

Defining Short IDs for Libraries

In the User Profile Library, you can create a text member ULIBID, in which you can define two-character abbreviations for dataset names or file names.

Users can use short IDs when addressing datasets/libraries in the input fields of Entry Panels or in the object parameters of function command syntax.

The short IDs defined here are valid system-wide (global short names). However, users can define their own short IDs in their user profile, for example by using the SHORTLIB command. When a short ID is used, the user profile is searched first. For further information see the following subsections in the Natural ISPF User's Guide:

- description of the SHORTLIB command in Section Command Reference;
- Library Definition in Section Profile Maintenance.

To define global short library names, select the SHORTLIB option from the Administrator Menu. This gives direct write access to member ULIBID in Editor format.

Example of global short library name definitions:

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EDIT-NAT:SYSISPFU(ULIBID)-Program->Struct-Free-45K -- >>> Versioning is invoked
COMMAND===>                                     SCROLL===> CSR
***** ***** top of data *****
000010 * table with global shortlibs
000020 SP SYSM.PROCLIB SYSXA1
000030 EL EDITOR.COMN.IV135.LOAD
000040 NL FRZ.NAT215.MVSLD
000050 OL OPS.SYSF.PROD.LOAD
000060 OJ OPS.COMN.JCL
000070 OA OPS.AKTUELL.LINKLIB
000080 AL OPS.SYSF.V5.ADALOAD
000090 CL PUB.SYSF.USER.LOAD
***** ***** bottom of data *****

Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
      Help Split End  Suspe Rfind Rchan Up      Down Swap Left Right Curso
    
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Each entry consists of a two-character short name followed by a blank followed by the full library name. If the library is not cataloged, the library name must be followed by a blank and the volume serial number to eliminate the catalog request at access time.

Lines beginning with an asterisk * are interpreted as comment lines.

When defining short names for libraries, it is advisable to observe naming conventions for easy identification. The following convention is suggested:

- The first character could describe the system or product, for example, **A** for Adabas.
- The second could describe the library type, for example, **L** for LOAD, **S** for SOURCE, **J** for JCL.

Using this convention, the library short name AL could easily be identified as the Adabas load library currently in use.