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**Subject:** writting formatted ascii file  
**Posted by** Francois Leduc on Thu, 09 Oct 2003 15:56:32 GMT  
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Thank you very much.

Francois.

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**Posted by** Chris[1] on Tue, 02 Dec 2003 13:09:37 GMT  
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```
use  
a = 13  
s = '(' + string(a) + '(F11.4))'  
printf, 1, format=s, array
```

The format keyword takes a string variable as an argument.

Cheers;

Chris

"Francois Leduc" <francois.leduc@drdc-rddc.gc.ca> wrote in message  
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