

# ES - Empty Line Suppression

Parameter	Possible Values	Default Value	Applicable Statements
ES	ON / OFF	OFF	DISPLAY FORMAT WRITE

With this session parameter, you can suppress the printing of empty lines generated by a DISPLAY or WRITE statement.

If ES=ON is specified, a line resulting from a DISPLAY or WRITE statement which contains all blank values will not be printed.

ES=ON is particularly useful when displaying arrays (for example, multiple-value fields or fields contained within a periodic group) to avoid printing a large number of empty lines.

To achieve empty suppression for numeric values, the field must be specified with ZP=OFF and ES=ON in order to have null values printed as blanks.

See also the session parameters IS and ZP.

**Example:**

```
DISPLAY (ES=ON) NAME CITY
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