

Creating the Natural Code

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Importing the Adapter into Natural

You will now import the generated adapter into Natural to make it available to your application.

When you saved your page layout, Application Designer created the Natural adapter HELLO-A for your page. This is the name that you have specified earlier in this tutorial. Your application program will use the adapter to communicate with the page. The adapter has been generated into the following directory:

<installdir>/cisnatfirst/nat

Note:

The location of *<installdir>* depends on your application server environment.

To import the adapter

1. Import the adapter source into the Natural library CISHELLO which you have created earlier in this tutorial. To do so, use either drag-and-drop or the import function of the SYSMAIN utility.

The adapter looks as follows:

```
* PAGE1: PROTOTYPE          --- CREATED BY Application Designer --- /*<RO>>
* PROCESS PAGE USING 'XXXXXXX' WITH
* NAME RESULT
DEFINE DATA PARAMETER
1 NAME (U) DYNAMIC
1 RESULT (U) DYNAMIC
END-DEFINE
*
PROCESS PAGE U'/cisnatfirst/helloworld' WITH
PARAMETERS
NAME U'name'
VALUE NAME
NAME U'result'
VALUE RESULT
END-PARAMETERS
*
* TODO: Copy to your calling program and implement.
/*/*( DEFINE EVENT HANDLER
* DECIDE ON FIRST *PAGE-EVENT
* VALUE U'nat:page.end'
* /* Page closed.
* IGNORE
* VALUE U'sayHello'
* /* TODO: Implement event code.
* PROCESS PAGE UPDATE FULL
```

```

* NONE VALUE
* /* Unhandled events.
* PROCESS PAGE UPDATE
* END-DECIDE
/*/*) END-HANDLER
*
END /*<<RO>

```

2. Stow the adapter.

Creating the Main Program

You will now create the main program which uses the adapter to display the page and which handles its events. The name of the program will be HELLO-P and you will store it in the library CISHELLO.

This description assumes that you are working with Natural Studio.

To create the main program

1. Make sure that the library CISHELLO is selected.
2. From the **Object** menu, choose **New > Program**.
3. Enter a DEFINE DATA statement:

```

DEFINE DATA LOCAL
END-DEFINE

```

4. Import the adapter interface into the DEFINE DATA statement:
 1. Place the cursor in END-DEFINE.
 2. From the **Program** menu, choose **Import**.
 3. In the resulting dialog box, select the **Adapter** option button.
 4. Select the object HELLO-A.
 5. Select all importable data fields.
 6. Choose the **Import** button.

The result is your completed DEFINE DATA statement:

```

DEFINE DATA LOCAL
1 NAME (A) DYNAMIC
1 RESULT (A) DYNAMIC
END-DEFINE

```

5. Enter the PROCESS PAGE statement. The statement uses the page adapter to display the page in the web browser and to pass data to the controls on the page:

```

DEFINE DATA LOCAL
1 NAME (A) DYNAMIC
1 RESULT (A) DYNAMIC
END-DEFINE
*
PROCESS PAGE USING 'HELLO-A'
WITH NAME RESULT

```

6. Initialize the page data. In the page layout definition, the property name has been bound to the FIELD control with the label **Your Name**. For the property name, a parameter NAME has been generated into the parameter data area of the adapter. Thus, in order to preset the FIELD control, we will preset the variable NAME with the value "Application Designer".

```

DEFINE DATA LOCAL
1 NAME (A) DYNAMIC
1 RESULT (A) DYNAMIC
END-DEFINE
*
NAME := 'Application Designer'
PROCESS PAGE USING 'HELLO-A'
WITH NAME RESULT

```

7. Handle the events that can occur on the page. A template for the event handler code has been generated as a comment block into the page adapter HELLO-A. List the adapter HELLO-A and copy this comment block into your main program and terminate the program with an END statement:

```

DEFINE DATA LOCAL
1 NAME (A) DYNAMIC
1 RESULT (A) DYNAMIC
END-DEFINE
*
NAME := 'Application Designer'
PROCESS PAGE USING 'HELLO-A'
WITH NAME RESULT
*
DECIDE ON FIRST *PAGE-EVENT
  VALUE 'nat:page.end'
  /* Page closed.
  IGNORE
  VALUE 'sayHello'
  /* TODO: Implement event code.
  PROCESS PAGE UPDATE FULL
  NONE VALUE
  /* Unhandled events.
  PROCESS PAGE UPDATE
END-DECIDE
*
END

```

After the page has been displayed, the user raises events on the page by using the controls. The name of the raised event is then contained in the system variable *PAGE-EVENT. Depending on the event, the program modifies the page data, resends it to browser with a PROCESS PAGE UPDATE FULL statement and waits for the next event to occur.

The predefined event nat:page.end is raised when the user closes the page. The event sayHello is raised when the user chooses the **Say Hello** button. Previously in this tutorial, you have bound the event sayHello to this button while designing the page. The NONE VALUE block should always be defined as above. It contains the default handling of all events that are not handled explicitly.

- When the event `sayHello` occurs, we want to display a greeting in the FIELD control with the label **Result**. Therefore, we modify the variable `RESULT` (which is bound to the corresponding FIELD control in the page layout) accordingly before we resend the page data.

```

DEFINE DATA LOCAL
1 NAME (A) DYNAMIC
1 RESULT (A) DYNAMIC
END-DEFINE
*
NAME := 'Application Designer'
PROCESS PAGE USING 'HELLO-A'
WITH NAME RESULT
*
DECIDE ON FIRST *PAGE-EVENT
  VALUE 'nat:page.end'
  /* Page closed.
  IGNORE
  VALUE 'sayHello'
  /* TODO: Implement event code.
  COMPRESS 'Hello, ' NAME '!' TO RESULT
  PROCESS PAGE UPDATE FULL
  NONE VALUE
  /* Unhandled events.
  PROCESS PAGE UPDATE
END-DECIDE
*
END

```

The main program is now complete.

If you have not yet saved the program, save or stow it now with the name "HELLO-P".

- Catalog all modules in the library `CISHELLO`.

Testing the Completed Application

You will now run the application in your web browser and check whether it provides the desired result.

The generated HTML file *helloworld.html* (which is updated each time you save your layout) can be found within the root of your application project, that is in `<installdir>/cisnatfirst`.

This HTML page has some prerequisites concerning the browser workplace in which it is running. Therefore, it is per se not usable as a directly accessible page but needs to be embedded into a frame providing a defined set of functions.

It is necessary to logon to Natural before starting an application. Therefore, Natural applications are started using a logon page.

To test the application

- Enter the following URL inside your browser:

`http://localhost:8080/cisnatural/servlet/StartCISPage?PAGEURL=/cisnatural/NatLogon.html`

The logon page should now appear.

The screenshot shows a logon interface with two main sections: "Connection details" and "Change Password".

Connection details:

- Session ID: A dropdown menu with "Execute Samples" selected.
- Host name: An empty text input field.
- Port: An empty text input field.
- User name: An empty text input field.
- Password: An empty text input field.
- Natural application: An empty text input field.
- Natural parameter: An empty text input field.
- Language: A dropdown menu with "English" selected.

Change Password:

- New password: An empty text input field.
- Repeat new password: An empty text input field.

At the bottom of the form is a "Connect" button.

If the logon page is not displayed, check the following:

- URLs are case-sensitive. Double-check your input.
 - Check whether the file *NatLogon.html* is available in the directory *cisnatural*.
2. On the logon page, select the entry **Execute samples** from the **Session ID** drop-down list box. You have prepared this entry earlier in this tutorial when you have set up the runtime environment.
 3. Provide your user ID and password valid for the machine on which the Natural application will be running.
 4. In the **Natural application** text box, enter the following information, depending on your Natural platform:
 - **Natural for Mainframes**
Enter the name of the Natural program that is to be started. In our case, this is HELLO-P.
 - **Natural for UNIX**
Enter the name of the UNIX shell script that is used to start Natural. By default, this is *nwo.sh*.
 - **Natural for Windows**
Enter the name of the Windows command file (*.bat*) that is used to start Natural. By default, this is *nwo.bat*.
 5. In the **Natural parameters** text box, enter the following information, depending on your Natural platform:

- **Natural for Mainframes**

Enter the dynamic Natural profile parameters that are necessary to start your application:

```
STACK=(LOGON CISHELLO)
```

Note:

With Natural for Mainframes, is recommended to specify the Natural program that starts the application in the **Natural application** text box instead of passing it with the profile parameter STACK.

- **Natural for UNIX and Natural for Windows**

Enter the Natural command line that is necessary to start your application:

```
STACK=(LOGON CISHELLO;HELLO-P)
```

6. Choose the **Connect** button.

Your application should be started now.

7. Enter your name and choose the **Say Hello** button.

The page should now successfully "talk" to your adapter.



The screenshot shows a web application interface with two main sections: an 'Input Area' and an 'Output Area'. The 'Input Area' has a label 'Your Name' and a text input field containing the name 'Jo'. The 'Output Area' has a label 'Result' and a text output field containing the message 'Hello World, Jo !!!!'. Both sections have a dropdown arrow on the right side of their headers.

You have now completed this tutorial. See the remaining section of these *First Steps* for some background information.