
Subject: Re: Binary (0s and 1s) output

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 07 Dec 2004 16:20:08 GMT

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josegomez@gmx.net writes:

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Well, this is new to me, but it seems to work here
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Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Binary (0s and 1s) output

Posted by [Benjamin Hornberger](#) on Tue, 07 Dec 2004 16:20:10 GMT

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I think the "B" format code was introduced in IDL 6.1.

Benjamin

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 07 Dec 2004 16:21:46 GMT
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Posted by [josegomez](#) on Tue, 07 Dec 2004 17:15:58 GMT

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Hmmmm... That's what I thought. I guess I'll need to do this in 6.1,
and I can just then use the READS command to convert to an integer
array.

Many thanks for your help, all who replied!

Jose

Subject: Re: Binary (0s and 1s) output

Posted by [marc schellens\[1\]](#) on Wed, 08 Dec 2004 05:57:24 GMT

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I think this printing/reading is quite ugly.

Better do something like:

```
bytIn = [ your byte value array]
```

```
nIn = n_elements( bytIn)
```

```
boolOut = bytarr( 8, nIn)
```

```
for bit=0,7 do begin
```

```
boolOut[ bit, *] = (bytIn and 2^bit) gt 0
```

```
endfor
```

boolOut[bitnumber, inputIntegerNumber] contains now your result

HDH,
marc
