
Subject: Re: Overwriting the terminal output line
Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Fri, 15 Feb 2002 19:05:27 GMT
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In article <ony9hv286w.fsf@cow.physics.wisc.edu>,
Craig Markwardt <craigmnet@cow.physics.wisc.edu> wrote:

> 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.

Thanks, Craig. STATUSLINE works fine on our unix boxes (vt100).

I added a blank "PRINT" in the /CLOSE block to ensure that
upon close the IDL prompt does not over-write the status line.

```
if keyword_set(close) AND n_elements(statusline_unit) GE 1 then begin
  if statusline_unit(0) LT 0 then return
  free_lun, statusline_unit(0)
  statusline_unit = -1L
  PRINT
  return
endif
```

I doesn't work on my Mac however (no surprise). Maybe when the OS X
(unix-like) version is available.

Ken
