

Subject: Allow empty CONTAINS part
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1 **Number**

2 TBD

3 **Title**

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7 **Status**

8 For consideration.

9 **Basic Functionality**

10 Allow empty CONTAINS part.

11 **Rationale**

12 Is there a good reason that a module, procedure or type definition has to have procedure definitions
13 after the CONTAINS statement? What would be hurt by allowing not to have any? Sometimes when
14 programs are generated automatically, they end up with an empty CONTAINS part, and then you have
15 to go fix it manually, or whine (ineffectually) to the unsympathetic guys who wrote the processor, for
16 which you have no source code.

17 **Estimated Impact**

18 Trivial. Change a few syntax rules. No new words needed anywhere.

19 **Detailed Specification**

20 Allow empty CONTAINS part.

21 **History**