

# Cursor-Sensitive String Selection - ":C Directive"

## In the Editor and any other Natural Session

Natural provides a feature which makes input of commands in the command line more comfortable.

In any session (LIST, EDIT or BROWSE mode), command input can consist of typing in command keywords plus any word selected from the data displayed. The word is selected by typing :C in the command line and placing the cursor on the first character of the required word. When you press Enter, the :C notation is substituted by the selected string, and the completed command is executed.

### Example :C notation:

```
>>EDIT-PDS:MBE.SYSF.SOURCE(NOJCO2)----- columns 001 072
  COMMAND ==> edit :C
  000010 //MOVE A TO B
  000020 //INCLUDE MYPROG
```

With the command

```
EDIT :C
```

in the command line, move the cursor to the string MYPROG and press Enter. The command executed is

```
EDIT MYPROG
```

### Note:

You might find it useful to assign the command

```
SUSPEND;E :C
```

to an available PF key.

## In the Online Help System

When you are scrolling help texts in the online help system, you can enter HELP :C in the command line, place the cursor on a word and press Enter to see the help text on that word, if available. Assigning the HELP :C directive to a PF key makes this quick cross reference to other help texts even more comfortable.