

AL - Alphanumeric Length for Output

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.

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| Possible settings | 1 to n | n = value of LS (line size) parameter minus 1 |
| Default setting | none | |
| Applicable statements: | FORMAT | |
| | DISPLAY INPUT PRINT WRITE | Parameter may be specified at statement level and/or at element level. |
| Applicable command: | none | |

Notes:

1. It is not recommended to use the AL session parameter for input fields (attribute definition AD=A or AD=M) in an INPUT statement.
2. Any edit mask specified for a field (see session parameter EM) will override the AL session parameter for this field.

Example:

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FORMAT AL=20
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See also *Parameters to Influence the Output of Fields* in the *Programming Guide*.