
Subject: STRING() confusion

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Hi,

So I was running out of screen real estate, I made my IDL command line xterm smaller, and caused a 'feature' of STRING to appear. E.g. If the xterm is 55 characters wide

```
s="abcdefghijklmnoprstuvwxyz"  
help, string(s,s)  
<Expression> STRING = 'abcdefghijklmnoprstuvwxyzabcdefghijklmnopqrs'...  
;the string <54 characters  
  
help, string(s,s,"ab")  
<Expression> STRING = Array[2]  
;the string >=54 characters  
  
print, string(s,s,"ab")  
abcdefghijklmnoprstuvwxyzabcdefghijklmnopqrstuuvwxyz  
ab
```

Does anybody know why this might happen? The same happens in the idlde, where the number of characters used is the terminal size when the idlde is launched. (Redhat 7.3, I think).

Chris.
