

# PARM - Alternative Parameter Module

This Natural profile parameter is for:

- mainframes
- UNIX and Windows

## Mainframes

This parameter specifies an object module containing profile parameter definitions.

<b>Possible settings</b>	1-8 characters	Module name.
<b>Default setting</b>	none	
<b>Dynamic specification</b>	YES	
<b>Specification within session</b>	NO	

These definitions are coded using the various macros as described under Creating a New Natural Parameter Module (in the Natural Operations documentation for Mainframes). The macros are then assembled, resulting in an object module whose name is specified by the user.

When the PARM parameter is specified (either in the linked parameter module or as a dynamic parameter at Natural session start), the appropriate object module is loaded and the profile parameter definitions contained therein take effect. The parameter module is loaded dynamically from the steplib. Under CICS, a PPT entry is required for this parameter module.

Any profile parameter definitions in effect before the PARM parameter is processed (for example, definitions contained in the linked parameter module or prior dynamic parameters) are overridden when the specified parameter module is loaded.

To restrict the use of an alternative parameter module, you can use the macro NTUSER.

## UNIX and Windows

This parameter specifies a parameter file that is to be used instead of the default parameter file NATPARM and Read Access to NATPARM.SAG in the directory pointed to by PARM\_PATH.

<b>Possible settings</b>	1-8 characters	Any valid file name.
<b>Default setting</b>	none	
<b>Dynamic specification</b>	YES	This parameter can only be specified dynamically.
<b>Specification within session</b>	NO	