
Subject: Re: String Formatting

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 26 Jan 2009 19:29:32 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

> 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?

Never mind, you guys are too slow. I wrote my own. :-)

FUNCTION LeftJustify, theString, theWidth

```
IF N_Elements(theString) EQ 0 THEN RETURN, ""  
IF N_Elements(theWidth) EQ 0 THEN theWidth = 50
```

```
justifiedString = String(ByteArr(theWidth) + 32B)  
StrPut, justifiedString, theString  
RETURN, justifiedString
```

END

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
