
Subject: Re: simple FORMAT question for the experts
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 10 Jul 2008 20:12:32 GMT
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Ryan. writes:

> I know this is a simple question for some, but for me who has not yet
> become a master in formatting syntax I can't seem to get it right. I
> am outputting a large number of files and on one line of those files,
> I output a list of string values. The challenging part is that for
> each file the list changes so the number of elements with a comma
> separating each one and I would like to have one consistent format
> string (if possible). I know I can combine strings with the number of
> elements of the array but prefer not to go that route.
>
> Here is a sample:
> array = ['a','b','c','d','e']
> print, 1S, 'Text', array, FORMAT='(I02, " ", A0, " :", A0, :, ",")'
>
> I want this as a result:
> 01 Text :a,b,c,d,e
>
> But I get this:
> 03 Text :a,
> 00 b :c,
> 00 d :e
>
> Can anyone suggest where I'm going wrong?

This article might help:

http://www.dfanning.com/tips/csv_file.html

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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Thanks David,

I guess I cannot do it without first determining the length of the list and adding it in to the string. =(

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Subject: Re: simple FORMAT question for the experts
Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Thu, 10 Jul 2008 20:55:40 GMT
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On Jul 10, 3:25 pm, "Ryan." <rchug...@brutus.uwaterloo.ca> wrote:

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Have you tried (or do you want) STRJOIN?
