Subject: Re: FORMAT question
Posted by Paul van Delst on Fri, 05 Oct 2001 15:11:19 GMT

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Reimar Bauer wrote:
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> Paul Manusiu wrote:
>>
>> Hi,
>> Does anyone if its possible to use a function or variable as a parameter
>> or option to FORMAT ?
>> ;e.g. if I have
>> print, blah, FORMAT = '(2(F6.1))'
>> ; but I want something like this
>> for var = 0, 10 do $
>> print, blah[var,*], FORMAT = '(var(F6.1))'
>>
>> Any help please will be much appreciated
>>
>> Paul M.
>
> Dear Paul,
>
> this is the first time I am able to give totally the same answer
> to someone in this newsgroup at the same day. Don't you read others
> articles?

Actually your reply doesn't directly apply to the problem he's having - i.e. a repreat
specifier in a format statements - although your software might.

In any case, apart from Andrew's solution, I would also try:

```
IDL> var=2
IDL> fmt='('+strtrim(var,2)+'(f6.1))'
IDL> print, fmt
(2(f6.1))
```

to avoid the need for _another_ format when outputting var into the format string.

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