

Sysparm Format

Sysparms must be entered according to established keyword coding conventions.

When read from SYSPARM/SYSIPT, each statement must begin in column one. A maximum of 80 characters per statement is allowed.

More than one sysparm is allowed per statement, but successive sysparms must be separated by a comma, and the statement itself must be terminated by a blank. For example:

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KEYWORD1=value1,KEYWORD2=value2... ,KEYWORD9=value9
```

Continuation statements are allowed: a statement in parentheses may be wrapped after a comma. For example:

```
KEYWORD=(value1,          comment: this statement is continued on the next line
          value2)
```

Multiple statements for the same keyword are permissible. Depending on the keyword, specifying the same keyword again may

- override a previous specification (example: SYSTEM_TRACE_LEVEL or PATCHAR); or
- add another member to a list (example: CDI_DRIVER or RESIDENTPAGE).

When entered as PARM parameters in OS/390 or VSE/ESA, standard PARM entry conventions apply. Each keyword must be entered in its entirety in any given statement in the format:

```
KEYWORD=value
```

All keyword values may be either fully spelled out or abbreviated. Software AG recommends that you always use the full spelling. Abbreviations must consist of the minimum number of characters required to uniquely differentiate a given keyword from any other acceptable keyword.

If a keyword option is omitted, the default value takes effect. If column one of any statement contains an asterisk, that statement is treated as a comment.

For most keywords, the default value should normally be used.