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Subject: types (conflict)

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Dear all  
only for information

I recognized a lot of people don't know that there is a difference in coding of double numbers.

```
a=[10.0D,20.0D,9999.9D]
print,a,format='(F20.10)
    10.0000000000
    20.0000000000
    9999.9000000000
```

Each number has to get the "D" sign in the definition, this is important. Sometimes I see routines only first number is signed by "D" then the array is in double but not all values are defined by the right precision.

```
a=[10.0D,20.0,9999.9]
print,a,format='(F20.10)
    10.0000000000
    20.0000000000
    9999.9003906250
```

The same with Make\_Array,

```
b=make_array(value=9999.9D,3,/double)
print,b,format='(F20.10)
    9999.9000000000
    9999.9000000000
    9999.9000000000
```

If the "D" sign is missing:

```
b=make_array(value=9999.9,3,/double)
print,b,format='(F20.10)
    9999.9003906250
    9999.9003906250
    9999.9003906250
```

regards

Reimar

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