
Subject: Re: FORMAT question

Posted by [A. D. & J.C. Cool](#) on Fri, 05 Oct 2001 10:55:51 GMT

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Paul Manusiu wrote:

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> 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.
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Hi Paul,

Try building up your format string :-

```
> IDL> var = 2  
> IDL> format_str=('+ string(var,form='(i2)' ) + '(f6.1))'  
> IDL> print,format_str  
> ( 2(f6.1))  
> IDL> y=[1254.643,643.804]  
> IDL> print,y,format=format_str  
> 1254.6 643.8  
>
```

There's probably a kosher way of doing this, but hey, it works...

Andrew Cool
