

Release Notes for SMA Version 1.3.1

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Prerequisites

- Natural Version 2.3.4 or above
- Adabas Version 6.2.3 or above

Documentation

The available documentation has been updated.

Installation

The installation procedure has not changed. It is not necessary to perform a special migration step to migrate from SMA Version 1.2. to SMA Version 1.3.1. Only the help text has been updated and needs to be loaded.

Enhancements and Features

This section covers the following topics:

- Maintaining SMA Parameters
- JCL Generation
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- Administration
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Maintaining SMA Parameters

Active Parameters

The SMA system file contains a variety of parameter definitions. Until now they could not easily be maintained. It is now possible to obtain an overview of all the parameters used in an environment. SMA sets an internal flag for parameters which were used by the JCL generator during a JCL generation for an environment. These parameters are called "active parameters". Every environment has its own set of active parameters.

Parameters must be maintained in their environment, this is limited to the active parameters. It is still possible, however, to also maintain the others.

To reset the active flag of one particular parameter, use the line command SI "Set Inactive" in the Parameter Selection screen. To reset the active flag of all parameters in one specified environment, use the direct command SET-INACTIVE <environment-name>.

Transfer Values to other Environments

To transfer values from the default environment to other environments, use the line command TV "Transfer Value". The value specified will be set in all other environments under the same operating system.

Set Default Value

To change a value to the value specified in the default environment, use the line command SD "Set Default".

Direct Command Save

The command Save in the Parameter Selection menu saves all changes directly into the SMA system file.

JCL Generation

It is possible to switch to the Modify Parameter menu during the online checking phase if a condition is not met. The JCL generator automatically restarts after all necessary updates have been made.

In batch, all parameters used and their values are printed in a report (0). This list is not sorted.

The name of the skeleton used in the job step is stored in the job "Report".

Report Function

The report function lists:

- the values of specified parameters in all environments. They are sorted by value, environment and date of last use.
Use the direct command `REPort VALue <parameter><parameter-group>`.
- the active parameters in specified environments.

Administration

The following features are available:

- Delete unused LIB-GROUP using the SMA loader card;
- Delete unused LIB-GROUP online;
- For maintaining saved jobs:
The line command RN "Rename Job" allows you to rename a job ID and to move a job into another job group.
The line command TE "Text Description" allows you to maintain job descriptions.

Miscellaneous

In batch mode, line commands can now be up to 80 bytes long. Use the character % as a continuation character. This allows you to split a command into several lines. All characters following the % sign will be ignored and % will be set to blank in the command string.

The recursion depth during parameter validation has been extended to 16.

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Support for SMA Version 1.2.4 ends on December 31, 2002.