



COMPBL

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Removes multiple blanks from a character string

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Syntax

COMPBL(*source*)

Arguments

source

specifies the source string to compress.

Details

The COMPBL function removes multiple blanks in a character string by translating each occurrence of two or more consecutive blanks into a single blank.

The value that the COMPBL function returns has a default length of 200. You can use the LENGTH statement, before calling COMPBL, to set the length of the value.

Comparisons

The COMPRESS function removes every occurrence of the specific character from a string. If you specify a blank as the character to remove from the source string, the COMPRESS function is similar to the COMPBL function. However, the COMPRESS function removes all blanks from the source string, while the COMPBL function compresses multiple blanks to a single blank and has no affect on a single blank.

Examples

SAS Statements	Results
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<pre>string='Hey Diddle Diddle'; string=compbl(string); put string;</pre>	Hey Diddle Diddle
<pre>string='125 E Main St'; length address \$10; address=compbl(string); put address;</pre>	125 E Main

See Also

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