

# Create\_Index Subroutine

## Description

Creates a Btree, Cross Reference, or Relational index for a specified column in a table. The type of index you create dictates the calling syntax.

## Syntax

equ **BTREETYPE\$** to 1 **Create\_Index(BTREETYPE\$, tablename, columnname, casemode, createmode)**

equ **CROSSREFTYPE\$** to 2 **Create\_Index(CROSSREFTYPE\$, tablename, columnname, casemode, createmode, delimiterlist, stoplist)**

equ **RELATIONALTYPE\$** to 3 **Create\_Index(RELATIONALTYPE\$, tablename, columnname, casemode, createmode, desttable, destcolumn, sortmode)**

## Parameters

The Create\_Index subroutine has the following parameters; the first five parameters are identical regardless of the type of index you create. Parameters that differ by index type are defined separately in the sections that follow.

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## See Also

[Cross Reference indexes](#), [Relational indexes](#), [Btree indexes](#)

## Example

The following examples show how to create indexes, programmatically.

```
declare subroutine Create_Index
declare function Get_Status
/* Create a Btree index on the column PART_NAME in the table CAR_PARTS.
Values in the index are not converted to uppercase. Indexes are not updated immediately.
The system stored procedure Update_Index can be run at a later time to update the indexes. */
Create_Index("1", "CAR_PARTS", "PART_NAME", "1", "0")
if Get_Status(ErrCodes) then
    GoSub ErrorHandling
end
/* Creates a Cross Reference index on the column TYPE_DESC in the CAR_PART_TYPES table.
All values in the index are converted to uppercase. The indexes are built immediately.
Delimiter_list is a space and a value mark.
The default stop_list is used and two additional words are added to the default list: PRICE and DESCRIPTION. */
DelimiterList = "SPACE:@fm:VM"
StopList = "2:@fm:PRICE:@vm:DESCRIPTION"
Create_Index("2", "CAR_PART_TYPES", "TYPE_DESC", "0", "1", |
    DelimiterList, StopList)
/* Creates a Relational index between the CAR_PARTS table and the ORDER_INFO table.
Information in the indexes is converted to uppercase.
The index is built immediately. The sort mode for the index is TOP. */
Create_Index("3", "CAR_PARTS", "ORDER_PLACE", "0", "1", | "ORDER_INFO", "PARTS", "1")
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