

SKIP

SKIP [(<i>rep</i>)] <i>operand1</i> [LINES]

This chapter covers the following topics:

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For an explanation of the symbols used in the syntax diagram, see [Syntax Symbols](#).

Related Statements: AT END OF PAGE | AT TOP OF PAGE | CLOSE PRINTER | DEFINE PRINTER | DISPLAY | EJECT | FORMAT | NEWPAGE | PRINT | SUSPEND IDENTICAL SUPPRESS | WRITE | WRITE TITLE | WRITE TRAILER

Belongs to Function Group: *Creation of Output Reports*

Function

The SKIP statement is used to generate one or more blank lines in an output report.

See also *Page Titles, Page Breaks, Blank Lines* in the *Programming Guide*.

Processing

If the execution of a SKIP statement would cause the page size to be exceeded, exceeding lines will be ignored (except in an AT TOP OF PAGE statement).

A SKIP statement is only executed if something has already been output on the page (output from an AT TOP OF PAGE statement is not taken into account here).

Syntax Description

Operand Definition Table:

Operand	Possible Structure		Possible Formats												Referencing Permitted	Dynamic Definition		
<i>operand1</i>	C	S															yes	no

Syntax Element Description:

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<i>(rep)</i>	<p>Report Specification:</p> <p>The notation <i>(rep)</i> may be used to specify the identification of the report for which the SKIP statement is applicable.</p> <p>A value in the range 0 - 31 or a logical name which has been assigned using the DEFINE PRINTER statement may be specified.</p> <p>If <i>(rep)</i> is not specified, the SKIP statement will apply to the first report (Report 0).</p> <p>For information on how to control the format of an output report created with Natural, see <i>Controlling Data Output</i> in the <i>Programming Guide</i>.</p>
<i>operand1</i>	<p>Number of Lines to be Skipped:</p> <p><i>operand1</i> represents the number (1 - 250) of blank lines to be generated. This number may be specified as a numeric constant or as the content of a numerical variable.</p> <p>If <i>operand1</i> exceeds the page size of the report, the SKIP statement will result in a newpage condition.</p>

Example

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** Example 'SKPEX1': SKIP
*****
DEFINE DATA LOCAL
1 EMPL-VIEW VIEW OF EMPLOYEES
  2 CITY
  2 COUNTRY
  2 NAME
END-DEFINE
*
LIMIT 7
READ EMPL-VIEW BY CITY STARTING FROM 'W'
  AT BREAK OF CITY
    SKIP 2
  END-BREAK
  DISPLAY NOTITLE CITY (IS=ON) COUNTRY (IS=ON) NAME
/*
END-READ
END

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Output of Program SKPEX1:

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          CITY          COUNTRY          NAME
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WASHINGTON          USA          REINSTEDT
                          PERRY

WEITERSTADT          D          BUNGERT
                          UNGER
                          DECKER

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WEST BRIDGFORD UK ENTWHISTLE

WEST MIFFLIN USA WATSON