



ISPF Edit/View - Displaying the column indicator on all files.

The ISPF Edit/View line command **COL** or **COLS** adds a column indicator below the line where it is issued. These column displays scroll with the data lines. The **COLS** primary command adds a column indicator at the top of the display which does not scroll. You can use **Edit/View Settings** to automatically add the **COLS** primary command to every file you edit or view. Here's how:

The Edit primary command **EDSET** displays the **Edit/View Settings**. This can also be done using the Edit settings menu while editing any file.

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COMMAND ==>
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(option 3.12) and SuperCE utility (option 3.13), except the new data set
name is taken from the data set list. Parameters of NDSN(new dsn),
NVOL(vol), ODSN(old dsn), OVOL(vol), M(member mask), and PROMPT may be used.
No prompting is the default when sufficient information is available to run
the compare. A blank delimiter is necessary between any keywords used.

SF (Search-For) and SFE (Search-ForE) perform the same as the Search-For
utility (option 3.14) and Search-ForE utility (option 3.15), except the
data set name is taken from the data set list. If SF or SFE is entered for
a PDS or a PDSE then the SRCHFOR member list function is invoked.
You can provide a single search string with the line command.
(Example: SF string1)
If no search string is provided the SRCHFOR Options popup is displayed.
You can provide an initial parameter 'E', 'V', or 'B' on the SF/SFE
command. This will set the default action (Edit, View, or Browse)
in the member list to be performed when 'S' is entered.
(Example: SFE B sets the default action in the member list to Browse.)
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The first option listed is **User session initial macro**. Setting this option to the **COLS** command will cause ISPF to issue the command when a file is opened for Edit or View. The column indicator won't show up until you exit the current file and invoke Edit or View again.

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----- Edit and View Settings -----
Command ==>
More: +
Settings for current and future Edit and View sessions:

User session initial macro . . . . . COLS
Maximum initial storage allowed for Edit and View . . . . . 0
Target line for Find/Change/Exclude string . . . . . 2
Enter "/" to select option
- Always position Find/Change/Exclude string to target line
- Remove action bars in ISPF edit and view panels
- Force ISRE776 if RCHANGE passed arguments

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NOTE: **COLS** is its own inverse so, if an Edit/View profile **IMACRO** is also set to **COLS**, the **User session initial macro** will turn it off.

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The compare utility also includes a **COMPARE** command that can be issued while using EDIT or VIEW on a file or member. One of the best options for this command is: **COMPARE ***, which compares the file you're editing to the saved version of the same file.

You can also use: **COMPARE member** to compare the file you're editing/viewing to another member in the same data set - and - **COMPARE 'data.set.name(member)'** to compare the file you're editing to another file or a member of a different data set.

When using the **COMPARE** command in edit or view, the results are returned to your session with the lines from the local file labeled (**.OA000** for example) and the lines from the other file displayed using ===== in the prefix field where the line numbers normally appear.