
Subject: Re: HISTOGRAM and string data
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Do you know the max number of character per string?

you could try something like this, which works well if you have only 1 character and would need a bit of work if you have more:

```
IDL> a= ['a','b','b','c','a']
```

```
IDL> b = byte(a)
```

```
IDL> print,b
```

```
97
```

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98
```

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98
```

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99
```

```
97
```

```
IDL> print, histogram(b, min = 97, max = 99)
```

```
2      2      1
```

Jean
