Tips: Column Width in SQL*Plus

To organize your data in SQL*Plus, you may modify the column width to be displayed.

For example, you may issue the following commands for parts table under practice05 schema:

SQL> column description format a15;

SQL> column reorder format a15;

In this way, you can view your data in more orderly manner. See the screen shot below for the whole process.

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