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Posted by [Jeff N.](#) on Thu, 06 Jul 2006 23:07:54 GMT

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Posted by [Andrew Cool](#) on Tue, 11 Jul 2006 03:28:48 GMT

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Jeff,

Any text on Fortran should do the job nicely.

My 1987 copy of McCracken and Salmon's "Computing for Engineers and Scientists with Fortran 77" devotes a sizeable appendix to format codes.

Perhaps you need to search the second-hand book stores? ;-)

Andrew
