

There are a number of ways to access NamePal records. You can use the sample records that come with NamePal to demonstrate these various selection commands. The INQUIRE command lets you look at records on your file, but not revise them. If you choose INQUIRE from the Main menu, the next thing you see is the "Selection" menu.

The Selection menu shows all the ways you can choose records. This same Selection menu appears with the other primary commands (PRINT, CHANGE, DELETE, and MODEL). After you learn how to select records using INQUIRE, you will know how to select records for any purpose.

Notice that the lower left-hand corner of the Selection menu screen displays the menu choice you made previously (in this case, INQUIRE). This "history" of menu choices appears on every display after the Main Menu. It shows all the menu choices you made prior to the current menu.

PERSONAL AND BUSINESS NAMES

If you choose PERSONAL NAMES on the "Selection" menu, NamePal chooses all the names on the file added with the "Personal" record format. Using the file that comes with NamePal, you see the record for: Robert A. Sample. The Key to this record is the last name: Sample. This is the only "Personal" record on the file. If there were more than one "Personal" record, you would first see all the Last Names with their Record Numbers, and you could choose the one you wanted.

Now select INQUIRE again, and then BUSINESS NAMES. With the initial file you see there are two Keys displayed in alphabetical order. If there were more than 28 selected records, "more..." will appear on the screen. Pressing the F2 (More) function key will display the next 28 Keys, until all Keys have been displayed. Pressing F1 (Done) will send you back to the Main Menu. You can enter the Record Number shown next to the Keys to see the record you want, in this case an example of the Business format.

KEYS

This search finds records whose KEY matches exactly the data you enter. If you select INQUIRE on the Main Menu, and then on the next menu choose LAST NAME/KEY, NamePal asks "Which Key?". Type in "Sample" (capital "S") and push <Enter> -- use the Backspace key to correct mistakes. You should see "Searching" and then the record for Robert A. Sample.