LCU - Unicode Leading Characters

The session parameter `LCU` is identical to the session parameter `LC`. The difference is that the leading characters are always stored in Unicode format. This allows you to specify leading characters with mixed characters from different code pages, and assures that always the correct character is displayed independent of the installed system code page.

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 `LCU` and `ICU` are mutually exclusive.

Possible settings	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 circonflex (^) is used to represent a blank in a character string not enclosed within apostrophes.	
Default setting	none		
Specification within session	yes	Applicable Statements:	DISPLAY FORMAT
		Applicable Command:	none

See also:

- *Parameters to Influence the Output of Fields* in the *Programming Guide*

- *Unicode and Code Page Support in the Natural Programming Language*, *Session Parameters*, *EMU, ICU, LCU, TCU versus EM, IC, LC, TC* in the *Unicode and Code Page Support* documentation.