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Subject: Re: PRINT on same line

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 12 Nov 2002 14:36:32 GMT

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trouble (the\_cacc@hotmail.com) writes:

> I would like to know if anyone has a command which prints a string  
> that overwrites the current line. The purpose is to update users what  
> is going on during processing without producing a screen full of:  
>  
> Processing data set 1  
> Processing data set 2  
> ...  
>  
> which is what PRINT,'Processing data set',i does. I think it must be  
> possible after hacking through rdpix.pro, but I can't figure out how  
> to do it :(

If you search the Google IDL newsgroup archives with something like "overwrite current line print", you will probably come up with a couple of methods.

You can also change the text on my progress bar, which gives the folks something interesting to watch besides text:

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progressbar -> Update, percent, Text='Processing data set 1'  
progressbar -> Update, 2*percent, Text='Processing data set 2'
```

You can find the code here:

[http://www.dfanning.com/programs/progressbar\\_\\_define.pro](http://www.dfanning.com/programs/progressbar__define.pro)

There is an example program at the bottom of the code, so you can see how it works.

Cheers,

David

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