

# About this Documentation

This documentation describes the Configuration Utility which is used to modify global and local configuration files (for administrator use only) and to create or modify parameter files.

This documentation is organized under the following headings:

•	Starting and Terminating the Configuration Utility	How to start and terminate the Configuration Utility.
•	Working with the Configuration Utility	How to locate and change parameters, find parameters, and save changes. How to open, create, delete, export and import parameter files.
•	Overview of Configuration File Parameters	Information on the parameters that can be set in the global and local configuration files.
•	Overview of Profile Parameters	Information on the profile parameters that can be set in the parameter files.
•	Invoking Natural with an Alternative Parameter File	How to invoke Natural with your own customized parameter file.

See also: *Profile Parameter Usage* in the *Operations* documentation and *Parameter Reference*.

## Notes:

1. Parameter files are upward-compatible, but not downward-compatible. Once you have created a parameter file in a higher version of the Configuration Utility and you try to read it with a lower version, an error message will be displayed. To be able to read the file, export the file to the higher version and then import this file to the lower version of the Configuration Utility.
2. Parameter files are not compatible on different platforms. Therefore, it is not possible to copy them from one platform to another (for example, from Windows to UNIX or OpenVMS). If you want to use a parameter file on a different platform, export the file and then import this file on the target platform.