

About Catalogs

Catalogs classify standard objects according to user defined keywords. You can create catalogs, browse through catalogs, and query catalogs to find the required items and instantiate those items in the design context. You can modify a catalog in the Design IP Classification app.

See Also[Creating a Catalog](#)

A catalog is a tree structure consisting of the following:

- **Chapters:** A chapter references other chapters or items. It is used to classify elements (items).
- **Items:** An item is a reference to an external document or entity. Items are described with keyword values.
- **Keywords:** A keyword is an attribute describing a chapter or item. You can assign attribute value to each item. You can associate keywords to chapters or items and search by attribute value to filter its content.

You can access a catalog entity in many ways as given below:

- Any chapter can be referenced by one or more chapters.
- Any chapter can be considered to be an entry point to a catalog.

You can modify the name and the description of a catalog or a chapter in the properties dialog box. You can select the **Properties** command from the context menu of a catalog or a chapter.

Important: A catalog is a short-transaction application, that is, catalog objects are saved in the database at the end of each command or transaction.