Subject: Allow empty CONTAINS part
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Title

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Status

For consideration.

Basic Functionality

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Rationale

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

Estimated Impact

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

Detailed Specification

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History