Subject: Re: my god this should be easy!
Posted by David Kastrup on Fri, 24 Jul 1998 07:00:00 GMT

mvukovic@my-dejanews.com writes:

> In article <6p8btl$2ub$1@filet.nrlssc.navy.mil>,
>   "T Bowers" <tbowers@nrlssc.navy.mil> wrote:
>> what the...
>> how in the world do i write my data to a text file so it's tab delimited?
>>
>> sizeInfo = size(myData)
>> fmt = "(" + strtrim(string(sizeInfo[1]),2) + "(F0, TR1))"
>> printf, myFile, myData, FORMAT = fmt
>>
> this will not help you at all, but I found this little trick somewhere
> recently. If you are going to use STRTRIM, no need for STRING.
> Sure simplifies code writing although some purists would claim that
> it confuses the meaning of the code (I am sometimes in that camp).

Why not just write something like

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printf,myfile,mydata, $
  format=string((size(mydata))[1],format="('(',I0,'(F0,1H ))')"
where                                ^^^^^^ this
is a single tabulator character?
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If you don't like 1H<tab>, you can write ""<tab>"" in the above place,
but this does not make the results more readable...

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