

Natural for Mainframes - Fundamentals

Using the ENTER Key

To perform a particular Natural action, you enter the appropriate function code, command, etc., and then press ENTER.

So, if this documentation tells you to "enter a function code", this means, "type in the function code and press ENTER".

If a function requires that you press another key, this will be explicitly mentioned in this documentation.

Name, Date and Time Specification???

Asterisk Notation

Many Natural functions display lists of objects. Usually, these lists contain all objects available (for example, all objects of a given type, all objects in a given library). If you do not wish all objects to be listed, but only a certain range of objects, you may specify that range by using **asterisk notation**:

By specifying a parameter value followed by an asterisk (*) you will get a list of only those objects whose names (or IDs or whatever the parameter is) begin with that value. This option to enter a value followed by an asterisk is referred to as **asterisk notation**.

Example 1:

If you enter the system command DELETE without any parameters:

```
DELETE
```

you will get a list of all objects in the current library (you can then mark those which are to be deleted).

Example 2:

If you enter the system command DELETE as follows:

```
DELETE DAWG*
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you will get a list of only those objects in the current library whose names begin with DAWG.