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Subject: Re: idl format codes and output files

Posted by [Bob\[3\]](#) on Mon, 25 Feb 2008 19:36:11 GMT

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On Feb 25, 1:16 pm, elwood <epolo...@uwsp.edu> wrote:

- > Is there a way to use printf and a format code which takes as a
- > parameter a variable size
- > width that is calculated prior to calling printf.
- > Reason why: So that the output file will have pretty formatted
- > columns.
- >
- > For example,
- > Suppose I have a program that prompts for a string.
- > The program doesnt know ahead of time how long the string will be.
- >
- > Then I use strlen to find its length
- > len=strlen(word)
- >
- > can I do something like the following:
- >
- > printf,1,word,format='(alen)'

printf,1,word,format='(a)'

-or-

printf,1,word,format='(a0)'

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