
Subject: Re: Basic format code question

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On Mon, 16 Oct 2006, greg michael wrote:

> But isn't the point of using an ascii file to make it human-readable?
> And editable? If not, you might as well just write the actual byte
> representation.
>
> Allowing numbers to run into one another in the special case of 13-char
> negative floats isn't so attractive to me. What if I write "3-4-5"?
> Should that make sense?
>
> regards,
> Greg
>

```
FL> i3=(i2=(i1=0))
```

```
FL> read, i1,i2,i3
```

```
: 3-4-5
```

```
FL> help, i1,i2,i3
```

```
I1    INT    =      3
```

```
I2    INT    =     -4
```

```
I3    INT    =     -5
```

So FL tries to interpret the numbers without the separating space.

Back to the original problem: in IDL, you will have to use an explicit FORMAT specification in Windows. In FL, I will print out a 2-digit exponent in Windows, too, so there will be always at least one space in the (default free-format) 13-char wide output.

regards,
lajos
