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Preface

These *Release Notes* pertain to the core functionality of NaturalONE Version 8.4, including Natural for Ajax and Ajax Developer. The following topics are covered:

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For important last-minute information, see the readme file that is provided with NaturalONE.



Note: The Release Notes for the NaturalONE components which can be installed optionally are provided separately. If available, they can be found in the documentation for the corresponding component.

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Document Conventions

Convention	Description
Bold	Identifies elements on a screen.
Monospace font	Identifies service names and locations in the format <i>folder.subfolder.service</i> , APIs, Java classes, methods, properties.
<i>Italic</i>	Identifies: Variables for which you must supply values specific to your own situation or environment. New terms the first time they occur in the text. References to other documentation sources.
Monospace font	Identifies: Text you must type in. Messages displayed by the system. Program code.
{ }	Indicates a set of choices from which you must choose one. Type only the information inside the curly braces. Do not type the { } symbols.
	Separates two mutually exclusive choices in a syntax line. Type one of these choices. Do not type the symbol.
[]	Indicates one or more options. Type only the information inside the square brackets. Do not type the [] symbols.
...	Indicates that you can type multiple options of the same type. Type only the information. Do not type the ellipsis (...).

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Using NaturalONE in Your Own Eclipse Environment

The easiest and recommended way to install NaturalONE is to make use of the Software AG Installer. However, you may prefer to make use of your already existing Eclipse environment. A short description how to achieve this can be found in the section *Using Your Own Eclipse* in the *Installation* documentation.

Installation

The Software AG Designer 10.3, which includes NaturalONE, uses Eclipse Version 4.7.3a. If you prefer to use NaturalONE in your existing Eclipse environment, Eclipse Version 4.7.3a is required. In addition, Java 1.8 is required. See also *Using Your Own Eclipse* in the *Installation* documentation.

Support of Windows 7 Professional Edition - x86-64

NaturalONE Version 9.1.1 under Windows 7 Professional Edition - x86-64 will be supported until January 31st, 2020.

Basic Functionality for Natural Application Development

This section describes new features and enhancements in NaturalONE's basic functionality for Natural application development. It covers the following topics:

- [Renamed and Modified Option in the Runtime Execution Preferences](#)
- [Clean Project on Update from Repository](#)
- [File Transfer](#)

Renamed and Modified Option in the Runtime Execution Preferences

The option **Expand Natural server view on reconnect** has been enhanced and renamed to **Restore Natural Server View**.

For further details please refer to *Runtime Execution* in *Setting the Preferences*.

Clean Project on Update from Repository

When a Natural project in the workspace is updated from a repository location the *.natural* file of the project may also be modified.

Depending on the setting of the preference **Update project properties automatically on .natural file modification** in the Natural Project preferences, the new properties coming with the updated *.natural* file are propagated to the project and will immediately come into effect.

On changes of the runtime properties, the project's server environment may possibly no longer be in synch with the project's builder information, e.g. Natural objects existing in the project in the workspace may be missing in the new server environment. This may lead to Natural errors on the project's build, update or upload functions. Executing the function **Clean** function in a project ensures that the project in the workspace will be in synch with the server environment.

The **Clean** function is now executed automatically for a project when one of the following properties is changed in the *.natural* file:

- Host Name
- Port Number
- Session Parameters
- FUSER

Prerequisite

The preference **Update project properties automatically on .natural file modification** must be checked in the Natural Project preferences.

Properties Dialog

The automatic **Clean** of a project is not performed when the projects server environment is modified using the **Properties** dialog. Here the user must take care on his own and issue the **Clean** function for the project manually when the modifications have been done.

For further details on the **Clean** function see also *Understanding the Behavior of the Natural Builder, Builder* in the Natural preferences and *Modifying Objects in the Natural Environment or in the Repository*.

File Transfer

NaturalONE now supports File Transfer. This functionality is currently only available when executing applications on mainframe-based NDV (Natural Development) servers.

Refer to *File Transfer* in section *Setting the Preferences* for details.

Deploying Natural Applications

This section describes new features and enhancements in the NaturalONE deployment area. It covers the following topics:

- [Switching the Security Mode](#)
- [Using Project References](#)
- [Scratching Objects on the Server](#)
- [Writing a History Log File](#)
- [Creation of SYSOBJH Workplans](#)
- [Recognition of the FNAT SYSTEM Library](#)
- [Handling of Upload Errors](#)
- [Performance of the NaturalONE Deployment Run](#)
- [Starting the Deployment from the Command Line](#)

Switching the Security Mode

The security mode used in the NaturalONE deployment wizard can now be switched independently from the mode set in the Natural server environment. Refer to the description given under *Steplibs* in the section *Using the Deployment Wizard for Natural Applications* for details.

Using Project References

References between NaturalONE projects can now be handled also in the NaturalONE deployment scripts. See section *Project References* in the section *Using the Deployment Wizard for Natural Applications* and *Project References Handling* for detailed information.

Scratching Objects on the Server

The NaturalONE deployment scripts can now record the deletion of objects in the workspace and scratch the corresponding objects on the server during the next deployment run. See the description for the option **Scratch server objects** description under *General Settings* in the section *Using the Deployment Wizard for Natural Applications*.

Writing a History Log File

The NaturalONE deployment scripts can be enabled to write history log files during processing. For more information refer to *Logging* in the section *Using the Deployment Wizard for Natural Applications*.

Creation of SYSOBJH Workplans

The NaturalONE deployment scripts can be enabled to generate SYSOBJH workplans which can be used to replay the actions performed by the NaturalONE deployment scripts in pure server environments. For more information refer to *Logging* in the section *Using the Deployment Wizard for Natural Applications*.

Recognition of the FNAT SYSTEM Library

The NaturalONE deployment scripts can now handle the special file number "-2" which can be used to refer to the SYSTEM library in FNAT. See *Steplibs* in the section *Using the Deployment Wizard for Natural Applications* for details.

Handling of Upload Errors

Upload errors that occur during the NaturalONE deployment run are now handled similar to catalog or stow errors so that the corresponding object is marked for a retry during the next deployment run.

Performance of the NaturalONE Deployment Run

During NaturalONE deployment runs with incremental mode enabled the objects that need to be processed have to be calculated depending on the scope level that has been selected (see *Controlling the Scope of Files to be Processed* for details). The performance of these calculations has been enhanced, especially for large applications with many objects and especially for the initial (first) deployment run.

Starting the Deployment from the Command Line

In addition to the already required JAR files for running the deployment script, another new JAR file is required now. For more information refer to *Prerequisites* in the section *Starting the Deployment from the Command Line*.

Natural for Ajax / Ajax Developer

This section describes new features and enhancements in Natural for Ajax and Ajax Developer. It covers the following topics:

- [Responsive Tab Controls](#)
- [BMOBILE:ALERT](#) with new Property duration
- [BMOBILE:PANEL](#) with new Property foldedprop
- [BMOBILE:FORMAREA](#) with new Properties legendprop, visibleprop and invisiblemode
- [BMOBILE:FORMAREA](#) with new Properties textid and nameprop
- [BMOBILE:FORMGROUP](#) with new Properties visibleprop and invisiblemode
- [BMOBILE:CHECKBOX](#) with new properties
- [New Responsive Control BMOBILE:RADIOBUTTON](#)
- [New Responsive MEDIA Controls](#)
- [New Responsive Side Navigation Controls](#)
- [BMOBILE:NAVBAR](#) with new Property brandstraighttext
- [BMOBILE:SIMPLEGRID](#) with Editable Columns
- [DATEINPUT2: Custom Holiday Rendering](#)
- [DATEINPUT2](#) with new Property popuponF4F7
- [DATEINPUT](#) and [DATEINPUT2](#) support Property testtoolid
- [NaturalAjax Samples](#)
- [PDF Reports - Upgrade to Version FOP 2.2](#)
- [CSVCOLUMN](#) supports Properties njx:natname and njx:natstringtype
- [Responsive Style Guide](#)

Responsive Tab Controls

A set of responsive tab controls has been added:

- [BMOBILE:TABPANE](#),
- [BMOBILE:VERTICALTABPANE](#),
- [BMOBILE:TAB](#),
- [BMOBILE:TABSUBPAGES](#),
- [BMOBILE:VERTICALTABSUBPAGES](#),
- [BMOBILE:STRAIGHTTAB](#),

■ BMOBILE:PAGER.**BMOBILE:ALERT with new Property duration**

For the BMOBILE:ALERT control, you can now define the duration after which the alert box will disappear.

BMOBILE:PANEL with new Property foldedprop

For the BMOBILE:PANEL container, you can now control the folded state dynamically from your Natural program.

BMOBILE:FORMAREA with new Properties legendprop, visibleprop and invisiblemode

For the BMOBILE:FORMAREA container, you can now control the visible state and the name of the legend dynamically from your Natural program.

BMOBILE:FORMAREA with new Properties textid and nameprop

For the BMOBILE:FORMAREA container, you can now dynamically define the name from your Natural program and from multilanguage files.

BMOBILE:FORMGROUP with new Properties visibleprop and invisiblemode

For the BMOBILE:FORMGROUP container, you can now control the visible state and the name of the legend dynamically from your Natural program.

BMOBILE:CHECKBOX with new properties

Some advanced properties have been added to the BMOBILE:CHECKBOX control.

New Responsive Control BMOBILE:RADIOBUTTON

A responsive radio button control BMOBILE:RADIOBUTTON is now available.

New Responsive MEDIA Controls

The responsive controls BMOBILE:VIDEO, BMOBILE:MEDIAUPLOAD and corresponding sub-controls have been added to integrate and upload media objects.

New Responsive Side Navigation Controls

The controls BMOBILE:SIDENAV, BMOBILE:NAVTREE and BMOBILE:SIDENAVCONTENT support the implementation of responsive side navigation using a responsive navigation tree.

BMOBILE:NAVBAR with new Property brandstraighttext

For the BMOBILE:NAVBAR control, you can now set text and images as value of the brandprop property. Via the new property brandstraighttext you can distinguish between the representation.

BMOBILE:SIMPLEGRID with Editable Columns

The BMOBILE:SIMPLEGRID control now supports editable columns. See the corresponding sample in the Natural Ajax Demos for details.

DATEINPUT2: Custom Holiday Rendering

Support to render custom holidays in different style has been added to the DATEINPUT2 control. For details, please refer to the new properties HOLIDAYS* and the corresponding sample in the Natural Ajax Demos.

DATEINPUT2 with new Property popuponF4F7

For the DATEINPUT2 control, you can now customize whether or not the calendar should open on using the F4 or F7 key.

DATEINPUT and DATEINPUT2 support Property testtoolid

The DATEINPUT and DATEINPUT2 controls now support the property testtoolid.

NaturalAjax Samples

The samples now contain an additional user interface component with performance hints for non-responsive layouts and containers.

PDF Reports - Upgrade to Version FOP 2.2

FOP 2.2. is now used for the PDF report generation in Natural for Ajax. This version requires more Java memory. When using this feature you might have to increase the configuration settings for Java memory in your web application server.

For details concerning Java memory settings, please refer to the documentation of your web application server.

CVSCOLUMN supports Properties `njx:natname` and `njx:natstringtype`

The CVSCOLUMN control now supports the properties `njx:natname` and `njx:natstringtype`.

Responsive Style Guide

For responsive pages a style guide is now available. You find the latest version in the NaturalAjaxDemos NaturalONE project.

Natural Tools and Utilities

The new SYSUTIL utility enables you to start selected Natural tools and utilities from NaturalONE. In general, it starts character based tools on the server side. Additionally, it offers new rich GUI interfaces to the SYSEXT and SYSEXV utilities and a rich GUI tool to retrieve error messages.

The list of tools provided in SYSUTIL can be extended so that it also shows your own tools and applications.

For detailed information see *Using Natural Tools and Utilities* in the *Using NaturalONE* documentation.

NaturalONE in a Citrix Environment

NaturalONE can be installed and is supported running under Windows Remote Desktop Services on all from Software AG supported Windows Server Platforms allowing parallel user access via Windows remote desktop connections. NaturalONE is also intended to be installed and to run on Citrix Xenapp environments. However issues caused by NaturalONE that are related to the Citrix Xenapp environment or its configuration need to be reproduced under Windows Remote Desktop Services on a currently supported Windows Server platform first before further analysis can take place.

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Basic Functionality for Natural Application Development

This section describes new features and enhancements in NaturalONE's basic functionality for Natural application development. It covers the following topics:

- [Enhanced RTL Language Support](#)
- [SSL Support](#)
- [Support Old Internal Data Area Format](#)
- [Customizable Coloring in the Map Editor](#)

Enhanced RTL Language Support

The support for right-to-left (RTL) languages has been enhanced. In particular, the bidirectional settings such as layout orientation, visual order and Arabic shaping are now maintained on a per-project basis. As such, they can be exported to a Natural project file (.natural) together with the other project properties and persisted in a user's source repository. In addition, these settings are initialized from the current server settings if possible, in order to reduce the time and effort required for configuration.

This is reflected in modified options when setting NaturalONE preferences and/or changing the properties of Natural projects in local mode. Refer to *Regional Settings* in *Setting the Preferences* and *Regional Settings* in section *Changing the Project Properties* of *Managing Natural Projects* for further details.

SSL Support

It is now possible to establish SSL-secured connections to Natural Development (NDV) servers (running on version 9.1.2 or above).

This is reflected in modified options when setting NaturalONE preferences and/or changing the properties of Natural projects in local or server mode. Refer to *Using SSL* for further details.

Support Old Internal Data Area Format



Note: The following only applies when Natural for UNIX Version 9.1.2 and above or Natural for Windows Version 9.1.2 and above are being used as a development server.

During upload or update to the server, all types of data area sources (local, parameter and global) will no longer be converted into the old internal data format but will be saved as defined with the NaturalONE Source Editor. Therefore the option **Support old internal data area format** will be ignored. For details refer to *Options* in section *Natural* under *Setting the Preferences* for details.

Customizable Coloring in the Map Editor

It is now possible to customize the colors of specific syntax elements displayed in the map editor. Refer to *Map Editor* under *Setting the Preferences* for details.

Natural Tools and Utilities

The list of Natural tools and utilities now also comprises the following:

Tool	Platform
Adabas Event Replicator	Mainframe
Adabas Online System	Mainframe
Adabas Review	Mainframe
Adabas Statistics Facility	Mainframe
Natural Ajax Demos	Windows
Natural Security	All
Predict Application Audit	Mainframe
Predict Application Control	Mainframe
zIIP Statistics	Mainframe

A tool is only shown if the corresponding application is installed.

- [Security Validation](#)
- [Setting Filters](#)

Security Validation

If an entry in the list of Natural tools and utilities derives from an XML member delivered by Software AG (which are named `SAG-*.XML`), it will only be displayed in the list of tools if Natural Security (if used) allows you to log on to the given library and execute the given command.

Setting Filters

If you add your own tools to the list of the Natural tools and utilities, you may specify filters so that the tool is only listed if certain conditions are met.

For further information, see *Extend the List of Tools and Utilities*.

Natural for Ajax / Ajax Developer

This section describes new features and enhancements in Natural for Ajax and Ajax Developer. It covers the following topics:

- [New Ajax Configuration Parameter `urlopenstreetmapgeocoder`](#)
- [AUTOCOMPLETE supports limiting the results shown in a drop-down box](#)
- [DATEINPUT2 with new Properties `stylevariant` and `displayprop`](#)
- [New Control REPORT2](#)
- [New Ajax Configuration Parameter `maxserverlogage`](#)
- [Support for editable columns in BMOBILE:SIMPLEGRID](#)
- [ROWTABLEAREA2 supports Export to Clipboard and File](#)
- [ROWTABLEAREA2 supports Icon Bars](#)
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- [Layout Painter - Error Property Selection](#)
- [Ajax Developer Supported in Natural Navigator View](#)
- [Grouping of Objects Supported for Ajax Enabled Natural Projects](#)

New Ajax Configuration Parameter `urlopenstreetmapgeocoder`

You can now adapt the third party geocoder URL in the Ajax configuration file if needed.

AUTOCOMPLETE supports limiting the results shown in a drop-down box

The AUTOCOMPLETE control now enables you to limit the results shown in the drop-down box. The AUTOCOMPLETE control now also has a new property `maxresults`. The FIELD control now has a new property `autocompleteresultsref`.

DATEINPUT2 with new Properties `stylevariant` and `displayprop`

DATEINPUT2 now supports the properties `stylevariant` and `displayprop` in the same way as the FIELD control.

New Control REPORT2

The REPORT2 control supports PDF report generation in responsive and non-responsive design. In difference to the REPORT control, it does not require to additionally render the data in the HTML pages.

New Ajax Configuration Parameter maxserverlogage

Automatic cleanup of *ServerLog*.log* files is now supported. You can configure the maximum storage age of *ServerLog*.log* files in days in the Ajax configuration file.

Support for editable columns in BMOBILE:SIMPLEGRID

BMOBILE:SIMPLEGRID now fully supports editable columns also on small devices.

ROWTABLEAREA2 supports Export to Clipboard and File

In ROWTABLEAREA2, all or just the selected items can now be copied to the clipboard or exported to a file. See *Export to Clipboard and File* in the description of the ROWTABLEAREA2 control grid for further details.

ROWTABLEAREA2 supports Icon Bars

ROWTABLEAREA2 supports the new controls ICONBAR, ICONBARLINE, TOCLIPBOARDICON, TOFILEICON and BLOCKSCROLLINGBAR. See *Icon Bars* in the description of the ROWTABLEAREA2 control grid for further details.

Layout Generation Enhancements

Performance of Layout generation has been improved. Also the analysis of generation errors has been simplified. See the new attribute `htmlgeneratorlog` in the *Ajax Configuration* section.

Switch off Server Logging

You can now switch off writing log information to the server log. See `loglevel` in the *Ajax Configuration* section.

New Responsive Control BMOBILE:ICONCOL

BMOBILE:SIMPLEGRID now supports icon columns. See BMOBILE:ICONCOL for details.

Responsive Modal Controls

A set of responsive modal controls has been added:

- BMOBILE:INTMODAL,
- BMOBILE:INTMODALHEADER,
- BMOBILE:INTMODALBODY,
- BMOBILE:INTMODALFOOTER.

Icon Support in Responsive Controls

Many responsive controls now support icons as values for name/nameprop or as value for other text based properties. For examples see the Natural for Ajax Demos.

Layout Painter - Error Property Selection

On double-click in the **Problems** view now not only the control but also the erroneous property is selected in Layout Painter.

Ajax Developer Supported in Natural Navigator View

Ajax functionality is now supported in the Natural Navigator View.

Grouping of Objects Supported for Ajax Enabled Natural Projects

The grouping of objects by object type is now also supported for Ajax enabled projects.