
Subject: Re: print to a variable

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gfu@shark.gsfc.nasa.gov (Gary Fu) writes:

> Hi,

> Is there a simple way to write outputs to a string variable that has
> the same result as by using the 'print' statement ?

> I'm asking something like 'sprintf' as to 'printf' in C.

Yes, you can use the STRING function with the /PRINT qualifier. For example,

```
IDL> print,indgen(10)
  0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8
  9
IDL> s = string(indgen(10),/print)
IDL> help,s
S      STRING  = Array(2)
IDL> print,s(0)
  0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8
IDL> print,s(1)
  9
```

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