

---

Subject: help with string manipulation  
Posted by [g.nacarts](#) on Thu, 21 Aug 2014 16:14:04 GMT  
[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

Hi all

I have data named like this:

```
dat(001,001)
dat(001,002)
dat(001,003)
dat(001,004) and so on till a(001,200).
```

I had import my data like this:

```
Data = 'c:\path\dat(001,'+strcompress(i)+'').csv'
```

The first part of dat(001,001)is fixed is always 001 but the second part is a string of 3 numbers which have to be created. I want to convert these numbers from 0-200 into a string of 3 numbers. Can anyone knows how to do it?

Many Thanks

---

---

Subject: Re: help with string manipulation  
Posted by [Heinz Stege](#) on Thu, 21 Aug 2014 16:24:07 GMT  
[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

On Thu, 21 Aug 2014 09:14:04 -0700 (PDT), [g.nacarts@gmail.com](mailto:g.nacarts@gmail.com) wrote:

> Hi all

>

> I have data named like this:

>

> dat(001,001)

> dat(001,002)

> dat(001,003)

> dat(001,004) and so on till a(001,200).

>

> I had import my data like this:

>

> Data = 'c:\path\dat(001,'+strcompress(i)+'').csv'

>

> The first part of dat(001,001)is fixed is always 001 but the second part is a string of 3 numbers which have to be created. I want to convert these numbers from 0-200 into a string of 3 numbers. Can anyone knows how to do it?

>

> Many Thanks

Please try:

```
filename = 'c:\path\dat(001,'+string(i,format='(i3.3)')+').csv'
```

If you want to go the "IDL way", you can create a string array,  
including all 201 names:

```
filenames =
```

```
'c:\path\dat(001,'+string(indgen(201),format='(i3.3)')+').csv'
```

HTH, Heinz

---