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Subject: Re: Printf and line breaks

Posted by [Pavel A. Romashkin](#) on Fri, 19 Jan 2001 21:43:26 GMT

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Is it my news reader or what? I have David's reply first in the thread, then the question, then yet the same question again and David's reply quoted. I am lost. I need to go home and have a beer :-)

Pavel

David Fanning wrote:

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> ALAN FRAZIER (s007amf@news.wright.edu) writes:
>
>> Sorry to bother everyone with another question. But, I am just at the
>> beginning of the enduring process of learning IDL.
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> Yeah, you and me, both. :-)
>
>> My current problem is with printf. I am trying to create a text output
>> file that can be easily imported into a spreadsheet. From what I can
>> tell, printf automatically line wraps after 80 or so characters. For my
>> output, I want printf to print everything on the same line. I am
>> wondering if anyone knows how to do this or if this is even possible?
>
> When you open the file for writing, set the WIDTH keyword to
> as wide a line as you need. 80 columns is the default
> for historical reasons. (Are you old enough to remember
> punch cards?)
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> Cheers,
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> David
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