

Formatted Output - Renaming Columns for the Session



SQLPlus will allow the User to set formats and aliases for columns which will remain in place for the entire session, in this first example the `pro_name` column is renamed ...

```
SQL> column pro_name heading 'Name'
```

```
SQL> select pro_name from products
```

Name

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By adding a pipe, the User forces a second line ...

```
SQL> column pro_name heading 'Name|of|Product'
```

```
SQL> select pro_name from products
```

Name

of

Product

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The columns command can also be used to format columns which have been given that alias, in this example the User has set a format for a column called 'standard', here this format setting is used on the pro_name column because it has the alias of 'standard' ...

```
SQL> column standard format a4
```

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SQL> select pro_name as standard from sys.dual
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