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Subject: PRINT on same line

Posted by [the\\_cacc](#) on Tue, 12 Nov 2002 14:05:50 GMT

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Hi,

I would like to know if anyone has a command which prints a string that overwrites the current line. The purpose is to update users what is going on during processing without producing a screen full of:

Processing data set 1

Processing data set 2

...

which is what PRINT,'Processing data set',i does. I think it must be possible after hacking through rdpix.pro, but I can't figure out how to do it :(

Ciao.

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Subject: Re: PRINT on same line

Posted by [Randall Skelton](#) on Tue, 12 Nov 2002 14:51:05 GMT

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Try Craig's statusline program.

<http://cow.physics.wisc.edu/~craigm/idl/down/statusline.pro>

On 12 Nov 2002, trouble wrote:

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> that overwrites the current line. The purpose is to update users what  
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> Ciao.

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Subject: Re: PRINT on same line  
Posted by [the\\_cacc](#) on Wed, 13 Nov 2002 05:04:54 GMT  
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If I understand correctly, this should do what I want:

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PRO OPRINT,input
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    bksp = REPLICATE(8B,16)  
    PRINT,format='(a,$)',STRING(bksp)+input
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END
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IDL> FOR i = 0,100 DO OPRINT,'Number'+STRING(i)
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All I should end up seeing is "Number 100". It doesn't work like that(windows98, 5.5). I tried it with different bksp characters. Still no. Why oh why oh why?

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Subject: Re: PRINT on same line  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 13 Nov 2002 05:26:42 GMT  
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I think you understood correctly for UNIX. The Windows way is a progress bar. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: PRINT on same line

Posted by [the\\_cacc](#) on Wed, 13 Nov 2002 11:32:29 GMT

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David Fanning <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message  
news:<MPG.183b90807a392248989a16@news.frii.com>...

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> Windows way is a progress bar. :-)

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Not... widgets!!! Those little monkeys get everywhere. It's bad enough  
just using the IDLDE after years of vi, oh vi <sigh>.

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Subject: Re: PRINT on same line

Posted by [Andrew Cool](#) on Thu, 14 Nov 2002 22:17:23 GMT

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> just using the IDLDE after years of vi, oh vi <sigh>.

Ah Trouble,

You'll also find that you can't ring the terminal bell under Windows  
with a print,String(7B) either. The IDL Development environment  
captures

non-printable character codes and displays them as the vertical bar character  
in the Output Log. Same diff for the Backspace/Delete control code.

But if you ask Dr Fanning nicely, he'll give you a routine to ring the bell  
under Windows anyway.

Suggest you pester RSI with a Software Change Request to allow at least a few  
of the common control codes to work correctly under IDLDE.

Andrew

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Subject: Re: PRINT on same line  
Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Thu, 14 Nov 2002 23:49:29 GMT  
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> But if you ask Dr Fanning nicely, he'll give you a routine to  
> ring the bell under Windows anyway.

You can ring my bell any time, David.

Oops.

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Mark Hadfield            "Ka puwaha te tai nei, Hoea tatou"  
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Subject: Re: PRINT on same line

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 15 Nov 2002 07:08:47 GMT  
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Andrew Cool (andrew.cool@dsto.defence.gov.au) writes:

> But if you ask Dr Fanning nicely, he'll give you a routine to ring the  
> bell under Windows anyway.

Indeed. Thanks to Andrew and Peter Mason, two Aussies who know how to have a good time, you can find an interesting set of programs here:

<http://www.dfanning.com/programs/bell.zip>

These are Windows-only, since they use a Windows DLL written by Peter.

Enjoy!

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say the BEEP command just doesn't make it anymore in the face of these offerings.

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Posted by [the\\_cacc](#) on Fri, 15 Nov 2002 15:39:12 GMT  
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Thanks all for the tips/code. I try and keep my progs utterly basic so the old format='(a,\$)' will have to do for me. Thanks anyway.

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