
Subject: Re: xyouts: define decimal places of variable
Posted by [Andy Heaps](#) on Wed, 18 Feb 2009 10:24:32 GMT
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Hello Julia,
try the following:

```
xyouts, x, y, STRTRIM(STRING(myvariable, FORMAT='(f10.2)'), 2), /Normal
```

Cheers
Andy

julia.walterspiel@gmail.com wrote:

```
> hello everyone  
>  
> is there a way to define the number of decimal places when plotting a  
> (float) variable into a plot via xyouts?  
> eg  
> xyouts, x, y, myvariable, /Normal  
>  
> --> 0.3423564 but I only want it to display 0.34  
>  
> i understand the FORMAT-codes do not work with xyouts...  
>  
> thanks for any hints,  
> julia
```

Subject: Re: xyouts: define decimal places of variable
Posted by [julia.walterspiel](#) on Wed, 18 Feb 2009 10:58:37 GMT
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thank you Andy, that helped!
cheers
julia

Subject: Re: xyouts: define decimal places of variable
Posted by [Carsten Lechte](#) on Wed, 18 Feb 2009 11:35:19 GMT
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julia.walterspiel@gmail.com wrote:
> is there a way to define the number of decimal places when plotting a
> (float) variable into a plot via xyouts?

Use the STRING function, which does accept format statements:

```
XYOUTS, 0.5, 0.5, STRING( 0.3453534534, FORMAT='(F6.2)')
```

chl

Subject: Re: xyouts: define decimal places of variable
Posted by [Mark\[1\]](#) on Thu, 19 Feb 2009 21:04:28 GMT
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On Feb 19, 12:35 am, Carsten Lechte <c...@toppoint.de> wrote:
> Use the STRING function, which does accept format statements:
>
> XYOUTS, 0.5, 0.5, STRING(0.3453534534, FORMAT='(F6.2)')

A minor addition: you can omit the leading spaces with FORMAT='(F0.2)'

Subject: Re: xyouts: define decimal places of variable
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 20 Feb 2009 03:43:28 GMT
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Mark writes:

> On Feb 19, 12:35=A0am, Carsten Lechte <c...@toppoint.de> wrote:
>> Use the STRING function, which does accept format statements:
>>
>> XYOUTS, 0.5, 0.5, STRING(0.3453534534, FORMAT=3D'(F6.2)')
>
> A minor addition: you can omit the leading spaces with FORMAT=3D'(F0.2)'

While I am thinking about it, I always use NUMBER_FORMATTER
to format numbers into strings so I can display them in
text widgets. You can specify how many decimal places
you want in the number with a keyword.

http://www.dfanning.com/programs/number_formatter.pro

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>
Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
