
Subject: Re: appending to column

Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Wed, 16 Jul 2008 23:17:39 GMT

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"David Fanning" <news@dfanning.com> wrote in message
news:MPG.22e7d00f5c02361998a3f0@news.frii.com...

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...
>> IDL> print,a
>>      0      1
>>      2      3
>>      4     311
>> IDL> print,a[0,*] +
>> float(a[1,*])/10^strlen(strcompress(string(a[1,*]),/rem))
>>      0.100000
>>      2.30000
>>      4.31100
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>
> Alright, these explanations don't exactly leap to mind for me.
> Which math class was I suppose to learn this in? :-(
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lol, sorry. I replied with a quick answer, then at the last second changed the post to handle an arbitrary length of digits. For some reason, counting the number digits jumped into my mind first, and apparently I have found the least best algorithm for solving this particular problem. Is there a prize for most obsfucated solution?

Cheers,
bob

PS changing a post at the last second is always a bad idea.
PPS 'least best' sounds better than 'worst', imho.
