

# IS - Identical Suppress

With this session parameter, you can suppress the printing of identical information in successive lines created by a `WRITE` or `DISPLAY` statement.

The `IS` parameter setting can be suspended for one record by issuing the `SUSPEND IDENTICAL SUPPRESS` statement.

The `IS` parameter may be used in combination with the parameters `ES` and `ZP` to cause empty line suppression.

<b>Possible settings</b>	ON	A value which is identical to the previous value for the field will not be displayed.  If a <code>DISPLAY</code> or <code>WRITE</code> statement is used to create multiple output lines using the <code>VERT</code> or slash (/) notation, <code>IS=ON</code> applies only to the first line.	
	OFF	No automatic suppression will be used.	
<b>Default setting</b>	OFF		
<b>Specification within session</b>	yes	Applicable Statements:	<code>DISPLAY</code> <code>FORMAT</code> <code>WRITE</code>
		Applicable Command:	none

## Example:

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