

# LC - Leading Characters

With this session parameter, you can specify leading characters that are displayed immediately before a field output by a `DISPLAY` statement. The width of the output column is enlarged accordingly.

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

The parameter `LC` can also be used with `U` format fields. For information on Unicode format, see also *Unicode and Code Page Support in the Natural Programming Language, Session Parameters, EMU, ICU, LCU, TCU versus EM, IC, LC, TC*.

<b>Possible settings</b>	any character	Up to 10 characters may be specified.  Leading characters may optionally be specified enclosed 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 circumflex (^) is used to represent a blank in a character string not enclosed within apostrophes.	
<b>Default setting</b>	none		
<b>Specification within session</b>	yes	Applicable Statements:	DISPLAY FORMAT
		Applicable Command:	none

## Example:

```
DISPLAY {LC=*}
```

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