
Subject: Re: Odd string/index problem

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wmc@bas.ac.uk wrote:

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>
> Can someone explain this to me:
>
> wmc> a='stoat'
> wmc> print,a(),>'
> stoat
>>
> wmc> print,a(0),>'
> stoat>
>
> This irritation surfaced when I tried to do
> i=where(strings eq somestring)
> print,strings(i)
>
> which needs to be
> i=i
> print,strings(i)
>
> but why?
>
> -W.
>
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To make sure things get written on one line you should either concatenate the strings ('+') or use a format specifier.

`print,a[[0]]+>'` gives you what you want as does `print,a[[0]],>',format='(2A)'` or `print,a[[0]],format='(A,">")'`. On the other hand, even `print,a[0],>'` will break the line if a is too long. Example: `a=string(bytarr(100)+64B) & print,a[0],>'` (whether the number is 100 or something greater depends on your display window width).

Cheers,
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