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Subject: Re: Really really long format keywords

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Sean Raffuse wrote:

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> I would like to write formatted output to a file. My problem is that my  
> format specifications are too long to fit on one line in IDL, yet I would  
> like all of the data to be written to one line.  
>  
> eg.  
>  
> printf, lun, data, format = '(a5, 5x, f5.2, f5.2 . . . . and so on . . .  
> . . . . .)'  
>  
> Is there a character that I can use that works like the '\$' character inside  
> this string?

Assuming the format isn't going to change too much and there are repeatable format specifiers, what about:

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printf, lun, data, format = '(a5, 5x, 2(1x,f5.2), 7(1x,i10), etc..)'
```

How long \*is\* one line allowed to be in IDL source code anyway?

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