Subject: Re: Reading FileMaker Pro files?
Posted by Michael Hartman on Fri, 20 Nov 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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If you are running IDL on a PowerMac you can use the IDL Do_Apple_Script command to send requests to a FileMaker Pro database for data. You can, from inside an IDL procedure, send search strings to the database, and the data returned to the IDL application will be filtered according to your search criteria.

You can always export data, filtered or not, from FileMaker Pro to a generic text file. Then you can have IDL read the text file and bring the data in. You may have to endure a little overhead, to convert strings to numerics and vice versa.

Eric Frans wrote:

> IDL people,
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> Well I've got another question for today. :) I just got a request from
> someone to see if it's possible for IDL to read in files created using
> FileMaker Pro (a relational database program designed by Claris). After
> poking around the IDL 5.1 documentation it doesn't look possible, so I
> thought I'd check here to see if anyone has coded up something to do
> this.
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> Thanks in advance for any help!
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>   - Eric Frans

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