
Subject: Re: String Formatting

Posted by [Foldy Lajos](#) on Mon, 26 Jan 2009 19:32:50 GMT

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On Mon, 26 Jan 2009, David Fanning wrote:

> Folks,
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> Before I re-invent the wheel, I thought I would ask.
>
> I wish to write an ASCII text file with two columns of
> text. The first column should be 30 characters wide,
> the second column should be 45 characters wide.
>
> BUT, I wish the data in the columns to be *left*
> justified, not right justified.
>
> What trick to you use, or what formatting string will
> give me this kind of output?
>
> Cheers,
>
> David
> --
> David Fanning, Ph.D.
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> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>
> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
>

Hi David,

try '-' in the format:

Syntax of Format Codes

The syntax of an IDL format code is:

[n]FC[+][-][width]

- is an optional flag that specifies that string or numeric values should be output with the text left-justified. Normally, output is right-justified.

regards,
lajos
