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# 1 About This Document



This document is specific to using Dyalog on the macOS operating system. For information on the Dyalog development environment on other operating systems, consult the appropriate documents.

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This document introduces the Dyalog development environment (user interface). It describes the windows, menus and customisation options that are available as well as the keycode-keystroke mappings that can be used within the different input windows.

The Dyalog Session can be extensively customised; this document assumes that the default configuration is in use.

This document is only part of the full documentation set for Dyalog (available to download from <http://docs.dyalog.com>). In cases where the information given is different between this document and any of the others, this document should be regarded as the definitive source for Dyalog for macOS.

## 1.1 Audience

It is assumed that the reader has a basic knowledge of macOS and a working knowledge of Dyalog (for information on the resources available to help develop your Dyalog knowledge, see <http://www.dyalog.com/introduction.htm> – new users might also find that it is helpful to select the *Show tips for glyphs* check box in the **General** tab of the **Preferences** dialog box, as detailed in section 7.2.1).

## 2 Introduction

The Dyalog development environment offers a user-friendly means of interacting with the interpreter. Support for Dyalog on macOS was new at Dyalog version 14.1, and the development environment is not yet as feature-rich as that on Microsoft Windows; however, additional functionality continues to be added.

### 2.1 How to Read this Document

Depending on your level of experience with Dyalog/APL and your preferred learning practices, you might want to go straight to a particular section of this document in preference to reading through it in the order in which it is presented. To assist with this, the content of this document is grouped as follows:

- Chapter 3 introduces the basic features of the user interface that will be seen on initially starting a Dyalog Session.
- Chapter 4 describes the different windows that can be accessed and the functionality that is available with each type.
- Chapter 5 contains the details of working within the development environment. This includes information on how to enter and execute expressions, along with descriptions of the functionality that is provided to simplify this.
- Chapter 6 concentrates on the language elements of Dyalog that are not supported with Dyalog for macOS.
- Chapter 7 explains how the appearance and behaviour of a Dyalog Session can be customised to meet personal preferences and corporate guidelines.

## 3 The Dyalog Development Environment

When a Dyalog Session is started, the Dyalog development environment is displayed. This means that:

- the menu bar menu options change to those appropriate for Dyalog (see section 3.1)
- the keyboard key mappings for APL glyphs are enabled (see section 3.2)
- the Dyalog Session user interface is displayed (see section 3.3)

### 3.1 Menu Bar

The menu bar menu options when Dyalog is the active application are shown in Figure 1 – this section details each of the items in these menus.

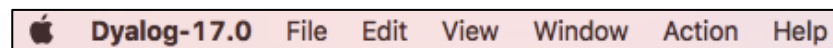


Figure 1. Menu bar menu options

The menu names in the menu bar and the options under each menu can be customised (see section 7.2.6).

#### 3.1.1 Dyalog Menu

The options available under the **Dyalog** menu are detailed in Table 1. These are standard application-specific menu options on macOS.

Table 1. Dyalog menu options

Item	Description
About Dyalog    ⌘F1	Displays the <b>About</b> dialog box, which provides details of the current Dyalog installation.
Preferences	Opens the <b>Preferences</b> dialog box (see section 7.2).
Quit            ⌘Q	Terminates the Dyalog Session (see section 5.10).

#### 3.1.2 File Menu

The options available under the **File** menu are detailed in Table 2. These control the RIDE-enabled APL process connections (both on local and remote machines).

Table 2. File menu options

Item	Description
Open...	Prompts for a filename. If a workspace file is selected (a <b>.dws</b> file) then it is loaded into the Session; any other file is opened in the <b>Edit</b> window.
New Session    ^N	Starts a new Dyalog Session (a new instance of the interpreter).

Connect...	Opens the <b>RIDE-Dyalog Session</b> dialog box, enabling you to connect to specified or remote RIDE-enabled Dyalog process. For information on RIDE, connecting to remote interpreters and the <b>RIDE-Dyalog Session</b> dialog box, see the <i>RIDE User Guide</i> .
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### 3.1.3 Edit Menu

The options available under the **Edit** menu are detailed in Table 3. These assist with manipulating text within (and between) windows.

**Table 3.** Edit menu options

Item		Description
Undo		Reverses the previous action
Redo		Reverses the effect of the previous Undo
Cut	⌘X	Deletes the selected text from the active window and places it on the clipboard.
Copy	⌘C	Copies the selected text to the clipboard.
Paste	⌘V	Pastes the text contents of the clipboard into the active window at the current location.
Select All	⌘A	Highlights all characters in the active window.
Start Dictation...		<i>inserted by Apple – not supported by Dyalog Ltd</i>
Emoji & Symbols...		<i>inserted by Apple – not supported by Dyalog Ltd</i>

### 3.1.4 View Menu

The options available under the **View** menu are detailed in Table 4. These enable the appearance of the Dyalog Session to be changed.

**Table 4.** View menu options

Item	Description
Show Language Bar	Toggles display of the language bar (see section 3.3.2) at the top of the <b>Session</b> window.
Show Status Bar	Toggles display of the status bar (see section 3.3.4) at the bottom of the <b>Session</b> window.
Show Workspace Explorer	Toggles display of the workspace explorer (see section 3.3.5) to the left of the <b>Session</b> window.
Show Debug	Toggles display of the debug information window (see section 3.3.6) to the right of the <b>Session</b> window.
Line Wrapping in Session	Toggles line wrapping. When off, <b>␣PW</b> is used to determine line length. When on, a combination of <b>␣PW</b> and line wrapping is used.
Stops	Toggles display of an additional column at the left-hand side of the <b>Edit/Trace</b> windows in which break-points can be set/unset. Hiding this column does not remove any previously-set break-points.



Line Numbers		Toggles display of line numbers in the <b>Edit/Trace</b> windows.
Outline		Toggles code folding/outlining for control structures (including <b>:Section</b> structures) and functions in <b>Edit</b> windows. When toggled, existing code in an open <b>Edit</b> window is automatically updated to reflect the new rules.
Increase Font Size	⌘=	Increases the size of the font in all the windows
Decrease Font Size	⌘-	Decreases the size of the font in all the windows
Reset Font Size	⌘0	Sets the size of the font in all the windows to its default value.
Toggle Full Screen	⌘F	Toggles the entire session between its current size and full screen size.

### 3.1.5 Window Menu

The options available under the **Window** menu are detailed in Table 5. This closes all open **Edit** and **Trace** windows.

**Table 5.** Window menu options

Item	Description
Close All Windows	Closes all open <b>Edit</b> and <b>Trace</b> windows (the <b>Session</b> window, workspace explorer and debug information window remain open).
<caption>	The Session's caption (see section 3.3.1).

### 3.1.6 Action Menu

The options available under the **Actions** menu are detailed in Table 6. These enable **Edit** and **Trace** windows to be opened and allow currently-running APL code to be interrupted with trappable events.

**Table 6.** Actions menu options

Item	Description
Edit      ⌘⇧E	If the cursor is on or immediately after <object name>, then opens an <b>Edit</b> window on that name.
Trace      ⌘⇧T	In the <b>Session</b> window: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the cursor is on a line containing calls to multi-line functions, a <b>Trace</b> window is opened and the functions traced (<i>explicit trace</i>).</li> <li>• If the cursor is on a line containing no text and there is a suspended function (or operator) on the execution stack, open a <b>Trace</b> window for that function (<i>naked trace</i>)</li> </ul> In a <b>Trace</b> window: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open a new <b>Trace</b> window for any multi-line function</li> </ul>

	(or operator) in that line and trace that line as it is evaluated.
Clear all trace/stop/monitor	Removes any trace/stop/monitor flags (as set by <code>□TRACE/□STOP/□MONITOR</code> ) from all functions in the workspace.
Weak Interrupt	Suspends execution at the start of the next line.
Strong Interrupt	Suspends execution after the current primitive operation.

### 3.1.7 Help Menu

The options available under the **Help** menu are detailed in Table 7. These provide access to the Dyalog documentation, website, forum and update portal.

At the top of the Help menu is a Search field; this links to the macOS help centre.

**Table 7.** Help menu options

Item	Description
Dyalog Help	Opens your default web browser on the welcome page of Dyalog's online help ( <a href="http://help.dyalog.com">http://help.dyalog.com</a> ).
Documentation Centre	Opens your default web browser on the Documentation Centre page of Dyalog Ltd's website ( <a href="http://www.dyalog.com/documentation.htm">http://www.dyalog.com/documentation.htm</a> ).
Dyalog Website	Opens your default web browser on the home page of Dyalog Ltd's website ( <a href="http://www.dyalog.com">http://www.dyalog.com</a> ).
MyDyalog	Opens your default web browser on the login page for MyDyalog, the customer portal for updates of Dyalog ( <a href="https://my.dyalog.com">https://my.dyalog.com</a> ).
Dyalog Forum	Opens your default web browser on the main page of Dyalog Ltd's forum ( <a href="http://www.dyalog.com/forum">http://www.dyalog.com/forum</a> ).

## 3.2 Keyboard Key Mappings for APL Glyphs

A set of keyboard key mappings for APL glyphs is installed with Dyalog; these are shown in Appendix A. When Dyalog is the active application, these key mappings are automatically enabled. Dyalog attempts to identify your locale and use the appropriate key mappings; if the locale cannot be identified or the locale-specific key mappings has not been configured, then the default configuration is used (key mappings for a US keyboard).

Using the default keyboard, APL glyphs are entered by pressing the prefix key followed by either the appropriate key or the SHIFT key with the appropriate key. The prefix key and key mappings can be customised (see section 7.2.2).

Alternatively, the Dyalog application-specific keyboard mapping can be replaced with a system-wide mapping, which allows Dyalog glyphs to be entered in other applications (for example, email) when it is selected in the main menu bar. For information on installing/enabling a locale-specific set of key mappings, see the *Dyalog for macOS Installation and Configuration Guide*.

### 3.3 Session User Interface

By default, the Dyalog Session user interface includes four elements, as shown in Figure 2):

- a caption (see section 3.3.1)
- a language bar (see section 3.3.2)
- a **Session** window (see section 3.3.3)
- a status bar (see section 3.3.4)

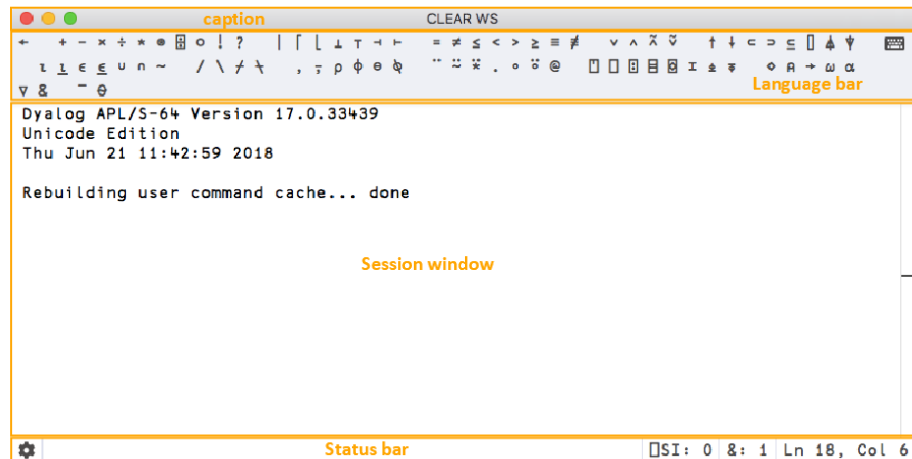


Figure 2. The Dyalog Session user interface (default)

Additional windows can also be present, as shown in Figure 3:

- a workspace explorer (see section 3.3.5)
- a debug information window (see section 3.3.6)

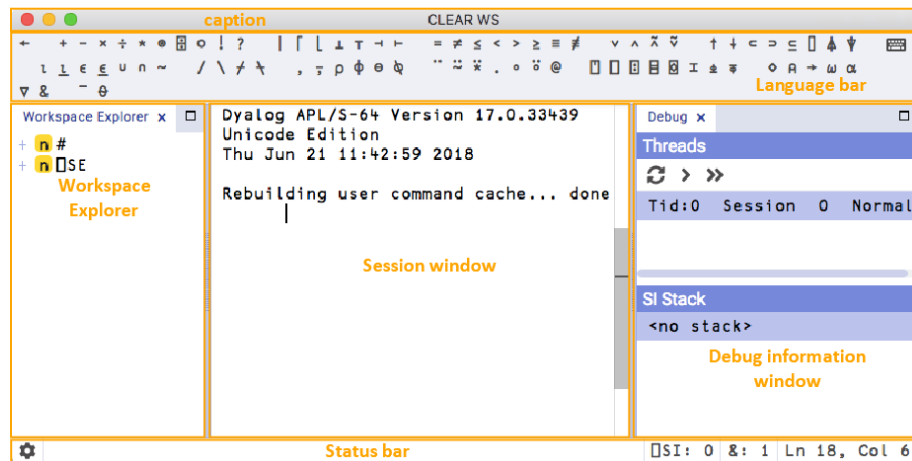


Figure 3. The Dyalog Session user interface with workspace explorer and debug information window displayed

#### 3.3.1 Caption

The caption at the top of the **Session** window is the name of the workspace.

The caption can be customised (see section 7.2.5).

### 3.3.2 Language Bar

The language bar is located at the top of the **Session** window, beneath the caption. It contains buttons for each of the glyphs used as primitives in Dyalog.



When the cursor is positioned over one of the glyphs, information for that glyph is displayed. This includes the name of the glyph, the keyboard shortcut to enter it, its monadic/dyadic name and examples of its syntax, arguments and result.

When the mouse is clicked on one of the glyphs, that glyph is copied into the active **Session/Edit** window at the position of the input cursor (the same as typing it directly into the **Session/Edit** window).

The order of glyphs in the language bar can be customised by using the mouse to drag-and-drop individual glyphs to the required location.

Display of the language bar can be toggled with the **View > Show Language Bar** menu option or by entering the *Toggle Language Bar* command (**<LBR>**).

On the right hand side of the Language bar is the  button:

- Positioning the cursor over the  button displays a dynamic tooltip showing all configured keyboard shortcuts for command codes – for more information on these, see section 5.1.
- Clicking on the  button displays the **Preferences** dialog box (the same as selecting the **Edit > Preferences** menu option) – for more information on the **Preferences** dialog box, see section 7.2.

### 3.3.3 Session Window

The primary purpose of the **Session** window is to provide a scrolling area within which you can enter APL expressions and view results. See section 4.1 for more information on the **Session** window.

You can move, resize, maximise and minimise the **Session** window using the standard facilities that macOS provides.

### 3.3.4 Status bar

The Status bar is located at the bottom of the **Session** window. It contains a button and three Session status fields, as shown in figure 4; the items in the Status bar are detailed in table 8.

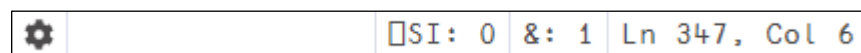






Figure 4. The Status bar

Table 8. Items in the Status bar

Item	Description
	Opens the <b>Preferences</b> dialog box (see section 7.2).
 SI: <number>	Displays the length of  SI. Turns blue if non-zero.
 &: <number>	Displays the number of threads currently running (minimum value is 1). Turns blue if greater than 1.
Ln <num>, Col <num>	Displays the location of the cursor in the active window (line and column numbers).

### 3.3.5 Workspace Explorer

The workspace explorer is located to the left of the **Session** window, next to the scrolling area. It contains a hierarchical tree view of all the namespaces, classes, functions, operators and variables in the active workspace (under #) and in the system namespace (under □SE).

Clicking on a namespace, class, function, operator or variable opens its definition in the **Edit** window.

Display of the workspace explorer can be toggled with the **View > Show Workspace Explorer** menu option or by entering the *Toggle Workspace Explorer* command (<WSE>).

### 3.3.6 Debug Information Window

The debug information window is located to the right of the **Session** window. It comprises two areas:




- The **Threads** area lists the threads that are currently in existence. For each thread the following information is provided:
  - a description comprising the thread ID (□TID) and name (□TNAME)
  - the state of the thread, that is, what it is doing (for example, Session, Pending, :Hold, □NA)
  - the thread requirements (□TREQ)
  - a flag indicating whether the thread is *Normal* or *Paused*

The toolbar displayed at the top of the **Threads** area is shown in figure 5; the icons on this toolbar are detailed in table 9.



Figure 5. The **Threads** area's toolbar

Table 9. Icons on the **Threads** area's toolbar

Icon	Action	Description
	Refresh now	Refresh the list of threads
	Continue execution of this thread	Resume execution of the currently selected thread.
	Continue execution of all threads	Resume execution of any paused threads. For information on threads, see the <i>Dyalog Programming Reference Guide</i> .

- The **SI Stack** area lists the functions in the execution stack; each function in the list also has the line number and source code of the line that caused the function to be added to the stack. Equivalent to the result of )SI.

Display of the debug information window can be toggled with the **View > Show Debug** menu option.

## 4 Input Windows

The Dyalog Development Environment can comprise multiple windows:

- **Session** window – created when Dyalog is started and always present while the session is live. There is only one **Session** window.
- **Edit** windows – created and destroyed dynamically as required. There can be multiple **Edit** windows for multiple APL objects.
- **Trace** windows – created and destroyed dynamically as required. There is only one **Trace** window.

When multiple windows are open, the window that has the focus is referred to as the *active* window.

### 4.1 Session Window

The **Session** window contains:

- the *input line* – the last line entered in the **Session** window; this is (usually) the line into which you type an expression to be evaluated.
- the *Session log* – a history of previously-entered expressions and the results they produced.

If a log file is being used, then the Session log is loaded into memory when Dyalog is started. When Dyalog is closed, the Session log is written to the log file, replacing its previous contents.

### 4.2 Edit Window




This section applies to the built-in editor. A different editor can be specified by setting the RIDE\_EDITOR configuration parameter to the fully-qualified path of the desired editor's executable file.

An **Edit** window is used to define new objects as well as amend existing objects.

An **Edit** window can be opened from the **Session** window in any of the following ways:

- Enter `)ED <object name>`
- Enter `⎕ED '<object name>'`
- Enter `<object name> <ED>`  
(for an explanation of the `<ED>` syntax, see section 5.1)
- Double-click the cursor over/after `<object name>`

If the object name does not already exist, then it is assumed to be of type function/operator. Different types can be explicitly specified using the `)ED` or `⎕ED` options – see `)ED` or `⎕ED` in the *Dyalog APL Language Reference Guide* for information.

An **Edit** window can be opened from the **Trace** window by entering the *Edit* command (**<ED>**), double-clicking the cursor or clicking on the  button in the toolbar (see section 4.3.1). The position of the cursor when this is done determines the name of the object that the **Edit** window is for:

- If the cursor is on or immediately after `<object name>`, then the **Edit** window opens on that name.
- If the cursor is anywhere else, then the **Edit** window opens for the most recently-referenced function in the stack. This is a *naked edit*.

An **Edit** window can be opened from another **Edit** window in any of the following ways:

- Move the cursor over/after `<object name>` and enter the *Edit* command (**<ED>**)
- Double-click with the cursor over/after `<object name>`

By default, each **Edit** window is docked to the right of the **Session** Window.






#### 4.2.1 Toolbar

The toolbar displayed at the top of the **Edit** window is shown in figure 6; the buttons on this toolbar are detailed in table 10.




Figure 6. The **Edit** Window's toolbar

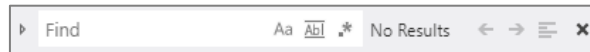
Table 10. Icons on the **Edit** window's toolbar

Icon	Action	Description
	Save changes and return	Saves changes and closes the <b>Edit</b> Window.
	Toggle line numbers	Turns the display of line numbers on/off.
	Comment selected text	Add a comment symbol (A) to the beginning of the line in which the cursor is positioned. If text has been selected, then a comment symbol is added at the start of the line on which the selection starts and at the start of each subsequent line of text within the selection. Same as the <i>Comment Out</i> command ( <b>&lt;AO&gt;</b> ).
	Uncomment selected text	Removes the comment symbol (A) at the beginning of the line in which the cursor is positioned. If text has been selected, then comment symbols are removed from the start of each selected line of text. Comment symbols that are not at the start of a line of text cannot be removed. Same as the <i>Uncomment</i> command ( <b>&lt;DO&gt;</b> ).
	Search	Opens the Search bar, enabling a search to be performed – see Section 4.2.2.


### 4.2.2 Search and Replace

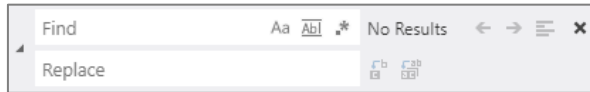
The  icon in the **Edit** window's toolbar opens the Search bar, enabling a search for every occurrence of a specified string (this can include APL glyphs) to be performed within the code in the active **Edit** window; optionally, a replacement string can be applied on an individual basis.

The Search bar is shown in figure 7; the icons on this toolbar are detailed in table 11.









**Figure 7.** The Search bar (default)

Clicking on the  icon (Toggle replace mode) extends the Search bar to include a *Replace* field and related icons as shown in figure 8; the icons on this toolbar are detailed in table 11.






**Figure 8.** The Search bar (including display of the Replace fields)

**Table 11.** Icons on the Search bar

Icon	Action	Description
	Search for previous match	Positions the cursor at the previous occurrence of the <i>Search</i> text.
	Search for next match	Positions the cursor at the next occurrence of the <i>Search</i> text.
	Find in selection	Only searches within the selected text.
	Close	Closes the Search bar.
	Replace	Replaces the selected text in the <b>Edit</b> window with the text specified in the <i>Replace</i> field of the Search bar and highlights the next match.
	Replace all	Replaces all occurrences of the text specified in the <i>Find</i> field of the Search bar with that specified in the <i>Replace</i> field of the Search bar.



The *Find* field includes three filters, as detailed in table 12. Any combination of these filters can be applied when performing a search.

**Table 12.** Filters in the Find field


Icon	Action	Description
	Match case	Applies a case-sensitive filter so that only occurrences that match the case of the string in the <i>Find</i> field are highlighted.
	Match whole word	Only highlights whole words that match the string in the <i>Find</i> field. <b>Note:</b> Some glyphs are treated as punctuation when identifying "whole words", for example, ; : , { } [ ] ( and ).
	Use regular expression	Allows regular expressions to be specified in the <i>Find</i> field.





**To search for a string:**


1. Enter the string to search for in the *Find* field in one of the following ways:
  - Press the **Search** button  and enter the string directly in the *Find* field.
  - Enter the *Search* command (**<SC>**) and enter the string directly in the *Find* field.
  - select the string in the **Edit** window or position the cursor over a word and enter the *Search* command (**<SC>**) or press the **Search** button ; the selected string or the word under the cursor is copied to the *Find* field.

All occurrences of the specified string are highlighted in the **Edit** window. If the content of the **Edit** window is sufficiently long for there to be a vertical scroll bar, then the locations of occurrences of the specified string within the entire content are identified by yellow marks overlaid on the scroll bar.





2. Press the **Enter** key to select the first occurrence of the search string after the last position of the cursor.
3. Press the **Search for next match** button  to advance the selection to the next occurrence of the search string.
4. Repeat step 1 as required (the search is cyclic).
5. Use the **Esc** key to exit the search functionality.

**To replace a string:**

1. Do one of the following:
  - Enter the string to be replaced in the *Find* field in one of the following ways:
    - Press the **Search** button  and enter the string directly in the *Find* field.
    - Enter the *Search* command (**<SC>**) and enter the string directly in the *Find* field.
    - Select the string in the **Edit** window and enter the *Search* command (**<SC>**) or press the **Search** button ; the selected string is copied to the *Find* field.



Press  to extend the Search bar to display the *Replace* field.

- Enter the *Replace* command (**<RP>**) and enter the string directly in the *Find* field.
  - select the string in the **Edit** window and enter the *Replace* command (**<RP>**); the selected string is copied to the *Find* field and the *Replace* field is displayed.
2. Enter the replacement string directly in the *Replace* field.
  3. Press the **Enter** key to select the first occurrence of the search string after the last position of the cursor.


4. Do one of the following:
  - Press the **Enter** key or the **Replace** button  to replace the selected occurrence of the search string and to advance the selection to the next occurrence of the search string.
  - Press the **Search for next match** button  to leave the selected occurrence of the search string unaltered and to advance the selection to the next occurrence of the search string.
  - Press the **Replace all** button  to replaces all occurrences of the search string.
5. Press the **Close** button  to exit the search and replace functionality.

### 4.2.3 Exiting the Edit Window

To save changes and close the **Edit** window:

- click on  in the **Edit** window's tab and select **yes** when prompted whether to save changes
- click on  in the **Edit** window's toolbar
- use the *Escape* command (<EP>)

To close the **Edit** window without saving changes:

- click on  in the **Edit** window's tab and select **no** when prompted whether to save changes
- use the *Quit* command (<QT>)

## 4.3 Trace Window

A **Trace** Window aids debugging by enabling you to step through your code line by line, display variables in **Edit** windows and watch them change as the execution progresses. Alternatively, you can use the **Session** window and **Edit** windows to experiment with and correct your code.

A **Trace** window can be opened from the **Session** window by entering `<expression> <TC>`. This is an *explicit trace* and lets you step through the execution of any non-primitive functions/operators in the expression.

If there is a suspended function in the stack, then a **Trace** window can be opened from the **Session** window by double-clicking on a blank line – this can be a blank input line or a blank line in the Session log. A **Trace** window for the most recently-referenced function in the stack is displayed; this is a *naked trace*.

By default, Dyalog is also configured to initiate an *automatic trace* whenever an error occurs, that is, the **Trace** window opens and becomes the active window and the line that caused the execution to suspend is selected. This is controlled by the TRACE\_ON\_ERROR configuration parameter (for information on configuration parameters, see the *Dyalog for macOS Installation and Configuration Guide*).

By default, each **Trace** window is docked beneath the **Session** and **Edit** windows. Other than setting/removing breakpoints (see section 5.9.1), **Trace** windows are read-only.

### 4.3.1 Toolbar

The toolbar displayed at the top of the **Trace** window is shown in figure 9; the buttons on this toolbar are detailed in table 13.



Figure 9. The Trace Window's toolbar

Table 13. Icons on the Trace window's toolbar

Icon	Action	Description
	Quit this function	Cuts the execution stack back one level.
	Toggle line numbers	Turns the display of line numbers on/off.
	Execute line	Executes the current line and advances to the next line.
	Trace into expression	Traces execution of the current line and advances to the next line. If the current line calls a user-defined function then this is also traced.
	Stop on next line of calling function	Continues execution of the code in the <b>Trace</b> window from the current line to completion of the current function or operator. If successful, the selection advances to the next line of the calling function (if there is one).
	Continue execution of this thread	Closes the <b>Trace</b> window and resumes execution of the current application thread from the current line.
	Continue execution of all threads	Closes the <b>Trace</b> window and resumes execution of all suspended threads.
	Interrupt	Interrupts execution with a weak interrupt.
	Edit name	Converts the <b>Trace</b> window into an <b>Edit</b> window as long as the cursor is on a blank line or in an empty space. However, if the cursor is on or immediately after an object name that is not the name of the suspended function, then an <b>Edit</b> window for that object name is opened.
	Clear stops for this object	Clears all breakpoints (resets <input type="checkbox"/> STOP) on the function(s) in the <b>Edit/Trace</b> windows.
	Search	Opens the Search bar, enabling a search to be performed – see Section 4.3.2).

### 4.3.2 Search

The icon in the **Trace** window's toolbar opens the Search bar, enabling a search for every occurrence of a specified string (this can include APL glyphs) to be performed within the code in the **Trace** window.

The Search bar is shown in figure 10; the icons in the Search bar are detailed in table 14.

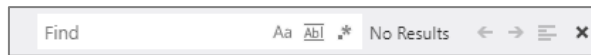




Figure 10. The Search bar



Table 14. Icons on the Search bar

Icon	Action	Description
←	Search for previous match	Positions the cursor at the previous occurrence of the <i>Search</i> text.
→	Search for next match	Positions the cursor at the next occurrence of the <i>Search</i> text.
☰	Find in selection	Only searches within the selected text.
✕	Close	Closes the Search bar.

**To search for a string:**



1. Enter the string to search for in the *Find* field in one of the following ways:
  - Press the **Search** button  and enter the string directly in the *Find* field.
  - Enter the *Search* command (**<SC>**) and enter the string directly in the *Find* field.
  - select the string in the **Trace** window and enter the *Search* command (**<SC>**) or press the **Search** button ; the selected string is copied to the *Find* field.

All occurrences of the specified string are highlighted in the **Trace** window and the number of occurrences is displayed to the right of the *Find* field. If the content of the **Trace** window is sufficiently long for there to be a vertical scroll bar, then the locations of occurrences of the specified string within the entire content are identified by yellow marks overlaid on the scroll bar.

2. Press the **Enter** key to select the first occurrence of the search string after the last position of the cursor.
3. Press the **Search for next match** button  to advance the selection to the next occurrence of the search string.
4. Repeat step 1 as required (the search is cyclic).
5. Press the **Close** button  to exit the search functionality.

### 4.3.3 Exiting the Trace Window

To close the **Trace** window:

- click on  in the **Trace** window's tab
- click on  in the **Trace** window's toolbar
- use the *Escape* command (**<EP>**)
- use the *Quit* command (**<QT>**)
- press the **Esc** key



When the **Trace** window is closed, the function within that **Trace** window is removed from the stack. It is possible to close all **Trace/Edit** windows without clearing the stack by selecting the **Window > Close All Windows** menu option or using **2023I** – see the *Dyalog APL Language Reference Guide*.

## 5 Working in a Dyalog Session

The main purpose of a development environment is to enable you to enter and execute expressions; this chapter describes how this can be achieved and explains the functionality that is provided to simplify the process.

### 5.1 Keyboard Shortcuts and Command Codes

*Keyboard shortcuts* are keystrokes that generate an action rather than produce a symbol. Dyalog supports numerous shortcut keys, each of which are identified by a *command code*; for example, the action to open the **Trace** window is identified by the code **TC** (described in the documentation as **<TC>**) and mapped to keystrokes. For a complete list of the command codes that can be used in a Dyalog Session and the keyboard shortcuts for those command codes, see Appendix B.

Positioning the cursor over the  button on the right hand side of the Language bar displays a dynamic tooltip showing all configured keyboard shortcuts for command codes. Clicking on the  button displays the **Preferences** dialog box (the same as selecting the **Edit > Preferences** menu option), through which keyboard shortcuts can be customised (see section 7.2.3).

### 5.2 Accented Characters

macOS includes functionality whereby pressing and holding a key displays accented or alternative versions of the letter on that key, any of which can then be selected. However, only certain accented characters are supported in names – for the full list, see the *Dyalog Programming Reference Guide*. For example, holding down the **a** key presents options of à, á, â, ä, æ, ã, å and ā, but of these eight options, only the first seven are supported in names.

### 5.3 Navigating the Windows

When multiple windows are open, the window that has the focus is referred to as the *active window*. A window can be made the active window by clicking within it.

The **Session**, **Edit** and **Trace** windows form a closed loop for the purpose of navigation:

- to make the next window in this loop the active window, enter the *Tab Window* command (**<TB>**)
- to make the previous window in this loop the active window, enter the *Back Tab Window* command (**<BT>**)

An active **Edit/Trace** window can be closed after changes have been made to its content:

- to save any changes in the content of the active window before closing it, enter the *Escape* command (**<EP>**), press the *Close* button in its menu bar or, if the window is docked, press in the window's tab

- to discard any changes in the content of the active window before closing it, enter the *Quit* command (<QT>)

## 5.4 Display of Windows

By default, the **Trace** window and **Edit** windows are docked beneath and to the right of the **Session** window respectively. If the menu option **View > Show Workspace Explorer** is checked, then the workspace explorer is docked to the far left of any open windows; if the menu option **View > Show Debug** is checked, then the debug information window is docked to the far right of any open windows.

Docked windows can be selected (by clicking within them), resized (by moving the splitter bar) and maximised/minimised (using the "traffic light" buttons).

New **Edit** and **Trace** windows can be floating rather than docked by selecting the *Floating windows* checkbox in the **Windows** tab of the **Preferences** dialog box (see section 7.2.7).

Clicking in the tab of any window enables that window to be dragged to a different location.

## 5.5 Entering APL Characters

APL glyphs can be entered in a Dyalog Session by:

- typing the glyph in the **Session** window or **Edit** window using the appropriate key combination (see section 3.2).
- clicking on the appropriate glyph on the language bar (see section 3.3.2) – this copies that glyph into the active **Session/Edit** window at the position of the input cursor.

When typing a glyph directly rather than using the language bar, if you pause after entering the prefix key then the autocomplete functionality (see section 5.6.2) displays a list of all the glyphs that can be produced. If you enter the prefix key a second time then a list of all the glyphs that can be produced is again displayed but this time with the names (formal and informal) that are used for each glyph.

For example:

```
\ * a default prefix key
```

The autocomplete functionality list includes the following for the  $\circledast$  glyph:

```
\ * ``logarithm
\ * ``naturallogarithm
\ * ``circlestar
\ * ``starcircle
\ * ``splat
```

This means that you can enter the  $\circledast$  glyph by selecting (or directly typing) any of the following:

```
\ *
\ * ``logarithm
\ * ``naturallogarithm
\ * ``circlestar
\ * ``starcircle
\ * ``splat
```

As you enter a name, the autocomplete functionality restricts the list of options to those that match the entered name.

For example, entering:

```
``ci
```

restricts the list to:

```
⊗ `* ``circlestar
○ `o ``circular
ϕ `% ``circlestile
⊖ `& ``circlebar
Ⓢ `^ ``circlebackslash
ö `O ``circlediaeresis
```

## 5.6 Entering Expressions

Dyalog provides several mechanisms that assist with accuracy and provide clarity when entering expressions.

### 5.6.1 Paired Enclosures

*Applicable in the **Session** window and the **Edit** window.*

Enclosures in Dyalog include:

- parentheses ( )
- braces { }
- brackets [ ]

Angle brackets < > are not enclosures.

When an opening enclosure character is entered, Dyalog automatically includes its closing pair. This reduces the risk of an invalid expression being entered due to unbalanced enclosures. This feature can be disabled in the **General** tab of the **Preferences** dialog box (see section 7.2.1).

### 5.6.2 Autocomplete

*Applicable in the **Session** window and the **Edit** window.*

Dyalog includes autocomplete functionality for names to reduce the likelihood of errors when including them in an expression (and to save you from having to enter complete names or remember cases for case-sensitive names).

As a name is entered, Dyalog displays a pop-up window of suggestions based on the characters already entered and the context in which the name is being used.

For example, if you enter a `[` character, the pop-up list of suggestions includes all the system functions and variables. Entering further characters filters the list so that only those system functions and variables that start with the exact string entered are included.

When you start to enter a name in the **Session** window, the pop-up list of suggestions includes all the namespaces, variables, functions and operators that are defined in the current namespace. When you start to enter a name in the **Edit** window, the pop-up list of suggestions includes all names that are localised in the function header.

To select a name from the pop-up list of suggestions, do one of the following:

- click the mouse on the name in the pop-up list
- use the right cursor key to select the top name in the pop-up list
- use the up and down cursor keys to navigate through the suggestions and the right cursor key or the **ENTER** key to enter the currently-highlighted name

The selected name is then completed in the appropriate window.

This feature can be disabled or customised in the **General** tab of the **Preferences** dialog box (see section 7.2.1).

### 5.6.3 Context-Sensitive Help

*Applicable in the **Session** window, **Edit** window and **Trace** window*

With the cursor on or immediately after any system command, system name, control structure keyword or primitive glyph, enter the *Help* command (**<HLP>**). The documentation for that system command, system name, control structure keyword or primitive glyph will be displayed.

### 5.6.4 Syntax Colouring

*Applicable in the **Edit** window and **Trace** window*

Syntax colouring assigns different colours to various components, making them easily identifiable. The syntax colouring convention used is detailed in table 15.

**Table 15.** *Syntax colouring convention*

Colour	Syntax
black	global names
grey	names namespaces numbers tradfn syntax (specifically, header line and final ▽)
maroon	control structure keywords
red	errors (including unmatched parentheses, quotes and braces)
teal	strings comments
navy	primitive functions zilde
blue	idioms (this takes priority over any other syntax colouring) operators parentheses/braces/brackets dfn syntax (specifically, { } α ω ▽ and :) assignment (←), diamond (◊) and semi-colon (;)
purple	system names

Syntax colouring can be customised (see section 7.2.4).



## 5.7 Executing Expressions

### 5.7.1 Executing a New Expression

*Applicable in the **Session** window*

After entering a new expression in the input line, that expression is executed by pressing the **Enter** key or with the *Enter* command (**<ER>**). Following execution, the expression (and any displayed results) become part of the Session log.

### 5.7.2 Re-executing a Previous Expression

*Applicable in the **Session** window*

Instead of entering a new expression in the input line, you can move back through the Session log and re-execute a previously-entered expression.

#### **To re-execute a previously-entered expression:**

1. Locate the expression to re-execute in one of the following ways:
  - Scroll back through the Session log.
  - Use the *Backward* command (**<BK>**) and the *Forward* command (**<FD>**) to cycle backwards and forwards through the input history, successively copying previously-entered expressions into the input line.
2. Position the cursor anywhere within the expression that you want to re-execute and press the **Enter** key or use the *Enter* command (**<ER>**).

If required, a previously-entered expression can be amended prior to execution. In this situation, when the amended expression is executed it is copied to the input line; the original expression in the Session log is not changed. If you start to edit a previous expression and then decide not to, use the *Quit* command (**<QT>**) to return the previous expression to its unaltered state.

### 5.7.3 Re-executing Multiple Previous Expressions

*Applicable in the **Session** window*

Multiple expressions can be re-executed together irrespective of whether they were originally executed sequentially (certain system commands cause re-execution to stop once they have been completed, for example, **)LOAD** and **)CLEAR** ).

#### **To re-execute multiple previously-entered expressions:**

1. Locate the first expression to re-execute in one of the following ways by scrolling back through the Session log.
2. Change the expression in some way. The change does not have to impact the purpose of the expression; it could be an additional space character.
3. Scroll through the Session log to locate the next expression to re-execute and change it in some way. Repeat until all the required expressions have been changed.
4. Press the **Enter** key or enter the *Enter* command (**<ER>**)

The amended expressions are copied to the input line and executed in the order in which they appear in the Session log; the original expressions in the Session log are not changed.

**To re-execute contiguous previously-entered expressions:**

1. Position the cursor at the start of the first expression to re-execute.
2. Press and hold the mouse button (left-click)+ and drag the cursor to the end of the last expression to re-execute.
3. Copy the selected lines to the clipboard using the *Copy* command (<CP>) or the *Cut* command (<CT>) or the **Copy/Cut** options in the **Edit** menu.
4. Position the cursor in the input line and paste the content of the clipboard back into the Session using the *Paste* command (<PT>), the **Paste** option in the **Edit** menu or the **Paste** option in the right-click drop-down menu.
5. Press the **Enter** key or enter the *Enter* command (<ER>).

This technique can also be used to move lines from the **Edit** window into the **Session** window and execute them.

## 5.8 Threads

Dyalog supports multithreading. For information on threads, see the *Dyalog Programming Reference Guide*.

The number of threads currently in use is displayed in the Status bar (see section 3.3.4).

## 5.9 Suspending Execution

To assist with investigations into the behaviour of a set of statements (debugging), the system can be instructed to suspend execution just before a particular statement is executed. This is done using a breakpoint – see section 5.9.1.

It is sometimes necessary to suspend the execution of a function, for example, if an endless loop has been inadvertently created or a response is taking an unacceptably long time. This is done using an interrupt – see section 5.9.2.

Suspended functions are placed in the stack, with the most recently-referenced function at the top of the stack. The content of the stack can be queried with the `)SI` system command; this generates a list of all suspended and pendent (that is, awaiting the return of a called function) functions, where suspended functions are indicated by a `*`. For more information on the stack and the state indicator, see the *Dyalog Programming Reference Guide*.

### 5.9.1 Breakpoints

*Applicable in the **Edit** window and the **Trace** window.*

When a function that includes a breakpoint is run, its execution is suspended immediately before executing the line on which the breakpoint is set and the **Trace** window is automatically opened (assuming that automatic trace is enabled – see section 4.3).

Breakpoints are defined by dyadic `□STOP` and can be toggled on and off in an **Edit** or **Trace** window by left-clicking on the far left of the line before which the breakpoint is to be applied or by placing the cursor anywhere in the line before which the breakpoint is to be applied and entering the *Toggle Breakpoint* command (<BP>).

Note that:

- Breakpoints set or cleared in an **Edit** window are not established until the function is fixed.

- Breakpoints set or cleared in a **Trace** window are established immediately.



When a breakpoint is reached during code execution, event 1001 is generated; this can be trapped. For more information, see `⎕TRAP` in the *Dyalog APL Language Reference Guide*.

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### 5.9.2 Interrupts

Dyalog responds to both strong and weak interrupts.

Entering a *strong interrupt* suspends execution as soon as possible (generally after completing execution of the primitive currently being processed). A strong interrupt is issued by selecting **Actions > Strong Interrupt** in the menu options or by entering the *Strong Interrupt* command (`<SI>`).

Entering a *weak interrupt* suspends execution at the start of the next line (generally after completing execution of the statement currently being processed). A weak interrupt is issued by selecting **Actions > Weak Interrupt** in the menu options or by entering the *Weak Interrupt* command (`<WI>`).



When a strong or weak interrupt is issued during code execution, event 1003 or 1002 (respectively) is generated; these can be trapped. For more information, see `⎕TRAP` in the *Dyalog APL Language Reference Guide*.

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## 5.10 Terminating a Session

The Dyalog Session can be terminated (without having to close any open windows first) in any of the following ways:

- Select **Dyalog > Quit Dyalog** in the menu options
- Enter `⌘Q`

In addition, when the **Session** window is the live window, the Dyalog Session can be terminated cleanly in any of the following ways:

- Select **Window > Close window** in the menu options
- Enter `⌘W`
- Enter `<QIT>`
- Enter `) o f f`
- Click on the red "traffic light" close button

## 6 Unsupported Language Elements

When running Dyalog for macOS, a few of the features that are available with other operating systems do not function as might be expected.

### 6.1 Function Key Configuration

Character strings (including command keys) can be associated with programmable function keys using the `⎕PFKEY` system function. When running a Dyalog Session through on macOS, `⎕PFKEY` can be used to define/display the keystrokes for a designated function key; however, that function key does not acquire the defined set of keystrokes, rendering `⎕PFKEY` of no real use. Instead, function keys should be set through the **Shortcuts** tab of the **Preferences** dialog box (see Section 7.2.3).

### 6.2 Underscored Characters in Window Captions

Underscored characters can be entered into the **Session** window and **Edit** windows using the ```_<letter>` method, for example, enter ```_f` to produce F.

However, an operating system restriction means that, in window captions:

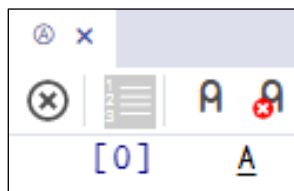
- if the APL385 font is installed (and the operating system has been configured to allow the title bar to use it), underscored characters are displayed as circled characters
- if the APL385 font is not installed, underscored characters are displayed as a white rectangle, a black rectangle containing a question mark, or some other Unicode-compliant substitution.

For example:

Open an **Edit** window for an object that has an underscored name:

```
)ed A
```

The **Edit** window that is opened displays the name correctly, but its title (caption) is displayed incorrectly, as shown (assuming window is docked):



### 6.3 Operating System Terminal Window Interaction

Features that rely on interaction with an operating system terminal window (that is, `⎕SR` and `)SH` or `)CMD` with no argument) do not work in a Dyalog Session running under Dyalog for macOS. Instead:

- `⎕SR` generates a trappable error
- `)SH` or `)CMD` with no argument produces a "Feature disabled in this environment" message.

## 7 Customising Your Session

The appearance and behaviour of a Dyalog Session can be customised to meet personal preferences and corporate guidelines. Configuration can be performed:

- through the **View** menu – see section 7.1
- through the **Preferences** dialog box – see section 7.2
- using configuration parameters – see section 7.3

Customisations performed using any of these methods persist between Sessions (they also persist when the installed version of Dyalog is upgraded).



To remove all customisations and return to the initial default settings, rename/delete the `$HOME/Library/Application Support/ride<version>` directory (hidden directory – access from the command line). This resets all RIDE-specific settings (does not reset configuration parameter).

### 7.1 View Menu

The **View** menu (see section 3.1.4) includes options that enable the appearance of the Dyalog Session to be changed. Select these options to:



- show/hide the language bar (see section 3.3.2)
- show/hide the status bar (see section 3.3.4)
- show/hide the workspace explorer (see section 3.3.5)
- show/hide the debug information window (see section 3.3.6)
- change the font size in all windows in the Session
- configure the display/functionality of the **Edit/Trace** windows


### 7.2 Preferences Dialog Box

The **Preferences** dialog box can be used to customise:

- the automatic formatting of code in an **Edit** window (see section 7.2.1)
- the default keyboard key mappings for APL glyphs (see section 7.2.2)
- the keyboard shortcuts for command codes (see section 7.2.3)
- the syntax colouring and background colour (see section 7.2.4)
- the caption of the **Session** window (see section 7.2.5)
- the menu options presented by the menu bar (see section 7.2.6)
- the display of floating **Edit/Trace** windows (see section 7.2.7)

The **Preferences** dialog box can be opened in either of the following ways:

- selecting the **Dyalog > Preferences** menu option
- clicking on the  icon on the left hand side of the Status bar
- clicking on the  button on the right hand side of the Language bar
- entering the *Show Preferences* command (`<PRF>`)

The Preferences dialog box comprises multiple tabs. A  button enables the contents of the **Keyboard** and **Shortcuts** tabs to be printed.

### 7.2.1 General Tab

Allows customisation of a variety of features.

#### To change the general configuration options

1. Open the **General** tab.
2. Select the appropriate check boxes and set the variables as required:
  - *Indent content when an editor is opened*  
Select this to apply the indentation rules to the contents of an **Edit** window when it is opened.
  - *Handle formatting through the interpreter*  
Select this to enforce default code formatting, ensuring consistency with previous version of Dyalog and avoiding formatting changes that could be detected by source code management systems when multiple machines are used to maintain a body of code.
  - *Auto-indent <number> spaces*  
Only relevant when *Handle formatting through the interpreter* is not selected. Select this and define the number of spaces by which each level of nested code should be indented relative to the previous level of indentation in the **Edit** window. If not selected, code in the **Edit** window will be left justified.
    - i. *in methods: <number> spaces*  
Only relevant when *Handle formatting through the interpreter* is not selected. Select this and define the number of spaces by which the contents of tradfns should be indented relative to the start/end ▽ glyphs.

When changes to auto-indentation are applied, the indentation of existing code in an open **Edit** window does not change unless you enter the *Reformat* command (<RD>) when the **Edit** window is the active window. However, any new code entered in the **Edit** window follows the new rules.

- *Indent lines that contain only a comment*  
Only relevant when *Handle formatting through the interpreter* is not selected. Select this to apply the appropriate indentation to lines that start with the **A** glyph. If this is not selected, then lines that start with the **A** glyph remain as positioned.
- *Highlight matching brackets: () [] {}*  
Select this to automatically highlight the matching start and end enclosures when positioning the cursor before or after one of them (with contiguous brackets, the bracket immediately before the cursor has its other enclosure highlighted).
- *Auto-close brackets*  
Select this to automatically add the paired enclosure when an opening enclosure is entered (see section 5.6.1).
- *Autocompletion*  
Select an autocompletion option from the drop-down list (autocompletion makes suggestions when entering the name of, for example, namespaces, variables, functions, operators, user commands and system names). Options include:
  - off – disables autocomplete functionality.

- classic – displays a pop-up window of suggestions based on the characters already entered and the context in which the name is being used (see section 5.6.2).
  - shell – resembles the autocomplete functionality of the Linux bash shell in its use of the tab key.
- *Autocompletion after <time> ms*  
Specify a time interval after which the RIDE's autocompletion functionality is activated.
- *Autocomplete control structure with snippets*  
Select this to be presented with auto-completion template options for control structures in the **Edit** window.
- *Highlight matching words*  
Select this to highlight all occurrences of a selected string in the same window.
- *Show value tips*  
Select this to display the referent of a name. When the cursor is positioned over or immediately after a name, the name is highlighted and its referent is displayed (for example, the value of a variable or the body of a function).
- *Show tips for glyphs*  
Select this to show the tooltip for a glyph. When the cursor is positioned over or immediately after a glyph, the glyph is highlighted and information about it is displayed – this includes the name of the glyph, the keyboard shortcut to enter it, its monadic/dyadic name and examples of its syntax, arguments and result.
- *Persistent history <number> lines*  
Select this and define the number of lines that are available to recall using the *Backward/Undo* command (**<BK>**). This specifies how many input lines RIDE remembers from the end of one RIDE session to the start of the next session.
- *Block cursor*  
Select this to display the cursor as a solid rectangular block rather than a vertical line.
- *Cursor blinking*  
Select a cursor animation from the drop-down list (for example, blink or solid).
- *Highlight current line*  
Select an option from the drop-down list to indicate how the line that the cursor is currently positioned on should be emphasised (applies to all windows). Options include:
  - none – do not indicate the current line.
  - gutter – display a small grey rectangle in the first column of the line.
  - line – display a grey rectangle around the entire line except the first column.
  - all – gutter and line.
- *Minimap enabled*  
Select this to display a dynamic impression of the entire (or very

large portion of) contents of the **Session/Edit** window in a column on the right-hand side of that window. Clicking within the minimap moves the display to that location.

- *Minimap render characters*  
Only relevant when *Minimap enabled* is selected. Select this to use tiny rendered font in the minimap rather than greeking.
- *Minimap show slider*  
Only relevant when *Minimap enabled* is selected. Select an option from the drop-down list to indicate how the currently-displayed content of the window is highlighted in the minimap. Options include:
  - always – the current display is always highlighted in the minimap.
  - mouseover – the current display is only highlighted in the minimap when the mouse is positioned over the minimap.
- *Show quit prompt*  
Select this to display a confirmation dialog box when exiting the RIDE session.
- *Show toolbar in editor/trace windows*  
Select this to display the toolbar in the **Edit/Trace** windows.
- *Connect on quit*  
Select this to be returned to the **RIDE-Dyalog Session** dialog box on exiting a Session.

3. Click on **OK** to save your changes and close the **Preferences** dialog box, **Apply** to save your changes without closing the **Preferences** dialog box or **Cancel** to close the **Preferences** dialog box without saving your changes.



Settings that impact the automatic reformatting of code can cause changes to whitespace – this can be interpreted as changes to the source code. This means that:

- opening a scripted object in the **Edit** window can cause the source of that object to change (when closing an **Edit** window, you might be prompted to save a function even though you have not made any changes to it).
  - viewing an object can change its file timestamp; source code management systems can subsequently report changes due to the changed file timestamp.
  - source code changes resulting from reformatting will be evident in the results of system functions such as `⎕AT`, `⎕SRC`, `⎕CR`, `⎕VR` and `⎕NR`.
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### 7.2.2 Keyboard Tab

Allows customisation of the default keyboard key mappings for APL glyphs (see section 3.2). This is only relevant if a locale-specific keyboard has not been installed.



To replace the keyboard with a locale-specific keyboard in the Session, or to enter Dyalog glyphs in other applications (for example, email), see the *Dyalog for macOS Installation and Configuration Guide*.

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An example of the default keyboard that is installed with Dyalog for use in a Session is shown in Appendix A (this is the UK keyboard – other locales are available through a drop-down list).

#### To customise the default keyboard's Prefix key

1. Open the **Keyboard** tab and select the appropriate keyboard from the drop-down list of options.
2. In the **Prefix** key field, enter the new prefix key (by default this is `).



In locales in which ` is a *dead key*, \$ is a viable alternative.

Be careful when selecting a new prefix key – although there are no restrictions, choosing certain keys (for example, alphanumeric characters) would restrict the information that could be entered in a Session.

3. Click on **OK** to save your changes and close the **Preferences** dialog box, **Apply** to save your changes without closing the **Preferences** dialog box or **Cancel** to close the **Preferences** dialog box without saving your changes.

#### To customise the default keyboard's key mappings

1. Open the **Keyboard** tab and select the appropriate keyboard from the drop-down list of options.
2. In the image of a keyboard, select the glyph to be replaced.
3. In the language bar, click on the glyph to replace the selected glyph with.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until the key mappings are as required.
5. Click on **OK** to save your changes and close the **Preferences** dialog box, **Apply** to save your changes without closing the **Preferences** dialog box or **Cancel** to close the **Preferences** dialog box without saving your changes.

Your selection of keyboard key mappings is unrestricted – you can choose to map the same glyph to multiple keys or have glyphs that are not represented on the keyboard at all. For example, when dealing with dfns on a Danish keyboard, it might be convenient to map { and } to a simpler key combination.

### 7.2.3 Shortcuts Tab

Allows customisation of the keyboard shortcuts for command codes (see section 5.1 and Appendix B). Multiple shortcuts can be defined for any command code, but each shortcut must be unique.


#### To change the keyboard shortcut for a command code

1. Open the **Shortcuts** tab.
2. Locate the command code that you want to define a new keyboard shortcut for. This can be done by scrolling through the list of possible command codes or by entering a string in the *Search* field. If a string is entered in the *Search* field then a dynamic search of both the command codes and descriptions is performed.
3. Optionally, delete any existing shortcuts for the command by clicking on the red cross to the right of the shortcut.
4. Optionally, add a new shortcut. To do this:

- a. Click on the plus symbol that appears to the right of any existing shortcuts when the shortcut is moused over. A field in which to enter the shortcut is displayed.
- b. In this field, enter the keystrokes to map to this action. The field closes when the keystrokes have been entered and the new shortcut is displayed on the **Shortcuts** tab.

If the keystrokes that you enter are already used for a different command code, then both occurrences will be highlighted and you should remove any duplicate entries (an error message will be displayed if you attempt to apply/save settings that contain duplicate entries).

5. Click on **OK** to save your changes and close the **Preferences** dialog box, **Apply** to save your changes without closing the **Preferences** dialog box or **Cancel** to close the **Preferences** dialog box without saving your changes.

The tooltip showing keyboard shortcuts for command codes (obtained by positioning the cursor over the  button on the right hand side of the Language bar) is dynamically updated to any customisation.

#### 7.2.4 Colours Tab

Allows customisation of the syntax colouring (see section 5.6.4). Several schemes are provided, any of which can be used as they are or further customised.

##### To change the syntax colouring to a predefined scheme

1. Open the **Colours** tab.
2. In the **Scheme** field, select the syntax colouring scheme that you want to use. When a scheme is selected, the example shown is updated to use that colour scheme.
3. Click on **OK** to save your changes and close the **Preferences** dialog box, **Apply** to save your changes without closing the **Preferences** dialog box or **Cancel** to close the **Preferences** dialog box without saving your changes.

##### To define a new syntax colouring scheme

1. Open the **Colours** tab.
2. In the **Scheme** field, select the syntax colouring scheme that is closest to the scheme that you want to define. When a scheme is selected, the example shown is updated to use that colour scheme.
3. Click on **Clone**.  
A copy is made of the selected scheme and additional fields are displayed to allow customisation of the scheme's name and syntax colouring.
4. Define your colour scheme. To do this:
  - a. Select the element that you would like to change the display of from the drop-down list or by clicking in the example. The customisation fields reflect the current settings for the selection made.
  - b. Select a foreground colour and background (highlighting) colour for that syntax as required. If a background colour is selected, then the slide bar can be used to set its transparency.

- c. Select the appropriate checkboxes to make that syntax bold, italic or underlined as required.
  - d. Repeat as required.
5. Optionally, rename your colour scheme. To do this:
    - a. Click on **Rename**.  
The name in the Scheme field becomes editable.
    - b. Edit the name in the **Scheme** field.
  6. Click on **OK** to save your changes and close the **Preferences** dialog box, **Apply** to save your changes without closing the **Preferences** dialog box or **Cancel** to close the **Preferences** dialog box without saving your changes.

### 7.2.5 Title Tab

Allows customisation of the caption at the top of the **Session** window (see section 3.3.1).

#### To change the Session window caption

1. Open the **Title** tab.
2. In the **Window title** field, enter the new name for the Session. Some variable options that can be included are listed beneath this field – clicking on these inserts them into the **Window title** field.
3. Click on **OK** to save your changes and close the **Preferences** dialog box, **Apply** to save your changes without closing the **Preferences** dialog box or **Cancel** to close the **Preferences** dialog box without saving your changes.

The **Preferences** dialog box is closed and the caption in the **Session** window changes to reflect the new caption.

The default value is {WSID}.

Setting this to {WSID} - {HOST} : {PORT} (PID: {PID}) gives a different result on every machine. For example:

`/Users/nick/myws.dws - 127.0.0.1:49376 (PID: 293)`

Changing this to {CHARS} {BITS} gives information that could be the same on multiple machines. For example:

`Unicode 64`

### 7.2.6 Menu Tab

Allows customisation of the menu options in the menu bar (see section 3.1).



Great care should be taken when customising the menu options; although the ability to make changes is provided, it is not an activity that Dyalog Ltd supports.

If menu options are customised, then updates to menu items are ignored when an upgrade is performed (this can be avoided by resetting the menu options before performing the upgrade).

Top-level options (menu names in the menu bar) can be:

- created
- renamed

- reordered
- deleted

Options within each of the menus can be:

- moved to be under a different menu name in the menu bar
- reordered under the same menu name in the menu bar
- renamed
- deleted

Changes do not take effect until the next time a Dyalog Session is started.

### 7.2.7 Windows Tab

Allows customisation of the size and position of floating **Edit/Trace** windows.

#### To change the size/position of floating **Edit/Trace** windows

1. Open the **Windows** tab.
2. Select the appropriate check boxes and set the variables as required:
  - *Floating windows*  
Toggles whether new **Edit** and **Trace** windows are docked inside the Session or floating (undocked). The remaining fields on this tab are only relevant if windows are floating, that is, this option is selected.
  - *Single floating window*  
Select this to display a single floating window with multiple tabs for different **Edit/Trace** windows. If this option is not selected, then multiple floating windows are displayed for individual **Edit/Trace** windows.
  - *Remember previous window position*  
Select this to open new floating windows in the positions that were occupied by previously-opened windows when they were closed. The location of the first floating window opened persists between sessions.
  - *Size width and height*  
Specifies the width and height of new **Edit** and **Trace** windows.
  - *Posn x and y*  
Specifies the x-y co-ordinates of the screen position for the top left corner of the first **Edit/Trace** window opened.
  - *Offset x and y*  
Specifies the x-y offsets for the top left corner of **Edit/Trace** windows opened relative to the previously-opened window. Only relevant if *Single floating window* is not selected.

## 7.3 Configuration Parameters

Some customisation can be performed using configuration parameters. These can be specified in the `$HOME/.dyalog/dyalog.config` file (which is created the first time that Dyalog is run and contains comments describing the format required) or in a shell, but cannot be set from within a Session. For details of the configuration parameters that can be set, and the syntax used to set them, see the *Dyalog for macOS Installation and Configuration Guide*.

## Appendix A Default Keyboard

The keyboard key mappings shown in figure 7 are the default mappings that are enabled when a Dyalog Session is started with a UK locale.



**Figure 7.** The default Session keyboard key mappings (UK keyboard)

To access the glyphs in the lower right quadrant, press ``` followed by the appropriate key.

To access the glyphs in the upper right quadrant, press `Shift`` followed by the **SHIFT** key with the appropriate key.



To completely replace the default keyboard with a locale-specific keyboard or to enter Dyalog glyphs in other applications (for example, email), see the *Dyalog for macOS Installation and Configuration Guide*.

## Appendix B Keyboard Shortcuts

The Dyalog keyboard shortcuts that are supported on macOS are listed in *Table 12*; those that can be configured in the **Shortcuts** tab of the **Preferences** dialog box (see section 7.2.3) are indicated with a \* character.

**Table 12.** Dyalog keyboard shortcuts supported on macOS

Code	Command	Keystrokes	Description
<b>ABT *</b>	About	Shift + F1	Display the <b>About</b> dialog box
<b>AC *</b>	Align Comments		<b>Edit:</b> Align comments to current column
<b>AO *</b>	Comment Out		<b>Session/Edit:</b> Add comment symbol at start of each tagged or current line
<b>BH *</b>	Run to exit (in tracer)		<b>Trace:</b> Continue execution from the current line to completion of the current function or operator. If successful, the selection advances to the next line of the calling function (if there is one).
<b>BK *</b>	Backward	Ctrl + Shift + Backspace	<b>Session:</b> Show previous line in input history <b>Edit:</b> Undo last change (where possible) <b>Trace:</b> Skip back one line
<b>BP *</b>	Toggle Breakpoint		<b>Edit:</b> Toggle a breakpoint on the current line <b>Trace:</b> Toggle a breakpoint on the current line
<b>BT *</b>	Back Tab Window	Ctrl + Shift + Tab	Move to previous window in loop
<b>CAM *</b>	Clear all trace/stop/monitor		Remove any trace/stop/monitor flags (as set by <input type="checkbox"/> TRACE, <input type="checkbox"/> STOP and <input type="checkbox"/> MONITOR) from all functions in the workspace
<b>CAW *</b>	Close all windows		Close all open <b>Edit</b> and <b>Trace</b> windows
<b>CBP *</b>	Clear stops for active object		<b>Edit/Trace:</b> Clear all breakpoints (resets <input type="checkbox"/> STOP) on the function(s).

Code	Command	Keystrokes	Description
<b>CNC *</b>	Connect		Display the <b>RIDE-Dyalog Session</b> dialog box
<b>CP</b>	Copy	⌘C	<b>Session/Edit:</b> Copy highlighted block of text to the clipboard
<b>CT</b>	Cut	⌘X	<b>Session/Edit:</b> Delete highlighted block of text and place it on the clipboard
<b>DB</b>	Backspace	Backspace	Delete character to left of cursor
<b>DC</b>	Down Cursor	Down	Move cursor down one character
<b>DI</b>	Delete Item	Fn + Delete	Delete character to right of cursor
<b>DK *</b>	Delete Block	Delete	<b>Session/Edit:</b> Delete current line (or selected lines if selection exists)
<b>DL</b>	Down Limit	⌘ + Down Arrow or ⌘ + Fn + Right Arrow	<b>Session:</b> Move cursor to bottom right corner of Session log <b>Edit:</b> Move cursor to bottom right corner of content
<b>DMK *</b>	Toggle key display mode		Functionality that could be useful when presenting demonstrations.
<b>DMN *</b>	Next line in demo		Enables you to display your keystrokes and load/run a demo file.
<b>DMP *</b>	Previous line in demo		For more information on presenting demonstrations, enter ]demo -? in a Session.
<b>DMR *</b>	Load demo file		
<b>DO *</b>	Uncomment		<b>Session/Edit:</b> Remove comment symbol that is first non-space character on each tagged or current line
<b>DS</b>	Down Screen	Fn + Down Arrow	Move cursor down one screen

Code	Command	Keystrokes	Description
<b>ED *</b>	Edit	Shift + Enter	<p><b>Session:</b> Open an <b>Edit</b> window (if there is a suspended function on the stack, this opens an <b>Edit</b> window for that function – this is called <i>Naked Edit</i>)</p> <p><b>Edit</b> (not a class or namespace): Open a new <b>Edit</b> window for the name under or immediately before/after the cursor.</p> <p><b>Edit</b> (a class or namespace): move the cursor to the definition of the name under or immediately before/after the cursor (also see &lt;<b>JBK</b>&gt;).</p>
<b>EP *</b>	Escape	Escape	<p><b>Edit:</b> Fix and Close</p> <p><b>Trace:</b> Cut stack back to calling function; close all windows to match new stack status</p>
<b>ER *</b>	Enter	Enter	<p><b>Session:</b> Execute current line/all modified lines</p> <p><b>Edit:</b> Insert new line</p> <p><b>Trace:</b> Execute current line</p>
<b>EXP *</b>	Expand Selection	Shift + Alt + Up Arrow	<p>Successive presses of &lt;<b>EXP</b>&gt; expand the highlighted selection</p> <p><b>Session:</b> select the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• current line</li> <li>• entire Session log</li> </ul> <p><b>Edit:</b> select the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• current token (number, name, string, and so on)</li> <li>• current line</li> <li>• entire contents of window</li> </ul>
<b>FD *</b>	Forward	Ctrl + Shift + Enter	<p><b>Session:</b> Show next line in input history</p> <p><b>Edit:</b> Reapply last change</p> <p><b>Trace:</b> Skip current line</p>
<b>FX *</b>	Fix		<p><b>Edit:</b> Fixes the function without closing the <b>Edit</b> window</p>
<b>HLP *</b>	Help	F1	<p>Display the documentation for the system command, system name, control structure keyword or primitive glyph immediately to the left of the cursor</p>



Code	Command	Keystrokes	Description
HO	Home Cursor	⌘ + Up Arrow or ⌘ + Fn + Left Arrow	<b>Session:</b> Move cursor to top left corner of Session log <b>Edit:</b> Move cursor to top left corner of content
JBK *	Jump Back	Ctrl + Shift + J	<b>Edit</b> (a class or namespace): move the cursor back to where the last double-click or <i>Edit</i> command (<ED>) was issued in the current <b>Edit</b> window. Repeatable.
JSC *	Show JavaScript Console	F12	Display the JavaScript console. Only necessary if requested by Dyalog Ltd. when reporting an issue.
LBR *	Toggle Language Bar		Toggle display of the language bar (see section 3.3.2) at the top of the <b>Session</b> window
LC	Left Cursor	Left Arrow	Move cursor left one character
LL	Left Limit	Fn + Left Arrow	Move cursor to the first non-blank character on the current line. If already there, move cursor to start of line.
LN *	Toggle Line Numbers		Turn line numbers on/off in all windows of the same type as the active window.
LOG *	Show RIDE Protocol Log	⌘ + Shift + L	Display the RIDE protocol log. Only necessary if requested by Dyalog Ltd. when reporting an issue.
MA *	Continue Execution of All Threads		Resume execution of any paused threads. For information on threads, see the <i>Dyalog Programming Reference Guide</i> .
NEW *	New Session	Ctrl + N	Starts a new Dyalog Session (a new instance of the interpreter)
NX *	Next		<b>Edit/Trace:</b> When performing a Search/Replace, locate first match after current one
PF1 *	Function Key 1		<user-defined functionality>
PF2 * - PF10 *	Function Keys 2-10	F2 – F10	<user-defined functionality>
PF11 * - PF48 *	Function Keys 11-48		<user-defined functionality>

Code	Command	Keystrokes	Description
PRF *	Show Preferences		Display the <b>Preferences</b> dialog box
PT	Paste	⌘V	<b>Session:</b> Paste the text contents of the clipboard at cursor <b>Edit:</b> Paste the text contents of the clipboard at cursor
PV *	Previous match		<b>Edit/Trace:</b> When performing a Search/Replace, locate first match before current one
QCP	Quick Command Palette		Expose the underlying ( <a href="#">Monaco</a> ) editor command palette
QIT *	Quit Session	Ctrl + Q	Terminate the Dyalog Session
QT *	Quit	Shift + Escape	<b>Session:</b> Undo changes to a previously-entered expression that has not been re-executed and advance the cursor to the next line <b>Edit:</b> Close without saving changes
RC	Right Cursor	Right Arrow	Move cursor right one character
RD *	Redraw Function		<b>Edit:</b> Formats function to have correct indentation
RL	Right Limit	Fn + Right Arrow	Move cursor to the last non-blank character on the current line. If already there, move to end of line.
RP *	Replace String		<b>Edit:</b> Replace. To do this, enter <RP> and type the string to replace the current search string with (see <SC>); enter <ER> to make the change. Enter <EP> to clear the field.
SA *	Select All	⌘A	Select all text in the active window
SBR *	Toggle Status bar		Toggle display of the Status bar (see section 3.3.4) at the bottom of the <b>Session</b> window and floating <b>Edit/Trace</b> windows.

Code	Command	Keystrokes	Description
SC *	Search	Ctrl + F	<b>Edit/Trace:</b> Search. To do this, enter <SC>, type the string to search for and then enter <ER> to find the first occurrence of the string. Enter <EP> to clear the field.  Also see related <NX>, <PV>, <RA>, <RP> and <RT>.
SI *	Strong Interrupt		Suspend code execution as soon as possible (generally after completing execution of the primitive currently being processed)
STL *	Skip to line		<b>Trace:</b> Move the current execution marker to the line on which the cursor is positioned
TB *	Tab Window	Ctrl + Tab	Move to next window in loop
TC *	Trace	Ctrl + Enter	<b>Session:</b> If entered directly after an expression, open a <b>Trace</b> window for that expression ( <i>explicit trace</i> ). If there is a suspended function on the execution stack, open a <b>Trace</b> window for that function ( <i>naked trace</i> ).
TGC *	Toggle Comment		<b>Session/Edit:</b> Toggle a comment glyph at the start of the line in which the cursor is located
TIP *	Show Value Tips		For the name or glyph under or immediately before the cursor, highlight that name/glyph and display: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for a name: its referent (for example, the value of a variable or the code of a function).</li> <li>• for a glyph: the name of the glyph, the keyboard shortcut to enter it, its name and examples of its syntax, arguments and result.</li> </ul>
TL *	Toggle Localisation	Ctrl + Up Arrow	<b>Edit:</b> For tradfns, the name under the cursor is added to or removed from the list of localised names on the function's header line

Code	Command	Keystrokes	Description
<b>TO *</b>	Toggle Outline		<b>Edit:</b> Open/Close outlined blocks (by default, outlines are shown)
<b>TVB *</b>	Toggle view stops		<b>Edit/Trace:</b> Toggle display of an additional column at the left-hand side of the window in which break-points can be set/unset. Hiding this column does not remove any previously-set break-points.
<b>TVO *</b>	Toggle view outline		<b>Edit:</b> Toggle code folding/outlining for control structures (including <b>Section</b> structures) and functions. When toggled, existing code in an open <b>Edit</b> window is automatically updated to reflect the new rules.
<b>TFR *</b>	Refresh threads		<b>Debug information window:</b> Forces a refresh of the <b>Threads</b> area (see section 3.3.6).
<b>UC</b>	Up Cursor	Up Arrow	Move cursor up one character
<b>UL</b>	Up Limit	⌘ + Up Arrow or ⌘ + Fn + Left Arrow	<b>Session:</b> Move cursor to top left corner of Session log <b>Edit:</b> Move cursor to top left corner of content
<b>US</b>	Up Screen	Fn + Up Arrow	Move cursor up one screen
<b>VAL *</b>	Evaluate Selection or Name		<b>Edit:</b> Evaluate the selected expression or name and display the result in the <b>Session</b> window.
<b>WI *</b>	Weak Interrupt	Ctrl + Pause	Suspend code execution at the start of the next line (generally after completing execution of the statement currently being processed)
<b>WSE *</b>	Toggle Workspace Explorer		Toggle display of the workspace explorer (see section 3.3.5) to the left of the <b>Session</b> window
<b>ZM *</b>	Toggle maximise <b>Edit</b> window		Toggle active <b>Edit</b> window between current size and full Session size
<b>ZMI *</b>	Increase Font Size	Ctrl + =	Increase the size of the font in all the windows
<b>ZMO *</b>	Decrease Font Size	Ctrl + -	Decrease the size of the font in all the windows

Code	Command	Keystrokes	Description
ZMR *	Reset Font Size	Ctrl + 0	Reset the size of the font in all the windows to its default value