Subject: Re: my god, it's full of stars....
Posted by polystethylene on Tue, 16 Aug 2011 23:34:10 GMT

On Aug 16, 10:58 pm, David Fanning <n...@idlcoyote.com> wrote:
> polystethylene writes:
>> Does this mean the solution for situations where the number is unknown
>> is to print with format D0.6, and not D10.6?
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> It will depend on how anal you are. If you like things
> lined up in nice columns this may not work as well
> as you hoped. :-)
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> Cheers,
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> David
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> P.S. On the other hand, if you don't mind wide columns,
> adding a couple more digits probably wouldn't hurt. You
> might also want to leave some room for negative numbers,
> with their extra minus sign, if you are expecting any.
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> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Thanks David, that clears things up - I opted for the large number to
maintain the straight columns :)