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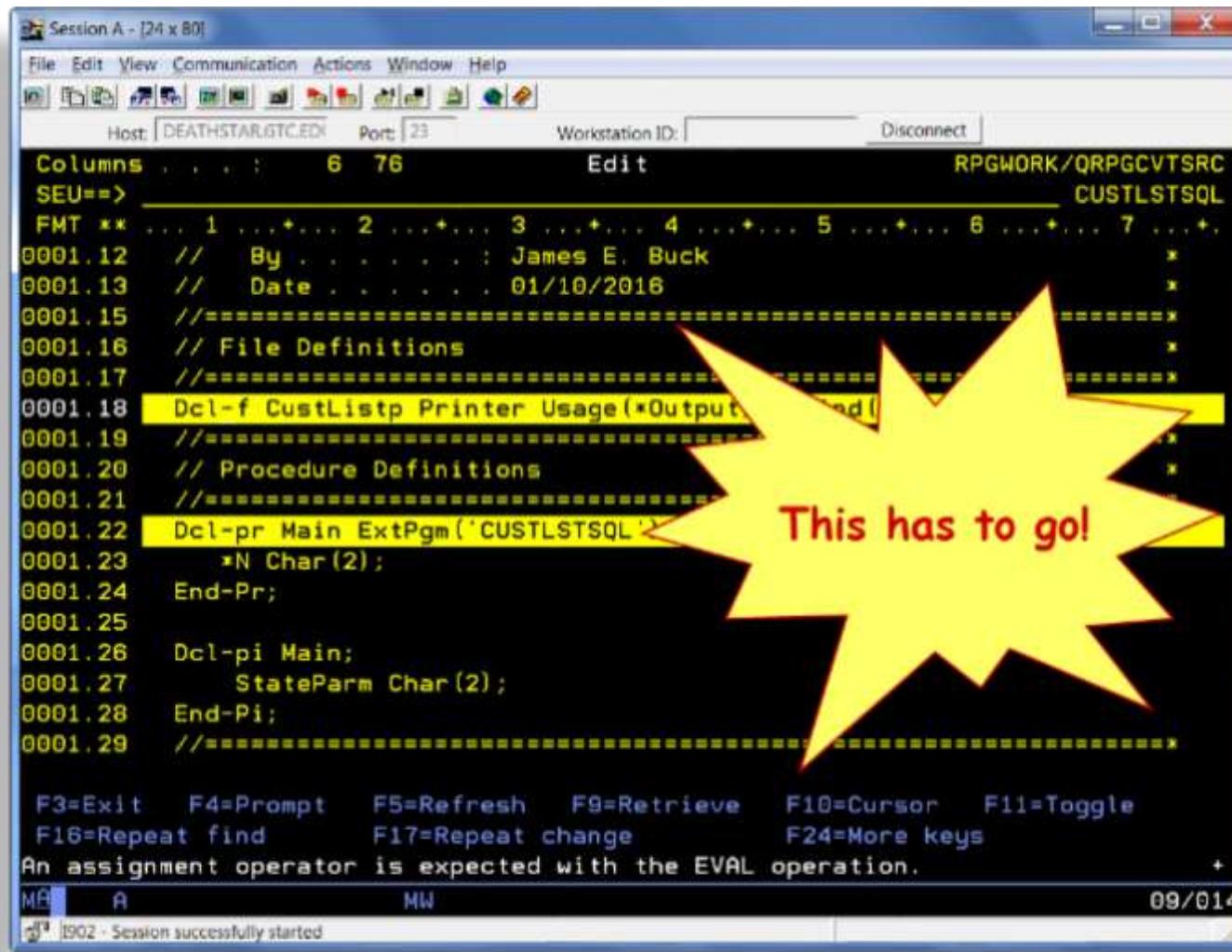
- Topics include the latest RDi/RPG/SQL techniques
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### Modernization: Getting started

- Helping a company getting started down the modernization road
- The thought process of modern development
- Learn to use these new tools and concepts



# 5250 & SEU – Doesn't work anymore!



The screenshot shows a session window titled "Session A - [24 x 80]". The host is set to "DEATHSTAR.GTCEDI" and the port is "23". The workstation ID field is empty, and there is a "Disconnect" button. The title bar includes "File Edit View Communication Actions Window Help" and various icons. The menu bar has "Edit" and "RPGWORK/QRPGCVTSRC CUSTLSTSQ". The main area displays RPG code:

```
Columns . . . ; 6 76
SEU==>
FMT ** ... 1 ...+... 2 ...+... 3 ...+... 4 ...+... 5 ...+... 6 ...+... 7 ...+
0001.12 // By . . . . . : James E. Buck
0001.13 // Date . . . . . 01/10/2016
0001.15 //=====
0001.16 // File Definitions
0001.17 //=====
0001.18 Dcl-f CustListp Printer Usage(*Output) End!
0001.19 //=====
0001.20 // Procedure Definitions
0001.21 //=====
0001.22 Dcl-pr Main ExtPgm('CUSTLSTSQ')
0001.23 *N Char(2);
0001.24 End-Pr;
0001.25
0001.26 Dcl-pi Main;
0001.27 StateParm Char(2);
0001.28 End-Pi;
0001.29 //=====

F3=Exit F4=Prompt F5=Refresh F9=Retrieve F10=Cursor F11=Toggle
F16=Repeat find F17=Repeat change F24=More keys
An assignment operator is expected with the EVAL operation.
```

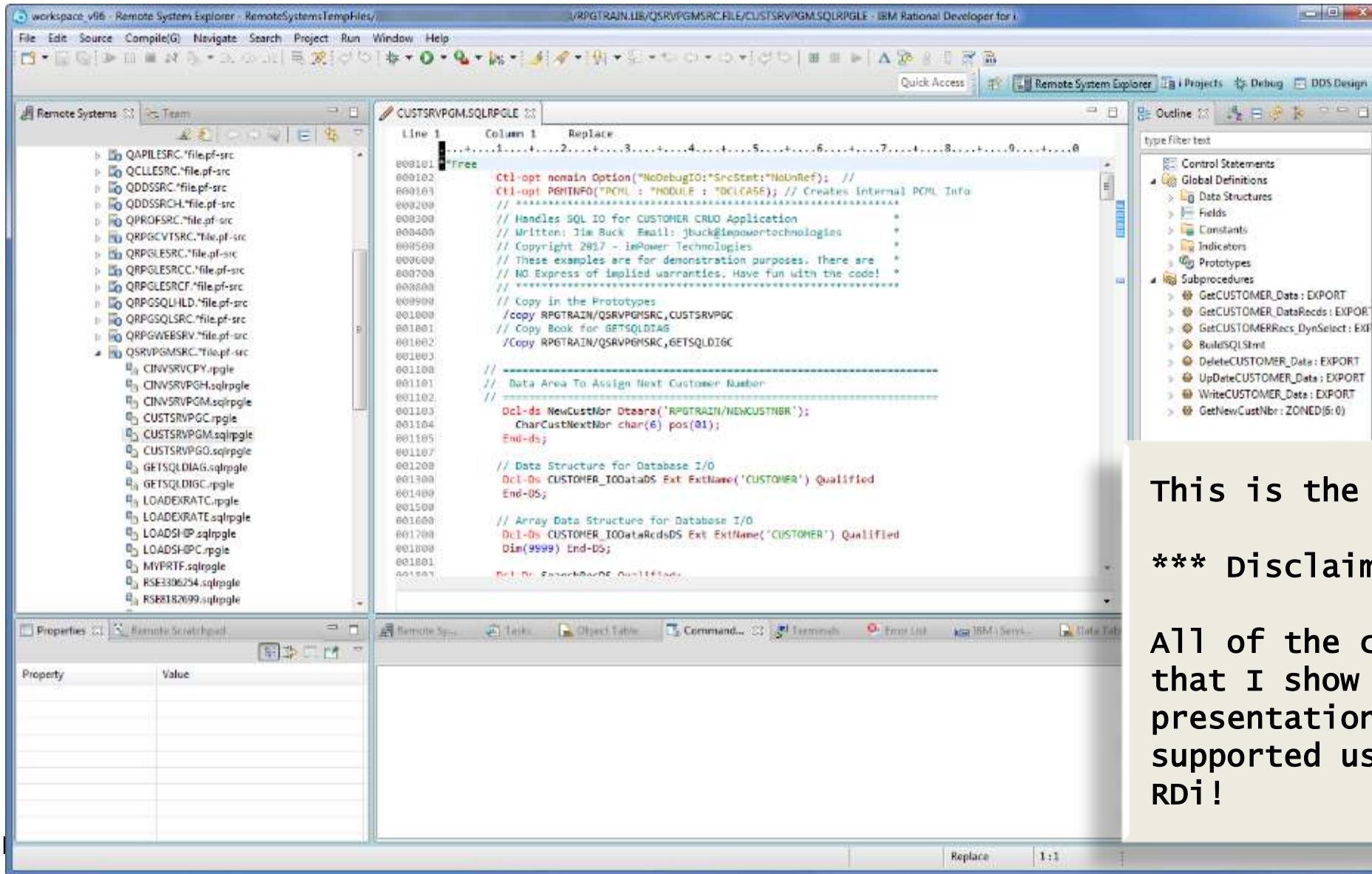
A large yellow starburst graphic with the text "This has to go!" is overlaid on the screen, pointing towards the error message at the bottom.

SEU doesn't support  
the latest version of  
RPG.

Well I guess, you  
could turn off Syntax  
Checking!

My students have a  
short introduction...  
in case of  
emergencies!

# Rational Developer for i – 9.6.0.6



The screenshot shows the Rational Developer for i (RDI) interface. The main window displays a source code editor for a PGM file named CUSTSRVPGM.SQLRPGLE. The code is written in RPGLE and includes comments about the module being used for a CUSTOMER CRUD application. The editor shows syntax highlighting for RPGLE constructs like DCL-DS, FREE, and END-DS. To the right of the editor is an 'Outline' view which lists various program components such as Control Statements, Global Definitions, Data Structures, Fields, Constants, Indicators, Prototypes, and Subprocedures. Below the editor are toolbars for Remote System Explorer, Tasks, Object Table, Command, Terminals, Error List, IBM i Serial, and Data Table. A properties panel is also visible at the bottom left.

This is the FUTURE!

\*\*\* Disclaimer \*\*\*

All of the code  
that I show in my  
presentations is  
supported using  
RDi!

## Modular Programming

Developing code in small, independent units offers several advantages

- Reusability
- Fewer errors
- Easier to test
- Changes are unlikely to cause unwanted side effects
- Easier team development

Callp (Call a Prototyped Procedure or Program) operation

- Passes control to separate \*PGM object
- When called program returns, caller resumes

## Prototyping the Call Interface

Variable's scope is limited to program in which it is defined

Callp operation passes parameters to communicate values between caller and called program

- Parameters are values that one program can pass to another
- Called program can then accept parameters and use those values to control its processing

Prototype definition defines call interface

- Name of program to call
- Number of parameters, data attributes, order

Compiler uses prototype to call program correctly and to ensure caller passes correct parameters

## Prototyping the Call Interface

Prototype definition has two parts

- Prototype header
- Parameter descriptions

Dcl-pr (Declare Prototype)  
instruction signals beginning of  
prototyped call interface

- Coded in Declarations section
- End-pr instruction ends prototype

```
Dcl-pr Updcust ExtPgM('AR002');
  Company Char(5);
  Customer Zoned(7:0);
End-pr;
```

# Prototyping the Call Interface

## Subsequent lines describe parameters

- Similar to data structure subfields
- May list up to 255 parameters

## Parameters need not be named

- Variable must be declared elsewhere
- May use \*N placeholder instead
- If name matches RPG reserved word, Dcl-parm (Declare Parameter) instruction is required
  - Optional otherwise

```
Dcl-pr Updcust Extpgm('AR002');
  Company Char(5);
  Customer Zoned(7:0);
End-pr;
```

```
Dcl-pr Updcust Extpgm('AR002');
  *N Char(5);
  *N Zoned(7:0);
End-pr;
```

```
Dcl-pr Updcust Extpgm('AR002');
  Dcl-parm Company Char(5);
  Dcl-parm Customer Zoned(7:0);
End-pr;
```

## Prototyping the Call Interface

If there are no parameters to pass, prototype may be coded on single line

```
Dcl-pr Sleep Extpgm End-pr;
```

# Callp (Call Prototyped Procedure or Program)

Callp (Call Prototyped Procedure or Program) operation invokes associated \*PGM object, then passes control to it

- Actually coding Callp is optional

Parameters in parentheses immediately follow prototype name

- If no parameters, code empty parentheses instead

```
Dcl-pr Updcust Extpgm('AR002');
  *N Char(5);
  *N Zoned(7:0);
End-pr;
...
Callp Updcust(Company:Custnbr);
```

```
Updcust(Company:Custnbr);
```

```
Dcl-pr Sleep Extpgm End-pr;
...
Sleep();
```

## Procedure Interface – Called Program

Called RPG program should also use prototype to describe list of parameters that it is to receive from caller

- Main procedure prototype

Prototypes in each program must match each other

- Same number of parameters, data attributes
- Can Should use /COPY to keep them in sync!
- Names need not be same

Called program must include procedure interface definition

- In addition to prototype
- Defines variable names to hold received parameter values

# Procedure Interface

Dcl-pi (Declare Procedure Interface) instruction defines main procedure interface

- Similar to prototype definition
- Must appear after main procedure prototype

Two parts

- Procedure interface header
- Parameter definitions to hold received parameters

```
Dcl-pr AR002 ExtPgm;  
  *N      Char(5);  
  *N      Zoned(7:0);  
End-pr;
```

```
Dcl-pi AR002;  
  Company Char(5);  
  Customer Zoned(7:0);  
End-pi;
```

## Passing Parameters by Reference

Default parameter passing method

RPG passes parameter by passing address of memory location represented by variable

- Called program uses that storage address to retrieve and process the parameter value

Both programs share same storage

- If called program changes parameter value,
- Caller recognizes change when it regains control

## Passing Parameters by Reference

```
// Caller
Dcl-pr Nextpgm Extpgm;
  *N Ind;
End-pr;

Dcl-s okay Ind Inz(*off);
...
          // Okay = *off before call
Nextpgm(Okay);
          // Okay = *On after call
...
```

```
// Nextpgm
Dcl-pr Nextpgm Extpgm;
  *N Ind;
End-pr;

Dcl-pi Nextpgm;
  Flag *Ind;
End-pi;
...
Flag = *On;      // Change value of Flag
*Inlr = *On;
Return;
```

# Passing Parameters by Read-only Reference



## Alternative method of passing parameters

- **Const keyword** on prototype (and interface) specifies read-only reference

## Several advantages over passing by reference

- System offers protection against called program changing parameter values
- Parameter values need not be represented by variable
- Parameter data types need not precisely match prototype

```
Dcl-pr Addcust Extpgm('AR001');
  *N Char(9)      Const;
  *N Zoned(7:0)   Const;
End-pr;
...
Addcust('BBY' : Lastcustomer + 1);
...
```

## Passing Parameters by Read-only Reference

Callp can pass variables, literals, or expressions

Caller can first evaluate expression or literal, and then make temporary copy of value before invoking called program

Caller passes storage address of temporary copy

```
Dcl-pr Addcust Extpgm('AR001');
  *N Char(9)      Const;
  *N Zoned(7:0)   Const;
End-pr;

...
Addcust('BBY' : Lastcustomer + 1);

...
```

## Passing Parameters by Read-only Reference

```
Dcl-pr Addcust Extpgm('AR001');
  *N Char(9)  Const;
  *N Zoned(7:0) Const;
End-pr;
...
Addcust('BBY' : Lastcustomer + 1);
...
```

```
// called program (AR001)
...
Dcl-pr Addcust Extpgm('AR001');
  *N Char(9)  Const;
  *N Zoned(7:0) Const;
End-pr;

Dcl-pi Addcust;
  Company Char(5)  Const;
  Customer Zoned(7:0) Const;
End-pi;
...
  // (Some processing goes here...
  // cannot change Company or Customer)
...
  *In1r = *On;
Return;
```

# Choosing the Parameter Passing Method

If caller needs to access changes made by called program, pass by reference

- Or if large number of parameters must be passed
  - Improves the program “Call” performance

Use read-only reference as preferred method for passing parameters between programs

- Improves coding flexibility (variables, literals, or expressions)
- Protects integrity of caller’s data

# Fitting the Pieces

## Caller includes two items

- *Prototype definition* to describe parameters to pass
- Callp operation to execute call

## Called program contains three items

- Main *procedure prototype definition* to describe parameters to receive
- Main *procedure interface* to accept parameters and place them into variables
- Return operation to return control to caller
  - Generally, will first set \*Inlr \*On

## Dynamic Program Calls and Static Binding

### \*PGM to \*PGM calls are dynamic calls

- Association between caller and called program is resolved at runtime
- Programs are never physically connected

### Integrated Language Environment enables static calls

- Association between modules is resolved before runtime
  - When \*PGM is created
  - No need for resolution at runtime
  - Procedures are key component of static binding

# Introduction to Procedures

A **Procedure** is self-contained, identifiable collection of RPG statements within \*PGM object

- Performs specific task and returns to caller
- Not a system object

Modern RPG Program is comprised **four sections**

- **Control options**
  - Provides default options for program
- **Declarations**
  - Identifies and defines files, variables, and other data items
- **Main procedure**
  - Processes, calculations, and procedures
- **Subprocedures**
  - Declarations and processes for optional distinct program functions that main procedure or other subprocedures can execute once or many times

# Role of Procedures in a Program

Like a subroutine, but with more capabilities

Subprocedure can be created independently from program

- Code in separate source member and compile into separate module, then bind it when you create program

Subprocedure enables flexible variable scoping

- Global declarations make all variables equally accessible by entire program
  - Only option without subprocedures
- Local variables are recognized only within procedure in which they are defined
  - Data values are communicated between procedures by passing parameters

Subprocedure supports return value

- User-defined function

Subprocedures can be recursive

- Can call itself

# Coding a Procedure

Dcl-proc (Declare Procedure) instruction begins procedure

- End-proc instruction ends it

Subprocedure code can include

- Procedure interface
- Declarations
- Processing statements (calculations)

```
// -----
// Procedure Celsius =
    Converts Fahrenheit to Celsius
// -----  
  
Dcl-proc Celsius;  
  
// ----- Procedure interface
Dcl-pi *N Zoned(5:2);
    Fahrenheit Zoned(5:2);
End-pi;  
  
// ----- Local variables
Dcl-s Temperature Zoned(5:2);  
  
Eval(H) Temperature = (5/9)
                    * (Fahrenheit - 32);
Return Temperature;  
  
End-proc Celsius;
```

# Coding a Procedure

Need not name subprocedure interface

- Use \*N placeholder instead

Dcl-proc instruction includes data attributes of return value

- Can be value of any supported data type
- Can also be data structure (using Likeds) or array (using Dim)

```
// -----
// Procedure Celsius =
    Converts Fahrenheit to Celsius
// -----  
  
Dcl-proc Celsius;  
  
// ----- Procedure interface
Dcl-pi *N Zoned(5:2);
    Fahrenheit Zoned(5:2);
End-pi;  
  
// ----- Local variables
Dcl-s Temperature Zoned(5:2);  
  
Eval(H) Temperature = (5/9)
    * (Fahrenheit - 32);
Return Temperature;  
  
End-proc Celsius;
```

# Coding a Procedure

Declarations within  
subprocedure have local scope

- Including variables in procedure interface
- Restricted to subprocedure
- No other procedure will recognize local variables

Return operation includes value  
to return to caller

- May be variable, literal, or expression

```
// -----
// Procedure Celsius =
    Converts Fahrenheit to Celsius
// -----
Dcl-proc Celsius;
// ----- Procedure interface
Dcl-pi *N Zoned(5:2);
    Fahrenheit Zoned(5:2);
End-pi;

// ----- Local variables
Dcl-s Temperature Zoned(5:2);

Eval(H) Temperature = (5/9)
                    * (Fahrenheit - 32);
Return Temperature;

End-proc Celsius;
```

# Coding a Procedure

Subprocedure prototype is coded in global section of source

Prototype names procedure

- If procedure name is different from prototype name, use **Extproc** keyword

Prototype includes return value

```
// ----- Global Area of Pgm
Dcl-pr Celsius Zoned(5:2);
  *N Zoned(5:2);
End-pr;
// -----
// Procedure Celsius =
  Converts Fahrenheit to Celsius
// -----

Dcl-proc Celsius;

// ----- Procedure interface
Dcl-pi *N Zoned(5:2);
  Fahrenheit Zoned(5:2);
End-pi;

// ----- Local variables
Dcl-s Temperature Zoned(5:2);

Eval(H) Temperature = (5/9)
  * (Fahrenheit - 32);
Return Temperature;

End-proc Celsius;
```

## Coding a Procedure

Locally scoped variables are allocated in automatic storage

- Reinitialized each time procedure executes
- Do not retain value between iterations

Static keyword uses static storage instead

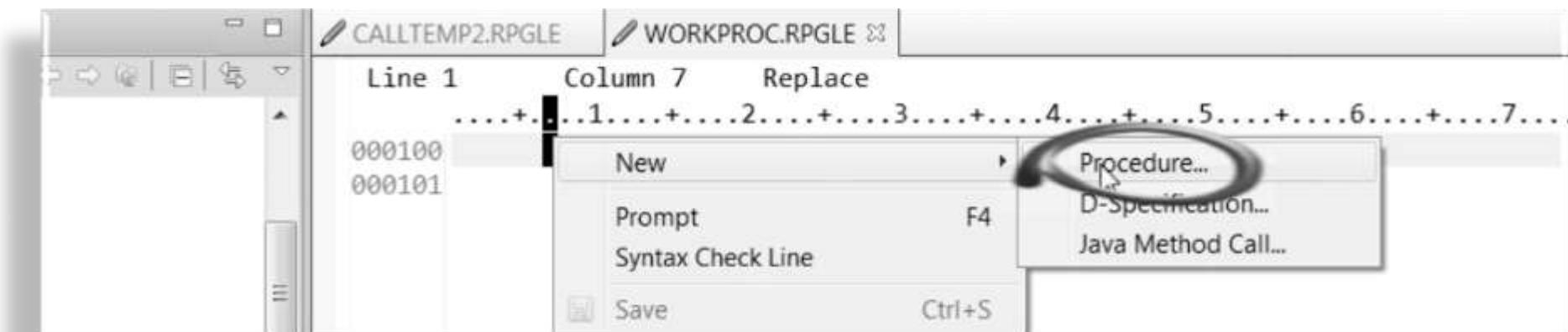
- Retains value

```
Dcl-s Counter Uns(5) Static;
```

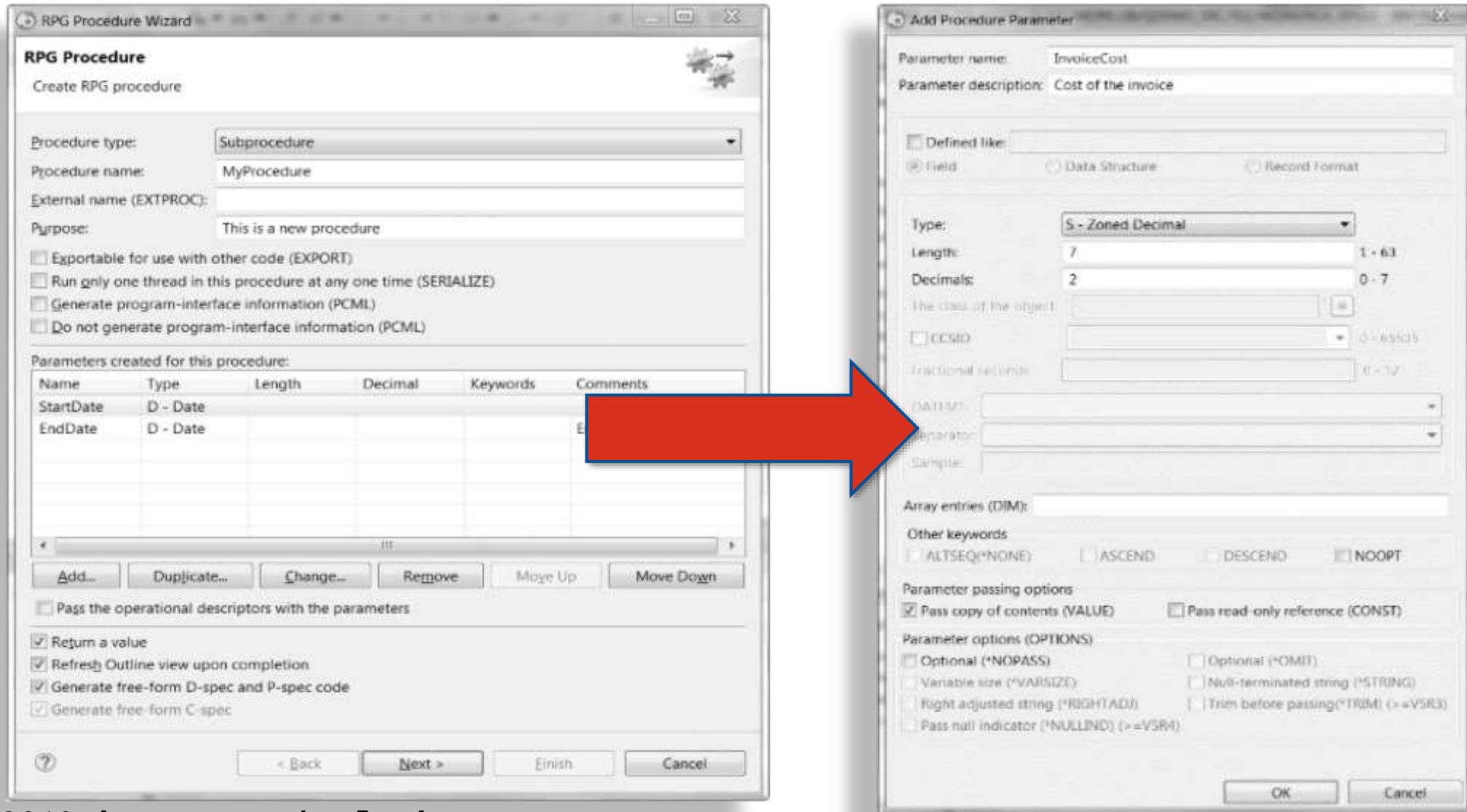
## RDi and creating PR and PI's

RDi has some great features to help you get started with Prototypes and Interfaces.

Most of the problems are caused by a “Piece(s)” missing.



# Creating PR and PI's



**RPG Procedure Wizard**

**RPG Procedure**  
Create RPG procedure

Procedure type: Subprocedure

Procedure name: MyProcedure

External name (EXTPROC):

Purpose: This is a new procedure

Exportable for use with other code (EXPORT)  
 Run only one thread in this procedure at any one time (SERIALIZE)  
 Generate program-interface information (PCML)  
 Do not generate program-interface information (PCML)

Parameters created for this procedure:

Name	Type	Length	Decimal	Keywords	Comments
StartDate	D - Date				
EndDate	D - Date				

Add... Duplicate... Change... Remove Move Up Move Down

Pass the operational descriptors with the parameters

Return a value  
 Refresh Outline view upon completion  
 Generate free-form D-spec and P-spec code  
 Generate free-form C-spec

?

< Back Next > Finish Cancel

**Add Procedure Parameter**

Parameter name: InvoiceCost  
 Parameter description: Cost of the invoice

Defined like:  
 Field       Data Structure       Record Format

Type: S - Zoned Decimal

Length: 7      1 - 63

Decimals: 2      0 - 7

The class of the object:

CCSID:  0 - 65535

Fractional seconds:  0 - 12

DATIM:   
 Separator:   
 Sample:

Array entries (DIM):

Other keywords:  
 ALTSEQ(\*NONE)       ASCEND       DESCEND       NOOPT

Parameter passing options:  
 Pass copy of contents (VALUE)       Pass read-only reference (CONST)

Parameter options (OPTIONS):  
 Optional (\*NOPASS)       Optional (\*OMIT)  
 Variable size (\*VARSIZE)       Null-terminated string (\*STRING)  
 Right adjusted string (\*RIGHTADJ)       Trim before passing (\*TRIM) (>=VSR3)  
 Pass null indicator (\*NULLIND) (>=VSR4)

OK Cancel

# Executing a Procedure

Callp operation calls procedure without return value

- Or if program ignores return value

Function-like call uses return value

```
callp Updcust(Company:Custnbr);
```

```
Metrictemp = Celsius(Englishtemp);
```

```
if Celsius(Englishtemp) > 100;  
...  
Endif;
```

# Cycle Main Programs

Most traditional RPG programs are cycle main programs

Cycle main program has main procedure implicitly specified

- Main procedure is not named
  - Location in the program code designates main procedure
- Includes main source section (the main procedure), followed by zero or more subprocedure sections
  - Main procedure is everything before **first Dcl-proc** instruction
  - May include local subprocedures coded following main procedure

Compiler automatically includes RPG cycle to provide program initialization, termination, file input and output (I/O)

# Sample Cycle Main Program



```
// Control Options =====*
Ctl-opt Option(*NoDebugIO) DftActGrp(*No);

Dcl-pr CallTemp ExtPgm;
  *N char(5);
End-pr;

Dcl-pi CallTemp;
  CharTemp char(5);
End-pi;

// ----- Prototypes
Dcl-pr Celsius Zoned(5:2);
  *N Zoned(5:2);
End-pr;
```

```
// ----- Global variables
Dcl-s Message      Char(52);
Dcl-s Metrictemp   Zoned(5:2);
Dcl-s State         Varchar(8);
Dcl-s EnglishTemp  Zoned(5:2);
// ----- Main procedure

EnglishTemp = %Dec(CharTemp:5:2);
Metrictemp = Celsius(EnglishTemp);

Select;
  when Metrictemp < 0;
    State = 'solid';
  when Metrictemp = 0;
    State = 'freezing';
  when Metrictemp = 100;
    State = 'boiling';
  when Metrictemp > 100;
    State = 'gaseous';
  Other;
    State = 'liquid';
Endsl;
```

```
Message = 'At ' + %Char(Englishtemp) + ' degrees (' +
          %Char(Metrictemp) + ' Celsius), water is ' +
          State + '.';
Dsply Message '*REQUESTER';
*Inlr = *On;
Return;

// -----
// Procedure Celsius Converts Fahrenheit to Celsius
// -----
Dcl-proc Celsius;

// ----- Procedure interface
Dcl-pi *N Zoned(5:2);
      Fahrenheit Zoned(5:2);
End-pi;

// ----- Local variables
Dcl-s Temperature Zoned(5:2);

Eval(H) Temperature = (5/9) * (Fahrenheit - 32);
Return Temperature;

End-proc Celsius;
```

# Linear Main Programs

Linear main program explicitly names main procedure

- Ctl-opt instruction uses Main keyword to name main procedure

Global section in linear main program does not contain any executable code

- Before first **Dcl-proc**
- Can include global declarations

Compiler will not embed RPG cycle into linear main program

Program implicitly initializes variables, locks data areas, and opens files when program starts

Program does not use \*Inlr to trigger automatic shutdown

- Resources are not cleaned up or closed when program ends, unless program explicitly does so

Program is recursive

# Sample Linear Main Program



```
ctl-opt Option(*NoDebugIO) DftActGrp(*No);
ctl-opt Main(Driver);

// Control Options =====*
Dcl-pr Driver ExtPgm('CALLTEMP1');
  *N char(5);
End-pr;

// ----- Prototypes
Dcl-pr Celsius Zoned(5:2);
  *N Zoned(5:2);
End-pr;
// -----
// Main procedure
//
Dcl-proc Driver;
----- Procedure interface
Dcl-pi *N;
  CharTemp char(5);
End-pi;
```

# Sample Linear Main Program



```
// ----- Local variables
Dcl-s Message    Char(52);
Dcl-s Metrictemp Zoned(5:2);
Dcl-s State      Varchar(8);
Dcl-s EnglishTemp Zoned(5:2);
// ----- Main procedure

EnglishTemp = %Dec(charTemp:5:2);
Metrictemp = Celsius(EnglishTemp);

Select;
when Metrictemp < 0;
  State = 'solid';
when Metrictemp = 0;
  State = 'freezing';
when Metrictemp = 100;
  State = 'boiling';
when Metrictemp > 100;
  State = 'gaseous';
other;
  State = 'liquid';
Endsl;
```

# Sample Linear Main Program



```
Message = 'At ' + %Char(Englishtemp) + ' degrees (' +
          %Char(Metrictemp) + ' Celsius), water is ' +
          State + '.';
Dsplay Message '*REQUESTER';

Return;
End-proc Driver;

// -----
// Procedure Celsius = Converts Fahrenheit to Celsius
// -----
Dcl-proc Celsius;
// ----- Procedure interface
Dcl-pi *N Zoned(5:2);
      Fahrenheit Zoned(5:2);
End-pi;

// ----- Local variables
Dcl-s Temperature Zoned(5:2);
Eval(H) Temperature = (5/9) * (Fahrenheit - 32);
Return Temperature;

End-proc Celsius;
```

# Nomain Modules

Nomain modules consists of program segments without no main procedure

Source consists only of global declarations and subprocedures

Can combine with other modules to create program

One module in program must have main procedure

Includes Ctl-opt instruction with Nomain keyword

Enhance code reusability

Can help enforce business rules and practices by centralizing application functions

Eliminate redundant code

Improve maintainability, reliability

# Nomain Modules

Dcl-proc “Export” keyword allows procedure to be called from outside module

- Other modules in program can execute procedure, even though they don't contain the code for the procedure
- Without Export, procedure can only be executed from within module
- Most procedures in Nomain modules include Export keyword



# CELSIUS - Nomain Module

```
ctl-opt Nomain;
// Copy Block - Replaces including the Prototype
/Copy RPGTRAIN/QRPGLESRC,CALLTMPCPY

dcl-proc Celsius Export;

// ----- Procedure interface
dcl-pi *N Zoned(5:2);
    Fahrenheit Zoned(5:2);
End-pi;

// ----- Local variables
dcl-s Temperature Zoned(5:2);

Eval(H) Temperature = (5/9) * (Fahrenheit - 32);
Return Temperature;

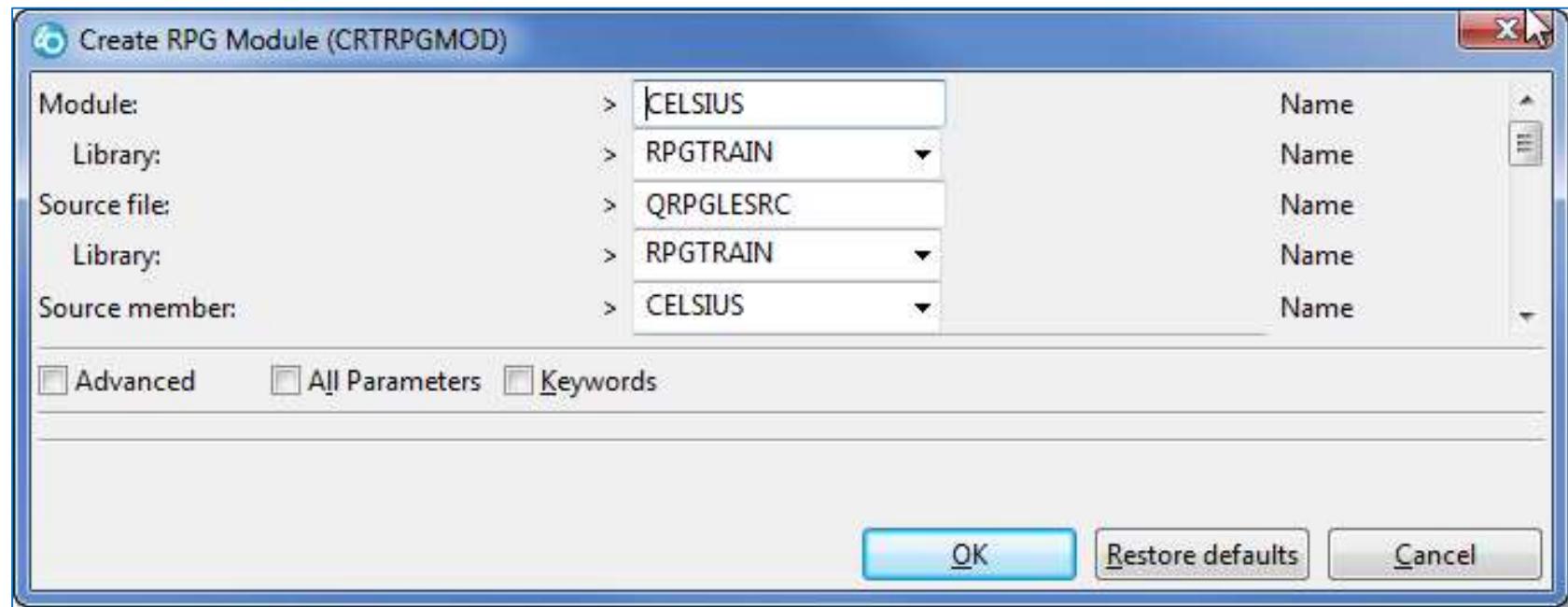
End-proc Celsius;
```



# Creating Modular Programs

CRTRPGMOD (Create RPG Module) command compiles source member, creates \*MODULE object

- Module contains compiled, executable code
- Cannot run module by itself
- Module is interim building block for eventual program object



# Using /COPY, /INCLUDE

/Copy and /Include functions tell compiler to include source records from another source member (Copybook)

- Can reuse single copy of code without having to retype
- Useful for storing prototypes and other reusable code snippets

`/Copy Mylib/Mysource,Prototypes`

Copybook member

Copybook source file

`/Include Mylib/Mysource,Prototypes`

# Using /COPY, /INCLUDE

Both directives use the same syntax and have the same purpose

- /copy is expanded by the SQL precompiler
- /include is ignored by the SQL precompiler

/Copy Mylib/Mysource,Prototypes

Copybook member

Copybook source file

/Include Mylib/Mysource,Prototypes

## CALLTEMP2 - Linear Main Program

```
// Control Options ======*  
    ct1-opt Main(Driver) option(*NoDebugIO);  
  
// Copy Block  
    /Copy RPGTRAIN/QRPGLESRC,CALLTMPCPY  
// -----  
// Main procedure  
// -----  
Dcl-proc Driver;  
// ----- Procedure interface  
Dcl-pi *N;  
    CharTemp char(5);  
End-pi;  
// ----- Global variables  
Dcl-s Message      Char(52);  
Dcl-s Metrictemp   Zoned(5:2);  
Dcl-s State         Varchar(8);  
Dcl-s EnglishTemp  Zoned(5:2);
```

(Continued...)

```
// ----- Main procedure
EnglishTemp = %Dec(CharTemp:5:2);
Metrictemp = Celsius(EnglishTemp);

Select;
  when Metrictemp < 0;
    State = 'solid';
  when Metrictemp = 0;
    State = 'freezing';
  when Metrictemp = 100;
    State = 'boiling';
  when Metrictemp > 100;
    State = 'gaseous';
  other;
    State = 'liquid';
Endsel;

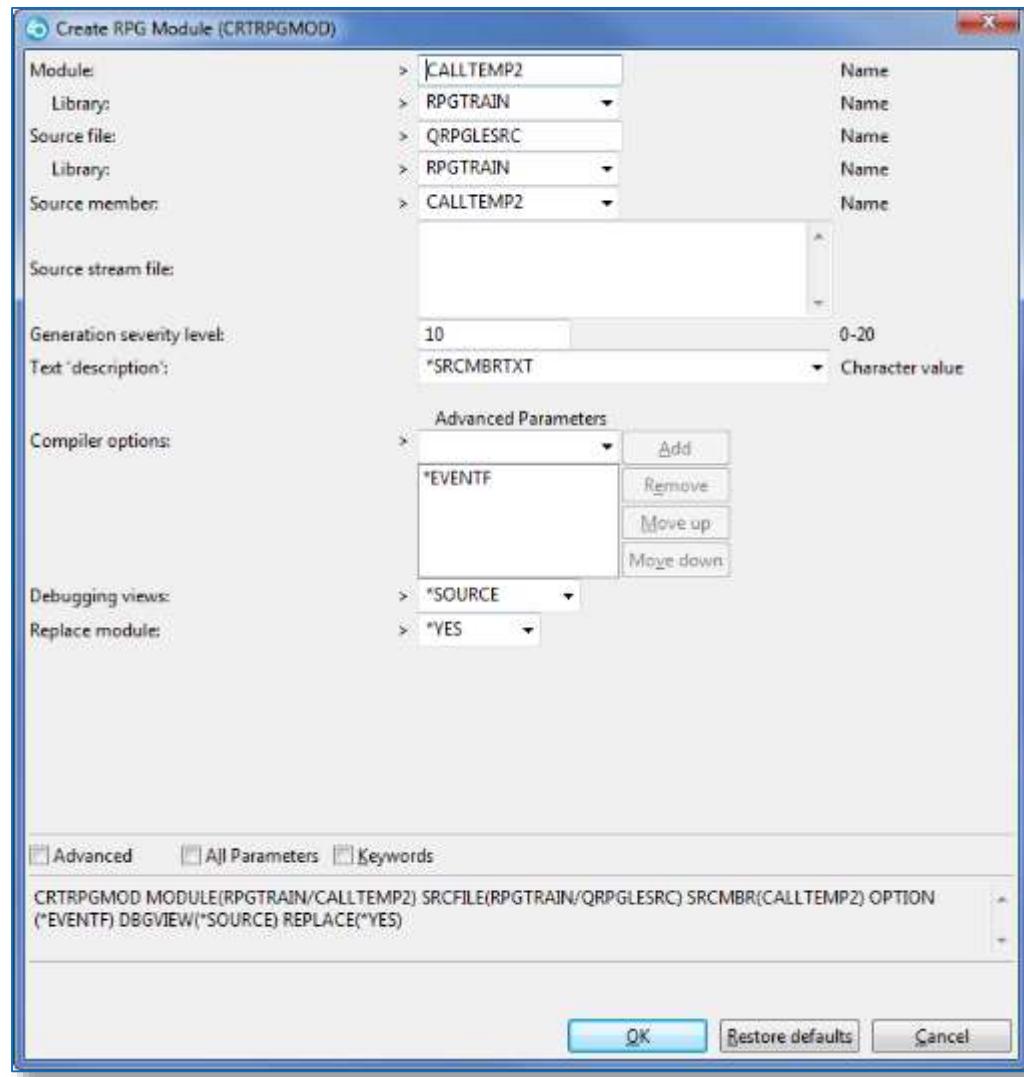
Message = 'At ' + %Char(Metrictemp) + ' degrees (' +
          %Char(Metrictemp) + ' Celsius), water is ' +
          State + '.';
Dsply Message '*REQUESTER';
Return;
End-proc Driver;
```

(Continued...)

## Creating CALLTEMP2 - Module

CRTRPGMOD (Create RPG Module) command compiles source member, creates \*MODULE object

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- Cannot run module by itself
- Module is interim building block for eventual program object



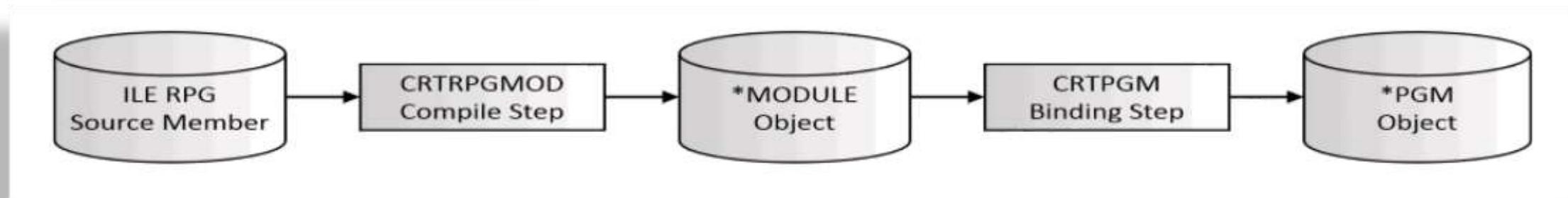
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- Module contains compiled, executable code
- Cannot run module by itself
- Module is interim building block for eventual program object

CRTPGM (Create Program) command binds module to \*PGM object

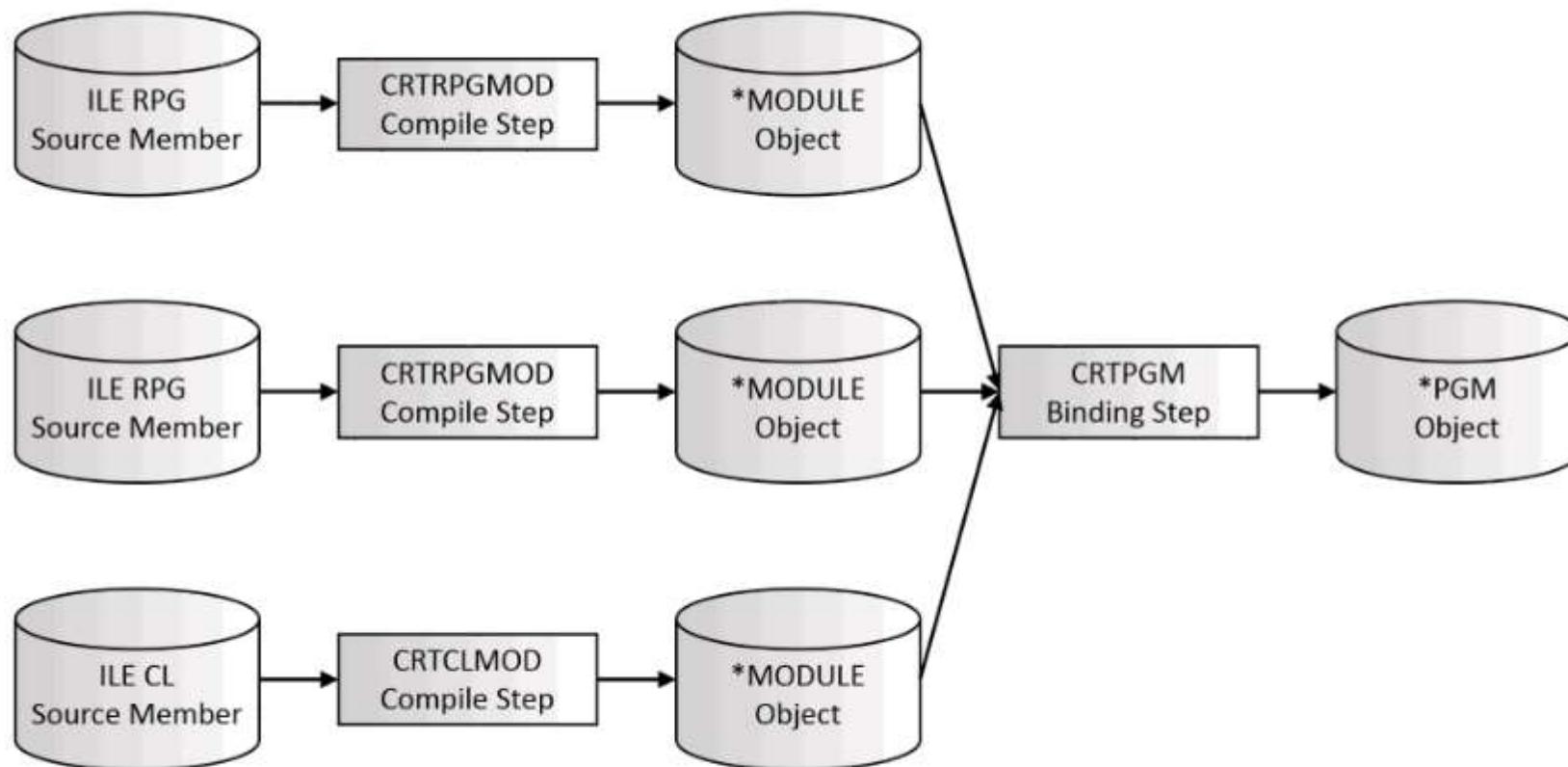
- Bind-by-copy
- Program is runnable, using CALL command



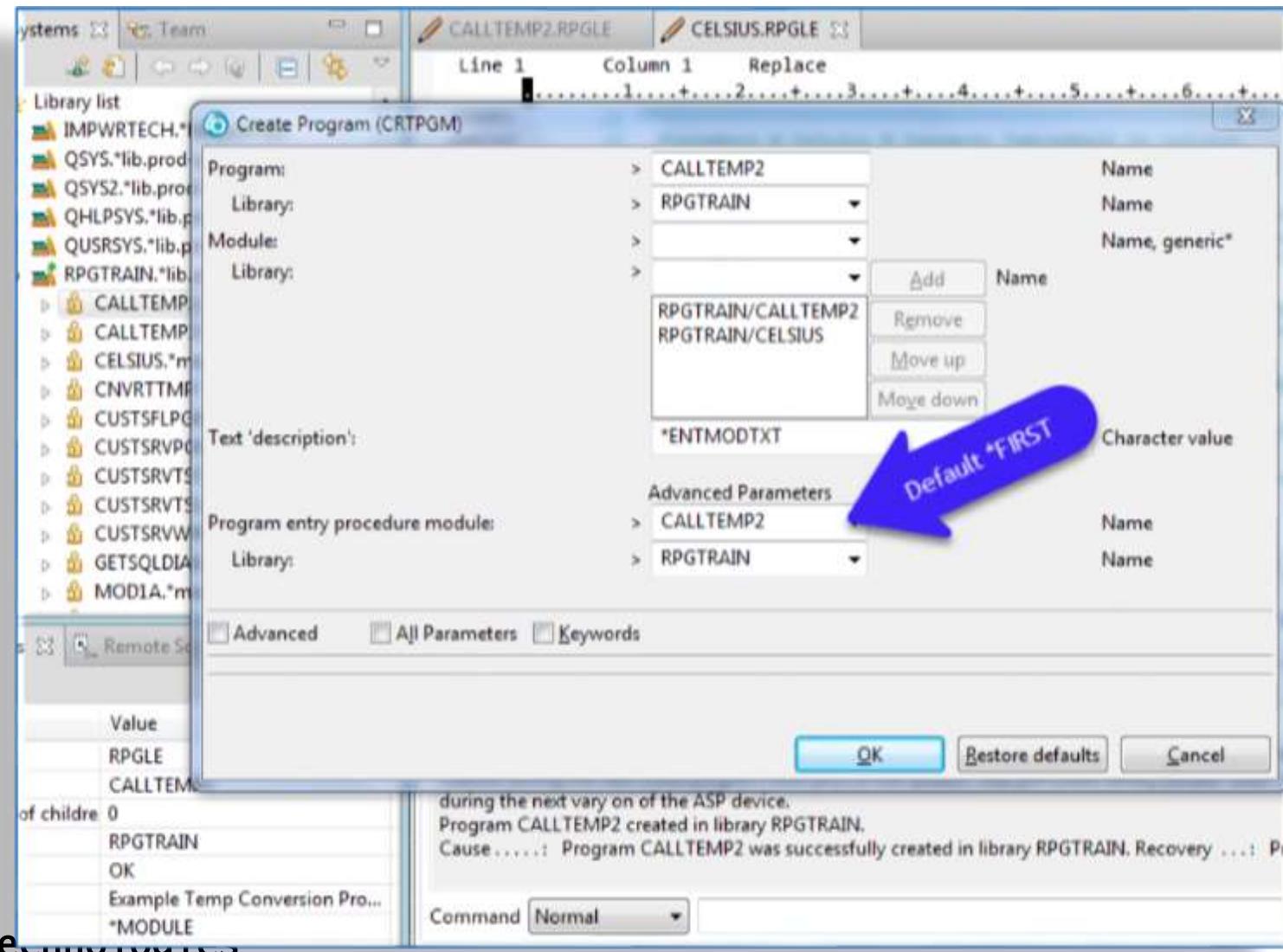
## Creating Modular Programs

CRTPGM command can combine one or more modules during binding

- Modules may have been written using any ILE language



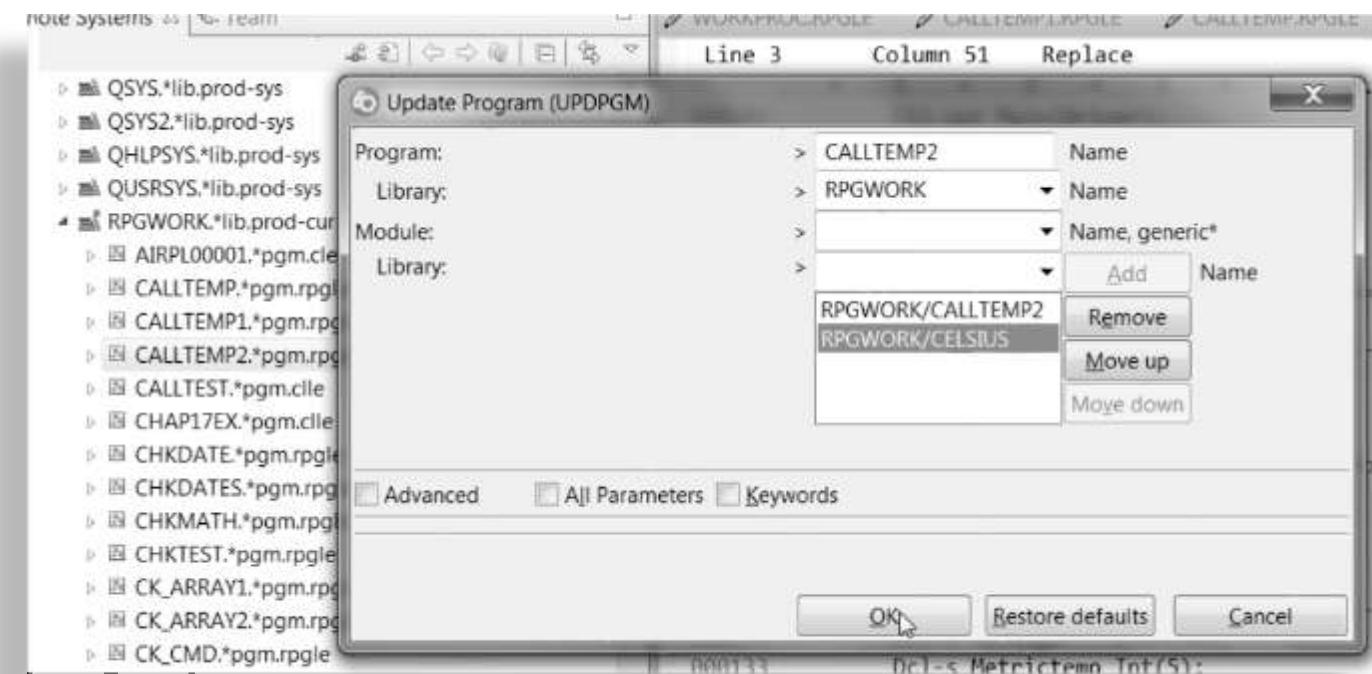
# Creating the Executable Program



Program modification requires compile and binding steps

UPDPGM (Update Program) command performs abbreviated binding step

- Lists only module(s) to replace in original program
- Unchanged modules are unaffected



## Introduction to Service Programs

Service program (\*SRVPGM) is code toolbox that many programs can use

- Binder need not physically copy subprocedure code into each client program
- Bind-by-reference

Service program does not have main procedure

- Any subprocedure can be entry point into service program
- Multiple entry point program



## Introduction to Service Programs

Single entry point ILE program—or another service program—can invoke any exported procedure in service program

- Only one copy of actual subprocedure code exists
- Many other programs (clients) share

Combine some performance advantages of bind-by-copy static binding with modularity and flexibility benefits of dynamic program call



## Compiling and Binding Service Programs

Service program procedures have no unique coding requirements

- Use Nomain modules
- Source can have global declarations section
  - Items declared in global section, before any subprocedures, are available to all procedures within module
  - Includes prototype for each procedure

Service program procedures usually use “**Export**” keyword to ensure availability to client programs

- May hide procedure inside module by omitting “Export” keyword

Compile source code with CRTRPGMOD command

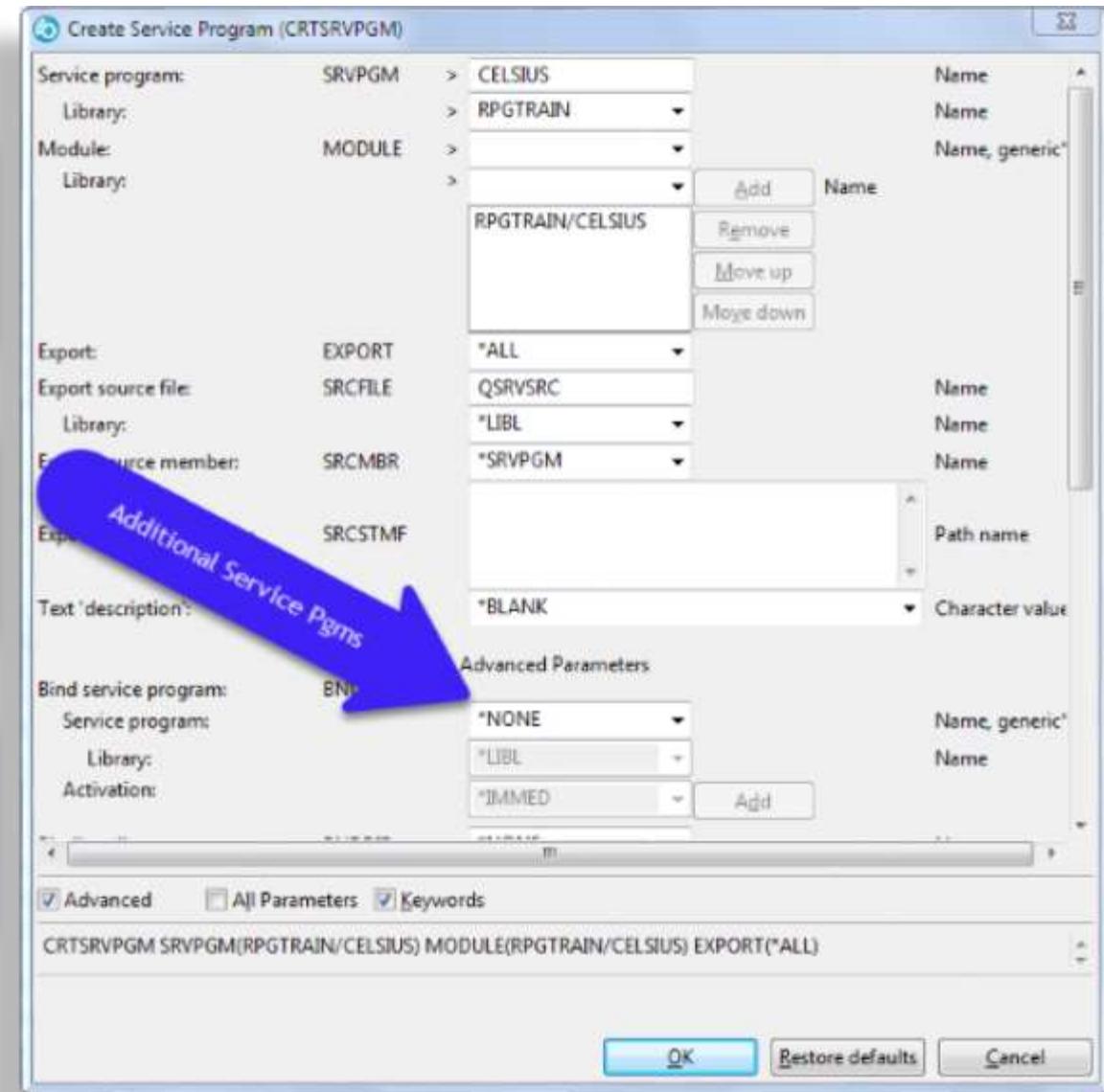
- Creates \*Module object

# Compiling and Binding Service Programs

We are using the “*Celsius*” Module that we created previously to create this service program.

CRTSRVPGM (Create Service Program) command binds multiple entry point service program

The actual CL command is shown in the window at right!



# Compiling and Binding Service Programs

MODULE parameter lists modules to copy into \*Srvpgm object

- No entry module

EXPORT allows you to reference a source member with a list of procedures to export. I have selected \*ALL

BNDSRVPGM parameter lists other service programs to bind by reference to this service program

- If procedures refer to other procedures in other service programs

BNDDIR parameter supports binding directories

- Allows binder to find necessary modules or service programs not explicitly listed with the MODULE or BNDSRVPGM parameters

End result of successful binding step is \*Srvpgm object

# Deploying Service Programs in an Application

Single entry point program – or another service program – can invoke any service program procedure

- Caller does not call service program itself
- Caller calls procedure instead

```
callp Updcust(Company:Custnbr);
```

```
Metrictemp = Celsius(Englishtemp);
```

```
If Celsius(Englishtemp) > 100;  
...  
Endif;
```

# Deploying Service Programs in an Application

CRTPGM command decides whether to use bind-by-copy or bind-by-reference (service program)

- CRTSRVPGM command also uses same logic

Modules listed in MODULE parameter are bound by copy

Service programs listed in BNDSRVPGM parameter are bound by reference

CRTPGM PGM(THISPGM)	+
MODULE(THISPGM)	+
ENTMOD(THISPGM)	+
BNDSRVPGM(DATSRVPGM)	+
BNDDIR(MYBNDDIR)	

Bind-by-copy

Bind-by-reference

# Using RDi to create a Program

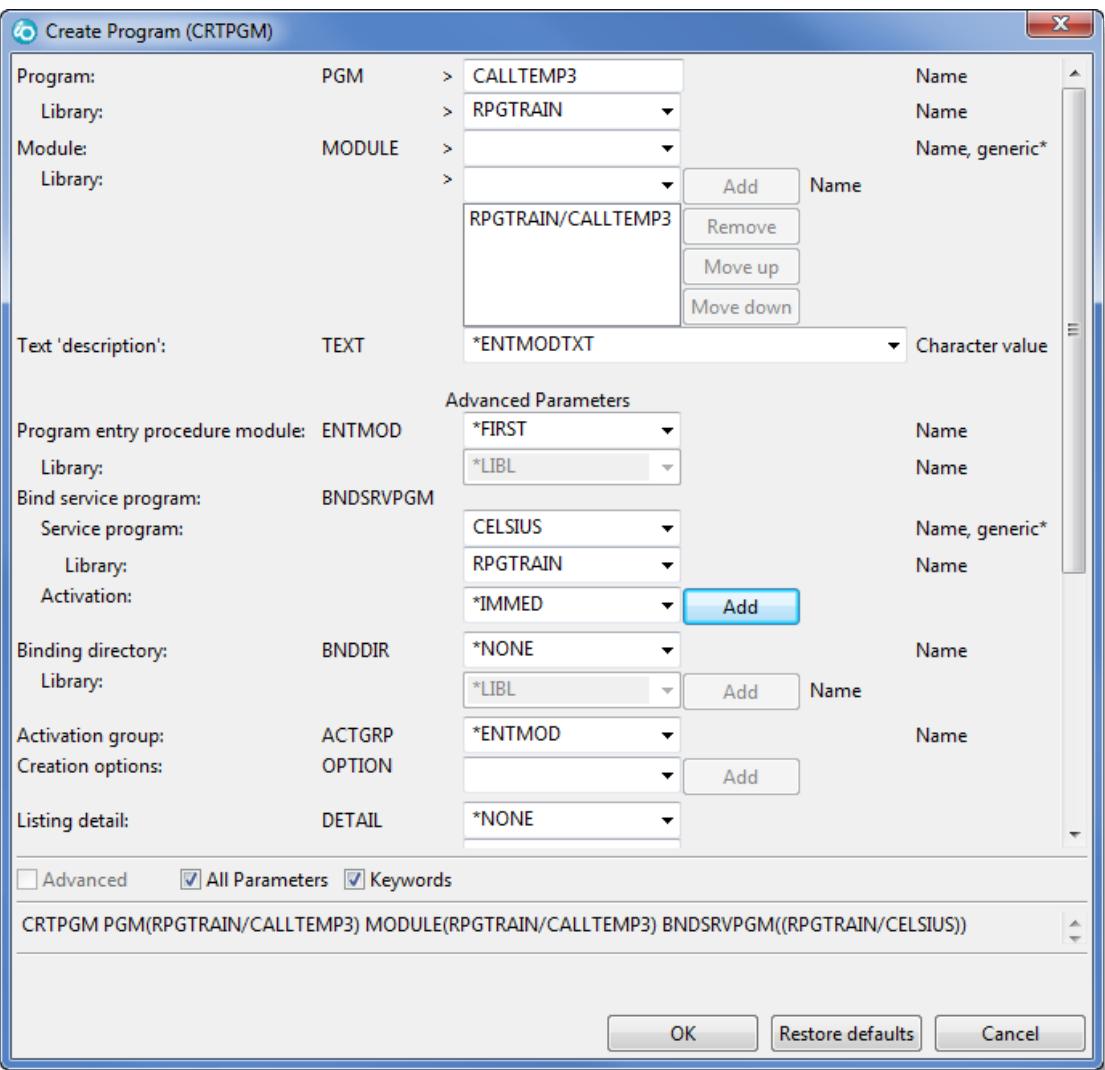
PGM - program name will be “CELSIUSPGM”

MODULE - “CALLTEMP2” Driver module, we created in a previous step

BNDSRVRPGM - “MYSRVPGM” the service program we created previously

ACTGRP - \*CALLER it will run in the same Activation group as the program that called “CELSIUSPGM”

We now have a functional (runnable) program

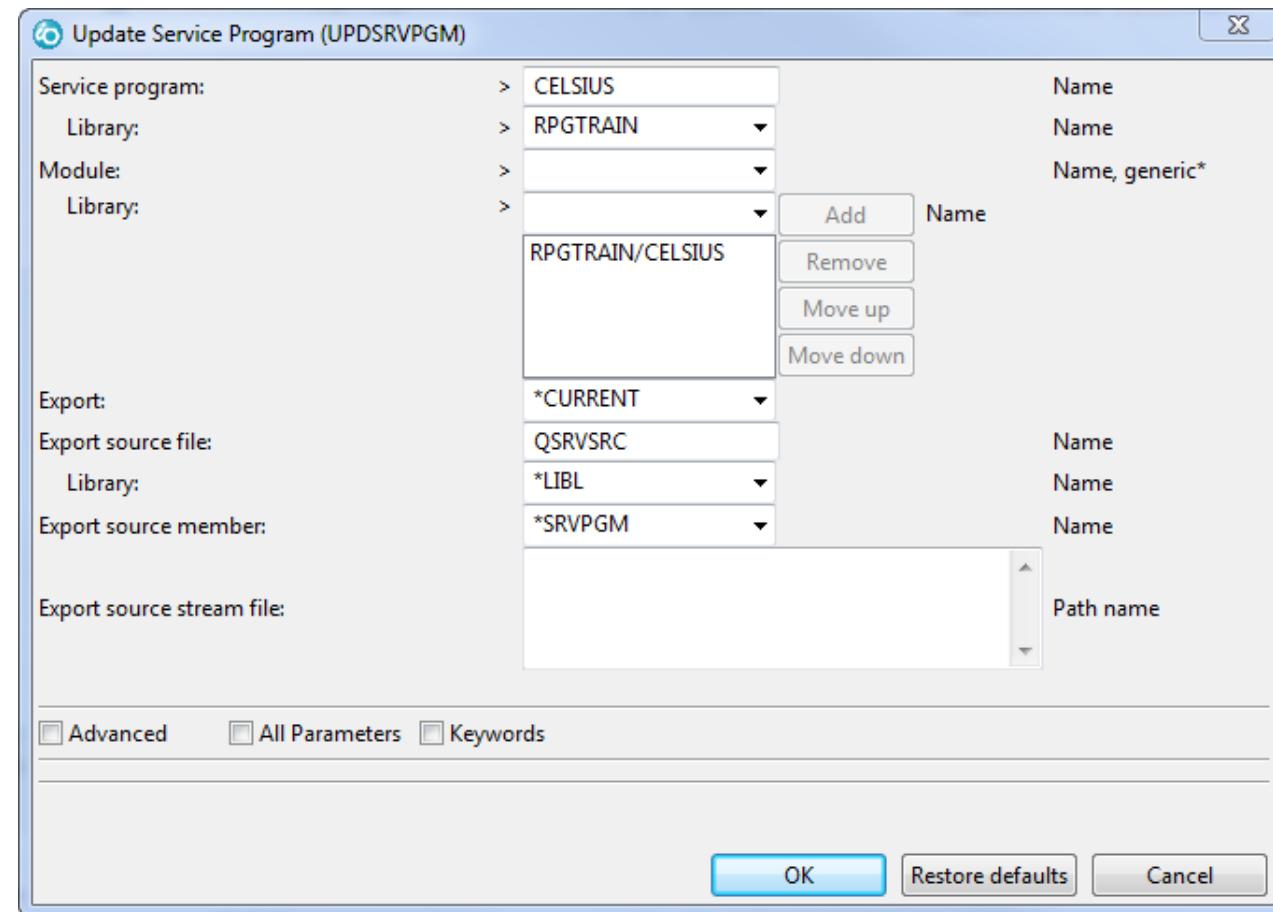


# Maintaining Service Programs

Modification to service program procedure requires compile-then-bind process to apply changes

UPDSRVPGM (Update Service Program) command abbreviates binding step

- List only changed module(s)



# Service Program Signatures

Signature is service program attribute identifying its external interface

- Usually system-generated string

When service program is bound to client, client makes note of service program signature

When client loads at runtime, system matches signatures

- Mismatch causes program load to fail

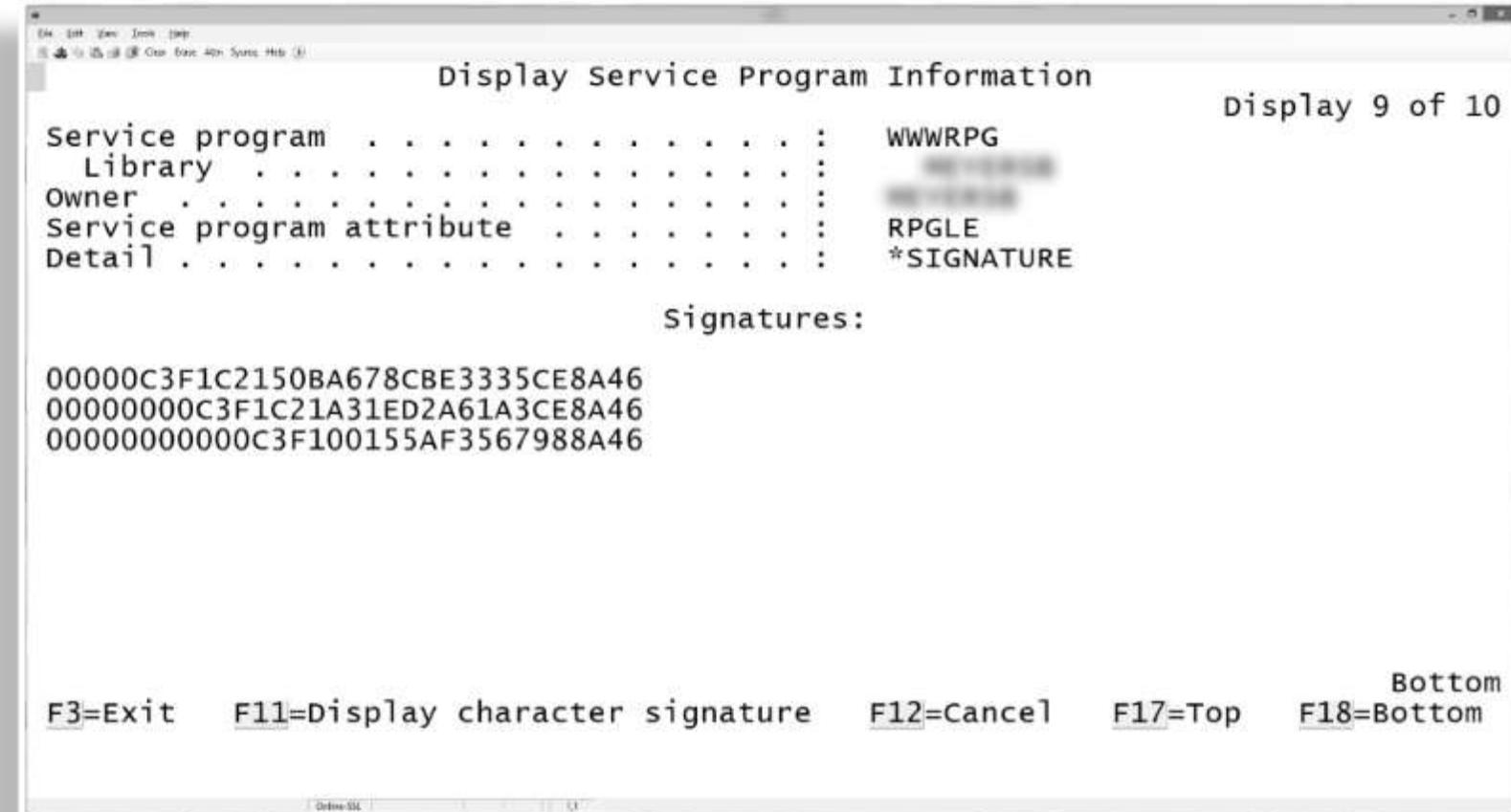
Service program has only one current signature, but can retain many previous signatures

- Binder uses current signature
- If clients are using previous signature, they can continue without recompiling or rebinding

# Service Program Signatures

DSPSRVPGM command  
shows all valid signatures

- **DETAIL(\*SIGNATURE)**



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Display Service Program Information". The window displays service program details and a list of signatures. The details include:

Display Service Program Information	
Service program . . . . .	:
Library . . . . .	WWWRPG
Owner . . . . .	[REDACTED]
Service program attribute . . . . .	RPGLE
Detail . . . . .	*SIGNATURE

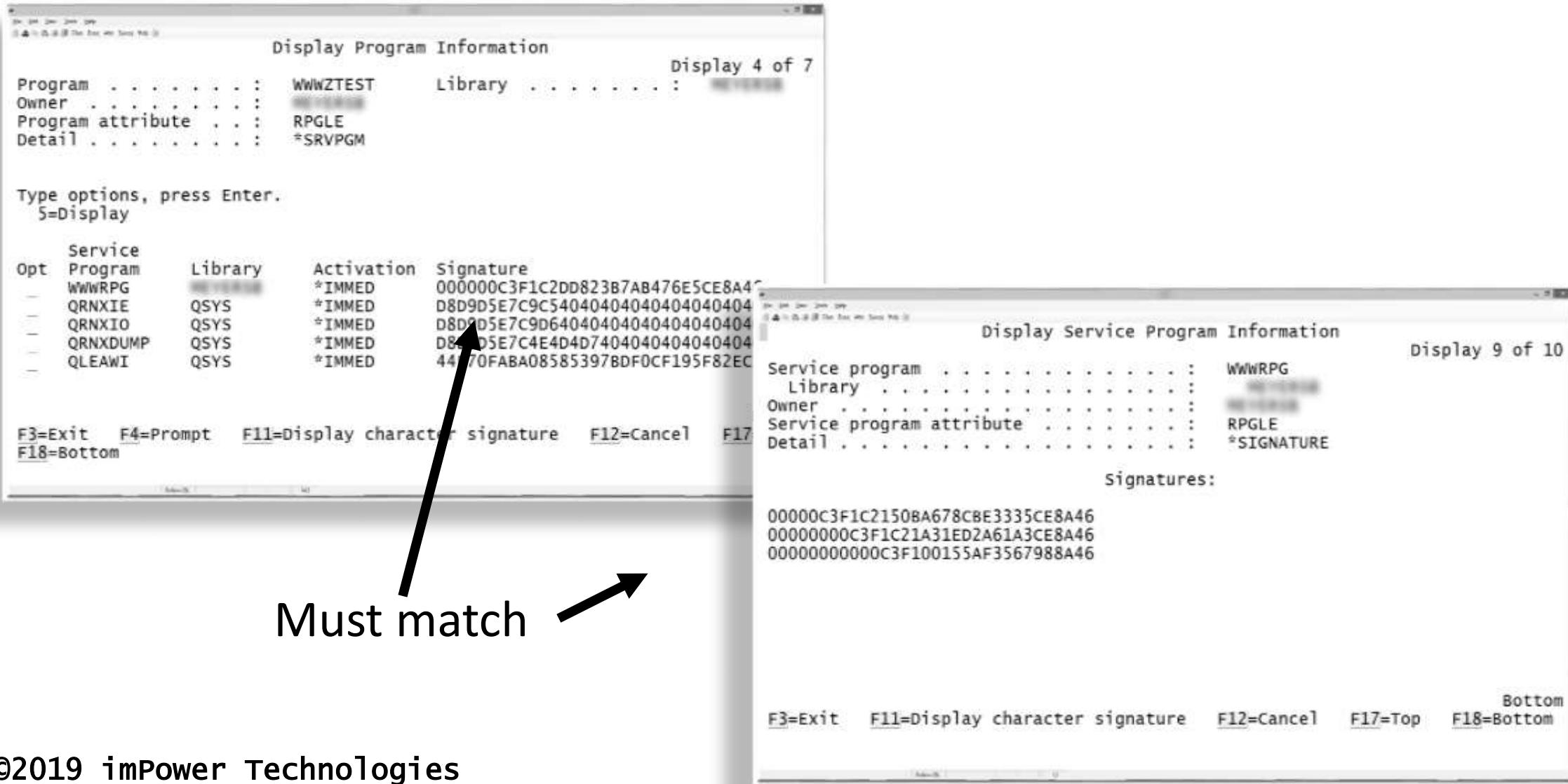
Below the details, the window shows the heading "Signatures:" followed by three hexadecimal strings:

```
00000C3F1C2150BA678CBE3335CE8A46
00000000C3F1C21A31ED2A61A3CE8A46
0000000000C3F100155AF3567988A46
```

At the bottom of the window, there are function key definitions:

F3=Exit    F11=Display character signature    F12=Cancel    F17=Top    F18=Bottom    Bottom

# Service Program Signatures



The image displays two side-by-side IBM i terminal windows. The left window, titled 'Display Program Information' (Display 4 of 7), shows details for a program named 'WWWZTEST'. It lists the program's owner as 'Owner . . . . . : [REDACTED]', its attribute as 'RPGLE', and its detail as '\*SRVPGM'. Below this, a message says 'Type options, press Enter.' followed by 'S=Display'. A table then lists service programs and their activation and signatures:

Opt	Service	Program	Library	Activation	Signature
-	WWWRPG	[REDACTED]	*IMMED	000000C3F1C2DD823B7AB476E5CE8A46	
-	QRNXIE	QSYS	*IMMED	D8D9D5E7C9C54040404040404040404	
-	QRNXIO	QSYS	*IMMED	D8D9D5E7C9D64040404040404040404	
-	QRNXDUMP	QSYS	*IMMED	D8D9D5E7C4E4D4D740404040404040404	
-	QLEAWI	QSYS	*IMMED	44170FABA08585397BDF0CF195F82EC	

At the bottom, function keys are listed: F3=Exit, F4=Prompt, F11=Display character signature, F12=Cancel, F17, and F18=Bottom.

The right window, titled 'Display Service Program Information' (Display 9 of 10), shows details for a service program named 'WWWRPG'. It lists the service program's library as 'Library . . . . . : [REDACTED]', its owner as 'Owner . . . . . : [REDACTED]', its attribute as 'Service program attribute . . . . . : RPGLE', and its detail as 'Detail . . . . . : \*SIGNATURE'. Below this, under 'Signatures:', three hex values are listed:

```
00000C3F1C2150BA678C8E3335CE8A46
00000000C3F1C21A31ED2A61A3CE8A46
000000000000C3F100155AF3567988A46
```

At the bottom, function keys are listed: F3=Exit, F11=Display character signature, F12=Cancel, F17=Top, F18=Bottom.

**Must match**

# Using Binder Language

Binder language describes service program's signature

- Stored in source file

Three commands

- STRPGMEXP (Start Program Export List) begins signature
- EXPORT (Export a Program Symbol) names procedure(s)
- ENDPGMEXP (End Program Export List) ends signature

```
STRPGMEXP PGMLVL(*CURRENT)
EXPORT SYMBOL(WWWDECODE)
EXPORT SYMBOL(WWWDUMP)
EXPORT SYMBOL(WWECHO)
EXPORT SYMBOL(WWEXTRACT)
ENDPGMEXP
```

# Using Binder Language

Refer to binder language source when creating service program

- CRTSRVPGM ... EXPORT(\*SRCFILE)  
SRCFILE(filename)  
SRCMBR(member)

```
CRTSRVPGM SRVPGM(WWWRPG)
  MODULE(WWWDECODE WWWDUMP WWWECHO WWWEXTRACT) +
  EXPORT(*SRCFILE) +
  SRCFILE(QSRVSRC) +
  SRCMBR(WWWRPG)
```

# Using Binder Language

```
STRPGMEXP PGMLVL(*CURRENT)
  EXPORT SYMBOL(WWWDECODE)
  EXPORT SYMBOL(WWWDUMP)
  EXPORT SYMBOL(WWECHO)
  EXPORT SYMBOL(WWGETDOC)
  EXPORT SYMBOL(WWWREAD)
  EXPORT SYMBOL(WWREREPLACE)
ENDPGMEXP
```

```
STRPGMEXP PGMLVL(*PRV)
  EXPORT SYMBOL(WWWDECODE)
  EXPORT SYMBOL(WWWDUMP)
  EXPORT SYMBOL(WWECHO)
  EXPORT SYMBOL(WWGETDOC)
ENDPGMEXP
```

```
STRPGMEXP PGMLVL(*PRV)
  EXPORT SYMBOL(WWWDECODE)
  EXPORT SYMBOL(WWWDUMP)
  EXPORT SYMBOL(WWECHO)
ENDPGMEXP
```

Binder language manages service program's current signature and any previous signatures

***DO NOT REMOVE OR REARRANGE***  
entries in existing signatures

- Add new procedures to end of signature block
- Current signature block must contain same procedures in same order as previous signature(s)

# Using Binder Language

May explicitly name signature

- Up to 16 characters

Service program needs only one named signature block

- Add new procedures to end of named signature
- Existing programs will still run without rebinding

```
STRPGMEXP PGMLVL(*CURRENT) SIGNATURE(WWWRPG)
EXPORT SYMBOL(WWWDECODE)
EXPORT SYMBOL(WWDUMP)
EXPORT SYMBOL(WWECHO)
EXPORT SYMBOL(WWGETDOC)
EXPORT SYMBOL(WWWREAD)
EXPORT SYMBOL(WWWREPLACE)
ENDPGMEXP
```

# Exporting Data Items

Export keyword can declare variable or data structure whose contents are available across modules

- Only one module actually allocates storage
  - Export keyword
- Other modules use data item allocated by exporting module
  - Import keyword

May be useful to export data items from service program and then import them into client

```
// Module: PRIMARY
Dcl-s Mydata Packed(9:2) Export Inz(200);
...
Proca();
```

```
// Module: PROCA
Dcl-s Mydata Packed(9:2) Import;
...
```

# Subfile Application Example

A - 5250 Display

File Edit View Communication Actions Window Help

Host: IDEVUSR030.IDEV CLOUD.COM Port: 23 Workstation ID: Disconnect

Program ID: PROG172SQL CloudServices24x7, Inc. 5/16/18

Customer Name Generic Inquiry Screen

Opt. A=Add, C=Change, D=Delete

Last name	First Name	Street	City	ST	ZipCode
Albright	Scotty	8040 STATE ST.	CHICAGO	IL	60635-1209
Alvaordo	Dennis	447 W. DARTMOOR	GURNEE	IL	60031-3136
ABDUL HALIM	NARIZA	5652 N. 46TH S	KALAMAZOO	MI	49008-0000
AMERINE	MICHAEL	789 S. ASH	LAWRENCE	TX	76550-0000
Brenneman	Jim	111 32ND AVE.	BOYCE	LA	71409-0000
Buckley	Jimmy	1234 Great Lakes	Kenosha	WI	53140-1346
BARRY	TRACY	32348 S. 39TH	GRAND RAPIDS	MI	49501-0002
BAYONNE	ALFREDO	10423 S.E. 30T	BELLEVUE	WA	98007-0012
CHO	DEUK HWAN	1234 WEST ST.	LOCKHART	SD	29364-0000
COIN	DOREEN	302 WASHINGTON	WHITE PLAINS	NY	71530-0039
COOK	MICHAEL	2478 E. MAIN S	ABILENE	TX	79604-1110
Dylan	Bobby	124 RAIN STREET	CAMBRIDGE	MA	21421-3450
DAVIS	JEFF	23 5TH STREET	KENOSHA	WI	51231-1234
DEWAARD	MICHAEL	4532 SYCAMORE	PHILADELPHIA	PA	19104-0121

More...  
53 rows fetched from cursor CUSTNAMECUR.  
F3=Exit F09=Reload Subfile F12=Cancel

MA A 06/005

IDEVUSR030.IDEV CLOUD.COM:23

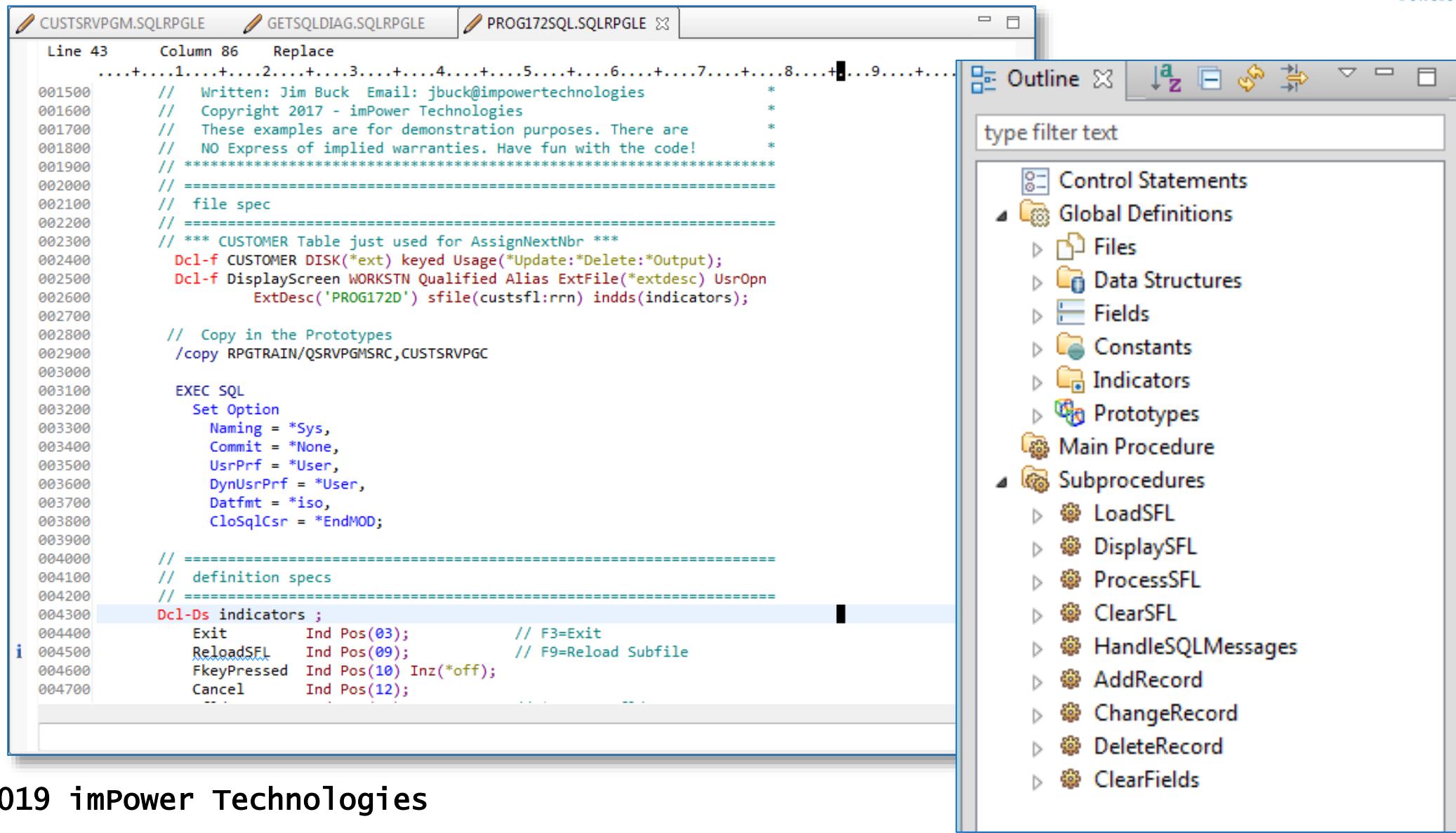
# Subfile Application – Putting it Together

Comprised  
of three  
programs +  
copybook

- **PROG172SQL** – Main Driver Program
  - Runs the 5250 screens
  - Handles the CREATE, READ, UPDATE and DELETE Logic
- **CUSTSRVPGM** – Service program that handles SQL I/O
  - SQL INSERT, UPDATE, SELECT and DELETE Code
  - Returns data Structures (Customer and SQL Status)
- **GETSQLDIAG** – Service program that:
  - Processes the GET DIAGNOSTICS command
  - Puts the results into a data structure
  - Returns this data structure to the calling program



# PROG172SQL – Driver program



The screenshot shows an IDE interface with two main panes. The left pane displays the source code for the RPGLE program PROG172SQL.SQLRPGLE. The right pane shows the Outline view, which lists various program components and their details.

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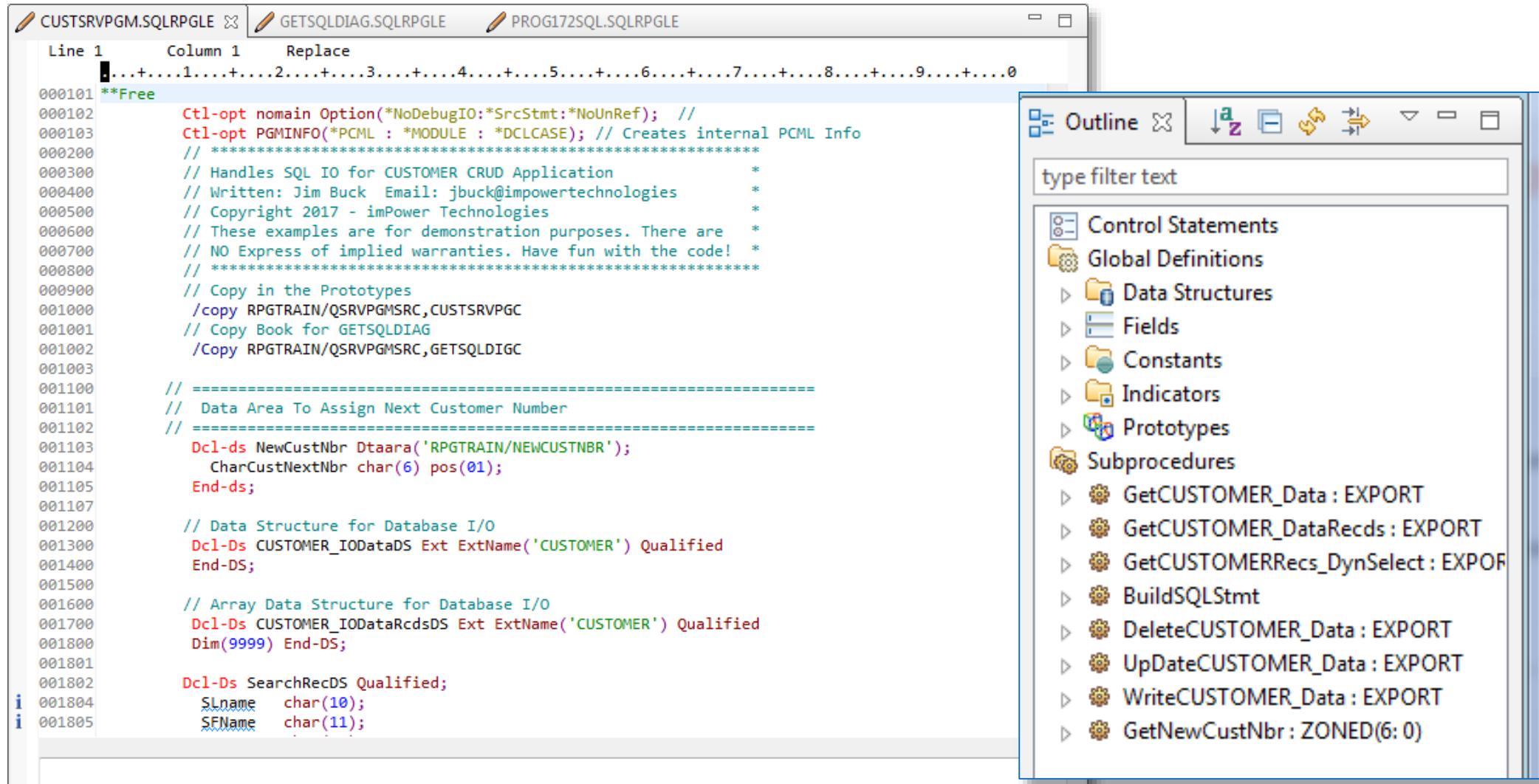
CUSTSRVPGM.SQLRPGLE   GETSQLDIAG.SQLRPGLE   PROG172SQL.SQLRPGLE X
Line 43    Column 86    Replace
.....+....1....+....2....+....3....+....4....+....5....+....6....+....7....+....8....+....9....+
001500 // Written: Jim Buck Email: jbuck@impowertechnologies *
001600 // Copyright 2017 - imPower Technologies *
001700 // These examples are for demonstration purposes. There are *
001800 // NO Express of implied warranties. Have fun with the code! *
001900 // ****
002000 // -----
002100 // file spec
002200 // -----
002300 // *** CUSTOMER Table just used for AssignNextNbr ***
002400 Dcl-f CUSTOMER DISK(*ext) keyed Usage(*Update:*Delete:*Output);
002500 Dcl-f DisplayScreen WORKSTN Qualified Alias ExtFile(*extdesc) UsrOpen
002600     ExtDesc('PROG172D') sfile(custsfl:rnn) indds(indicators);
002700
002800 // Copy in the Prototypes
002900 /copy RPGTRAIN/QSRVPGMSRC,CUSTSRVPGC
003000
003100 EXEC SQL
003200     Set Option
003300         Naming = *Sys,
003400         Commit = *None,
003500         UsrPrf = *User,
003600         DynUsrPrf = *User,
003700         Datfmt = *iso,
003800         CloSqlCsr = *EndMOD;
003900
004000 // -----
004100 // definition specs
004200 // -----
004300 Dcl-Ds indicators ;
004400     Exit      Ind Pos(03);          // F3=Exit
004500     ReloadSFL Ind Pos(09);          // F9=Reload Subfile
004600     FkeyPressed Ind Pos(10) Inz(*off);
004700     Cancel     Ind Pos(12);          ...

```

**Outline View:**

- Control Statements
- Global Definitions
  - Files
  - Data Structures
  - Fields
  - Constants
  - Indicators
  - Prototypes
- Main Procedure
- Subprocedures
  - LoadSFL
  - DisplaySFL
  - ProcessSFL
  - ClearSFL
  - HandleSQLMessages
  - AddRecord
  - ChangeRecord
  - DeleteRecord
  - ClearFields

# CUSTSRVPGM – SQL Database I/O



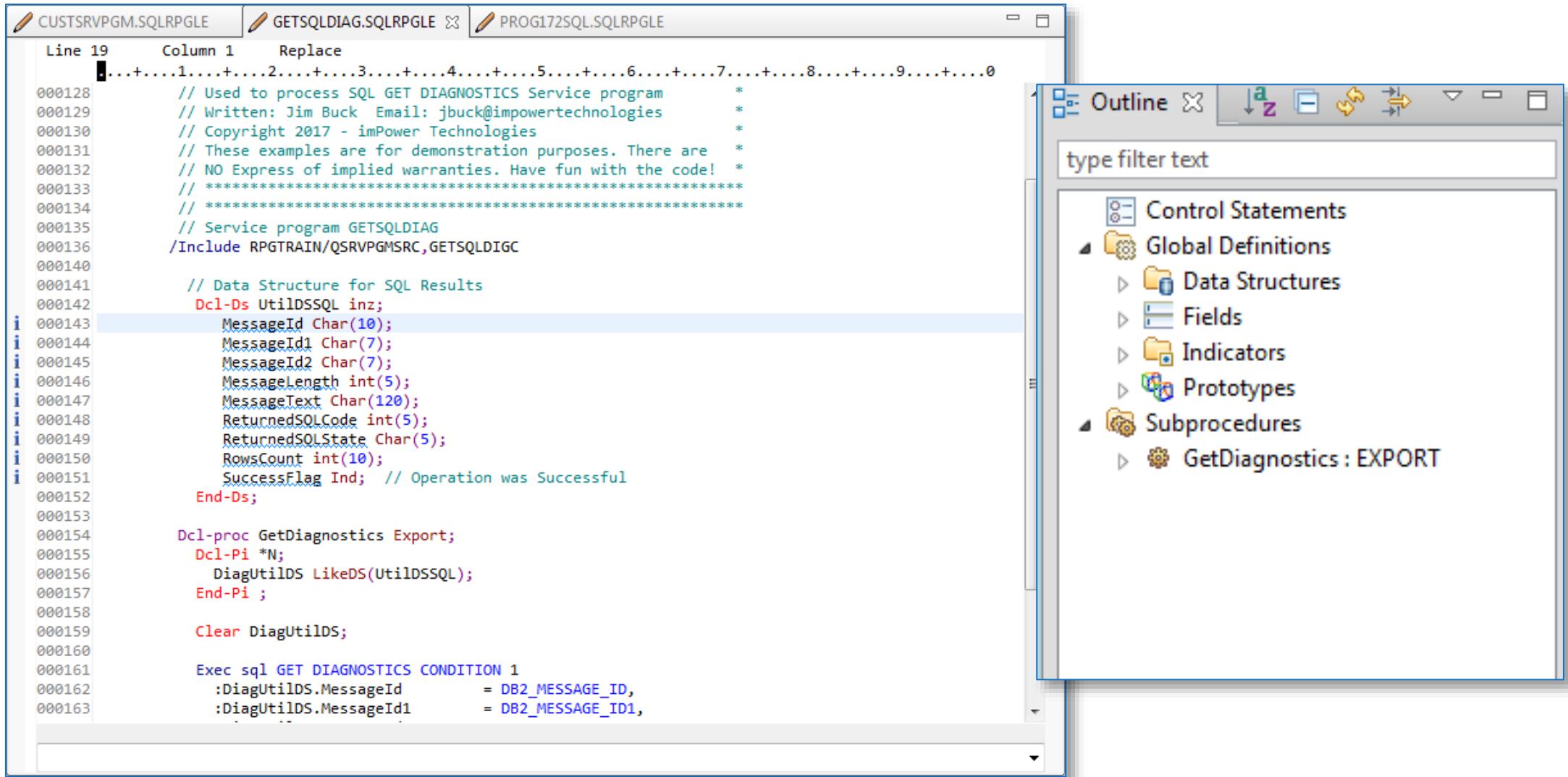
The screenshot shows an integrated development environment (IDE) interface. On the left, a code editor window displays RPGLE (Report Program Language Extended) code for a program named CUSTSRVPGM.SQLRPGLE. The code includes comments explaining the purpose of the program, which is to handle SQL I/O for a CUSTOMER CRUD application. It also contains sections for prototypes, data structures, and database I/O definitions. On the right, an 'Outline' view is open, showing a hierarchical list of database objects. The outline includes sections for Control Statements, Global Definitions (with Data Structures, Fields, Constants, Indicators, and Prototypes), Subprocedures (with various export routines like GetCUSTOMER\_Data, GetCUSTOMER\_DataRecds, etc.), and a specific entry for GetNewCustNbr, which is ZONED(6:0).

```

Line 1      Column 1    Replace
000101      .+....1....+....2....+....3....+....4....+....5....+....6....+....7....+....8....+....9....+....0
000102      **Free
000103          Ctl-opt nomain Option(*NoDebugIO:*SrcStmt:*NoUnRef); // 
000104          Ctl-opt PGMINFO(*PCML : *MODULE : *DCLCASE); // Creates internal PCML Info
000105          // ****
000106          // Handles SQL IO for CUSTOMER CRUD Application      *
000107          // Written: Jim Buck Email: jbuck@impowertechnologies      *
000108          // Copyright 2017 - imPower Technologies      *
000109          // These examples are for demonstration purposes. There are      *
000110          // NO Express of implied warranties. Have fun with the code!      *
000111          // ****
000112          // Copy in the Prototypes
000113          /copy RPGTRAIN/QSRVPGMSRC,CUSTSRVPGC
000114          // Copy Book for GETSQLDIAG
000115          /Copy RPGTRAIN/QSRVPGMSRC,GETSQLDIGC
000116
000117          // =====
000118          // Data Area To Assign Next Customer Number
000119          // =====
000120          Dcl-ds NewCustNbr Dtaara('RPGTRAIN/NEWCUSTNBR');
000121          CharCustNextNbr char(6) pos(01);
000122          End-ds;
000123
000124          // Data Structure for Database I/O
000125          Dcl-Ds CUSTOMER_IODataDS Ext ExtName('CUSTOMER') Qualified
000126          End-DS;
000127
000128          // Array Data Structure for Database I/O
000129          Dcl-Ds CUSTOMER_IODataRcdsDS Ext ExtName('CUSTOMER') Qualified
000130          Dim(9999) End-DS;
000131
000132          Dcl-Ds SearchRecDS Qualified;
000133              SLname    char(10);
000134              SFName    char(11);
000135
000136

```

# GETSQLDIAG – SQL Database I/O



The screenshot shows an Integrated Development Environment (IDE) interface with two tabs open: CUSTSRVPGM.SQLRPGLE and GETSQLDIAG.SQLRPGLE. The GETSQLDIAG.SQLRPGLE tab is active, displaying RPGLE source code. The code defines a data structure (Dcl-Ds) for SQL results, a subprocedure (Dcl-proc GetDiagnostics Export), and executes an SQL command (Exec sql GET DIAGNOSTICS CONDITION 1). The outline view on the right side of the IDE shows the structure of the program, including Control Statements, Global Definitions, Data Structures, Fields, Indicators, Prototypes, Subprocedures, and the specific subprocedure GetDiagnostics : EXPORT.

```

Line 19      Column 1    Replace
000128      // Used to process SQL GET DIAGNOSTICS Service program      *
000129      // Written: Jim Buck Email: jbuck@impowertechnologies      *
000130      // Copyright 2017 - imPower Technologies      *
000131      // These examples are for demonstration purposes. There are      *
000132      // NO Express of implied warranties. Have fun with the code!      *
000133      // ****
000134      // ****
000135      // Service program GETSQLDIAG
000136      /Include RPGTRAIN/QSRVPGMSRC,GETSQLDIGC
000140
000141      // Data Structure for SQL Results
000142      Dcl-Ds UtilDSSQL inz;
000143          MessageId Char(10);
000144          MessageId1 Char(7);
000145          MessageId2 Char(7);
000146          MessageLength int(5);
000147          MessageText Char(120);
000148          ReturnedSQLCode int(5);
000149          ReturnedSQLState Char(5);
000150          RowsCount int(10);
000151          SuccessFlag Ind; // Operation was Successful
000152      End-Ds;
000153
000154      Dcl-proc GetDiagnostics Export;
000155          Dcl-Pi *N;
000156          DiagUtilDS LikeDS(UtilDSSQL);
000157          End-Pi ;
000158
000159      Clear DiagUtilDS;
000160
000161      Exec sql GET DIAGNOSTICS CONDITION 1
000162          :DiagUtilDS.MessageId      = DB2_MESSAGE_ID,
000163          :DiagUtilDS.MessageId1     = DB2_MESSAGE_ID1,

```

# CUSTSRVCPY – Prototype Copybook

Line 1      Column 1      Replace

```

000101 // ****
000102 // Prototypes used for CUSTOMER CRUD Application
000103 // Written: Jim Buck Email: jbuck@impowertechnologies
000104 // Copyright 2017 - imPower Technologies
000105 // These examples are for demonstration purposes. There are
000106 // NO Express of implied warranties. Have fun with the code!
000107 // ****
000112
000135 DCL-PR GetCUSTOMER_Data;
000137   CUSTOMERDataDS LIKEDS(CUSTOMER_IODataDS);
000138   WrkCustNbr Zoned(6:0);
000139   WrkUtilDS LikeDS(UtilDSSQL);
000140 END-PR ;
000141
000142 DCL-PR GetCUSTOMER_DataRecds;
000143   CUSTOMER_IORcdsDS_LENGTH int(10);
000144   CUSTOMER_IORcdsDS LIKEDS(CUSTOMER_IODataDS) Dim(9999);
000145   WrkUtilDS LikeDS(UtilDSSQL);
000146 END-PR ;
000147
000148 DCL-PR GetCUSTOMERRecs_DynSelect;
000149   CUSTOMERDataDS_LENGTH int(10);
000150   CUSTOMERDataDS LIKEDS(CUSTOMER_IODataDS) Dim(9999);
000151   SearchDS LIKEDS(SearchRecDS);
000152   WrkUtilDS LikeDS(UtilDSSQL);
000153 END-PR ;
000154
000155 Dcl-Pr BuildSQLStmt;
000156   Statement varChar(4096);
000157   SearchDS LIKEDS(SearchRecDS);
000158 END-PR;
000159
000160 DCL-PR DeleteCUSTOMER_Data;

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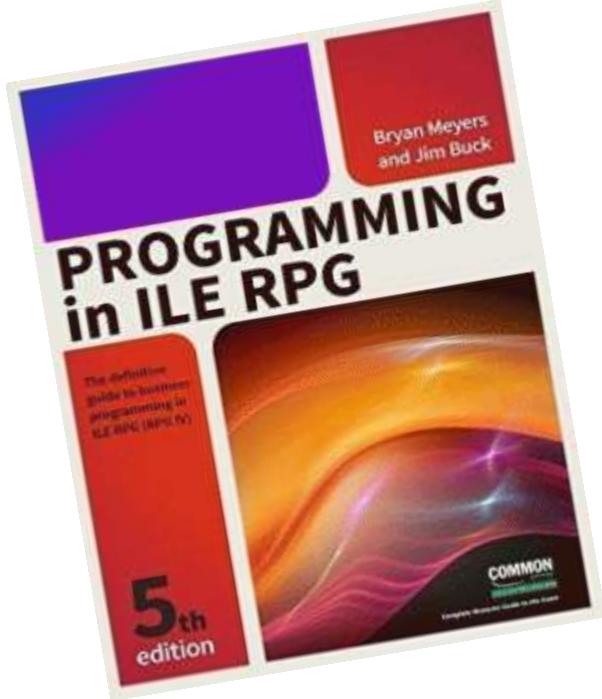
Outline

type filter text

Global Definitions

- | Prototypes
- | GetCUSTOMER\_Data : EXTPROC ( 'GETCUS' )
- | GetCUSTOMER\_DataRecds : EXTPROC ( 'GCRD' )
- | GetCUSTOMERRecs\_DynSelect : EXTPROC ( 'GCRD' )
- | BuildSQLStmt : EXTPROC ( 'BUILDSQLSTM' )
- | DeleteCUSTOMER\_Data : EXTPROC ( 'DELETECUS' )
- | UpDateCUSTOMER\_Data : EXTPROC ( 'UPDCUS' )
- | WriteCUSTOMER\_Data : EXTPROC ( 'WRITCUS' )
- | GetNewCustNbr : ZONED(6:0) EXTPROC ( 'GETCUSNBR' )

# Questions or Comments?



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