
Subject: Re: Controlling number of decimal places
Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Wed, 28 Jul 2004 20:58:01 GMT
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David Fanning wrote:

> Edwin writes:

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>> I guess you mean that data is the DOUBLE variable. If so, can you

>> explain what F8.2 means? I'm guessing the 2 determines 2 decimal

>> places, but what about the rest of it.

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> Yes, the 2 determines the two decimal places. To learn more

> about format codes, type this at your IDL prompt:

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> IDL> ? format codes

Wow. I didn't know you could do that. I tried it and got a little dialog box telling me:

"The topic "FORMAT CODES" does not exist. Valid topic names consist of any
IDL routine, object, command, statement, or system variable name.

The IDL Reference Guide will be displayed."

Huh. An *unsearchable* Reference Guide, mind. snuckinfessinrottenrasterdly acrobat reader
on linux.

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