

# Using

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syntax Using
{
  | UsingOpen = "using" NamespaceOrType ";";
  | UsingAlias = "using" Name "=" NamespaceOrType ";";
}
```

Nitra `Using` directives are very similar to the ones used in C#. Their purpose is to shorten names.

`UsingOpen` lets you open up a `Namespace`, a `SyntaxModule` and a type, after which the opened character can be addressed with a short name. For example:

```
using Nitra;
...
NSpan(1, 2)
```

`UsingAlias` you to create an alias for a type or `SyntaxModule`. For example:

```
using Token = Nitra.NSpan;
...
Token(1, 2)
```