
Subject: Re: Format code question

Posted by [Bruce Bowler](#) on Wed, 16 Jul 2008 12:30:39 GMT

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On Wed, 16 Jul 2008 05:09:00 -0700, lbnc wrote:

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> Hi there,  
>  
> to me, the format code '(I03,"",I03,"",I03)' is the same as  
> '(I03,2("",I03))'. Not, it seems, to IDL:  
>  
> aa = indgen(2, 3)  
> str_aa = string(aa, format='(I03,"",I03,"",I03)') print, str_aa  
> str_aa = string(aa, format='(I03,2("",I03))') print, str_aa  
> end  
>  
> gives here on my machine  
>  
> 000,001,002 003,004,005  
> 000,001,002 ,003,004 ,005,  
>  
> Anybody knows why? Bug or feature?  
>  
> Cheers  
> Lasse Clausen
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"feature" IDL uses the FORTRAN idiom for format statements which says essential that if there is a "repeat count group" that's as far back as we go when we need to re-use elements in the format statement. It's sort of documented in the help files.

Bruce
