Subject: Re: concatenating strings
Posted by Seb on Wed, 28 Aug 2013 13:29:38 GMT

On Tue, 27 Aug 2013 16:32:41 -0700 (PDT),
Phillip Bitzer <bitzerp@uah.edu> wrote:

> Just to add a little hint, try using help:
IDL> help, STRING(year)
> <Expression> STRING = ' 2011'

> Now, you can clearly see the blanks.

> And yes, "+" is doing concatenation:
IDL> help, string(year) + string(mon) + string(day)
> <Expression> STRING = ' 2011 10 21'

> A piece of advice, since you're starting out: be careful with
> "print". Sometimes, you think something has gone terribly wrong, when
> in fact everything's OK:
IDL> a = 14.12345 print, a
>   14.1235

> Did IDL truncate my number? No, it's just a limitation of the default
> print format:
IDL> print, a, FORMAT='(F10.6)'
>   14.123450

Thanks both of you for these pointers. I'm learning via a combination
of reading documentation/books and reviewing/editing code I've
inherited.

Cheers,

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Seb