## Subject: idl format codes and output files Posted by elwood on Mon, 25 Feb 2008 18:16:41 GMT

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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)'