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Subject: Re: Binary (0s and 1s) output

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josegomez@gmx.net wrote:

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> Hi!  
> I'm very new to IDL, and I'm trying to convert 5 integers into a series  
> of 40 logical (0/1) values. I have done this in fortran in the past  
> using an internal write, and then converting each element in the output  
> string into a 0 or 1. Given my limited knowledge of IDL, I tried to use  
> print with a format specifier, as follows:  
> IDL> print,format='(2B8.8)',0,255  
> % Unexpected text in format.  
> "(2B8.8)"  
> ^  
> % Execution halted at: $MAIN$  
>  
> According to my notes, the B format is there and can be used (this is  
> IDL 6.0).  
>  
> The other problem is how to convert the (potentially!) resulting test  
> string into an array of integers.
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I think this printing/reading is quite ugly.

Better do something like:

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bytIn = [ your byte value array]
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nIn = n_elements( bytIn)
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boolOut = bytarr( 8, nIn)
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for bit=0,7 do begin
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boolOut[ bit, *] = (bytIn and 2^bit) gt 0
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endfor
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boolOut[ bitnumber, inputIntegerNumber] contains now your result
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HDH,  
marc

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