
Subject: Re: anything like sprintf?

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On 18 Feb, 12:28, Yann Zoll <y_z2...@yahoo.de> wrote:

> Hi newsgroup.

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> I just wonder if there is any good looking way to do apply a preceding
> zero to a string if value is less than 10.

> To build a time string from integer values of hour, minute, second.

> In perl there is the sprintf command to do this. Is there anything like
> this in IDL?

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> Thx, Yann

Hi,

read about format codes in the IDL manual. There you will find that

```
x = 4
```

```
print, string(x, format='(I02)')
```

will do exactly that. Personally, I love format codes and that it is
well worth the effort to understand how to use them.

Cheers

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