
Subject: Re: STRING() confusion

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Wed, 12 May 2004 14:16:43 GMT

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"Christopher Lee" <cl@127.0.0.1> writes:

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> Hi,
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> So I was running out of screen real estate, I made my IDL command line
> xterm smaller, and caused a 'feature' of STRING to appear. E.g. If the
> xterm is 55 characters wide
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> s="abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz"
> help, string(s,s)
> <Expression>  STRING  = 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz...'
> ;the string <54 characters
>
> help, string(s,s,"ab")
> <Expression>  STRING  = Array[2]
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I would say, in situations where you need a specific line layout, it's pretty important to use an explicit FORMAT expression, and not rely on IDL to format it for you.

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