

EDIT

This command is used to invoke a Natural editor for the purpose of editing the source form of a Natural programming object.

Three different forms of command syntax exist. These are documented in the following sections.

- Syntax 1
- Syntax 2
- Syntax 3

Related command: READ.

See also *Object Naming Conventions* in the *Using Natural* documentation.

Syntax 1

EDIT [*object-type*] [*object-name* [*library-id*]]

object-type

The following object types can be edited:

{ <u>C</u> LASS } { 4 }	<u>COPYCODE</u> <u>GLOBAL</u> <u>HELPROUTINE</u> <u>LOCAL</u> <u>MAP</u>
{ <u>P</u> ARAMETER }	<u>PROGRAM</u> { <u>S</u> UBPROGRAM } { N }
{ <u>S</u> UBROUTINE }	<u>TEXT</u> <u>VIEW</u>
{ 7 (for Function) }	

Which editor is invoked depends on the type of object to be edited:

- Local data areas, global data areas or parameter data areas are edited with the data area editor.
- Maps are edited with the map editor.
- Classes are edited with the program editor.
- `EDIT VIEW` only works in the current library and when an *object-name* is specified. If the object to be viewed is a DDM, the DDM Services are invoked.
- All other types of objects - program, subprogram, subroutine, 7 (for function), helproutine, copycode, text, description - are edited with the program editor.

Note:

The text object "description" is available on mainframes only. A description is a program description as stored and maintained in the Predict Data Dictionary; an object of this type can only be edited if Predict is installed.

The object types are described in the *Programming Guide*. The editors are described in the *Editors* documentation.

Note:

If you are in the program editor and enter `EDIT object-name` (whereas the Natural object is of type copycode, class, 7 (for function), helproutine, program, subprogram, subroutine, text), a parallel edit session will be opened. See also the description of the program editor command `NEXT`.

If you specify the name of the object you wish to edit, you need not specify its object type.

object-name

With the `EDIT` command, you specify the name of the object you wish to edit. The maximum length of the object name is 8 characters.

Note:

For DDMs, the maximum length is 32 characters.

Natural will then load the object into the edit work area of the appropriate editor and set the object name for a subsequent `SAVE`, `CATALOG`, `STOW` command.

If you do not specify an *object-name* and there is no object in the source work area, the empty program editor screen will be invoked where you can create a program. If the source work area is not empty, the object will be loaded in the appropriate editor.

library-id

If the object you wish to edit is not contained in the library you are currently logged on to, you must specify the *library-id* of the library in which the object to be edited is contained.

If Natural Security is active, a *library-id* must not be specified, which means that you can only edit objects which are in your current library.

Syntax 2

<code>EDIT [*] { * }</code> <code> [<i>object-type</i>] { <i>object-name</i> }</code>

If you do not remember the name of the object you wish to edit, you can use this form of the EDIT command to display a list of objects, and then select from the list the desired object.

<code>EDIT *</code>	displays a list of all objects in your current library.
<code>EDIT <i>object-type</i> *</code>	displays a list of all objects of that type in your current library.

To select an object from a certain range of objects, you can use asterisk notation and wildcard notation for the *object-name* in the same manner as described for the system command .

Syntax 3

<code>EDIT FUNCTION <i>subroutine-name</i></code>

The EDIT FUNCTION command may be used to edit a subroutine using the subroutine name (not the object name) with maximally 32 characters.

Note:

Please note that the keyword FUNCTION used in this syntax is not identical with the Natural object type 7 (for function) listed above. See the description of object type Function in the *Programming Guide*.

Example:

```
DEFINE SUBROUTINE CHECK-PARAMETERS
  . . .
END-SUBROUTINE
END
```

Assuming that the above subroutine has been saved under the object name CHCKSUB, you may edit subroutine CHECK-PARAMETERS either by issuing the command:

<code>EDIT S CHKSUB</code>

or by

<code>EDIT F CHECK-PARAMETERS</code>
