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Subject: writting formatted ascii file  
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Hello,

I have a 13 columns by 5 rows floating that I want to save in a ASCII file.  
I can use the following command:

```
openw, 1, 'd:\file.txt'  
printf, 1, FORMAT = '(13(F11.4))', array  
close, 1
```

My question is: How to replace the 13 value by a variable ?

By doing this:

```
a = 13  
printf, 1, FORMAT = '(a(F11.4))', array
```

I get an error message or the format is not in the proper way.

Thank you very much.

Francois.

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