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Posted by [R. Bauer](#) on Thu, 09 Oct 1997 07:00:00 GMT

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There is an example on page 65 reference guide idl5

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[cut]

This indeed looks weird! Try the following:

IDL> x = 10^(findgen(20)-8)

IDL> print,fix(alog10(x))

-8	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11							

You can also use something like ceil(alog10(val)) in order to get integer exponents for values ne 10, 100, 1000, etc.

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>  
> RETURN, STRING(n, $  
>      FORMAT="('10!E',i2.0)")  
> END  
>
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If you use format=i2 instead of i2.0, the 0 will be printed ! Also, to improve the look of your numbers you may want to try
return, strcompress(string(n, format="('10!E',i2)")) , /remove_all)
This eliminates the blanks in e.g. 10!E 4.

Cheers,
Martin.

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IF value/10.0^3 EQ 1.0 THEN n = 3
IF value/100 EQ 1.0 THEN n = 2
IF value/10.0 EQ 1.0 THEN n = 1
IF value EQ 1.0 THEN n = 0
IF value*10.0 EQ 1.0 THEN n = -1
IF value*100 EQ 1.0 THEN n = -2
IF value*10.0^3 EQ 1.0 THEN n = -3
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