# CICS 3270 Bridge Support

This chapter of the Natural CICS Interface documentation describes the CICS 3270 Bridge support.

The following topics are covered:

- Default Support of CICS 3270 Bridge
- Full CICS 3270 Bridge Support
- NCIXFATU NCI Source Module
- Profile Parameter DSC=OFF Recommended

## **Default Support of CICS 3270 Bridge**

By default, the Natural CICS interface supports the CICS 3270 Bridge by being able to deal with "bridged devices", that is, terminals which are emulated via a CICS 3270 bridge exit.

### **Full CICS 3270 Bridge Support**

If you want full CICS 3270 Bridge support, you have to install the NCI source module NCIXFATU. Refer to the corresponding step *Assemble the Natural/CICS Interface XFAINTU Exit* in the *Installation* documentation.

#### **NCIXFATU - NCI Source Module**

The NCIXFATU module actually is a CICS XFAINTU Global User Exit (GLUE). Its purpose is to release Natural resources in case the bridge facility's keep-time has expired and an associated Natural session has not been terminated yet.

The NCIXFATU module provides the same functionality for Natural as a Node Error Program (NEP) provides for "real" terminals.

## **Profile Parameter DSC=OFF Recommended**

When you are using the CICS 3270 Bridge, you are recommended to start a Natural session with profile parameter DSC=OFF (data-stream compression for 3270-type terminals disabled) to force Natural always to send full screens rather than the delta to the previous screen.