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Subject: Re: Controlling number of decimal places  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 28 Jul 2004 03:28:16 GMT  
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Edwin writes:

> Say I have a DOUBLE variable that holds 200.23234 for example. I want  
> to output this number to a text file as a number rounded to two  
> decimal places. In other words, I want to output to a text file  
> "200.23".  
>  
> How do I do this? I've looked into the ROUND function but only rounds  
> to the nearest integer.

Something like this should work:

```
PrintF, lun, data, Format='(F8.2)'
```

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Controlling number of decimal places  
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>  
> Something like this should work:  
>  
> PrintF, lun, data, Format='(F8.2)'  
>

I guess you mean that data is the DOUBLE variable. If so, can you explain what F8.2 means? I'm guessing the 2 determines 2 decimal places, but what about the rest of it.

Thanks!

Edwin

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