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Subject: Re: Saving problems  
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Darth Vader wrote:

> Hi!  
> I'm facing a problem with an array of size 150\*441 (and this is only  
> the smallest array I'm working with). I need to save this array in a  
> dat files for further analysis. My problem is that IDL only creates  
> five colums in my saved file.  
> I'm using printf to save my file, but writeu doesn't work better. Is  
> there any limitation in saving big arrays?  
> Anyone some ideas?  
> Thanx i.a.  
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> Karsten  
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> P.S. Im not working very long with IDL, so maybe I'm just making  
> stupid mistakes, but I don't have much time to improve my knowledge.

Is it necessary to save the data in plain ascii. If not try  
save,file='data\_file.sav',data\_varisble

Limitatations for ASCII.

A string length is only 32767 signs.  
If you like to make a formatted output it's only possible to format at  
once 1024 values.  
Always if you use format the data is handled as string.

R.Bauer

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