
Subject: Re: Converting INT to STRING out of space...
Posted by [Ben Panter](#) on Mon, 21 Mar 2005 16:00:30 GMT
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Nuno Oliveira wrote:

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> Apparently there is no way that I can eliminate a space in a string
> made of an integer variable. Try:
>
> number = 3
> aux = STRCOMPRESS(STRING(number))
> file = 'saving'+aux+'.dat'
>
> And, this way the variable file will be 'saving 3.dat' with a SPACE
> inside the string. Any tips of how I can avoid this space?
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I have a solution, but it isn't general. If you use:

```
number = 3
aux = strtrim(string(number),2)
file = 'saving' + aux + '.dat'
```

It should solve your problem - by removing the space before it appears in the filename!

The more general solution requires you to call the strcompress a bit later, and with the /remove_all keyword.

```
number = 3
aux = string(number)
file = strcompress('saving' + aux + '.dat', /remove_all)
```

without /remove_all, strcompress compresses all whitespace to a single whitespace, it doesn't get rid of it.

HTH,

Ben

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