

Basic Functionality

The SYSRPC Utility window contains all elements needed to maintain a service directory and execute all relevant commands and functions.

Below is information on:

- Invoking SYSRPC
 - Terminating SYSRPC
 - Navigation Tree
 - Menu Bar
 - Toolbar
 - Context Menu
(including the LOGON option)
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Invoking SYSRPC

To invoke the SYSRPC utility from the Natural main window

1. From the tree directory, choose a library.
2. from the Tools menu, choose Configuration Tools and Remote Procedure Call.
Or, in the command line, enter the system command SYSRPC.

If the service directory NATCLTGS (NATCLSGS subprogram) is missing for the library specified, continue with OK. The NATCLTGS subprogram requested will then be generated automatically, once you have saved the service directory tree (see below and the section Service Directory Maintenance).

From the SYSRPC Utility window you can invoke all functions available for RPC maintenance:

Service Directory Maintenance
(including the LOGON Option)
Stub Generation
Parameter Maintenance
Server Command Execution

See the corresponding sections for a description of these functions.

Terminating SYSRPC

To exit the SYSRPC utility

- In the SYSRPC Utility window, from the Object menu, choose Exit.
Or press ALT+F4.
Or choose the standard Windows close function.

Navigation Tree

The navigation tree in the SYSRPC Utility window displays all items (tree nodes) required for service directory maintenance. Do not confuse a tree node of the Service Directory with the Node used for the remote call, for example, EntireX Broker name.

To manipulate the tree nodes, use the commands and functions provided with the menu bar, the toolbar and the context menu as described below.

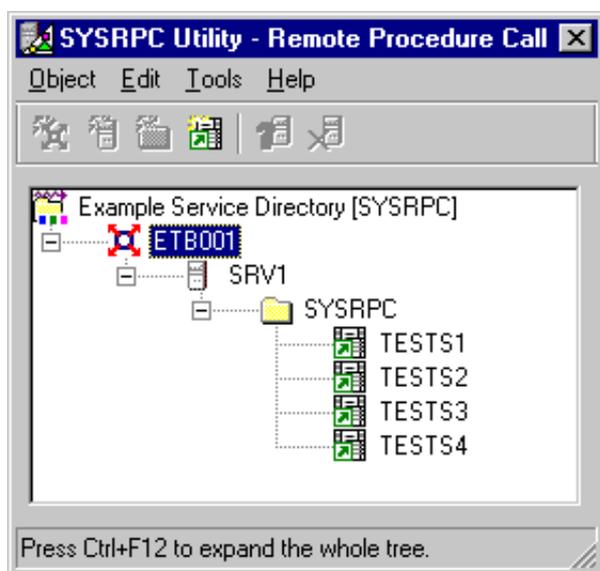
See Service Directory Maintenance for further information on tree nodes.

You can expand or collapse the tree structure by clicking the plus (+) or minus (-) sign in front of an item. Alternatively, you may choose the ARROW keys. Double-click an expandable node to display all items available for this node.

▶ To expand all nodes of the Tree

- In the SYSRPC Utility window, right-click the root node and choose Expand Tree.
Or press CTRL-F12.

When you invoke SYSRPC for the first time, the tree displayed contains example (dummy) data as shown below:



Menu Bar

Below is a list of commands and functions available with the menus of the SYSRPC Utility window:

Menu	Command	Explanation												
Object	Open	Opens a service directory (for example, NATCLTGS) without terminating the SYSRPC utility. Enter a DBID (database ID) and FNR (file number) for an object stored in a local library.												
	Save	Saves a tree node modification without terminating the SYSRPC utility.												
	Save As	Saves a service directory in another library.												
	Properties	Invokes the "Properties of Service Directory ..." box. It provides information on the generation of the service directory: <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Object</td> <td>The name of the service directory.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Generated by</td> <td>The name of the Natural utility.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Environment</td> <td>If generated in a local environment, it reads "local". Otherwise, the name of a remote server is displayed.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Library</td> <td>The name of the library in which the service directory was generated.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>User</td> <td>The ID of the user who generated the service directory.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Time stamp</td> <td>The day and the time on/at which the service directory was last modified.</td> </tr> </table>	Object	The name of the service directory.	Generated by	The name of the Natural utility.	Environment	If generated in a local environment, it reads "local". Otherwise, the name of a remote server is displayed.	Library	The name of the library in which the service directory was generated.	User	The ID of the user who generated the service directory.	Time stamp	The day and the time on/at which the service directory was last modified.
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Time stamp	The day and the time on/at which the service directory was last modified.													
Exit	Terminates the SYSRPC utility.													
Edit	New Item	Creates a new node item. Depending on the tree node selected, you have the following choices: <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Node</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Natural RPC Server</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Library</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Service (subprogram)</td> </tr> </table> See also Definition of Terms in the overview page of the Natural RPC documentation for an explanation of relevant expressions.	Node	Natural RPC Server	Library	Service (subprogram)								
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Rename	Modifies the name of a tree node.													
Delete	Removes a tree node.													
Cut, Copy, Paste	Cuts, copies or pastes a tree node.													

Menu	Command	Explanation
Tools	Parameter	Invokes the Parameter Maintenance function. See the relevant section.
	Ping	Sends an internal message to verify server connections. See the section Command Execution.
	Terminate	Sends an internal message to terminate server connections. See the section Command Execution.
	Stub Generation	Invokes the Stub Generation function. See the relevant section.
Help		Displays SYSRPC help text: SYSRPC Utility - Overview Command Execution (Ping, Terminate) LOGON Option Navigation Tree Stub Generation

Toolbar

The toolbar buttons represent the following menu commands:

-  Add New Node Item (Edit menu)
-  Add New Natural RPC Server Item (Edit menu)
-  Add New Library Item (Edit menu)
-  Add New Service/Subprogram (Edit menu)
-  Ping Natural RPC Server(s) (Tools menu)
-  Terminate a Natural RPC Server (Tools menu)

Context Menu

The context menu provides alternative ways of executing the commands and functions provided with the menu and the toolbar of the SYSRPC Utility window.

Attention:

In addition to the SYSRPC utility menu and the toolbar, as described in Service Directory Maintenance, the context menu provides:

- the command Expand Tree as described under Navigation Tree above and
- the LOGON Option (see Service Directory Maintenance).

The context menu does **not** offer the Parameter Maintenance function as described in the relevant section.