

AL - Alphanumeric Length for Output

Parameter	Possible Values	Default Value	Applicable Statements
AL	1 to n (n = value of LS parameter minus 1)	none	DISPLAY FORMAT INPUT PRINT WRITE

With this session parameter, you specify the default output length for an alphanumeric field; that is, when it is specified shorter than the field length, the field will be right-truncated.

It is not recommended to use the AL parameter for input fields (AD=A or AD=M) in an INPUT statement.

Any edit mask specified for a field will override the AL parameter for this field.

Example:

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FORMAT AL=20
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