

ES - Empty Line Suppression

With this session parameter, you can suppress the printing of empty lines generated by a DISPLAY or WRITE statement.

Possible settings	ON	A line resulting from a DISPLAY or WRITE statement which contains all blank values will not be printed. This setting is particularly useful when displaying arrays (for example, multiple-value fields or fields contained within a periodic group) to avoid printing a large number of empty lines.
	OFF	Empty line suppression is disabled.
Default setting	OFF	
Specification within session	yes	
Applicable statements:	DISPLAY FORMAT WRITE	
Applicable command:	none	

To achieve empty suppression for numeric values, the field must be specified with ZP=OFF and ES=ON in order to have null values printed as blanks. See also the session parameters IS and ZP.

Example:

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DISPLAY (ES=ON) NAME CITY
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See also *Parameters to Influence the Output of Fields* in the *Programming Guide*.