Starting and Terminating the Configuration Utility

This document covers the following topics:

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Starting the Configuration Utility

A Natural folder automatically appears in the **Programs** folder of the **Start** menu after Natural has been installed. It contains the shortcuts for Natural, including the Natural Configuration Utility and Help. If specified during installation, several shortcuts are also available on your Windows desktop.

▶ **To start the Configuration Utility**

- From the Windows **Start** menu choose **Programs > Software AG Natural *n.n* > Configuration Utility**.

   Or:
   Use the following shortcut on your Windows desktop (only available if specified during installation).

   The **Natural Configuration Utility** window appears. See *Elements of the Configuration Utility Window* for further information.

Terminating the Configuration Utility

When you terminate the Configuration Utility and you have not yet saved your changes, a dialog appears for each changed file asking whether you want to save now.

▶ **To terminate the Configuration Utility**

- From the **File** menu, choose **Exit**.

   Or:
   Press ALT+F4.

   Or:
   From the Control menu, choose **Close**.

Or:
Choose the corresponding standard button at the right of the title bar.

Performing a Function while Starting the Configuration Utility

You can perform several functions automatically when starting the Configuration Utility.

Invoke the properties of the shortcut that is used to start the Configuration Utility. You can then specify the following functions after *natparm.exe* in the **Target** text box.

Function	Description
`exit`	Terminates the Configuration Utility.
`import=`*parameter-file*	Imports the specified parameter file.
`export=`*parameter-file*	Exports the specified parameter file.
`parm=`*parameter-file*	Selects the specified parameter file in the tree.
`save`	Saves a parameter file.
`save=`*new-parameter-file-name*	Saves a parameter file under a different name.

Multiple functions can be specified one after the other (see the examples below).

Examples

- Invoke the Configuration Utility and select the specified parameter file in the tree so that it can be edited immediately:

```
natparm.exe parm=parameter-file
```

- Invoke the Configuration Utility, select the specified parameter file in the tree, and save it as a new file with the specified name:

```
natparm.exe parm=parameter-file save=new-parameter-file-name
```

- Invoke the Configuration Utility, export the specified parameter file and terminate the Configuration Utility:

```
natparm.exe export=parameter-file exit
```

- Invoke the Configuration Utility, import the specified parameter file and save it under the name of the imported file:

```
natparm.exe import=parameter-file save
```