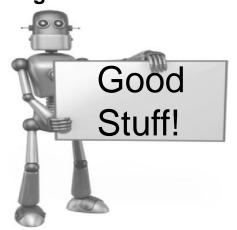
# The Business, Science and Uses of ILE Service Programs



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# About The Speaker

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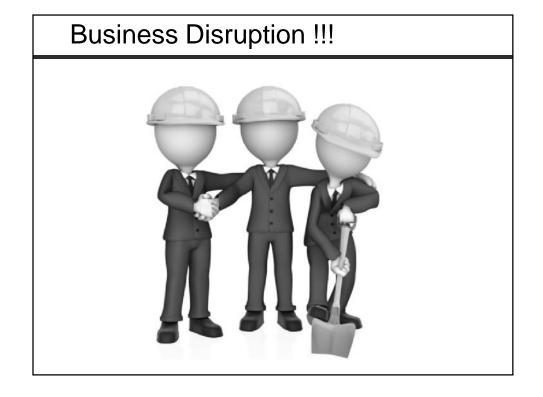
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In the beginning, your system is stable with no major incidents

ItemInq

ItemMaint

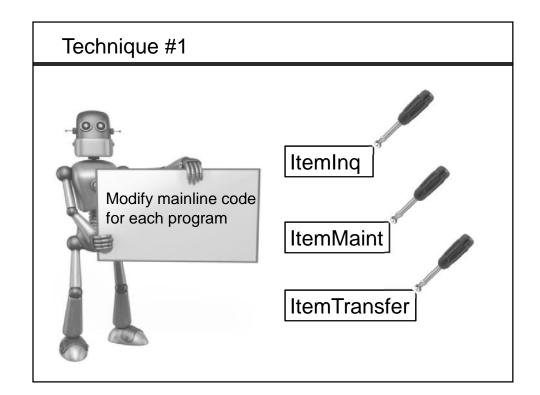
ItemTransfer



#### This merger brings new requirements to our programs

- 1) Unit of measure quantity conversions
- 2) Proprietary industry-specific conversion and product mixing routines
- Need to make these conversions available to all programs with the exception of the proprietary conversion routines.
- 4) Additional requirements to be defined in the future
- 5) We need to expose these routines down the road to external users via a web service





#### Technique #1

#### **Advantages**

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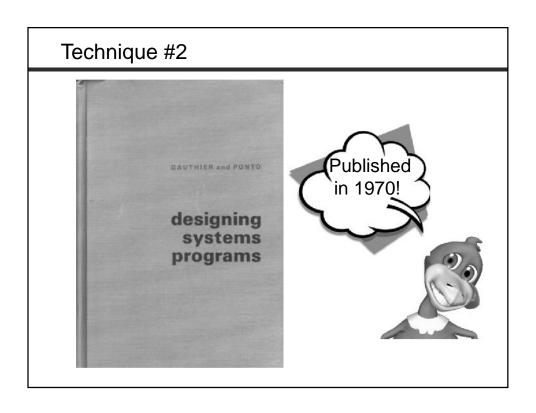
#### **Disadvantages**

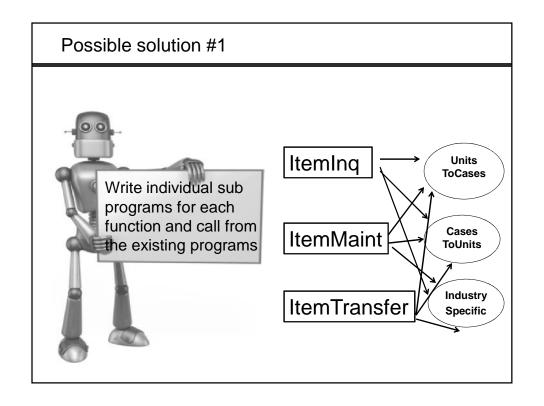
- Potential conflict with other global variables
- Add'l modifications may not be consistent across programs
- Original modification may be diluted as new functionality is added to each program
- Cannot protect certain subprocedures from being executed

#### Technique #2 - Modularize

mod·u·lar·ize [moj-uh-luh-rahyz]

verb (used with object), mod·u·lar·ized, mod·u·lar·iz·ing. to form or organize into modules, as for flexibility.





#### Possible solution #1

#### <u>Advantages</u>

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#### **Disadvantages**

- See disadvantages of possible solution #1
- Still a maintenance nightmare
- Potential performance issues with dynamic binding
- Can't take advantage of activation group scoping or recursive calls

#### February 16th, 1993 – A BIG announcement by IBM Do you remember where you were?

A NEW GENERATION: IBM BOOSTS AS/400 POWER UP TO 60 PERCENT, ENHANCES OPENESS, CLIENT SERVER CAPABILITIES

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'The new release of Operating System/400 Version 2 Release 3 provides enhanced system facilities, ... and a new Integrated Language Environment (ILE) for programming languages.

Also announced was the first ILE programming language, ILE C/400... In a Statement of Direction, IBM said it intends to provide ILE RPG/400 and ILE/COBOL.

With ILE and enhanced languages, developers can increase their flexibility and productivity by using the most efficient language for a particular module of a program. "

#### Possible solution #2 - program ITEMINQA

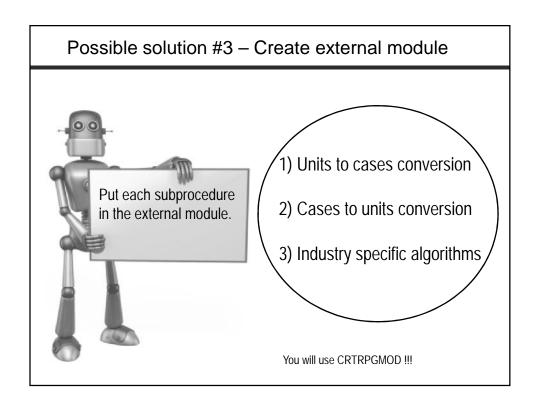
#### Possible solution #2

#### **Advantages**

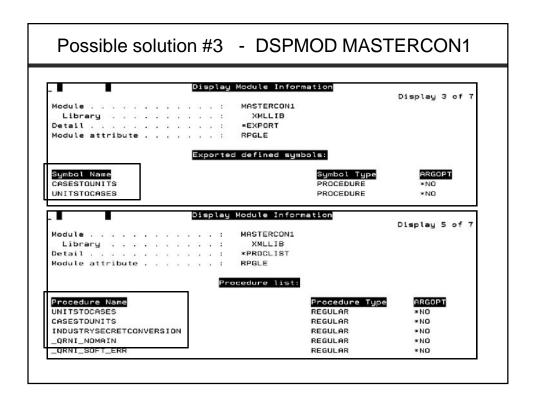
Isolation of new program logic

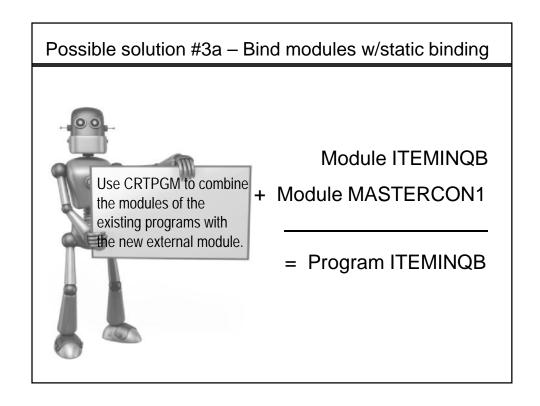
#### **Disadvantages**

- See disadvantages of possible solution #1
- Still a maintenance nightmare



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#### Possible solution #3a - Module ITEMINQB

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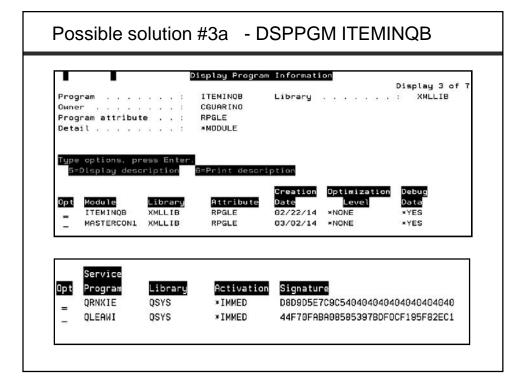
#### Create the modules

CRTRPGMOD MODULE(XMLLIB/ITEMINQB) SRCFILE(XMLLIB/QRPGLESRC) DBGVIEW(\*SOURCE)

CRTRPGMOD MODULE(XMLLIB/MASTERCON1) SRCFILE(XMLLIB/QRPGLESRC) DBGVIEW(\*SOURCE)

#### Create the program

CRTPGM PGM(XMLLIB/ITEMINQB) MODULE(XMLLIB/ITEMINQB XMLLIB/MASTERCON1)



#### Possible solution #3a

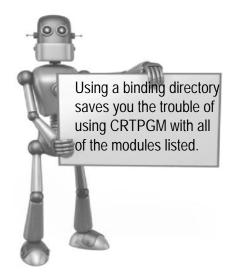
# **Advantages**

Statically bound modules do execute more quickly

#### **Disadvantages**

- Newer hardware diminishes the performance argument
- Must bind \*ALL modules to create usable programs
- Future modifications will require rebinding of \*ALL programs

Possible solution #3b – Bind modules w/ binding directory



A Binding Directory is nothing more than a table of contents for your modules (and service programs).

It provides an easy way to reference these objects.

Possible solution #3b

Create the binding directory CRTBNDDIR BNDDIR(XMLLIB/UTILITIES)

Add the modules as a directory entry

ADDBNDDIRE BNDDIR(XMLLIB/UTILITIES) OBJ((XMLLIB/MASTERCON1 \*MODULE))

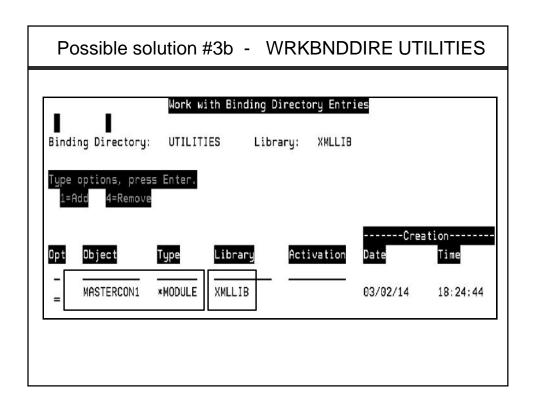
Reference the binding directory in your program

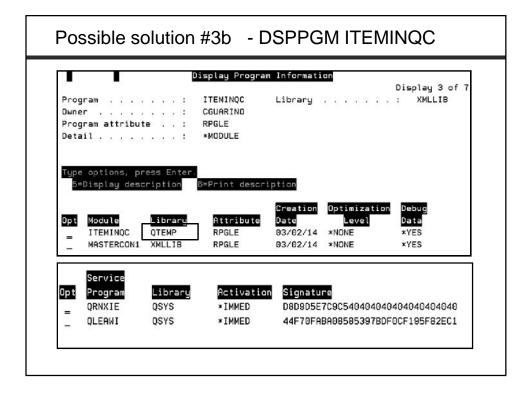
ctl-opt bnddir('UTILITIES') dftactgrp(\*no);

Compile your program, CRTPGM not required

CRTBNDRPG PGM(XMLLIB/ITEMINQC) SRCFILE(XMLLIB/QRPGLESRC) DBGVIEW(\*SOURCE)

# Possible solution #3b - Program ITEMINQC

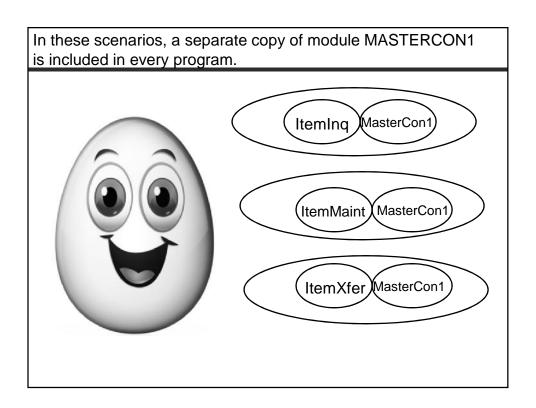


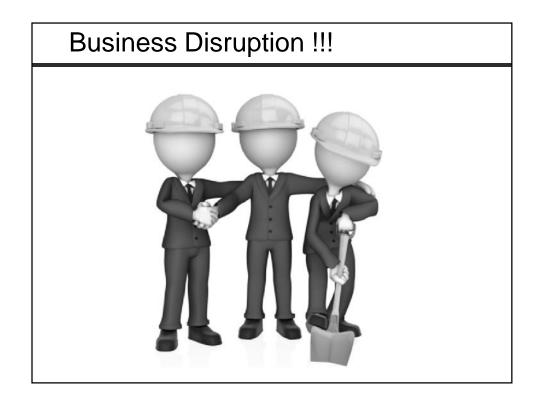


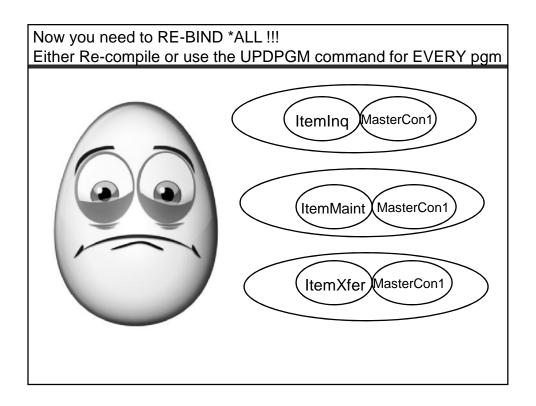
#### Possible solution #3b

### **Advantages**

- Statically bound modules do execute more quickly
- The binding directory makes it easier to compile programs
   <u>Disadvantages</u>
- Newer hardware diminishes the performance argument
- Must compile \*ALL programs to include usable modules
- Future modifications will require recompiling of \*ALL programs



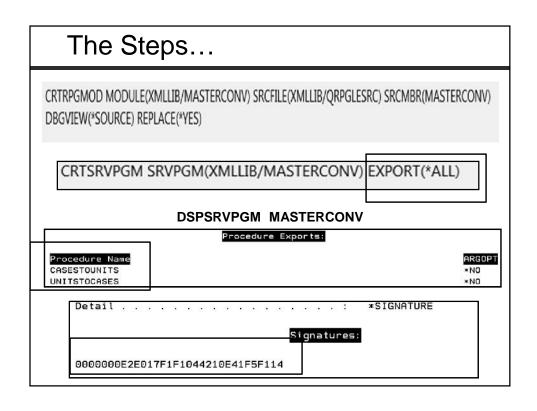


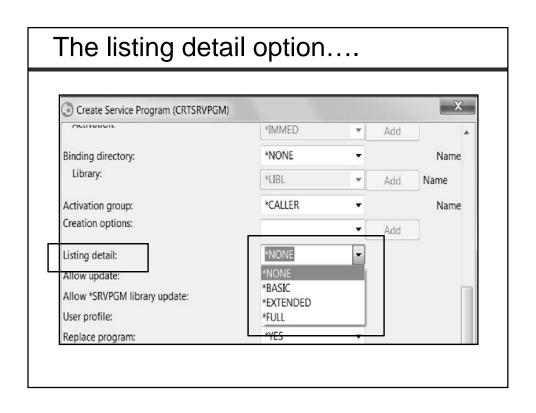


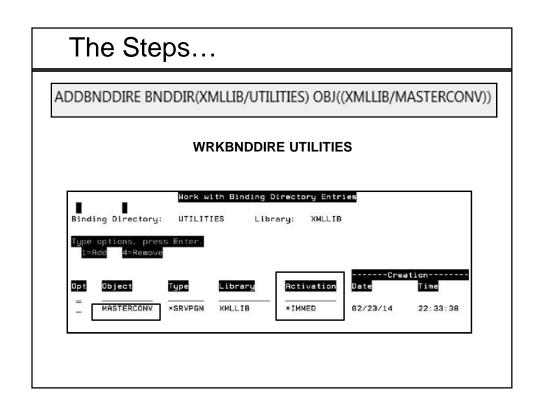
# Enter the Service Program Created from a module Cannot be directly executed Has an object type of \*SRVPGM Used in conjunction with binder language Uses a signature to validate callers Don't need to rebind all programs that use it when a change is made Are statically bound by reference, not statically bound by copy Can contain one or more modules I definitely prefer them over using \*modules

# The **simple**\* start of a service program

- CRTRPGMOD
- CRTSRVPGM using EXPORT \*ALL
- A current signature is automatically assigned
- Add the service program to a binding directory
- Compile the program that references the service program (the compiled program will remember the current signature)
- Call your program and the service program is activated. (if a valid signature is not found you will have a violation)
  - \* Simple but not always the best





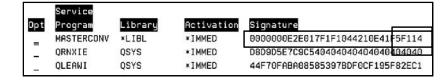


# The Steps... Program ITEMINQD

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CRTBNDRPG PGM(XMLLIB/ITEMINQD) SRCFILE(XMLLIB/QRPGLESRC) SRCMBR(ITEMINQD) DBGVIEW(\*SOURCE) REPLACE(\*YES)

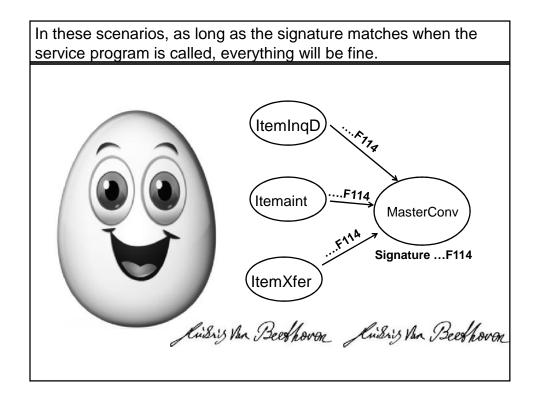
#### **DSPPGM ITEMINQD**



# About that signature...

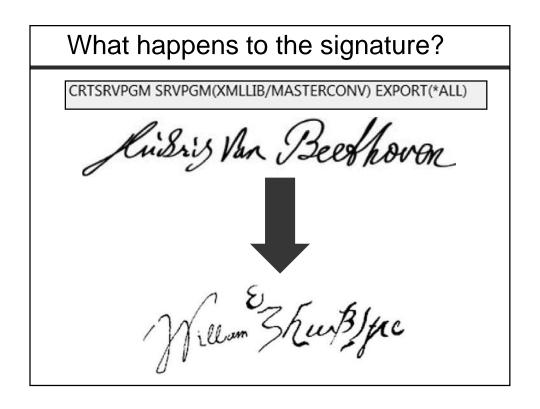
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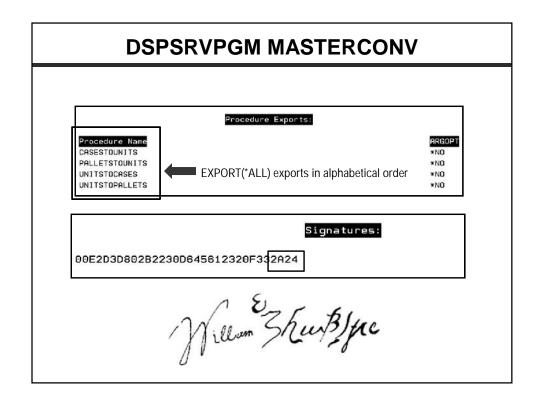
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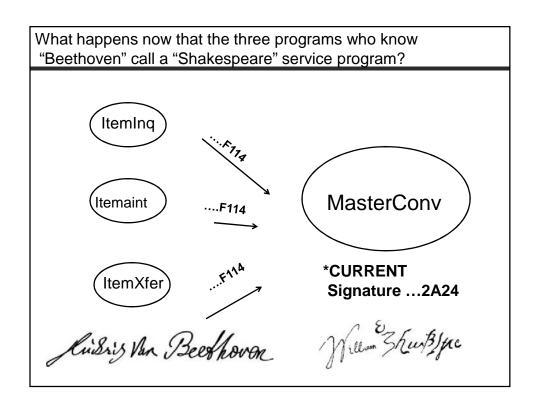


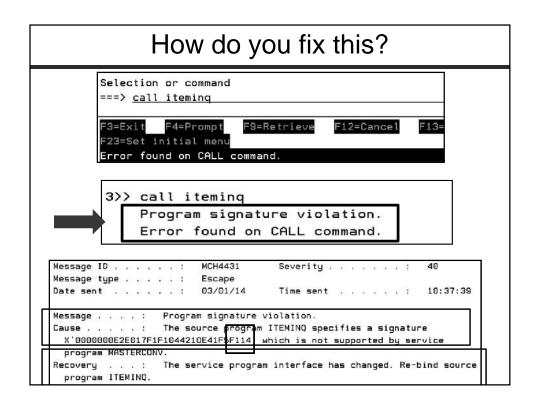


#### Added two more procedures to MASTERCONV









#### Possible signature violation solution # 1

UPDPGM PGM(XMLLIB/ITEMINQ) MODULE(\*NONE)

UPDPGM PGM(XMLLIB/ITEMMAINT) MODULE(\*NONE)

UPDPGM PGM(XMLLIB/ITEMXFER) MODULE(\*NONE)

This solution works if you can identify **EVERY** program referencing the service program.

Also, if done manually will be a VERY tedious process.



#### Possible signature violation solution # 2

# Retrieve the binder source BEFORE you make any changes !!!

RTVBNDSRC SRVPGM(XMLLIB/MASTERCONV) SRCFILE(XMLLIB/QSRVSRC)

```
STRPGMEXP PGMLVL(*CURRENT)
EXPORT SYMBOL('CASESTOUNITS')
EXPORT SYMBOL('UNITSTOCASES')
ENDPGMEXP
```

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# About that signature...

#### CRTSRVPGM SRVPGM(XMLLIB/MASTERCONV) EXPORT(\*ALL)

(When only two procedures were being exported)
Will produce the same <u>current</u> signature as

-CRTSRVPGM SRVPGM(XMLLIB/MASTERCONV) SRCFILE(XMLLIB/QSRVSRC)

```
STRPGMEXP PGMLVL(*CURRENT)

EXPORT SYMBOL('CASESTOUNITS')

EXPORT SYMBOL('UNITSTOCASE')

ENDPGMEXP
```

"0000000E2E017F1F1044210E41F5F114"



For your <u>existing</u> bound programs to continue working the signature still needs to match

```
PGMLVL(*CURRENT)
STRPGMEXP
           SYMBOL(CasesToUnits)
 EXPORT
 EXPORT
           SYMBOL(UnitsToCases)
 EXPORT
           SYMBOL(UnitsToPallets)
                                  New
 EXPORT
           SYMBOL(PalletsToUnits)
ENDPGMEXP
STRPGMEXP
           PGMLVL(*PRV)
           SYMBOL ('CASESTOUNITS')
 EXPORT
 EXPORT
           SYMBOL ('UNITSTOCASES')
ENDPGMEXP
```

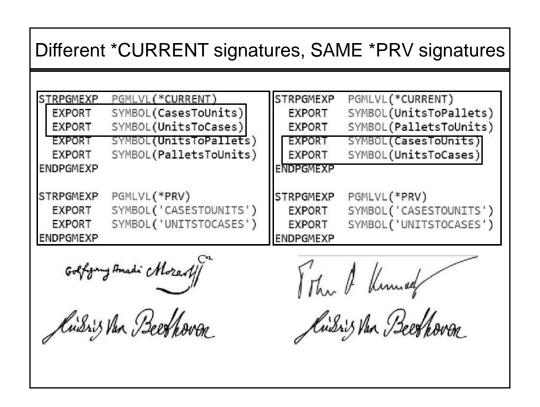
"0000000E2E017F1F1044210E41F5F114" will now become the \*PRV

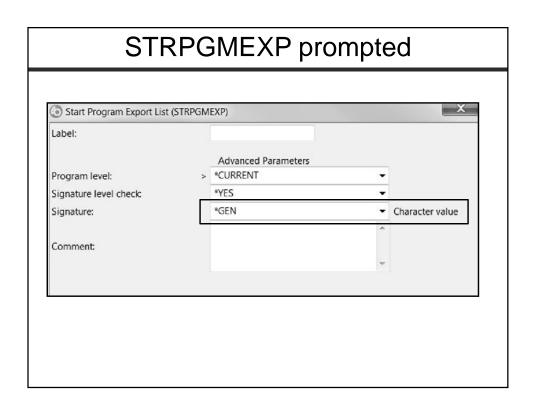
A <u>NEW</u> signature will be generated with the \*CURRENT export

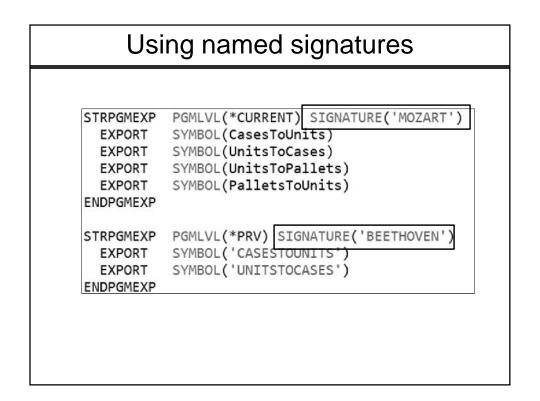
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# \*CURRENT ...2317 Golfgrug Amadi Mozariji \*PRV ...F114 Riskis Van Beechoven









# Using named signatures

CRTSRVPGM SRVPGM(XMLLIB/MASTERCONV) SRCFILE(XMLLIB/QSRVSRC)

#### DSPSRVPGM MASTERCONV DETAIL(\*SIGNATURE)

Signatures:

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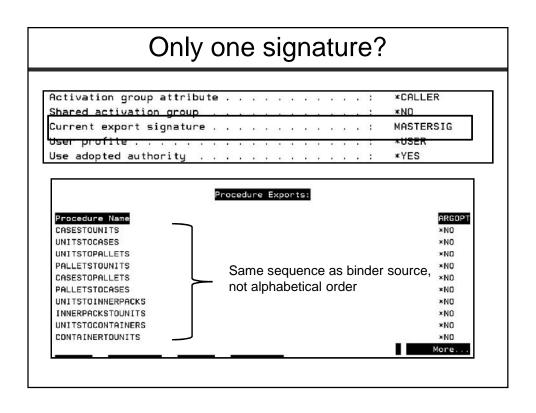
F11=Display character signature

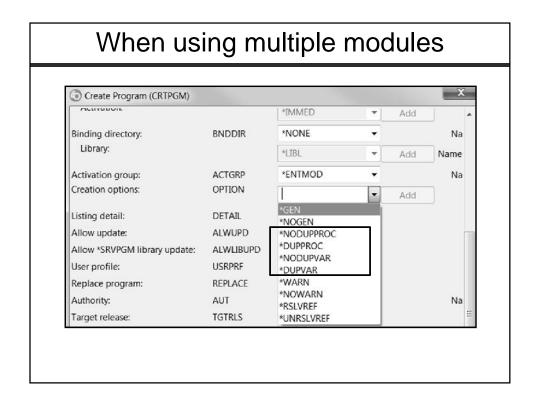
Signatures:

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# Only one signature?

```
STRPGMEXP PGMLVL(*CURRENT) SIGNATURE('MASTERSIG')
          EXPORT SYMBOL (CASEST DUNITS)
EXPORT SYMBOL (UNITSTOCASES)
          EXPORT
                    SYMBOL (UNITSTOPALLETS)
          EXPORT SYMBOL (PALLETSTOUNITS)
          EXPORT SYMBOL (CASESTOPALLETS)
EXPORT SYMBOL (PALLETSTOCASES)
Next two added when company ABC was purchased */
          EXPORT
                      SYMBOL (UNITSTOINNERPACKS)
          EXPORT
                      SYMBOL (INNERPACKSTOUNITS)
Next three added when company XYZ was purchased */
          EXPORT
                      SYMBOL (UNITSTOCONTAINERS)
          EXPORT
                      SYMBOL (CONTAINERTOUNITS)
          EXPORT
                      SYMBOL (PALLETSTOCONTAINERS)
       ENDPGMEXP
```





# Wrap up

- Modularization is not a new concept embrace it!
- EXPORT(\*ALL) is OK to use when you are willing to use UPDPGM or re-compile after a service program change.
- There is no hard and fast rule about the number of binding directories or modules entries within them.
- A service program signature can be thought of as a record format level identifier.
- There is a LVLCHK(\*NO) parameter on the STRPGMEXP command which acts EXACTLY how you think it would.
- A service program can have more than one signature BUT the current one is used as the index.

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