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Subject: Re: format questions

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 01 Dec 2006 19:30:37 GMT

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lee writes:

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> Thank you very much for your quick response, David. Even I added
> format, the number changed a little bit (see below). How to get it
> exactly right? Your website is so helpful and thank you very much!
>
>> print, mx, FORMAT='(D20.10)'
> 598594.3750000000
> (the original number is 598594.35000000)
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Well, I think maybe you want to read that article one more time, a little more carefully than you did the last time!

MX is a float in your code. The best precision you can expect is seven significant figures. These two numbers are identical to that level of precision. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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