
Subject: Re: Really really long format keywords
Posted by [Randall Skelton](#) on Mon, 22 Oct 2001 18:42:43 GMT
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What about just concatenating strings...

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

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printf, lun, data, format = ab
```

On Mon, 22 Oct 2001, 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?  
>  
> Thanks,  
>  
> Sean Raffuse
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