; it is static if #DBRM contains a value other than space and *DYNAMIC.
-1	The member #MEM in library #LIB has no SQL access.
-2	The member #MEM in library #LIB does not exist.
-3	No library name has been specified.
-4	No member name has been specified.
-5	The library name must start with a letter.
> -5	Further negative response codes correspond to error numbers of Natural error messages.
> 0	Positive response codes correspond to error numbers of Natural Security messages.

NDBERR Subprogram

The Natural subprogram NDBERR replaces Function E of the DB2SERV interface, which is still provided but no longer documented. It provides diagnostic information on the most recent SQL call. It also returns the database type which returned the error. NDBERR is typically called if a database call returns a non-zero SQLCODE (which means a NAT3700 error).

A sample program called CALLERR is provided on the installation medium; it demonstrates how to invoke NDBERR. A description of the call format and of the parameters is provided in the text object NDBERRT.

The calling Natural program must use the following syntax:

```
CALLNAT 'NDBERR' #SQLCODE #SQLSTATE #SQLCA #DBTYPE
```

The various parameters are described in the following table:

Parameter	Format/Length	Explanation
#SQLCODE	I4	Returns the SQL return code.
#SQLSTATE	A5	Returns a return code for the output of the most recently executed SQL statement.
#SQLCA	A136	Returns the SQL communication area of the most recent Db2 access.
#DBTYPE	B1	Returns the identifier (in hexadecimal format) for the currently used database (where X'02' identifies Db2).

NDBISQL Subprogram

The Natural subprogram `NDBISQL` is used to execute SQL statements in dynamic mode. The `SELECT` statement and all SQL statements which can be prepared dynamically (according to the Db2 literature by IBM) can be passed to `NDBISQL`.

A sample program called `CALLISQL` is provided on the installation medium; it demonstrates how to invoke `NDBISQL`. A description of the call format and of the parameters is provided in the text object `NDBISQLT`.

The calling Natural program must use the following syntax:

```
CALLNAT 'NDBISQL' #FUNCTION #TEXT-LEN #TEXT (*) #SQLCA #RESPONSE #WORK-LEN #WORK (*)
```

The various parameters are described in the following table:

Parameter	Format/Length	Explanation
#FUNCTION	A8	For valid functions, see below.
#TEXT-LEN	I2	Length of the SQL statement or of the buffer for the return area.
#TEXT	A1(1:V)	Contains the SQL statement (EXECUTE) or receives a data row (FETCH).
#SQLCA	A136	Contains the SQLCA.
#RESPONSE	I4	Returns a response code.
#WORK-LEN	I2	Length of the workarea specified by #WORK (optional).
#WORK	A1(1:V)	Workarea used to hold SQLDA/SQLVAR and auxiliary fields across calls (optional).
#DBTYPE	I2	Database type (optional).
		0 Default
		2 DB2
		4 CNX

Valid functions for the `#FUNCTION` parameter are:

Function	Parameter	Explanation
CLOSE		Closes the cursor for the <code>SELECT</code> statement.
EXECUTE	#TEXT-LEN #TEXT (*)	Executes the SQL statement. Contains the length of the statement. Contains the SQL statement. The first two characters must be blank.
FETCH	#TEXT-LEN #TEXT (*)	Returns a record from the <code>SELECT</code> statement. Size of #TEXT (in bytes). Buffer for the record.

Function	Parameter	Explanation
TITLE	#TEXT-LEN #TEXT (*)	Returns the header for the SELECT statement. Size of #TEXT (in bytes); receives the length of the header (= length of the record). Buffer for the header line.

The #RESPONSE parameter can contain the following response codes:

Code	Function	Explanation
5	EXECUTE	The statement is a SELECT statement.
6	TITLE, FETCH	Data are truncated; only set on first TITLE or FETCH call.
100	FETCH	No record / end of data.
-2		Unsupported data type (for example, GRAPHIC).
-3	TITLE, FETCH	No cursor open; probably invalid call sequence or statement other than SELECT.
-4		Too many columns in result table.
-5		SQLCODE from call.
-6		Version mismatch.
-7		Invalid function.
-8		Error from SQL call.
-9		Workarea invalid (possibly relocation).
-10		Interface not available.
-11	EXECUTE	First two bytes of statement not blank.

Call Sequence

The first call must be an EXECUTE call. NDBISQL has a fixed SQLDA AREA holding space for 50 columns. If this area is too small for a particular SELECT it is possible to supply an optional work area on the calls to NDBISQL by specifying #WORK-LEN (I2) and #WORK(A1/1:V).

This workarea is used to hold the SQLDA and temporary work fields like null indicators and auxiliary fields for numeric columns. Calculate 16 bytes for SQLDA header and 44 bytes for each result column and 2 bytes null indicator for each column and place for each numeric column, when supplying #WORK-LEN and #WORK(*) during NDBISQL calls. If these optional parameters are specified on an EXECUTE call they have also to be specified on any following call.

If the statement is a SELECT statement (that is, response code 5 is returned), any sequence of TITLE and FETCH calls can be used to retrieve the data. A response code of 100 indicates the end of the data.

The cursor must be closed with a CLOSE call.

Function code `EXECUTE` implicitly closes a cursor which has been opened by a previous `EXECUTE` call for a `SELECT` statement.

In TP environments, no terminal I/O can be performed between an `EXECUTE` call and any `TITLE`, `FETCH` or `CLOSE` call that refers to the same statement.

NDBISQLD Subprogram

The Natural subprogram `NDBISQLD` is used to execute SQL statements in dynamic mode. The `SELECT` statement and all SQL statements which can be prepared dynamically (according to the Db2 literature by IBM) can be passed to `NDBISQLD`.

A sample program called `CALISQLD` is provided on the installation medium. It demonstrates how to invoke `NDBISQLD`. A description of the call format and of the parameters is provided in the text object `ISQLDT`.

The calling Natural program must use the following syntax:

```
CALLNAT 'NDBISQLD' #FUNCTION #TEXT #SQLCA #RESPONSE #WORK #DBTYPE
```

The various parameters are described in the following table:

Parameter	Format/Length	Explanation
#FUNCTION	A8	For valid functions, see below.
#TEXT	A DYNAMIC	Contains the SQL statement (<code>EXECUTE</code>) or receives the data row (<code>FETCH</code>).
#SQLCA	A136	Contains the SQLCA.
#RESPONSE	I4	Returns a response code.
#WORK	A DYNAMIC	Workarea used to hold SQLDA/SQLVAR and auxiliary fields across calls (optional). If specified, #WORK has to be sized large enough to hold all auxiliary fields (SQLDA) for the SQL request.
#DBTYPE	I2	Database type (optional).
		0 Default
		2 DB2
		4 CNX

Valid functions for the `#FUNCTION` parameter are:

Function	Parameter	Explanation
CLOSE	-	Closes the cursor for the SELECT statement.
EXECUTE	#TEXT	Executes the SQL statement. Contains the SQL statement. The first four characters must be blank.
FETCH	#TEXT	Returns a row from the SELECT statement. #TEXT has to be sized large enough to hold the row of the result set created by the SELECT statement. After FETCH, the *LENGTH(#TEXT) is reduced to the exact size of the row.
TITLE	#TEXT	Returns the header literals for the SELECT statement. #TEXT has to be sized large enough to hold the row of the result set created by the SELECT statement.

The #RESPONSE parameter can contain the following response codes:

Code	Function	Explanation
5	EXECUTE	The statement is a SELECT statement.
6	TITLE, FETCH	Data are truncated; only set on first TITLE or FETCH call.
100	FETCH	No record/end of data.
-2	-	Unsupported data type (for example, GRAPHIC).
-3	TITLE, FETCH	No cursor open. Probably invalid call sequence or statement other than SELECT.
-4	-	Too many columns in result table.
-5	-	SQLCODE from call.
-6	-	Version mismatch.
-7	-	Invalid function.
-8	-	Error from SQL call.
-9	-	Workarea invalid (possibly relocation).
-10	-	Interface not available.
-11	EXECUTE	First two bytes of statement not blank.

Call Sequence

The first call must be an EXECUTE call. NDBISQLD has a fixed SQLDA AREA, holding space for 50 columns. If this area is too small for a particular SELECT, it is possible to supply an optional work area on the calls to NDBISQLD by #WORK(A)DYNAMIC.

This workarea is used to hold the SQLDA and temporary work fields like null indicators and auxiliary fields for numeric columns. Calculate 16 bytes for SQLDA header and 44 bytes for each result column and 2 bytes null indicator for each column and place for each numeric column,

when supplying `#WORK(A)DYNAMIC` during `NDBISQLD` calls. If these optional parameters are specified on an `EXECUTE` call, they have also to be specified on any following call.

If the statement is a `SELECT` statement (that is, response code 5 is returned), any sequence of `TITLE` and `FETCH` calls can be used to retrieve the data. A response code of 100 indicates the end of the data.

The cursor must be closed with a `CLOSE` call.

Function code `EXECUTE` implicitly closes a cursor which has been opened by a previous `EXECUTE` call for a `SELECT` statement.

In TP environments, no terminal I/O can be performed between an `EXECUTE` call and any `TITLE`, `FETCH` or `CLOSE` call that refers to the same statement.

NDBNOERR Subprogram

The Natural subprogram `NDBNOERR` is used to suppress Natural NAT3700 errors caused by the next SQL call. This allows a program controlled continuation if an SQL statement produces a non-zero `SQLCODE`. After the SQL call has been performed, `NDBERR` is used to investigate the `SQLCODE`.

A sample program called `CALLNOER` is provided on the installation medium; it demonstrates how to invoke `NDBNOERR`. A description of the call format and of the parameters is provided in the text object `NDBNOERT`.

The calling Natural program must use the following syntax:

```
CALLNAT 'NDBNOERR'
```

There are no parameters provided with this subprogram.



Note: Only NAT3700 errors (that is, non-zero SQL response codes) are suppressed, and also only errors caused by the next following SQL call.

Restrictions with Database Loops

- If `NDBNOERR` is called before a statement that initiates a database loop and an initialization error occurs, no processing loop will be initiated, unless a `IF NO RECORDS FOUND` clause has been specified.
- If `NDBNOERR` is called within a database loop, it does not apply to the processing loop itself, but only to the SQL statement subsequently executed inside this loop.

NDBNROW Subprogram

The Natural subprogram `NDBNROW` is used to obtain the number of rows affected by the Natural SQL statements `Searched UPDATE`, `Searched DELETE`, and `INSERT`. The number of rows affected is read from the SQL communication area (SQLCA). A positive value represents the number of affected rows, whereas a value of minus one (-1) indicates that all rows of a table in a segmented tablespace have been deleted; see also the Natural system variable `*NUMBER` as described in the *Natural System Variables* documentation.

A sample program called `CALLNROW` is provided on the installation medium; it demonstrates how to invoke `NDBNROW`. A description of the call format and of the parameters is provided in the text object `NDBNROWT`.

The calling Natural program must use the following syntax:

```
CALLNAT 'NDBNROW' #NUMBER
```

The parameter `#NUMBER (I4)` contains the number of affected rows.

NDBSTMP Subprogram

For Db2, Natural provides a `TIMESTAMP` column as an alphanumeric field (A26) of the format `YYYY-MM-DD-HH.MM.SS.MMMMMM`.

Since Natural does not yet support computation with such fields, the Natural subprogram `NDBSTMP` is provided to enable this kind of functionality. It converts Natural time variables to Db2 time stamps and vice versa and performs Db2 time stamp arithmetics.

A sample program called `CALLSTMP` is provided on the installation medium; it demonstrates how to invoke `NDBSTMP`. A description of the call format and of the parameters is provided in the text object `NDBSTMPT`.

The functions available are:

Code	Explanation
ADD	Adds time units (labeled durations) to a given Db2 time stamp and returns a Natural time variable and a new Db2 time stamp.
CNT2	Converts a Natural time variable (format T) into a Db2 time stamp (column type <code>TIMESTAMP</code>) and labeled durations.
C2TN	Converts a Db2 time stamp (column type <code>TIMESTAMP</code>) into a Natural time variable (format T) and labeled durations.
DIFF	Builds the difference between two given Db2 time stamps and returns labeled durations.

Code	Explanation
GEN	Generates a Db2 time stamp from the current date and time values of the Natural system variable *TIMX and returns a new Db2 time stamp.
SUB	Subtracts labeled durations from a given Db2 time stamp and returns a Natural time variable and a new Db2 time stamp.
TEST	Tests a given Db2 time stamp for valid format and returns TRUE or FALSE.



Note: Labeled durations are units of year, month, day, hour, minute, second and micro-second.

DB2SERV Interface

DB2SERV is an Assembler program entry point which can be called from within a Natural program.

DB2SERV performs either of the following functions:

- [Function D](#)
- [Function P](#)

■ **Function D**, which performs the SQL statement `EXECUTE IMMEDIATE`.

■ **Function P**, invokes an Assembler module named `NDBPLAN`.

The parameter or variable values returned by each of these functions are checked for their format, length, and number.

Function D

Function D performs the SQL statement `EXECUTE IMMEDIATE`. This allows SQL statements to be issued from within a Natural program.

The SQL statement string that follows the `EXECUTE IMMEDIATE` statement must be assigned to the Natural program variable `STMT`. It must contain valid SQL statements allowed with the `EXECUTE IMMEDIATE` statement as described in the relevant IBM literature. Examples can be found below and in the demonstration programs `DEM2*` in the Natural system library `SYSDB2`.



Note: The conditions that apply to issuing the Natural `END TRANSACTION` or `BACKOUT TRANSACTION` statements also apply when issuing the SQL `COMMIT` or `ROLLBACK` statements.

Command Syntax

```
CALL 'DB2SERV' 'D' STMT STMTL SQLCA RETCODE
```

The variables used in this command are described in the following table:

Variable	Format/Length	Explanation
STMT	<i>Annn</i>	Contains a command string which consists of SQL syntax as described above.
STMTL	I2	Contains the length of the string defined in STMT.
SQLCA	A136	Returns the current contents of the SQL communication area.
RETCODE	I2	Returns an interface return code. The following codes are possible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 No warning or error occurred. 4 SQL statement produced an SQL warning. 8 SQL statement produced an SQL error. 12 Internal error occurred; the corresponding Natural error message number can be displayed with SQLERR.

The current contents of the SQLCA and an interface return code (RETCODE) are returned. The SQLCA is a collection of variables that are used by Db2 to provide an application program with information on the execution of its SQL statements.

The following two examples show you how to use DB2SERV with Function D.

Example of Function D - DEM2CREA:

```
*****
* DEM2CREA - CREATE TABLE NAT.DEMO *
*****
*
DEFINE DATA
LOCAL USING DEMSQLCA
LOCAL
*
* Parameters for DB2SERV
1 STMT          (A250)
1 STMTL         (I2)   CONST <250>
1 RETCODE       (I2)
*
END-DEFINE
*
COMPRESS 'CREATE TABLE NAT.DEMO'
' (NAME          CHAR(20)      NOT NULL, '
' ADDRESS        VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL, '
' DATEOFBIRTH    DATE          NOT NULL, '
' SALARY         DECIMAL(6,2), '
```



```

    ' REMARKS      VARCHAR(500))'
    INTO STMT
CALL 'DB2SERV' 'D' STMT STMTL SQLCA RETCODE
*
END TRANSACTION
*
IF RETCODE = 0
    WRITE 'Table NAT.DEMO created'
ELSE
    FETCH 'SQLERR'
END-IF
END
*****

```



Note: The functionality of the DB2SERV Function D is also provided with the PROCESS SQL statement.

Example of Function D - DEM2SET:

```

*****
*  DEM2SET - Set Current SQLID                                     *
*****
*
DEFINE DATA
LOCAL USING DEMSQLCA
LOCAL
*
*                               Parameter for DB2SERV
1 STMT      (A250)
1 STMTL     (I2)    CONST <250>
1 RETCODE   (I2)
1 OLDSQLID  (A8)
1 NEWSQLID  (A8)
*
END-DEFINE
*
SELECT DISTINCT CURRENT SQLID
    INTO OLDSQLID
    FROM SYSIBM.SYSTABLES
ESCAPE BOTTOM
END-SELECT
*
MOVE  'SET CURRENT SQLID="PROD"';
    TO  STMT
CALL 'DB2SERV' 'D' STMT STMTL SQLCA RETCODE
*
IF RETCODE > 0
    FETCH 'SQLERR'
ELSE
    SELECT DISTINCT CURRENT SQLID
        INTO NEWSQLID

```



```

        FROM SYSIBM.SYSTABLES
        ESCAPE BOTTOM
        END-SELECT
    *
        WRITE ' Old SQLID was :' OLDSQLID
        WRITE ' New SQLID is  :' NEWSQLID
    END-IF
    *
    END
    *****

```

When using SET CURRENT SQLID, the creator name of a table can be substituted by the current SQLID. This enables you to access identical tables with the same table name but with different creator names. Thus, table names must not be qualified by a creator name if this is to be substituted by the SQLID.

In all supported TP-monitor environments, the SQLID can then be kept across terminal I/Os until either the end of the session or its resetting via DB2SERV.

Function P

Function P invokes an Assembler module named NDBPLAN, which is used to establish and/or terminate the Db2 connection under TSO and in batch mode. This allows a Natural application to perform [plan switching under TSO and in batch mode](#).

The program DEM2PLAN is an example of the use of DB2SERV with Function P.

The name of the current Db2 subsystem (#SSM) and the name of the new application plan (#PLAN) must be specified. In addition, an interface return code (#RETCODE) and the Db2 reason code (#REASON) are returned.

Command Syntax

```
CALL 'DB2SERV' 'P' #SSM #PLAN #RETCODE #REASON
```

Variable	Format/Length	Explanation
#SSM	A4	Contains the name of the current Db2 subsystem.
#PLAN	A8	Contains the new plan name.
#RETCODE		<p>Returns an interface return code. The following codes are possible:</p> <p>0 No warning or error occurred.</p> <p>12 The specified new application plan is not scheduled.</p> <p>99 The current environment is not a Call Attachment Facility (CAF) environment.</p>

Variable	Format/Length	Explanation
		<i>nnn</i> Return code from the CAF interface (see also the relevant Db2 literature by IBM).
#REASON	I4	Returns the reason code of the CAF interface (see also the relevant Db2 literature by IBM).

Example of Function P - DEM2PLAN:

```

*****
* DEM2PLAN - Switch application plan under TSO/Batch with CAF interface *
*****
*
DEFINE DATA
LOCAL
*
*                               Parameter for DB2SERV
01 #SSM          (A4))    CONST <'DB2'>
01 #PLAN         (A8
01 #RETCODE      (I2)
01 #REASON       (I4)
*
END-DEFINE
*
INPUT 'PLEASE ENTER NEW PLAN NAME' #PLAN (AD='_' I)
*
END TRANSACTION
*
CALL 'DB2SERV' 'P' #SSM #PLAN #RETCODE #REASON
*
DECIDE FOR FIRST VALUE OF #RETCODE
*
  VALUE 0
  IGNORE
  VALUE 99
  INPUT 12/23 'This is not a CAF environment !!'
  VALUE 8,12
  INPUT 12/18 'New plan not scheduled, reason code'
  #REASON (AD=OI EM=H(4))
  NONE
  INPUT 12/15 'CAF interface error'
  #RETCODE (AD=OI EM=Z(3))
  'with reason code'
  #REASON (AD=OI EM=H(4))
*
END-DECIDE
*
END
*****

```




Important: Plan switching under TSO and in batch mode is possible with the CAF interface only; see also the section *[Plan Switching under TSO and in Batch Mode](#)*.

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Natural File Server for Db2

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In all supported TP-monitor environments (CICS, IMS TM, and TSO), Natural for Db2 provides an intermediate work file, referred to as the File Server, to prevent database selection results from being lost with each terminal I/O. Exception: Com-plete.

Concept of the File Server

To avoid reissuing the selection statement used and repositioning the cursors, Natural writes the results of a database selection to an intermediate file. The saved selected rows, which may be required later, are then managed by Natural as if the facilities for conversational processing were available. This is achieved by automatically scrolling the intermediate file for subsequent screens, maintaining position in the work file rather than in Db2.

All rows of all open cursors are rolled out to the file server before the first terminal I/O operation. Subsequently, all data is retrieved from this file if Natural refers to one of the cursors which were previously rolled out (see the description of roll out in [Logical Structure of File Server](#) below).

If a row is to be updated or deleted, the row is first checked to see if it has been updated in the meantime by some other process. This is done by reselecting and fetching the row from the Db2 database, and then comparing it with the original version as retrieved from the file server. If the row is still unchanged, the update or delete operation can be executed. If not, a corresponding error message is returned. The reselection required when updating or deleting a row is possible in both dynamic mode and static mode.

Only the fields which are stored in the file server are checked for consistency against the record retrieved from Db2.

As the row must be uniquely identified, the Natural view must contain a field for which a unique row has been created. This field must be defined as a unique key in Db2. In a Natural data definition module (DDM), it will then be indicated as a unique key via the corresponding Natural-specific short name.

Preparations for Using the File Server

The size of a row which can be written to the file server is limited to 32 KB or 32767 bytes. If a row is larger, a corresponding error message is returned.

The File Server can use either a VSAM RRDS file or the Software AG Editor buffer pool as storage medium to save selected rows of Db2 tables.

This section covers the following topics:

- [File Server - VSAM](#)
- [File Server - Editor Buffer Pool](#)

■ File Server – Shared Memory Object

File Server - VSAM

The file server is installed via a batch job, which defines and formats the intermediate file. Samples of this batch job are supplied on the installation medium as described in the relevant section.

Defining the Size of the File Server

The file server is created by defining an RRDS VSAM file using AMS (Access Method Services). Its physical size and its name must be specified.

Formatting the File Server

The file server is formatted by a batch job, which requires five input parameters specified by the user, and which formats the file server according to these parameters. The parameters specify:

1. The number of blocks to be formatted (logical size of the VSAM file); this value is taken from the first parameter of the `RECORD` subcommand of the `AMS DEFINE CLUSTER` command.
2. The number of users that can log on to Natural concurrently.
3. The number of formatted blocks to be defined as primary allocation per user.
4. The number of formatted blocks to be used as secondary allocation per user.
5. The maximum number of file server blocks to be allocated by each user. If this number is exceeded, a corresponding Natural error message is returned.

Immediately before the first access to the file server, a file server directory entry is allocated to the Natural session and the amount of blocks specified as primary allocation is allocated to the Natural session.

The primary allocation is used as intermediate storage for the result of a database selection and should be large enough to accommodate all rows of an ordinary database selection. Should more space in the file server be required for a large database selection, the file server modules allocate a secondary allocation equal to the amount that was specified for secondary allocation when the file server was formatted.

Thus, a secondary area is allocated only when your current primary allocation is not large enough to contain all of the data which must be written to the intermediate file. The number of secondary allocations allowed depends upon the maximum number of blocks you are allowed to allocate. This parameter is also specified when formatting the file server.

The number of blocks defined as the secondary allocation is allocated repeatedly, until either all selected data has been written to the file or the maximum number of blocks you are allowed to allocate is exceeded. If so, a corresponding Natural error message is returned. When the blocks received as a secondary allocation are no longer needed (that is, once the Natural loop associated with this allocation is closed), they are returned to the free blocks pool of the file server.

Your primary allocation of blocks, however, is always allocated to you, until the end of your Natural session.

Changes Required for a Multi-Volume File Server

To minimize channel contention or bottlenecks that can be caused by placing a large and heavily used file server on a single DASD volume, you can create a file server that spans several DASD volumes.

To create and format such a file server, two changes are needed in the job that is used to define the VSAM cluster:

1. Change `VOLUME ()` to `VOLUMES (vol1,vol2,...)`.
2. Divide the total number of records required for the file (as specified with the first format job parameter) by the number of volumes specified above. The result of the calculation is used for the `RECORDS` parameter of the `DEFINE CLUSTER` command.

This means that in the file server format job, the value of the first parameter is the result of multiplying two parameters taken from the `DEFINE CLUSTER` command: `RECORDS` and `VOLUMES`.

File Server - Editor Buffer Pool

The Software AG Editor buffer pool is used as storage medium when `EBPFSRV=ON` is set in the `NTDB2` macro. In this case, the primary, secondary and maximum allocation amounts for the file server are specified by `EBPPRAL`, `EBPSEC`, `EBPMAX` parameters of the `NTDB2` macro. Before Natural for Db2 tries to write data from a Natural user session to the file server for the first time, a Software AG Editor buffer pool logical file is allocated with the Natural terminal identifier as user name and the number 2240 as session number.

The operation of the file server is in this case depending on the definition of the Software AG Editor buffer pool; see *Editor Buffer Pool* in the *Natural Operations* documentation.

The number of logical files for the buffer pool limits the number of users concurrently accessing the file server. The number of work file blocks limits the amount of data to be saved at a specific moment. (You also have to consider that there are other users than Natural for Db2 of the Software AG Editor.)

However, using the Software AG Editor buffer pool as storage medium for the file server enables Natural for Db2 to run in a Sysplex environment.

If you like to use the file server in a sysplex environment, it is recommended to use the Software AG Editor buffer pool as storage medium.

File Server – Shared Memory Object

A z/OS shared memory object above the bar is used as the storage medium for the file server. In this case, the shared memory object has the same structure as the VSAM RRDS file mentioned in the previous section, but all data is maintained in virtual storage above the bar. A file server that uses a shared memory object is referred to as a Shared Memory Objects File Server (FSSM).

➤ To use a Shared Memory Objects File Server

- 1 Define the shared memory object in the `ASMPARM` parameter file (see the *Operations* documentation) of a Natural Authorized Services Manager that contains the `NATFSSM` module.

For the messages that can be returned by the Authorized Services Manager, see *Messages from the Shared Memory Objects File Server under NDB* in the *Messages and Codes* documentation.

- 2 Set the `SMFSRV=ON` as the keyword subparameter of the `DB2` profile parameter or `NTDB2` macro.
- 3 Specify the name of the shared memory object to be used with the `DDFSERV` keyword subparameter of `DB2` (`NTDB2`).
- 4 Start the Authorized Services Manager configured in Step 1.

When Natural for zIIP is enabled in your Natural environment, switching between SRB and TCB modes for accessing the file server is not required since no disk I/O has to be performed.

Defining Size and Format of an FSSM

The size and format of the FSSM is defined in the `ASMPARM` data set of the Authorized Services Manager, similar to the way the VSAM file server is defined. Each definition has the following format:

```
FSSMxxxx=(name,number-of-blocks,number-of-users,primary-blocks,secondary-blocks,maximum-blocks,block-size)
```

Explanations:

<code>FSSMxxxx</code>	The initialization keyword required to define a file server. FSSM is a mandatory prefix that can be followed by 1 to 4 characters <code>xxxx</code> .
<code>name</code>	The logical name for the file server. The name can contain up to 8 characters and must match the name specified with the <code>DDFSERV</code> keyword subparameter of <code>DB2</code> (<code>NTDB2</code>) used in the Natural session.
<code>number-of-blocks</code>	The number of blocks used by the file server. Valid range: 3 - 2147483647. The number has to be a multiple of 8.
<code>number-of-users</code>	The number of users that can use the file server concurrently. Valid range: 1 - 32767

<i>primary-blocks</i>	The primary block allocation for each user. Valid range: 1 - 32767
<i>secondary-blocks</i>	The secondary block allocation for each user. Valid range: 1 - 32767
<i>maximum-blocks</i>	The maximum block allocation for each user. Valid range: 1 - 32767
<i>block-size</i>	The size of each block in the file server. Valid range: 1 - 32767

Examples:

```
FSSMPRM1=(CMFSERV,1000,500,50,10,100,31744)
```

```
FSSMPRM2=(CMFSERV2,1000,203,50,10,200,4080)
```

Formatting of an FSSM

The FSSM is formatted implicitly when the first user starts a Natural session with `SMFSRV=ON` with the name of the shared memory object specified in `DDFSERV`.

If another user from another address space also uses the same shared memory object, Natural for Db2 implicitly establishes access to the shared memory object for this address space. Access to the shared memory object for an address space only fails when the address space terminates.

Immediately before the first access to the file server, a file server directory entry is allocated to the Natural session and the number of blocks specified as primary allocation is allocated to the Natural session.

The primary allocation is used as the intermediate storage for the result of a database selection and should be large enough to contain all rows of an ordinary database selection. Should the file server require more space, the file server modules perform a secondary allocation using the number of blocks specified for the secondary allocation when the file server was formatted.

Thus, a secondary area is allocated only when your current primary allocation is not large enough to contain all of the data which must be written to the intermediate file. The number of blocks allowed for the secondary allocations depends on the maximum number of blocks you are allowed to allocate.

The number of blocks defined for the secondary allocation is allocated repeatedly, until either all selected data has been written to the file, or until the maximum number of blocks you are allowed to allocate is exceeded. If so, a corresponding Natural error message is returned. When the blocks received as secondary allocation are no longer needed (that is, once the Natural loop associated with this allocation ends), they are returned to the free blocks pool of the file

server. However, your primary allocation of blocks is always allocated to you until the end of your Natural session.

Logical Structure of the File Server

Immediately before a Natural user session accesses the file server, a file server directory entry (VSAM) or a logical file (Software AG Editor buffer pool) is allocated to the Natural user session and the number of blocks specified as primary allocation is reserved until the end of the session.

Generally, the file server is only used when a terminal I/O occurs within an active `READ`, `FIND`, or `SELECT` loop, where database selection results would be lost. Before each terminal I/O operation, Natural checks for any open cursors. For each non-scrollable cursor found, all remaining rows are retrieved from Db2 and written to an intermediate file. For each scrollable cursor, all rows are retrieved from Db2 and written to an intermediate file. In the Natural for Db2 documentation, this process is referred to as cursor roll out.

For each cursor roll out (scrollable and non-scrollable), a logical file is opened to hold all the rows fetched from this cursor. The space for the intermediate file is managed within the space allocated to your session. The logical file is then positioned on the row that was `CURRENT OF CURSOR` when the terminal I/O occurred.

Subsequent requests for data are then satisfied by reading the rows directly from the intermediate file. The database is no longer involved, and Db2 is only used for update, delete or store operations.

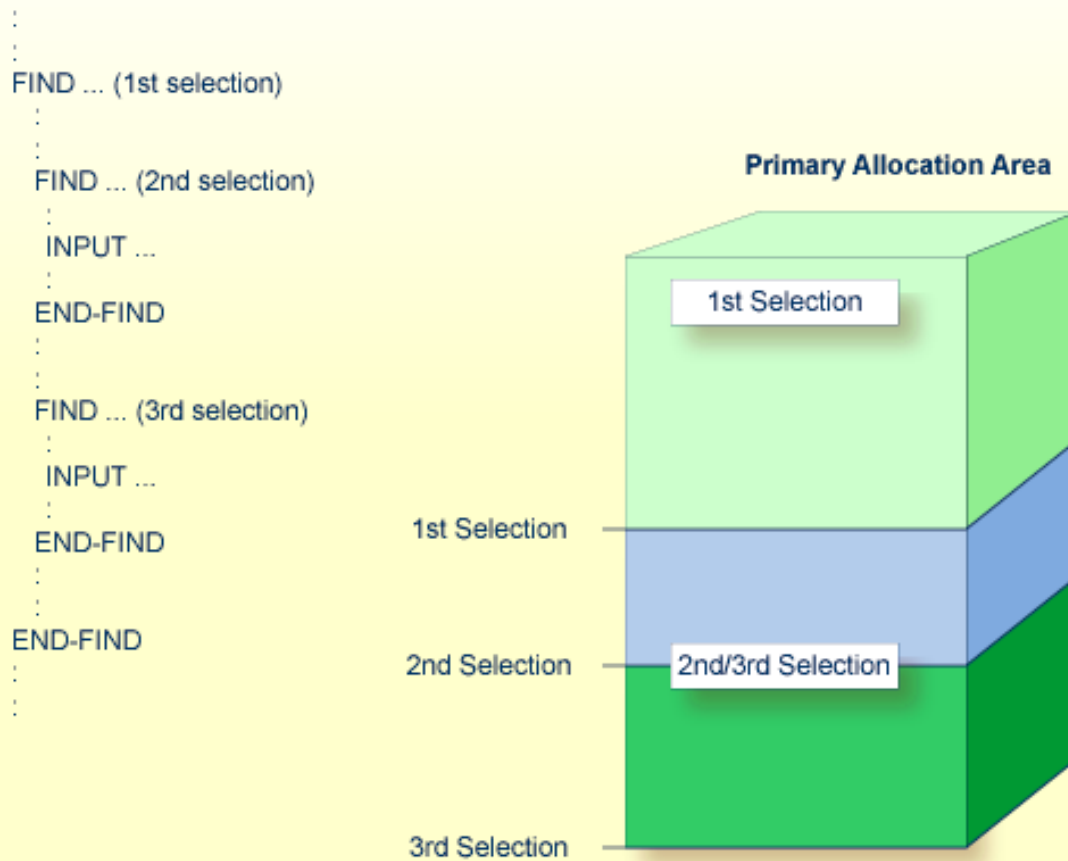
Positioned `UPDATE` and/or Positioned `DELETE` statements against rolled-out scrollable cursors are performed against the Db2 base table and against the logical file on the file server.

Once the corresponding processing loop in the application has been closed, the file is no longer needed and the blocks it occupies are returned to your pool of free blocks. From here, the blocks are returned to the free blocks pool of the file server, so that you are left with your primary allocation only.

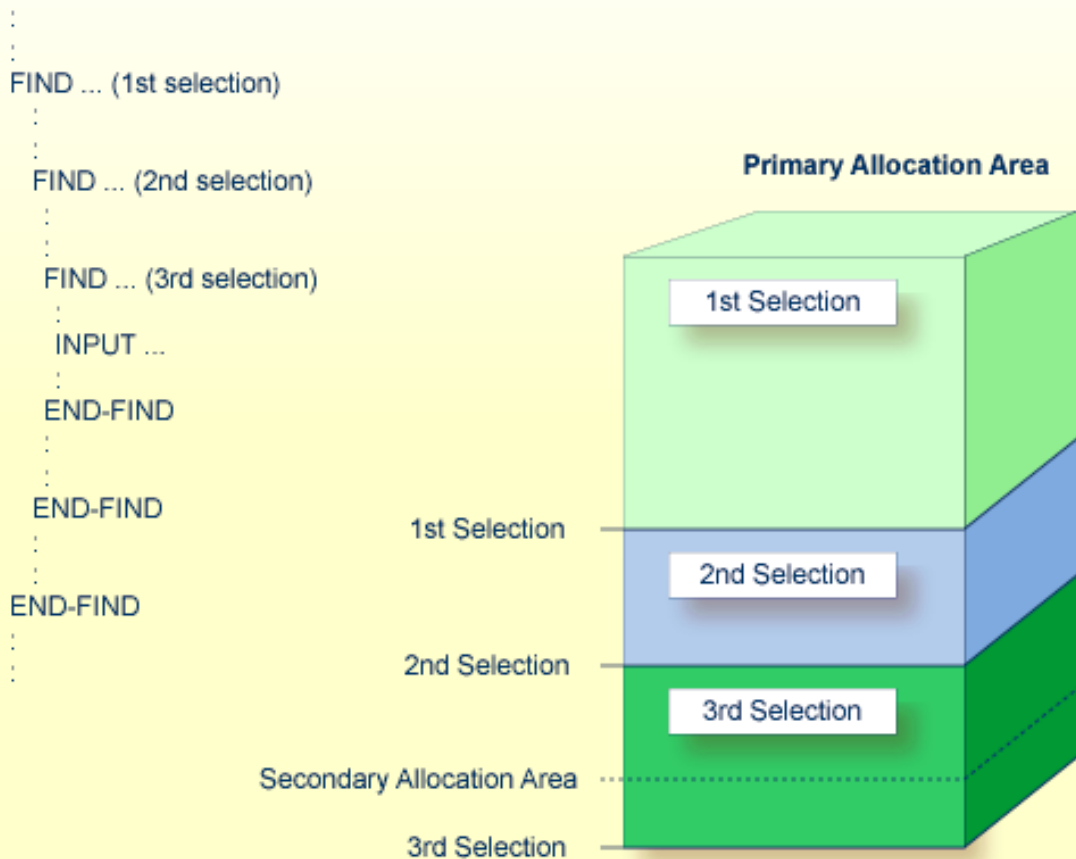
In the following example, the space allocated to the first selection is not released until all rows selected during the third selection have been retrieved. The same applies to the space allocated to the third selection.

The space allocated to the second selection, however, is released immediately after the last row of the corresponding selection result has been retrieved.

Therefore, the space allocated to the second selection can be used for the selection results of the third selection.

Example:

If the primary allocation area is not large enough, for example, if the third selection is nested within the second selection, the secondary allocation area is used.

Example:

When a session is terminated, all of a user's blocks are returned to the free blocks pool. If a session ends abnormally, Natural checks, where possible, whether a file server directory entry for the corresponding user exists. If so, all resources held by this user are released.

If Natural is unable to free the resources of an abnormally-ended user session, these resources are not released until the same user ID logs on from the same logical terminal again.

If the same user ID and/or logical terminal are not used again for Natural, the existing directory entry and the allocated space remain until the file server is formatted again. A new run of the formatting job deletes all existing data and recreates the directory.

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Tracing Dynamic SQL Statements

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Natural for Db2 provides a facility to trace all dynamically executed SQL statements within one machine (LPAR). This trace facility allows you to determine the Natural program from which the dynamic SQL request originates.

When tracing is enabled with the `DYSQLTR` parameter, all dynamically executed SQL statements are traced into a shared memory object above the bar. The name of that shared memory object is specified with the `DSTNAME` parameter. The first Natural for Db2 session in an LPAR creates the shared memory object and attaches its address space or region to the shared memory object. The subsequent Natural for Db2 sessions with the same `DSTNAME` and `DYSQLTR` parameter settings in an LPAR will also attach to the shared memory object if the address space is not already attached to the shared memory object.

For every dynamically executed SQL statement, the Natural for Db2 session writes a trace entry into the buffer before it calls Db2 and a trace entry after the return from Db2.

Each trace entry contains the following data:

Date and time

Natural library, program name, and line number

Username, terminal name, job name, and job number

The Db2 DBRM name (NDBIOxxx), the Db2 section number, statement number, and the statement type (OPEN, FETCH, CLOSE, etc)

The Db2 SQLCODE return information

You can start and terminate dynamic SQL tracing and retrieve the trace data in the shared memory object with the `NDBDST00` Natural subprogram. If the trace buffer gets filled to the upper end, tracing continues by overwriting the content at the lower end of the buffer.

How to Enable Tracing for Dynamic SQL Statements

By default, the Natural for Db2 session does not participate in dynamic SQL tracing. To enable dynamic SQL tracing for a Natural for Db2 session, you must set `DYSQLTR=ON` within the `NTDB2` macro in the Natural parameter module. You must also specify a name for the shared memory object where all dynamically executed SQL statements will be traced. The default name is `NDBRDC01`. For details about the `NTDB2` macro syntax, see *DB2 - Parameters for SQL Database Management Interfaces*.

After tracing is enabled, the Natural for Db2 session attaches to the shared memory object. If that shared memory object does not yet exist, the Natural for Db2 session creates the shared memory object specified in `DSTNAME` and attaches the Natural session to it. For this purpose, the session calls the Authorized Services Manager (ASM) that is associated with the `SUBSID` of the Natural subsystem. The session searches for the name and size of the shared memory object in the `FSSMDSTx` cards of the ASM. That is why you must **define the size of the shared memory object** and the

type of tracing in the `ASMPARM` parameter file. Within this parameter file, you set the `FSSMDSTx` parameter:

```
FSSMDSTx=(name,n,tracetype,[T])
```

- `FSSMDSTx` indicates this is a parameter card for the shared memory object trace buffer. *x* is arbitrary.
- *name* denotes the name of the shared memory object.
- *n* denotes the size of the shared memory object in units of megabytes.
- *tracetype* determines which trace records are written to the trace buffer. The possible values are:
 - S - write trace records before and after a Db2 call
 - B - write trace records before a Db2 call
 - A - write trace records after a Db2 call
 - T - don't write trace records
- *T* is an optional attribute that requests the create and attach requests to be logged to the job log.

The following example defines a shared memory object called `NDBDST01` that is 10MB in size with tracing before and after a Db2 call:

```
SUBSID=NDB1
MSGCASE=M
FSSMDST1=(NDBDST01,10,S)
```

After you set up the tracing, you can use the available Natural objects to start tracing, retrieve tracing data, and terminate tracing.

How to Trace Dynamic SQL Statements

Natural provides the following objects with which you can start tracing, retrieve tracing data, and terminate tracing:

- [NDBDST00 - Start Tracing, Retrieve Records, Terminate Tracing](#)
- [NDBDST_L - Description of Retrieved Dynamic SQL Trace Data](#)
- [NDBDSTPA - Write Trace Records after a Db2 Call](#)
- [NDBDSTPB - Write Trace Records before a Db2 Call](#)
- [NDBDSTPF - Read Trace Entries from Oldest to Newest](#)
- [NDBDSTPL - Read Trace Entries from Newest to Oldest](#)
- [NDBDSTPR - Reset the Trace Buffer](#)

- [NDBDSTPS - Restart Tracing](#)
- [NDBDSTPT - Terminate Tracing](#)

These programs operate on the shared memory buffer that is specified with the `DSTNAME` parameter in the `NTDB2` macro in the `NATPARM` module or with the `DB2=(DSTANAM=)` subparameter. To use these programs, you must also set `DYSQLTR=ON`.

NDBDST00 - Start Tracing, Retrieve Records, Terminate Tracing

The `NDBDST00` Natural subprogram starts dynamic SQL tracing, retrieves the dynamic SQL trace data, and terminates tracing. Use the following syntax in the calling Natural program:

```
CALLNAT 'NDBDST00' #FUNCTION #RETCODE #KTX#GDATA #LDATA #TRACESTATE
```

The syntax of this program contains the following parameters:

Parameter	Format/Length	Description
#FUNCTION	A1	Function code for input. Possible values: A - Start the trace after Db2 call trace entries are written B - Start the trace before Db2 call trace entries are written F - Retrieve the first/oldest trace entry L - Retrieve the latest/newest trace entry N - Retrieve the next/newer trace entry P - Retrieve the prior/older trace entry R - Reset the trace buffer. The dynamic SQL trace buffer is treated as it is initialized for the first time S - Start tracing T - Terminate tracing
#RETCODE	I4	Return code. Possible values: 0 - Okay 4 - End of data. No more trace entries are available 8 - Insufficient number of parameters 12 - Unknown function code 16 - Session not attached to shared memory object 20 - Session not attached to shared memory object
#KTX	B48	Context used during calls. The caller must not modify this parameter.
#GDATA	A252	Contains dynamic SQL trace data related to Natural program that calls Db2. See NDBDST-L .
#LDATA	A252	Contains dynamic SQL trace data about the access to Db2.

Parameter	Format/Length	Description
		See NDBDST-L .
#TRACESTATE	A1	<p>The current state of the dynamic SQL trace.</p> <p>Possible values:</p> <p>A - Trace is active only after Db2 call entries are written. B - Trace is active only before Db2 call entries are written. S - Trace is active before and after Db2 call entries are written. Blank - Trace is inactive, no DB2 call entries are written.</p>

NDBDST_L - Description of Retrieved Dynamic SQL Trace Data

The local data area NDBDSTPF contains the description of retrieved dynamic SQL trace data. It is split in two groups GDATA and LDATA. GDATA comprises the data related to the Natural program calling Db2 and LDATA comprises the data related to the access to Db2.

Name	Format/Length	Description
GBASP	A8	Basic Product ID (NATURAL)
GVER	A4	Basic Product ID Version (9202)
GOPS	A8	Operating System Name (MVS/ESA)
GTPM	A8	TP-Monitor Name (CICS, IMS/DC)
GTERM	A8	TP-Terminal ID
GIUID	A8	Initial User ID
GCUID	A8	Current User ID
GCAPL	A8	Current LOGON library
GGRP	A8	Current LOGON Group ID
GPGM	A8	Current program
GLINE	N4	Current statement number
GLEV	I1	Current program level

GDATA

Name	Format/Length	Description
TDB2FUNC	A4	BDb2 before Db2, ADb2 after Db2 call
TDB2TIST	B8	Local Store Clock time
TDB2DBRM	A8	DBRM name (UTF-8)
TDB2CONT	B8	Db2 consistency token
TDB2SQLC	I4	SQLCODE
TDB2STYPE	I2	Db2 statement type
TDB2SECT	I2	Db2 section number

Name	Format/Length	Description
TDB2STNR	I4	Db2 statement number
TDB2JNAM	A8	Job name of requestor
TDB2JNO	A8	Job number of requestor
TDB2HOLD	A2	Cursor WITH HOLD (NO, HO)
TDB2SCRL	A2	SCROLL Type (NO, AS, IN, SD, SS)
TDB2RETU	A2	Cursor WITH RETURN (NO, RT)
TDB2ROWP	A2	Cursor WITH ROWSET processing (NO, RP)
TDB2FECO	A2	FETCH continue Type (NO, CC, CO)
TDB2MFC	I2	Multi Fetch Count
TDB2MODE	A1	Dynamic (D)

LDATA

NDBDSTPA - Write Trace Records after a Db2 Call

The NDBDSTPA Natural subprogram starts the writing of trace records for a Natural for Db2 session only after a Db2 call entry.

NDBDSTPB - Write Trace Records before a Db2 Call

The NDBDSTPB Natural subprogram starts the writing of trace records for a Natural for Db2 session only before a Db2 call entry.

NDBDSTPF - Read Trace Entries from Oldest to Newest

The NDBDSTPF sample program demonstrates the sequential retrieval of trace entries starting from the oldest trace entry and ending with the newest trace entry.

You can use this program as a template to create your own trace retrieval programs and suit the output to your needs.

NDBDSTPL - Read Trace Entries from Newest to Oldest

The NDBDSTPL sample program demonstrates the sequential retrieval of trace entries starting from the newest trace entry and ending with the oldest trace entry.

You can use this program as a template to create your own trace retrieval programs and suit the output to your needs.

NDBDSTPR - Reset the Trace Buffer

The NDBDSTPR Natural subprogram resets the dynamic SQL trace buffer to its initial state. All trace entries are lost.

NDBDSTPS - Restart Tracing

The NDBDSTPS Natural subprogram starts the writing of trace records for a Natural for Db2 session both before and after a Db2 call entry.

NDBDSTPT - Terminate Tracing

The NDBDSTPT Natural subprogram demonstrates the termination of the trace.

II Natural for Db2 for zIIP

This documentation describes the functionality and the use of Natural for Db2 for zIIP (product code: NDZ). The documentation is organized under the following headings:

Overview	Information about the purpose, architecture and general concepts of NDZ.
Restrictions	Information about restrictions regarding Db2 data types, statements, static and dynamic execution.
Operation	Information about the NDZ operation and started task commands.
Configuration and Parameters	Information about the NDZ parameter options.
Error codes	Information about NDZ error codes.
Preparing Programs for Static Execution	Information about the necessary prerequisites to execute static programs with NDZ.
Static Program Execution	How the SQL of a Natural program is executed in an NDB and an NDZ environment, either dynamically or static.

Related documentation

For installation instructions, refer to *Installing Natural for Db2 for zIIP* in the *Installation for z/OS* documentation.

For information on accessing data in Db2 databases from Natural, refer to *Natural for Db2* documentation.

For the various aspects of accessing data in a database with Natural, see also *Database Access* in the Natural Programming Guide.

For information on logging SQL statements contained in a Natural program, refer to *DBLOG Trace Screen for SQL Statements* in the *DBLOG Utility* documentation.

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Overview

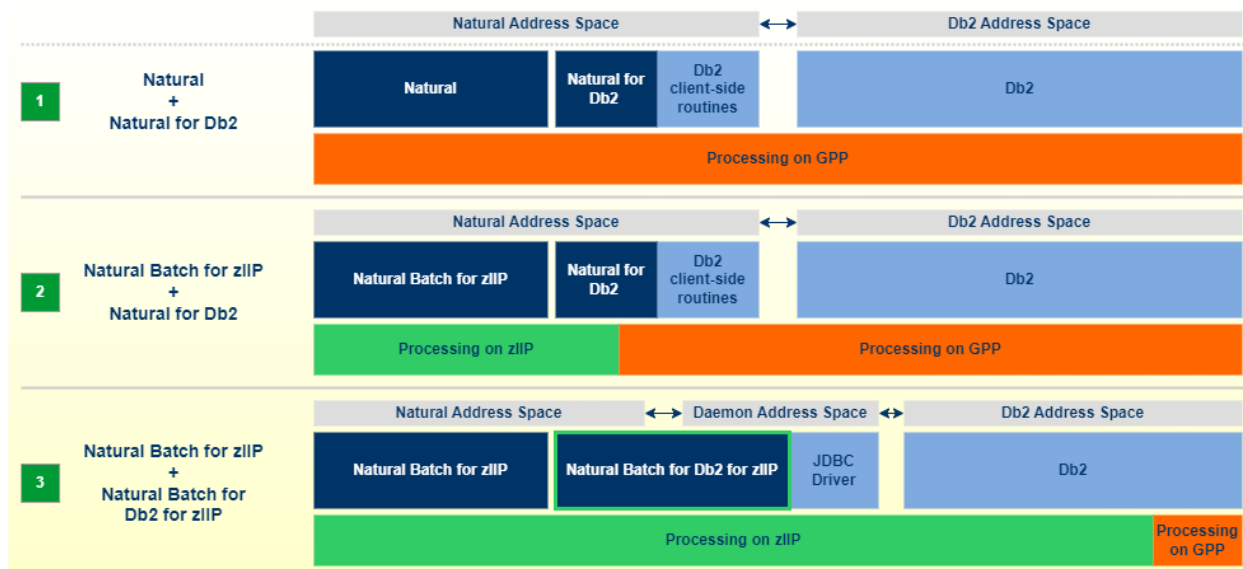
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Natural for Db2 for zIIP (NDZ) complements Natural for Db2 (NDB) Database Management Interface by adding the ability to run Db2 workloads on IBM System z Integrated Information Processors (zIIP).

Natural for Db2 for zIIP (NDZ) makes use of the zIIP capabilities by accessing Db2 through a remote DRDA protocol, instead of using conventional Db2 local attachments. Local calls to Db2 are not zIIP eligible, therefore accessing Db2 using the DRDA protocol enables Natural programs to run continuously on zIIP processors.

Java workloads running on z/OS are zIIP eligible, therefore Natural for Db2 for zIIP (NDZ) uses Java and Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) to access Db2 using the DRDA protocol. The following diagrams show an approximate comparison of the workload distribution when accessing Db2 using only NDB and when using NDB and NDZ at the same time.

Some workloads, e.g. I/O calls are not zIIP eligible. zIIP ineligible workloads require the respective Natural programs to run temporarily on the general processors. The 'Processing on GP' in figure 3 in below diagram represents the workload executed on General processor. This workload includes 40 percent of zIIP ineligible Db2 workload, part of Natural workload and part of NDZ workload that is not zIIP eligible. For example, NDZ server executes in General Processor during start up, shut down and while executing the modify operator commands.

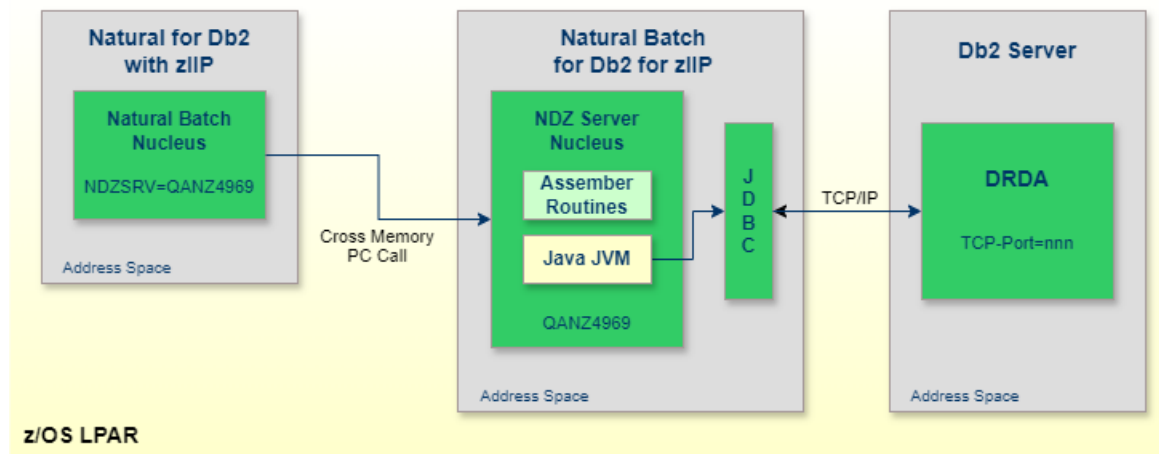


zIIP utilization comparison diagram

To benefit from Natural for Db2 for zIIP (NDZ) capabilities, you must ensure that enough System z Integrated Information Processors (zIIP) are available in the target environment. Running NDZ workloads without the required zIIP capacity can lead to increased general processor utilization, due to zIIP eligible workload running on general processors. Please refer to the section [Honor Priority](#) in the manual *z/OS MVS Planning: Workload Management*.

Architecture overview

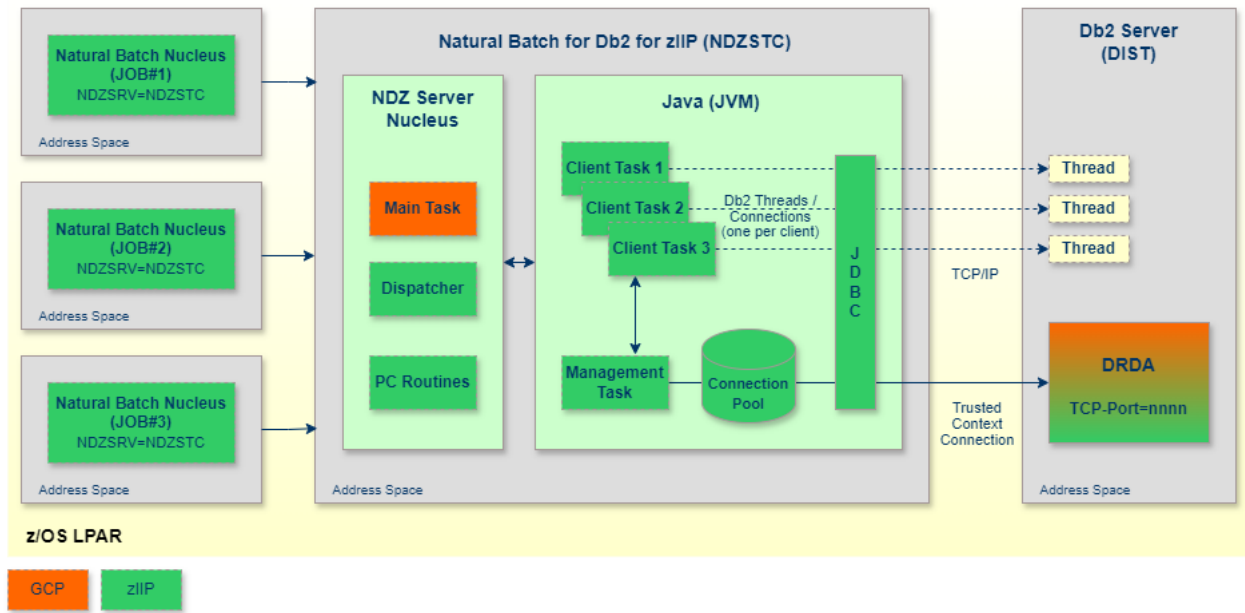
Natural for Db2 for zIIP (NDZ) runs on its own address space. An instance of the NDZ Server is capable of handling requests from multiple Natural batch jobs. The following diagram represents the overall Natural for Db2 for zIIP architecture.



The following diagram represents requests from different clients executing Db2 statements in a NDZ instance running in the started task NDZSTC.

Since NDZ uses multiple simultaneous client requests, it uses connection pool by the IBM Data Server Driver for JDBC and SQLJ to reduce the processing usage. It reuses the existing connections to minimize the impact of creating and closing the connection for each Db2 request.

The NDZ server comprises both a nucleus and a Java Virtual machine. During initialization, NDZ connects to Db2 through JDBC in a trusted context and creates both Java client tasks and a pool of Db2 connections that can be used later to process SQL requests on behalf of its clients. A Natural Batch client can select one NDZ server instance through the Db2 sub-parameter *NDZSRV*. When the client connects to the NDZ server instance, a new Db2 thread with the same user ID of the Natural Batch client job is created from one of the pooled connections.



Installation structure

Natural for Db2 for zIIP distribution consists of a native load library, TAR file and jobs to install and configure NDZ components. The native load library consists of the following load modules.

- NDZ nucleus load module
- NDZJVM load module

The NDZ installation directory extracted from distributed TAR file consists of following sub directories.

classes	Contains executable jar files for NDZ.
bin	Contains executable scripts for the configuration and execution of NDZ.
etc	Contains ndz.properties and db2.properties file. These properties file allows you to specify the parameter for Db2 for z/OS and NDZ configurations.
static	Directory to store the static serialized profile information.

For more detailed information on the NDZ installation jobs, refer to *Installing Natural for Db2 for zIIP*.

Natural Batch Considerations

- [Build](#)
- [Execution](#)
- [Failover Mechanism](#)

Build

The Natural Batch nucleus needs to be link edited to do the following actions

- Include NDBNDZ from Natural load library. This contains NDZ's own DSNHLI interface to be included in Natural Batch nucleus.
- Include Db2 interface module DSNALI or DSNELI based on the environment, renaming the entry point DSNHLI to DB2HLI.

For detailed information about the build step, refer to *Installing Natural for Db2 for zIIP* documentation.

Execution

TSO Db2 Interface (DSNELI) – Considerations

If NDB is using TSO Db2 interface *DSNELI* a connection to Db2 will be created using DSN statement. If NDZSRV is specified in the job, the NDZ server will use its own connections from the connection pool and TSO connection is unused. If executed without IKJEFT01 the TSO connection won't be created, but the failover mechanism won't work as there is no explicit connection issued. It is better to use CAF DSNALI to avoid any unused connections and to fail over to NDB in case NDZ server is not available.

DB2=(NDZSRV=) sub parameter

Specify NDZSRV parameter as part of DB2 parameters to utilize the NDZ server to execute the Db2 workloads on a zIIP processor. Make sure the NDZ server specified is up and running. For more details refer to *NDZSRV*.

Failover Mechanism

Failover to NDB when NDZSRV is unavailable

```
NAT7380: NDZ server ":1:" is not available.  
NAT7382: Natural SQL interface active without Natural for Db2 for zIIP.
```

Natural for Db2 for zIIP complements the Natural for Db2 and executes the Db2 workloads executed on zIIP. If the NDZ server specified in NDZSRV parameter is not available, the following warning message is displayed and Db2 request will be handled through local connection and executed in a general processor.

This failsafe mechanism helps process a Db2 request even when NDZ server is unavailable.

Performance Considerations

- Client WLM enclaves under NDZ started task
- Db2 DIST enclaves
- Automatic profile reload

Client WLM enclaves under NDZ started task

A WLM enclave is created for each client connected with the specific qualifiers. Following are the NDZ set WLM qualifiers.

Qualifier	Value set by NDZ
Correlation	Client Job ID
User ID	Client Job User ID
Process name	Client Job name
Transaction / Job name	NDZ started task name
Subsystem type	STC
Subsystem name	NDZ started task name

You can create a WLM classification rule to place NDZ STC and/or enclaves into a different service/report class using these qualifiers. For more information, refer to IBM documentation 'z/OS MVS Planning: Workload Management'.

Db2 DIST enclaves

DDF workloads run on specific designated enclaves. These enclaves are controlled by the WLM service class definitions. NDZ creates one thread per client connected. During Db2 thread creation, it assigns the following thread/connection values.

Qualifier	Value set by NDZ
Client transaction or Application name (CTN)	Client Job name
Client user ID (CUI)	Client Job User ID
Client Accounting Information (CAI)	Client Job name
Correlation ID(CI)	Client Job name

You can create a WLM classification rule to place DDF enclaves into a different service/report class using these qualifiers. For more information, refer to IBM documentation ‘z/OS MVS Planning: Workload Management’.

Automatic profile reload

Every time the static profiles are created/updated in the [NDZ static directory](#), NDZ static profile cache need to be reloaded to pick updated profiles. NDZ provides an option to automatically pick these changes and reload the static profile cache. The parameter `ndz.automaticProfileReload`, determines whether to reload the static profiles cache whenever the changes occur in the directory specified.



Note: Setting Automatic profile reload means that a static directory is monitored for any changes and will consume lot of resources. This option can be set to false to avoid this resource usage. In that case, when a profile is changed, you need to manually reload the static profiles using the modify command R.

For detailed information about static preparation process, refer to [Preparing Programs for Static Execution](#).

Db2 Considerations

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- Static preparation and execution

Connection and trusted context

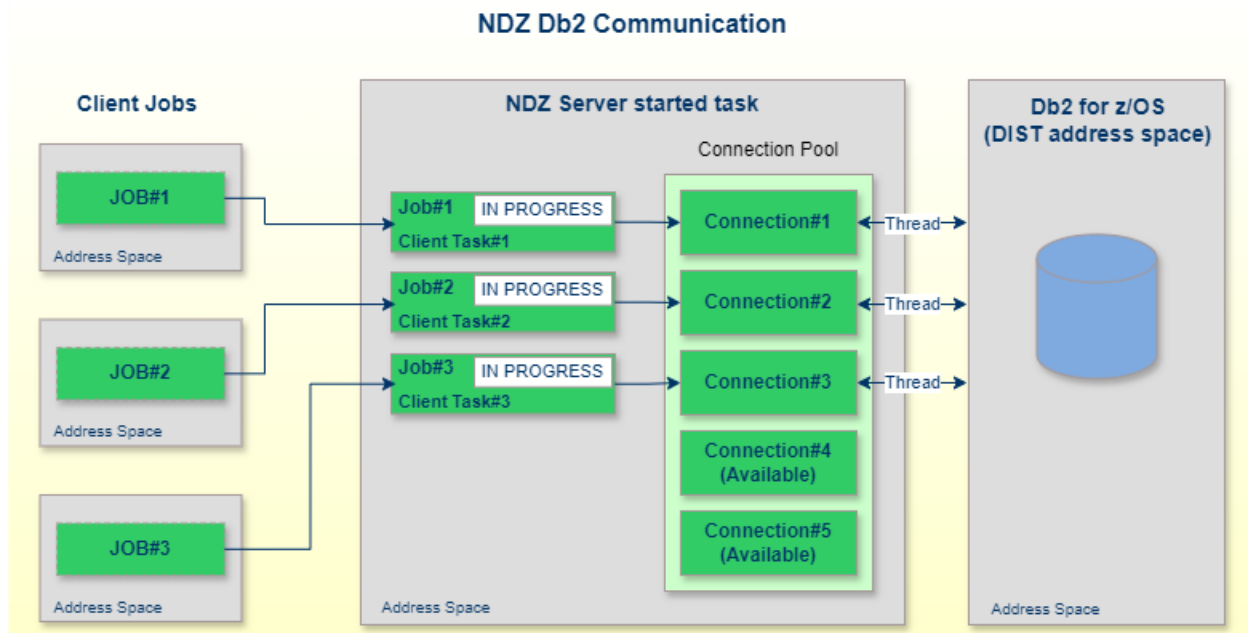
NDZ has a single connection to Db2 using a trusted context and creates connections on behalf of its clients. You need to create a trusted context based on a system authorization id (ndzDb2user) and connection attributes.

When executing Db2 requests, a connection is established on behalf of the user who submitted the request without the need to authenticate the user at the Db2 server.

Connection Pool

In the multi-threaded environment, opening and closing of each connection will be expensive and hence NDZ uses connection pool. The main advantage is that it promotes reusability and eliminates the need to open and close the connections.

NDZ creates one thread per client connected. For example, when there are four Natural batch jobs connected to NDZ there will be four simultaneous Db2 connections / threads. Once the client disconnects, when the Natural batch client job ends, the threads are terminated.



NDZ keeps pooled connections opened to be reused by clients. They will not appear in the `DIS THD(*) LOCATION(*) TYPE(ACTIVE) DETAIL` command output until assigned to a client. When a Natural Batch job client connects to NDZ, one of the connections is assigned to it and a Db2 thread is created.

The following diagram describes the `-DISPLAY THREAD` output where two clients are connected executing their Db2 workload via NDZ. They are connected to Db2 via trusted context created for `ndzDb2user NATJAVA`. Application name identifies the jobname and plan identified as `DISTSERV` and this is same for all jobs executed through NDZ as NDZ connects to Db2 remotely. `AUTHID` indicates the user submitted the job and the `SYSTEM AUTHID` refers to the `ndzDb2user`.

```
DSNV401I  = DISPLAY THREAD REPORT FOLLOWS -
DSNV402I  = ACTIVE THREADS -

NAME      ST A   REQ ID           AUTHID   PLAN      ASID TOKEN
SERVER    RA *   8024 db2jcc_appli JAYM      DISTSERV  00EF 13262
V485-TRUSTED CONTEXT=CTXNDZ,
        SYSTEM AUTHID=NATJAVA,
        ROLE= *
V437-WORKSTATION=DB2CALL
        USERID=JAYM
        APPLICATION NAME=NDZDS1K4
V442-CRTKN=NDZDS1K4
V445-GA144A3D.P510.DF9F35DB7498=13262 ACCESSING DATA FOR
        ::FFFF:10.20.74.61

SERVER    RA *   8026 db2jcc_appli JAYM      DISTSERV  00EF 13261
V485-TRUSTED CONTEXT=CTXNDZ,
        SYSTEM AUTHID=NATJAVA,
        ROLE= *
V437-WORKSTATION=DB2CALL
        USERID=JAYM
        APPLICATION NAME=NDZDS1K3
V442-CRTKN=NDZDS1K3
V445-GA144A3D.P50F.DF9F35DB7368=13261 ACCESSING DATA FOR
        ::FFFF:10.20.74.61
```

Password encryption

Natural for Db2 for zIIP (NDZ) provides a mechanism to safely store the password of `ndzDb2` user.

The script `<NDZ home directory>/bin/ndz-db2-pass.sh` allows the user to encrypt the password. During the execution, NDZ decrypts the password based on the key file and uses it for Db2 connections. This is the recommended approach to store the password for the `ndzDb2` user.

Make sure you have a *Execute* access to the `ndz-db2-pass.sh` script and write access to the NDZ library as NDZ will create a `<NDZ home directory>/var` directory when you execute this script.

Find more details in [Db2 Password Encryption](#).

Db2 security considerations

Natural for Db2 for zIIP (NDZ) connect to Db2 remotely using a Db2 distributed data facility. Any remote client applications that access Db2 via the Db2 distributed data facility are associated, by default, with plan DISTSERV. Hence, adding security via plan authorizations is not possible.

You can manage authorizations using GRANT/REVOKE on packages and collections.

Accounting

Since NDZ connects to Db2 through DDF, the generation of accounting records is managed by the Db2 subsystem parameters `ACCUMACC` and `ACCUMUID`.

The `ACCUMUID` parameter specifies which qualifier of the thread should be considered to identify a unique client. Depending on its value, all the NDZ threads may be considered as the same client. In this case, a new accounting record will be generated after the number of transactions defined by the `ACCUMACC` parameter, when it is not set to NO.

Currently, NDZ sets the following Db2 thread / connection values:

Qualifier	Value
Application Name	Client Job name
User ID	Client Job User ID
Client Accounting Information	Client Job name
Correlation Token	Client Job name

The value of the parameter `ACCUMUID` should be set accordingly to consider the Application name, and optionally the user ID, to uniquely identify clients.

For example, 0 (User ID, application name and workstation name), 4 (User ID and application name), among others. For more details about the parameters `ACCUMUID` and `ACCUMACC` please refer to Db2 Installation and Migration Guide.

Static preparation and execution

Natural for Db2 for zIIP (NDZ) support static preparation and execution through SQLJ and it is independent from the static generation of NDB.

For detailed information about static preparation and Execution of Natural programs with NDZ, refer to [About Preparation for Static Execution with NDZ](#).

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Restrictions related to Db2 datatypes

- Casting DATE and TIME datatypes to CHAR
- Retrieval of Timestamp data with a precision more than nine
- Retrieval of Timestamp data with time zone
- Difference in Round off mechanism for Floating Point datatype

Casting DATE and TIME datatypes to CHAR

When casting a DATE/TIME datatype column to CHAR, the DATE/TIME format resulting from the function will always have the ISO format. The format in the `db2.properties` is not honoured. This is due to a Db2 JDBC driver limitation. For JCC packages, the pre-compiler DATE/TIME option is set to ISO. The CHAR function default behaviour is influenced by the pre-compiler DATE/TIME option which has precedence over the DECP options. You can use the additional parameter in the CHAR function to change the DATE/TIME format.

```
CHAR(CURRENT DATE)
/* RESULT FORMAT EXAMPLE: 2023-05-01
```

```
CHAR(CURRENT TIME)
/* RESULT FORMAT EXAMPLE: 01.01.01
```

Retrieval of Timestamp data with a precision more than nine

When retrieving timestamp data, the data is retrieved in a standard JDBC format with a precision of up to nine. This is due to a Db2 JDBC driver limitation. Casting the result to CHAR solves the problem.

```
CURRENT TEMPORAL BUSINESS_TIME
/* RESULT EXAMPLE: 2011-02-28-01.01.01.123456789
CHAR(CURRENT TEMPORAL BUSINESS_TIME)
/* RESULT EXAMPLE: 2011-02-28-01.01.01.123456789012
CURRENT TIMESTAMP(12)
/* RESULT EXAMPLE: 2023-04-25-11.06.11.292553363
CHAR(CURRENT TIMESTAMP(12))
/* RESULT EXAMPLE: 2023-04-25-11.06.11.292553363769
```


Retrieval of Timestamp data with time zone

When retrieving data from a `TIMESTAMP WITH TIMEZONE` column, the data is retrieved in a standard JDBC format without a time zone. The returned value is adjusted for the difference between the time zone of the column value and the default time zone.

This is due to a Db2 JDBC driver limitation. Casting the result to `CHAR` solves the problem.

```
SELECT TIMESTAMP_W_TIMEZONE_COLUMN FROM ...
/* RESULT EXAMPLE: 2012-02-29-05.03.59.100000
SELECT CHAR(TIMESTAMP_W_TIMEZONE_COLUMN) FROM ...
/* RESULT EXAMPLE: 2012-02-29-07.03.59.100000+02:00
```

Difference in Round off mechanism for Floating Point datatype

When retrieving data from a `FLOATING POINT` column which has data more than 16 digits, the last digit value may be different from the Natural for Db2 (NDB) result. This is due to the JDBC driver round off mechanism is different than Db2 for z/OS round off mechanism for Floating point datatype.

```
/* Result with NDB
STDDEV SALARY = .9742432961021595E 04
/* Result with NDZ
STDDEV SALARY = .9742432961021594E 04
/* Result with NDB
STDDEV SALARY = 9742.432961021595
/* Result with NDZ
STDDEV SALARY = 9742.432961021594
```

Restrictions related to Db2 statements

The following Natural/Db2 SQL statements are currently not supported by Natural for Db2 for zIIP as JDBC drivers do not support them natively.

- `CONNECT TO`
- `GET DIAGNOSTICS`

Restrictions related to static preparation

- `SET CURRENT DECFLOAT MODE = :HV1` fails with SQL error -104
- SQL statement to set global variables fails during static preparation
- `SENSITIVE DYNAMIC` cursor changes to `SENSITIVE STATIC` during program static preparation
- `FORWARD ONLY` cursor changes to `SENSITIVE STATIC` during program static preparation

SET CURRENT DECFLOAT MODE = :HV1 fails with SQL error -104

SQL statement `SET CURRENT DECFLOAT MODE = :HV1` fails with SQL error -104 during static preparation. This is due to a bug in IBM SQLJ customization and `BIND`. Alternately, the statement works fine when keyword or literal is specified instead of host variable.

SQL statement to set global variables fails during static preparation

The SQL statement to set the values for global variables fails during static preparation with the message 'Unsupported statement'. This is due to the SQLJ customization and `BIND` behaviour.

SENSITIVE DYNAMIC cursor changes to SENSITIVE STATIC during program static preparation

During static preparation process, cursor type `SENSITIVE DYNAMIC` is changed to `SENSITIVE STATIC`. `SENSITIVE DYNAMIC` usage is currently not supported.

FORWARD ONLY cursor changes to SENSITIVE STATIC during program static preparation

During static preparation process, cursor type `FORWARD ONLY` is changed to `SENSITIVE STATIC` when we have positioning update on a Rowset. This is due to JDBC doesn't support rowset natively.

Restrictions related to dynamic preparation

Cursor Sensitivity

Cursor types `SENSITIVE DYNAMIC`, `STATIC` and `ASENSITIVE` will be changed to the cursor type specified in the JDBC property 'cursorSensitivity'. This JDBC property can be defined in the `Db2.properties` file.

The default value is `STATIC`. For more details on the `cursorSensitivity` property, please refer to [IBM documentation](#).

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Starting Natural for Db2 for zIIP

Issue the following MVS console start command to start the NDZ Server:

```
START NDZ STARTED TASK NAME
```

Stopping Natural for Db2 for zIIP

Issue the following MVS console stop command to stop the NDZ Server:

```
STOP NDZ STARTED TASK NAME
```

NDZ will perform the shutdown process after the last client disconnects. The following message displays in the MVS console if there are clients connected to the NDZ Server when the `STOP` command is issued:

```
NDZMAIN Stop requested. Waiting for clients to finish
```

To force NDZ termination despite the connected clients, add the `F` option to the stop command. Example:

```
STOP NDZ STARTED TASK NAME F
```

NDZ displays the following message in the console and performs the shutdown process:

```
NDZMAIN Forced stop requested
```

NDZ Server Commands

- [D CLI - Display clients](#)
- [D CPU - Display CPU utilization report](#)
- [R - Reload static profiles](#)
- [P CLI=CLIENT NUMBER – Stop client](#)

Use the MVS console modify command to issue commands to the NDZ Server:

```
MODIFY NDZ STARTED TASK NAME,COMMAND PARAMETER1, PARAMETER2, ...
```

NDZ Servers accept the following commands:

D CLI - Display clients

The D CLI modify command lists the clients that are currently connected to the NDZ Server. The output message has the following format:

```

-----
NDZ CLIENTS REPORT
CURRENT DATE AND TIME                18.06.2024  11:31:32.54
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CLIENTS ALLOWED                4
NUMBER OF CONNECTED CLIENTS                    3
CLIENT  JOB NAME  JOB ID    USER ID    PROGRAM    LIBRARY
   1    NDZDS1K1  J0208314  USER      NDZDS1K1    NDZ1
   2    NDZDS1K2  J0208315  USER      NDZDS1K2    NDZ2
   3    NDZDS1K3  J0208316  USER      NDZDS1K3    NDZ3
-----

```

Where:

Report Item	Explanation
CLIENT	The client slot which the current client occupies. Client numbers are in the interval between 1 and the value of ndz.maxClients parameter in the ndz.properties file.
JOBNAME	The name of the client's job.
JOBID	The ID of the client's job.
USERID	The User ID that is associated with the client job.
PROGRAM	The name of the Natural program that the client is executing at the moment.
LIBRARY	Natural Library where the program is present.

D CPU - Display CPU utilization report

The D CPU modify command displays CPU utilization report at the moment and the workload distribution.

```

-----
NDZ CPU UTILIZATION STATISTICS (SECONDS)
CURRENT DATE AND TIME                18.06.2024  11:25:17.20
GENERAL PROCESSORS: 5      ZIIPS: 1      NORMALIZ. FACTOR:  13.51
NUMBER OF EXCPS                                1548481
TOTAL TIME ON GP (EXCL. ZIIP ELIGIBLE)    0.48%      0.241684
TCB TIME ON GP                            0.45%      0.227081
SRB TIME ON GP                            0.03%      0.014456
ENCLAVE SRB TIME ON GP                    0.00%      0.000147
ZIIP ELIGIBLE TIME ON GP                  0.64%      0.318578
TOTAL TIME ON ZIIP (NORMALIZED)          98.88%     49.360806
TCB TIME ON ZIIP                          98.88%     49.360543
ENCLAVE SRB TIME ON ZIIP                  0.00%      0.000263
TOTAL CPU TIME                            100.00%     49.921068
-----

```


Report Item	Explanation
GENERAL PROCESSORS	The number of GPs running under your z/OS system.
ZIIPS	The zIIP normalization factor indicates the ratio of zIIP to GP speed.
NORMALIZ.FACTOR	This factor tells you how fast your zIIP runs compared to a throttled GP with reduced power. In the example above, the value of 13.51 means that one zIIP is about 13.5 times faster than one GP.
NUMBER OF EXCPS	This EXCP number refers to the number of I/O signals.
TOTAL TIME ON GP (EXCL. ZIIP ELIGIBLE)	The total GP time consumed within the NDZ WLM enclave.
TCB TIME ON GP	The GP time consumed within the TCB execution.
SRB TIME ON GP	The GP time consumed within the SRB execution.
ENCLAVE SRB TIME ON GP	The GP time consumed within the NDZ WLM enclave SRB.
ZIIP ELIGIBLE TIME ON GP	The CPU time within the NDZ WLM enclave on the GP qualified for zIIP but not used by it. A non-zero value means that zIIP-eligible workload could not be offloaded because no zIIP was available.
TOTAL TIME ON ZIIP (NORMALIZED)	The total zIIP time consumed within the NDZ WLM enclave.
TCB TIME ON ZIIP	The zIIP time consumed within the TCB execution.
ENCLAVE SRB TIME ON ZIIP	The zIIP time consumed within the NDZ WLM enclave SRB.
TOTAL CPU TIME	The total CPU time (GP plus zIIP) consumed.

R - Reload static profiles

The R modify command reloads the static profiles cache from directory specified in the ndz.staticPath. This command can be used to reload the static profile when the property 'ndz.automatic-ProfileReload' is set to false. The command output is shown in STDOUT as below.

```
[2024-06-18 09:33:18 GMT] Static Profiles reloaded
```

P CLI=CLIENT NUMBER – Stop client

Release a client slot that is held by a non-executing client job.



Important: This command **SHOULD NOT** be used to cancel the execution of NDZ client jobs that are currently executing. Please use the appropriate MVS or JES2 command instead if you need to cancel a job. Using this command on a job that is currently in execution can lead to unexpected results including, but not limited to, loss of uncommitted data.

If a NDZ client job abnormally terminates or is cancelled, it usually disconnects from NDZ and releases the client slot it was occupying automatically. If the client job doesn't disconnect automatically, you can issue this command to release the client slot that is currently held by the job that is no longer running. To release a client slot:

1. Identify the Job ID of the client job.
2. Issue the `D CLI` modify command to list all clients that are connected to the NDZ Server.
3. Check the `CLIENT#` and `JOBID` columns to identify the client number of the job.
4. Issue the `P CLI=client number` modify command, where *client number* is the value from the `CLIENT#` column.

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Configuration

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General product configuration

Below you will find the components with which you can configure the NDZ according to your specifications.

NDZ Started task

NDZ server started task streamline and executes the Db2 requests remotely using JDBC and SQLJ drivers. You can find more information about sample job to create NDZ started task in the NDZ installation here, *Installing Natural for Db2 for zIIP* . For detailed information about NDZ server started task parameters, refer to section [NDZ started task procedure](#).

NDZ configuration

You specify Natural for Db2 for zIIP(NDZ) parameters in the ndz.properties present in /etc directory to configure NDZ. These parameters control the properties of NDZ started task and the client related configurations of NDZ. For detailed information about the NDZ parameters refer to the following section, [NDZ configuration file \(ndz.properties\)](#).

Set Environment variables

<NDZ-directory>/bin/setenv.sh script is used in the other scripts and batch jobs for static preparation to set the required environment variables. NDZ builds the environment variables like CLASS_PATH and LIB_PATH based on the parameters supplied by you. For detailed information about the parameters to specify in the setenv.sh script, refer to the section [NDZ USS environment configuration file \(setenv.sh\)](#).

Db2 configuration

Natural for Db2 for zIIP (NDZ) requires Db2 related information to connect to Db2 and modify Db2, JDBC and SQLJ driver properties. You can add these parameters in db2.properties. To know more about parameters required for Db2 configuration, refer to section, [Db2 configuration file \(db2.properties\)](#). Other than the parameters mentioned in the section, you can also specify JDBC and SQLJ properties in the Db2 configuration file.

Db2 Password Encryption

Natural for Db2 for zIIP provides a password encryption mechanism to safely encrypt your password using encryption keys.

You need to generate an encryption key, and this key is used to encrypt the password. You can generate the key and encrypt the password using the script `<NDZ home directory>/bin/ndz-db2-pass.sh`.

Execute the following script and enter the Db2 connection password when prompted:

```
<NDZ home directory>/bin/ndz-db2-pass.sh
```

Options:

`-g` To generate the key file.

Use the option `-g` when you generate the key file or change the existing encryption key.

Example:

```
ndz-db2-pass.sh -g ↵
```

This option `-g` should be used when you execute the script for the first time to generate an encryption key file.

However, if you want to change the password without changing the key file, execute the script without option `-g`.

Example:

```
ndz-db2-pass.sh
```

Note:

If your Db2 connection password is encrypted, the password parameter in the `db2.properties` will be ignored.

If your Db2 connection password is not encrypted, you will receive a warning message when you start the NDZ server.

Message:

```
WARNING - Db2 encrypted password is not available at <NDZ home directory/var>. Using  
password from db2.properties
```


Parameters

- [NDZ started task procedure.](#)
- [Db2 configuration file \(db2.properties\)](#)
- [NDZ configuration file \(ndz.properties\)](#)
- [NDZ USS environment configuration file \(setenv.sh\)](#)

NDZ started task procedure.

You specify the following parameters for the NDZ started task procedure.

Parameter name	Mandatory	Description
PATH	Y	The home directory where the NDZ files were installed in Unix System Services (USS).
PORT	Y	The number of the socket port used internally by NDZ. Accepted values are 0-65535.

Example:

```
//NDZ11 EXEC PGM=NDZNUC11,REGION=0M,  
//PARM=('PATH=/u/nat/ndz/dev/ndz11','PORT=4932') ↵
```

Db2 configuration file (db2.properties)

You specify the following parameters for Natural for Db2 for zIIP(NDZ) to connect to Db2 and to perform SQL operations.

Parameter name	Mandatory	Description
user	Y	Userid to connect to Db2. Note that the user should have required access on Db2 to perform required SQL operations. This is a mandatory parameter.
password	Y	Password for the Db2 user mentioned above. Note that you can encrypt the password using NDZ <i>Db2 password encryption</i> capability, be aware that this is the recommended method to store your password. If you do not have an encrypted password, you can mention the password here. However, it is recommended to encrypt your password using NDZ <i>Db2 password encryption</i> .
databaseName	Y	Db2 database location name to connect to the specific Db2 system. Example – DAEFDB2D. This is a mandatory parameter.
serverName	Y	Fully qualified domain address of the z/OS system you need to connect. This is a mandatory parameter.
portNumber	Y	TCP/IP port number that identifies the specific Db2 subsystem. This is a mandatory parameter.

You can also set the IBM JDBC and SQLJ properties by specifying the properties in db2.properties file. Refer to 'Application Programming Guide and Reference for Java' related to different JDBC and SQLJ properties.

NDZ configuration file (ndz.properties)

You specify the following parameters to configure the NDZ server instance.

Parameter name	Mandatory	Description
java.home	Y	The Java JDK installation directory.
db2.home	Y	The Db2 installation directory which contains licenses, JDBC and SQLJ drivers.
ndz.maxClients	Y	The maximum number of clients that can connect simultaneously to NDZ server to execute Db2 requests. Accepted values are 1-999.
ndz.initDb2Connection	Y	Number of initial connections to Db2.
ndz.bufferLentgh		Length of the client buffer in MB. Accepted values are 1-5000.
ndz.staticPath	Y	Path(s) for the static profiles. During the static preparation, serialized profiles are generated in the directory mentioned in this parameter. The profiles in the static path are used during the runtime to execute the SQL statements statically.
ndz.automaticProfileReload	N	Specifies if static profiles cache will be reloaded when changes occur in the directory specified in the ndz.staticPath. Possible values are true/false. The default value is false. When it is set to true, there is an additional CPU consumption to monitor the directory for any changes and reload the static profiles. If the value is set to false, you can reload static profiles using modify command R.

NDZ USS environment configuration file (setenv.sh)

The following are the parameters needed for the Natural for Db2 for zIIP(NDZ) to set the environment variables.

Parameter name	Mandatory	Description
DB2_HOME	Y	Update the Db2 installation directory which contains licenses, JDBC and SQLJ drivers. (Ex - /usr/lpp/db2vrs)
JAVA_HOME	Y	Update the Java JDK installation directory (Ex - /usr/lpp/java/Jvrs)
NDZ_HOME	Y	NDZ installation directory path where NDZ files are present.

25 Error codes

This section describes the error codes in Natural for Db2 for zIIP(NDZ).

Note that no `Action` is specified for an internal error in the following table. If it is an internal error or if the error is not resolved after the recommended action is performed, contact Software AG support mentioning the specific error code and associated message.

The following table explains the error codes with their description.

Error category	Return code	Message
Error during session initialization	101	Error occurred while obtaining a storage area
	102	NDZ Server is not available Action: Verify the value of the parameter NDZSRV and ensure the NDZ Server specified is up and running
	103	Number of connected clients reached the maximum clients limit(ndz.maxClients) specified in the ndz.properties file Action: Modify the ndz.maxClients parameter in ndz.properties file to run more jobs parallelly
	104	Error creating pause element
	105	Error releasing pause element
	106	Error pausing a client task
	107	Session initialization request for the client cannot be processed because the NDZ Server is already in terminating state Action:

Error category	Return code	Message
		If the NDZ server is terminating, restart the NDZ server again and execute the job
	108	Insufficient access for caller to access a protected storage
Error during processing request	201	NDZ Server is not available Action: Verify the value of the parameter NDZSRV and ensure the NDZ Server specified is up and running
	202	The client address is invalid
	203	Error releasing pause element
	204	Error pausing client task
	205	Request to stop the client is pending. The client is either in Invalid or in terminating state Action: If the NDZ server is terminating, restart the NDZ server again and execute the job
	206	Client JOBID does not match with the client NDZ server is processing.
	207	There is already a request pending for the client
	208	Insufficient access for caller to access a protected storage
Error during session termination	301	NDZ Server is not available Action: Verify the value of the parameter NDZSRV and ensure the NDZ Server specified is up and running
	302	The client address is invalid
	303	Error releasing pause element
	304	Error pausing client task
	305	Request to stop the client is pending. The client is either in Invalid or in terminating state Action: If the NDZ server is terminating, restart the NDZ server again and execute the job
	306	Client JOBID does not match with the client NDZ server is processing.
	307	There is already a request pending for the client
	308	Insufficient access for caller to access a protected storage
Error during connection to Db2	500	Error creating User Context. The associated exception text describes the possible cause for the error.

Error category	Return code	Message
	501	Error registering static statement during static execution. The associated exception text describes the possible cause for the error Action: Ensure the static preparation steps were successfully executed and the associated profile is available in the NDZ static directory(ndz.staticPath) specified in the ndz.properties file
	540	Error fetching CURRENT PATH special register value from Db2. The associated exception text describes the possible cause for the error.
	550	Error getting connection for Db2. The associated exception text describes the possible cause for the error.
	551	Error creating pooled connection for Db2. The associated exception text describes the possible cause for the error.
	552	Error creating pooled connections. Number of connections exceed maximum clients Action: Adjust the maximum clients parameter in ndz.properties file to run more jobs parallelly
Error during request execution through distributed connection	600	The statement type <statement type> is not supported by NDZ
	601	The type <data type> is not supported by NDZ
	602	The java.sql type <jdbcsqltype> is not supported by NDZ
	603	NDZ does not support the set var statement requested. (internal request number=)
	604	Error fetching parameter types for procedure <Procedure name>. Please verify if the procedure name is correct
	605	The cursor <Cursor name> is not available
	606	UPDATE and DELETE statements with the clause WHERE CURRENT OF are not supported by the IBM Db2 JDBC driver for scrollable cursors when useRowsetCursor is specified
	650	The encoding <Encoding type> is not supported
Error related to LOB columns	701	Error reading LOB file <File name> (SQL file option: <>, File mode: <>)
	702	Error writing LOB file <File name> (SQL file option: <>)
	703	Error fetching data from LOB column
Error related to SQL data unavailability	800	The input SQLDA is not present or does not contain any SQLVAR
	801	The output SQLDA is not present or does not contain any SQLVAR
	802	The first extended output SQLDA is not present
Error related to password encryption	901	The file 'db2.properties' was not found Action:

Error category	Return code	Message
		Please make sure the db2.properties file present in directory <NDZPATH>/etc/ and the user have the access to the file. The associated exception text describes the possible cause for the error
	910	Error creating directory for Db2 encrypted password (<Exception message>). The associated exception text describes the possible cause for the error
	911	Error reading Db2 password encryption key (<Exception message>). The associated exception text describes the possible cause for the error
	912	Error reading Db2 encrypted password file (<Exception message>). The associated exception text describes the possible cause for the error
	913	Error writing Db2 password encryption key (<Exception message>). The associated exception text describes the possible cause for the error
	914	Error writing Db2 encrypted password file (<Exception message>). The associated exception text describes the possible cause for the error
	915	Error while generating Db2 password encryption key. The associated exception text describes the possible cause for the error
	916	Error while decrypting Db2 password. The associated exception text describes the possible cause for the error
	917	The Db2 encrypted password file is not available at <file_path> and the property 'password' is not set in the file db2.properties Action: Execute the script <NDZ home directory>/bin/ndz-db2-pass.sh to encrypt the password to use or specify the password in db2.properties file
	918	The Db2 encryption key is not available at <file_path> Action: Verify if the key file is present in <NDZ home directory>/var and the user has the required access. If the file is not present, execute the script <NDZ home directory>/bin/ndz-db2-pass.sh with option -g to generate the key and encrypt the password to use
Unspecified errors	997	Error executing rollback due to an unhandled exception. The associated exception text describes the possible cause for the error
	998	Runtime exception caused by:<Error description>. The associated exception text describes the possible cause for the error
	999	Unhandled exception. The associated exception text describes the possible cause for the error

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Preparing Programs for Static Execution

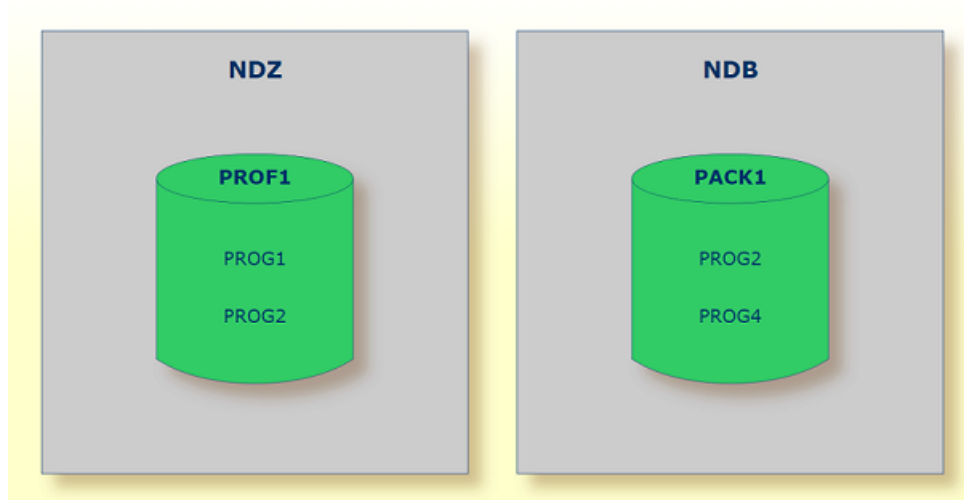
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In order to execute Natural programs that contain Db2 statements statically with NDZ, you must perform the static generation steps for each program you want to execute. All necessary information about static program preparation and execution with NDZ is described in this section.

About Preparation for Static Execution with NDZ

Compatibility with Natural for Db2 (NDB)

The program static preparation for Natural for Db2 for zIIP (NDZ) is independent from the program static preparation for Natural for Db2 (NDB). Natural programs already prepared for static execution with NDB are not impacted in any way when NDZ is installed. Those programs will continue to execute statically with NDB. However, when a Natural session is successfully initialized with NDZ, they will be executed dynamically until they are also prepared for static execution with NDZ. The Natural programs subject to NDZ static generation and NDB static generation don't have to be identical. However, one Natural program can be in only one SQLJ profile and/or in one NDB DBRM/PACKAGE. The following graphic shows an NDZ static generation done for Natural programs PROG1 and PROG2 contained in the SQLJ profile and package PROF1 and an NDB static generation done for Natural programs PROG2 and PROG4 contained in package PACK1.



About NDZ and the SQLJ Standard

NDZ uses Java to connect to Db2 and execute SQL statements. The standard for embedding SQL statements in Java programs is called SQLJ and the Java programs containing embedded SQL are called SQLJ programs. NDZ provides a SQLJ Generator, which translates temporary assembler programs generated by the NDB command `CMD CREATE` into SQLJ. The NDZ SQLJ Generator is described in [Step 2 - NDZ SQLJ Generator](#).

About the SQLJ Translator and Serialized Profiles

NDZ requires SQLJ Serialized Profiles to execute Db2 SQL statements from Natural programs statically. SQLJ serialized profiles are files containing the description of the SQL statements and cursors from a particular program. NDZ uses SQLJ serialized profiles at runtime, therefore they are mandatory for Db2 static execution with Natural and NDZ. They are generated by the SQLJ translator. The SQLJ translator is provided by IBM.

The SQLJ translator receives an SQLJ program as input. The usage of the IBM SQLJ Translator in the context of NDZ is described in [Step 3 - IBM SQLJ Translator](#). For more information about the SQLJ translator, please refer to the IBM Db2 Java documentation for SQLJ.

Serialized Profile Customization and Binding

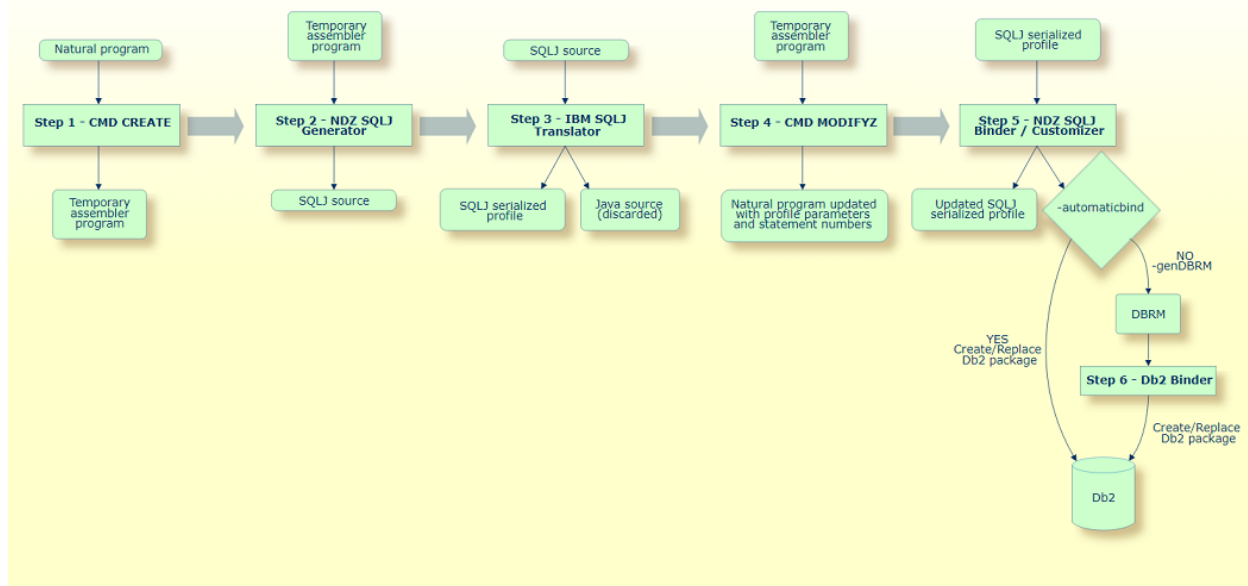
An SQLJ program can run statically only when it has SQLJ serialized profiles that are customized and bound to Db2. NDZ provides its own binder and customizer program which calls the IBM SQLJ customizer.

The NDZ binder uses the connection parameters specified in the NDZ configuration file `db2.properties` to execute the customization and optionally the bind process in Db2.

If you want, you can set the NDZ Binder and customizer to skip the bind process and instead generate a DBRM file to be bound to Db2 in subsequent step. The NDZ Binder and Customizer is described in [Step 5 - NDZ SQLJ Binder / Customizer](#).

Static Preparation Steps

To execute Natural programs containing Db2 statements statically with NDZ, you must always have a SQLJ serialized profile. The SQLJ profile is used at runtime and, optionally, in the bind process. If you want, you can generate a DBRM file from the SQLJ serialized profile and bind that file to Db2 using the Db2 `BIND PACKAGE` command. This is especially useful when the user specified in NDZ does not have the required permissions to execute the bind in Db2. In this case, the bind can be done with the permissions of the executor of the `BIND PACKAGE` command, for example, the user that submits the batch job containing the command. See [the JCL in step 6](#) for an example of that.



- Step 1 – CMD CREATE
- Step 2 – NDZ SQLJ Generator
- Step 3 – IBM SQLJ Translator
- Step 4 – CMD MODIFYZ
- Step 5 – NDZ SQLJ Binder / Customizer
- Step 6 – Db2 Binder (Optional)

Step 1 – CMD CREATE

Run the `CMD CREATE` command, selecting the Natural programs you want to prepare for static execution with NDZ.

The `CMD CREATE` statement generates a temporary assembler program with the SQL statements contained in the selected Natural programs. This step is identical for NDZ and NDB. For detailed information about the `CMD CREATE` command, please refer to [Natural for Mainframes > Database Management System Interfaces > Natural for Db2 > Dynamic and Static SQL Support > Generation Procedure: CMD CREATE Command](#).

JCL Example:

```
//GENERATE EXEC PGM=natural batch nucleus
//CMPRMIN DD
//          Natural parameters
///*
//STEPLIB DD DSN=nucleus load library,DISP=SHR
//SYSUDUMP DD SYSOUT=X
//***** OUTPUT DECKS
//CMWKFO1 DD DSN=&&TMP1,UNIT=SYSDA,DCB=(DSORG=PS,RECFM=FB,LRECL=80,
//          BLKSIZE=3120),DISP=(,PASS),SPACE=(TRK,(5,5))
//CMWKFO2 DD DSN=&&TMP2,UNIT=SYSDA,DCB=(DSORG=PS,RECFM=FB,LRECL=80,
//          BLKSIZE=3120),DISP=(,PASS),SPACE=(TRK,(5,5))
//CMWKFO3 DD DSN=&&TMP3,UNIT=SYSDA,DCB=(DSORG=PS,RECFM=FB,LRECL=80,
//          BLKSIZE=3120),DISP=(,PASS),SPACE=(TRK,(5,5))
//CMWKFO4 DD DSN=&&TMP4,UNIT=SYSDA,DCB=(DSORG=PS,RECFM=FB,LRECL=80,
//          BLKSIZE=3120),DISP=(,PASS),SPACE=(TRK,(5,5))
//CMWKFO5 DD DSN=&&TMP5,UNIT=SYSDA,DCB=(DSORG=PS,RECFM=FB,LRECL=80,
//          BLKSIZE=3120),DISP=(,PASS),SPACE=(TRK,(5,5))
//CMWKFO6 DD DSN=&&TMP6,UNIT=SYSDA,DCB=(DSORG=PS,RECFM=FB,LRECL=80,
//          BLKSIZE=3120),DISP=(,PASS),SPACE=(TRK,(5,5))
//CMPRINT DD SYSOUT=X
//CMSYNIN DD *,SYMBOLS=JCLONLY
LOGON SYSDB2
CMD CRE DBRM PROFILE NAME USING INPUT DATA WITH XREF YES|NO FS ON/OFF
LIBRARY,PROGRAM
LIBRARY,PROGRAM
.
FIN
```

Step 2 – NDZ SQLJ Generator

Execute the `com.softwareag.ndz.sqljgen.SQLJGenerator` Java class through the IBM JZOS Batch Launcher using the assembler program that you generated in step 1 as input.

NDZ provides the Java class `com.softwareag.ndz.sqljgen.SQLJGenerator` to translate temporary assembler programs generated in step 1 into SQLJ programs. The Java class must be executed through the IBM JZOS Batch Launcher. The IBM JZOS Batch Launcher is available with any Java version for z/OS supported by NDZ.

DD Name	Description
INPUT	Temporary assembler program generated in step 1.
OUTPUT	SQL program translated from the input.

DD Names

JCL Example:

```
//GENSQLJ EXEC PROC=JVMPRC86|11|17|xx,REGSIZE=1024M,
//          JAVACLS='com.softwareag.ndz.sqljgen.SQLJGenerator'
//INPUT    DD DSN=&&TMP6,DISP=(OLD,PASS)
//OUTPUT   DD PATH='programs directory/program name.sqlj',
//          PATHDISP=(KEEP,DELETE),
//          PATHOPTS=(OCREAT,ORDWR),
//          PATHMODE=(SIRUSR,SIWUSR,
//                    SIRGRP,SIWGRP,
//                    SIROTH,SIWOTH),
//          FILEDATA=TEXT
//MAINARGS DD *,SYMBOLS=JCLONLY
&PROFILE
//STDENV   DD *,SYMBOLS=JCLONLY
. /etc/profile
. ndz installation path/bin/setenv.sh

/*
```

Step 3 – IBM SQLJ Translator

Execute the `sqlj.tools.Sqlj` Java class through the IBM JZOS Batch Launcher using the SQL program translated in step 2 as input.

The Java class `sqlj.tools.Sqlj` is provided with the IBM JDBC/SQLJ driver for Db2 for z/OS. The IBM SQLJ Translator has a similar function as a Db2 pre-compiler for Assembler or COBOL. The translator allows the embedded SQL statements in a program to be executed statically with Db2.

The main difference is that the SQLJ Translator generates both a serialized profile and a modified version of the input program as output. Another important difference is that the IBM SQLJ Translator does not generate a DBRM file. For details about the IBM SQLJ Translator, please refer to the IBM Db2 Application Programming and Reference for Java documentation.

JCL Example:

```
//GENPROF EXEC PROC=JVMPRC86|11|17|xx,REGSIZE=1024M,
//          JAVACLS='sqlj.tools.Sqlj'
//MAINARGS DD *,SYMBOLS=JCLONLY
-compile=true -d=profiles directory
programs directory/program name.sqlj
//STDENV   DD *,SYMBOLS=JCLONLY
. /etc/profile
. ndz installation path/bin/setenv.sh

/*
```


Step 4 – CMD MODIFYZ

Run the CMD MODIFYZ command to update the Natural objects from step 1 with the information generated in step 3.

The modification procedure writes the SQLJ serialized profile name and the sequence numbers of the SQL statements to the Natural objects. For more details about the CMD MODIFYZ command, please refer to [Natural for Mainframes > Database Management System Interfaces > Natural for Db2 > Dynamic and Static SQL Support > Modification Procedure: CMD MODIFYZ Command](#).

JCL Example:

```
//MODIFYZ EXEC PGM=natural batch nucleus,
//          REGION=3000K
//CMPRMIN DD *
//          Natural parameters
/*
//*
//STEPLIB DD DSN=nucleus load library,DISP=SHR
//***** OUTPUT DECKS
//CMWKFO1 DD DSN=&&TMP6,DISP=(OLD,DELETE)
//CMWKFO2 DD DSN=&&TMP22,UNIT=SYSDA,DCB=(DSORG=PS,RECFM=FB,LRECL=80,
//          BLKSIZE=3120),DISP=(,PASS),SPACE=(TRK,(5,5))
//CMPRINT DD SYSOUT=X
//CMSYNIN DD *,SYMBOLS=JCLONLY
LOGON SYSDB2
CMD MODIFYZ XREF YES|NO
FIN
```

Step 5 – NDZ SQLJ Binder / Customizer

Run the Java class `com.softwareag.ndz.sqljbinder.Main` through the IBM JZOS Batch Launcher to customize the serialized profile generated in step 3 and, optionally, execute the Db2 bind.

NDZ provides the Java class `com.softwareag.ndz.sqljbinder.Main` with the following options:

Option	Argument	Mandatory	Description
-url	Db2 connection URL in the format <code>jdbc:db2://server:port/database</code>	No	The URL connection to a Db2 server instance. If this option is not specified, the connection parameters available in the configuration file <code>db2.properties</code> are used instead. If this option is specified, the options <code>-user</code> and <code>-password</code> must also be specified.
-user	Db2 connection user ID	No	The connection user ID to authenticate to a Db2 server

Option	Argument	Mandatory	Description
			instance. If this option is not specified, the user specified in the configuration file <code>db2.properties</code> is used instead. If this option is specified, the options <code>-url</code> and <code>-password</code> must also be specified.
<code>-password</code>	Db2 connection password	No	The connection user password to authenticate to a Db2 server instance. If this option is not specified, the encrypted password or the password specified in the configuration file <code>db2.properties</code> is used instead. If this option is specified, the options <code>-url</code> and <code>-user</code> must also be specified.
<code>-automaticbind</code>	<u>YES</u> | NO	No	Specifies whether the bind will be executed after the customization or not. If it is set to NO, it is recommended to use the options <code>-genDBRM</code> and <code>-DBRMDir</code> to generate a DBRM file that you can use for Db2 binding. This option is treated as YES even if not specified.
<code>-genDBRM</code>	-	No	Specifies whether the class generates a DBRM file after execution. When this option is specified, the option <code>-DBRMDir</code> must also be specified.
<code>-DBRMDir</code>	DBRM files directory	No	Unix System Services directory where the DBRM file generated from the serialized profile is stored, when the option <code>-genDBRM</code> is specified. The generated DBRM file name is the value specified in the parameter <code>-profile</code> . This option must be specified when the option <code>-genDBRM</code> is specified.
<code>-bindoptions</code>	Db2 bind options	Yes	The bind options used to bind the serialized profile to Db2.

Option	Argument	Mandatory	Description
			The isolation level (ISOLATION CS | RS | RR | UR | NC) must always be specified. If the option <code>-automaticbind</code> is set to YES, you can also specify additional bind options.
<code>-profile</code>	Serialized profile name	Yes	Name of the profile generated in the directory specified in the property <code>ndz.staticPath</code> of the properties file <code>ndz.properties</code> . The generated profile file name has the format <i>serialized profile name_SJProfile0.ser</i>
<code>-collection</code>	Db2 collection name	No	The collection to which to add the packages generated in the bind process.
<code>-staticpositioned</code>	YES | <u>NO</u>	No	Specifies whether positioned update statements will execute statically or dynamically. Software AG recommends you to set this option to YES.
<code>-onlinecheck</code>	<u>YES</u> | NO	No	Specifies whether online checking of data types will be performed against the Db2 instance specified in the file <code>db2.properties</code> or in the <code>-url</code> option. Software AG recommends you to set this option to YES. When set to YES, the user must have authorization to execute the statements that are being customized. This option is treated as YES even if not specified.
<code>-pkgversion</code>	AUTO | version-id	No	Specifies which package version is used when packages are bound to the server for the serialized profile that is being customized. If this parameter is not specified, no version is used.
<code>-qualifier</code>	Qualifier name	No	Specifies the qualifier that is to be used for unqualified objects

Option	Argument	Mandatory	Description
			in the SQLJ program during online checking, when the option <code>-onlinecheck</code> is set to YES.

NDZ SQLJ Binder/ Customizer Options

If the option `-automaticbind` is set to YES, the class binds the serialized profile to Db2 using the connection parameters specified in the NDZ configuration file `db2.properties`, unless the properties `-url`, `-user` and `-password` are specified. In any case, the user must have the SYSADM or DBADM privileges. In addition, if the package doesn't exist, the user must have the BINDADD privilege as well as either CREATEIN or PACKADM authority on the collection, or all collections. If the package exists, the user must have the BIND privilege on the package.

If the option `-automaticbind` is set to NO and the options `-genDBRM` and `-DBRMDir` are specified, the class does not execute the bind of the serialized profile to Db2. Instead, the class generates a DBRM file in the directory specified in the option `-DBRMDir`. You can copy the DBRM file to a dataset and bind it to Db2 by executing the Db2 `BIND PACKAGE` command, the same way as NDB. For more information about the Db2 `BIND PACKAGE` command, please refer to the IBM Db2 for z/OS SQL Reference.

When the option `-onlinecheck` is set to YES, the user specified in the properties file `db2.properties`, or the user specified in the parameter `-user`, must have access to execute the statements contained in the SQLJ program that is being customized.

JCL Example:

```
JCL Example
//CUSTOM EXEC PROC= JVMPRC86|11|17|xx,REGSIZE=1024M,
//          JAVACLS='com.softwareag.ndz.sqljbinder.Main'
//MAINARGS DD *
-profile profile name
-onlinecheck YES|NO
-staticpositioned YES|NO
-collection collection
-bindoptions ISOLATION CS|RS|RR|UR|NC
-automaticbind YES|NO
-genDBRM -DBRMDir DBRM directory
//STDENV DD *,SYMBOLS=JCLONLY
. /etc/profile
. ndz installation path/bin/setenv.sh
/*
```


Step 6 – Db2 Binder (Optional)

Bind the DBRM file generated in step 5 to Db2 by using the Db2 `BIND PACKAGE` command.

This step must only be completed when both `-automaticbind` is set to `NO` and `-genDBRM` is specified in step 5. For more information about the Db2 `BIND PACKAGE` command, please refer to the IBM Db2 documentation.

JCL Example:

```
//BIND      EXEC PGM=IKJEFT01,DYNAMNBR=20,REGION=4096K
//STEPLIB   DD DSN=Db2 high level qualifier.SDSNLOAD,DISP=SHR
//DBRMLIB   DD DSN=DBRM Dataset,DISP=SHR
//SYSTSPRT  DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSPRINT  DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSUDUMP  DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSTSIN   DD *,SYMBOLS=JCLONLY
            DSN SYSTEM(DB2 SSID)
            BIND PACKAGE(COLLECTION) -
            MEM(DBRM NAME) -
            Other bind options -
            END
/*
```

Unix Shell Scripts for Static Preparation

Some of the static preparation steps can be done using z/OS Unix System Services shell scripts. NDZ provides the following scripts in the bin subdirectory:

- [ndz-generate-profile.sh](#) – Execute Step 3 - IBM SQLJ Translator
- [ndz-binder.sh](#) – Execute Step 5 - NDZ Binder / Customizer
- [ndz-print-profile.sh](#) – SQLJ Profile Printer

ndz-generate-profile.sh – Execute Step 3 - IBM SQLJ Translator

Syntax:

```
ndz-generate-profile.sh program name
```

Where *program name* is the SQLJ program name.

ndz-binder.sh – Execute Step 5 - NDZ Binder / Customizer

Syntax:

```
ndz-binder.sh parameters
```

Where *parameters* are the NDZ Binder / Customizer [parameters](#).

ndz-print-profile.sh – SQLJ Profile Printer

This script executes a IBM Db2 utility to print a SQLJ profile. For more details, please refer to IBM Db2 documentation for Java / SQLJ.

Syntax:

```
ndz-print-profile.sh profile name
```

where *profile name* is an SQLJ profile previously created and stored in the NDZ static profiles directory defined in the configuration file `ndz.properties`.

Comparison Between NDZ and NDB Static Preparation

The following table compares the steps you must perform to prepare a program for static execution with NDZ and NDB.

Step #	NDZ	NDB
Step 1	CMD CREATE – generate temporary SQL assembler program using CMD CREATE DBRM.	GENERATE/GENERATION – generate temporary SQL assembler program using CMD CREATE DBRM.
Step 2	NDZ SQLJ Generator – generate temporary SQLJ program.	This step is omitted in NDB static preparation.
Step 3	IBM SQLJ Translator – generate the SQLJ profile.	PC – Db2 precompiles the SQL assembler program.
Step 4	CMD MODIFYZ – modify the Natural programs with SQLJ profile numbers and SQLJ sequence numbers using CMD MODIFYZ	MODIFY – modify Natural programs with DB2 DBRM name and section and statement numbers using CMD MODIFY
Step 5	NDZ SQLJ Binder / Customizer – place static SQL information into DB2 to BIND PACKAGE or, optionally, generates a DBRM file which can be used in the step 6.	BIND – place static SQL information into DB2 to BIND PACKAGE.

Step #	NDZ	NDB
Step 6 (optional)	Db2 BIND - place static SQL information into DB2 to BIND PACKAGE, when the bind process is not executed in the step 5.	

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Static Program Execution

The following table shows how the SQL of a Natural program is executed in an NDB and an NDZ environment, either dynamically or static, depending on the static generation mode and the Natural execution mode.

Static generated NDB	Static generated NDZ	Executed with NDB	Executed with NDZ	Run with NDB	Run with NDZ
Yes	Yes	Static	Static	Dynamic	Dynamic
Yes	No	Static	Dynamic	Dynamic	Dynamic
No	Yes	Dynamic	Static	Dynamic	Dynamic
No	No	Dynamic	Dynamic	Dynamic	Dynamic



Note: If a program is recatalogued, both NDB and NDZ static information is lost and the program is converted back in dynamic mode.

III

Natural for VSAM

This documentation describes the various aspects of Natural when used in a VSAM environment.

General Information	Special considerations on the environments supported by Natural for VSAM, known incompatibilities and constraints when using Natural for VSAM, terms used in this documentation, and on error messages related to Natural for VSAM.
Introduction to Natural for VSAM	Components of Natural for VSAM, structure of the Natural interface to VSAM.
Customizing Natural for VSAM	Description of the Natural for VSAM parameters, macros and I/O modules.
Operation	Information on operational aspects like how to invoke Natural for VSAM, OPEN/CLOSE processing, Natural file access, buffers for memory management, and application programming interfaces.
Natural Statements and Transaction Logic with VSAM	Special considerations on the use of Natural statements and system variables with VSAM. In addition, the Natural transaction logic with VSAM is discussed.

Related Documentation

For installation instructions, see Installing Natural for VSAM in the *Installation for z/OS* documentation.

For various aspects of accessing data in a database with Natural, see also *Database Access* in the *Natural Programming Guide*.

For a list of the abend codes of Natural for VSAM, refer to *Natural for VSAM Abend Codes* (in the *Natural Messages and Codes* documentation).

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Purpose

With the Natural interface to VSAM, a Natural user can access data stored in VSAM files. As a prerequisite, the current version of Natural for Mainframes must be installed.

In general, there is no difference between using Natural with VSAM and using it with Adabas or any other supported database management system. The Natural interface to VSAM allows Natural programs to access VSAM data, using the same Natural DML statements that are available for Adabas. Therefore, programs written for VSAM can also be used to access, for example, Adabas databases.

All operations requiring interaction with VSAM are performed by the Natural interface to VSAM.

Environment-Specific Considerations

Natural for VSAM is fully ESA- and z/OS Parallel Sysplex-compliant. It runs in batch mode or under the online environments CICS, Com-plete and TSO. Under CICS, it also runs in conversational or pseudo-conversational mode.

Natural for VSAM supports the following types of VSAM file:

- KSDS,
- ESDS,
- RRDS,
- VRDS.

Under z/OS, Natural for VSAM supports the data set access modes record-level sharing (RLS) and DFSMS Transactional VSAM Services (DFSMSStvs).

The Natural system files `FNAT`, `FUSER`, `FDIC`, `FSPool` and `FSEC` can also be located on VSAM system files. For VSAM system files, Natural for VSAM uses the multi-fetch option to speed up the process of loading objects into the buffer pool.

Natural for VSAM supports local shared resources (LSR) under TSO and in z/OS batch modes. For CICS and Com-plete, the appropriate file definition tools must be used. The LSR option for VSAM files improves the performance of random access.

Natural for VSAM supports Create/Loading Mode for empty files under TSO as well as in batch mode.

Natural for VSAM supports the following types of Data Table under CICS z/OS:

- User-Maintained Data Tables (UMT),
- CICS-Maintained Data Tables (CMT),
- Coupling Facility Data Tables (CFDT).

It also supports data set name sharing (DSN) under TSO, and batch-mode processing in z/OS, in particular to access data sets using a defined path.

Natural for VSAM supports extended-format data sets for all types of VSAM data set organization. This means that for extended ESDS VSAM files the internal size of the *ISN can be up to P19. Its value can be up to 16 TB if you specify a control interval size of 4 KB, or it can be up to 128 TB if you specify a control interval size of 32 KB.

Natural for VSAM with Natural Security

Since Natural Security supports the FSEC system file as VSAM system file, the following restrictions must be considered:

- Generation of ETIDs is disabled.
- Logging of maintenance actions is disabled.
- Password history is disabled.
- Definition of utility profiles is disabled.

Integration with Predict

Predict, Software AG's open, operational data dictionary for fourth-generation-language development with Natural, is a central repository of application metadata and provides documentation and cross-reference features. Predict lets you automatically generate code from definitions, enhancing development and maintenance productivity.

Since Predict supports VSAM, direct access to VSAM files is possible via Predict and information from VSAM can be transferred to the Predict dictionary to be integrated with data definitions for other environments.

VSAM physical and logical views can be incorporated and compared, new VSAM views can be generated, and Natural views can be generated and compared. All VSAM-specific data types and the referential integrity of VSAM are supported. See the *Predict* documentation for details.

Terms Used in this Documentation

Term	Explanation
CFDT	Coupling Facility Data Tables
CMT	CICS-Maintained Data Tables
DDM	Natural data definition module
DFSM	Data Facility Storage Management Subsystem
DFSMSStvs	DFSMS Transactional VSAM Services
Front-end	When used in this documentation, the term “front-end” refers to the driver in conjunction with the Natural parameter module.
LSR	Local Shared Resources
NVS	This is the product code of Natural for VSAM. In this documentation the product code is often used as prefix in the names of data sets, modules, etc.
UMT	User-Maintained Data Tables

Messages Related to VSAM

The message number ranges of Natural system messages related to VSAM are 3500-3599.

For a list of the abend codes that may be issued by the Natural interface to VSAM, see *Natural for VSAM Interface Abend Codes* in the *Natural Messages and Codes* documentation.

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Introduction to Natural for VSAM

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This section describes the components and the structure of the Natural interface to VSAM.

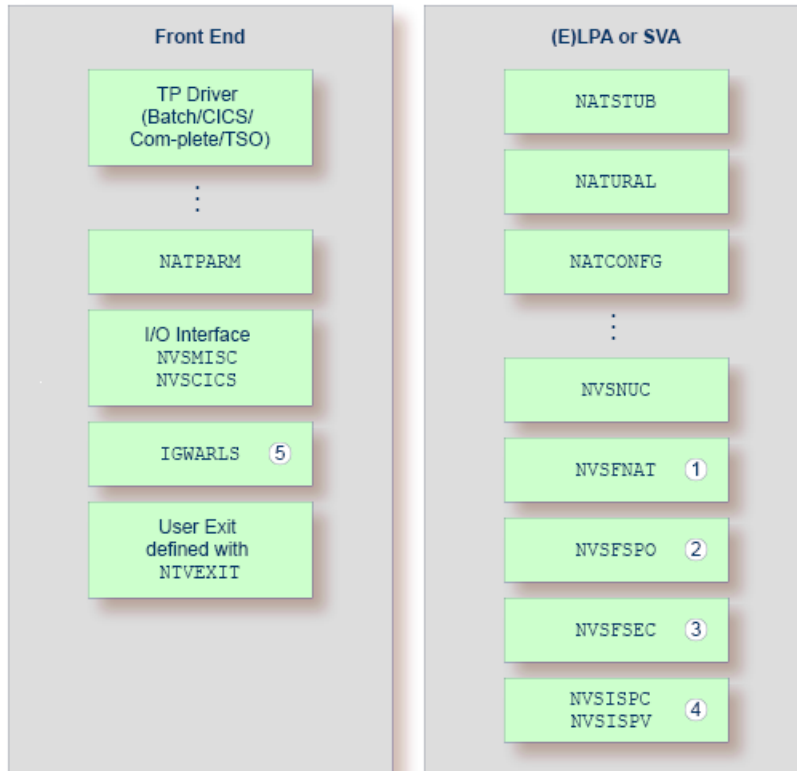
Components of Natural for VSAM

The Natural interface to VSAM consists of the following components:

- The `NVSNUC` module, which is mandatory, environment-independent, and delivered as a load module only.
- The Natural parameters specific to VSAM, defined in the Natural parameter module.
- The I/O module, which is mandatory, differs depending on the actual environment, and is delivered in source form only.
- The modules necessary when running with VSAM system files; they are optional and delivered as load modules only.
- The user exits.
- Callable system services.

Natural for VSAM is fully (E)LPA or SVA-compliant for multiple environments (for example, CICS, Com-plete and batch). The Natural parameter module and the appropriate I/O module must be linked to the front-end module.

Structure of the Natural Interface to VSAM



- ① VSAM system-file handling for FNAT , FUSER and FDIC .
- ② VSAM system-file handling for FSPPOOL .
- ③ VSAM system-file handling for FSEC .
- ④ VSAM system-file handling for Natural ISPF.
- ⑤ IBM's record-level sharing (RLS) query routine to support RLS=CHECK , z/OS only (not CICS).

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Customizing Natural for VSAM

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The Natural parameters in a VSAM environment are defined in one location:

- the Natural standard parameters, contained in the Natural parameter module; see *Building a Natural Parameter Module* in the *Operations* documentation,
- the Natural parameters specific to VSAM, also contained in the Natural parameter module; see parameter macro `NTVSAM` in the *Parameter Reference* documentation.

The Natural parameter module can be edited to conform to your site standards, and then assembled and linked using the appropriate jobs (see *Installing Natural for VSAM* in the *Installation for z/OS* documentation).

Customizing the Natural Parameter Module

To be able to run Natural in a VSAM environment, you must include the profile parameter `VSIZE`, the `NTDB` and the `NTVSAM` macro in your Natural parameter module (see the section *Installing Natural for VSAM* in the *Installation for z/OS* documentation).

For an Adabas system file:

```
VSIZE=72,  
NTDB VSAM,vsam-dbid  
NTVSAM
```

For a VSAM system file:

```
VSIZE=160,  
  
FNAT=(vsam-dbid,fnr,dd-name),  
FUSER=(vsam-dbid,fnr,dd-name),  
FDIC=(vsam-dbid,fnr,dd-name),  
FSPool=(vsam-dbid,fnr,dd-name),  
FSEC=(vsam-dbid,fnr,dd-name)  
  
NTDB VSAM,vsam-dbid  
NTVSAM ... SFILE=ON,...
```

dd-name is the logical name (DD or DLBL) of the system file; see also *Installing Natural for VSAM* in the *Installation for z/OS* documentation.



Note: If you use VSAM system files with Natural ISPF, see also the *Natural ISPF* documentation.

Below is information on:

- [VSIZE Parameter](#)
- [NTDB Macro](#)

- [NTVSAM Macro](#)

VSIZE Parameter

`VSIZE` is a Natural profile parameter which can also be specified dynamically. It is used to specify the size of the Natural buffer area for VSAM and defines the maximum memory usage for the internal tables of the Natural interface to VSAM; the actual sizes of these tables depend on the values set in the Natural parameter module (see [Assembling the VSAM-specific Natural Parameter Module](#)).

Possible values are 0, 1 - 512 KB.

If you use the default values specified in the Natural parameter module, the value of the `VSIZE` parameter must be at least 72 KB.

If `VSIZE` is set to 0, Natural for VSAM is not available and a corresponding error message is returned when trying to access VSAM files. Disabling Natural for VSAM leads to slight performance improvements because of skipping the initialization, relocation and roll efforts of the Natural interface to VSAM.

NTDB Macro

The `NTDB` macro is used to specify the database numbers that relate to VSAM files; that is, the logical assignments available for Natural.

The value range of `NTDB` parameters is described in the *Natural Parameter Reference* documentation.



Note: Ensure that the DBIDs selected in the `NTDB` macro for VSAM do not conflict with DBIDs selected for other database management systems.

NTVSAM Macro

The `NTVSAM` macro is used to specify the VSAM specific parameters.

The value range of the `NTVSAM` keyword subparameters is described in the *Natural Parameter Reference* documentation

Assembling the VSAM-specific Natural Parameter Module

If the default values supplied in the Natural parameter module do not meet your requirements, you can change the parameter values to suit your environment. The individual VSAM-specific parameters contained in the Natural parameter module are described in the following section.

The VSAM-specific Natural parameter module is created by assembling the macro `NTVSAM`.

Optionally, one or more of the following macros:

- `NTVEXIT`
- `NTVLSR`
- `NTVTVSD`

If more than one macro is specified, the `NTVSAM` macro must be specified first; further macros after the `NTVSAM` macro can be specified in any order.

Natural I/O Modules for VSAM

The Natural I/O module for VSAM depends on the actual environment in use.

All available I/O modules are delivered in source form so you can make site-specific modifications and use environment-specific macros and/or precompilers. The I/O module must be linked to the Natural parameter module.

The I/O modules available are:

- [NVSCICS Module](#)
- [NVSMISC Module](#)

NVSCICS Module

The `NVSCICS` module is required for CICS under z/OS. The module contains the following parameter:

&FCTRELI - Indicator of Reliable Remote FCT Entries

The &FCTRELI parameter indicates whether the key length and record size of a remote file are correctly defined in the FCT entry of the Application Owning Region (AOR).

Possible values	Default value
0 or 1	0

When this parameter is set to 1, NVSCICS assumes a correct FCT entry.

When this parameter is set to 0, NVSCICS issues dummy commands to force opening of the file in the File Owning Region (FOR) region and then repeats inquiring for the real values.

If the FCT entry does not contain a key length definition, NVSCICS uses the key length of the corresponding VSAM DDM.

NVSMISC Module

The NVSMISC module is required in all environments except for CICS. The module mainly consists of the NVMMISC macro, which is used to generate the NVSMISC I/O interface according to your operating system and/or TP-monitor environment.

NVSMISC is specified as follows:

```
name NVMMISC NONRLS=value TIMEOUT=value DSECTS=value DEFER=value COMMIT=value ERROR=value
HFACTOR=value READINT=value SMARTS=value TVS=value
```

The *name* of the relocatable module must be 8 characters long.

The individual parameters are described in the following section; specify these parameters according to your requirements.

NONRLS - Switch from RLS to Non-RLS Mode

When Natural for VSAM issues an RLS - OPEN for an RLS file and this file has already been opened in non-RLS mode in this z/OS session, this parameter specifies whether Natural for VSAM issues an open retry in a non-RLS mode, or whether an open error occurs.

Possible values	Default value
YES/NO	YES

TIMEOUT - Timeout in Seconds for an RLS Request

This parameter specifies the time in seconds Natural for VSAM is waiting to obtain a lock on a Natural for VSAM record when a lock on the record is already held by another user. For further details refer to the latest version of IBM manual *z/OS DFSMS Macro Instructions for Data Sets*.

Possible values	Default value
0 - 10	0

DEFER - Defer Writes in LSR Pools

This parameter only applies in batch mode and under TSO.

This parameter specifies whether write operations to disk are to be deferred in the LSR pool. If so and if the LSR pool becomes full, Natural for VSAM writes to disk those 5% of the pool area which have not been used for the longest time.

Possible values	Default value
YES/NO	NO

DSECTS - List VSAM System DSECTs

The `DSECTS` parameter specifies whether the VSAM system DSECTs are to be listed or not.

Possible values	Default value
YES/NO	NO

COMMIT - Support of Buffer Flush for LSR Pools

This parameter only applies in batch mode and under TSO.

The `COMMIT` parameter specifies whether all non-committed updates in any LSR pool are to be written to disk with each `END TRANSACTION` statement of a user program.

Possible values	Default value
YES/NO	NO



Note: The specification of `COMMIT=YES` increases the I/O rate considerably.

ERROR - Issue Initialization Error

This parameter issues a Natural initialization error if any DD or DLBL card is omitted in the runtime JCL (see also the macro `NTVLSR`).

Possible values	Default value
YES/NO	YES

If set to NO, processing is continued and Natural for VSAM will be initialized.

HFACTOR - Factor for Hiperspace Buffers

The HFACTOR parameter specifies a factor for the creation of ESO Hiperspace buffers. When initializing such a Hiperspace, the corresponding BLDVRP request may lead to a Natural error message, in which case the value of HFACTOR must be reduced.

Possible values	Default value
0 - a value where a corresponding Natural error message is returned	100

READINT - Read Integrity for Upgrade Set

The READINT parameter specifies whether read integrity for an upgrade set should be granted or not.

Possible values	Default value
YES/NO	NO

SMARTS - Support of SMARTS and Com-plete

The SMARTS parameter is required if installing Natural for VSAM under SMARTS and/or in a Complete environment.

Possible values	Default value
YES/NO	NO

TVS - Support of DFSMS Transactional VSAM Services (DFSMSStvs)

The TVS parameter specifies the support of DFSMSStvs.

Possible values	Default value
YES/NO	NO

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This section provides information on various operational aspects of Natural for VSAM:

Invoking Natural for VSAM

If the Natural interface to VSAM is available, it is initialized when you start a Natural session. It can be switched off by setting the [VSIZE](#) parameter to 0 (see also the relevant description in the section *Natural for VSAM Parameters*).

OPEN/CLOSE Processing

In this section, VSAM files means both VSAM user files and VSAM Natural system files.

Database OPEN/CLOSE processing is controlled by the Natural parameter `OPRB`, which is described in *Profile Parameters* in the *Natural Parameter Reference* documentation.

Instead of using the `OPRB` parameter, you can also use the `NTOPRB` macro of the Natural parameter module, which is described in *Parameter Modules* in the *Natural Parameter Reference* documentation.

An OPEN/CLOSE error must be followed by the NAT3539 error message. In a TP environment, the NAT3516 error message can also occur during an active Natural session if the file is closed.



Note: For dynamic OPEN handling within a session, you can use the application programming interface [USR2008N](#).

The section below covers the following topic:

- [OPRB Parameter for VSAM Databases](#)

OPRB Parameter for VSAM Databases

The `OPRB` parameter is not applicable under CICS or Com-plete, because in these environments, the TP monitor controls the OPEN/CLOSE processing of VSAM files.

By default, that is, without the `OPRB` parameter being specified, VSAM files are opened for input/output so that they can be read and/or updated.

If you want all used VSAM files to be opened for input only, you specify the `OPRB` parameter using the following syntax:


```
OPRB = (.ALL)
```

With this syntax, you specify an `OPEN` request for *all* VSAM files to be addressed. All files are opened for input only; individual files, however, are only opened when they are actually addressed by a given program.



Note: If you want all VSAM system files to be opened for input, you have to set the Natural profile parameter `ROSY=ON`; see also the relevant section in the *Natural Parameter Reference* documentation.

If you want to open VSAM files for input (I) or output (O) per DBID, use the following syntax:

```
OPRB = (DBID = nnn, { MODE = { I
                             0
                             string; ...
                           } [, string; ...] } [, ...] )
```

With `MODE`, you specify a global default handling for DBID *nnn*.

If you do not want to specify a default handling per DBID or if, for some VSAM files, you want an input/output handling other than the default one, you specify the *string* parameter in the appropriate way.

The DBID must be defined with the `NTDB` macro as a VSAM DBID, and *string* varies depending on the operating system (see below).

Important: If several strings are to be defined, a semicolon (;) must be specified as delimiter character. If not, the semicolon must be omitted.

Under z/OS

Under z/OS, you specify the *string* as follows:

```
{ FNR = nnn
  DD = dd-name, TYP = { K
                      E
                      R
                      P
                    } { , 0
                      I
                    } { , B
                      A
                    } [,R]
```

The specified VSAM files must be defined as DDMs. However, instead of specifying the file number of the Natural DDM that corresponds to the VSAM file to be addressed, the *dd-name* and type (KSDS, ESDS, RRDS, or PATH) of this file can be specified directly, which saves you from having to look into the DDM first.

Individual files can be opened for output (option **O**), input (option **I**), opened **before** they are actually accessed (option **B**), or when they are accessed for the first time (option **A**), opened as reusable file (option **R**).

For performance reasons, it is sometimes desirable to modify the VSAM `STRNO` (string number) parameter to provide more index and data buffers. By default, Natural uses string number 3 for input processing and string number 5 for output processing. Since `STRNO` is specified in the JCL, both values can be modified with the `AMP` parameter in the corresponding DD card.

Sample OPRB Specification

The following `OPRB` example opens the specified files for input, while files not specified are opened for output by default:

```
OPRB=(DBID=254,MODE=I)
```

or

```
OPRB=(DBID=254,FNR=21,I,A;FNR=22,I,A)
```

The VSAM `DBID` and `FNR` as specified in the DDM are required. Option `I` specifies the corresponding `FNR` to be opened for input; option `A` specifies the corresponding `FNR` to be opened only if the file is accessed by a Natural program.

The corresponding `NTOPRB` macro example would be:

```
NTOPRB 254,'MODE=I'
```

or

```
NTOPRB 254,'FNR=21,I,A';'FNR=22,I,A'
```

Natural File Access

The Natural interface to VSAM supports VSAM entry-sequenced data sets (ESDS), key-sequenced data sets (KSDS), relative record data sets (RRDS), variable relative record data sets (VRDS), and paths for alternate indexes.

To enable Natural to access VSAM files, a Natural DDM is required for each VSAM file that is to be made accessible to Natural programs.

The section below covers the following topics:

- [Natural Data Definition Modules \(DDMs\)](#)
- [SYSDDM Main Menu](#)
- [Catalog DDM](#)

- [Edit DDM](#)
- [Restrictions with DDM Generation as Compared to Adabas](#)

Natural Data Definition Modules (DDMs)

A data definition module (DDM) must be set up for each file. DDMs are created and maintained with Predict (see the Predict documentation for details) or with the Natural utility `SYSDDM`; they are stored in the Natural dictionary system file (`FDIC`).

With VSAM, in addition to logical Natural DDMs, also VSAM user DDMs can be created from one physical DDM.

If you do not have Predict installed, use the `SYSDDM` utility to create DDMs from VSAM files. The `SYSDDM` utility is described in the *Natural Editors* documentation; the parts of it relevant to VSAM are described in the following sections.

All DDMs used within a session are located in the Natural buffer pool. This increases performance and enables synchronization of DDM usage across multiple sessions.

SYSDDM Main Menu

The following functions on the main menu of the `SYSDDM` utility are relevant to Natural for VSAM:

Function	Explanation
Catalog DDM	The DDM currently in the work area is cataloged, making it available for use within Natural applications. The DDM must have previously been placed in the work area by a <code>READ</code> command (see also <i>Editor and System Commands</i> in the <i>SYSDDM Utility</i> documentation), or have been entered by using the Edit DDM function described below. Below are further details about Catalog DDM .
Edit DDM	Reads a DDM from the system file <code>FDIC</code> and into the <code>SYSDDM</code> work area, where it can be edited.
List DDMs	Displays a single DDM source (DDM editor <i>not</i> invoked) or a list of DDMs. The display format and options are identical to those of the <code>LIST DDM</code> command (see also <i>Editor and System Commands</i> in the <i>SYSDDM Utility</i> documentation).
Copy DDM to Another FDIC File	One or all DDMs can be copied to a different Natural system file (<code>FDIC</code>) and/or to a different database. This is, for example, necessary during conversion of a Natural application from test to production status. In addition to the DDM name, DBID and FNR, with Natural for VSAM the file type <code>V</code> must be specified, as well as the DD/FCT name of the Natural system file <code>FDIC</code> , if the <code>FDIC</code> file is a VSAM file.
List DDMs with Additional Information	Displays a list of the DDMs stored in the specified <code>FDIC</code> system file. From the list, you can select individual DDMs for further processing. This function differs from

Function	Explanation
	<p>the List DDMs function in that it displays additional items of information on the individual DDMs.</p> <p>The information displayed includes file name, DBID, file number, DDM length, security type (with Natural Security only), file type (that is, LOG.DDM, PHY.FILE, LOG.FILE or USERDDM for VSAM DDMs) and remarks as, for example, the VSAM file organization (KSDS, VRDS, RRDS, ESDS); see the section SYSDDM Utility in the <i>Natural Editors</i> documentation for details.</p>
Delete DDM	<p>Deletes a previously cataloged DDM from the Natural system file FDIC. The DDM remains in the work area.</p> <p>Important: If a DDM is deleted with SYSDDM, the corresponding Natural Security file profile is automatically deleted.</p>

The following parameters relevant to Natural for VSAM can be specified for the various functions:

Parameter	Explanation
DDM Name	The name of the DDM to be processed.
FNR	The file number of the DDM to be processed.
DBID	The database which contains the DDM to be processed.
Replac	If Y is entered, DDMs which are being copied or cataloged and which are already existent are replaced. If N is entered, such DDMs are not replaced.
FDIC Type	The type of the system file FDIC.
DDM Type	The type of the DDM. For VSAM, the type must be V.
DBID Type	The type of the DDM. For VSAM, the type is V.

Catalog DDM

A DDM can be cataloged by either using function code C in the SYSDDM main menu or entering the CATALOG command in the **Command** line of the DDM maintenance editor.

File name and file number are required for this function. With Natural for VSAM, a DBID assigned to VSAM must be specified. If no DBID is entered, it is assumed to be 0 and is generated dynamically at execution time based on the DBID of the Natural user system file (FUSER) in use (see also the description of the UDB parameter in the section *Profile Parameters* in the *Natural Parameter Reference* documentation).

If a DBID assigned to VSAM is specified (and V for VSAM in the field **Type of this DDM**), SYSDDM prompts you for additional information.



Note: The actual DBID assignments for VSAM is made with NTDB macros when assembling the Natural parameter module; see *Installing Natural for VSAM* in the *Installation for z/OS* documentation.

Additional Options for VSAM Files

If the DDM is to access a VSAM file, an additional screen, requiring the entry of additional VSAM options, is displayed:

```

13:11:33          ***** NATURAL SYSDDM UTILITY *****          2021-06-14
                        - Catalog a VSAM file/DDM -
DDM Name AUTOMOBILES-VS          Def.Seq.          DBID    254 FNR    12

VSAM file information

VSAM file name ..... AUTO_____
VSAM View ..... N (Y/N)
Logical related to FNR ... _____
User defined prefix ..... _____

VSAM file organisation

KSDS, ESDS, RRDS, VRDS ... K (K,E,R,V)
Extended file ..... N (Y/N)

Compress file ..... N (Y/N)
Zones X'0C' / X'0F' ..... F (C/F)

```

The additional options for VSAM files consist of two parts: **VSAM File Information** and **VSAM File Organization**.

VSAM File Information Options

Option	Explanation
VSAM file name	The DDNAME/FCT entry as defined to the TP monitor or when using batch mode, for example:
	//PERSON DD ...
	where PERSON would be entered under VSAM file name .
VSAM View (DDM)	Indicates whether this DDM represents a logical user DDM or a physical DDM.
	Y Indicates that the DDM represents a logical DDM, which means that it does not necessarily correspond to the physical layout of the VSAM file. A logical DDM must use the same file number as the physical DDM from which it is derived, and the corresponding physical DDM must exist at the time the user DDM is invoked during execution. The short names of the logical DDM must be identical to those defined in the physical DDM. The sequence of fields within the DDM can be different from the physical sequence. The primary-key field must not be deleted from the DDM.

Option	Explanation	
		Since the logical DDM is a subset of the physical DDM, the corresponding subsets of the underlying VSAM file appear to the user as independent files with different record layouts. When processing a logical DDM, the user obtains records only from the corresponding subset and not from any other subset contained in the same physical VSAM file.
	N	Indicates that the DDM represents a physical DDM. Only one DDM with a given file number can be used as the physical DDM for a VSAM file. This physical DDM is used internally by Natural to calculate field offsets.

Logical DDMs are used to define different record types in a physical VSAM file. At DDM generation, these record types are identified by specifying a prefix for the primary key.

If a logical DDM is read, only records whose key begins with the specified prefix are returned from the VSAM file. Records beginning with any other prefix are ignored. If not specified otherwise, the prefix corresponds to the logical file number.

A different prefix must be assigned to each logical DDM. Natural automatically links the prefix with the logical key. The field layout in the logical DDM need not be the same as in the physical DDM.

The following two options are used only if the DDM represents a logical file which is to be derived from a physical VSAM file.

Option	Explanation
Logical related to FNR	<p>This option is used to enter the file number of the physical DDM from which the logical file or DDM is derived.</p> <p>A logical DDM corresponds to a record type which is controlled by a prefix. Several logical record types can be contained in a physical VSAM file. The record types are distinguished by a prefix which determines which records are to be processed. See the example below.</p>
User defined prefix	<p>The prefix value which is to be assigned for the logical file.</p> <p>The default prefix value is the logical file number (length 3).</p>

Example of Logical Related to FNR

Physical Data Set			
Key			
<div> <div> X1234 X2345 X3456 </div> </div>	DDM1	PREFIX ← = X	FNR ← = 10
<div> <div> Z1234 Z1209 Z9000 </div> </div>	DDM2	PREFIX ← = Z	FNR ← = 11
Read DDM1 with key			
Display key			
results in:			
	Key 1234 2345 3456		

VSAM File Organization Options

Option	Explanation	
KSDS, ESDS, RRDS, VRDS	The type of VSAM file:	
	K	KSDS file (default)
	E	ESDS file
	R	RRDS file
	V	VRDS file
Extended file	Specifies whether the extended VSAM file (so the larger ISN) will be used or not.	
	N	Indicates that the file is not extended. N is the default value.
	Y	Indicates that the file is extended.
Compress file	Specifies whether the file is to be compressed or not.	

Option	Explanation	
	N	Indicates that the file is not to be compressed. The file is written in the maximum length (that is, the length of all fields within this file) as defined in SYSDDM or Predict. N is the default value.
	Y	Indicates that the file is to be written in variable record length. During compression, the record is scanned backwards for default values, which are blank for alphanumeric fields, low values for binary fields, low values with a zone for packed fields and X ' F0 ' for numeric fields. Compression stops as soon as the first non-default value is detected or the first descriptor is found. The new computed length is used to write the record to the file; this applies to KSDS and ESDS files only. Compression of trailing null values in VSAM records minimizes the space required for VSAM records. The application programming interface USR0100N in the library SYSEXT is provided to be able to maintain the logical record length by a Natural program.
Zones X'0C' / X'0F'	In Adabas all positive packed values have X ' 0F ' as a zone. This value could be different in VSAM. F Indicates that all packed data are written to the VSAM file with the zone X ' 0F ' . This is the default. C Indicates that all packed values are written to the VSAM file with the zone X ' 0C ' .	

Edit DDM

To edit the DDM currently loaded in the work area, you can use the DDM editor of the SYSDDM utility. If no DDM has been read into the work area, an empty screen is displayed, allowing the manual entry of a DDM definition.

Instead of entering a complete DDM manually, you can read an existing DDM definition into the work area, by entering `EDIT ddm-name` in the DDM editor **Command** line. This DDM can be modified and cataloged under a different name.



Note: When you modify a DDM, all objects which reference this DDM have to be cataloged again.

DDM Editor

Example:

```

11:26:09          ***** EDIT DDM (VSAM) *****          2007-02-25
DDM Name EMPLOYEES-VS          Def.Seq.          DBID    254 FNR    1
Command
I T L DB Name          F Leng  S D Remark
----- top -----
  1 AA PERSONNEL-ID          A 8.0      P
*      C=NNNNNNNN
*      C=COUNTRY
G 1 AB FULL-NAME
  2 AC FIRST-NAME          A 20.0  N
  2 AD MIDDLE-NAME          A 20.0  N
  2 AE NAME          A 20.0      A
  1 AF MAR-STAT          A 1.0      F
*      M=MARRIED
*      S=SINGLE
*      D=DIVORCED
*      W=WIDOWED
  1 AG SEX          A 1.0      F
  1 AH BIRTH          N 6.0
G 1 A1 FULL-ADDRESS
M 2 AI ADDRESS-LINE          A 20.0  N
  2 AJ CITY          A 20.0  N

```

If you enter the **HELP** command or a question mark (?) in the **Command** line, the editor help information is displayed.

The header information of the DDM editor is:

DDM Name	The name used to reference the DDM in a Natural program. The name must be unique within the specified Natural system file.
Def. Seq.	The default sequence by which the file is read when it is accessed with a <code>READ LOGICAL</code> statement in a Natural program.
DBID	<p>The database in which the file to be accessed with the DDM is contained.</p> <p>With Natural for VSAM, a DBID assigned to VSAM must be specified. If 0 is specified, the default DBID for the Natural user system file (FUSER) as defined in the Natural parameter module is used.</p> <p>Note: The actual DBID assignments for VSAM are made with NTDB macros when assembling the Natural parameter module; see <i>Installing Natural for VSAM</i> in the <i>Installation for z/OS</i> documentation.</p>
FNR	<p>The number of the file being referenced.</p> <p>The specified file number is used internally by Natural for VSAM.</p>

The DDM itself comprises the following field definition attributes which can be entered or modified:

Attribute	Explanation
I	Line indicator. This field is used by the DDM editor to mark lines. E Lines containing an error detected during execution of the CHECK command. S Lines containing a scanned value. X/Y Lines selected for copy/move operation.
T	Field Type: G Group header. M Multiple-value field. P Periodic group header. * Comment line. <i>blank</i> Elementary field.
L	Level number assigned to the field. Valid level numbers are 1 - 7. Level numbers have to be specified in consecutive ascending order.
DB	For VSAM files, the two-character code which is used in VSAM.
Name	A 3- to 32-character external field name. This is the field name used in Natural programs to reference the field.
F	Field format. For valid formats, refer to User-Defined Variables, Format and Length of User-Defined Variables (in the Natural Programming Guide).
Leng	Standard field length. This length can be overridden in a Natural program. For numeric fields (format N), the length is specified as <i>nn.m</i> , where <i>nn</i> represents the number of digits before the decimal point and <i>m</i> represents the number of digits after the decimal point.
S	This attribute is not applicable to Natural for VSAM.
D	Descriptor Option. A Indicates that the field is an alternate index for a VSAM file. P Indicates that the field is a primary key. S Indicates that the field is a primary subdescriptor or superdescriptor; that is, a primary key for a VSAM file. X Indicates that the field is an alternate subdescriptor or superdescriptor; that is, an alternate index for a VSAM file.
Remark	A comment which applies to a field and/or the DDM.

Most of the editor and line commands available with the Natural program editor also apply to the Natural DDM editor. Special commands, such as PROFILE, RENUMBER, SET, SHIFT, etc. and some line commands are not available. Refer to the section *SYSDDM Utility* in the *Natural Editors* documentation and to the section *Program Editor* in the *Natural Editors* documentation for more details on editor commands.

Extended Editing at Field Level

The DDM editor can also be used to enter or modify DDM definitions at field level.

Extended editing mode is used to specify field headers and edit masks to be applied when the field is used in a `DISPLAY` or `INPUT` statement, as well as further specifications for VSAM DDM definitions. All the other information specific to the field (field type, length, name, format, remarks) can also be modified at this point.

The extended editing mode is invoked by entering the line command `.E` in the first positions of the line containing the field.

A range of field definitions can be selected for editing by entering `.Ennn` where *nnn* is the number of fields to be selected.

The field level editing mode is terminated when you press `ENTER` with or without having made any modifications.

The **Extended Field Editing** screen displays special attributes of the field definition if the edited DDM is a VSAM DDM:

```

11:25:26                ***** EDIT DDM (VSAM) *****                2007-02-25
                        - Extended Field Editing -
DDM Name AUTOMOBILES-VS                      Def.Seq.          DBID    254 FNR    12

I T L DB Name                      F Leng  S D Remark
- - - - - top - - - - -
   1 GA OWNER-PERSONNEL-NUMBER      N 8.0    A SECONDARY KEY
- - - - -

Field Header ..... OWNER/NUMBER_____
Field Edit Mask ..... _____

Alternate Index Name .. AUTOY____

Maximum Occurrence .... 1

Upgrade Flag ..... _ (X)
Unique Key Flag ..... _ (X)
Null Flag ..... _ (X)

Field GA redefines field __ with offset 0

```

The following attributes can be specified:

Attribute	Explanation
Alternate Index Name	If the field references a VSAM alternate index or a path (denoted by an A in column D), the index or path name must be entered here.
Maximum Occurrence	The number of occurrences for a multiple-value field or a periodic group (denoted by an M or P in column T).
The following flags only apply to alternate indexes and not to paths:	
Upgrade Flag	<p>Since Natural does not use VSAM paths, upgrading can be performed either by Natural or by VSAM when using a KSDS or ESDS file with alternate indices defined.</p> <p>A blank value indicates that upgrading the alternate index is to be done by VSAM, which is the default. If VSAM is to perform the upgrading, define the VSAM file using IDCAMS with <code>UPGRADE</code>.</p> <p>If you enter an X, upgrading of the alternate index is performed by Natural. If so, the AIX must be defined with the <code>NONUPGRADE</code> option.</p> <p>Note: For LSR handling, it is recommended that you specify this option. Under CICS, the FCT entry must also contain the <code>VARIABLE</code> option.</p>
Sort Flag	<p>If this option is marked with an X, the alternate index is to be read in ascending or descending value order.</p> <p>This option only takes effect if the Upgrade Flag option is specified, too.</p>
Unique Key Flag	<p>If this option is marked with an X, Natural ensures that the values of the alternate index field are unique. An attempt to update with a non-unique value results in an error message. The default value is a blank.</p> <p>This option only takes effect if the Upgrade Flag option is also specified.</p>
Null Flag	<p>A value of S indicates that null values for the alternate index field are suppressed. The default value is a blank.</p> <p>This option only takes effect if the Upgrade Flag option is also specified.</p>



Note: For all DDMs cataloged with Natural which contain alternate indexes and any specifications for the above flags, all flags are nullified during runtime as soon as path processing is activated for these DDMs.

The last two fields on the screen are used to define sub-/superdescriptors for a VSAM file. For example, to define the field S1 as superdescriptor beginning in field BA and ending in field BB, the following would be entered:


```
S1 redefines BA with offset 0
```

The field `S1` must have been defined to VSAM as a primary or secondary key.

VSAM superdescriptors can only be constructed from fields which are contiguous. To define the field `S2` as a superdescriptor which begins in the 11th position of field `BA` and ends with the first two positions of field `BB`, the following would be entered:

```
S2 redefines BA with offset 10
```

In addition, the length of `S2` would have to be set to 7. As mentioned above, `S2` must have been defined as a primary or alternate index to VSAM.

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- No keys can be defined within periodic groups.
- Descriptors that contain multiple-value fields are not allowed with VSAM.
- Natural DDMs for VSAM cannot contain multiple-value fields or periodic groups *within* periodic groups.
- The same field cannot be defined more than once in the same DDM. A data definition as in the following example would lead to unpredictable results when used with VSAM:

Example:

```
...
G 01 AB FULL-NAME
      02 AC FIRST-NAMEA 20.0  N
      02 AD MIDDLE-I           A  1.0 N    /* duplicate short name
      02 AE NAME               A 20.0
      01 AD MIDDLE-NAME       A 20.0 N    /* duplicate short name
...
```

Natural would treat the field `MIDDLE-I` not as a redefinition of `MIDDLE-NAME` but as a separate field.

Buffers for Memory Management

The `VSIZE` parameter is suballocated into ten different areas whose sizes are determined by the assembly of the Natural parameter module. The different VSAM areas are split into fixed and variable buffer types. If there is insufficient space in the `VSIZE` buffer for all Natural parameter module areas, you receive error message NAT3592 during initialization. At runtime, error message NAT3513 can occur for fixed buffer types. In this case, you must adapt the corresponding the Natural parameter module value. Variable buffers are increased during runtime, NAT3513 does not occur. Some buffer sizes depend on the use of VSAM system files. The relevant buffers are FCT, FWA, TSA and UPD.

The `VSIZ` parameter is suballocated as follows:

- FCT - File Control Table
- FWA - File Work Area
- OPV - Open Table
- SFT - System File Table
- SWT - Switch Table
- TAF - Table of Accessed Files
- ROLL - Table of Session Status Information
- DFB - Table of Decoded Format Buffers
- TSA - Table of Sequential Access
- UPD - Table of Update Records
- VCA - Natural Control Area for VSAM

FCT - File Control Table

FCT contains file-specific information and is a fixed buffer type.

FCT also contains the complete VSAM access control block (ACB), information on existing user exits, and information on the application programming interface `USR0100N`.

The size of the table is determined by using the following formula and then rounding up to a double-word boundary:

$$(72 + ACB - length) (TAFE * 2) + 80$$

Without VSAM system files, the default setting is:

$$(72 + 76) (10 * 2) + 80 = 3040$$

With VSAM system files, the default setting is:

$$(72 + 76) (26 * 2) + 80 = 7776$$

FCT and [SWT](#) (see below) share a common buffer area.

FWA - File Work Area

FWA contains information on a VSAM request and is a fixed buffer type.

FWA also contains information on the VSAM request parameter list (RPL).

The size of the table is determined by using the following formula and then rounding up to a double-word boundary.

$$(40 + RPL - length) (TAFE * 2) + 80$$

Without VSAM system files the default setting is:

$$(40 + 76) (10 * 2) + 80 = 2400$$

With VSAM system files the default setting is:

$$(40 + (76*4)) (26 * 2) + 80 = 17968$$

FWA and OPV (see below) share a common buffer area.

OPV - Open Table

OPV contains information on an OPRB string and is a fixed buffer type.

The size of the table is determined by using the following formula and then rounding up to a double-word boundary:

$$24 * (TAFE * 2) + 48$$

The default setting is :

$$24 * (10 * 2) + 48 = 528$$

OPV and FWA share a common buffer area.

SFT - System File Table

This table is only active if VSAM system files are defined. The buffer type is fixed.

This area contains the description of the VSAM system files FNAT, FUSER, FDIC, FSEC and FSP00L as well as the system file used by Natural ISPF, if available.

The size of the area is 8192 for SFILE=ON. The default setting is 0.

SWT - Switch Table

SWT contains information necessary for the application programming interface USR1047N for dynamic DD/DLBL modification. SWT is allocated only if the value specified for the parameter DDSWITE in NTVSAM is greater than 0.

The SWT buffer type is fixed.

The size of the table is determined by using the following formula and then rounding up to a double-word boundary:

$$24 * DDSWITE + 48$$

The default setting is 0.

SWT and FCT (see above) share a common buffer area.

TAF - Table of Accessed Files

This area describes the record layout for each file accessed by Natural; it is created by reading the physical or logical DDM for the file. Each TAF entry consists of a header entry and an entry for each field in the DDM. The header entry describes the type of file, file name, primary key, etc. The field entries describe the format, offset, and length of every field in the file. The layouts for the header and field entries are described in the macros NVMTAF and NVMFLD respectively.

The TAF buffer type is fixed.

The size of the table is determined by using the following formula and then rounding up to a double-word boundary:

$$(((32 * \text{TAFN}) + 112) * \text{TAFE}) + 80$$

The default setting is:

$$(((32 * 50) + 112) * 10) + 80 = 17200$$

ROLL - Table of Session Status Information

This table is used to keep track of the position within a file for every active `FIND` or `READ` statement; it is identified by the CID. This allows Natural to release all VSAM resources during a `ROLLOUT` operation and then reposition itself correctly after a `ROLLIN` operation.

The ROLL buffer type is fixed.

The size of this area is determined by the subparameter `ROLLSIZ` of macro `NTVSAM` in the Natural parameter module, rounded up to a double-word boundary:

$$\text{TAXSIZE} + 80$$

The default setting is:

$$550 + 80 = 632$$

DFB - Table of Decoded Format Buffers

The table is suballocated into two areas, one for global format IDs (GFIDs) and one for command IDs (CIDs).

For any given I/O request, this area describes which fields from the VSAM record area are returned to the Natural record buffer. Each DFB (decoded format buffer) entry consists of one header, identified by the CID or the GFID of the I/O request, plus an entry for each field to be returned to Natural. Each field entry in the DFB contains the format, offset, and length of the field as derived from the associated TAF entry for the file. The layouts of the header and field entries are described in the macros NVMDFB and NVMDFF respectively.

The DFB buffer type is fixed. If the no-space-condition occurs for GFID-oriented entries, the oldest entries are deleted.

The size of the TDFB area is determined by using the following formula and then rounding up to a double-word boundary:

$$(16 * DFBN * 2 + 36) * DFBE * 2 + 128$$

The default setting is:

$$(16 * 50 * 2 + 36) * 10 * 2 + 128 = 32848$$

TSA - Table of Sequential Access

The TSA is used to keep important pointers and information on each READ or FIND statement. There is one TSA entry for each active READ and FIND statement, and each entry is identified by the CID. The layout of the TSA is described in the macro NVMTSA.

The TSA buffer type is variable.

The size of the area is determined by using the following formula and then rounding up to a double-word boundary:

$$(104 + KEYLGH) * TSAE + 80$$

Where TSAE = TSA entry.

The default setting is:

$$(104 + 32) * 10 + 80 = 1440$$

UPD - Table of Update Records

This area contains an entry for every READ or FIND loop that contains an UPDATE or DELETE statement. These entries are released when an END TRANSACTION or BACKOUT TRANSACTION statement is executed. Each entry contains control information about the record and the values of all the fields that might be updated within the loop. The layout of each UPD entry is described in the macro NVMUPD.

The UPD buffer type is variable.

The size of the UPD area is determined by the subparameter UPDL of macro NTVSAM in the Natural parameter module, rounded up to a double-word boundary.

The default setting is 8272 without VSAM system files and 32848 with VSAM system files.

VCA - Natural Control Area for VSAM

VCA is a fixed length area which contains pointers, addresses, flags, and work areas that are important to a Natural environment for VSAM. The layout for this area is described in the macro NVMCA. Within a Natural environment for VSAM, R3 always points to this area.

The size of this area is 6744 bytes.

Application Programming Interfaces

Natural for VSAM provides the following application programming interfaces (APIs) in the Natural system library SYSEXT:

API	Function
USR0100N	Controls the VSAM variable record length (LRECL).
USR1047N	Supports dynamic switching of DD/DLBL names defined in a DDM.
USR2008N	Supports dynamic OPEN calls for VSAM data sets.

A short description of the APIs is provided in the following section; for more detailed information, log on to the system library SYSEXT and display the text object (USRXXXXT) that corresponds to the required API.

The section below contains information on the following APIs:

- [USR0100N](#)
- [USR1047N](#)
- [USR2008N](#)

USR0100N

The API USR0100N controls the record length of variable VSAM files.

The API is invoked as follows (a sample program called USR0100P is provided in the library SYSEXT):

```
CALLNAT 'USR0100N' parm1 parm2 parm3 parm4 parm5
```

The parameters are described in the following table:

Parameter	Format/Length	Explanation
<i>parm1</i>	A1	Specifies either of the following function codes: G For retrieval statements; the current record length is determined for <i>parm5</i> . P For update/store statements; the length specified in <i>parm5</i> becomes the current record length.
<i>parm2</i>	A8	Specifies the DD/DLBL name for the current file (optional); if specified, <i>parm5</i> is only valid for this file.
<i>parm3</i>	N5	Specifies the DBID taken from the DDM (optional); is used instead of the DD/DLBL name and only in conjunction with <i>parm4</i> .
<i>parm4</i>	N5	Specifies the FNR taken from the DDM (optional).
<i>parm5</i>	N5	Specifies or returns the record length depending on the setting of <i>parm1</i> .



Note: If neither *parm2* nor *parm3* and *parm4* are specified, *parm5* is valid for all files.

USR1047N

The application programming interface USR1047N enables dynamic modification of DD/DLBL names within a Natural program if the DDSWITE subparameter is specified in the NTVSAM macro. It can be used if data are spread over several VSAM files which have different DD/DLBL names, but the same record structure.

The API is invoked as follows (a sample program called USR1047P is provided in the library SYSEXT):

```
CALLNAT 'USR1047N' parm1 parm2 parm3 parm4
```

The various parameters are described in the following table:

Parameter	Format/Length	Explanation
<i>parm1</i>	A1	Specifies either of the following function codes: S For switching of DD names with the next following database calls. R For resetting of DD names; the switch table entry of function S has been deleted (see SWT - Switch Table).
<i>parm2</i>	A8	Specifies the old DD name taken from the DDM.
<i>parm3</i>	A8	Specifies the new DD name for the next database calls.
<i>parm4</i>	P4	Return code of Natural for VSAM.

The parameter *parm4* can contain the following response codes:

Code	Explanation
0	Normal return.
4	The switch table (SWT) is too small; increase the DDSWITE subparameter in macro NTVSAM.
8	The switch table entry has not been found; program error.
12	Invalid function code.
16	The switch table is not allocated; that is, the DDSWITE parameter is set to 0.

USR2008N

This application programming interface (API) is not applicable under Complete and CICS.

USR2008N supports dynamic OPEN calls during a Natural session if OPSUPP=ON is specified in the NTVSAM macro.

The API is invoked as follows (a sample program called USR2008P is provided in the library SYSEXT):

```
CALLNAT 'USR2008N' parm1 parm2 parm3 parm4 parm5 parm6
```

The parameters are described in the following table:

Parameter	Format/Length	Explanation
<i>parm1</i>	N5	Specifies the DBID taken from the NTDB macro definition; see NTDB Macro in the section <i>Natural for VSAM Parameters</i> .
<i>parm2</i>	A1	Specifies the global OPEN MODE; see OPEN/CLOSE Processing .
<i>parm3</i>	A4	Specifies the data management type, for example, VSAM.
<i>parm4</i>	A40/16	Specifies the valid OPRB syntax and/or DDM long name instead of the DD= or FNR= definitions.
<i>parm5</i>	P4	Returns the Natural for VSAM error number.
<i>parm6</i>	A50	Returns the Natural for VSAM error text.

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Natural Statements and Transaction Logic with VSAM

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This section describes special considerations on Natural statements and Natural transaction logic when used with VSAM.

The Natural statements used to access VSAM files are a subset of those provided with the Natural language. No new statements are needed to access a VSAM file, since each Natural statement performs the same function regardless of the database management system or access method used. Therefore, programs written for VSAM files can also be used to access Adabas databases.

The Natural interface to VSAM has no built-in transaction logic and uses the one of the environment it is running in. This leads to different results depending on the environment.

Natural Statements with VSAM

This section mainly consists of information also contained in the *Natural Statements* documentation, where each Natural statement is described in detail, including notes on VSAM usage where applicable. Summarized below are the particular points a programmer has to bear in mind when using Natural statements with VSAM.



Note: Since the Natural compiler does not check if a program adheres to the restrictions imposed by the Natural interface to VSAM, VSAM-specific programming errors concerning the use of Natural statements only occur when the program is executed.

Any Natural statement not mentioned in this section can be used with VSAM without restrictions.

- BACKOUT TRANSACTION
- DELETE
- END TRANSACTION
- FIND
- GET
- GET SAME
- GET TRANSACTION DATA
- HISTOGRAM
- READ
- STORE

- **UPDATE**

BACKOUT TRANSACTION

The `BACKOUT TRANSACTION` statement is used to back out all database updates performed during the current user logical transaction. This statement also releases all records held during the transaction.

If used with Natural for VSAM, the `BACKOUT TRANSACTION` statement releases records held in the UPD table. It does not back out transactions unless Natural is running under a TP monitor or DFSMStvs which supports dynamic transaction backout (for example, CICS). In this case, a `ROLLBACK` to the last `SYNCPPOINT` is issued.

DELETE

The `DELETE` statement is used to delete a record from a VSAM file.

The use of the `DELETE` statement places each record selected in the corresponding `FIND` or `READ` statement in hold status.

The `DELETE` statement is not valid for VSAM entry-sequenced data sets (ESDS).

END TRANSACTION

The `END TRANSACTION` statement is used to indicate the end of a logical transaction. A logical transaction is the smallest logical unit of work (as defined by the user) which must be performed in its entirety to ensure that the information contained in the VSAM file is logically consistent.

The `END TRANSACTION` statement also releases all records placed in hold status during the transaction.

An `END TRANSACTION` only releases records held in the UPD table unless Natural is running under a TP monitor or DFSMStvs which supports dynamic transaction backout (for example, CICS). In this case, an `END TRANSACTION` statement causes a `SYNCPPOINT` to be issued.

FIND

The `FIND` statement is used to select a set of records from the VSAM file based on a search criterion consisting of fields defined as descriptors (keys).

The `WITH` clause is used to specify the search criterion consisting of key fields (descriptors) defined in the VSAM file.

Only VSAM key fields can be used.

The number of records to be selected as a result of a `WITH` clause can be limited by specifying the keyword `LIMIT` together with a limit value (*operand 1*) expressed as a numeric constant or a user-

defined variable. The limit value is enclosed within parentheses. If the number of records selected exceeds the limit value, the program is terminated with an error message.

The descriptor must be defined in a VSAM file as a VSAM key field. In a DDM, it is marked with P for primary key, S for primary sub/superdescriptor, X for alternate sub/superdescriptor or A for alternate key (see [Edit DDM](#) in the section *Operation*, and the *SYSDDM Utility* as described in the *Natural Editors* documentation).

The formats of the descriptor and the search value must be compatible.

The following Natural system variables are available with the `FIND` statement:

Variable	Content
*ISN	<p>The system variable *ISN contains the relative byte address of the record currently being processed (ESDS files only).</p> <p>This variable is not available for the <code>FIND NUMBER</code> and <code>FIND FIRST</code> statements.</p>
*NUMBER	<p>The system variable *NUMBER contains the number of records which satisfied the basic search criterion specified in the <code>WITH</code> clause, and before evaluation of any <code>WHERE</code> criterion.</p> <p>*NUMBER only contains a meaningful value if the <code>EQUAL TO</code> operator is used in the search criterion. With any other operator, *NUMBER will be 0 if no records have been found; any other value indicates that records have been found, but the value will have no relation to the number of records actually found.</p> <p>The same applies to *NUMBER with the <code>FIND NUMBER</code> statement.</p>
*COUNTER	<p>The system variable *COUNTER contains the number of times the processing loop has been entered.</p> <p>This system variable is not available for the <code>FIND NUMBER</code> statement.</p>

The `FIND` statement is only valid for key-sequenced (KSDS) and entry-sequenced (ESDS) VSAM data sets. For ESDS, an alternate index or a path for an alternate index must be defined. Relative record data sets (RRDS) are not allowed, since they do not contain any key fields (descriptors).

GET

The `GET` statement is used to read a record with a given VSAM record number. For an ESDS file, the record number (ISN) would be the relative byte address (RBA); for RRDS and VRDS files, it would be the relative record number (RRN). The `GET` statement does not initiate a processing loop. As a result, a subsequent `UPDATE` or `DELETE` statement will not be processed and Natural returns a corresponding error message.

For ESDS, the RBA must be contained in a user-defined variable (numeric format) or specified as an integer constant. The same rules apply for RRDS and VRDS with the exception that the RRN must be provided instead of the RBA.

GET SAME

The `GET SAME` statement applies to VSAM ESDS, RRDS, and VRDS only (see also the `GET` statement above).

GET TRANSACTION DATA

The `GET TRANSACTION DATA` statement is not applicable to the Natural interface to VSAM.

HISTOGRAM

The `HISTOGRAM` statement is used to read the values of a field which is defined as a descriptor, subdescriptor, or superdescriptor.

The `HISTOGRAM` statement initiates a processing loop, but does not provide access to any fields other than the field specified in the statement.

Only VSAM key fields can be used as descriptors.

The following Natural system variable is available with the `HISTOGRAM` statement:

Variable	Content
*NUMBER	When used in conjunction with a KSDS primary key or a unique alternate index, *NUMBER is always 1.



Note: The *ISN system variable is not available for the Natural interface to VSAM.

When used with VSAM, the `HISTOGRAM` statement is only valid for KSDS and ESDS data sets. For ESDS, an alternate index or a path for an alternate index must be defined.

The values are read directly from the VSAM index and are returned in ascending or descending value sequence.

READ

The `READ` statement is used to read records from a VSAM file. The records can be retrieved in the value sequence (ascending or descending) of a descriptor (key) field. The `READ` sequence initiates a processing loop.

`IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE` is used to read records in the order of the values of a descriptor (key). If `LOGICAL` is specified with a descriptor, the records are read in the value sequence of the descriptor. A descriptor can be used for sequence control. A descriptor within a periodic group cannot be used. If `LOGICAL` is specified without a descriptor, the records are read in the default descriptor sequence, as defined in the DDM.

WITH REPOSITION can be used for skip-sequential processing inside the active loop, the new position must be defined as the new start value for the loop and must reset the system variable *COUNTER.

IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE is only valid for KSDS with primary and alternate keys defined and ESDS with alternate keys defined. A subdescriptor or superdescriptor can be used for sequence control, too.

The following Natural system variables are available with the READ statement:

Variable	Content
*ISN	The system variable *ISN contains either the RRN (for RRDS or VRDS) or the RBA (for ESDS) of the current record.
*COUNTER	This system variable contains the number of times the processing loop has been entered.

Records can also be retrieved IN PHYSICAL SEQUENCE, which is used to read records in the order in which they are physically stored in a database. It is only valid for VSAM ESDS, RRDS and VRDS. This is the default sequence.

STARTING WITH ISN can be used as start value for the loop in ascending or descending physical sequence.

BY ISN is used to read records in RBA and RRN order for ESDS, RRDS and VRDS files, respectively.

STORE

The STORE statement is used to add a record to a database.

A unique value for the primary-key field or the alternate-index field must be provided if the data set is defined with a primary key or a unique alternate index.

The USING/GIVING NUMBER clause is only valid for RRDS or VRDS, in which case the ISN corresponds to the relative record number.

USING/GIVING NUMBER is used to store a record with a user-supplied RRN. If a record with the specified RRN already exists, an error message is returned and the execution of the program is terminated, unless ON ERROR processing was specified.

The Natural system variable *ISN contains the RRN assigned to the new record as a result of the STORE

statement execution. A subsequent reference to *ISN must include the statement number of the related STORE statement. *ISN is available for RRDS or VRDS files only.

UPDATE

The `UPDATE` statement is used to update one or more fields of a record in a database. The record to be updated must have been previously selected using a `FIND` or `READ` statement.

The primary key cannot be updated.

Natural Transaction Logic with VSAM

Natural for VSAM uses the transaction logic of the environment it is running in. Thus, the results of the Natural `END TRANSACTION` and `BACKOUT TRANSACTION` statements (see also the relevant sections in Natural Statements with VSAM) differ depending on the actual environment:

- [With Native VSAM](#)
- [Under CICS](#)
- [Under DFSMStvs](#)

With Native VSAM

Since VSAM itself has no transaction logic, there is no transaction logic available if Natural is working in a native VSAM environment. This is the case under Com-plete, TSO, and in batch mode, which means when `NVSMISC` is the I/O module in use.

With `NVSMISC`, `END TRANSACTION` and `BACKOUT TRANSACTION` statements do not return any error messages, but are ignored by the Natural interface to VSAM.

Under CICS

Under CICS, VSAM files can be defined as “recoverable resources” or for RLS as “recoverable sphere”, all of which are synchronized by CICS using the concept of “logical units of work” (LUWs). An LUW ends if a `SYNCPOINT` command is issued or if the CICS task is terminated. For details, refer to the relevant IBM literature on CICS.

Below is information on:

- [NVSCICS Module](#)
- [Conversational Tasks](#)

- Pseudo-Conversational Tasks

NVSCICS Module

For CICS, the I/O module NVSCICS is a normal command-level application program. It transfers `END TRANSACTION` and `BACKOUT TRANSACTION` statements to the NATCICS driver which issues the `EXEC CICS SYNCPOINT` and `EXEC CICS ROLLBACK` commands. If an error occurs in a Natural session with uncommitted updates and no error transaction is supplied, Natural itself triggers the interface to VSAM to issue a `ROLLBACK` command.

If a `SYNCPOINT` or `ROLLBACK` command fails (for example, when CICS answers with a `ROLLEDBACK` condition to a `SYNCPOINT` request), error messages NAT3544 or NAT3545 are returned.

Conversational Tasks

If the Natural session runs in CICS conversational mode, the LUW is not ended by a terminal I/O. Natural runs in conversational mode if either the Natural parameter `PSEUDO=OFF` has been specified or Natural itself has determined that pseudo-conversational processing is not possible.

Since terminal I/Os do not disturb the transaction logic of an application as long as Natural is running in conversational mode, a program like the following one would work without problems:

Example:

```
READ vsam-file
UPDATE
INPUT ...
END-READ
BACKOUT TRANSACTION
```

Pseudo-Conversational Tasks

If the Natural session is running in pseudo-conversational mode, each terminal I/O terminates the CICS task, thus implicitly performing a `SYNCPOINT`. Therefore, the impact of a `BACKOUT TRANSACTION` statement, that is of an `EXEC CICS SYNCPOINT ROLLBACK` command, only goes back to the most recent terminal I/O. The example program above would, therefore, end with error message NAT3548, because it is not possible to roll back all the updates.



Note: Keep in mind that all messages of the Natural interface to VSAM are issued at runtime only, since the Natural compiler is not able to detect this kind of logical error.

Under DFSMStvs

DFSMS Transactional VSAM Services (DFSMStvs) provides the same features CICS provides: forward and backward recovery logging, backout processing and a two-phase commit process. An LUW ends if the RRS (Resource Recovery Service) call `SRRCMIT` or `SRRBACK` is issued (`END TRANSACTION` or `BACKOUT TRANSACTION`). For details, refer to the relevant IBM literature on DFSMStvs and RRS.

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