

**NAME**

`e_form` - format and store an output message (OM)

**SYNOPSIS**

```
e_form (errnum, msg1, msg2, ..., 0)
char *errnum;
char *msg1;
char *msg2;
...
```

**DESCRIPTION**

Store an OM for subsequent output by `e_output(3L)`. This is normally called by other routines `e_stdio(3L)`, `e_splerr(3L)`, `e_intern(3L)`, but may be called directly. It is particularly useful when the text field of the OM is a concatenation of several strings.

The `errnum` argument specifies the error number of the OM. It should point to a three-digit numerical string. The error code for the OM is determined by the standard error code for the process as set up by `e_setcode` or `e_setup(3L)`.

The strings pointed to by the (variable number of) `msg?` arguments are concatenated to become the text field of the OM.

**LIBRARY**

/lib/lib1.a