

Editor Sessions

The Software AG Editor is integrated in Natural. Certain commands issued from a Natural screen automatically start an Editor session: EDIT, BROWSE, LIST. This means that lists of objects, and objects displayed in edit or browse mode constitute Editor sessions and you can use any appropriate Editor command.

In LIST or BROWSE mode, you can therefore use any Editor command that does not change the data. This includes not only scroll commands (UP, DOWN, BOTTOM, TOP, LEFT, RIGHT, etc.), but also other commands such as FIND, CREATE, HEX, etc., corresponding Editor line commands, as well as the C/CC line commands.

This means, for example, that you can copy lines from a list into another member in a cross-session copy operation, or store a list in a member as data that can be edited.

Example:

You wish to store a list of members from Natural library MYLIB as a PDS member. From the Main Menu, issue the command:

```
L N MYLIB(*)
```

This displays the required list on your screen. In the command line of the list, enter the command:

```
CREATE P USER.LIB(LIBLIST)
```

and mark the first and last lines of the block to be stored with a CC line command as follows:

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LIST-NAT:MYLIB(*) ----- Row 0 of 7 - Columns 010 076
COMMAND==> create p user.lib(liblist)          SCROLL==> CSR
MEMBER          PGMTYPE      SM S/C VERS LEVL USERID  DATE      TIME  VV.MM
** ***** top of list *****
ISP-BRCP        Program      S  S/C 2.2  0007 MZC    19941124  18:58
ISP-BRCR        Program      S  S/C 2.2  0007 MZC    19950306  20:16
ISP-BRDC        Subprogram   S  S/C 2.2  0007 MZC    19950914  17:16
ISP-BREX        Program      S  S/C 2.2  0007 MZC    19941124  18:58
ISP-BRK1        Map          S  S/C 2.1  0006 L9901I  19930215  13:26
ISP-BRV1        Map          S  S/C 2.1  0006 L9901I  19930223  17:26
MYPROG         Program      S  S/C 2.2  0007 FHI    19980722  15:07 01.02
** ***** bottom of list *****
```

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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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When you press Enter, the marked list is created as member LIBLIST in PDS library USER.LIB (a message confirms successful creation).