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Preface

This documentation describes how to test business services, subprograms, subroutines, and maps in the NaturalONE environment. It is organized under the following headings:

Release Notes	Information on new features and enhancements.
Prerequisites	Prerequisites for application testing.
Getting Started	A brief introduction to application testing. How to test a simple subprogram, how to save it as a unit test file, and how to generate an Ant script from the unit test file.
Features of the Test Editors	Describes the features of the test editors for business services and subprogram, such as navigation options and toolbar icons.
Test a Business Service or Subprogram Directly	How to run a business service or subprogram by analyzing the parameters in a test editor.
Create a Unit Test for a Business Service or Subprogram	How to create a Natural unit test for a business service or subprogram.
Create an External Data Unit Test	How to create a unit test that accepts input and/or validations from a CSV file.
Create a Sequence Unit Test	How to create a special type of unit test that executes a sequence of test steps in a specified order.
Test an External Subroutine	How to test an external subroutine using either a subprogram or a program that calls a subprogram.
Test a Natural Map	How to test a map as you would on the server.
Setting Preferences for Application Testing	Describes the preferences you can set for the test functions, such as setting preferences for logging unit test results and synchronizing local resources with those on the server.
Creating Ant Scripts to Run Unit Tests	How to create XML-based Ant scripts to run unit test files.

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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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These *Release Notes* pertain to the Application Testing component of NaturalONE version 9.1.

What's New in Version 9.1.3

Eclipse-Independent Application Testing

It is now possible to execute a Natural unit test bed with an Ant script outside the context of a NaturalONE/Eclipse environment. This is especially important for providing full DevOps support if you also want to execute test cases unattended in a lean command line environment. This extension will also simplify the integration of Natural unit test processing with continuous integration tools like Jenkins.

The functionality of writing Natural unit test cases is already covered by NaturalONE. However, this has now been extended with a new Natural unit test Ant Script wizard, which can be used to generate Ant based testing scripts. These scripts support several targets like *checkout* for checking out a test project or *unittest* for executing a Natural unit test bed.

For testing purposes, you can now also execute a testing Ant script inside NaturalONE via the Eclipse built in **Run As Ant Script** functionality. The results of a test run will be displayed in the **Console** view.

Refer to [Creating Ant Scripts to Run Unit Tests](#) for further details.

3 Prerequisites

When the Application Testing component of NaturalONE has been installed, you can use the test functions supplied with NaturalONE. If this component has not yet been installed, use the Installer to install it.

The tests are run using the EntireX RPC mechanism. While many details are hidden, you must have some knowledge of EntireX RPC to run the tests.

To test subprograms and business services directly, and to create unit tests for subprograms and business services, a Natural RPC server is required. The Natural Development Server cannot be used in this context. If you are testing items in a project connected to the local Natural runtime environment, a special connection via RPC must be made.

As a business service cannot be tested in the local Natural runtime environment without a full local installation of Natural Business Services, the tests are simulated locally by calling the subprogram directly.



Note: Some keywords like `IN`, `OUT` or `INOUT` have a special meaning in EntireX and therefore cannot be used in subprograms as group or parameter names when they are going to be tested. Please refer to *Rules for Coding Group and Parameter Names* in section *Software AG IDL Editor* of the *EntireX* documentation for a full list of these keywords.

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Getting Started

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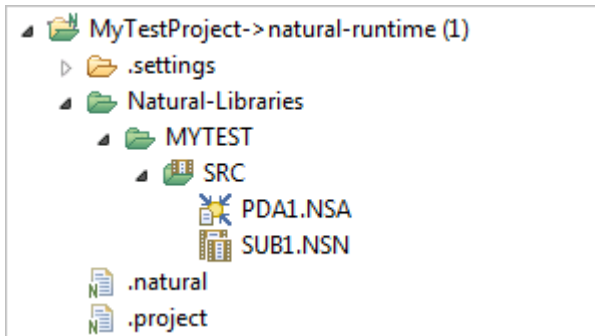
General Information

This is a brief introduction to working with the Application Testing component of NaturalONE. It explains how to test a simple subprogram, how to save it as a unit test file, and how to generate an Ant script from the unit test file. You can then use the Ant script, for example, with your automated nightly tests. It is assumed that you use the local RPC server which is automatically started when you start NaturalONE.



Note: Testing business services is not in the scope of this introduction. However, this works similarly.

The topics below assume that you have created a Natural project which uses the local Natural runtime. This Natural project contains a library with two objects, a subprogram and a parameter data area (PDA).



Testing is illustrated using the following simple subprogram:

```
DEFINE DATA PARAMETER
USING PDA1
END-DEFINE
#result := #var1 + #var2
END
```

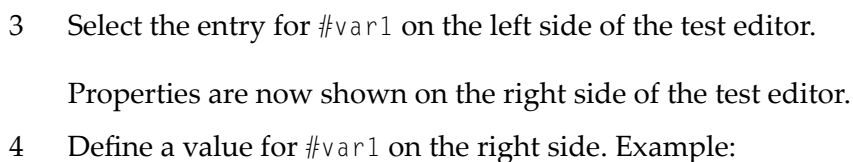
where the subprogram calls the following PDA:

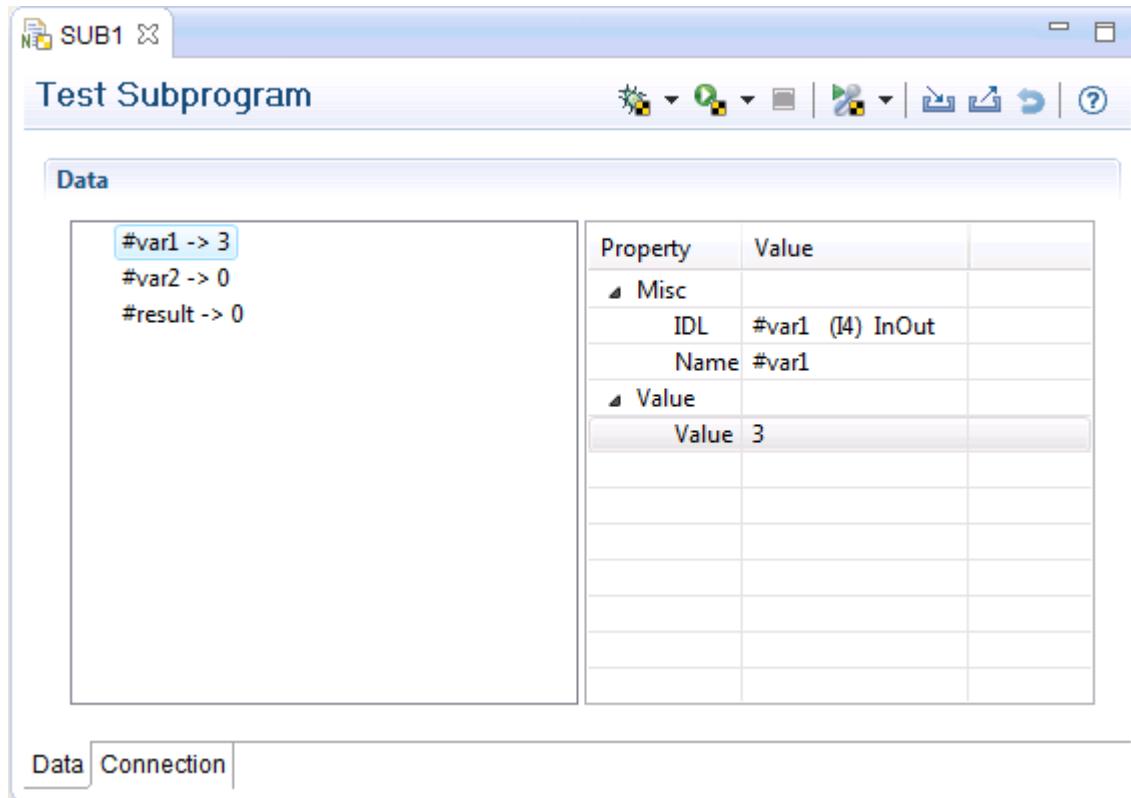
```
DEFINE DATA PARAMETER
1 #var1 (I4)
1 #var2 (I4)
1 #result (I4)
END-DEFINE
```


Do not forget to build your Natural project before you start testing.

- > **To test a subprogram**

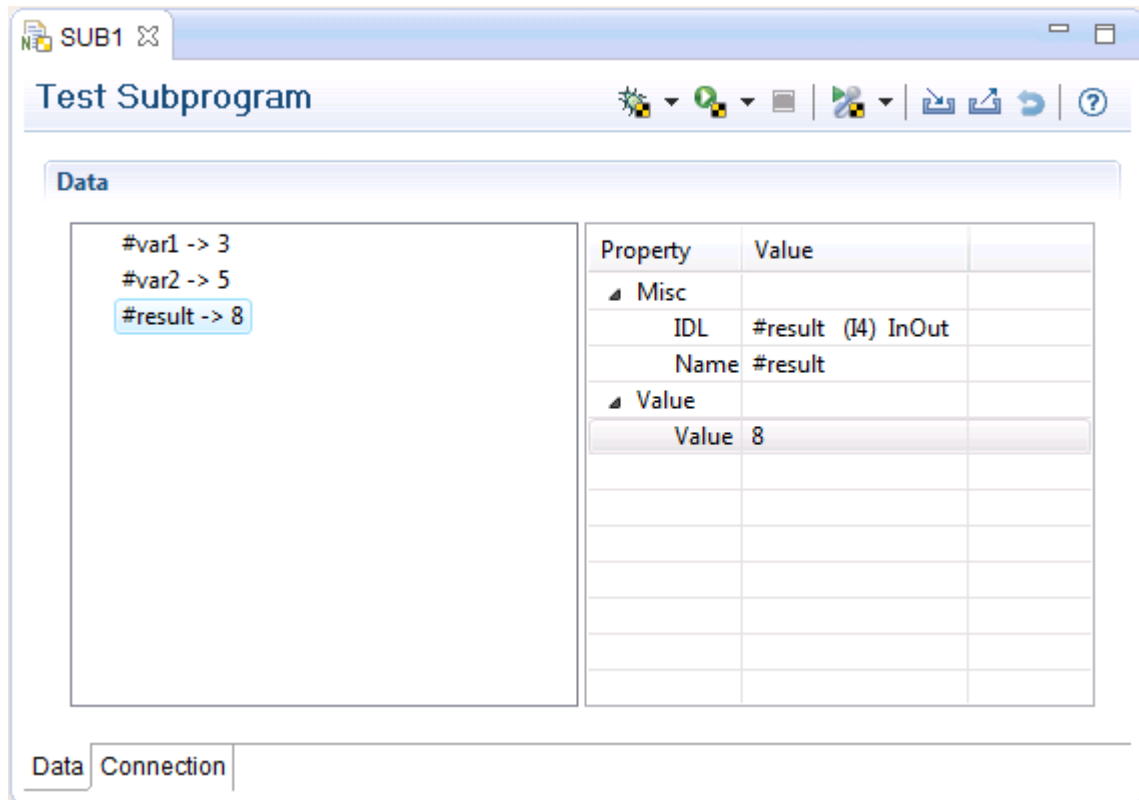
- The test editor appears.





- 5 Select the entry for `#var2` on the left side of the test editor, and define a value on the right side.
- 6 Choose the  (Run Test) button in the local toolbar of the test editor.

The result value is now shown. Example:



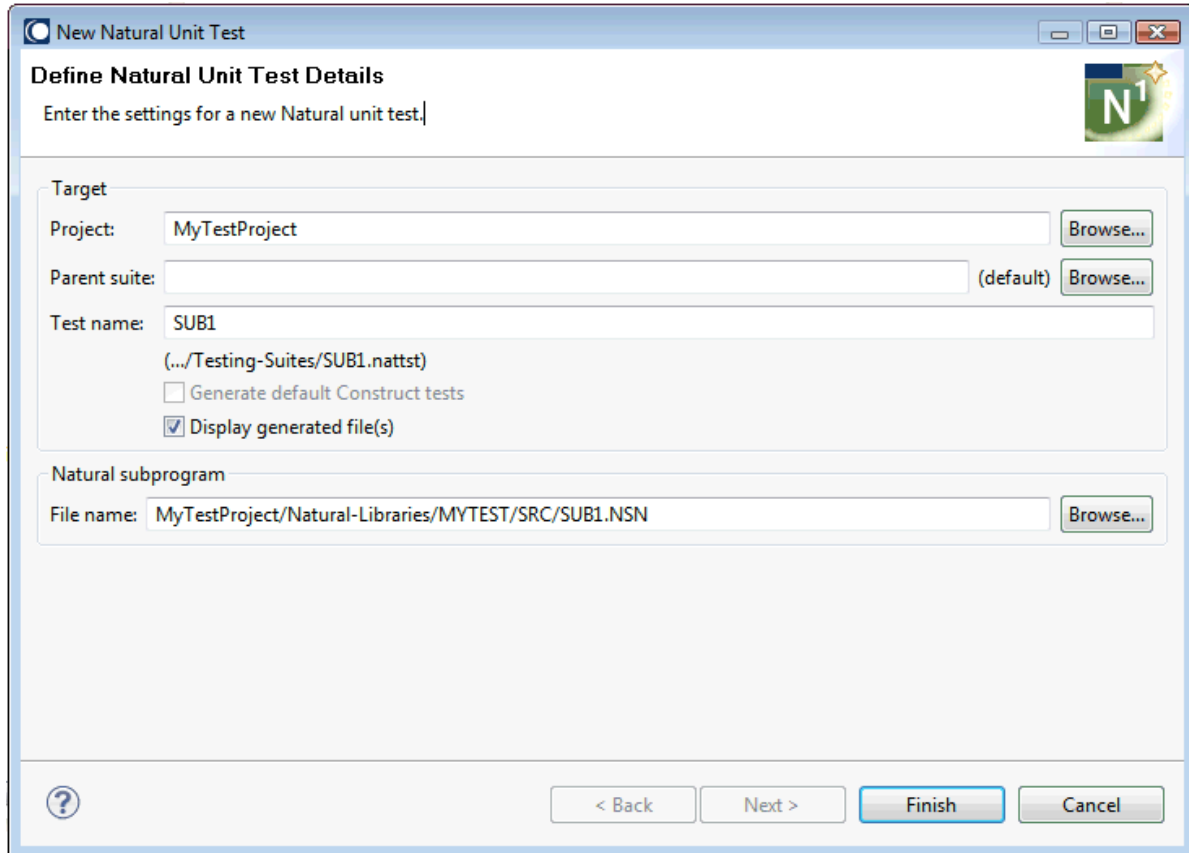
Creating a Unit Test

After defining the input and output parameters for the test, you can save this as a unit test.

➤ To create a unit test

- 1 Make sure that the editor with your previous test is active.
- 2 From the **File** menu, choose **Save As**.

The **New Natural Unit Test** dialog appears.

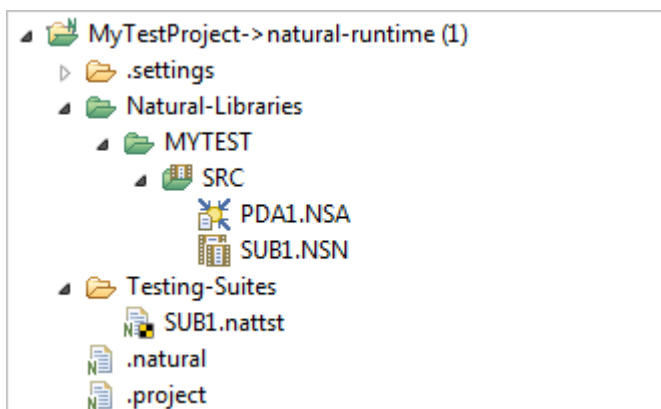


The name of the subprogram is automatically provided as the name for the unit test. For now, you need not change any information.

- 3 Choose the **Finish** button.

A folder named **Testing-Suites** is automatically created in the project. This folder is always created when you create the first unit test in a project.

The unit test is stored in the new **Testing-Suites** folder. Unit tests for subprograms (also called "Natural unit tests") have the extension *.nattst*.



The generated unit test file is automatically shown in the unit test editor (provided that you have not deselected the **Display generated file(s)** in the **New Natural Unit Test** dialog).

The screenshot shows the Natural Unit Test Editor window with two tabs: 'SUB1' and 'SUB1.nattst'. The 'Summary' tab is active, displaying the following configuration:

- Natural**
 - Library: MYTEST
 - Subprogram: SUB1
- Connection**
 - Broker ID: localhost:1971
 - Server: RPC/NATSRV2800/CALLNAT
- Input**
 - #var1 -> 3
 - #result -> 8
 - #var2 -> 5
- Validation**
- Error**
 - ☐ Expect error
 - Error class:
 - Error code:
 - Message: ☐ Regex

At the bottom, there are five tabs: 'Summary', 'Connection', 'Input', 'Validation', and an empty tab.

The **Summary** tab shows the information that will be used for the test.

You can save the test for later reuse. For example, you can use it as the basis for an Ant script. Before you save the test, however, you have the possibility to change information on the following tabs:

- **Summary**

You can allow a test to pass with an expected error.

- **Connection**

You can define a different RPC environment for your test.

- **Input**

You can change the input fields that are to be sent to the server.

- **Validation**

You can configure the fields that are to be tested after the call to the server has been made.

Detailed information these tabs is provided later in this documentation.

- 4 Use the standard Eclipse functionality to save your changes. For example, press CTRL+S.

Running a Unit Test

After you have created the unit test, you can run it in order to check whether it works as expected.

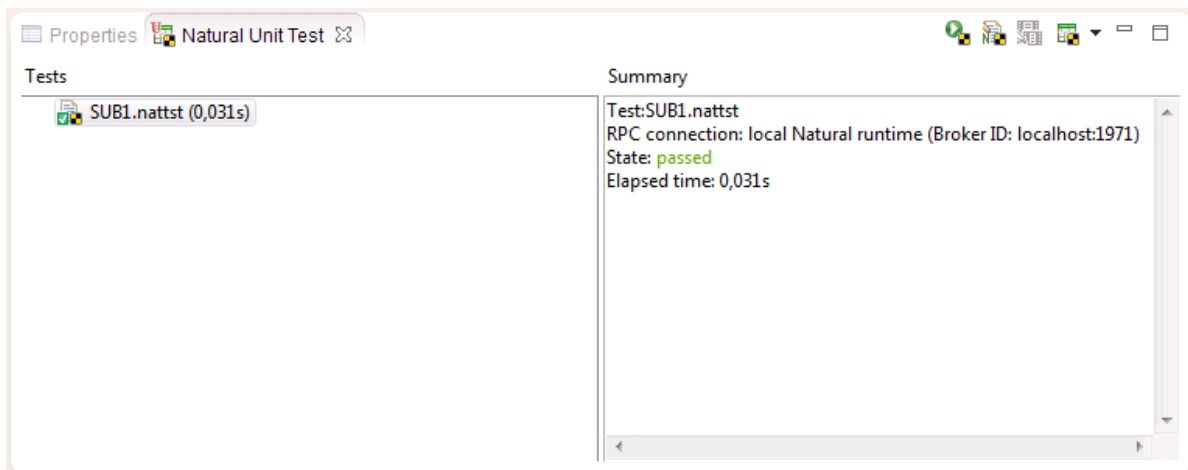
> To run a unit test

- Choose the  button in the local toolbar of the unit test editor.

Or:

In the **Project Explorer** view, select the file with the extension *.nattst*, invoke the context menu and choose **Testing > Run Unit Test(s)**.

The **Natural Unit Test** view is automatically opened the first time you run a unit test. Example:



When the test was successful, the state "passed" is shown.

Generating an Ant Script

You can generate XML-based Ant scripts which run your unit test files.

➤ **To generate an Ant script**

- 1 In the **Project Explorer** view, select the project where your test was created.
- 2 Invoke the context menu and choose **New > Other**.
- 3 In the resulting dialog box, expand **Software AG > Testing** and then choose **Natural Unit Test Ant Script**.

The following dialog appears.

New Natural Unit Test Ant

Create a Natural Unit Test Ant Script

This wizard creates a Natural Unit Test Ant Script

Project:

Natural Unit test ant file selection

Natural Unit test file:

Environment

Rpc environment:

☐ Enable fail-on-error for Ant script

Root directory:

For now, leave the provided settings as they are.

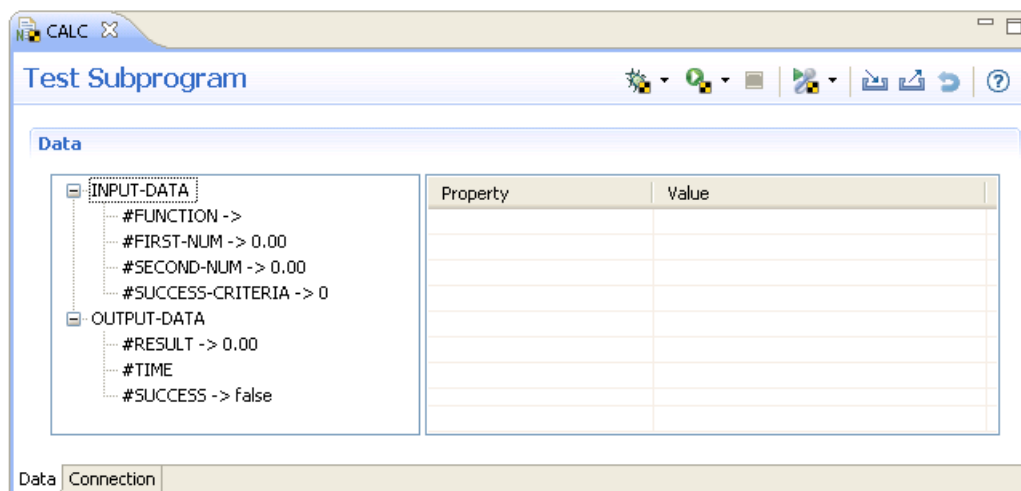
- 4 Choose the **Finish** button.

As a result the *unittest.xml* file is created in the Natural project folder. This file contains the Natural Unit Test Ant script. Detailed information on the available properties is provided later in this documentation under [Creating Ant Scripts to Run Unit Tests](#). Usually, you run this file outside of Eclipse via the command line.

5 Features of the Test Editors





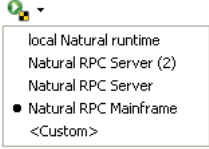






This section describes the features of the test editors, such as navigation options and toolbar icons. The following example shows the **Test Subprogram** editor. The test editors are similar for both business services and subprograms; the main differences between the editors are that the Debug option is not available in the **Test Business Service** editor and you can select the method to test (which can change which subprogram is tested internally).

In this example, the INPUT-DATA and OUTPUT-DATA fields have been expanded:



Keyboard navigation is supported in all editors. In the example above, you can use keys on the keyboard to move from one field to another in the tree view and/or navigate to the table on the right to add or edit values.

The following table describes each of the options available on the editor toolbar:

Toolbar Icon	Description
 	<p>Debugs the current subprogram using the NaturalONE debug attach server and the current values defined in the editor. For information, see Debug a Subprogram Directly.</p> <p>Note: This toolbar icon is only visible in the Test Subprogram editor and when the Use debug attach server option is selected in the Eclipse Preferences > Software AG > Natural > Debug Attach Settings window; it is not available in the Test Business Service editor.</p>
 	<p>Runs the current file using the values defined in the editor. Use the down arrow to display the available environments in which to run the test and select a different environment. For example:</p> 
	<p>Stops the current test.</p>
	<p>Records the test data for export to a CSV file (file extension <i>.csv</i>), which can then be used as input for an external data unit test. After selecting this option, either the record function for the test will begin or the Define External Test Details panel will be displayed to define the external data unit test. To change details about the recording, select the down arrow. For example:</p>  <p>The Define External Test Details panel is displayed. For more information, see Export Test Data to a CSV File.</p>
	<p>Exports test data (field names and values) from the data tree in the test editor view to a new or existing test data file (extension <i>.tstdata</i>) in the workspace. For information, see Export Test Data.</p>
	<p>Imports an existing test data file in the workspace to the data tree in the test editor view by matching field names in the imported test data file to field names in the editor tree. For information, see Import Test Data.</p>
	<p>Resets all data values and structures to their default values.</p>

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This section describes how to test a business service or subprogram directly. It provides an easy way to run a business service or subprogram by analyzing the parameters, displaying them in a test editor (tester), and allowing you to change the input values. You can then run the test and verify the return values.

Test a Business Service Directly

This section describes how to test a business service directly.

The following topics are covered:

- [Test the Service](#)
- [Define Date and Time Details](#)
- [Define Connections](#)
- [Define Additional RPC Environments](#)
- [Save as a Business Service Unit Test](#)



Note: The subprograms used for the service must be available locally. If they are not available locally, download them from the server.

Test the Service

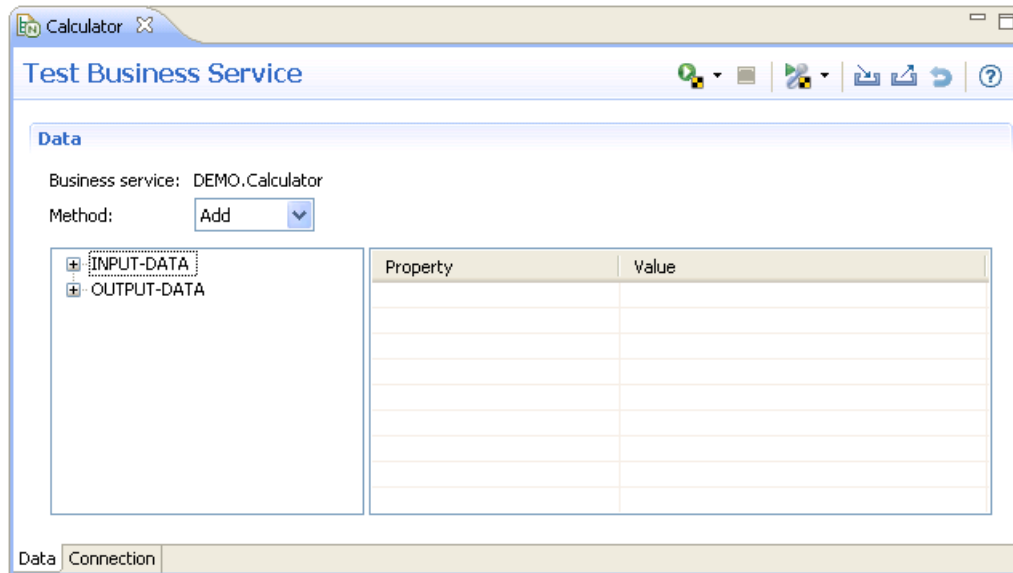
➤ To test a business service directly


- 1 Open the context menu for the business service in the **Project Explorer** view.
- 2 Select **Testing**.

The testing options for business services are displayed.

- 3 Select **Test Business Service**.

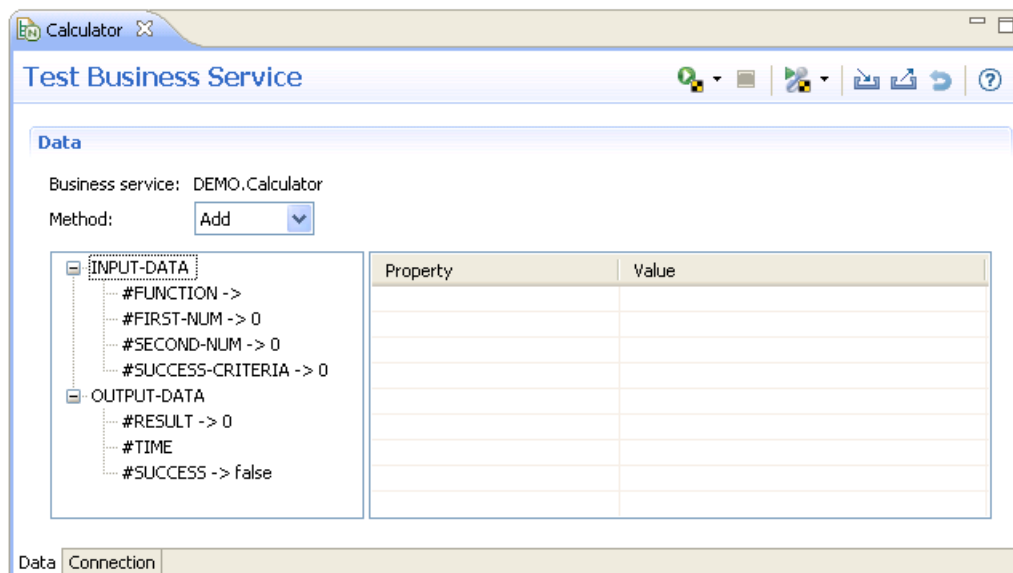
The business service is displayed in the editor view. For example:



 **Note:** For information on using this editor, see [Features of the Test Editors](#).

- 4 Expand the **INPUT-DATA** and **OUTPUT-DATA** nodes.

The **Data** tab displays the properties and values defined for each parameter used in the test. For example:






- 5 Select each input and output field to use in the test and define the value for the **Value** property.

For example:

Parameter	Value
FIRST-NUM	2
SECOND-NUM	3
RESULT	5
SUCCESS	true (select Value to change the value from false to true)

Optionally, you can:

Task	Procedure
Define test data for another method used by the business service.	Select the method in Method . Note: Changing the method may change which subprogram is tested; the parameters may also change.
Define input parameters for the test.	Expand the INPUT-DATA node and provide input values for each property in Property and Value .
Define output parameters for the test.	Expand the OUTPUT-DATA node and provide output values for each property in Property and Value .
Reset all data values and structures to their default values.	Select the Reset Data toolbar icon. For example: 
Enter date and/or time details.	See Define Date and Time Details .
Run the test in another environment.	See Define Connections .
Interrupt a test that continues to run with no response.	Select the Stop Test toolbar icon. For example: 
Export and import test data for business services and subprograms.	See Export/Import Test Data .
Record test data and then export it to a CSV file (file extension <i>.csv</i>).	See Export Test Data to a CSV File .

- 6 Select  to start the test.

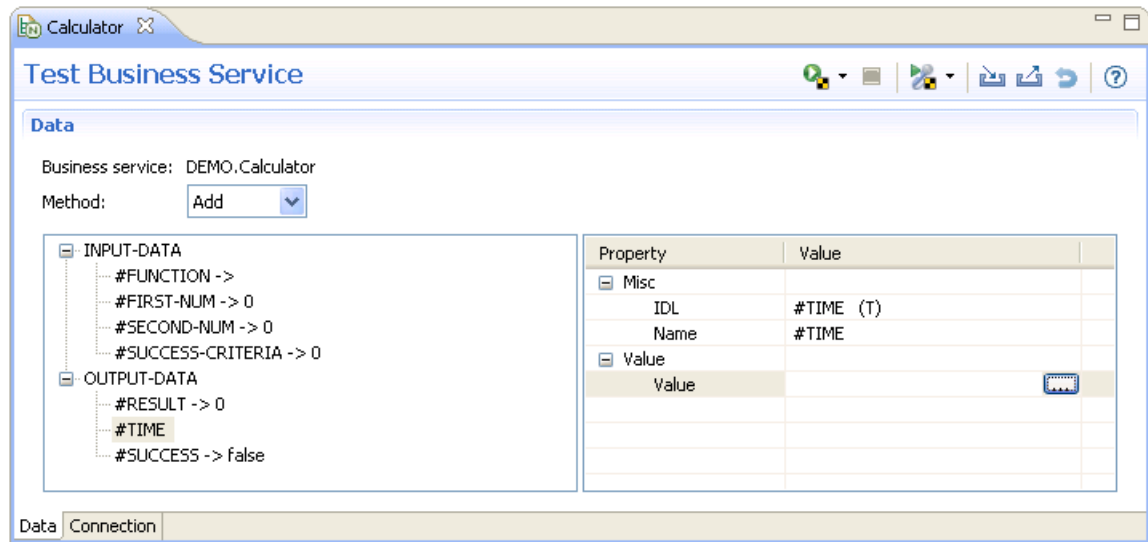
Define Date and Time Details


When defining the value for a date and/or time field in a subprogram used by a business service, a window is displayed to enter details about the date or time. This section describes how to access and define details about a date or time field.

➤ To define details about a date or time field

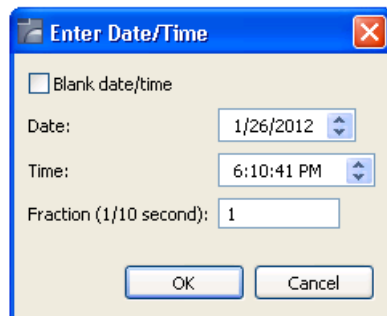
- 1 Select **Value** for a date or time field in the testing editor.

For example:



- 2 Select  in the **Value** column.

The **Enter Date/Time** window is displayed. For example:



By default, the current date and time are displayed. Optionally, you can:

Task	Procedure
Blank out date and time information when testing business services or subprograms.	Select Blank date/time .
Change the date used for the test.	<p>To change the month, select the up or down arrow for Date.</p> <p>To change the day, select the day portion of Date and then select the up or down arrow.</p> <p>To change the year, select the year portion of Date and then select the up or down arrow.</p>

Task	Procedure
Change the time used for the test.	<p>To change the hour, select the up or down arrow for Time.</p> <p>To change the minute, select the minute portion of Time and then select the up or down arrow.</p> <p>To change the second, select the second portion of Time and then select the up or down arrow.</p>
Use tenths of a second to define the time used for the test.	Enter the number of tenths of a second in Fraction .

Define Connections

This section describes the **Connection** tab in the editor view. This tab is used to maintain information about the environment in which the test will run.

➤ To define the connection settings

- 1 Select the **Connection** tab for the test.

For example:

Connection

Connection Settings

RPC environment: **Natural RPC Mainframe**

Note: To maintain values for this setting, see Preferences/SoftwareAG/EntireX/RPC Environments.

☐ Custom settings

Custom connection

Broker ID: **IBM2.HQ.SAG:4010**

Server: **RPC/NBS53DEV/CALLNAT**

User ID: **PWRUSR**

Password:

☒ Natural logon required

RPC user ID: **PWRUSR**

RPC password:

☒ Set project steplibs

Data **Connection**

This tab shows the current connection settings for the RPC environment. For this example, the settings define a Natural RPC Mainframe environment derived directly from NaturalONE, as well as settings indicating how the RPC server will be started.

- 2 Select the environment in which to run the test in **RPC environment**.

This value defines the name of an EntireX RPC connection configured in Eclipse.



Note: The list of environments is defined in the **Preferences** window for RPC environments. For information on adding additional environments to the list, see [Define Additional RPC Environments](#).

Or:

Select **Custom settings** and define the custom connection as follows:

Setting	Description
Broker ID	Broker identifier. Each installation of EntireX is assigned a Broker ID. This number uniquely identifies EntireX to your network. If you do not know the Broker ID, ask the network administrator for your organization.
Server	Name of the Broker server used to logically describe a server (rather than the name of the program that implements the server). This allows you to change the program name without affecting the client programs that use the service.
User ID	User identifier the server will use to assign the corresponding fields in the EntireX control block when making calls using the EntireX ACI (Advanced Communication Interface).
Password	Password value the server will use to assign the corresponding fields in the EntireX control block.
Natural logon required	Determines whether a Natural logon is required.
RPC user ID	User identifier the EntireX RPC server will use to connect with the Natural server.
RPC password	Password value the EntireX RPC server will use to connect with the Natural server.

- 3 Use the **Set project steplib** check box to indicate whether the steplib from the Natural project are set in the RPC server environment. If checked, the Natural Development Server is used. If not checked, only the RPC server environment is used, without Natural Development Server.



Note: Keep in mind that the Natural Development Server used by the project must always be accessible when the value is checked. The Natural Development Server is accessed to check the development mode settings for the steplib consolidation. These steplib are then passed to the RPC server.

- 4 Save the connection settings.

Define Additional RPC Environments

You can define additional RPC environments.

For information on installation of EntireX see *Installation > Installing NaturalONE > Installing EntireX*.

Information on how to add additional RPC environments can be obtained at the IBM documentation website, <https://www.ibm.com/docs/en/entirex> > *EntireX Natural wrapper > RPC Environment Manager for Natural RPC Server*.

Save as a Business Service Unit Test

After defining the input and output parameters for the test, you can save it as a business service unit test.

> To save the test as a business service unit test

- 1 Select **Save As** on the **File** menu.

The **Define Business Service Unit Test Details** panel is displayed. For example:

New Business Service Unit Test

Define Business Service Unit Test Details
Enter the settings for a new business service unit test.

Target

Project:

Parent suite:

Test name:
(.../Testing-Suites/Calculator.bsrvtst)

☐ Generate default Construct tests

☒ Display generated file(s)

Business service

Service file:

Method:

- 2 Provide details for the unit test.

For information, see [Create a Unit Test for a Business Service](#).



Note: You can create Ant scripts to run unit tests (file extension *.bsrvtst*, *.exttst*, *.nattst*, and *.segtst*). For information, see [Creating Ant Scripts to Run Unit Tests](#).

Test a Subprogram Directly

This section describes how to test a subprogram directly.

The following topics are covered:

- [Access the Test Function](#)
- [Access the Debug Function](#)
- [Save as a Natural Unit Test](#)



Note: The subprogram must be available locally. If the subprogram is not available locally, download it from the server.

Access the Test Function

➤ To access the function to test a subprogram directly

- 1 Open the context menu for the subprogram in the **Project Explorer** view.

Or:

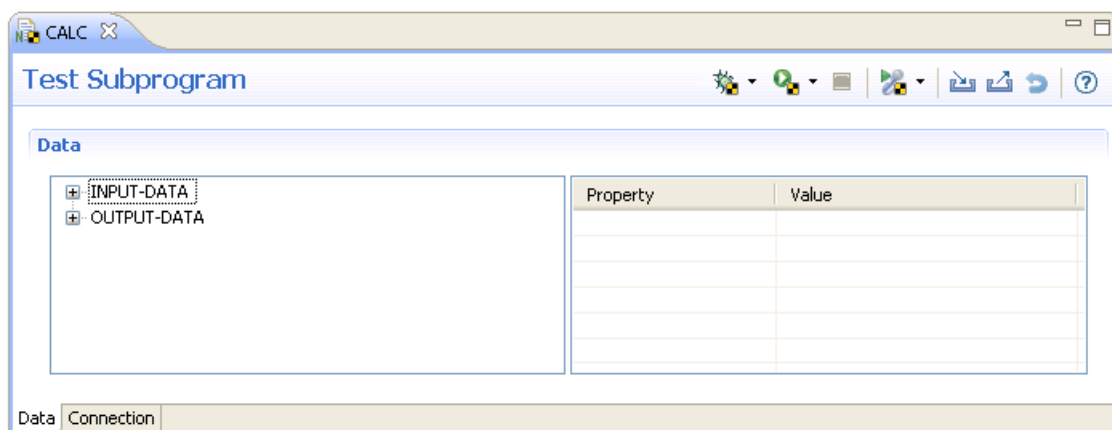
Open the context menu for the subprogram in the editor view.

Or:

Open the context menu for the subprogram in the **Dependencies** view.

- 2 Select **Testing > Test Subprogram**.

The subprogram is displayed in the editor view. For example:



This editor functions in the same way as the **Test Business Service** editor. The differences between this editor and the **Test Business Service** editor is that this editor includes the Debug toolbar icon and the business service editor has an option to select the method (which can change which subprogram is tested internally).



Note: For information on using this editor, see [Features of the Test Editors](#) and [Test a Business Service Directly](#).

Access the Debug Function

This section describes how to access the Debug option from the **Test Subprogram** editor.



Note: To activate the Debug function, the **Use debug attach server** option must be selected in the Eclipse **Preferences > Software AG > Natural > Debug Attach Settings** window.

> To access the Debug function

- 1 Open the context menu for the subprogram in the **Project Explorer** view.

Or:


Open the context menu for the subprogram in the editor view.

Or:

Open the context menu for the subprogram in the **Dependencies** view.

- 2 Select **Testing > Test Subprogram**.

The subprogram is displayed in the editor view.

- 3 Select  on the editor toolbar to debug the subprogram using the values currently defined in the editor.

When a breakpoint is reached, the Debug perspective is displayed. For more information, see [Debug a Subprogram Directly](#).

Save as a Natural Unit Test

After defining the input and output parameters for the test, you can save it as a Natural unit test.

> To save the test as a Natural unit test

- 1 Select **Save As** on the **File** menu.

The **Define Natural Unit Test Details** panel is displayed. For example:

New Natural Unit Test

Define Natural Unit Test Details

Enter the settings for a new Natural unit test.

Target

Project:

Parent suite: (default)

Test name:
 (.../Testing-Suites/CALC.nattst)

☐ Generate default Construct tests

☒ Display generated file(s)

Natural

Subprogram:

- 2 Provide details for the unit test.

For information, see [Create a Unit Test for a Subprogram](#).



Note: You can create Ant scripts to run unit tests (file extension *.bsrvtst*, *.exttst*, *.nattst*, and *.segtst*). For information, see [Creating Ant Scripts to Run Unit Tests](#).

Debug a Subprogram Directly

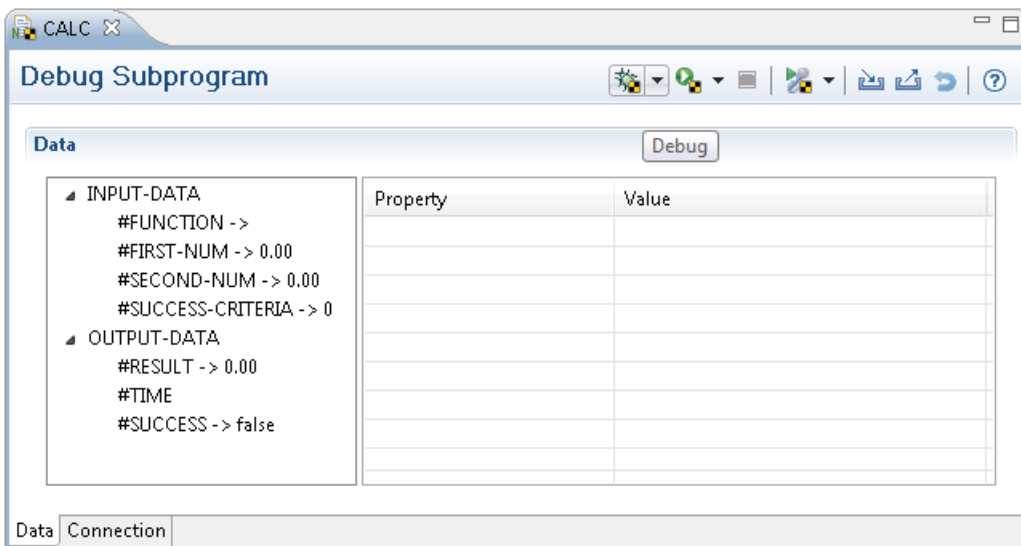
This section describes how to debug a subprogram via RPC using the NaturalONE debugger and the values currently defined in the editor.

Note: To activate the **Debug** context menu, the **Use debug attach server** option must be selected in the Eclipse **Preferences > Software AG > Natural > Debug Attach Settings** window.


- > To debug a subprogram

- 1 Open the context menu for the subprogram in the **Project Explorer** view.
- 2 Select **Debug As > Natural Application**.

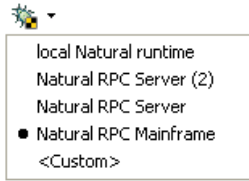
The subprogram is displayed in the editor view. For example:



This editor functions in the same way as the **Test Subprogram** editor.

- 3 Select the down arrow for  to select the environment in which to debug the current file using the values defined in the editor.

For example:



- 4 Select  to debug the current file using the values defined in the editor.

When a breakpoint is reached, the Debug perspective is displayed.



Tip: If you receive a WAIT timeout occurred error message, try increasing the timeout value for the selected RPC connection in the Eclipse **Preferences > Software AG > EntireX > RPC Environments** window. You can continue debugging in the Debug perspective when the editor receives the WAIT timeout error.



Notes:

1. For information on using this editor, see [Features of the Test Editors](#) and [Test a Subprogram Directly](#).
2. For information on using a debug attach server, see *Using the Debugger* in *Using NaturalONE*.

Export/Import Test Data

This section describes how to export and import test data for a business service and subprogram, which allows you to populate the test data quickly without re-entering each field name. These options are:

- Export test data (field names and values) from the test editor data tree to a new or existing test data file (extension *.testdata*) in the workspace.



Note: The *.testdata* files can be stored anywhere in the workspace.

- Import an existing test data file in the workspace to the test editor (matching field names in the imported file to field names in the editor).

This section covers the following topics:

- [Export Test Data](#)

■ [Import Test Data](#)

Export Test Data


➤ To export test data to the workspace

- 1 Open the context menu for the business service (or subprogram) in the **Project Explorer** view.

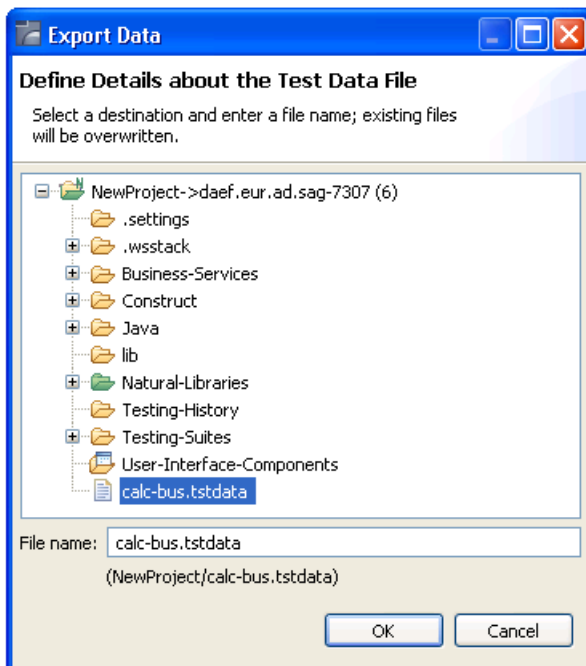
The testing options are displayed.

- 2 Select **Test Business Service** (or **Test Subprogram**).

The business service (or subprogram) is displayed in the editor view.

- 3 Select  on the editor toolbar.

The **Define Details about the Test Data File** window is displayed. For example:



- 4 Select the location in which to export the test data file.

The last exported *.tstdata* file is selected.



Note: To overwrite data, select an existing file.

- 5 Type the name of the test data file in **File name**.

By default, the ".tstdata" extension is added to the file name.

- 6 Select **OK** to export the test data file.

If the test data file currently exists (as shown in the example above), an overwrite confirmation dialog is displayed.

Example

The following example shows sample input for a business service test:

Test Business Service

Business service: DEMO.Calculator

Method: Add

Data

INPUT-DATA

- #FUNCTION ->
- #FIRST-NUM -> 2
- #SECOND-NUM -> 3
- #SUCCESS-CRITERIA -> 0

OUTPUT-DATA

- #RESULT -> 5
- #TIME
- #SUCCESS -> true

Property	Value
Misc	
IDL	#SUCCESS (L)
Name	#SUCCESS
Value	
Value	true

Data Connection

After exporting the data, the following test data (.tstdata) file is created:

```
INPUT-DATA.#FIRST-NUM=2
INPUT-DATA.#SECOND-NUM=3
OUTPUT-DATA.#RESULT=5
OUTPUT-DATA.#SUCCESS=true
```

You can modify this file using key=value pairs (for example, FIELD=value). If the key begins with a hash character (#), then the field name must be preceded by a \ character (for example, \#FIELD=value) or the field will be skipped. All other hash characters (such as CUSTOMER.#NAME=value) do not require the \ character.



Tip: Using this file as an example, you can create test data files for all the functions, save the files using appropriate names, and then change the values accordingly.

Import Test Data


➤ To import test data from the workspace

- 1 Open the context menu for the business service (or subprogram) in the **Project Explorer** view.

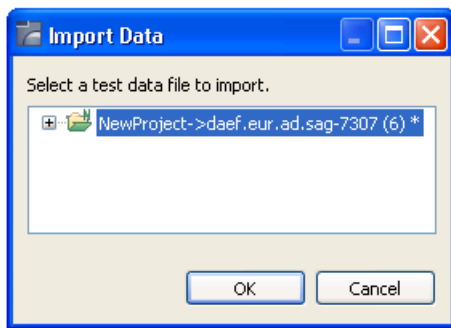
The testing options are displayed.

- 2 Select **Test Business Service** (or **Test Subprogram**).

The business service (or subprogram) is displayed in the editor view.

- 3 Select  on the editor toolbar.

The **Import Data** window is displayed. For example:



- 4 Select the test data file to import (only projects/folders containing test data files are listed).
- 5 Select **OK** to import the file.

Any field in the imported test data file that does not have a matching field in the test editor tree, or has a matching field containing an invalid value, will not be imported and will not stop the import process. If this situation occurs, an Error log warning is displayed showing problem fields.

Export Test Data to a CSV File

This section describes how to record the data used to test a business service or subprogram directly and then export it to a CSV file (file extension *.csv*). You can then use this file as input to create an external data unit test. For information, see [Create an External Data Unit Test](#).

➤ To record the test data and export it to a CSV file

- 1 Open the context menu for the business service (or subprogram) in the **Project Explorer** view.

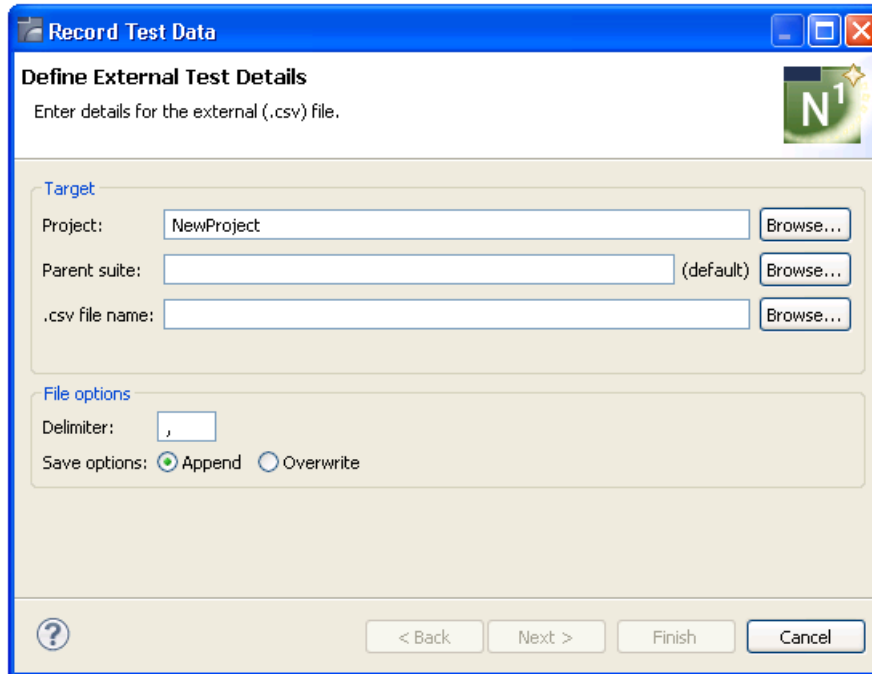
The testing options are displayed.

- 2 Select **Test Business Service** (or **Test Subprogram**).

The business service (or subprogram) is displayed in the editor view.

- 3 Select  on the NaturalONE toolbar to begin recording.

The **Define External Test Details** panel is displayed. For example:



- 4 Type the name of the external data file in **.csv file name** or select **Browse** to display a window listing the available files for selection.

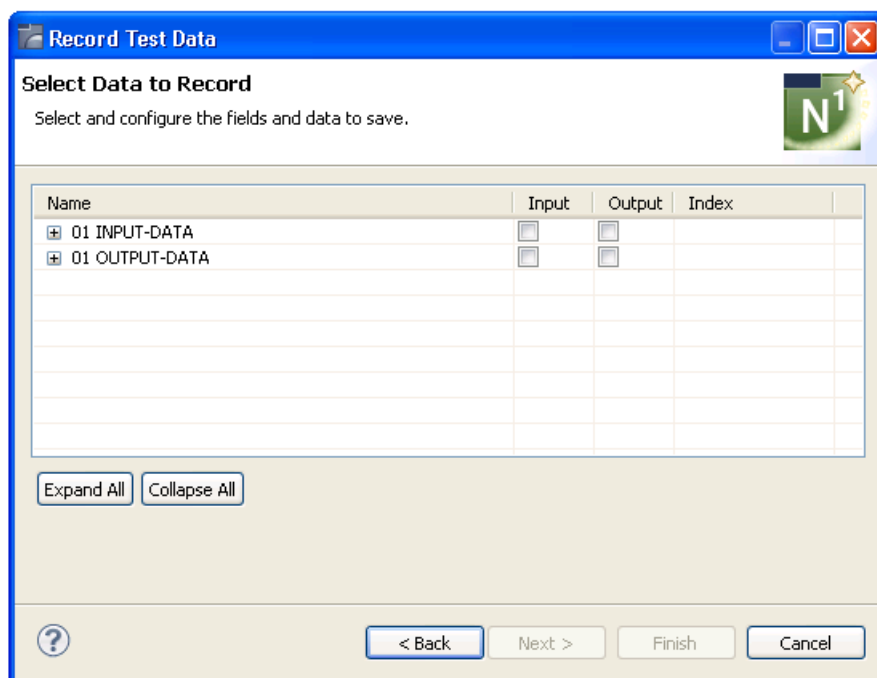
Optionally, you can use the **Define External Test Details** panel to:

Task	Procedure
Change the name of the project in which to create the external data file.	Type the name of the Natural project in Project or select Browse to display a window listing the existing projects for selection. Note: The project must currently exist.
Provide the name(s) of a subfolder(s) in which to save the external data file. If the folder does not currently exist, it will be created for you.	Type the name of the folder in Parent suite or select Browse to display a window listing the available folders for selection. By default, the external data file is stored in the Testing-Suites folder in the current project. If you specify

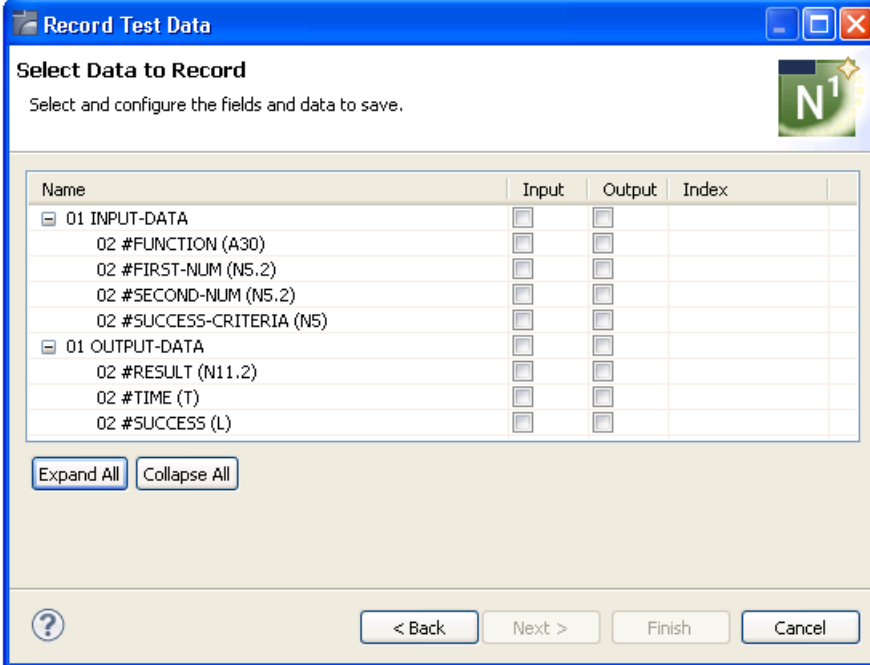
Task	Procedure
	a suite folder name, it becomes a subfolder in the Testing-Suites folder and the file will be stored in that folder.
Change the delimiter character used to separate input values in the external data file you are generating.	Type the character in Delimiter .
Replace test data in an existing CSV file (file extension <i>.csv</i>) with new data.	Select "Overwrite" in Save options . Note: If you specify the name of an existing file in .csv file name and the Save options is "Append" (default), the test data is appended to existing test data in the file. If the mode is "Overwrite", existing test data in the file will be overwritten.

5 Select **Next**.

The **Select Data to Record** panel is displayed. For example:

6 Select **Expand All**.

The level 1 fields are expanded to display the lower level fields. For example:




Record Test Data

Select and configure the fields and data to save.

Name	Input	Output	Index
01 INPUT-DATA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
02 #FUNCTION (A30)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
02 #FIRST-NUM (N5.2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
02 #SECOND-NUM (N5.2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
02 #SUCCESS-CRITERIA (N5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
01 OUTPUT-DATA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
02 #RESULT (N11.2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
02 #TIME (T)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
02 #SUCCESS (L)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Expand All Collapse All

< Back Next > Finish Cancel

 **Note:** To collapse the fields, select **Collapse All**.

- 7 Select **Input** and/or **Output** for each level 1 field you want to include in the recording.

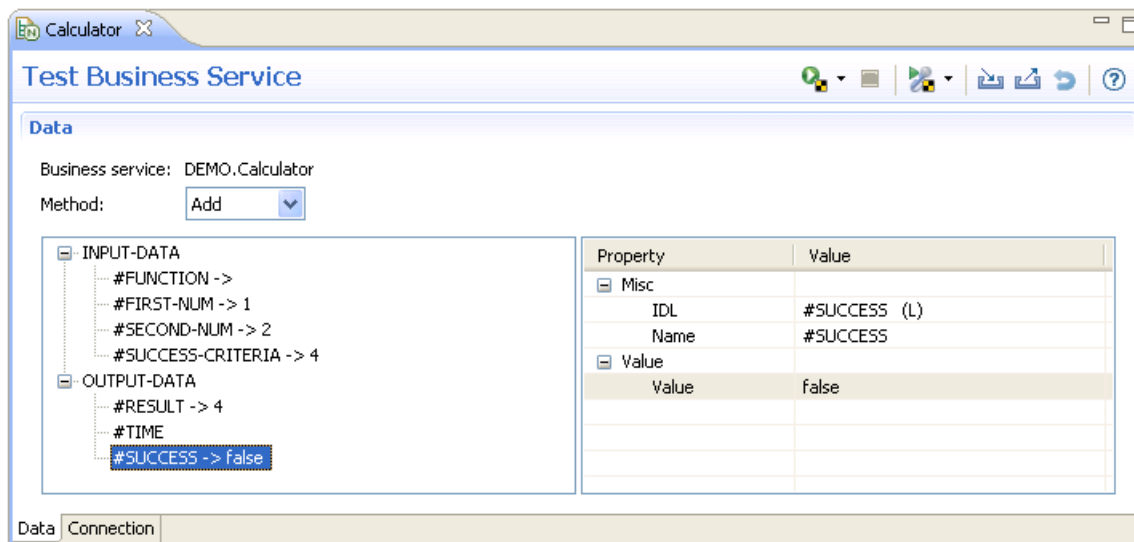
Only the selected data for each field will be saved.

- 8 Provide index values in **Index** for any array fields.
- 9 Select **Finish** to begin recording.

The **Recording** icon changes to  on the toolbar.

- 10 Define the test data in the editor view.


For example:



 **Note:** For information on using this editor, see [Features of the Test Editors](#) and [Test a Business Service Directly](#).

- 11 Select  to run the test.

Repeat steps 10 and 11 for each test containing data you want to record.

- 12 Select  to stop recording.

The generated CSV file is displayed in the **Testing-Suites** node in the **Project Explorer** view.

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Create a Unit Test for a Business Service or Subprogram

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This section describes how to create a Natural unit test for a business service or subprogram. This allows you to specify a business service or subprogram to test, supply input values, and then provide validation criteria for the output of the call (for example, you can supply two numbers as the input values and a value for the result field as the validation criteria).



Note: You can create Ant scripts to run unit tests (file extension *.bsrvtst*, *.exttst*, *.nattst*, and *.segtst*). For information, see [Creating Ant Scripts to Run Unit Tests](#).

Enable for Application Testing

When you create a new unit test, the Natural project containing the test is automatically enabled for application testing. This will create the **Testing-Suites** folder in the **Project Explorer** view and provide warning markers on existing unit test files that are not in the **Testing-Suites** folder or its subfolders. This section describes how to manually enable a Natural project for application testing.

➤ To enable a Natural project for application testing

- 1 Open the context menu in the **Project Explorer** view for the Natural project containing the business service or subprogram you want to test.
- 2 Select **Testing > Enable for Application Testing**.

The **Testing-Suites** folder is added to the project. All new unit tests will be generated into this folder (or subfolder).

Create a Unit Test for a Business Service

This section describes how to create a unit test for a business service.

The following topics are covered:

- [Create the Unit Test](#)
- [Configure Input Parameters](#)
- [Define Validations](#)
- [Run the Unit Test](#)
- [Open a Previous Unit Test](#)
- [Run a Unit Test in Another Environment](#)
- [Test for an Expected Error](#)

- [Test an Array Field](#)

Create the Unit Test

➤ To create a unit test for a business service

- 1 Open the context menu for the Natural project containing the business service in the **Project Explorer** view.

Or:

Open the context menu for the business service in the **Project Explorer** view.

- 2 Select **Testing**.

The test options for business services are displayed.

- 3 Select **Create Unit Test**.

The **Define Business Service Unit Test Details** panel is displayed. For example:

New Business Service Unit Test

Define Business Service Unit Test Details
Enter the settings for a new business service unit test.

Target

Project:

Parent suite:

Test name:
(.../Testing-Suites/Calculator.bsrtst)

☐ Generate default Construct tests

☒ Display generated file(s)

Business service

Service file:

Method: ▼

Using this panel, you can:

Task	Procedure
Change the name of the project in which to create the unit test.	Type the name of the Natural project in Project or select Browse to display a window listing the existing projects for selection. Note: The project must currently exist.
Provide the name(s) of a subfolder(s) in which to save the unit test. If the folder does not currently exist, it will be created for you.	Type the name of the folder in Parent suite or select Browse to display a window listing the available folders for selection. By default, the unit test is stored in the Testing-Suites folder in the current project. If you specify a suite folder name, it becomes a subfolder in the Testing-Suites folder and the unit test will be stored in that folder.
Change the default name for the unit test.	Type a new name in Test name . File names are saved with the <i>.bsrvtst</i> extension.
Generate default unit tests for object-maintenance functions and/or object-browse keys defined for business service subprograms.	Select Generate default Construct tests . This option is enabled when the unit test will be created for a business service that uses Velocity or Construct-generated object-browse or object-maintenance subprograms. For information, see Generate Default Unit Tests .
Not display the generated files in the editor view after generation.	Deselect Display generated file(s) .
Change the location of the folder containing the business service file.	Type or select a new folder in Service file .
Select a different method to test.	Select the method in Method .

4 Select **Finish**.

The unit test is displayed in the **Testing-Suites** folder in the **Project Explorer** view.

The test is also displayed in the editor view. For example:

Calculator.bsrtst

Summary

▼ **Natural**

Project: NewProject
 Business service: DEMO.Calculator.v1.1.1
 Method: Add

▼ **Connection**

Broker ID: localhost:1971
 Server: RPC/NATSRV2800/CALLNAT

▼ **Input**

▼ **Validation**

▼ **Error**

☐ Expect error

Error class:

Error code:

Message: ☐ Regex

Summary | Connection | Input | Validation

The **Summary** tab displays information about the test, such as the name of the project, business service, and method. It also displays the default connection settings. To define another connection in which to run the test, see [Define Connections](#).



Note: You can use this tab to define an expected error, which allows a test to pass whenever the expected error occurs. You can also use the tab to search for specified text in an error message. For information, see [Test for an Expected Error](#).

- 5 Select the **Input** tab and define which input parameters are sent to the server.

For information, see [Configure Input Parameters](#).

- 6 Select the **Validation** tab and define which values must be returned for a successful test.

For information, see [Define Validations](#).



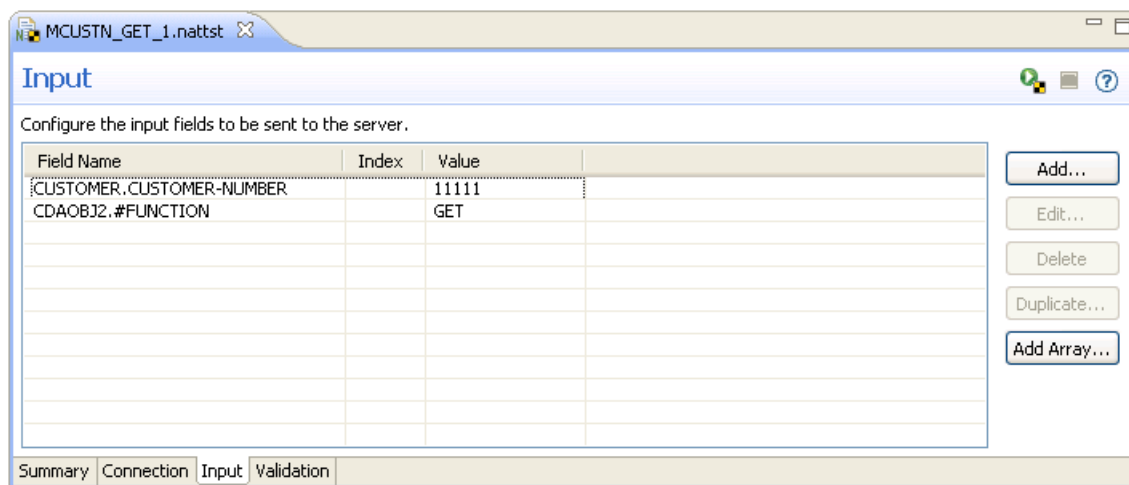
Note: You can create Ant scripts to run business service unit tests (file extension `.bsrtst`). For information, see [Creating Ant Scripts to Run Unit Tests](#).

Configure Input Parameters

➤ To configure the input parameters sent to the server

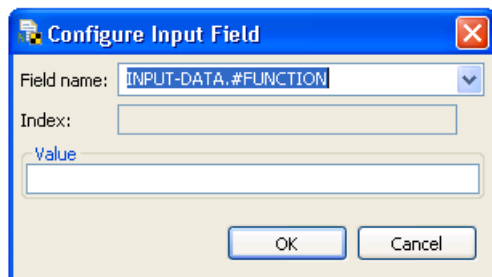
- 1 Select the **Input** tab in the unit test editor.

For example:



- 2 Select **Add**.

The **Configure Input Field** window is displayed. For example:



The list of available controls in **Field name** is based on the data type of the input field. If you selected a logical field, for example, two option buttons are displayed to select "true" or "false". If the field is an array, you can type the index for the array in **Index**.

- 3 Select the name of the input field in **Field name**.
- 4 Type the field value in **Value**.
- 5 Select **OK**.

The new field is added to the list of fields on the **Input** tab.

Optionally, you can use the **Input** tab to:

Task	Procedure
Edit an input field.	See Edit an Input Field .
Remove one or more input fields.	Select one or more input fields in Field Name using standard selection techniques and select Delete . The field(s) is removed from the list of fields and will not be sent to the server.
Duplicate an input field.	See Duplicate an Input Field .
Add multiple elements to an array field.	See Add Multiple Elements for an Array Field . This option is enabled when the PDA contains array fields.

Edit an Input Field

➤ To edit an input field

- 1 Select the input field in **Field Name** on the **Input** tab.
- 2 Select **Edit**.

The **Configure Input Field** window is displayed to edit the field information.

- 3 Select **OK** to save the changes.

Or:

Select the input field in **Field Name** and edit the **Value** and/or **Index** values within the table.

Duplicate an Input Field

➤ To duplicate an input field

- 1 Select the input field in **Field Name** on the **Input** tab.
- 2 Select **Duplicate**.

The **Configure Input Field** window is displayed to edit the field information.

- 3 Select **OK** to save the duplicate field.

Add Multiple Elements for an Array Field

This section describes how to define a range of values for an array field.

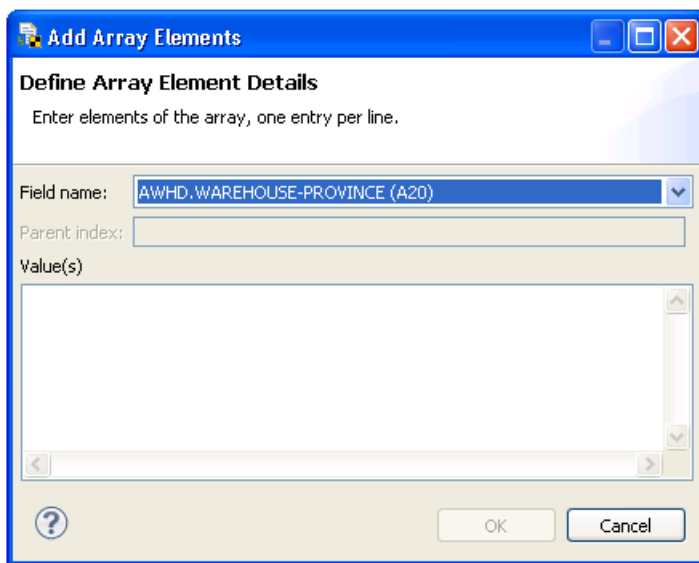


Note: The **Add Array** option does not support byte array and date/time fields.

> To add multiple elements to an array field at the same time

- 1 Select **Add Array**.

The **Define Array Element Details** window is displayed. For example:



The image shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "Add Array Elements". Inside, the "Define Array Element Details" section has the instruction "Enter elements of the array, one entry per line." Below this, there is a "Field name:" dropdown menu showing "AWHD.WAREHOUSE-PROVINCE (A20)", a "Parent index:" text box, and a "Value(s)" text area with a vertical scrollbar. At the bottom, there is a help icon (question mark), an "OK" button, and a "Cancel" button.

- 2 Type each element of the array in **Value(s)**, one entry per line.
- 3 Select **OK** to save the array field.

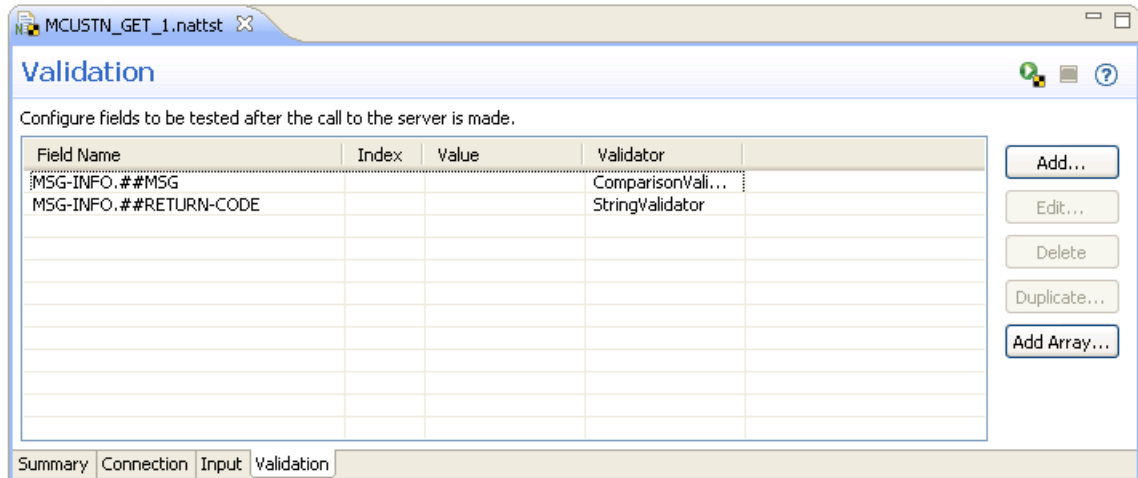
Define Validations

This section describes how to create unit test validations for Natural errors and data entry based on validator types (i.e., not restricted to characters in the data type).

> To define validations

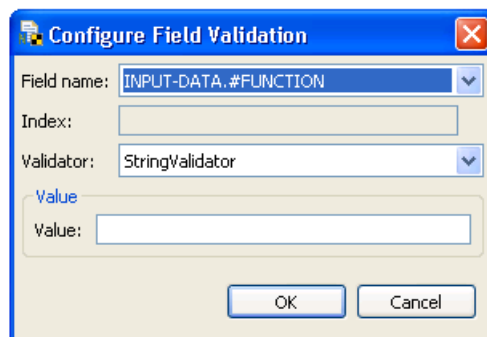
- 1 Select the **Validation** tab in the business service unit test editor.

For example:



- 2 Select **Add**.

The **Configure Field Validation** window is displayed. For example:



The list of available controls in **Field name** is based on the data type of the input field. If you select a logical field, for example, two option buttons are displayed to select "true" or "false". If the field is an array, you can type the index for the array in **Index**.

- 3 Select the name of the input field in **Field name**.
- 4 Select the type of validator to use for the input field in **Validator**.

The type of validator to use depends on the type of data in the field. The available validators are:

- BooleanValidator
- ByteValidator
- ComparisonValidator (displays a combo box with the options: ">", "<", "=", "<=", ">=")
- DateValidator

- DecimalValidator
- IntegerValidator
- RegexValidator (creates regular expressions to validate the contents of a field)
- StringValidator
- TimeValidator

5 Select **OK**.

The new field is added to the list of fields on the **Validation** tab.

Optionally, you can use the **Validation** tab to:

Task	Procedure
Edit a field validation.	See Edit a Field Validation .
Remove one or more field validations.	Select one or more fields in Field Name using standard selection techniques and select Delete . The field validation(s) is removed.
Duplicate a field validation.	See Duplicate a Field Validation .
Add multiple validations for an array field.	See Add Multiple Validations for an Array Field . This option is enabled when the PDA contains array fields.

Edit a Field Validation

➤ To edit a field validation

- 1 Select the field in **Field Name** on the **Validation** tab.
- 2 Select **Edit**.

The **Configure Field Validation** window is displayed to edit the field information.

- 3 Select **OK** to save the changes.

Or:

Select the input field in **Field Name** and edit the **Value** and/or **Index** values within the table.

Duplicate a Field Validation

➤ To duplicate a field validation

- 1 Select the input field in **Field Name** on the **Input** tab.
- 2 Select **Duplicate**.

The **Configure Field Validation** window is displayed to edit the information.

- 3 Select **OK** to save the duplicate field validation.

Add Multiple Validations for an Array Field

This section describes how to define validations for an array field.

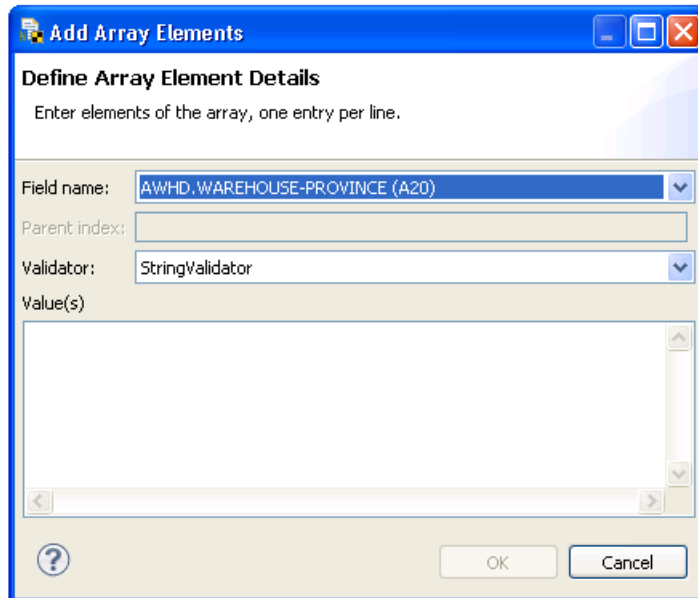


Note: The **Add Array** option does not support byte array and date/time fields.

➤ To add multiple validations to an array field

- 1 Select **Add Array**.


The **Define Array Element Details** window is displayed. For example:



- 2 Type each element of the array in **Value(s)**, one entry per line.
- 3 Select **OK** to save the array field.


Run the Unit Test

This section describes how to run one or more unit tests. It includes information about the **Natural Unit Test** window.

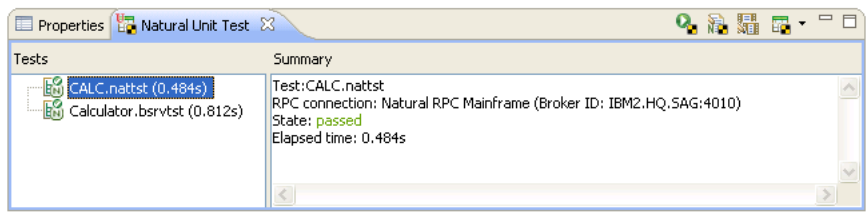
 **Note:** You can create Ant scripts to run unit tests (file extension *.bsrvtst*, *.exttst*, *.nattst*, and *.seqtst*). For information, see [Creating Ant Scripts to Run Unit Tests](#).


> To run one or more unit tests

- 1 Open the context menu for one of the following items in the **Project Explorer** view.
 - A project containing the **Testing-Suites** folder.
 - The **Testing-Suites** folder or a subfolder within the folder.
 - One or more unit test files (file extension *.nattst* or *.bsrvtst*), regardless of where they exist. Use standard selection techniques to open the unit test(s). Any test files stored outside of the **Testing-Suites** folder display a warning marker in the **Project Explorer** view and an entry in the **Problems** view indicating that they are not in the proper place.
- 2 Select **Testing > Run Unit Test(s)**.






 **Note:** You can also use the context menu to change the environment in which a test is run. For information, see [Run a Unit Test in Another Environment](#).

The selected tests are displayed in the editor view and the results of the test are displayed in the **Natural Unit Test** view. For example:

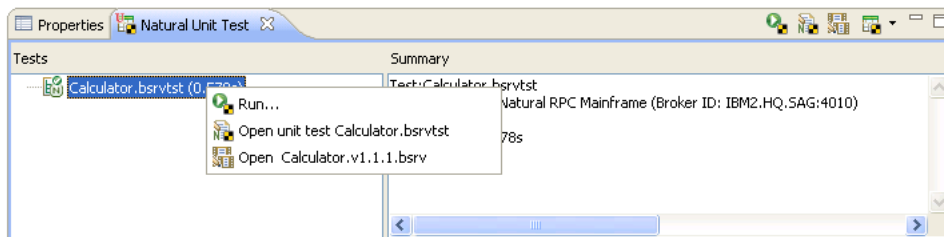


 **Note:** If the test did not pass, a red circle (🚫) is displayed on the test icon in the **Tests** section and **State: failed** is displayed in the **Summary** section.

The following table describes each of the options available on the toolbar for the **Natural Unit Test** view:

Toolbar Icon	Description
	Runs the current unit test using the values defined in the editor view. Tip: You can also select  in the editor view to run the test.
	Selects the current unit test in the editor view.
	Opens the business service or Natural subprogram used for the current unit test in the editor view.
	Displays the test history for the last 10 unit tests that were run during the current Eclipse session and allows you to select a previous test and load it into the editor. For information, see Open a Previous Unit Test .

The **Tests** section in the **Natural Unit Test** view displays the name of each unit tests that have been run. You can use the context menu for a unit test in the **Tests** section to select more options. For example:



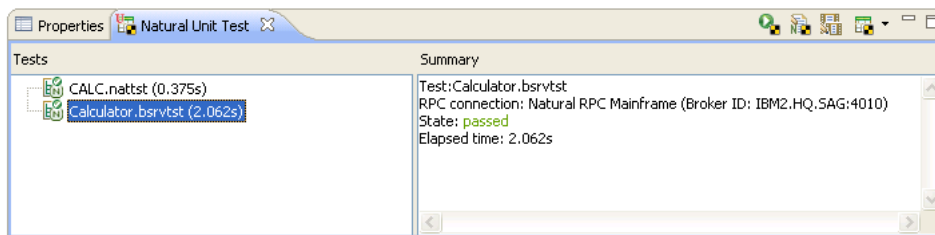
Using this menu, you can:

Task	Procedure
Run the unit test.	Select Run .
Open the unit test file in the editor view.	Select Open unit test <i>UnitTestName</i> . The following file types are available for selection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ business service (file extension <i>.bsrvtst</i>) ■ external data (file extension <i>.exttst</i>) ■ Natural unit test (file extension <i>.nattst</i>) ■ sequence (file extension <i>.seqtst</i>)
Open the associated business service or Natural subprogram file in the editor view.	Select Open <i>BusinessServiceName.bsrv</i> or Open <i>NaturalSubprogramName.NSN</i> . The following file types are available for selection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ business service (file extension <i>.bsrv</i>) ■ external data (file extension <i>.NSN</i>) <p>Note: This option is not available for external data or sequence unit tests.</p>

The **Summary** section in the **Natural Unit Test** view displays:


- Name of the test
- Name of the RPC connection
- Whether the test passed or failed
- Length of time in seconds that the unit test executed before completing

To see the results of another test, select the test in the **Tests** section and the results are displayed in the **Summary** section. For example:

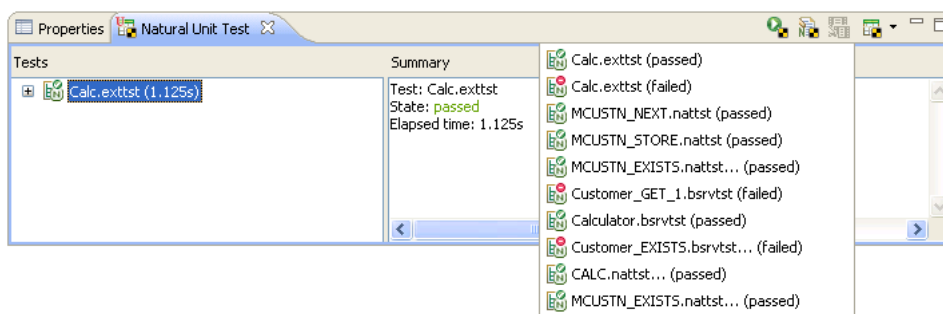


Open a Previous Unit Test

> To open a previous unit test

- 1 Select  on the toolbar in the **Natural Unit Test** view.

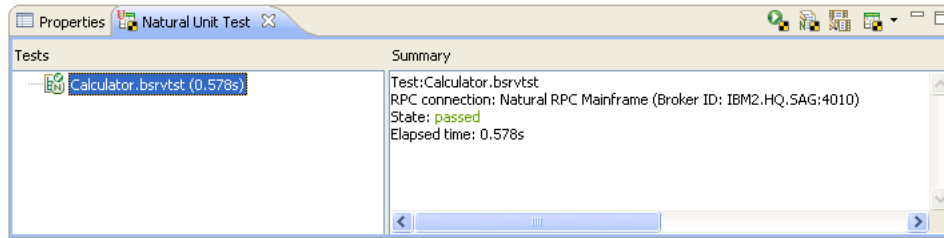
A list of the last 10 tests run during the current Eclipse session is displayed with a message indicating the success of each test. For example:



In this example, seven tests passed and three tests failed.

- 2 Select the test you want to open.

The test is displayed in the **Natural Unit Test** view. For example:



- 3 Open the context menu for the test.
- 4 Select the unit test file in **Open unit test** *UnitTestName.nntst*.

The following unit test file types are available:

- business service (file extension *.bsrvst*)
- external data (file extension *.exttst*)
- Natural unit test (file extension *.nattst*)
- sequence (file extension *.seqtst*)

Run a Unit Test in Another Environment

You can run any unit test in another environment.

➤ To run a unit test in another environment

- 1 Open the context menu for one of the following items in the **Project Explorer** view.
 - A project containing the **Testing-Suites** folder.
 - The **Testing-Suites** folder or a subfolder within the folder.
 - One or more unit test files (file extension *.bsrvst*, *.exttst*, *.nattst*, and *.seqtst*), regardless of where they exist.
- 2 Select **Testing > Run Unit Test(s) using Environment**.
- 3 Select the environment in which you want to run the test.

The results of the test are displayed in the **Natural Unit Test** view.



Note: The list of environments is defined in the **Preferences** window for RPC environments. For information on adding additional environments to the list, see [Define Additional RPC Environments](#).

Test for an Expected Error

To allow a test to pass with an expected error, define information about the error in the **Error** section of the **Summary** tab. For example:

The screenshot shows a web-based configuration interface for a unit test. At the top, there is a tabbed interface with four tabs: 'Summary', 'Input', 'Validation', and 'Connection'. The 'Summary' tab is currently selected. Within the 'Summary' tab, there is a section titled 'Error' with a dropdown arrow. Below this section, there is a checkbox labeled 'Expect error'. Underneath the checkbox, there are three input fields: 'Error class:', 'Error code:', and 'Message:'. To the right of the 'Message:' field, there is another checkbox labeled 'Regex'. The 'Error class' and 'Error code' fields are empty, while the 'Message' field contains a long string of text. The 'Regex' checkbox is also unchecked.

This will allow a test to fail only if it encounters an unexpected error.

➤ To test for an expected error

- 1 Select **Expect error**.
- 2 Type the error class in **Error class**.
For Natural errors, the error class is 1014.
- 3 Type the error code in **Error code**.

You can also use the **Error** section to search the message text for a specific string.

➤ To search the message text for a specified string

- 1 Type the string in **Message**.
- 2 Select **Regex**.

If you specify `".* division by zero.*"`, for example, Regex will search for "division by zero" anywhere in the error message.

Test an Array Field

You can expand or reduce an X-array using the `Resize Array` property. For example:

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For some arrays, all values are displayed. For example:

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Create a Unit Test for a Subprogram

➤ To create a unit test for a subprogram

- 1 Open the context menu for the Natural project containing the subprogram in the **Project Explorer** view.

Or:

Open the context menu for the subprogram in the **Project Explorer** view.

- 2 Select **Testing**.

The test options for subprograms are displayed.

- 3 Select **Create Unit Test**.

The **Define Natural Unit Test Details** panel is displayed. For example:

New Natural Unit Test

Define Natural Unit Test Details

Enter the settings for a new Natural unit test.

Target

Project:

Parent suite: (default)

Test name:
(.../Testing-Suites/CALC.nattst)

☐ Generate default Construct tests

☒ Display generated file(s)

Natural

Subprogram:

Using this panel, you can:

Task	Procedure
Change the name of the project in which to create the unit test.	Type the name of the Natural project in Project or select Browse to display a window listing the existing projects for selection. Note: The project must currently exist.
Provide the name(s) of a subfolder(s) in which to save the unit test. If the folder does not currently exist, it will be created for you.	Type the name of the folder in Parent suite or select Browse to display a window listing the available folders for selection. By default, the unit test is stored in the Testing-Suites folder in the current project. If you specify a suite folder name, it becomes a subfolder in the Testing-Suites folder and the unit test will be stored in that folder.
Change the default name for the unit test.	Type a new name in Test name . File names are saved with the <i>.bsrvtst</i> extension.
Generate default unit tests for object-maintenance functions and/or object-browse keys defined for Natural subprograms.	Select Generate default Construct tests . This option is enabled when the unit test will be created for Velocity or Construct-generated object-browse or object-maintenance subprograms. For information, see Generate Default Unit Tests .
Not display the generated files in the editor view after generation.	Deselect Display generated file(s) .

Task	Procedure
Change the location of the folder containing the subprogram file.	Type or select a new folder in Subprogram .

- 4 Select **Finish**.

The unit test is displayed in the **Testing-Suites** folder in the **Project Explorer** view.

The test is also displayed in the editor view. For example:

The screenshot shows a software interface window titled 'CALC.nattst'. The main area is divided into several expandable sections: 'Natural', 'Connection', 'Input', 'Validation', and 'Error'. The 'Natural' section displays 'Project: NewProject', 'Library: DEMOTEST', and 'Subprogram: CALC'. The 'Connection' section shows 'Broker ID: IBM2.HQ.SAG:4010' and 'Server: RPC/NBS53DEV/CALLNAT'. The 'Error' section includes a checkbox for 'Expect error', input fields for 'Error class' and 'Error code', a text area for 'Message', and a checkbox for 'Regex'. At the bottom, there are tabs labeled 'Summary', 'Connection', 'Input', and 'Validation', with 'Summary' being the active tab.

The **Summary** tab displays information about the test, such as the name of the project, library, and subprogram. It also displays the default connection settings. To define another connection in which to run the test, see [Define Connections](#).



Note: You can use this tab to define an expected error, which allows a test to pass when the expected error occurs. You can also use the tab to search for specified text in an error message. For information, see [Test for an Expected Error](#).

- 5 Select the **Input** tab and define which input parameters are sent to the server.

For information, see [Configure Input Parameters](#).

- 6 Select the **Validation** tab and define which values must be returned for a successful test.

For information, see [Define Validations](#).

- 7 Run the test.

For information, see [Run the Unit Test](#).



Note: You can create Ant scripts to run Natural unit tests (file extension *.nattst*). For information, see [Creating Ant Scripts to Run Unit Tests](#).

Generate Default Unit Tests

This section describes how to generate default unit tests for browse keys and maintenance functions (for example, GET, NEXT, etc.) defined for Velocity or Construct-generated object-browse or object-maintenance subprograms. If a business service uses both object-browse and object-maintenance subprograms, default tests can be generated for both the browse keys and the maintenance functions.

This section covers the following topics:

- [Generate Tests for a Business Service](#)
- [Generate Tests for a Natural Subprogram](#)

Generate Tests for a Business Service

➤ To generate default unit tests for a business service

- 1 Select **Testing > Create Unit Test** from the context menu for the business service in the **Project Explorer** view.

The **Define Business Service Unit Test Details** panel is displayed.

- 2 Select **Generate default Construct tests**.

For example:

New Business Service Unit Test

Define Business Service Unit Test Details

Enter the settings for a new business service unit test.

Target

Project:


Parent suite:

Test name:
 (.../Testing-Suites/Customer.bsrvst)
☒ Generate default Construct tests
☒ Display generated file(s)

Business service

Service file:

Method:

 **Note:** This option is only available when the business service uses one or more subprograms that were generated by an Object-Browse and/or Object-Maint wizard (either Velocity-based or Construct).

3 Select **Next**.

The **Define Parameters for the Default Maintenance Tests** panel is displayed. For example:

New Business Service Unit Test

Define Parameters for the Default Maintenance Tests

Select and configure parameters for the generated tests.

Parent suite folder: .../Testing-Suites


Select which tests to generate:

Generate	Function	Unit Test Name	Populate Key
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EXISTS	Customer_EXISTS_1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FORMER	Customer_FORMER_1	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GET	Customer_GET_1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INITIALIZE	Customer_INITIALIZE_1	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NEXT	Customer_NEXT_1	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	STORE	Customer_STORE_1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Provide values for key fields:

Field Name	Value
CUSTOMER.CUSTOMER-NUMBER (N5)	0

Note: Some tests may fail because the specified key field value(s) may not exist.

 **Note:** If the business service does not use any object-maintenance subprograms, the **Define Parameters for the Default Browse Tests** is displayed.

This panel displays the functions defined for all object-maintenance subprograms used by the business service, as well as the key fields. Using this panel, you can:

Task	Procedure
Limit the generation of one or more default tests.	Deselect Generate for the unit test(s) you do not want to have generated. To generate unit tests for all functions, select Generate All .
Limit the generation of all default tests.	Select Generate None .
Change the default population of key fields.	Select or deselect Populate Key for the default unit test(s). When selected, the test for the corresponding function will populate the key field with the value specified in Value .
Provide a value for a key field.	Select Value for the key field and type the value. For example, you can provide a customer number for the Customer number field.
Enter details for a date/time field (when defining details for a date or time field).	See Define Date and Time Details .

Default tests can be created for each function defined for the subprogram that does not require an existing record to be on hold. These functions are:

- STORE
- GET
- NEXT
- FORMER
- EXISTS
- INITIALIZE



Note: As the DELETE and UPDATE functions require an existing record to be held, default tests are not generated for these functions.

4 Specify a key value in **Value** for each function.

The tests are designed with the assumption that this value exists (i.e., the test will pass when the value exists). The following assumptions are also made:

Function	Assumption
STORE	Assumes the specified key value exists and expects an error from the subprogram saying the value already exists.
FORMER	Assumes a key value is not entered and expects a message from the subprogram saying the beginning of file condition has occurred.
NEXT	Assumes that the end of file condition has not occurred and expects a message from the subprogram saying the next record was retrieved successfully.

The key components are those listed in the object PDA for the object-maintenance subprogram as elementary fields under STRUCTURE. For example, MCUSTN, an object-maintenance subprogram used by the Customer business service (located in the SYSBIZDE library), uses the MCUSTA PDA:

	1	MCUSTA-ID	N	5	/* Object identifier
R	1	MCUSTA-ID			/* REDEF. BEGIN : MCUSTA-I
	2	STRUCTURE			/* To allow MOVE BY NAME
	3	CUSTOMER-NUMBER	N	5	

In this example, CUSTOMER-NUMBER will be used as the key.

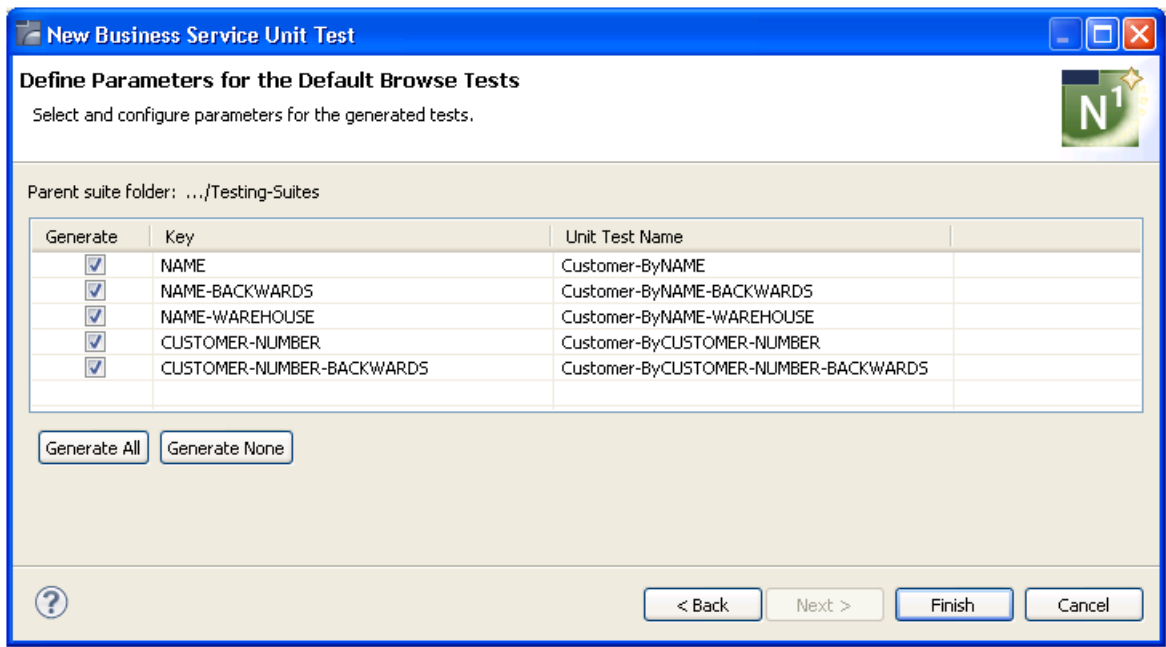
5 Select **Finish**.


Unit tests are created for all available browse keys and any object-maintenance subprogram functions selected on the **Define Parameters for the Default Maintenance Tests** panel.

Or:

Select **Next**.

The **Define Parameters for the Default Browse Tests** panel is displayed. For example:



 **Note:** If the business service does not use any object-browse subprograms, **Next** is not available on the **Define Parameters for the Default Maintenance Tests** panel.

This panel displays the key fields defined for all object-browse subprograms used by the business service. Using this panel, you can:

Task	Procedure
Limit the generation of one or more default tests.	Deselect Generate for the unit test(s) you do not want to have generated. To generate unit tests for all keys, select Generate All .
Change the name of a default unit test.	Type the new name for the unit test on the corresponding line in Unit Test Name .
Limit the generation of all default tests.	Select Generate None .

Default tests can be created for each browse key defined for the subprogram. These tests include default validations for items like rows returned and error codes. For a HISTOGRAM key, key value totals can be verified.

6 Select **Finish**.

The default unit tests are displayed in the **Testing-Suites** folder in the **Project Explorer** view.

The tests are also displayed in the editor view. For example:

Summary

Natural

Project: NewProject
 Business service: DEMO.Customer.v1.1.1
 Method: BROWSE

Connection

Broker ID: localhost:1971
 Server: RPC/NATSRV2800/CALLNAT

Input

CDBRPDA.SORT-KEY -> CUSTOMER-NUMBER-BACKWARDS
 CDBRPDA.ROWS-REQUESTED -> 20

Validation

CDBRPDA.ACTUAL-ROWS-RETURNED -> 0 (ComparisonValidator)
 MSG-INFO.##RETURN-CODE -> (ComparisonValidator)
 ACUSTP.PREV-REQ -> (ComparisonValidator)

Error

☐ Expect error

Error class:

Error code:

Message: ☐ Regex

Summary | Connection | Input | Validation

Default input values and validations are created for each unit test. You can change the default values by selecting the appropriate tab. For example, select the **Input** tab to change the input values generated for the test:


Input

Configure the input fields to be sent to the server.

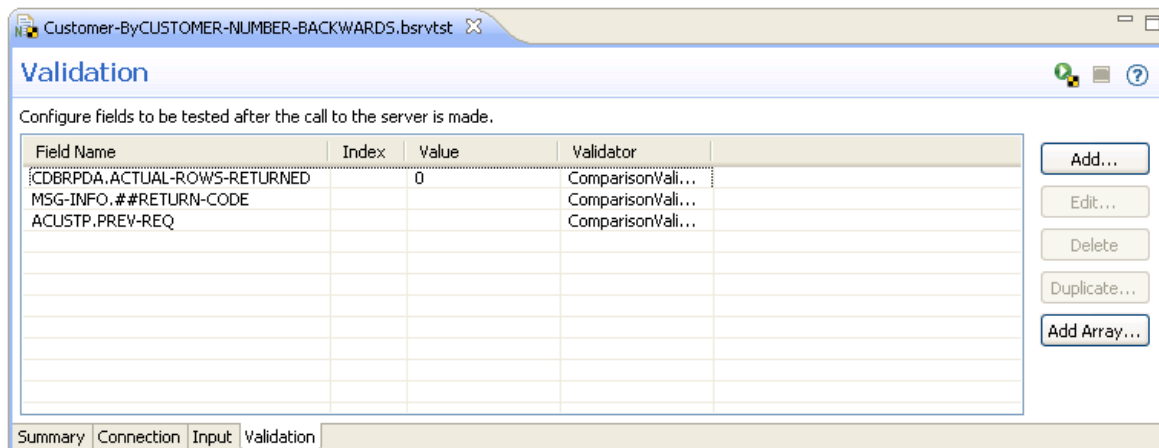
Field Name	Index	Value
CDBRPDA.SORT-KEY		CUSTOMER-NU...
CDBRPDA.ROWS-REQUESTED		20

Add... Edit... Delete Duplicate... Add Array...

Summary | Connection | Input | Validation

 **Note:** For more information, see [Configure Input Parameters](#).

Select the **Validation** tab to change the validations generated for the test. For example:



Notes:

1. For more information, see [Define Validations](#).
2. You can create Ant scripts to run unit tests (file extension *.bsrtst*, *.exttst*, *.nattst*, and *.segtst*). For information, see [Creating Ant Scripts to Run Unit Tests](#).

Generate Tests for a Natural Subprogram

> To generate default unit tests for a Natural subprogram

- 1 Select **Testing > Create Unit Test** from the context menu for the subprogram in the **Project Explorer** view.

The **Define Natural Unit Test Details** panel is displayed.

- 2 Select **Generate default Construct tests**.

For example:

New Natural Unit Test

Define Natural Unit Test Details

Enter the settings for a new Natural unit test.

Target

Project:

Parent suite: (default)

Test name:


(.../Testing-Suites)

☒ Generate default Construct tests

☒ Display generated file(s)

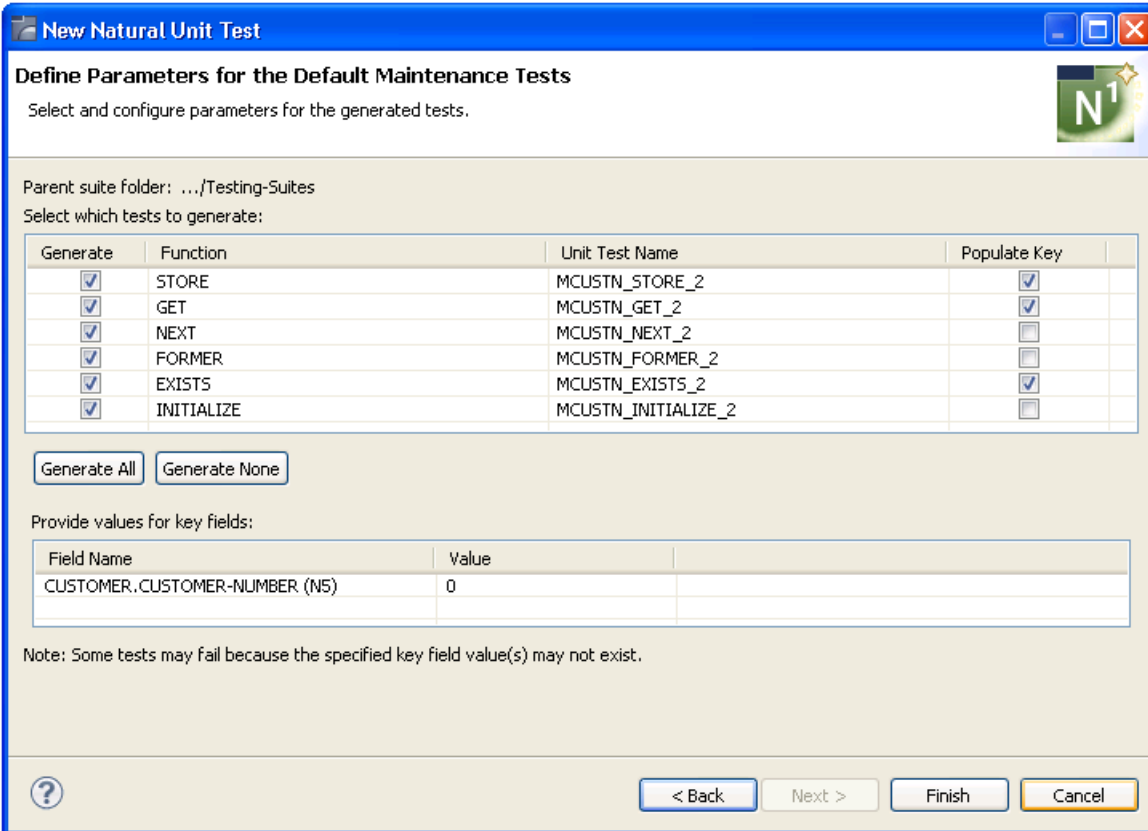
Natural

Subprogram:

 **Note:** This option is only available when the subprogram was generated by an Object-Browse or Object-Maint wizard (either Velocity-based or Construct).

3 Select **Next**.

If the subprogram was generated by an Object-Maint wizard, the **Define Parameters for the Default Maintenance Tests** panel is displayed. For example:



New Natural Unit Test

Define Parameters for the Default Maintenance Tests

Select and configure parameters for the generated tests.

Parent suite folder: .../Testing-Suites

Select which tests to generate:

Generate	Function	Unit Test Name	Populate Key
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	STORE	MCUSTN_STORE_2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GET	MCUSTN_GET_2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NEXT	MCUSTN_NEXT_2	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FORMER	MCUSTN_FORMER_2	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EXISTS	MCUSTN_EXISTS_2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INITIALIZE	MCUSTN_INITIALIZE_2	<input type="checkbox"/>

Provide values for key fields:

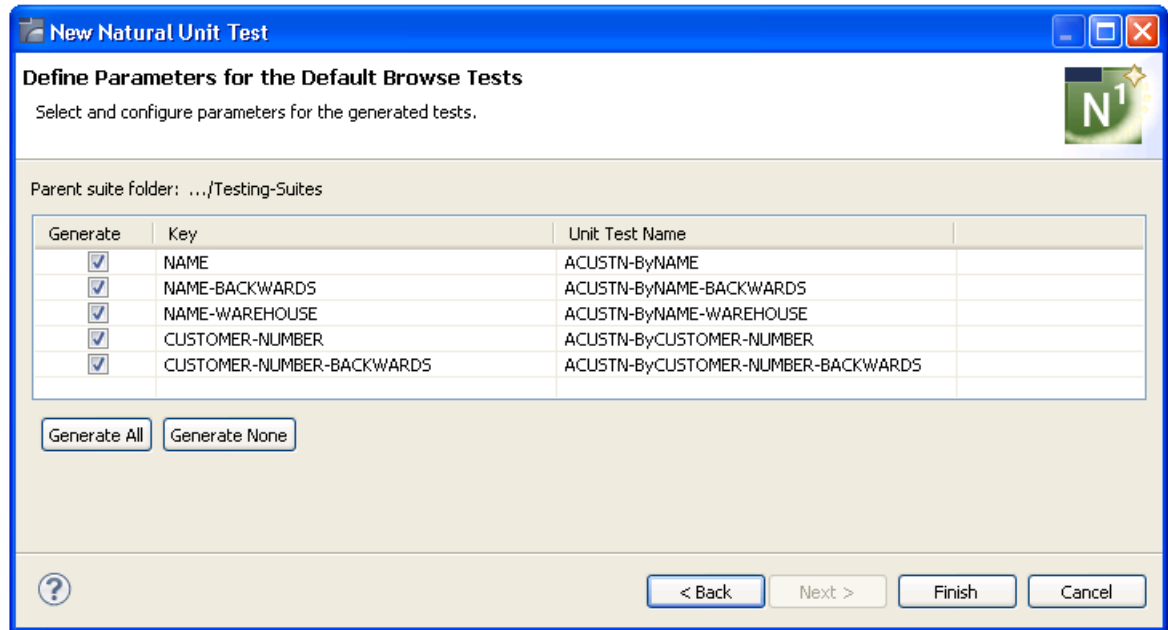
Field Name	Value
CUSTOMER.CUSTOMER-NUMBER (N5)	0

Note: Some tests may fail because the specified key field value(s) may not exist.

This panel is similar to the **Define Parameters for the Default Maintenance Tests** panel for a business service unit test. For a description of this panel, see [Generate Tests for a Business Service](#).

Or:

If the subprogram was generated by an Object-Browse wizard, the **Define Parameters for the Default Browse Tests** is displayed. For example:



This panel is similar to the **Define Parameters for the Default Browse Tests** panel for a business service unit test. For a description of this panel, see [Generate Tests for a Business Service](#).

- 4 Select **Finish**.

The default unit tests are displayed in the **Testing-Suites** folder in the **Project Explorer** view.

The tests are also displayed in the editor view. For example:

Summary

Natural

Project: NewProject
Library: DEMOTEST
Subprogram: ACUSTN

Connection

Broker ID: IBM2.HQ.SAG:4010
Server: RPC/NBS53DEV/CALLNAT

Input

CDBRPDA.SORT-KEY -> CUSTOMER-NUMBER-BACKWARDS
CDBRPDA.ROWS-REQUESTED -> 20

Validation

CDBRPDA.ACTUAL-ROWS-RETURNED -> 0 (ComparisonValidator)
MSG-INFO.##RETURN-CODE -> (ComparisonValidator)
ACUSTP.PREV-REQ -> (ComparisonValidator)

Error

☐ Expect error

Error class:

Error code:


Message: ☐ Regex

Summary | Connection | Input | Validation

This editor is similar to the editor for a business service unit test. For a description of the editor, see [Generate Tests for a Business Service](#).

Create a New Unit Test Suite

This section describes how to create a new unit test suite to organize and store your Natural and business service unit tests (file extension *.bsrvtst*, *.exttst*, *.nattst*, and *.segtst*). The tests are generated into the **Testing-Suites** folder or subfolder within a specified Natural project.

 **Note:** Ant scripts for Natural unit tests may contain unit test files existing outside of the **Testing-Suites** folder or subfolder.

> To create a new unit test suite

- 1 Select **Testing > Create Test Suite** for a project in the **Project Explorer** view.

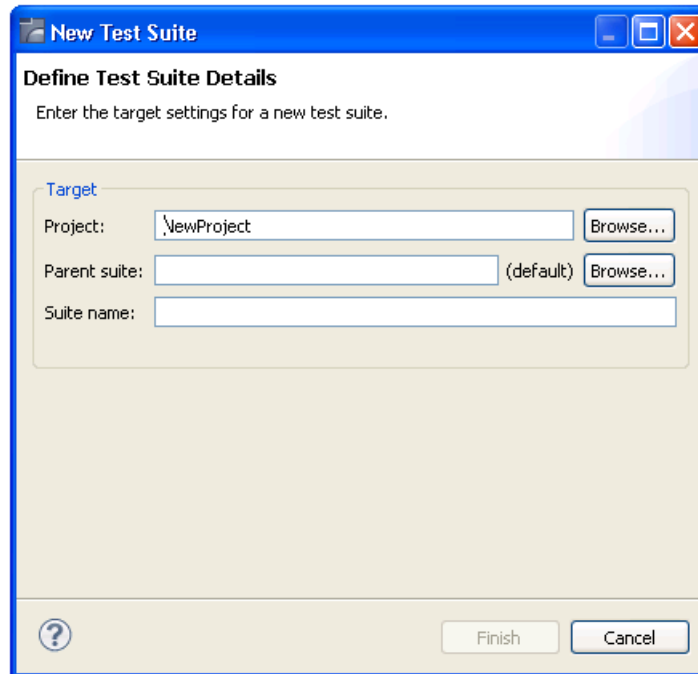
Or:

Select **Testing-Suites > Create Test Suite** in the **Project Explorer** view.

Or:

Select **Testing-Suites** > *SubfolderName* > **Create Test Suite** in the **Project Explorer** view.

The **Define Test Suite Details** panel is displayed. For example:



Using this panel, you can:

Task	Procedure
Change the name of the project in which to create the test suite.	Type the name of the Natural project in Project or select Browse to display a window listing the existing projects for selection. Note: The project must currently exist.
Provide the name(s) of a subfolder(s) in which to save the unit test. If the folder does not currently exist, it will be created for you.	Type the name of the folder in Parent suite or select Browse to display a window listing the available folders for selection. By default, the unit test is stored in the Testing-Suites folder in the current project. If you specify a suite folder name, it becomes a subfolder in the Testing-Suites folder and the unit test will be stored in that folder.

- 2 Type the name of the test suite in **Suite name**.
- 3 Select **Finish**.

The test suite is generated into the **Testing-Suites** folder or subfolder.

Create Unit Test Log Files

This section describes how to create unit test log files and then use the log files to create summary reports. Log files can be created for any subprogram and business service unit test executed within a NaturalONE project.

Create Unit Test Log Files

A unit test history log file can be created to save the results of a unit test whenever it is executed (for example, the test name, test status, date/time completed, error messages, etc.). To create these files, you must select the option in the **Preferences** window for **Testing**. For information, see [Set Logging Preferences for Unit Tests](#).

Use the Dependencies View



When a generated module is open in the editor view, the **Dependencies** view displays dependencies between business service and Natural unit tests and the business services and Natural subprograms they execute. This section describes the nodes contributed to the view for these resources.

The following topics are covered:


- [Business Service Unit Test Resources](#)
- [Natural Subprogram Unit Test Resources](#)

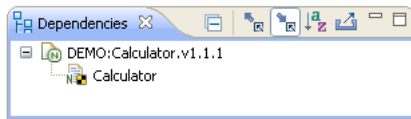



Notes:

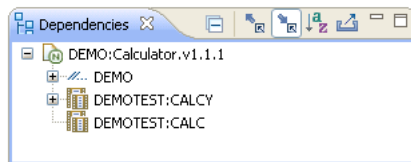
1. Select  to sort the resources alphabetically.
2. Select  to export a textual representation of the visible nodes in the view to a file.
3. When a supporting resource cannot be found locally using the project steplib chain and project references, "<Unknown>" is displayed with the name of the resource. If the unknown module(s) is not shipped with the Construct runtime project, either manually download it from the server or create it locally. If the module(s) is shipped with the Construct runtime project, add the project. For information, see NaturalONE's *Code Generation* documentation.
4. For more information about the **Dependencies** view, see the description of the source editor in *Using NaturalONE*.

Business Service Unit Test Resources



When a business service unit test is open in the editor view, the root node displays the name of the business service unit test. In caller mode () , no child nodes are displayed because no other **Dependencies** view objects depend on this business service unit test file. For example:

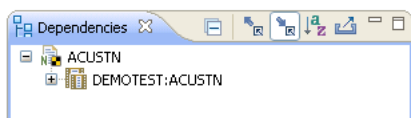


In callee mode () , the child nodes display the name of the business service that the unit test executes, along with the names of the supporting business service resources and the names of the libraries and projects in which they are located. For example:



Natural Subprogram Unit Test Resources

When a Natural subprogram unit test is open in the editor view, the root node displays the name of the unit test. In caller mode () , no child nodes are displayed because no other **Dependencies** view objects depend on a unit test file; in callee mode () , the child node displays the name of the Natural subprogram that the unit test executes, along with the names of the supporting Natural resources and the names of the libraries and projects in which they are located. For example:



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Create an External Data Unit Test

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This section describes how to create a unit test that accepts input and/or validations from a CSV file (file extension *.csv*). You can create a unit test once and then provide a data file containing different input or validations to run iterations of the test. The wizard creates a unit test file that accepts data from the CSV file.



Note: Similar to other unit tests, external data unit tests can be run from the unit test Ant script. For information, see [Creating Ant Scripts to Run Unit Tests](#).

Create the Unit Test

➤ To create an external data unit test

- 1 Select **Testing > Create External Data Unit Test** for a project in the **Project Explorer** view.

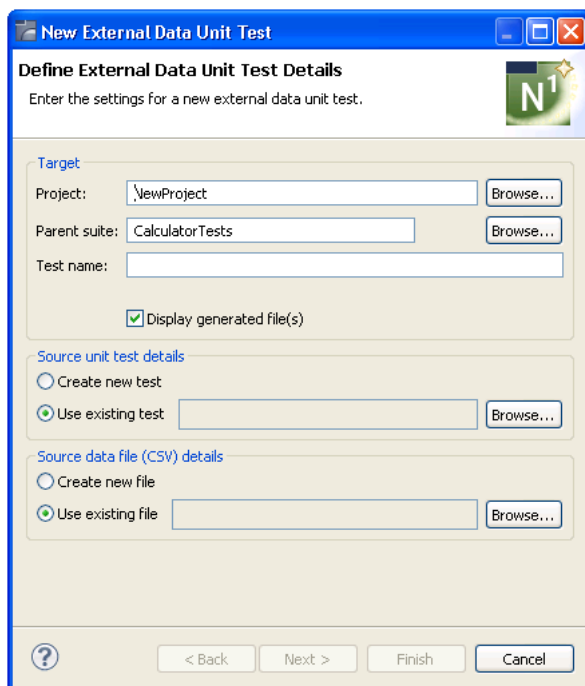
Or:

Select **Testing-Suites > Create External Data Unit Test** in the **Project Explorer** view.

Or:

Select **Testing-Suites > SubfolderName > Create External Data Unit Test** in the **Project Explorer** view.

The **Define External Data Unit Test Details** panel is displayed. For example:



Using this panel, you can:

Task	Procedure
Change the name of the project in which to create the external data unit test.	Type the name of the Natural project in Project or select Browse to display a window listing the existing projects for selection. Note: The project must currently exist.
Provide the name(s) of a subfolder(s) in which to save the external data unit test. If the folder does not currently exist, it will be created for you.	Type the name of the folder in Parent suite or select Browse to display a window listing the available folders for selection. By default, the unit test is stored in the Testing-Suites folder in the current project. If you specify a suite folder name, it becomes a subfolder in the Testing-Suites folder and the unit test will be stored in that folder.

- 2 Type the name of the external data unit test in **Test name**.
- 3 Select an existing business service or Natural unit test in the **Source unit test details** section.

The selected unit test will be executed for each row in the data file. To display the available unit test files for selection, select **Browse** for **Use existing test**. Optionally you can create a new business service or Natural unit test. For information, see [Create a New Unit Test](#).

- 4 Select an existing data file in the **Source data file (CSV) details** section.

To display the available CSV data files for selection, select **Browse** for **Use existing file**. Optionally you can create a new data file. For information, see [Create a New Data File](#).



Note: A wizard is available to record the sample data used to test a business service or subprogram directly and then export the data to a CSV file. For information, see [Export Test Data to a CSV File](#).

- 5 Select **Finish**.

The external data unit test file is generated into the **Testing-Suites** folder (or subfolder) and listed in the **Project Explorer** view.

The *.exttst* file is also displayed in the editor view.



Note: The *.csv* file and/or the *.nattst/.bsrvtst* files may also be created.

- 6 Define the configuration settings for the unit test in the editor view.

For information, see [Configure Column Mappings and Sample Data](#).
- 7 Select the **Connection** tab and define the connection settings for the unit test.

For information, see [Define Connections](#).

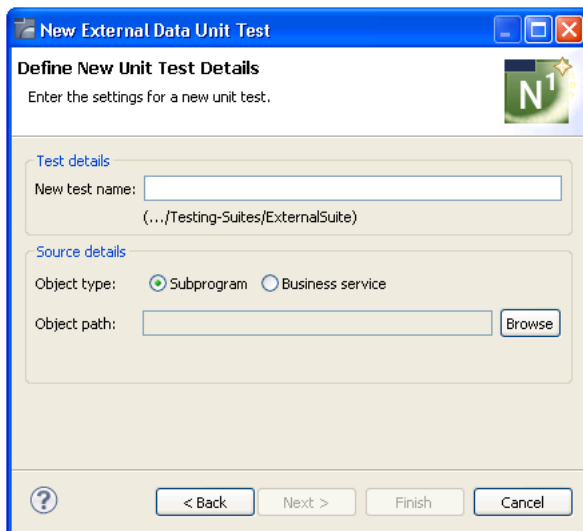
- 8 Save the settings.

Create a New Unit Test

> To create a new unit test

- 1 Select **Create new test** in the **Source details** section on the **Define External Data Unit Test Details** panel.
- 2 Select **Next**.

The **Define New Unit Test Details** panel is displayed. For example:



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "New External Data Unit Test" with a sub-header "Define New Unit Test Details". Below the sub-header is the instruction "Enter the settings for a new unit test." and a small icon with the letter 'N'. The dialog is divided into two sections: "Test details" and "Source details". In the "Test details" section, there is a text field labeled "New test name:" with the default path "(.../Testing-Suites/ExternalSuite)" below it. In the "Source details" section, there are two radio buttons for "Object type": "Subprogram" (which is selected) and "Business service". Below these is a text field for "Object path:" and a "Browse" button. At the bottom of the dialog, there is a help icon (?) and four buttons: "< Back", "Next >", "Finish", and "Cancel".

- 3 Type the name of the unit test in **New test name**.
- 4 Select the object type for the source unit test in **Object type**.

You can select either **Subprogram** (the default) or **Business service**. When **Business service** is selected, an additional field is added to the panel. For example:

- 5 Select **Browse** in **Object path**.

A list of available business service or subprogram unit test files is displayed. Select the unit test to use for the external data unit test and select **OK**.

- 6 For a business service unit test, select the method to test in **Object method**.
- 7 Select **Finish** to create the external data unit test and new unit test.

Or:

Select **Next** to create a new data file.



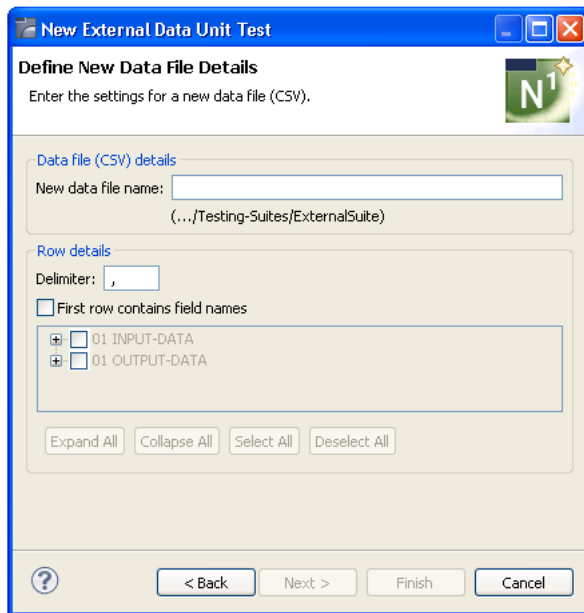
Note: This option is only available when **Create new file** is selected on the **Define External Data Unit Test Details** panel.

Create a New Data File

➤ To create a new data file

- 1 Select **Create new file** in the **Source data file (CSV) details** section on the **Define External Data Unit Test Details** panel.
- 2 Select **Next**.

The **Define New Data File Details** panel is displayed. For example:



Note: If **Create new test** on the **Define External Data Unit Test Details** panel is also selected, the **Define New Unit Test Details** panel is displayed before this panel.

- 3 Type the name of the data file in **New data file name**.

Using this panel, you can:

Task	Procedure
Change the character used to separate entries in the first row of the CSV file.	Type a new character in Delimiter .
Reserve the first row in the CSV file for the field names.	Select First row contains field names . At runtime, the first row in the CSV file is reserved for field names. Note: When selecting fields for the first row in a CSV file, you cannot specify the number of occurrences of an array to include. By default, a maximum of five occurrences of each array will be included. To add and/or remove occurrences from the generated CSV file, you must edit the file manually.
Display fields that can be selected for the first row of the CSV file.	Select Expand All . To close the tree view, select Collapse All .
Select fields to be included in the first row of the CSV file.	Select Select All and then deselect the fields you do not want to include in the CSV file. To deselect all fields, select Deselect All .

- 4 Select **Finish** to create the external data unit test, a new data file, and optionally, a new unit test.

Configure Column Mappings and Sample Data

This section describes how to map columns in the CSV file (file extension *.csv*) to fields in the PDA used by the business service or subprogram unit test. The following CSV file was used for examples:

```
##FUNCTION,INPUT-DATA.##FIRST-NUM,INPUT-DATA.##SECOND-NUM,INPUT-DATA.##SUCCESS-CRITERIA,OUTPUT-DATA.##RESULT,OUTPUT-DATA.##SUCCESS
Add,1,2,3,3,FALSE
Add,1,9,10,10,TRUE
```

➤ To configure column mappings and sample data

- 1 Select the **Configuration** tab in the editor for the external data unit test.

For example:

Calculator.exttst

Configuration

General

Unit test file:

Data file (CSV):

Note: file paths are relative to the Testing-Suites root folder.

☒ First row contains field names

Column delimiter:

Column Mappings

Column	Field Name	Index	Validator	Criteria
1	INPUT-DATA.#FUNCTION			
2	INPUT-DATA.#FIRST-NUM			
3	INPUT-DATA.#SECOND-NUM			
4	INPUT-DATA.#SUCCESS-CRITERIA			
5	OUTPUT-DATA.#RESULT			
6	OUTPUT-DATA.#SUCCESS			

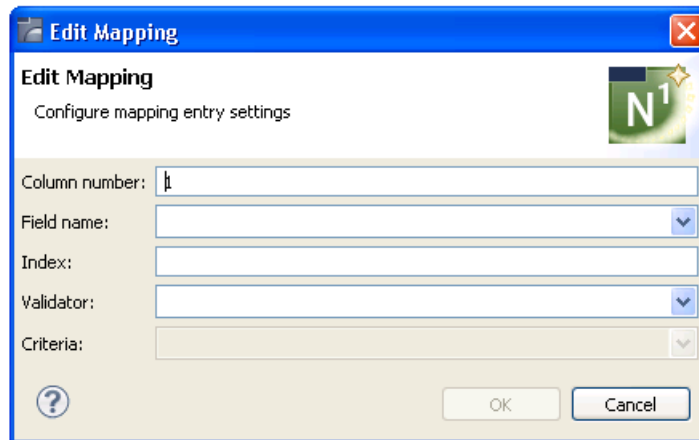
Sample Data

1: #FUNCTION	2: INPUT-DAT...	3: INPUT-DAT...	4: INPUT-DAT...	5: OUTPUT-DA...	6: OUTPUT-DA...
Add	1	2	4	4	FALSE
Add	1	9	10	10	TRUE

Configuration ☒ Connection

- 2 Select **Add** in the **Column Mappings** section.

The **Edit Mapping** window is displayed. For example:



The number of the first unmapped column is displayed in **Column number**. You can change this number to define the mapping for another column.

- 3 Select the name of the field to use for this column in **Field name**.
- 4 Type the index position in **Index** (used when the field is an array).
- 5 Select the type of validator to use for the field in **Validator**.

The type of validator to use depends on the type of data in the field. The available validators are:

- BooleanValidator
- ByteValidator
- ComparisonValidator (displays a combo box with the options: ">", "<", "=", "<=", ">=")
- DateValidator
- DecimalValidator
- IntegerValidator
- RegexValidator (creates regular expressions to validate the contents of a field)
- StringValidator
- TimeValidator

- 6 Select **OK**.

The new column mapping is added to the list of mappings on the **Configuration** tab.

- 7 Continue adding column mappings until all columns used for the test have been added.

- To revise a mapping, select the mapping in **Column Mappings** and select **Edit**. The **Edit Mapping** window is displayed to change the mapping.

- To remove a mapping, select the mapping in **Column Mappings** and select **Delete**. The mapping is removed from **Column Mappings**.

Optionally, you can use the **Configuration** tab to:

Task	Procedure
Change the name and/or location of the unit test file used for the external data unit test.	Type the name of the unit test in Unit test file or select Browse to display a window listing the existing unit test files for selection. Note: The unit test must currently exist.
Change the name and/or location of the CSV file containing field names and input for the external data unit test.	Type the name of the CSV file in Data file or select Browse to display a window listing the existing CSV files for selection. Note: The CSV file must currently exist.
Reserve the first row in the CSV file for the field names.	Select First row contains field names . At runtime, the first row in the CSV file is reserved for field names. Note: When selecting fields for the first row in a CSV file, you cannot specify the number of occurrences of an array to include. By default, a maximum of five occurrences of each array will be included. To add and/or remove occurrences from the generated CSV file, you must edit the file manually.
Change the delimiter character used to separate columns in the CSV file.	Type a new delimiter character in Column delimiter .
Retrieve sample data from the CSV file.	Select Refresh in the Sample Data section. The first 20 rows in the CSV file are retrieved. Tip: To apply changes to the external data file to the unit test, use this option with the Map option.
Map new sample data to the columns.	Select Map (enabled when the First row contains field names option is selected). A confirmation window is displayed, indicating that all current column mappings will be removed. Select Yes to delete the old mappings and apply the new mappings.

- 8 Save the configuration settings.

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Create a Sequence Unit Test

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This section describes how to create a sequence unit test (file extension *.seqtst*), a type of unit test that executes a sequence of test steps in a specified order. Each test step executes a business service or Natural unit test and, optionally, copies data between steps, applies field overrides, defines validation overrides, and/or applies method overrides (business service unit tests only). These overrides do not physically change the existing unit test files; the values are only changed in memory prior to execution of the files.

For example, a sequence test can have the following two steps:

1. Invoke a unit test for a Construct-generated object-maintenance subprogram and attempt to retrieve (GET) a data record.
2. Re-invoke the same test, but apply a field override that attempts to update the record. In addition, copy all data from Step 1 and pre-configure each input field.

There are several methods you can use to create a sequence unit test, depending on your requirements. These methods include:

- Create one generic business service or Natural unit test and then create a sequence unit test containing several test steps that reference the same generic unit test, but use a different field override.

For example, you can create a generic Natural unit test called `WAREHOUSE.nattst` and then create a unit test that reference a sequence of unit tests to override the value of `WAREHOUSE.#FUNCTION`, such as `WAREHOUSE_GET.nattst`, `WAREHOUSE_NEXT.nattst`, etc.

- Create several business service and/or Natural unit tests that reference the same subprogram/PDA and then create a sequence unit test that references each unit test in a specified sequence.

For example, you can create a unit test for each warehouse function, such as `WAREHOUSE_GET.nattst`, `WAREHOUSE_NEXT.nattst`, etc., and then create a unit test that invokes these tests in a specified sequence.

- Create several business service and/or Natural unit tests that reference different subprograms/PDAs and then create a sequence unit test that references each unit test in a specified sequence and copies data from one test to the next.
- Create a sequence unit test and one or more unit tests to use for the test.

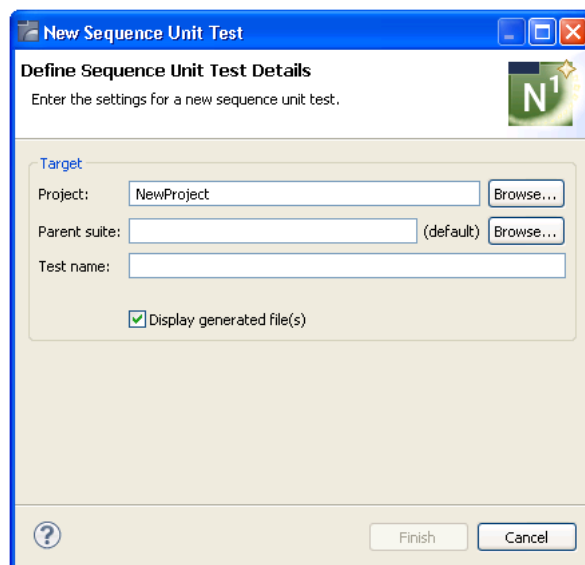
Create the Unit Test

This section describes how to use the wizard to create a sequence unit test.

> To create a sequence unit test

- 1 Open the context menu for one of the following items in the **Project Explorer** view:
 - Project folder
 - **Testing-Suites** folder or subfolder
 - One or more business service and/or Natural unit test files (using standard selection techniques). The tests can reference the same subprogram/PDA or different subprograms/PDAs. The wizard will create one test step in the generated sequence unit test for each unit test selected in the **Project Explorer** view.
- 2 Select **Testing > Create Sequence Unit Test**.

The **Define Sequence Unit Test Details** panel is displayed. For example:



- 3 Type the name of the sequence unit test in **Test name**.

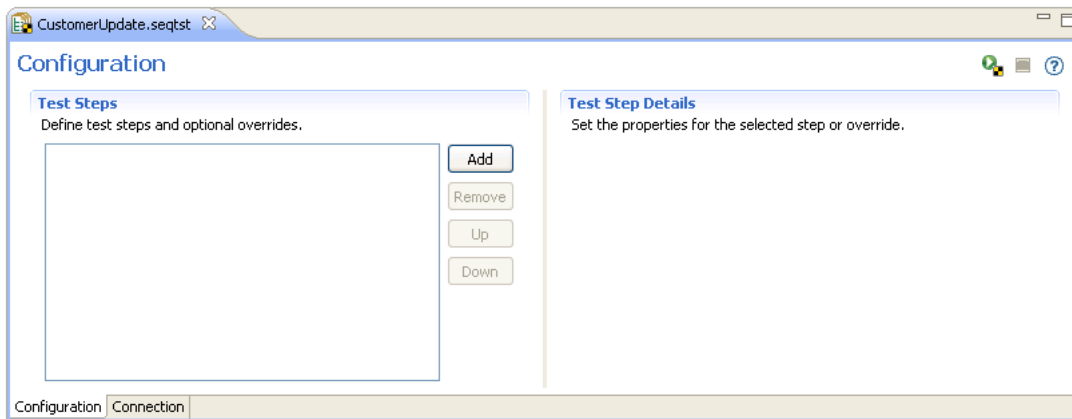
Optionally, you can:

Task	Procedure
Change the name of the project in which to create the sequence unit test.	Type the name of the Natural project in Project or select Browse to display a window listing the existing projects for selection. Note: The project must currently exist.
Provide the name(s) of a subfolder(s) in which to save the sequence unit test. If the folder does not currently exist, it will be generated for you.	Type the name of the folder in Parent suite or select Browse to display a window listing the available folders for selection. By default, the unit test is stored in the Testing-Suites folder in the current project. If you specify a suite folder name, it becomes a subfolder in the Testing-Suites folder and the unit test will be stored in that folder.

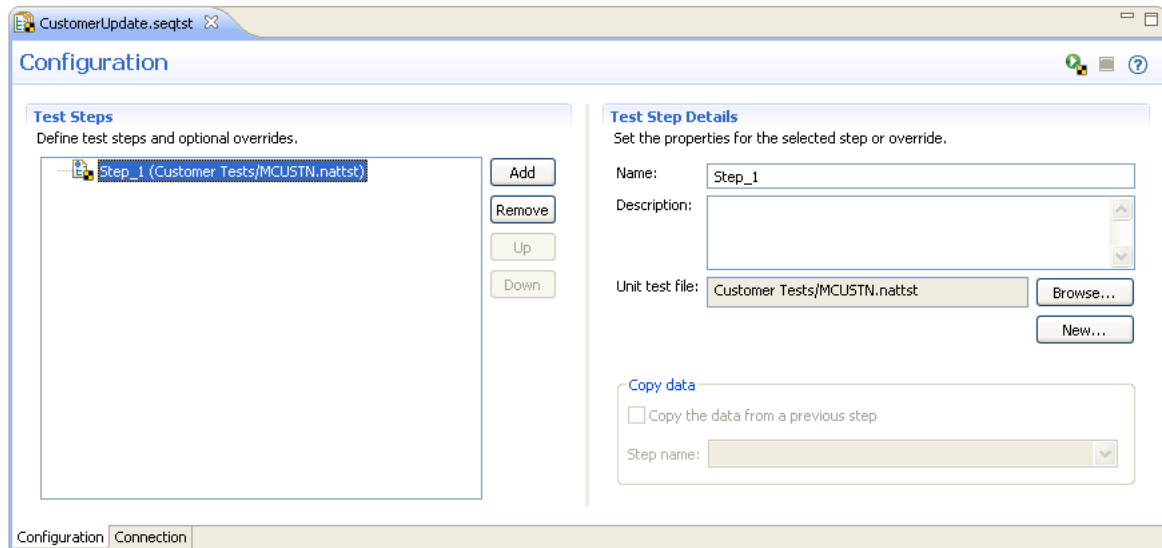
4 Select **Finish**.

The sequence unit test file is generated into the **Testing-Suites** folder (or subfolder) and listed in the **Project Explorer** view.

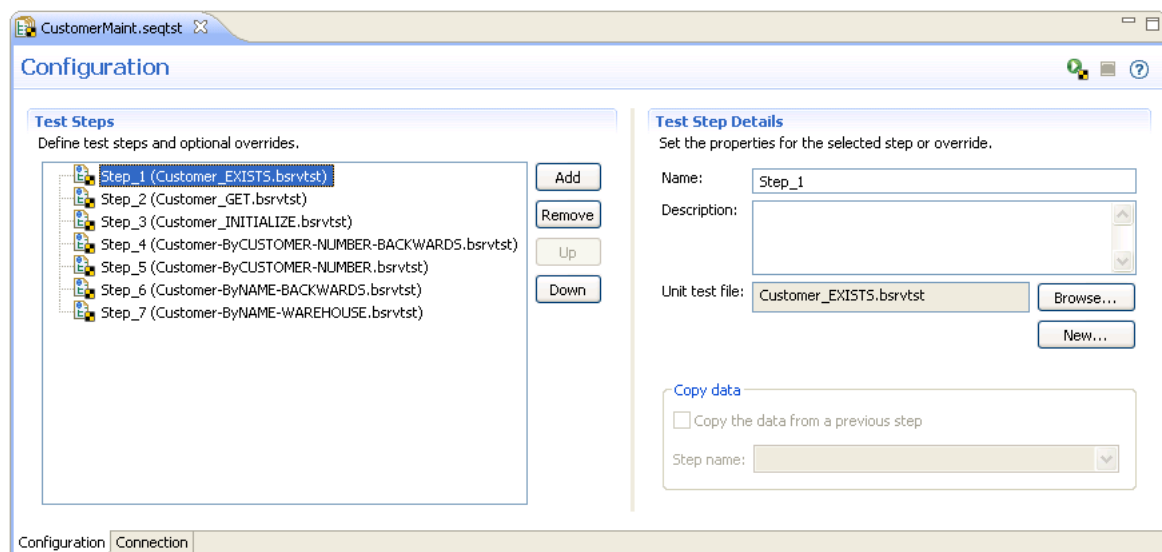
The *.seqtst* file is also displayed in the editor view. For example:



If one unit test file was selected in the **Project Explorer** view, a default test step is created for that file. For example:



If several unit test files were selected in the **Project Explorer** view, one test step is created for each test. For example:



Use the Sequence Unit Test Editor

This section describes how to use the sequence unit test editor.

The following topics are covered:

- [Add Test Steps](#)
- [Copy Data from a Previous Step](#)
- [Add an Input Override](#)
- [Add a Validation Override](#)
- [Add a Method Override](#)

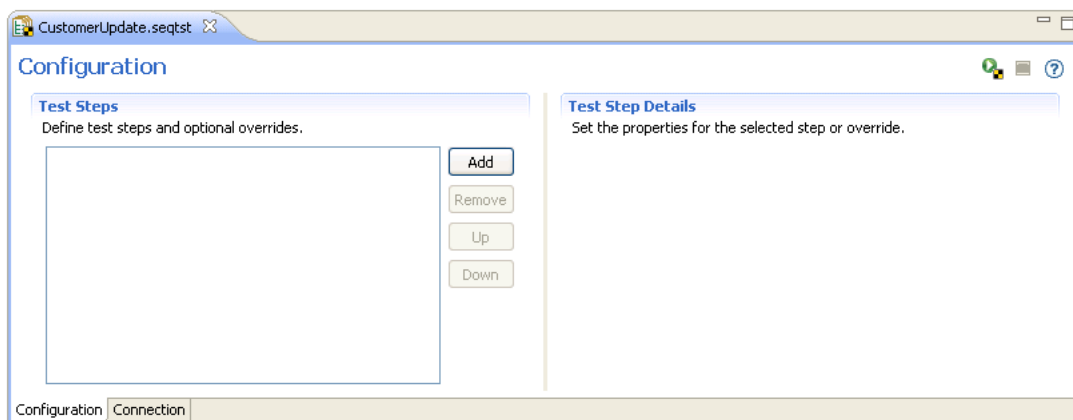


Notes:

1. For information about the **Connections** tab, see [Define Connections](#).
2. For general information about using the test editors, see [Features of the Test Editors](#)

Add Test Steps

This section describes how to add test steps to execute business service and/or Natural unit tests in a specified order. Each test step executes one existing unit test and, optionally, copies data between steps, applies field overrides, and/or defines validation overrides. In the following example, the sequence unit test is generated from the context menu for a project and no steps are created. For example:

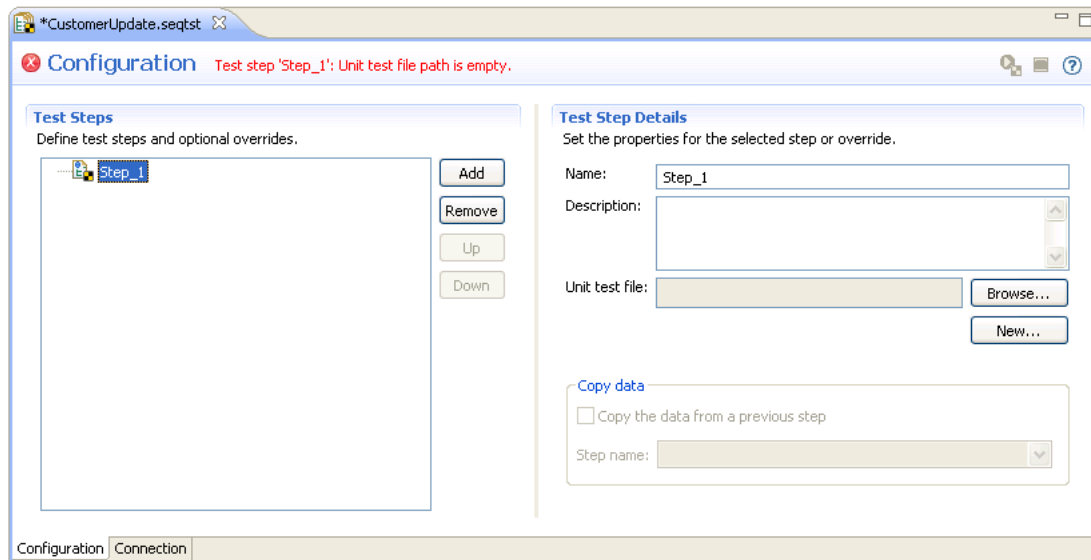


Note: To resize the editor sections, select the sash and move it left or right.

➤ To add test steps

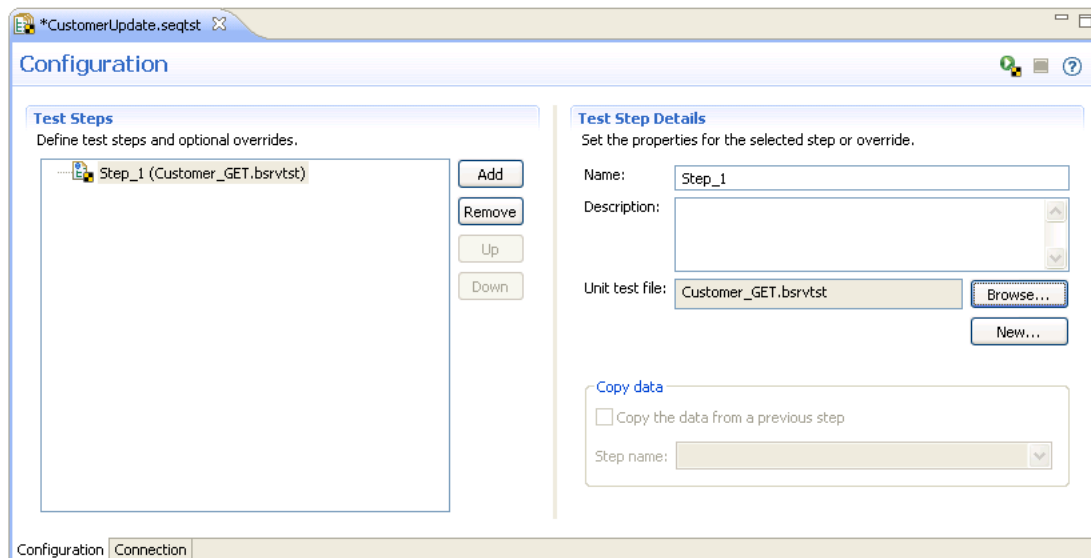
- 1 Select **Add**.

The **Test Step Details** section is displayed. For example:



- 2 Select **Browse** for **Unit test file**.

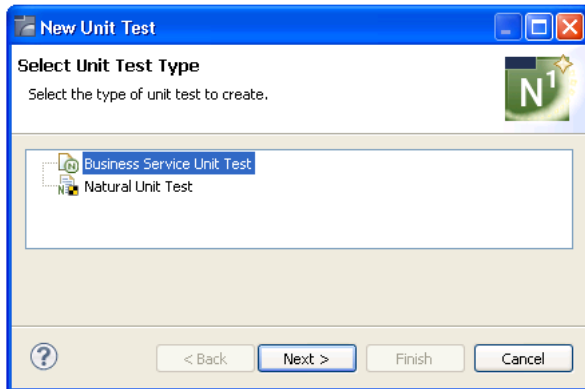
The **Select Unit Test** window is displayed. Select the unit test file and **OK**. The unit test details are displayed in the **Test Steps** section and the selected unit test file is displayed in **Unit test file**. For example:



Or:

Select **New** for **Unit test file**.

The **Select Unit Test Type** panel is displayed. For example:



Select one of the following options:

- **Business Service Unit Test**

The **Define Business Service Unit Test Details** panel is displayed. For information, see [Create a Unit Test for a Business Service](#).

- **Natural Unit Test**

The **Define Natural Unit Test Details** panel is displayed. For information, see [Create a Unit Test for a Subprogram](#).

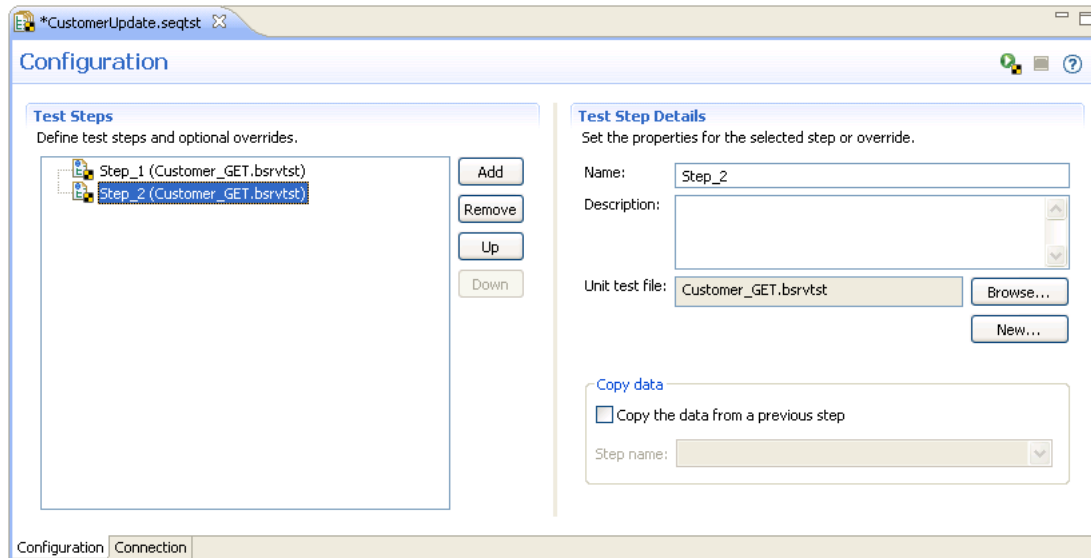


Note: When accessing these panels from the sequence unit test editor, the project name defaults to the name of the project containing the sequence unit test and is read-only. The unit test file specified for each test step must contain a relative path to the Testing-Suites folder in the project containing the sequence unit test.

After defining the unit test and selecting **Finish**, the unit test details are displayed in the **Test Steps** section and the newly created unit test file is displayed in **Unit test file**.

3 Select **Add**.

The second test step is displayed in **Test Steps** and the **Copy data** section is enabled. For example:



- 4 Select or create the unit test for the second test step.

Repeat steps 1 and 2 until all test steps have been added. Optionally, you can use this editor to:

Task	Procedure
Provide a description of this test step.	Type a description of the test step in Description (maximum of 250 characters). The first 60 characters are displayed as the tool tip for the test step in Test Steps .
Copy data from a previous step.	See Copy Data from a Previous Step .
Delete a test step.	Select the test step in Test Steps and select Remove or open the context menu for the test step and select Delete .
Reorder the test steps.	Select the test step in Test Steps and select Up or Down .
Provide a name for the test step.	Type the step name in Name .
Define an input override for a field used in a test step.	See Add an Input Override .
Define a validation override for a field used in a test step.	See Add a Validation Override .
Define a method override for a method used in a test step (business service unit tests only).	See Add a Method Override .

- 5 Save the settings.

Copy Data from a Previous Step

This section describes how to copy data from a previous test step. When the generated sequence test is run, the test step will attempt to copy the data from the specified test step. If the test steps share the same Natural unit test file, the entire data structure from the previous test step is copied. If the test steps use different Natural unit test files, each field is copied by name and the level 1 name (if present) is compared to the field name.



Caution: All values are copied, even when the Natural formats are different. This may result in conversion errors (for example, when alpha values are placed in numeric fields).

➤ To copy data from a previous test step

- 1 Select the test step to which you want to copy the data.
- 2 Select **Copy data from a previous step**.
- 3 Select the test step from which you want to copy the data in **Step name**.

You can select any previous test step in the list. Only previous test steps are listed, as data cannot be copied from a test step that has not been run.



Note: When defining input or validation overrides, you can also select the field from which to copy the data.

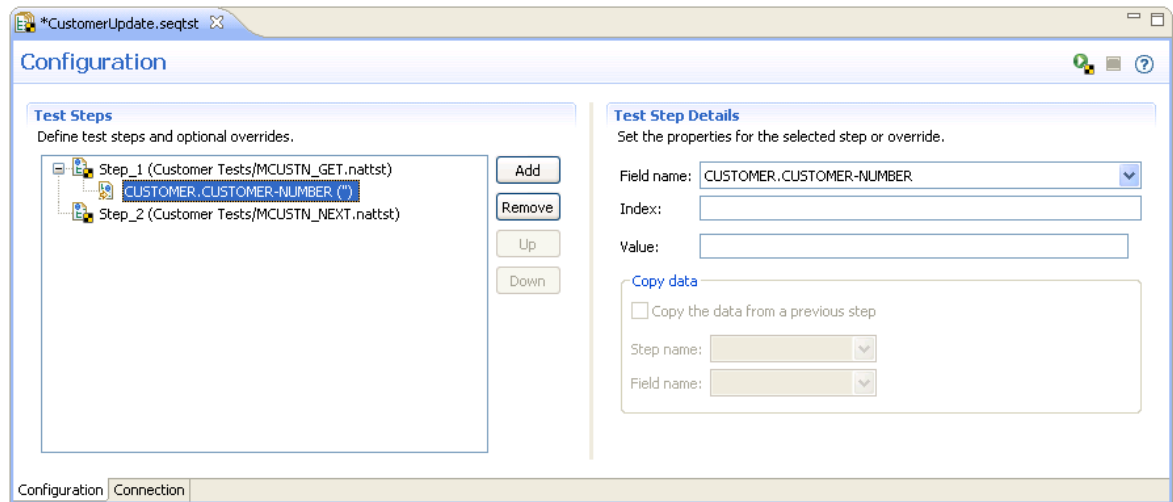
Add an Input Override

This section describes how to add an input override for a field. This value will override any input value defined for an input field with the same name in the original unit test file. For example, if the original unit test file has an input field and value of `FUNCTION=GET` and you add an override to a test step that sets `FUNCTION=UPDATE`, then `FUNCTION=UPDATE` will be used.

➤ To add an input override

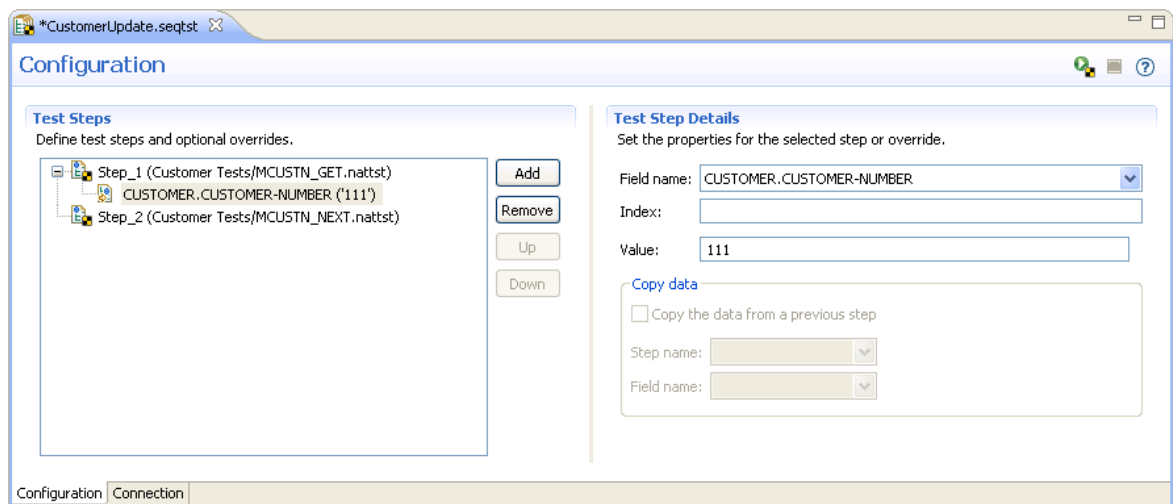
- 1 Open the context menu for the test step in **Test Steps**.
- 2 Select **New > Input Override**.

The field details are displayed in **Test Step Details**. For example:



- 3 Type the override value in **Value**.

The input override is displayed in **Test Steps**. For example:



In this example, an override value for the CUSTOMER-NUMBER field has been added.

Notes:

1. For information about the input parameters, see [Configure Input Parameters](#).
2. You can copy the field data from a previous step. For information, see [Copy Data from a Previous Step](#).
3. To remove an input override, either select the override in **Test Steps** and select **Remove** or open the context menu for the override and select **Delete**.

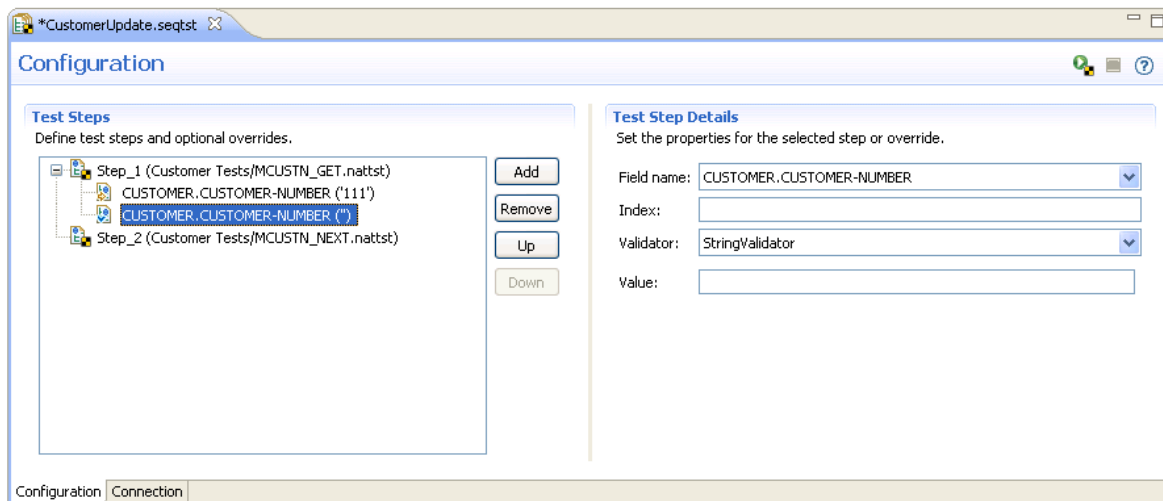
Add a Validation Override

This section describes how to add an override value for a field validation. This value will override any validation defined for an input field with the same name in the original unit test file. For example, if the original unit test file has a field validation of `#MSG <> ERROR` and you add a validation override of `#MSG <> WARNING`, then both validations will be used (i.e., the wizard will ensure that the message is not equal to both ERROR and WARNING).

➤ To add a validation override

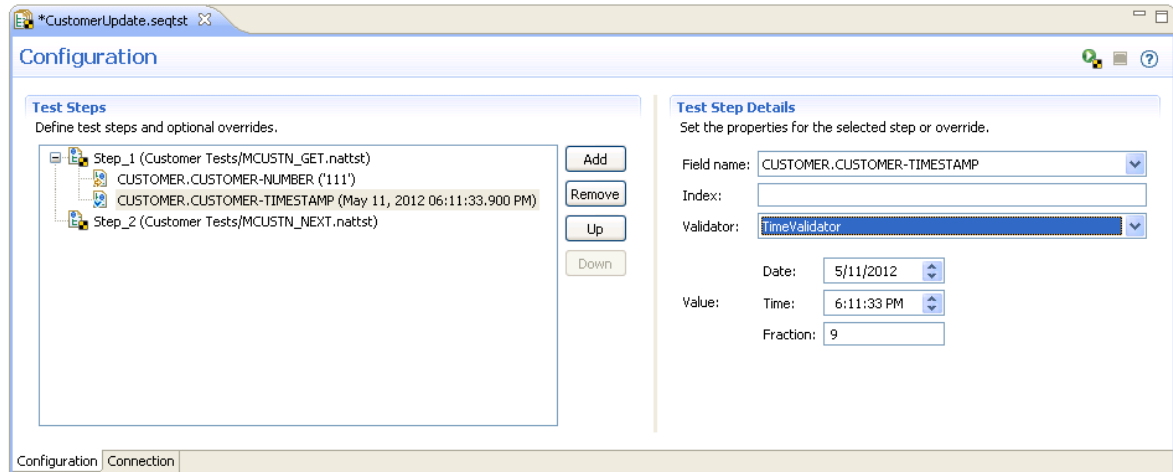
- 1 Open the context menu for the test step in **Test Steps**.
- 2 Select **New > Validation Override**.

The validation details are displayed in **Test Step Details**. For example:



- 3 Select the field name in **Field name**.
- 4 Select the override value in **Validator**.

The validation override is displayed in **Test Steps**. For example:



In this example, an override validation for the CUSTOMER-TIMESTAMP field has been added.



Notes:

1. For information about the validation parameters, see [Define Validations](#).
2. You can copy the validation data from a previous step. For information, see [Copy Data from a Previous Step](#).
3. To remove a validation override, either select the override and select **Remove** or open the context menu for the override and select **Delete**.

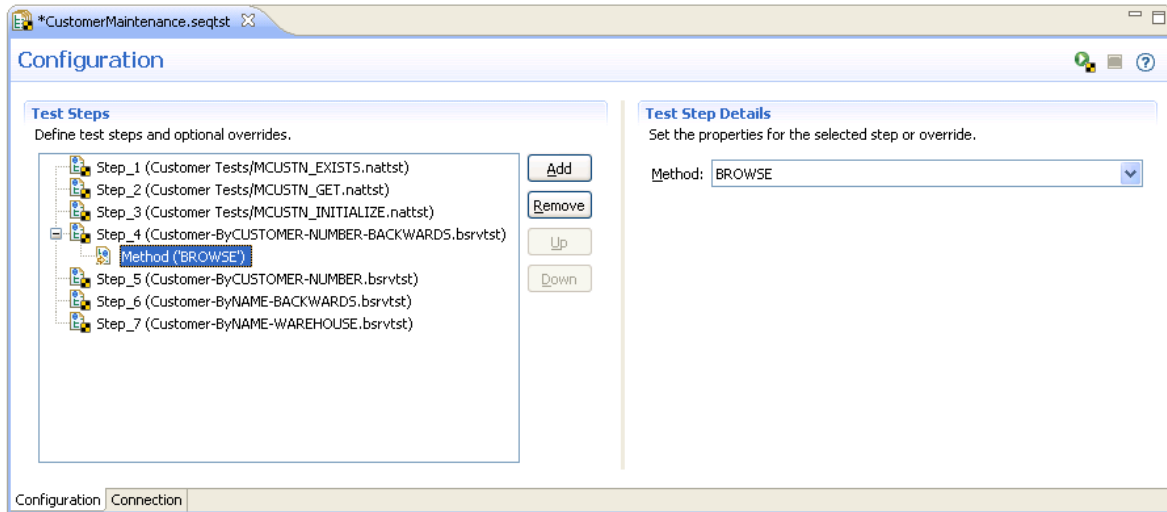
Add a Method Override

This section describes how to add a method override value for a business service unit test. This value will override the method name in the original business service unit test. For example, if the original unit test has a method value of "BROWSE" and you add a method override value "EXISTS" to a test step, then the sequence unit test will execute the "EXISTS" method.

» To add a method override

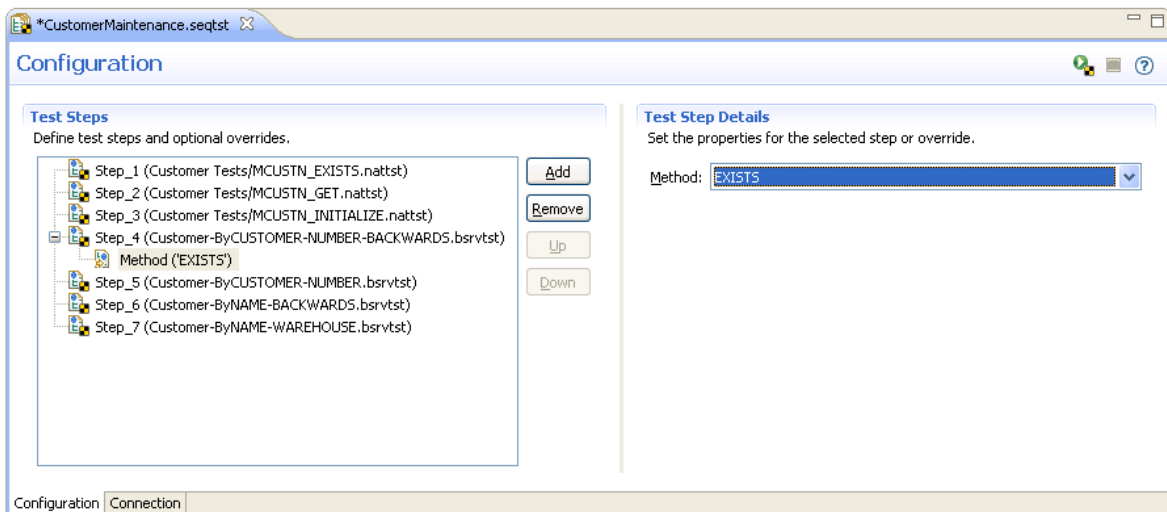
1. Open the context menu for the test step in **Test Steps**.
2. Select **New > Method Override**.

The method details are displayed in **Test Step Details**. For example:



- 3 Type the override value in **Method**.

The method override is displayed in **Test Steps**. For example:



In this example, an override value of METHOD=EXISTS has been added.



Notes:

1. For information about business service methods, see NaturalONE's *Business Services* documentation.
2. To remove a method override, either select the override in **Test Steps** and select **Remove** or open the context menu for the override and select **Delete**.

Use the Dependencies View



When a generated module is open in the editor, the **Dependencies** view displays dependencies between a sequence unit test and the unit tests executed for each test step. This section describes the nodes contributed to the view for these resources.

The following topics are covered:


- [Sequence Unit Test Resources](#)
- [Business Service Unit Test Resources](#)
- [Natural Unit Test Resources](#)

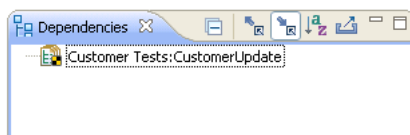



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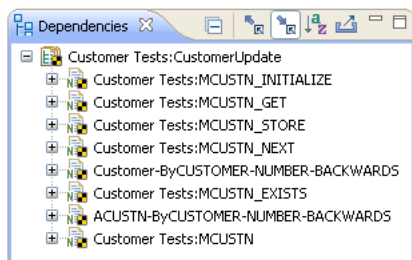
1. Select  to sort the resources alphabetically.
2. Select  to export a textual representation of the visible nodes in the view to a file.
3. When a supporting resource cannot be found locally using the project steplib chain and project references, "<Unknown>" is displayed with the name of the resource. If the unknown module(s) is not shipped with the Construct runtime project, either manually download it from the server or create it locally. If the module(s) is shipped with the Construct runtime project, add the project. For information, see NaturalONE's *Code Generation* documentation.
4. For more information about the **Dependencies** view, see the description of the source editor in *Using NaturalONE*.

Sequence Unit Test Resources


When a sequence unit test is open in the editor view, the root node displays the name of the sequence unit test. In caller mode () , no child nodes are displayed because no other **Dependencies** view objects depend on this sequence unit test file. For example:

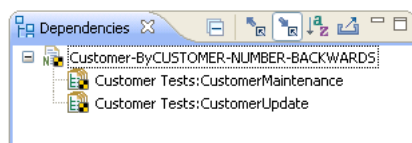



In callee mode () , the child nodes display one business service or Natural unit test for each test step in the sequence unit test. For example:

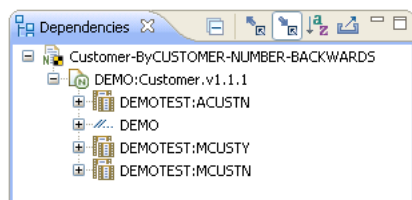


Business Service Unit Test Resources


When a business service unit test is open in the editor view, the root node displays the name of the unit test. In caller mode () , one child node is displayed for each sequence unit test that includes this unit test in one of its test steps. For example:

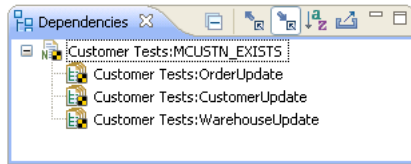



In callee mode () , the child node displays the name of the business service that the unit test executes, along with the names of the supporting Natural resources and the names of the libraries and projects in which they are located. For example:

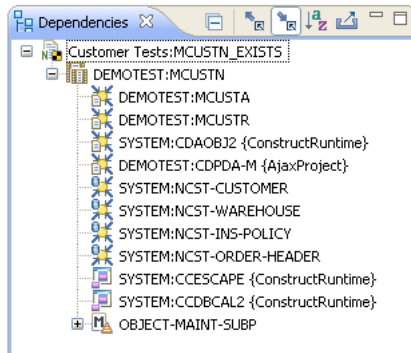


Natural Unit Test Resources

When a Natural unit test is open in the editor view, the root node displays the name of the unit test. In caller mode () , one child node is displayed for each sequence unit test that includes this unit test in one of its test steps. For example:



In callee mode (), the child node displays the name of the Natural subprogram that the unit test executes, along with the names of the supporting Natural resources and the names of the libraries and projects in which they are located. For example:



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Test an External Subroutine

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This section describes how to test an external subroutine. The tester can test the subroutine using either a subprogram or a program that calls a subprogram. The following tables describes which option to use:

External Subroutine Features	Test Using
No parameters and screen input/output	Program (Natural for Ajax provides the screen input/output)
Parameters and no screen input/output	Subprogram (then you can use the subprogram tester to create scripts so the tests can be run again) Note: If there are parameters and no screen input/output, it is easier to test the routine as a subprogram because the subprogram tester can handle the variety of parameters.

Regardless of which option you use, temporary Natural objects are created to perform the tests and then deleted when the Natural for Ajax page or subprogram tester is closed.



Note: If you intend to use the temporary subprograms to create a unit (batch) test for the subroutine, save the files locally before closing the tester.

Access the Subroutine Tester

> To access the subroutine tester

- 1 Open the context menu for the subroutine in the **Project Explorer** view.
- 2 Select **Testing**.

The test options for external subroutines are displayed.

Test with a Program

> To test an external subroutine using a program

- 1 Open the context menu for the subroutine in the **Project Explorer** view.
- 2 Select **Testing > Test Subroutine with Program**.

The subroutine is tested and the results are displayed in the **Natural I/O** view. For example:

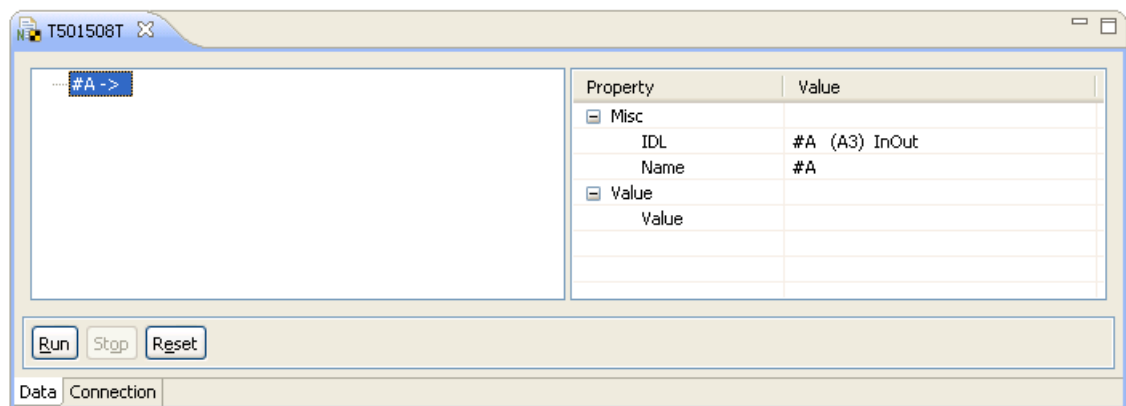


Test with a Subprogram

➤ To test an external subroutine using a subprogram

- 1 Open the context menu for the subroutine in the **Project Explorer** view.
- 2 Select **Testing > Test Subroutine with Subprogram**.

The tester creates a temporary subprogram file to test the subroutine. For example:



Note: This editor functions in the same way as the editor used to test a subprogram. For information on using this editor, see [Features of the Test Editors](#) and [Test a Subprogram Directly](#).

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Test a Natural Map

This section describes how to test a Natural map in NaturalONE. The tester allows you to test a map as you would on the server (i.e., pressing PF4 in the map editor).

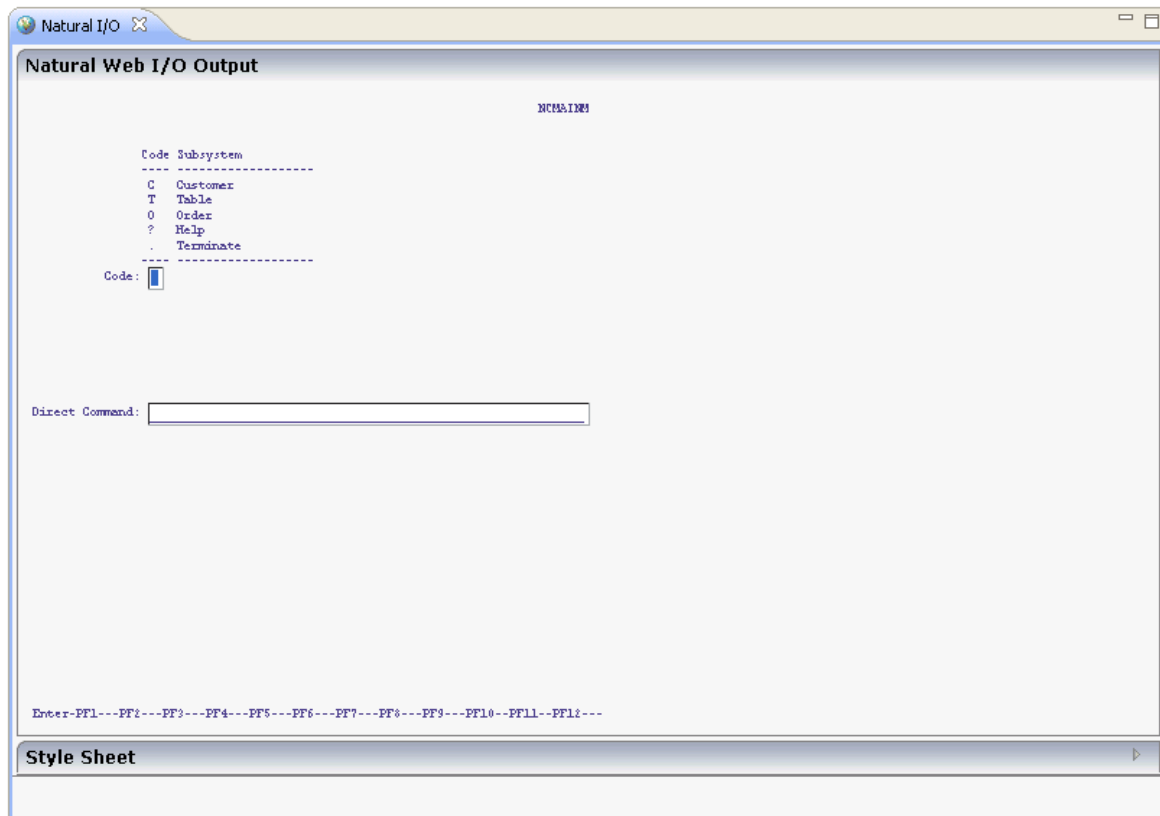


Note: The map must be available locally. If the map is not available locally, download it from the server.

> To test a Natural map

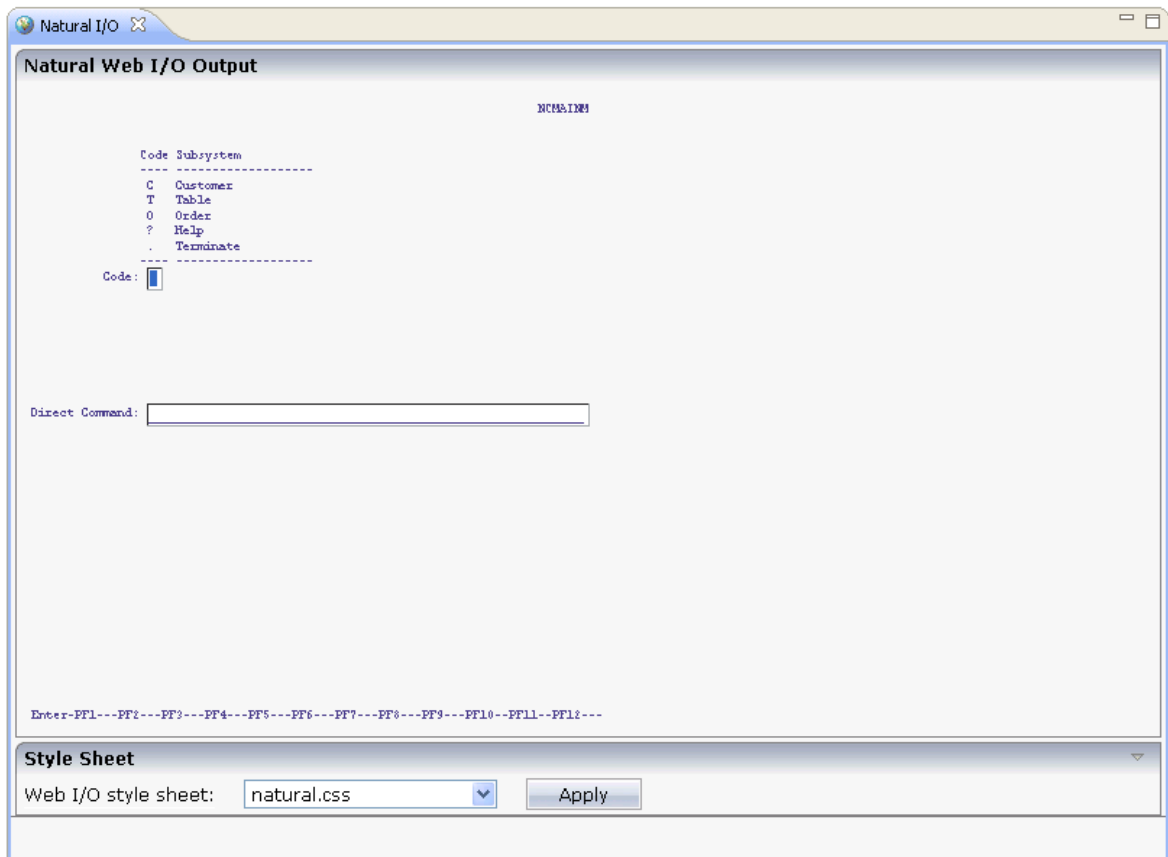
- 1 Open the context menu for the map in the **Project Explorer** view.
- 2 Select **Testing**.
- 3 Select **Test Map**.

The output of the map is displayed. For example:



In addition to testing the output of the map, you can also test all code within the map. For example, you can enter "?" in an input field to display the available help information (if help has been attached to the map).

You can also apply a different style sheet to the map by selecting ► in **Style Sheet**. For example:



In this example, the default style sheet *natural.css* has been used. If you would like to see the same colors in the output window as in the map editor, you can use the style sheet *natural_mapeditor.css* instead of the default style sheet.

To change style sheets, select the file in **Web I/O style sheet** and select **Apply**. The map is redisplayed with the selected style sheet.

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Setting Preferences for Application Testing

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This section describes how to set preferences for the supplied test function.

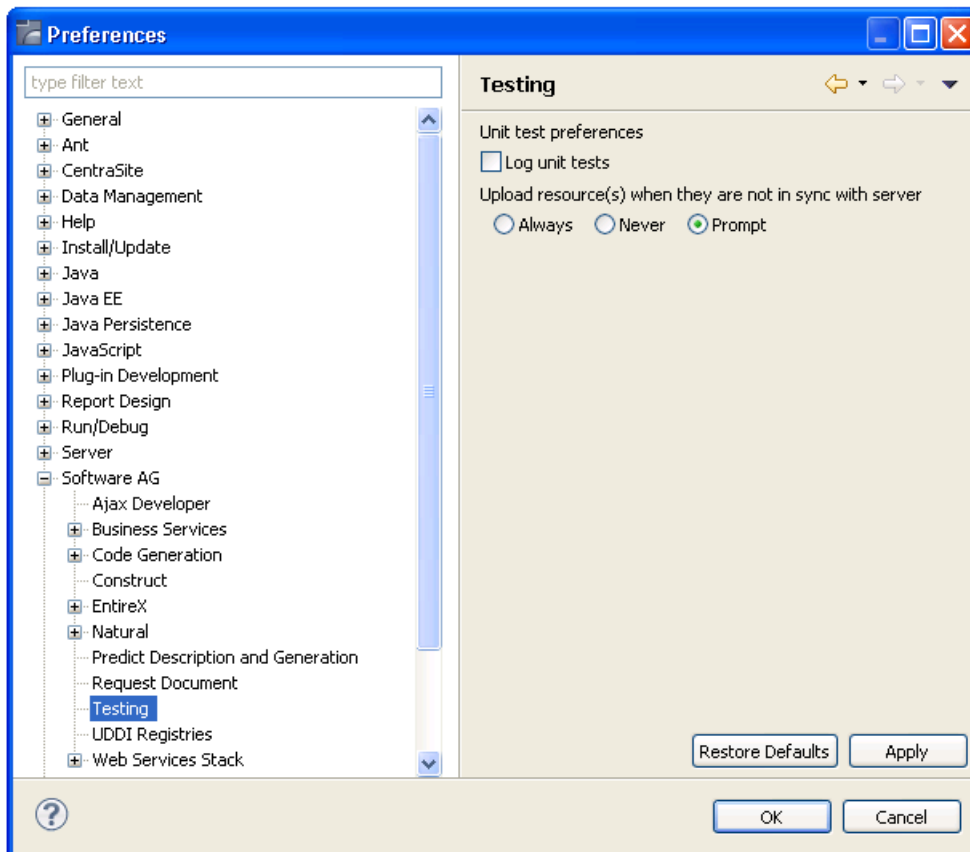
Showing the Preferences for Application Testing

The preferences for Application Testing are set in the **Preferences** dialog box of Eclipse.

» To show the preferences for Application Testing

- 1 From the **Window** menu, choose **Preferences**.
- 2 In the tree of the resulting dialog box, expand the **Software AG** node and then select the **Testing** node.

The **Testing** page is displayed.



Set Logging Preferences for Unit Tests

> To set logging preferences

- 1 Display the **Testing** page as described above.
- 2 Select **Log unit tests**.

Unit test log files will be created automatically each time a unit test is executed. The log files are stored in the **Testing-History** folder within the NaturalONE project in which the unit test was executed and include a *.tstlog* file extension.



Note: If this option is not selected, the log files will not be created.

- 3 Select **OK** to save the preferences.

Set Server Synchronization Preferences

When testing a subprogram, a message may be displayed indicating that a local resource has not been uploaded to the server and synchronized with the server resource. You can set preferences for this option.

> To set server synchronization preferences

- 1 Display the **Testing** page as described above.
- 2 Select one of the options listed in **Upload resource(s) when they are not in sync with server**.

These options are:

Option	Description
Always	Resource(s) are always uploaded to the server when not in sync.
Never	Resource(s) are never uploaded to the server when not in sync.
Prompt	A window is displayed to select an option.

- 3 Select **OK** to save the preferences.

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Creating Ant Scripts to Run Unit Tests

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You can use the Natural Unit Test Ant Script wizard to create XML-based Ant scripts to run unit test files (file extension *.exttst*, *.nattst*, and *.seqtst*). You can run the Ant script from within NaturalONE or from the command line.



Note: It is not possible to run business services via the Natural Unit Test Ant Script.

For information on creating unit test files, see:

- [Create a Unit Test for a Subprogram](#)
- [Create an External Data Unit Test](#)
- [Create a Sequence Unit Test](#)

General Information

NaturalONE offers a Natural Unit Test Ant Wizard which collects all required information (such as the Natural project where the tests are located or the RPC environment to be used) and writes it to an Ant script which is finally used to run the Natural unit tests. This Ant script makes the testing task highly configurable and repeatable and allows you to run the tests unattended.

This Ant-based Natural unit testing can either be started from within the NaturalONE Eclipse environment or via the Ant command line utility. It provides the following functionality:

- Run Natural unit test cases available in a root folder hosting the project.
- Check out a Natural project with Natural unit test cases and required Natural sources from a version control system (either CVS, Subversion or Git); this is usually done outside of Eclipse.

Using the Natural Unit Test Ant Script Wizard to Run Natural Unit Tests

The Natural Unit Test Ant Script wizard creates a Natural test file in your project root folder for executing Natural unit tests. This is an Ant script. You can create one or more Natural test files for a project, and you can also load an existing Natural test file and modify the current settings.

➤ To use the Natural Unit Test Ant Script wizard

- 1 In the **Project Explorer** view or in the **Natural Navigator** view, select the Natural project for which you want to create the test file.

Or:

If you want to load the settings of an existing Natural test file, select this file in the **Project Explorer** view or in the **Natural Navigator** view.

- 2 From the **File** menu or from the context menu, choose **New > Other**.
- 3 In the resulting **New** dialog box, expand the **Software AG** node, then expand the **Testing** node, select **Natural Unit Test Ant Script** and finally click the **Next** button.

The first page of the wizard (**General Settings**) appears.

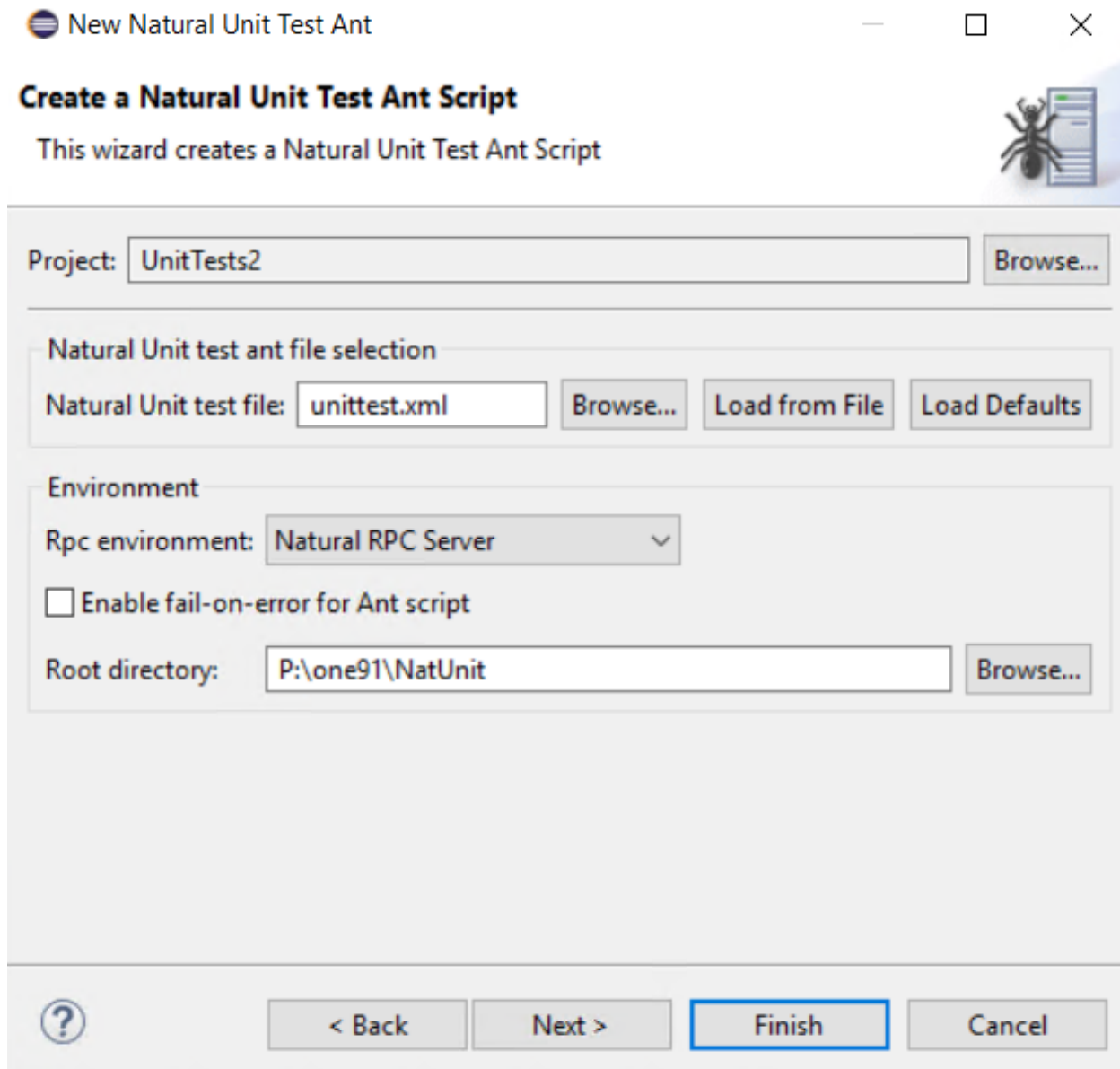
- 4 Specify all required information as described individually for each wizard page in the following sections below. Use the **Next** button repeatedly to proceed from the first page of the wizard to the last page.
- 5 When all required information has been provided, click the **Finish** button .

The different pages of the Natural Unit Test Ant Script wizard are described below.

- [General Settings](#)
- [Repository](#)
- [Logging](#)

General Settings

On the first page of the wizard, you define general settings for the Natural unit testing.



New Natural Unit Test Ant

Create a Natural Unit Test Ant Script

This wizard creates a Natural Unit Test Ant Script

Project:

Natural Unit test ant file selection

Natural Unit test file:

Environment

Rpc environment:

☐ Enable fail-on-error for Ant script

Root directory:

Project

The project which contains the Natural unit test cases and required Natural sources.

Natural Unit test file

The default name for the Natural unit test file is *unittest.xml*. This name is shown in this text box when an existing Natural test file was not selected while invoking the wizard. However, when an existing Natural test file was selected, the name of the selected file is shown and the settings from this file are automatically loaded.

You can enter any other name for your new test file. It is recommended that your new test file also has the extension *.xml*.



Notes:

1. If you keep the name *unittest.xml*, the settings from an existing Natural test file with the same name are loaded the next time you select the project and invoke the wizard.
2. If you want to load an existing Natural test file, choose the **Browse** button. A dialog appears, providing for selection of all Natural test files in the current project. Next, you have to choose the **Load from File** button. Otherwise, the settings in this file are not shown in the wizard and may thus be overwritten unintentionally.
3. If you want to return to the default settings of the test wizard (this also includes the information that can be specified on the other pages of the wizard), choose the **Load Defaults** button.

RPC Environment

You can select the RPC environment which should be used to run the Natural unit tests. An RPC environment can be defined in the RPC Environment monitor of the **EntireX** perspective. For more information, refer to the *EntireX* documentation.

The wizard creates all required RPC properties such as Broker ID or Server Address into the test file.

Enable fail-on-error for Ant script

When enabled, the Ant script reports errors and terminates in the case of a build failure.

When disabled, the Ant script still reports errors but does not terminate.

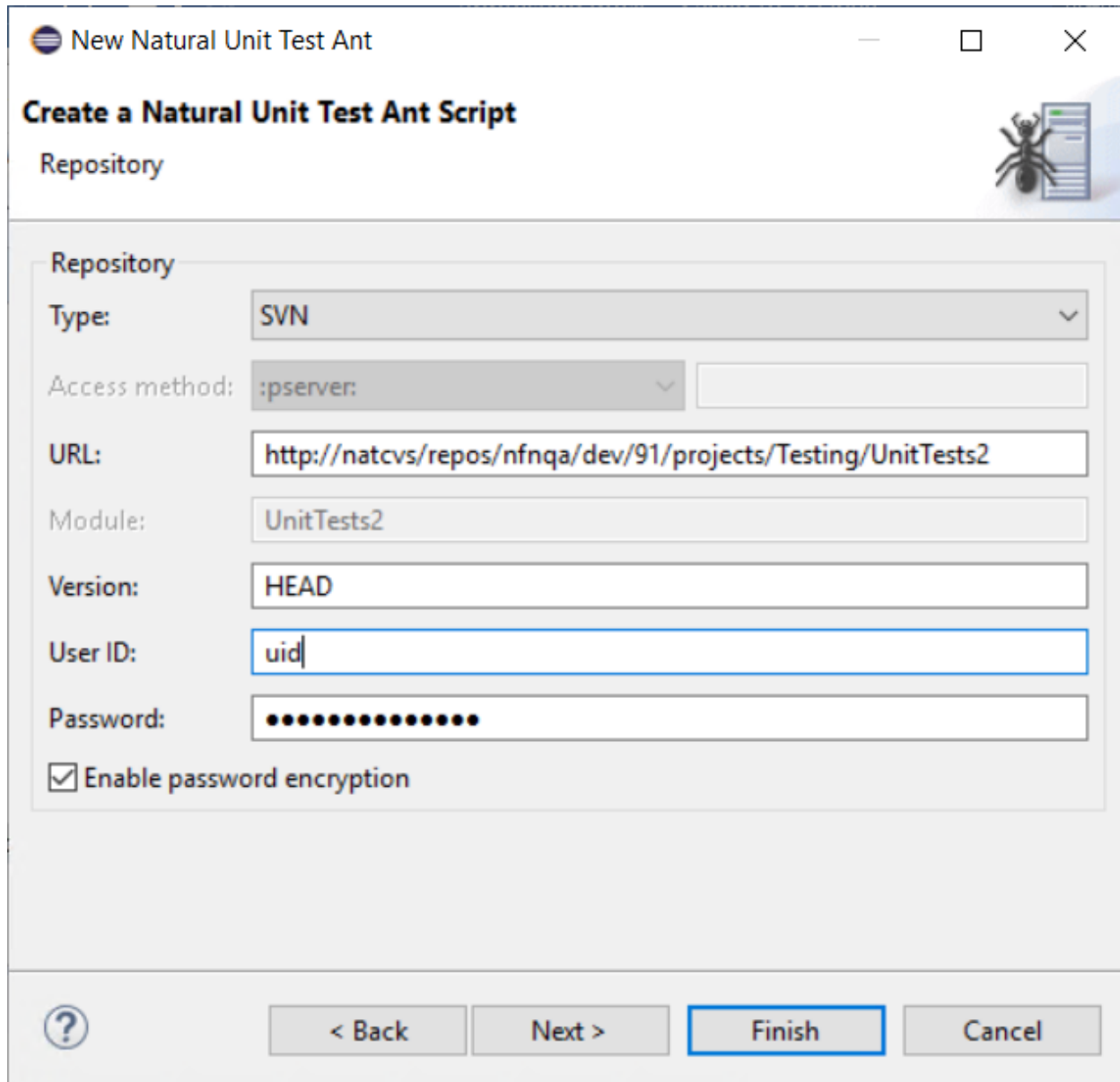
Root directory

This path should only be changed when you intend to start the Natural unit testing from the command line (that is, when the Natural unit testing is not to be started from Eclipse).

Specify the directory in which the selected project is to be checked out and where the processing takes place. When the testing is supposed to run on a different machine, you can insert the desired root path using copy and paste.

Repository

On this page of the wizard, you define all settings related to the versioning repository. This can be either Subversion (SVN), Git or CVS.



New Natural Unit Test Ant

Create a Natural Unit Test Ant Script

Repository

Repository

Type: SVN

Access method: :pserver:

URL: http://natcvs/repos/nfnqa/dev/91/projects/Testing/UnitTests2

Module: UnitTests2

Version: HEAD

User ID: uid

Password:

☒ Enable password encryption

? < Back Next > Finish Cancel

Type

From the Type drop-down list box, select the type of versioning repository that you are using, and then specify all required information. The names of the text boxes and their availability changes according to the selected type.

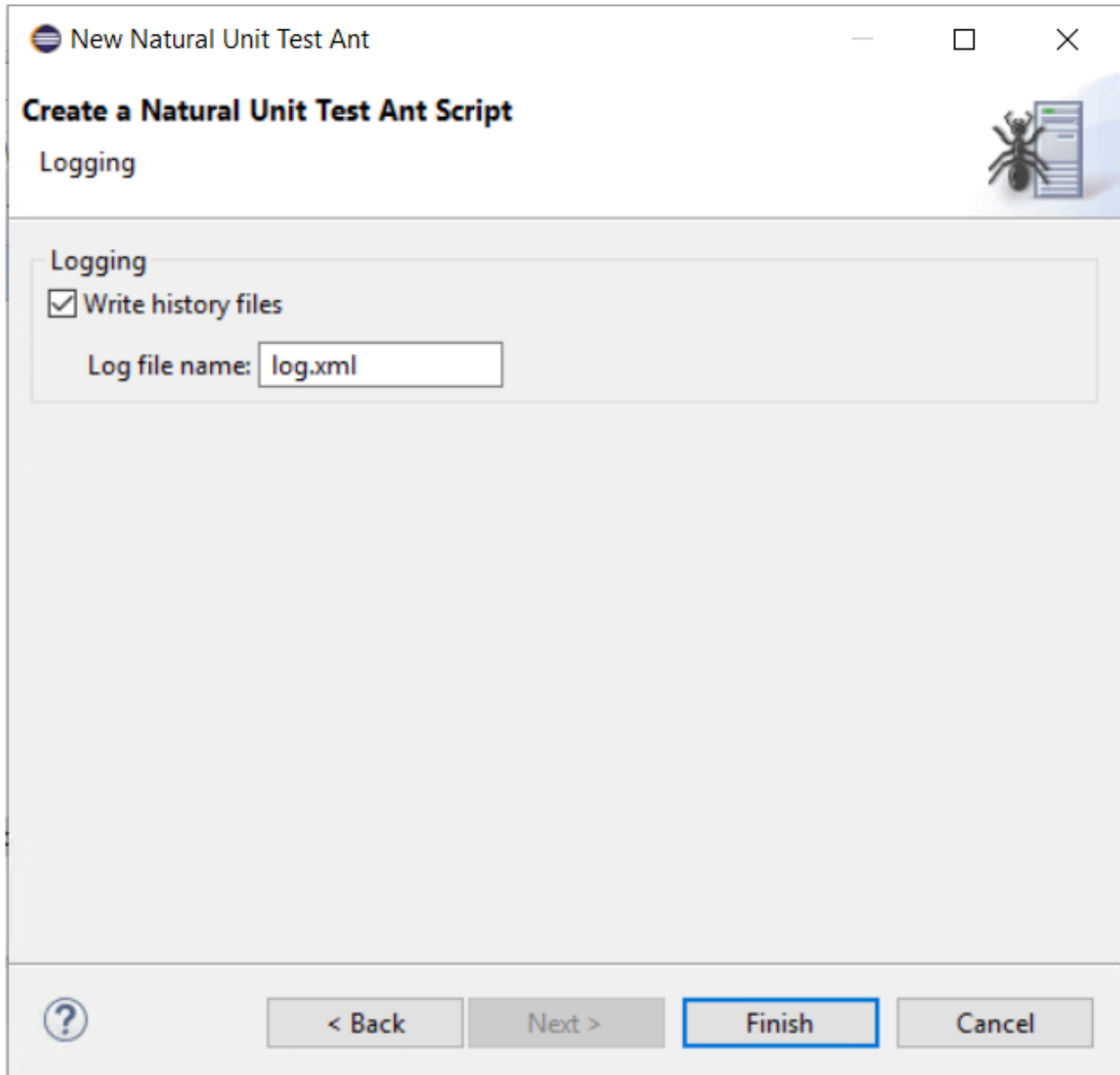
The wizard usually collects a set of default information as given for the selected project. In most cases, only minor corrections have to be made to the defaults, for example, user ID and password may have to be provided

Enable password encryption

When enabled, the repository password that is used in the Natural unit test file is stored in an encrypted format.

Logging

On this page of the wizard you can write history files or specify a log file for generating a JUnit compatible Test Report.



The screenshot shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "New Natural Unit Test Ant". The main heading is "Create a Natural Unit Test Ant Script". Below this, the "Logging" section is active, indicated by a tab icon and a small ant icon. In this section, the checkbox "Write history files" is checked. Below it, the "Log file name:" label is followed by a text input field containing "log.xml". At the bottom of the dialog, there are four buttons: a help button (question mark in a circle), "< Back", "Next >", and "Finish" (which is highlighted with a blue border). A "Cancel" button is also present to the right of "Finish".

Write history files

If enabled, a history file is written to the **Testing-History** folder of the project any time the Natural unit test file is run.

Log file name

The name of a JUnit-style Test Report. For further information please refer to [Generating a JUnit-style Test Report](#).

Generating a JUnit-style Test Report

Usually, when running the Natural unit test script from within NaturalONE or from the command line, the standard output of the script is sufficient to determine the outcome of the test as well as the errors that might have happened in single test steps during the run. However, when the test is run within a continuous integration tool like Jenkins or Hudson, a different output style might be desirable. It is possible to enable an additional JUnit-style output for the Natural unit test script. While the standard console output remains the same, an additional file is written which can then be used for example as the input file for a JUnit post-build action.

To switch on additional JUnit-style output, the Natural unit test Ant script has to be launched with an Ant listener:

```
ant ... -listener ↵  
com.softwareag.natural.unittest.ant.framework.NaturalTestingJUnitLogger
```

The JUnit-style output will then be written to a file named *log.xml*. The name of the file can be changed.

The resulting file can be used as input, for example in the **Publish JUnit test result report** post-build action in a Jenkins job.

Running the Natural Unit Test Ant Script from NaturalONE

When you start the Natural unit test Ant script from Eclipse, it is not possible to execute the checkout target of the Ant script since this target would access the versioning repository, and this is not feasible from within an Eclipse environment. If you want to check out a specific revision from the versioning repository, you have to start the Natural unit test Ant script from the command line as described in [Running the Natural Unit Test Ant Script from the Command Line](#).

However, for testing purposes it is helpful to start the Natural unit test Ant script from Eclipse. Since the Natural unit testing file is an Ant script, the built-in Eclipse functionality of starting Ant scripts is used here. The *unittest* target (which is the default target) of the Ant script will then be executed.

➤ To start the Natural Unit Test Ant script from Eclipse

- In the **Project Explorer** view or in the **Natural Navigator** view, select your Natural unit test file, invoke the context menu and choose **Run As > Ant Build**.

The Natural unit test process is started and the output test run is written to the **Console** view.

**Notes:**

1. If you want to change the limit for the console output, you can do this in the general Eclipse preferences under **Run/Debug > Console**.
2. If you want to generate a Junit-style test report from within Eclipse you must choose **Run As > Ant Build...** and configure the arguments and the class path accordingly.

Running the Natural Unit Test Ant Script from the Command Line

You can start the Natural unit test Ant script from a Windows command line such as the Command Prompt (*cmd.exe*) or from a shell command line on a Linux system. When you start the Natural unit tests from the command line or shell, special requirements must be met.

- [Prerequisites](#)
- [Starting Ant based Natural Unit testing](#)
- [Example](#)

Prerequisites

The following components must be installed and accessible:

- Apache Ant 1.7.1 or above.
- Java Development Kit (JDK) 11 or above.
- If you want to use the Ant checkout task of the Natural Unit Test Ant script, the corresponding repository tool has to be installed (either the Subversion command line tool 1.5.2 or above, the CVS command line tool 1.11 or above, or the Git command line tool 1.9.5 or above)

You have to copy the following JAR files, which contain the necessary processing code, from the NaturalONE Eclipse installation to the new directory:

- `com.softwareag.entirex.core_<version>.jar`
- `com.softwareag.entirex.runtime_<version>.jar`
- `com.softwareag.natural.unittest.ant_<version>.jar`
- `com.softwareag.natural.unittest.core_<version>.jar`
- `com.softwareag.naturalone.natural.auxiliary_<version>.jar`
- `com.softwareag.naturalone.gen.common.logging_<version>.jar`
- `com.thoughtworks.xstream_<version>.jar`
- `org.apache.log4j.api_<version>.jar`
- `org.apache.log4j.core_<version>.jar`

Where `<version>` represents the corresponding version number that is part of the JAR file name.

You have to copy your Natural unit test file which has been created by the Natural Unit Test Ant wizard into the directory which has been specified in the wizard as the **root directory** (this is the base directory for processing).

Starting Ant based Natural Unit testing

When all prerequisites are in place, the Natural unit testing can be started by issuing specific Ant calls. (where the default name *unittest.xml* is used).

- Print the help screen of the Natural Unit Test Ant script:

```
ant -lib path-to-mylib -buildfile unittest.xml help
```

- Perform an initial checkout of the project containing the Natural unit tests from the versioning repository:

```
ant -lib path-to-mylib -buildfile unittest.xml checkout
```

- Perform Natural unit test run with a Junit-style log file:

```
ant -lib path-to-mylib -buildfile unittest.xml -listener ↵  
com.softwareag.natural.unittest.ant.framework.NaturalTestingJUnitLogger
```

Example

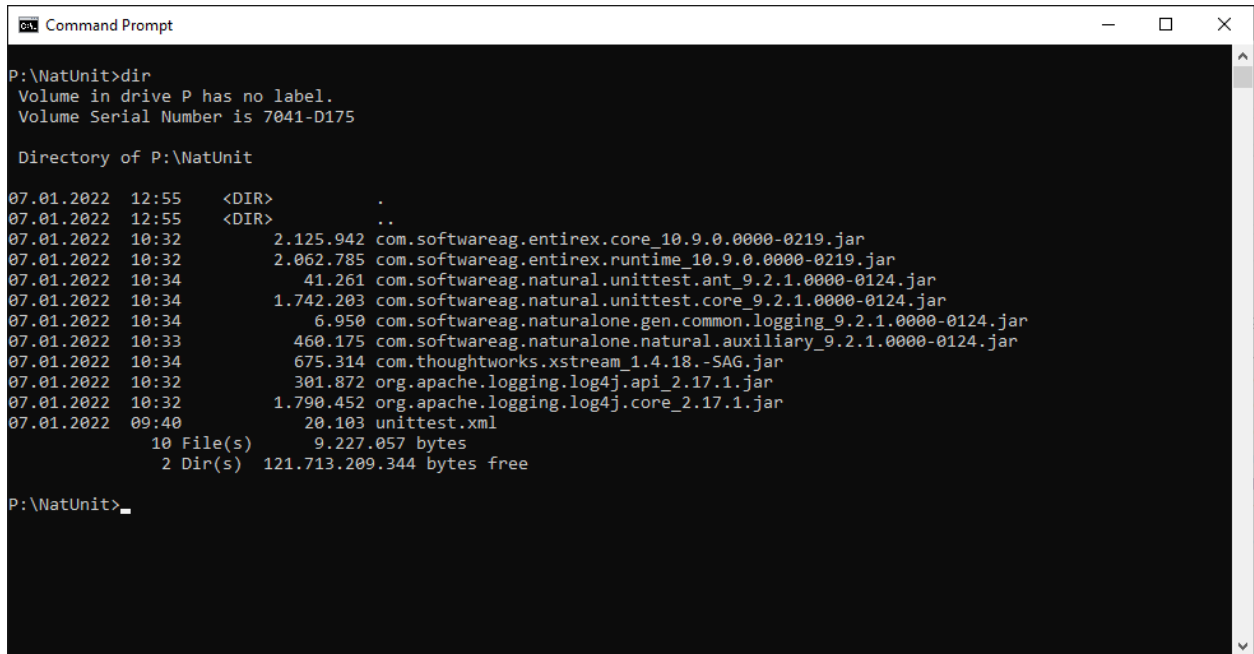
The following sections describe how to run Ant-based Natural unit tests from the command line.

- [Contents of the root folder](#)
- [Modification of the Ant Script unittest.xml](#)
- [Checkout the Project from repository](#)
- [Run the Ant Script](#)
- [Console result of the Natural Unit Test Run](#)
- [JUnit-style log file has been created](#)

- Display the log file with JUnit View

Contents of the root folder

In this example, the folder *P:\NatUnit* contains the NaturalONE bundles required for Natural unit testing. The path to the Ant binaries must have been set. In addition to the .jar files, the Ant script *unittest.xml* is also available in this folder.



```

Command Prompt

P:\NatUnit>dir
Volume in drive P has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 7041-D175

Directory of P:\NatUnit

07.01.2022  12:55    <DIR>          .
07.01.2022  12:55    <DIR>          ..
07.01.2022  10:32         2.125.942  com.softwareag.entirex.core_10.9.0.0000-0219.jar
07.01.2022  10:32         2.062.785  com.softwareag.entirex.runtime_10.9.0.0000-0219.jar
07.01.2022  10:34          41.261  com.softwareag.natural.unittest.ant_9.2.1.0000-0124.jar
07.01.2022  10:34         1.742.203  com.softwareag.natural.unittest.core_9.2.1.0000-0124.jar
07.01.2022  10:34           6.950  com.softwareag.naturalone.gen.common.logging_9.2.1.0000-0124.jar
07.01.2022  10:33          460.175  com.softwareag.naturalone.natural.auxiliary_9.2.1.0000-0124.jar
07.01.2022  10:34          675.314  com.thoughtworks.xstream_1.4.18.-SAG.jar
07.01.2022  10:32          301.872  org.apache.logging.log4j.api_2.17.1.jar
07.01.2022  10:32         1.790.452  org.apache.logging.log4j.core_2.17.1.jar
07.01.2022  09:40           20.103  unittest.xml
               10 File(s)          9.227.057 bytes
               2 Dir(s)        121.713.209.344 bytes free

P:\NatUnit>_

```

Modification of the Ant Script *unittest.xml*

In order to run the Ant based Natural unit testing script from a specific root folder, to checkout from a specific repository site, or to use a specific project name, the following adjustments are applied in the file *unittest.xml*:

- `natural.ant.project.rootdir value="P:\NatUnit"`
- `natural.ant.project.name value="UnitTests2"`
- `natural.ant.repository.module value="UnitTests2"`

Checkout the Project from repository

The project **UnitTests2** will be checked out from an SVN repository using the following command at the command prompt:

```
ant -lib P:\NatUnit -buildfile unittest.xml checkout
```

After the checkout task has been run, the Natural project *UnitTests2* is now also available as a subdirectory in the root folder *P:\NatUnit*.

```
07.01.2022 10:33      460.175 com.softwareag.naturalone.natur
07.01.2022 10:34      675.314 com.thoughtworks.xstream_1.4.18
07.01.2022 10:32      301.872 org.apache.logging.log4j.api_2.
07.01.2022 10:32      1.790.452 org.apache.logging.log4j.core_2
07.01.2022 13:05        20.109 unittest.xml
07.01.2022 13:03    <DIR>      UnitTests2
          10 File(s)      9.227.063 bytes
          3 Dir(s)  121.711.382.528 bytes free

P:\NatUnit>
```

Run the Ant Script

In the next step, the Ant script is running the tests located in the *UnitTest2* project. It is using an Ant listener to write a JUnit-style log file in addition to the console output. The `unittest` task is not explicitly specified in the command line, since this task is the default task:

```
ant -lib P:\NatUnit -buildfile unittest.xml -listener ↵
com.softwareag.natural.unittest.ant.framework.NaturalTestingJUnitLogger
```

Console result of the Natural Unit Test Run

The console shows the results of the test run. The single test case *SECTEST1* has been run successfully.

```
unittest:
[testsuite] Test suite started
[testsuite] Started: UnitTests2
[testsuite]   Started: SECTEST1.nattst
[testsuite]   Passed:  SECTEST1.nattst
[testsuite] Passed:  UnitTests2
[testsuite] Tests: 1 Failed: 0

BUILD SUCCESSFUL
Total time: 1 second
```

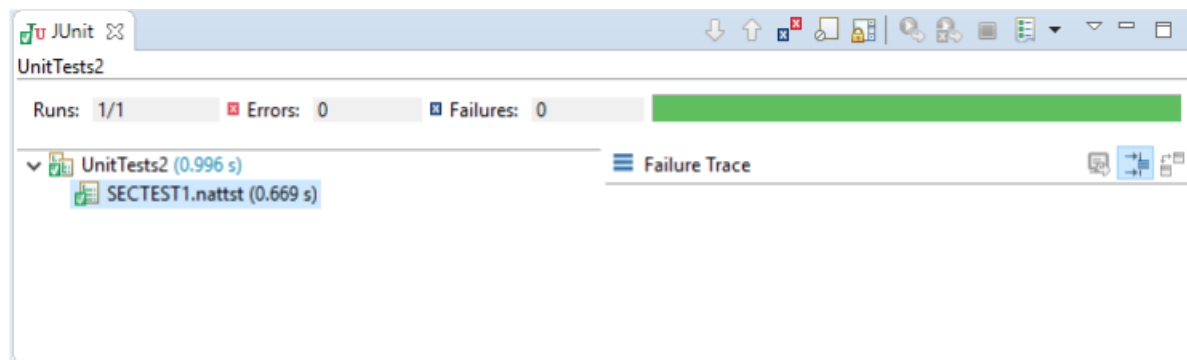

JUnit-style log file has been created

The file *log.xml* with the JUnit compatible format has been added to the root folder *P:\NatUnit*.

```
Directory of P:\NatUnit
07.01.2022 13:04 <DIR> .
07.01.2022 13:04 <DIR> ..
07.01.2022 10:32 2.125.942 com.softwareag.entirex.core_10.9.0.0000-0219.jar
07.01.2022 10:32 2.062.785 com.softwareag.entirex.runtime_10.9.0.0000-0219.jar
07.01.2022 10:34 41.261 com.softwareag.natural.unittest.ant_9.2.1.0000-0124.jar
07.01.2022 10:34 1.742.203 com.softwareag.natural.unittest.core_9.2.1.0000-0124.jar
07.01.2022 10:34 6.950 com.softwareag.naturalone.gen.common.logging_9.2.1.0000-0124.jar
07.01.2022 10:33 460.175 com.softwareag.naturalone.natural.auxiliary_9.2.1.0000-0124.jar
07.01.2022 10:34 675.314 com.thoughtworks.xstream_1.4.18.-SAG.jar
07.01.2022 13:05 249 log.xml
07.01.2022 10:32 301.872 org.apache.logging.log4j.api_2.17.1.jar
07.01.2022 10:32 1.790.452 org.apache.logging.log4j.core_2.17.1.jar
07.01.2022 13:05 20.109 unittest.xml
07.01.2022 13:03 <DIR> UnitTests2
11 File(s) 9.227.312 bytes
3 Dir(s) 121.712.943.104 bytes free
P:\NatUnit>
```

Display the log file with JUnit View

The log file is displayed inside Eclipse with the **JUnit** view:



Properties of the Natural Unit Test Ant Script

This section describes the Ant properties that the Natural Unit Test Ant wizard generates into the Natural unit test Ant script. Some properties can be modified according to specific needs. However, in most cases it will be sufficient to just adapt the `natural.ant.project.rootdir` property since the wizard assigns the Eclipse workspace path to this property.

Property	Description
<code>natural.ant.project.rootdir</code>	The root folder where the project containing the Natural unit test cases is located. The Unit Test Ant wizard always assigns the Eclipse workspace path to this property.
<code>natural.ant.project.name</code>	The name of the project containing the tests. Apart from the various test cases, <code>.nattst</code> , and <code>.segtst</code> all Natural sources relevant for constructing the IDL of a component must be available.
<code>natural.testing.ant.rpcpwd</code>	The encrypted RPC password.
<code>natural.testing.ant.rpcuid</code>	The RPC user ID.
<code>natural.testing.ant.rpcenvname</code>	The name of the RPC environment.
<code>natural.testing.ant.srvaddr</code>	The RPC address string.
<code>natural.testing.ant.file.name</code>	The name of the Ant script.
<code>natural.testing.ant.brokerid</code>	The used Broker.
<code>natural.testing.ant.exxpwd</code>	The encrypted EntireX password.
<code>natural.testing.ant.exxuid</code>	The EntireX user.
<code>NaturalTestingJUnitLogger.file</code>	<p>The name of the JUnit-style logfile.</p> <p>The default is <i>log.xml</i>. A fully qualified path could also be entered.</p> <p>The log file will only be generated when the ant listener <code>com.softwareag.natural.unittest.ant.framework.NaturalTestingJUnitLogger</code> is set.</p>
<code>natural.ant.project.steplib</code>	<p>The steplib chain.</p> <p>This chain is just used for finding the Natural sources involved in constructing the test case. It is passed to the Broker/RPC environment but will not be used for passing the test case to the RPC runtime environment. As a consequence all Natural sources like parameters must be available in the Natural unit test project.</p>
<code>natural.ant.referenced.projects</code>	<p>The projects referenced by the Natural unit test project. The default is "".</p> <p>If specified, the referenced projects must also be checked out. Referenced projects are used during test case execution to potentially find a required Natural source like a parameter area in a library of a referenced project.</p>
<code>natural.testing.ant.logon</code>	Logon to the broker in order to perform authentication. The default is YES. It is mandatory for secured Broker/RPC environments.
<code>natural.ant.failonerror</code>	The Ant processing terminates after the first error. The default is NO.
<code>natural.testing.ant.writehistory</code>	Writes history files to the fixed folder Testing-History located under the project directory. The default is NO.
<code>natural.ant.project.password.encryption</code>	Enables repository password encryption. The default is YES.
<code>natural.ant.repository.version</code>	The version to check out from the repository.
<code>natural.ant.repository.type</code>	The repository type.
<code>natural.ant.repository.password</code>	The repository password.
<code>natural.ant.repository.username</code>	The repository user.
<code>natural.ant.repository.access.method</code>	The repository access method.

Property	Description
<code>natural.ant.repository.url</code>	The URL of the repository.
<code>natural.ant.repository.module</code>	The name of the project to check out from the repository.

Migrate Existing Natural Unit Test Ant Scripts

As of NaturalONE version 9.2.1, Code Generation logging is based on Apache Log4j 2 instead of Apache Log4j.

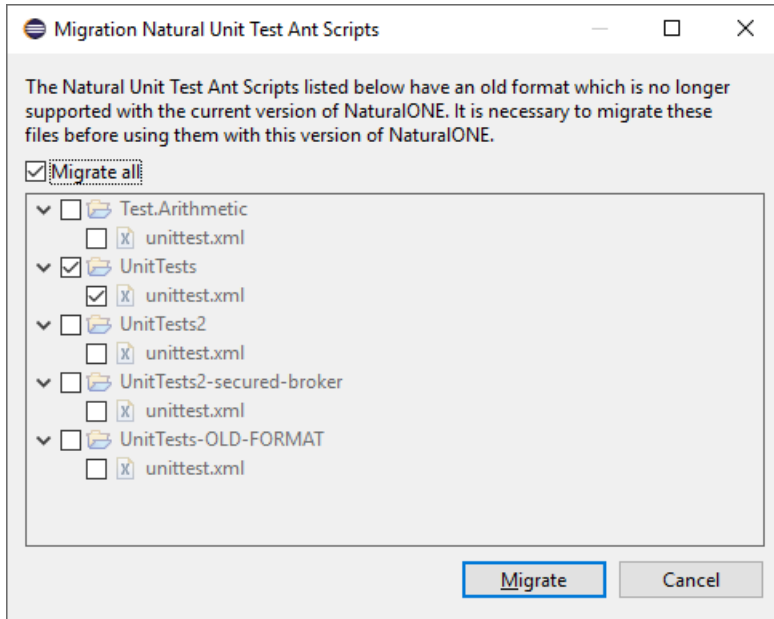
For this reason, the `natural.ant.searchpath` property in [Creating Ant Scripts to Run Unit Tests](#) has been changed. If you create a new Natural Unit Test Ant Script, the correct `natural.ant.searchpath` will be generated. However, if you have Natural Unit Test Ant scripts in your Natural Projects directory created with NaturalONE before version 9.2.1, you must migrate these scripts to the new format.

- [Migrate Natural Unit Test Ant Scripts from within the NaturalONE Eclipse Environment](#)
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Migrate Natural Unit Test Ant Scripts from within the NaturalONE Eclipse Environment

➤ To migrate the Natural Unit Test Ant scripts

- 1 In the **Project Explorer** view or in the **Natural Navigator** view, select the Natural project for which you want to migrate scripts.
- 2 Invoke the context menu and choose **Testing > Migrate Natural Unit Test Ant Scripts**.
- 3 In the **Migrate Natural Unit Test Ant Scripts** dialog box, all projects which contain scripts with the old format will be listed. The projects which are selected will be migrated.
- 4 Select all projects you want to migrate or select **Migrate all** to migrate all listed projects. Then click **Migrate**.
- 5 The Natural Unit Test Ant scripts will be migrated to the current format and a backup file with the `.bck` extension will be created for every migrated script (e.g. `unittest.xml.bck`).



Migrate Natural Unit Test Ant Scripts from the Command Line

You can start the Natural Unit Test Ant script migration from a Windows command line such as the Command Prompt (*cmd.exe*) or from a shell command line on a Linux system. When you start the migration from the command line or shell, special requirements must be met.

- [Prerequisites](#)
- [Start Migration](#)

Prerequisites

Java Development Kit (JDK) 11 or above

Copy the following JAR file, which contains the necessary processing code, from the NaturalONE Eclipse installation to the new directory:

com.softwareag.natural.unittest.ant_<version>.jar

Where *<version>* represents the corresponding version number that is part of the JAR file name.

Start Migration

When all prerequisites are in place, the Natural Unit Test Ant script migration can be started by issuing specific java calls.

- Print the help screen:

```
java -jar com.softwareag.natural.unittest.ant_<version>.jar
```

- List all scripts with old format on the given path:

```
java -jar com.softwareag.natural.unittest.ant_<version>.jar ↵  
findAntUnitScriptsToMigrate <Path_to_search>
```

- Migrate all scripts with old format on the given path:

```
java -jar com.softwareag.natural.unittest.ant_<version>.jar ↵  
migrateAntUnitScripts <Path_to_search>
```