

# INatAutoPrograms

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## Purpose

Collection of the development objects currently open in a program editor window. This collection comprises the following development object types: program, subprogram, subroutine, function, help routine, copycode, text and class. The types are identified by a numeric ID. The IDs of predefined types are defined in the section *Predefined Node Types*.

## Properties

The following properties are available:

- Parent
- Studio
- Count

### Parent

Used to navigate to the parent interface of this interface.

Natural Data Format	Variant Type	Remark
HANDLE OF OBJECT	VT_DISPATCH (INatAutoObjects)	Get only

### Studio

Used to navigate to the root interface.

Natural Data Format	Variant Type	Remark
HANDLE OF OBJECT	VT_DISPATCH (INatAutoStudio)	Get only

### Count

The number of development objects currently open in a program editor window.

Natural Data Format	Variant Type	Remark
I4	VT_I4	Get only

## Methods

The following methods are available:

- Item
- Add
- Open

### Item

Returns a specific development object from the collection.

#### Parameters

Name	Natural Data Format	Variant Type	Remark
Return value	HANDLE OF OBJECT	VT_DISPATCH (INatAutoProgram)	
Index	I4 A	VT_I4 VT_BSTR	
Type	I4	VT_I4	Optional
Library	A	VT_BSTR	Optional
Fnr	I4	VT_I4	Optional
DBnr	I4	VT_I4	Optional

#### Return value

The development object identified by the value specified in Index.

#### Index

Identifies a specific development object in the collection. This can be either the index of the development object in the collection (a value between 1 and Count) or the name of the object.

#### Type

Used to identify a specific object by name (specified in Index) and type (specified in Type).

#### Library

Used to identify a specific object by name (specified in Index), type (specified in Type) and library (specified in Library).

**Fnr, DBnr**

Used to identify a specific object by name (specified in Index), type (specified in Type), library (specified in Library) and system file (specified in Fnr and DBnr).

**Add**

Creates a new (untitled) development object and opens it in a program editor window.

**Parameters**

Name	Natural Data Format	Variant Type	Remark
Return value	HANDLE OF OBJECT	VT_DISPATCH (INatAutoProgram)	
Type	I4	VT_I4	
Visible	L	VT_BOOL	Optional

**Return value**

The newly created development object.

**Type**

The type of object to create.

**Visible**

Decides if the editor is opened visible or not. By default, the editor is opened visible.

**Open**

Opens an existing development object in a program editor window.

**Parameters**

Name	Natural Data Format	Variant Type	Remark
Return value	HANDLE OF OBJECT	VT_DISPATCH (INatAutoProgram)	
Type	I4	VT_I4	
Name	A	VT_BSTR	
Library	A	VT_BSTR	Optional
Visible	L	VT_BOOL	Optional
ReadOnly	L	VT_BOOL	Optional

**Return value**

The newly opened development object.

**Type**

The type of object to open.

**Name**

The name of object to open.

**Library**

The library of object to open.

**Visible**

Decides whether the editor is opened visible or not. By default, the editor is opened visible.

**ReadOnly**

Decides whether the object is listed only instead of opened. In this case, the object is not locked and cannot be modified. If the option ReadOnly is specified, also the types dialog, local data area, parameter data area and global data area can be specified in the parameter Type. This is the case because Natural Studio lists also these object types in the program editor.