Subject: Re: Basic format code question Posted by Foldy Lajos on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 12:18:00 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

On Mon, 16 Oct 2006, greg michael wrote:

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> 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
     INT
                    3
11
             =
12
     INT
                   -4
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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

13

INT

=

-5