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Productivity Plus: Spool File Operations with *SELECT

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Some of CL's spool-file-handling commands support the special value *SELECT for the FILE (spool file name) parameter. This special value directs a command to refer to the SELECT parameter to define the spool files to be processed. Thus, you can target a block of spool files to be affected by a command.

You can specify the following selection criteria in the SELECT parameter:

- User (Name, *CURRENT, *ALL)
- Print device (Name, *ALL, *OUTQ)
- Form type (Form type, *ALL, *STD)
- User data (User data, *ALL)
- ASP (1-32, *ALL, *ASPDEV)

Here are the relevant portions of the command prompt for using the *SELECT capability with the CHGSPLFA command.

```

                                Change Spooled File Attributes (CHGSPLFA)
Spooled file . . . . . > *SELECT      Name, *SELECT
Select files for:
  User . . . . . *CURRENT      Name, *CURRENT, *ALL
  Print device . . . . . *ALL      Name, *ALL, *OUTQ
  Form type . . . . . *ALL      Form type, *ALL,
*STD
  User data . . . . . *ALL      User data, *ALL
  ASP . . . . . *ALL      1-32, *ALL, *ASPDEV

```

For example, to move all of the spool files with form type INVOICE from printer output queue TXPR01 to output queue NYPR05, issue the following Change Spool File Attributes (CHGSPLFA) command:

```

CHGSPLFA FILE(*SELECT) +
          SELECT(*CURRENT TXPR01 INVOICE) +
          OUTQ(NYPR05)

```

The following spool file commands provide a FILE(*SELECT) option:

- Change Spooled File Attributes (CHGSPLFA)
- Delete Spooled File (DLTSPLF)
- Hold Spooled File (HLDSPFLF)

- Release Spooled File (RLSSPLF)
- Work with Spooled Files (WRKSPLF), while not using *SELECT, is the basis of the original *SELECT capability.

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