What about just concatenating strings...

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a = '(a5, 5x, '
b = 'f5.2, f5.2)'
ab = a + b

printf, lun, data, format = ab
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On Mon, 22 Oct 2001, Sean Raffuse wrote:

> 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.
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> 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?
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> Thanks,
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> Sean Raffuse