
Subject: Re: my god this should be easy!
Posted by [Kevin Ivory](#) on Fri, 24 Jul 1998 07:00:00 GMT
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T Bowers wrote:

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> 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
>
> certainly doesn't work, it puts a space there (ascii 32 decimal) NOT
> a tab (ascii 09).
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Instead of the TR1, put ' ' in your format description, that is
[single quote] [tab] [single quote].

I just tried it in an interactive session and it works fine:

```
IDL> print, format="(4(f0, ' '))", findgen(10)
0.000000 1.000000 2.000000 3.000000
4.000000 5.000000 6.000000 7.000000
8.000000 9.000000
IDL>
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Hope this helps
Kevin

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