

# Concept of the new ABAP Editor



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## Why it is needed? (Introduction)

**The AB4 Editor is a new ActiveX control written in C++ which integrates all modern code editing features in one bundle.**

**The AB4 Editor is universal. It can work with any programming language with defined syntax schema, as ABAP, eCATT, BSP, GML, C++ etc.**

**The AB4 Editor is fast, flexible and easy to use.**

## Why it is needed?

- Do you want to program faster?
- Do you want to read code more easily?
- Do you want to get code of better quality?
- Do you want to have good navigation through your changes?
- Do you want to have completely flexible tool?
- Do you want to have comfortable tool?

**Just start, and then try to switch back! 😊**



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## **Current status of integration**

**The AB4 Editor come with SAP GUI release 7.0 and then patched to release 6.40.**

**The AB4 Editor used instead of current editor in all transactions like SE80, SE38, SE37, SE24 etc. The old functionality still there, but enhanced by new features, driven by AB4 Editor.**

**The AB4 Editor used for editing BSP, eCATT and GML Scripts in Eclipse.**

**The AB4 Editor integrated in New ABAP debugger.**



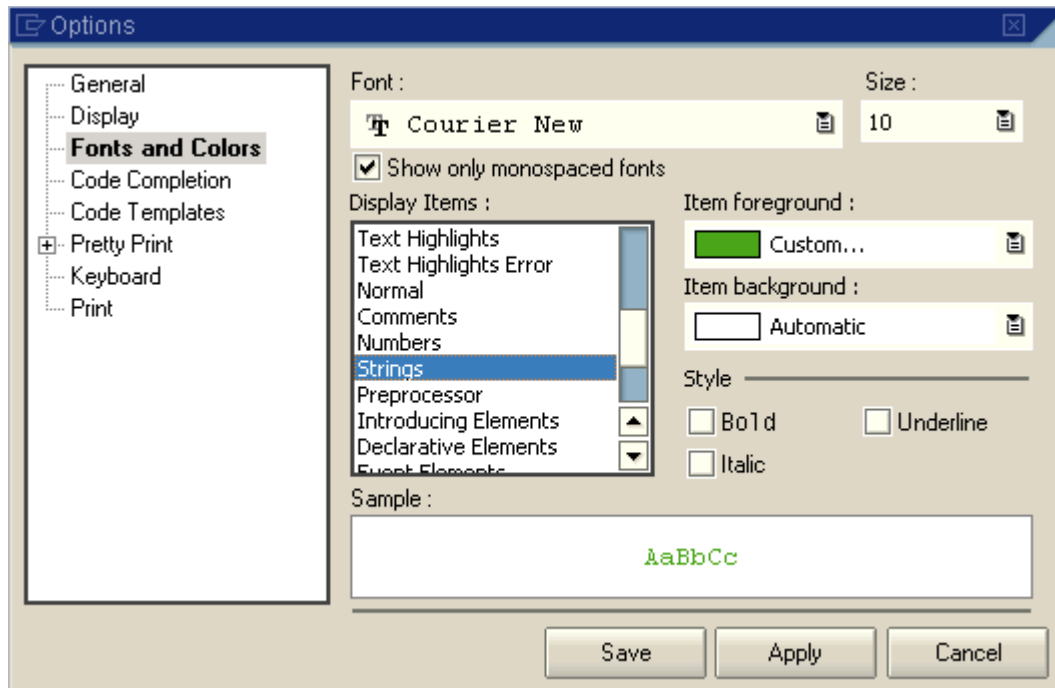
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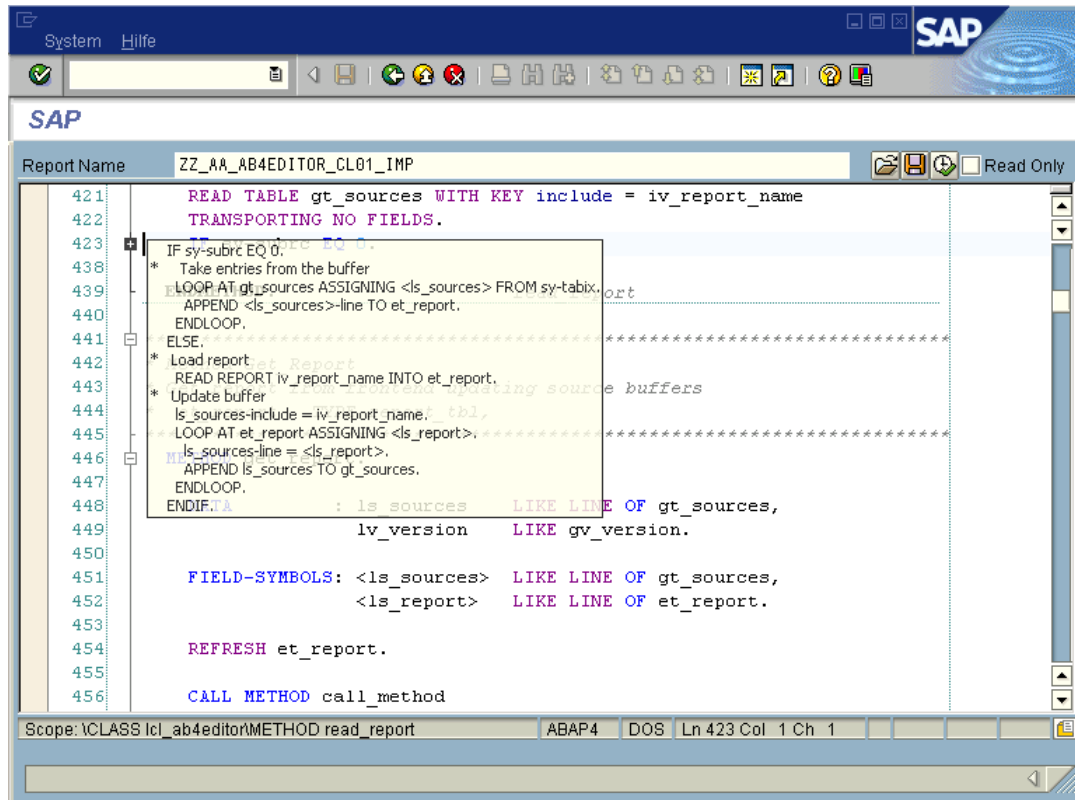
# Editor Features (Syntax highlighting)



- Define colors for text blocks
- Define styles for text blocks
- User defined text blocks
- Use of any font and size
- Only mono spaced option

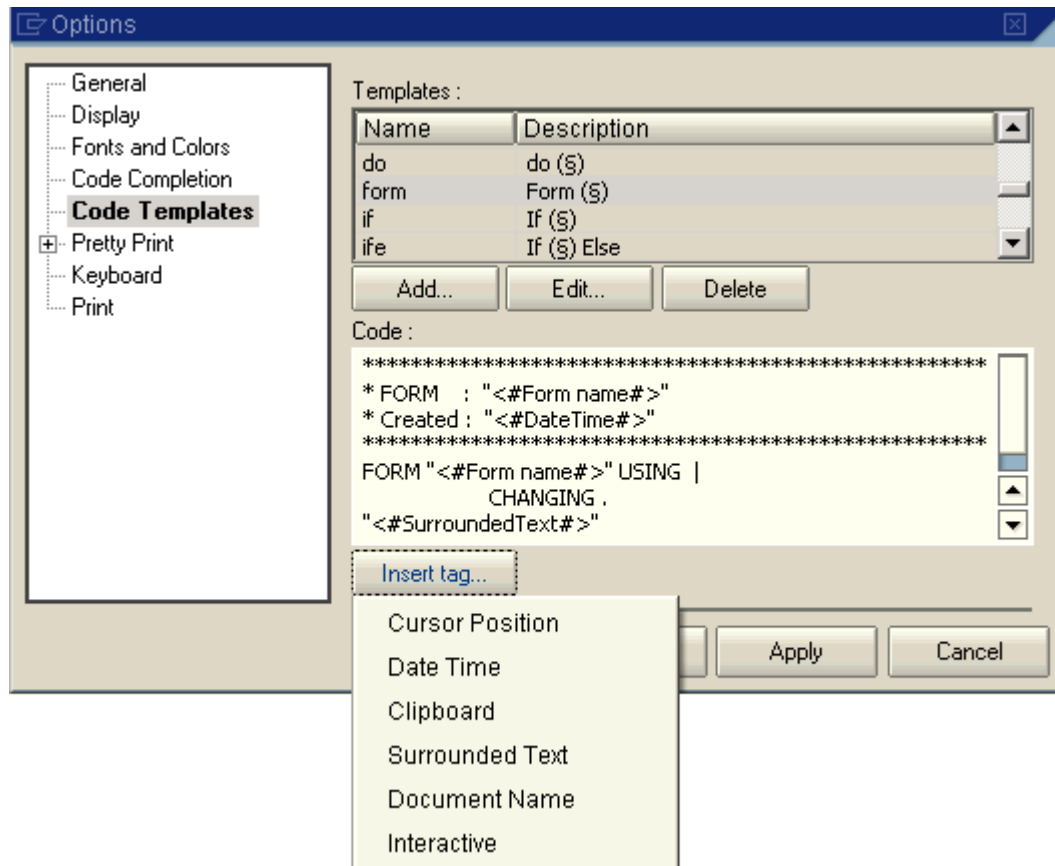


# Editor Features (Outlining)



- See Start / End / Middle of language block
- Collapse/Expand Block
- Collapse same type blocks
- Collapse Comments
- User defined “Outlining Regions”
- See current scope
- See collapsed text

# Editor Features (Templates)



- User and language dependent
- Expandable by Ctrl + Enter
- Built in runtime tags (Date Time, Clipboard Content, Document Name)
- Interactive tags
- Suggested by Code Hints
- Extract template from selected text
- Surround by template

# Editor Features (Code Hints)

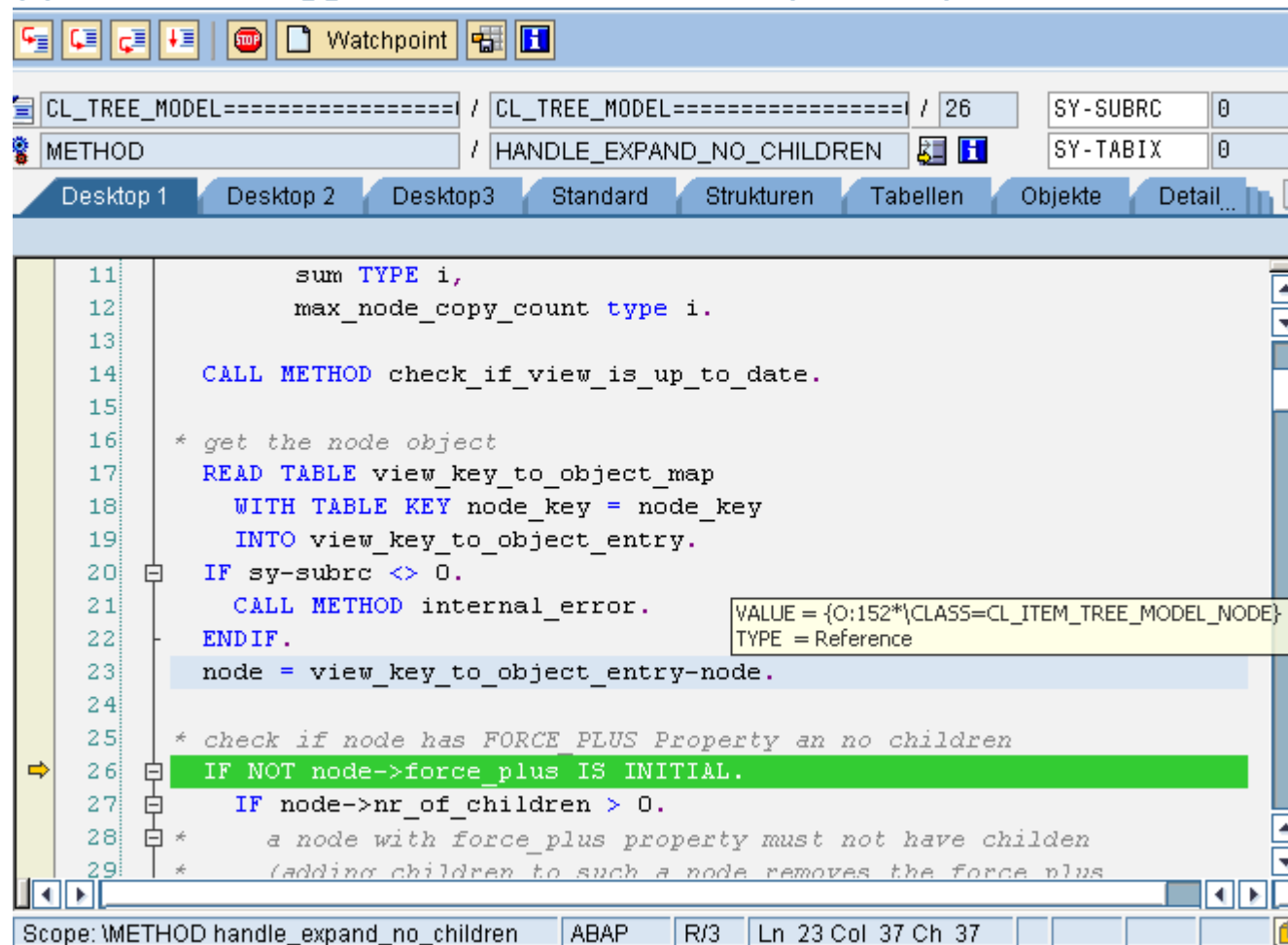
```
135 DATA : lv_result TYPE c.  
136  
137 DATA: lo_obj TYPE REF TO /sapapo/rrp_pt_alv_grid.  
138 Loop (S)  
139 loop  
140  
141 IF parent IS INITIAL.
```

☒ Enable Code Hints  
Display know completions when they save 2 chars  
☒ AutoHide tooltips after 3000 msec

- Code Hints for templates shortcuts
- Code Hints for misspelling from auto correction dictionary
- Customizing of suggestions

# Editor Features (Quick Info)

## (1) - ABAP Debugger kontrolliert Session 1 (exklusiv)



- Quick Info for variables on hovering
- Quick Info for variables by Ctrl-Shift-Space
- Customizing of quick info

# Editor Features (Clipboard)

```
123
124 ▶ *****
125 | * FORM      : new_form
126 | * Created : 15.12.2004 18:03:18
127 | *****
128 ▶ FORM new_form USING
129 | CHANGING .
130 |
131 | ENDFORM. "new_form
132 |
133 | *****
134 | CLASS lcl_ab4editor IMPLEMENTATION.
135 | ENDFORM. "new_form
136 | FORM new_form USING
137 |
138 | *****
139 | * Method Constructor
140 | .....
```

- Clipboard Ring
- Extended Paste Menu
- Normal and block format
- Multiple Clipboard Formats:
  - Paste in MS Outlook with syntax highlighting
  - Paste in MS Word with syntax highlighting
- Copy/Cut Append to clipboard
- Insert Special
- Unicode or ASCII format support

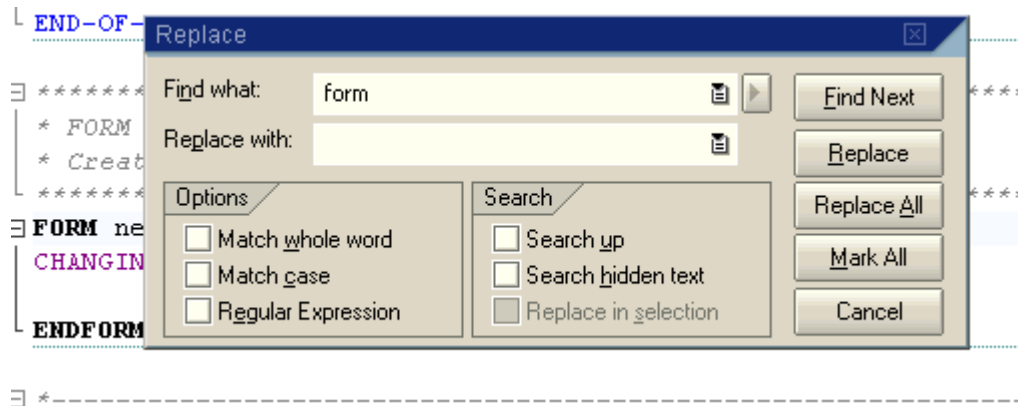
## Editor Features (Current Scope)

```
586 LOOP AT ftab_program_file.  
587     lc_program_file = ftab_program_file.  
588     CASE lc_program_file(9.  
589     WHEN mc_trdir_identifier.  
590         lc_datatype = mc_trdir_short.  
591     WHEN mc_report_identifier.  
592         lc_datatype = mc_report_short.  
593     WHEN mc_text_identifier.  
594         lc_datatype = mc_text_short.  
595     WHEN mc_doc_identifier.  
596         lc_datatype = mc_doc_short.  
597     WHEN mc_thead_identifier.  
598         lc_datatype = mc_thead_short.  
599     WHEN OTHERS. " Actual contents of repor  
600         CASE lc_datatype.  
601             WHEN mc_trdir_short.  
  
606         ev_int_type = mc_wt_attribute_  
607         WHEN mc_ext_method.
```

Scope: \CLASS lcl\_ab4editor\METHOD convert\_types\IF\IFCASE ABAP4

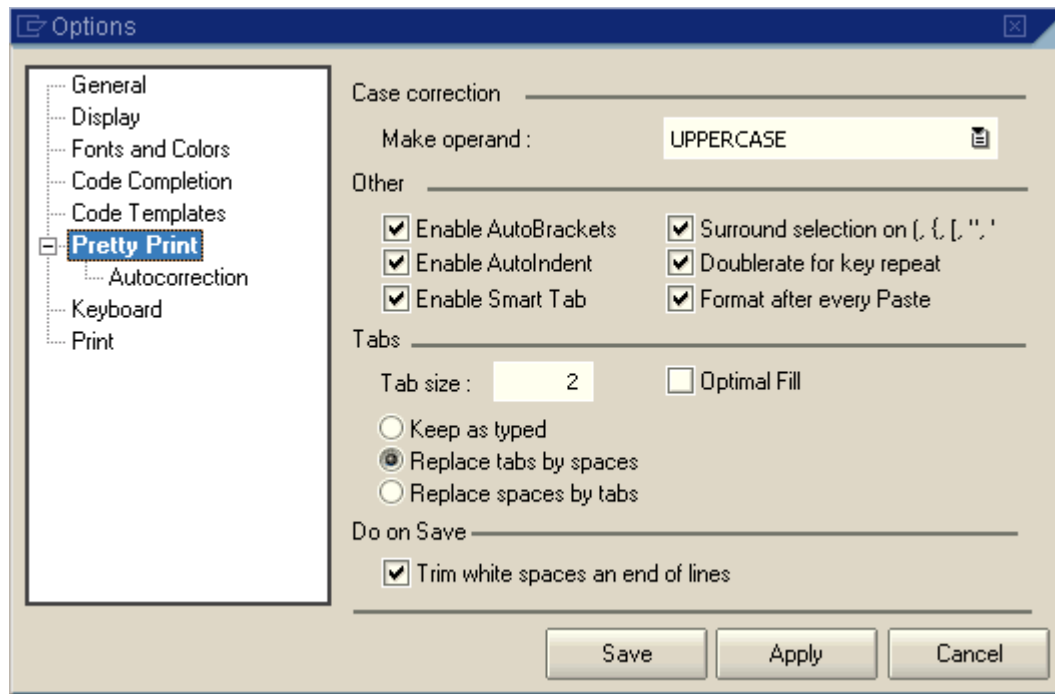
- Highlight of current scope tags in source
- Highlight current scope on outline margin
- See current code hierarchy in status panel
- See current brackets highlighted in source
- See mismatching brackets highlighted in error color

## Editor Features (Extended Find/Replace)



- Incremental search
- History of search/replace items
- Mark all occurrence with bookmark
- Search in collapsed text
- Saving of search parameters between sessions
- Use of regular expression

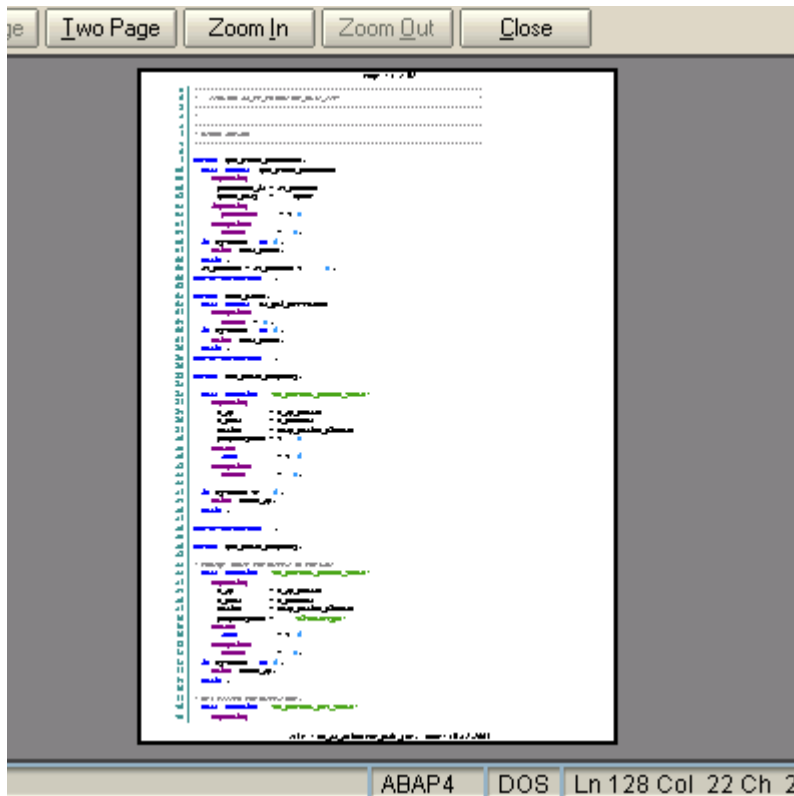
# Editor Features (Edit Functions)



- Block Selection
- Mistyping Correction
- Auto Brackets
- Keyword Case correction
- Auto Indent
- Caps Lock correction
- Smart Tab
- Surround Selection
- Format After Paste
- Line operations
- Sort Lines
- Change Case
- Indent/Unindent
- AutoSave
- ...



# Editor Features (Print, Print Preview)



- Print source in color
- Use outlining to hide comments or not interested parts
- Print with Line numbers
- Customize page header and footer
- Wrap lines on printing
- Preview document before printing in-place

## Editor Features (Extra Functionality)

### Keyboard Shortcuts:

- user defined shortcuts
- different keyboard schemas
- several shortcuts for one command

### Export source:

- to Rich Text Format (RTF)
- to HTML
- Adobe PDF

### Extended Navigation:

- go to last change
- navigate backward on code
- navigate forward on code

### Active Status Bar:

- call Go To Line by double click
- toggle indicator (CAPS, INS, NUM) by double click



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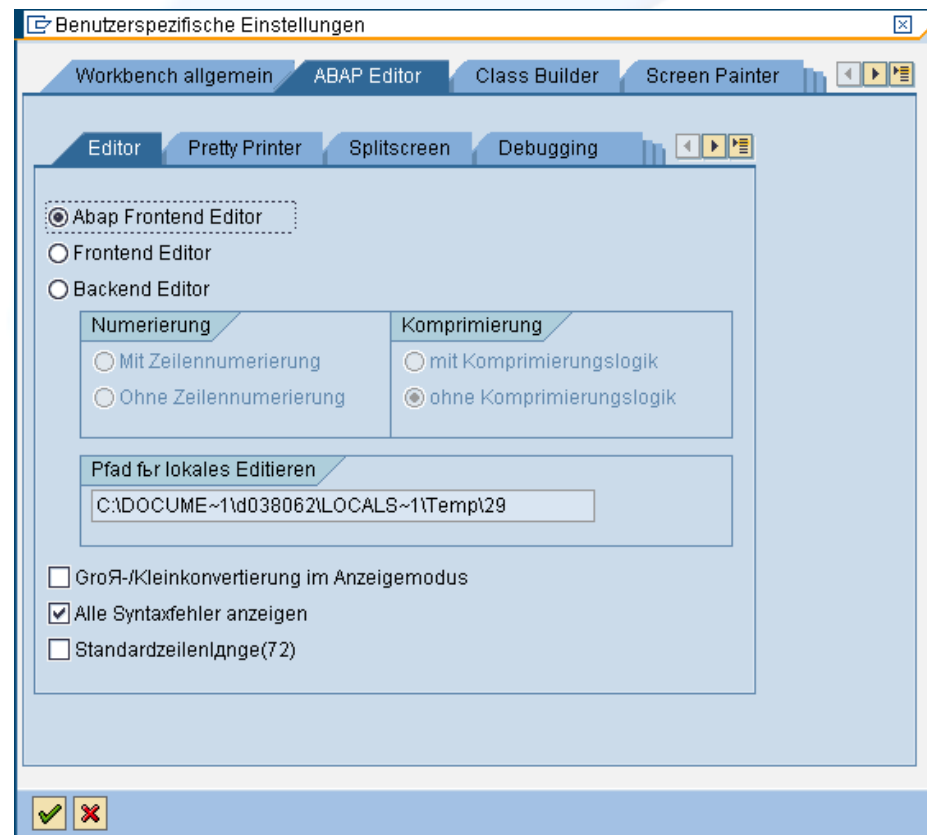
# System demo of the editor

The editor concept can be found here:

R/3 System : B20

Transaction code : SE80, SE38, SE24, SE37 ....

Prerequisites:



# System demo of the editor (Quick Start)

## Quick Start Guide

The screenshot shows the SAP ABAP editor interface. The top bar includes 'System' and 'Hilfe' menus, and the SAP logo. Below the bar is a toolbar with various icons. The main area displays the code for report 'ZZ\_AA\_AB4EDITOR\_CL01\_IMP'. The code is color-coded and includes comments like '\* Some "Special" stuff'. A status bar at the bottom shows 'Scope: \CLASS lcl\_ab4editor\METHOD convert\_types\IF\IF\CASE ABAP4 DOS Ln 590 Col 44 Ch 44 \*'. Callouts point to various features: 'Click on margin to set breakpoint' points to a red square in the left margin; 'Notice your changes by Changed line Indicator' points to a red line in the code; 'Use bookmark for fast navigation' points to a blue bookmark icon; 'Collapse /Expand block' points to a square icon in the left margin; 'See where you are by Current Scope' points to the status bar; 'Call Template with Ctrl-Enter' points to a button in the toolbar; 'Split view to see different parts of the document in same time' points to a vertical split bar; 'Scroll to see Scroll Info' points to a scroll bar; 'Double click on status to change indicator or call Go To Line dialog' points to the status bar; and 'Press button to check user settings' points to a button in the bottom right corner.

Click on margin to set breakpoint

Notice your changes by Changed line Indicator

Use bookmark for fast navigation

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See where you are by Current Scope

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Press button to check user settings

```
586 * Some "Special" stuff
587 IF ev_ext_type IS INITIAL.
588 CASE iv_int_type.
589 WHEN mc_wt_attribute_all.
590     ev_ext_type = mc_ext_attribute.
591 WHEN mc_wt_method_all.
592     ev_ext_type = mc_ext_method.
593 ENDCASE.
594 ENDF.
595 ENDF.
596
597 * Internal to external
598 IF ev_int_type IS REQUESTED AND iv_ext_type IS SUPPLIED.
599     SEARCH mc_translate_ids FOR iv_ext_type.
600     IF sy-subrc EQ 0.
601         ev_int_type = sy-fdpos.
602     ELSE.
603 * Some "Special" stuff
604 CASE iv_ext_type.
605 WHEN mc_ext_attribute.
606     ev_int_type = mc_wt_attribute_all.
607 WHEN mc_ext_method.
```

METHOD convert\_types  
586 - 608

Scope: \CLASS lcl\_ab4editor\METHOD convert\_types\IF\IF\CASE ABAP4 DOS Ln 590 Col 44 Ch 44 \*

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