

@COPYFIRST

The **relation** attribute [@COPYFIRST](#) is used to define a series of external files to be copied to the working directory prior to carrying out the process defined in the [GET\\$](#) action.

Syntax

Place [@COPYFIRST](#):Mask_1,...,Mask_n in the data slot of the relation

Arguments

- Mask_1,...,Mask_n are the definitions of the files to be copied. This can be a full file name (path, name and extension, such as *M:\Data\example.dat*) or only extension types (for instance **.dll*). When only extension types are used, [Quaestor](#) expects the path to be the path specified in the [GET\\$\(\)](#) function

Remarks

This attribute is very useful when, for instance, dll's or data files are required to run a specified program. **Note that, when NOT located at the same location as the process/application you have to provide a path and total filenames for the additional files to be copied.** By default [Quaestor](#) will set the working directory for the external program, the program will not be able to find any additional files unless they are copy to that working directory. Furthermore, when you add the process itself (as specified in the [GET\\$\(\)](#) function) to the [@COPYFIRST](#) [Quaestor](#) will remove any path information given in front of this process in the [GET\\$](#) function but use this path to copy the additional files AND the specied process file.

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