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Subject: Re: Overwriting the terminal output line  
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Thu, 14 Feb 2002 19:07:51 GMT  
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Kenneth Bowman <k-bowman@null.tamu.edu> writes:

> Does anyone know how to overwrite the terminal output line?  
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> The following does not do what I want:  
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> IDL> FOR i = 0, 10 DO PRINT, i, FORMAT = "(\$, 'i = ', I4, T1)"  
> i = 0i = 1i = 2i = 3i = 4i = 5i = 6i = 7i = 8i = 9i = 10IDL>  
>  
> The \$ supresses the newline, but T1 does not reposition the  
> pointer to the beginning of the line.  
...

Hi Ken--

Does something like STATUSLINE help you? [ Assumes you are running on an ANSI-like terminal. ] I use ANSI escape characters to control the cursor position, so it's not portable to every type of terminal. As I recall, I couldn't find a simply way to reposition the cursor using FORMAT statements.

Craig

<http://cow.physics.wisc.edu/~craigm/idl/idl.html> (under Miscellaneous)

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