

# IC - Insertion Character

With this session parameter, you specify the character string to be inserted in the column immediately preceding the value of a field output with a `DISPLAY` statement. The width of the output column is enlarged accordingly.

For numeric values, the insertion characters will be placed before the first significant digit printed.

The `IC` and `LC` parameters are mutually exclusive.

The parameter `IC` can also be used with `U` format fields.

<b>Possible settings</b>	any character	Character string to be inserted. You can specify a string of one to ten characters.  Insertion characters may optionally be specified within apostrophes, in which case any characters can be specified. Any character string specified which contains a closing parenthesis or a quotation mark must be enclosed within apostrophes. A blank in a character string not enclosed within apostrophes is represented by a circumflex (^).	
<b>Default setting</b>	none		
<b>Specification within session</b>	yes	Applicable Statements:	<code>DISPLAY</code> <code>FORMAT</code>
		Applicable Command:	none

## Examples:

```
DISPLAY AA(IC=*)
DISPLAY SALARY(IC=' $ ')
```

See also *Parameters to Influence the Output of Fields* in the *Programming Guide*.