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Subject: simple FORMAT question for the experts  
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Hi,

I know this is a simple question for some, but for me who has not yet become a master in formatting syntax I can't seem to get it right. I am outputting a large number of files and on one line of those files, I output a list of string values. The challenging part is that for each file the list changes so the number of elements with a comma separating each one and I would like to have one consistent format string (if possible). I know I can combine strings with the number of elements of the array but prefer not to go that route.

Here is a sample:

```
array = ['a','b','c','d','e']  
print, 1S, 'Text', array, FORMAT='(I02, " ", A0, " :", A0, :, ",")'
```

I want this as a result:

```
01 Text :a,b,c,d,e
```

But I get this:

```
03 Text :a,  
00 b :c,  
00 d :e
```

Can anyone suggest where I'm going wrong?

Thanks,  
Ryan.

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