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Subject: Re: Printing multiple columns in IDL  
Posted by [Joost Aan de Brugh](#) on Fri, 01 Aug 2008 14:55:58 GMT  
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> Weird. Have you tried using a format statement?  
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> Cheers,  
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> David  
> --  
> David Fanning, Ph.D.  
> Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.  
> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming:<http://www.dfanning.com/>  
> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Hello David,

It is becoming more and more ironic. I tried Width=width + 2 and it works. But of course, that does not solve the problem. It only removed the symptom. Then I used the format statement.

```
datalength = N_Elements(data[*],0)
printf,lun,data,format=strjoin(['(',strtrim(string(datalengt h),
2),'G16.8)'))]
; The format should make no sense because it is equal to the default
format for the double array.
```

Though it should make no sense, it works

But even more ironic is that it also worked when I used Width=20. I discovered that single elements are never cut.

```
openw,lun,'test.dat',/Get_Lun,Width=20
printf,lun,"ABCDEFGHJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyx " ;
Far too long
```

It is still in one line  
Adding the format statement probably converts my data into strings (one string for a whole row) before it enters the file. And then the file thinks it cannot be cut anymore.

The 'width + 2'-thing maybe has something to do with line feeds or end-of-lines (???)

Thanks for the help.  
Joost Aan de Brugh

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