
Subject: FORMAT FLOATS TO STRINGS WITH 3 DIGITS ONLY

Posted by [Giorgos](#) on Mon, 23 May 2005 01:01:43 GMT

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Hi

I have the following problem....

I have an array of float numbers consisting of many decimal points and

I want to convert it to string ... I used the string command but how

can I isolate and keep only the first 3 digits from each element of the

array? I played with the format keyword but... a mess...

can anyone help?

Subject: Re: FORMAT FLOATS TO STRINGS WITH 3 DIGITS ONLY

Posted by [Benjamin Hornberger](#) on Wed, 25 May 2005 17:44:57 GMT

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hradilv wrote:

> I'm sorry (I make this mistake all the time) I meant "strmid()"

>

I'm not sure why one would use STRMID in this case -- you can use it to

cut out substrings, but why not format correctly in the first place

rather than specifying too many digits first and then cutting off what

you don't want?

Benjamin

Subject: Re: FORMAT FLOATS TO STRINGS WITH 3 DIGITS ONLY

Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Thu, 26 May 2005 14:05:03 GMT

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Well... the original poster did not say that he/she wanted only the

first 3 most significant digits, just the first 3 digits... so I

thought strmid() was the simplest answer:

```
first3 = strmid(string(var),0,3)
```
