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Subject: Re: Overwriting printings

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Simon de Vet wrote:

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> I've been playing around with a montecarlo simulation. Since it is very  
> boring to watch the program to do nothing while calculating 1000000  
> iterations, I have it outputting the current result, which I can watch  
> stream by. While the program is probably slowed down by this output, the  
> psychological effect more than compensates for it.  
>  
> However, with 1000000 iterations come 1000000 lines of screen output,  
> which is a little awkward.  
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> Is there a way to get IDL to overwrite the previous print output, rather  
> than starting a new line? I'm running IDL in Linux..  
>  
> Simon

There's always David's even fancier progress meter at  
[http://www.dfanning.com/programs/showprogress\\_\\_define.pro](http://www.dfanning.com/programs/showprogress__define.pro), or the similar one I  
posted a year ago. Both are pretty easy to use. I think an update every 10s  
or so should appease most psyche's.

JD

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