

Working in Split-Screen Mode

Working with Natural in split-screen mode means dividing your screen horizontally into two sections and running a Natural session in each section.

You split your screen at the cursor position using the `SPLIT` session command (usually assigned to PF2). Alternatively, you can issue the `SPLIT` command with a line number as parameter. Your screen is then split at the specified line. If you only had one Natural session, another is automatically opened. If you had several sessions, the session last suspended is recalled to display.

You can change the portion of the screen devoted to each session by moving the cursor to where you wish to split the screen and repeating the `SPLIT` command.

The split-screen feature is useful for easy control of parallel sessions. For example, you could run a Natural program from an edit session in one screen session and immediately see the resulting output in a user workpool session in the other. Usually, only one session in split-screen is active. To make the other session active, issue the `SWAP` command from the active session, or simply move the cursor to the inactive session and press Enter.

If both sessions are edit sessions, both are active. This makes cross-session actions possible, for example, you can move or copy data from one session to the other. A common way to work with Natural is to run multiple sessions from your terminal with two sessions in split-screen mode.