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Is * or ** More Specific?

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Answer

* is more specific than **, except in the PROGRAM class.

The PROGRAM class does not have "true" generic profiles. * and ** are allowed, but not %. The * character may be used alone as a catchall profile or at the end of a character string (e.g., DGT*). ** may only be used alone. Executing SETROPTS GENERIC(PROGRAM) has no effect. All profiles in the PROGRAM class are listed as discrete profiles even though they may contain generic characters and are treated much like generic profiles in other classes. But the ** profile, having two characters instead of one, is processed before the * profile.

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