
Subject: Re: overwrite output to screen; unix vs windows
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On 27 juin, 18:59, jde...@gmail.com wrote:

> Thanks for your help everyone.

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> @David: I just looked at the 12 files and the widgets and it seemed like too much. Did I miss something? Are there 3 lines I can extract from those codes that do this in the terminal? This is just a minor annoyance for a minority of users, and not worth requiring an additional library and adding a GUI to my otherwise command-line only code.

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> @Gianguido: that routine has the same problem as mine. Works in unix, not in Windows.

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> @alx: can that be broken up into separate commands which get executed at each cycle in a for loop?

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> I tried

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> print, 0, format='(t1,i4,\$)' & print, 1, format='(t1,i4,\$)' & print

>

> but that doesn't work in unix or windows. This:

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> print, 0, format='(t1,i4,\$,"" + string(13b) + "")' & print, 1, format='(t1,i4,\$)' & print

>

> works in unix, but not windows.

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> Thanks,

> Jason

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I am not aware of "overwrite" format in IDL FORTRAN formats.

But you might achieve your goal by mixing with IDL C-style formats.

For instance, doing the following code in a Windows command window, I can overwrite on a same output line all the 11 numbers, one per second.

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IDL> .run
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- for i=0,10 do begin
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- print,i,FORMAT='(% "b%d", $)'
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- wait,1
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- endfor
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- print
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- end
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```
% Compiled module: $MAIN$.
```

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10
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```
IDL>
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% " ... " are delimiters for C-style format; \b is the escape code for backspace.

Please refer to the documentation.

alain.
