

Starting/Terminating Natural

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Note: As a prerequisite, general knowledge of how to use the mouse and the desktop is required to use this product. If you are not sure how to use the mouse and/or desktop, please refer to the documentation of your operating system in use.

See also:

- Natural Execution Configuration (for information on the relevant parameters in the NATPARM module)
 - Profile Parameters (Detailed Descriptions)
 - Natural Configuration Utility (Usage)
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Starting Natural

Starting a Natural Online Session

 **To start a Natural session from your desktop**

- From the **Start** menu, choose **Programs > Software AG Natural v.r.s> Natural**.
- where *v.r.s.* is the Natural *version, release, system maintenance level* number.

While the program is loaded, the Natural startup map is displayed informing you about the loading in progress. See also Suppressing the Natural Startup Map.

After logon, Natural Studio, the development environment for Natural, appears.

How to Proceed after Logon

When you start Natural for the very first time, the library workspace will be displayed on the left side of the development environment with the current logon library selected. When Natural is restarted, the toolbars and windows are placed at the same positions as when Natural was left the last time.

For details on how to proceed with Natural Studio or the Natural Configuration Utility, refer to:

- Natural Studio - Features
- Natural Studio - Main Components
- Natural Configuration Utility
- Changing Default Settings
- Defining Your Own Logon Library

Starting a Natural Batch Session

You can start Natural in batch mode from the "Target" text box of the "Properties" of the Natural program-item icon. For this purpose, it is currently necessary to create an additional Natural icon on your desktop, following the procedure described below. (If you just copy an existing Natural program-item icon, the "Target" field may not work..)

1. Use the **New > Shortcut** option of the context menu to create another Natural icon on your desktop.
2. In the command line of the "Create Shortcut" window, specify the path to the natural.exe file, for example:
"C:\Program Files\Software AG\Natural\5.1.1\Bin\natural.exe"
and follow the instructions.
3. Rename the newly created "natural.exe" icon, for example, to "Natural Batch"
4. Select this new Natural program-item icon
5. Click the right mouse button and choose the **Properties** option from the context menu.
The Natural Properties dialog box appears.
6. In the "Target" field, add the "batchmode" parameter, for example:
"C:\Program Files\Software AG\Natural\5.1.1\Bin\natural.exe" **batchmode**.

To invoke Natural in batch mode from the "Target" text box

- Click to the additional Natural program-item icon.

For information on the batch-mode-relevant profile parameters in the NATPARM module, refer to Batch Mode (in the Natural Operations documentation, under the heading Profile Parameters Grouped by Function).

For special considerations that apply when running Natural in batch mode, see Natural in Batch Mode.

Terminating Natural

Terminating a Natural Online Session

To terminate a Natural online session

- From the **Object** menu, choose **Exit**;
Or press ALT+F4;
Or enter the system command "FIN" in the command line;
Or execute a Natural program that contains a TERMINATE statement.

See also: Changing the Termination Method

Terminating a Natural Batch Session

A Natural batch mode session will be terminated when one of the following is encountered during the session:

- a FIN command in the input dataset,
- an end-of-input condition in the input dataset,
- a TERMINATE statement in a Natural program which is being executed.