
Subject: Re: Formatting string

Posted by [Erik\[1\]](#) on Fri, 22 Dec 2006 08:44:26 GMT

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mme...@cars3.uchicago.edu wrote:

> In article <1166775977.998673.214070@42g2000cwt.googlegroups.com>, "Erik"

<janssen.e@gmail.com> writes:

>> Hi everyone,

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>> I have a question about formatting a string in IDL. I have a var-string

>> which contains an integer value (like this '12' or '312').

>> Unfortunately I need a string with four characters. If the integer

>> value isn't four characters long, I want some 0's in front of it (like

>> this; '0012' or '0312'). Is there any simple way of doing this, without

>> parsing the string?

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> Sure. Assuming your var_string is called var, you get the padded one

> by

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> newvar = strmid('0000'+var,3,4,/reverse)

>

> var can be an array in this expression.

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> Mati Meron | "When you argue with a fool,

> meron@cars.uchicago.edu | chances are he is doing just the same"

Thanks! It works! Never knew that strmid has such capabilities. I only thought it was used for cutting strings.

Have a nice Christmas :P
