

# Is there a compiler option in isCOBOL to extend the length of AREA B in a program source code?

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Yes, in version 2019R1 we introduced a new compiler option for this purpose: **-sl**

**This option augments isCOBOL compatibility with other dialects.**

**It allows AREA B to extend to the end of the line, regardless of line length.**

**As with other regular compiler options, you need to include it in the compilation string at the command line. Attached is a program called sl.cbl that you can compile using this command:**

```
iscc -sl sl.cbl
```

You can see that it compiles successfully. Another way of implementing this is with the IMP MARGIN-R IS AFTER END OF RECORD Directive, specifying

```
>>IMP MARGIN-R IS AFTER END OF RECORD
```

at the top of the source file.

Also attached is a program called imp-margin.cbl containing this directive in the first line of the program.

You can test it by compiling with this command:

```
iscc imp-margin.cbl
```