

# Object Specification - Natural DDMs

**Only applicable to remote environments located on mainframe platforms.**

This section describes the options provided in the object-specification windows for processing Natural DDMs (data definition modules).

On mainframe platforms, DDMs are stored in the FDIC system file. The DDMs to be processed by the Object Handler are located in the default FDIC file. If you want to specify a different FDIC file, use the *option-setting* clause described in the section *Direct Commands*.

For descriptions of keywords and valid input values, see also the *select-clause* described in the section *Direct Commands*.

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- Natural DDMs
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- Natural DDM Exceptions

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## Natural DDMs

The specification window for Natural DDMs provides the following items:

Item	Explanation
<b>Name</b>	The name of a DDM or a range of names: see <i>Name</i> in <i>Name, Date and Time Specification</i> .
<b>Details</b>	Invokes an additional window where you can enter further object specifications: see <i>Natural DDM Details</i> .
<b>Display FDIC</b>	This field is available in advanced-user mode only.  Displays the current FDIC setting.
<b>Set FDIC</b>	This field is available with the load or unload wizard only.  Provides a window where you can modify the current FDIC setting.
<b>Settings</b>	Only applies to functions executed in advanced-user mode.  Invokes the <b>Settings</b> window where you can specify option and parameter settings. See <i>Settings</i> .
<b>Unload file</b> or <b>Load file</b> or <b>Scan file</b>  (Server)	Only applies to functions executed in advanced-user mode.  The name of the work file to be used for the function.  See also <i>Work Files</i> .
<b>Browse</b>	Only applies to functions executed in advanced-user mode.  Invokes the browse function to select a work file from a directory.

## Natural DDM Details

The details window for Natural DDMs is used to specify further selection criteria for Natural DDMs.

For descriptions of keywords and valid input values, see also *select-clause* in the section *Direct Commands*.

The details window for Natural DDMs provides the following items:

Item	Explanation
<b>Name</b>	The name of the DDM or a range of names: see <i>Name</i> in <i>Name, Date and Time Specification</i> .
<b>DDM DBID</b>	See <b>DDM DBID</b> in <i>Natural Library Object Properties</i> .
<b>DDM FNR</b>	See <b>DDM FNR</b> in <i>Natural Library Object Properties</i> .
Date: <b>Select all objects</b>	Selects all objects, regardless of their date.
Date: <b>Select objects modified between/and</b>	See <b>Date</b> in <i>Natural Library Object Properties</i> .
Date: <b>Select objects modified on</b>	See <b>Date</b> in <i>Natural Library Object Properties</i> .
Size: <b>Select all objects</b>	Selects all objects, regardless of their size.
Size: <b>Select objects with size between/and</b>	Selects all objects with a size within the range specified in the <b>Size</b> boxes: type a value for a start size and/or an end size.
Size: <b>Select objects with size</b>	Selects all objects with a size that fits the size specified in the <b>Size</b> box.
<b>Exceptions</b>	<p>Invokes an extra window where you can specify exceptions to the selection of Natural DDMs: see <i>Natural DDM Exceptions</i>.</p> <p>Once you have specified any exceptions, you can activate them by selecting the check box to the left of the <b>Exceptions</b> button, or deactivate them by removing the mark from the check box.</p>

## Natural DDM Exceptions

The **Exceptions** window for Natural DDMs is used to specify exceptions to the selection of Natural DDMs.

All objects that match the selection criteria specified in *Natural DDMs* and *Natural DDM Details* are checked against the specifications made in the **Exceptions** window. DDMs that match *all* specifications defined as exceptions, are exempted from processing.

For descriptions of keywords and valid input values, see also *select-clause* in the section *Direct Commands*.

The **Exceptions** window for Natural DDMs provides the following items:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b>Name</b>	The name of a DDM or a range of names: see <i>Name</i> in <i>Name, Date and Time Specification</i> .
<b>User ID</b>	See <b>User ID</b> in <i>Natural Library Object Properties</i> .
<b>DDM DBID</b>	See <b>DDM DBID</b> in <i>Natural Library Object Properties</i> .
<b>DDM FNR</b>	See <b>DDM FNR</b> in <i>Natural Library Object Properties</i> .
Date: <b>Ignore date</b>	Performs no date check. Objects are processed, regardless of their date.
Date: <b>Exclude objects modified between/and</b>	See <b>Date</b> in <i>Natural Library Object Exception Properties</i> .
Date: <b>Exclude objects modified on</b>	See <b>Date</b> in <i>Natural Library Object Exception Properties</i> .
Size: <b>Ignore size</b>	Performs no size check. Objects are processed, regardless of their size.
Size: <b>Exclude objects with size between/and</b>	Exempts from processing all objects with a size within the range specified in the <b>Size</b> boxes: type a value for a start size and/or an end size.
Size: <b>Exclude objects with size</b>	Exempts from processing all objects with a size that fits the size specified in the <b>Size</b> box.