## **ETRACE - External Trace Function**

This Natural profile parameter is used to activate/deactivate the (normal) external trace function or the Generalized Trace Facility (GTF) offered under z/OS and TSO.



## Warning:

Do not use this parameter without prior consultation of Software AG Support.

The trace function is intended primarily for Software AG internal use for debugging purposes. It writes trace data to an external trace dataset depending on the TP environment in which Natural is running. In batch and TSO environments, a dataset (see also *CMTRACE - Optional Report Output for Natural Tracing* in the *Operations* documentation) is required for the external trace.

Possible settings	ON	Activates the (normal) external trace function.
	OFF	Deactivates the (normal) external trace function.
	(ON,GTF)	Activates/deactivates the Generalized Trace Facility (GTF). The trace records are written to the GTF.
	(ON, NOGTF)	Activates/deactivates the (normal) external trace function.
	(,GTF)	Equivalent to ETRACE=GTF. Trace data is written to the GTF. ON or OFF is not altered.
Default setting	OFF	
Dynamic specification	yes	
Specification within session	yes	Within a Natural session, the terminal command %TRE can be used to activate/deactivate the external trace function, except GTF.