

Purpose

Command DEFINEL TECHNIQUE defines a Local Technique.

Format

@DEFINEL TECHNIQUE [NAME=]name1 [[PASSWORD]=password]

[[UNIVERSAL=] Y °
N]

[{ ARG:name2=value [TYPE= I °
Amax
D
L
R] }]]

Parameter Description

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Required/ Optional</u>	<u>Maximum Characters</u>	<u>Description</u>
name1	R	8	Name of the Technique
password	O	4	Password; if specified then it must be entered to delete the Technique 1/
UNIVERSAL	O	1	Indicates if the Technique must be applied Universally over the whole forecast area; if NO then the Technique may be used with an identifier in an options command to limit or select the range over which the Technique is to be used 1/
name2	R	6	Name of the Argument; if omitted the name VARI where 1<i<numarg will be assigned: 2/
			<u>Type Default value</u>
			A blanks
			D *12Z (TODAY at 12Z will be displayed in default input time zone code)

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Required/ Optional</u>	<u>Maximum Characters</u>	<u>Description</u>
			I 0 L false R 0.0
TYPE	0	1	Type of Argument; one of the following: Amax = alpha where max is maximum number of characters D = date I° = integer L = logical R = real <u>3/</u>

Notes:

- 1/ The Password and Universal parameters must appear on card image 1 if they are used.
- 2/ Arguments may be referenced by position or by name when used in a SETOPTIONS command (see Section VI.5.2B).
- 3/ If no type or value is entered the type=I and value=0 is assumed. If the value is entered without the type, type will be assigned on the basis of the entered value except for type D, which must be explicitly declared.

Examples

The following example defines a Local print Technique with an integer Argument specifying the maximum number of lines to be printed per page. The Technique will default to Universal.

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@DEFINEL TECHNIQUE NAME=PRMAP PASSWORD=OFS
ARG:LINES=66 TYPE=I
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