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Subject: FORMAT question

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Hi folks,

I used to use the Embedded Formatting Commands to print strings with a nice format, now I've a question.

I've the following float: 65465.45

And I want to represent it as a string in a IDLgrText object.

The result I want is something like this:

```
aa=OBJ_NEW('IDLgrText',STRING='6.5x10!U4',/ENABLE_FORMATTING )
XOBJVIEW, aa
```

My "problem" is that I don't know how to convert it as a string using the FORMAT KEYWORD of the STRING FUNCTION.

I mean, I want to use a code like this:

```
f=65465.45
aa=OBJ_NEW('IDLgrText',STRING=STRING(f,FORMAT='xxxxxxx'),/
ENABLE_FORMATTING)
XOBJVIEW, aa
```

And I need the an expression 'xxxxxxx' in order to obtain my result.

Any suggestions?

Is it possible ?

Thanks,

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