

# 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.

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