
Subject: Re: Formatting string

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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?

>

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

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

var can be an array in this expression.

Mati Meron | "When you argue with a fool,
meron@cars.uchicago.edu | chances are he is doing just the same"
